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IAS and IPS officers to be mentors of students of govt schools: CM

SUMER GARG
GHANAURI KALAN (SANGRUR), MAR 29

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Saturday said that the senior IAS and IPS officers of the state government will act as the mentors of the students of government schools across the state to provide them necessary guidance for excelling in life.

Addressing the gathering during Parents Teachers Meeting (PTM) organized here at School of Eminence, the Chief Minister said that all the IAS and IPS will officers will be mentoring one government school in the state where they will further strengthen the atmosphere of education through conversation with students and teachers. He said that along with it the officers will prepare the students for competitive exams and ensure training to teachers for upgrading their skills. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that these officers will act a catalyst for mustering resources and resource person for development of these schools.

The Chief Minister said that these officers will work as mentors and not as bosses adding that this work will be voluntary service and interested officers will have to perform it along with their already allocated duties. He said that this act is aimed at transforming the lives of the students by encouraging them to join the coveted services adding that this ambitious program of the state government will give wings to the dreams of the students thereby excelling in every sector of life. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that these IAS and IPS officers will provide every support to the students thus enabling them to crack the prestigious exams and join the services.

The Chief Minister said that it gives him immense pride and satisfaction that exceptionally bright students are studying in these schools. He said that these days girls have outnumbered boys in every other field that had been hitherto considered as fiefdom of the men. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the Punjab government has given a major boost to the education sector by allocating 11% of the total Budget expenditure to it, amounting to Rs.18,047 crore in the budget adding that this will help in carving out a new, prosperous and progressive Punjab.

The Chief Minister said that his government has laid due focus on the development of the education sector to impart quality education to the students. He said that Punjab has intelligent students and talented people which together can do everything. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that his government has been focusing on ensuring that the lives of the common man can be transformed through quality education.

The Chief Minister exuded confidence that the education sector in Punjab is now undergoing a significant transformation which will yield excellent results for government schools, further bolstering the endeavors of the government. He said that the Punjab government is transforming the infrastructure in the government schools and Punjab will surely emerge as a role model across the country. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that his government is focusing on fact to ensure that the services of teachers are duly utilized only for the purpose of education rather than any other work.



18 Naxals killed, four security personnel injured in twin encounters in Chhattisgarh



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SUKMA/BIJAPUR, MAR 29

Security forces gunned down 18 Naxals, including 11 women, in twin encounters in Chhattisgarh's Sukma and Bijapur districts in the Bastar region on Saturday, recording a major success in the mission to eradicate Naxalism before March 31, 2026. The encounters occurred on the eve of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's scheduled visit to Chhattisgarh.

Four jawans were injured as security teams inflicted major damage on Naxals, killing 17 cadres, including a high-ranking Maoist, identified as Kuhdami Jagdish, carrying a reward of Rs 25 lakh on his head, in Sukma, police said.

He was wanted in more than a dozen deadly Naxal incidents, including the 2013 Jhiram Valley attack that left several Congress leaders dead. Another encounter was reported from the neighbouring Bijapur district where one Naxal was killed, a police officer said.

Among the four injured security personnel, three belong to the District Reserve Guard (DRG), a unit of the state police, while the fourth is from the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), they said.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah hailed the Sukma encounter, saying those carrying weapons and resorting to violence cannot bring change but peace and development can.

"Another strike on Naxalism! Our security agencies have neutralised 16 Naxalites and recovered a massive cache of automatic weapons in an operation in Sukma," he wrote on X.

Hry CM honoured by Saini Samaj in Chomu, Rajasthan



BUREAU
CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini attended a grand Nagrik Abhinandan and Holi Milan Samaroh organised by the Saini Samaj in Chomu, Rajasthan, as the chief guest on Saturday. A large number of Saini Samaj members warmly welcomed the Chief Minister and as a mark of respect, the community presented him with a traditional turban, shawl, and a memento.

Chief Minister Saini expressed his gratitude, stating that this honour belongs to the people. He acknowledged the strong relationship between Rajasthan and Haryana, referring to the bond as a "Roti-Beti" relationship.Cabinet Minister, Rajasthan Sh. Avinash Gehlot and MP, Rajya Sabha, Sh. Rajendra Gehlot were also present during the programme.Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that the Samaroh was not just for Saini Samaj, but a symbol of unity, brotherhood, and harmony. He said that the festival of Holi teaches us to forget differences and come together to promote harmony.

Rahul Gandhi writes to PM Modi condemning offshore mining, urges govt to cancel tenders

NEW DELHI : Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi has strongly opposed the central government's decision to permit offshore mining along the coasts of Kerala, Gujarat, and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, calling it a move that threatens marine ecosystems and the livelihoods of coastal communities.

In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Gandhi criticized the Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2023, which he said had faced strong objections due to concerns over its environmental and socio-economic impact. He pointed out that the decision to open offshore mining blocks to private players was made without rigorous environmental assessment or consultation with stakeholders.

"The Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act 2023 was met with strong objections. Opening up offshore mining blocks to Private players without any rigorous assessment of its impact was concerning. Studies point to its adverse impacts, including threats to marine life, damage to coral reefs and the depletion of fish stock. Against this backdrop. When the Ministry of Mines invited tenders for the grant of license for 13 offshore blocks, protests erupted against this arbitrary move. Among the 13 blocks are three blocks for mining construction sand in the coast of Kollam - a vital fish breeding habitat, and three blocks for polymetallic nodules off the coast of the Great Nicobar Islands- a marine biodiversity hotspot," Rahul Gandhi said.

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Fire breaks out at readymade clothing showroom due to short circuit

ARVIND PATHAK
SULTANPUR LODHI: A fire broke out at a readymade clothing showroom in Sultanpur Lodhi this morning all the clothes and fittings inside were burnt to ashes while the shop also suffered major damage. Seeing smoke coming out of Glam Girls located on the old Sabzi Mandi Road from Arya Samaj Chowk at around 6:30 this morning the



residents of the nearby mohalla saw it and immediately called the owner of the showroom Deepak Narang, who had gone to Delhi to buy others clothes then his brother Sahil Narang and other family members Raj kumar Manchanda etc immediately reached the spot. Seeing smoke coming out of the showroom they immediately informed the fire brigade on which two fire brigade vehicles immediately reached the spot.

NEWS BRIEF

Annual results at Govt Sr Sec School Khujala were outstanding



VERMA
QADIAN: The annual results at Government Senior Secondary School Khujala were outstanding. The principal congratulated the students and parents, promoting further academic success and emphasizing the advantages of government school facilities. Staff members Vipan Kumar, Daljit Singh, Hardeep Singh, Poonamjit Kaur, Inderjit Kaur, and Rajbir Kaur, along with numerous parents including Sucha Singh, Palwinder Kaur, and Gurmeet Kaur, were present.

Kar Sewa to clean Parikrama of Shri Ram Temple Kharar from today

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR: It has been decided to clean the entire area of the under-construction Shri Ram Temple in Kharar through a Kar sewa from today. Giving information in this regard Arvind Kanthpal, Vikas Garg and Jatinder Gupta Rinku said that this Kar sewa will be operational from today till April 5 and cleaning will be done through a Kar sewa from 6 am to 7.30 am. Under this campaign, the Parikrama of the Sarovar and the dirt and leaves collected around the temple are to be collected. This Kar sewa is being organized by the Sarovar Vikas Samiti and the Shri Ram Mandir Parivar Sampark Samiti.

Playway moving up ceremony at YS GeNxt School



KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA: YS GeNxt School, known as the Most Trusted Preschool, hosted a heart-warming Moving Up Ceremony to celebrate the promotion of more than 120 young scholars to Nursery. The event was filled with excitement, laughter, and proud moments as parents joined in to witness their little ones step forward in their learning journey.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra alleges government sabotaging parliamentary process

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WAYANAD, MAR 29



Congress MP from Wayanad, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Saturday criticized the central government, alleging that it is deliberately obstructing discussions in Parliament to avoid scrutiny. She made the comments after the Development Coordination and Monitoring Committees (Disha) meeting at the Wayanad Collectorate.

Speaking to the media, Gandhi said, "The government is not allowing a discussion. And their policy, as I have seen in the last few sessions of Parliament, is to avoid a discussion in whatever way. Whether it is by racking up something that they feel the opposition is going to protest about or whether it is by not allowing the Leader of Opposition (Rahul Gandhi) to speak, they are using different methods."

She further alleged that the ruling party is actively disrupting the democratic process. "Overall, they are not allowing the democratic process to function effectively in Parliament. It is very sad for us MPs to see. The notion usually used to be that the opposition was accused of sabotaging Parliament, but now the government themselves are sabotaging the process, which is probably new," she stated.

Meanwhile, the Congress MP from Wayanad the inaugurated the 50-acre Kattunayikka Unnathi Cultural Centre in Vadakkanad, a small village located in Wayanad, situated between Sultan Bathery and Mananthavady. Addressing the gathering, she highlighted several local issues, including the lack of drinking water and the delay in completing a 12.5 km road project. "There are many difficulties here, like drinking water or the 12.5 km road project, which urgently needs to be completed. It is already included in the central government's list of roads, but I will be happy to meet the concerned Minister to expedite the project," Priyanka Gandhi said.

She also expressed concern over the non-implementation of a crash guard iron rope fencing project despite funds being sanctioned. "It is sad that the crash guard iron rope fencing you have asked for has not been built despite money being sanctioned for it already," she remarked.

The Congress Lok Sabha MP emphasized the need for a permanent structure for the community, acknowledging the high costs involved.

No escape for drug peddlers: 'Yudh Nashian Virudh' advances with special CASO operation



JS SODHI
JALANDHAR, MAR 29

In a continued effort to dismantling drug supply chains and uprooting the social evil, a special crackdown operation was conducted today under the leadership of ADGP Technical Services, Sh. Ram Singh, IPS, alongside Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar, Joint Commissioner of Police, ADCP HQs, ADCP-I and other senior police officers. Over 250 police officers were deployed for this intensive search operation, which targeted 13 strategic hotspots of Jalandhar. Each key hotspot was supervised by officers of the ADCP/ACP rank to ensure the effectiveness of the operation.

The operation took place across Commissionerate Jalandhar, with a thorough inspection of the residences of suspected individuals. Police teams meticulously checked homes, vehicles, and surrounding areas to ensure no illegal activities were taking place. In addition, locals were interrogated to gather information about nearby drug peddlers and any suspicious activities in the region. Multiple checkpoints were set up to identify key suspects and locations linked to drug trafficking.

Khelo India and Fit India identify and nurture young talent: VC KUK

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, MAR 29



'Khelo India Fit India-Joint Fitness Fiesta' is being organised under the joint aegis of Directorate of Sports, Kurukshetra University and Sports Authority of India (SAI) North Regional Centre, Sonepat. In the inaugural session, the Chief Guest, Vice Chancellor, KUK, Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva said that schemes like Khelo India and Fit India identify and nurture young talent with multiple sports disciplines. Prof Sachdeva added that through sports, the youth keep themselves fit and also bring glory to the country on the international stage.

Besides, Prof Sachdeva assured to encourage such events of Sports Authority of India (SAI) in future and expressed commitment to provide all possible support from the university.

KU Sports Director Prof. Dinesh Rana welcomed the Chief Guest, Prof. Sachdeva and gave the outline of the event. On this occasion, Assistant Director of SAI Meeta Bhardwaj and Incharge of SAI, Kurukshetra Babu Lal spoke about the highlights of these schemes. Deputy Director, Public Relations, Dr Jimmy Sharma informed that boxing, hockey, kabaddi players and Youth Red Cross Volunteers participated enthusiastically in this programme. Along with this, fitness competitions like yoga, dodge ball, push-ups and plank were organized. All the participants were given T-shirts with 'Fit India' logo and the winners of the competitions were honored by SAI, Kurukshetra by giving them prizes.

MCM wins 2nd position during PU's Annual Sports Prize Distribution function



BUREAU
CHANDIGARH: Adding another feather to its cap, Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, grabbed second position during the Annual Sports Prize Distribution Function held by Directorate of Sports, Panjab University. The college won 8 trophies in International and Inter-University competitions. 3 athletes from the college also made new meet records during the session, strengthening the college's claim to the second spot. On this occasion, Officiating Principal Ms Suman Mahajan, and the faculty members of the college Physical Education Department were felicitated with Sports Promoter Awards. Ms. Mahajan lauded the efforts of the Physical Education Department for mentoring young athletes who have brought laurels to the college at international and national level. She added that the Department has produced sports achievers like cricketers Tania Bhatia, Harleen Deol, Amanjot, Ridhima, and many more.

GCYEH Chandigarh sweeps Punjab University Annual prize distribution in C division tournaments



BUREAU
CHANDIGARH: In an impressive display of athletic prowess, Government College of Yoga Education and Health (GCYEH) has emerged as the overall champion in the C Division women category and first runner up in male category in Punjab University C division tournament 2024-25. The college's men's and women's teams collectively won all the trophies in various disciplines, including: Athletics (men and women), Table Tennis (Men and Women), Yoga (Women), Volleyball (Women)and Best March Past. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the college's commitment to promoting sports and physical education. The students' hard work, dedication, and teamwork have paid off, bringing laurels to the institution under the able guidance of sports incharge Dr Anupma and Dr Sumant Batish "We are thrilled with this outstanding performance by our students," said Dr Sapna Nanda Principal, GCYEH. "These achievements are the result of our college's emphasis on holistic education, which includes sports and physical activity.

Graduation ceremony was held in Government Primary School (Girls)



GOGI KMAALPURIYA
RAIKOT: A graduation ceremony was organized under the leadership of Headmistress Harjinder Kaur at the Government Primary School (Girls) of the local city on the completion of the school education of the students of the pre-primary class. This ceremony was celebrated with great enthusiasm. The young children were congratulated for entering formal education from the pre-primary level to the primary level. On this occasion, the young children of the UKG class were wearing graduation dresses and caps. On this occasion, the First Block Coordinator Madam Manpreet Kaur Halwara, who specially arrived on this occasion as the chief guest, explained about the purpose of the graduation ceremony that when children take admission in the primary level, innovative, excellent, creative ideas emerge in them. Teachers have a unique role to give the right direction to their ideas. By developing the skills necessary for the all-round personality development of the children, teachers teach them to move forward smoothly towards the path of life.

TLF School students left their mark in annual results: Janesh Garg

JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA
MOGA, MAR 29



The city's leading educational institution The Learning Fields A Global School (TLF) in the presence of Chairman of the Management Committee Praveen Garg, Chairman Engineer Janesh Garg and Director Dr. Muskan Garg, under the guidance of the school annual results 2024-25. In the annual results 2024-25 of TLF School, the students have brought glory to their parents, Moga city and the school by hoisting the flag. On this occasion, School Principal Ranjit Bhatia said that due to the dedication, hard work of the school and the hard work of our committed teachers and parents, the children of the school have performed excellently in all subjects, secured excellent marks and made excellent progress. This year's results not only reflect academic excellence, but also the overall development of our students.

A considerable number of them have achieved high grades, distinctions and special achievements, which has made the school community proud. The passion, dedication and enthusiasm of the students have truly taken colour, which further strengthens our commitment to nurturing young minds. On this occasion, the Chairman of the School Management Committee, Praveen Garg, Chairman Eng. Janesh Garg, Director Dr. Muskan Garg congratulated the students and wished them a bright future. They motivated them with inspirational words that encouraged them to strive for excellence in every field of life.

SI Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma donates blood for 175th time on Guru Angad Dev Ji's death anniversary

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAR 29



President's Police Medal Awardee, National Gold Medal Winner Diamond Blood Donor Century Environment Guard Sub Inspector Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma today donated blood for the 175th time in the Central Blood Bank of Civil Hospital Karnal on the death anniversary of Guru Angad Dev Ji. While donating blood in the presence of Central Blood Transfusion Officer Dr. Sanjay Verma, Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma told that he has been donating blood regularly since 1989. Along with blood donation, he has donated platelets 85 times. Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma is the highest blood donor in the police and paramilitary forces of all the states of India. He not only donates blood himself but his entire family, relatives and close relations donate blood. So far, he has organized 539 voluntary blood donation camps with the youth and blood donors of the country at his own expense without any banner. 19536 blood units have been collected in these camps, which have benefited 58608 people. Along with this, whenever he gets any information related to blood supply, he also works to provide blood to that person. He organizes felicitation ceremony 4 times a year in which blood donors are specially honored. This year also, on 14 June, World Blood Donor Day, he is organizing a national level felicitation ceremony in which blood donors who have donated blood more than 25 times will be honored. Any person can give his name for this honor on 9053115315. This honor will be absolutely free.

8th Blood Donation Camp organized at DCM School Kotkapura

SURINDER DAMDAMI
KOTKAPURA, MAR 29



Dedicated to the martyrdom of immortal Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, and Rajguru, the 8th massive blood donation camp was organized at DCM International School located on the local Bahmanwala Road. 32 units of blood were collected during the camp. This camp was inaugurated by Honorable Kultar Singh Sandhwan Speaker Punjab Vidhan Sabha's brother Birinder Singh Sandhwan, Advocate. On this occasion, Gurmeet Singh, Chairman of Market Committee, Kotkapura, along with Engineer Rajkumar Agarwal, Sant Mohan Das Educational Institutions Kot Sukhia Director Raj Kumar Thapar, Rakesh Kumar Garg, Chairman of Chenab Educational Institution Baljit Singh Khiva, prominent businessman Krishan Goyal (Kala), Khajanchi Lal Mittal, Industrialist Ram Chand Mittal and Dheeraj Sharma were present.

This camp was organized in collaboration with PBG Welfare Club, an organization dedicated to blood donation. The club's president, Rajiv Malik, Lovely Arora, as well as other members, provided full support. The Chief Guest S. Sandhwan also inspected the exhibition of science and mathematics activities organized at the school on this occasion. He expressed satisfaction in seeing the process of working model based on the basic principles of science and appreciated the presentation made by the students.

Rayat Bahra University celebrates National Science Day 2025

LK BANSAL
MOHALI, MAR 29

Rayat Bahra University marked National Science Day 2025 with great enthusiasm, celebrating the theme "Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science & Innovation for Viksit Bharat." The event was organized by the University School of Sciences (USS) in collaboration with the Punjab State Council for Science and Technology, DST, New Delhi, aiming to ignite scientific curiosity and innovation among students. The celebrations featured a series of inter-college competitions, including a working model exhibition, poster presentation, and science quiz, drawing participation from young science enthusiasts. Renowned expert Dr. Jaswinder Singh captivated the audience with live physics experiments, providing hands-on learning experiences. Prof. (Dr.) S. K. Bansal, Dean of Academic Affairs, and Prof. (Dr.) M. S. Mehta, HOD, Physics, emphasized the significance of experiential learning in fostering scientific temper. The following were winners of



different competitions: Poster Presentation: 1st – Shabnampreet Kaur (B.Sc. Astronomy & Astrophysics).

Science Quiz: 1st – Rishi Kumar & Vishvjit Singh (B.Sc. Astronomy & Astrophysics).

Working Model: 1st – Sumedha Bali & Team (B.Tech., CGC Landran).

Chancellor Gurvinder Singh Bahra said the event reinforced Rayat Bahra University's commitment to promoting STEM education and inspiring young minds in science and technology.

Mayor Sailja Sachdeva expresses gratitude to Viresh Shandilya for election support



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
AMBALA: Newly elected Mayor of Ambala, Sailja Sachdeva, along with her husband, senior BJP leader Advocate Sandeep Sachdeva, visited the residence of Brahmin Mahapanchayat and Anti-Terrorist Front India National President Viresh Shandilya to express gratitude for his support in her victory.Shandilya, along with his wife Pankaj Sharma and associates Surendra Pal KK, MK Chaudhary, Surendra Sabharwal, and Shiv Ranjan, warmly welcomed them. The hosts honored the guests with garlands and traditional attire, with Shandilya's wife presenting Mayor Sachdeva with a turban, shawl, and a pearl garland, while Shandilya gifted Advocate Sachdeva a shawl and a Radha-Krishna garland.Addressing the residents of Sector 1, Mayor Sachdeva acknowledged the significant role played by Shandilya and his supporters in her electoral success. She vowed to serve with integrity and launch initiatives to make Ambala cleaner and flood-free. She emphasized that her mission for a greener, cleaner Ambala began on March 13 and called upon the citizens for their support, quoting Subhas Chandra Bose: "Give me blood, and I will give you freedom."

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NEWS BRIEFS

Lakhs of devotees take holy dip as Chaitra Chaudas Fair concludes peacefully

YAGYADUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: The three-day Chaitra Chaudas Mela, held from March 27 to 29 in Pehowa, concluded successfully on Saturday. Mela Administrator and Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) Kapil Kumar stated that over five lakh devotees took a holy dip in the sacred Saraswati River on the occasion of Amavasya and performed rituals for the peace of their ancestors' souls.
Kapil Kumar highlighted that the Chaitra Chaudas Mela is an annual event in Pehowa, drawing lakhs of devotees who offer prayers and perform ancestral rituals at the holy site. This year, too, a massive turnout was witnessed, and the administration ensured all necessary facilities for the pilgrims. With extensive police deployment and CCTV surveillance, the mela was conducted smoothly without any untoward incidents.

Celebrating the birth of daughters with traditional well worship in Karnal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MARCH 29 –



The Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao campaign has become a mass movement in Haryana, significantly improving the gender ratio in Karnal district. With the number of girls reaching 926 per 1,000 boys, Karnal has emerged as a leading district in the state. To further promote this cause, traditional Kuan Pujan (well worship) ceremonies were organized in urban Anganwadi centers of Shyam Nagar and Ashok Nagar to celebrate the birth of girls.

The event was attended by Supervisor of the Women and Child Development Department, Sujata Sharma, along with Anganwadi workers Pinky Rani, Geeta Devi, Jyoti, Bimla, Santosh, Geeta, Parul, Mano, Anjali, Pooja, Annu, and Mehak, as well as local women from the area.

Supervisor Sujata Sharma emphasized the importance of government initiatives such as Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana and Aapki Beti-Hamari Beti, which aim to prevent female foeticide and improve the gender ratio. She also highlighted the strict monitoring under the PCPNDT Act to curb sex-selective abortions. Awareness campaigns are being conducted to eliminate discrimination between sons and daughters.

Under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh and the collective efforts of the district's Women and Child Development Department, Karnal has achieved remarkable progress in this initiative.

Sujata Sharma further stated that women are excelling in every field today. "There was a time when women were confined behind veils, but now they are breaking barriers and working alongside men in all sectors. Many have made outstanding achievements, setting new benchmarks for society."

She emphasized that women are the foundation of society—not just caregivers but also crucial contributors to the nation's progress. Be it education, healthcare, science, or sports, women are making significant strides and inspiring the world with their strength and talent.

Sports: A pathway to success, says Inspector Kamlesh

CHAMAN LAL
KARNAL, MARCH 29



The 51st Annual Sports Competition at DAV PG College concluded with a grand ceremony on the second day. To inspire students, former athlete and Haryana Police Academy Inspector Kamlesh was invited as the chief guest. College Principal Prof. Rampal Saini, Head of the Physical Education Department Dr. Jitendra Chauhan, and other faculty members welcomed the chief guest with floral bouquets.

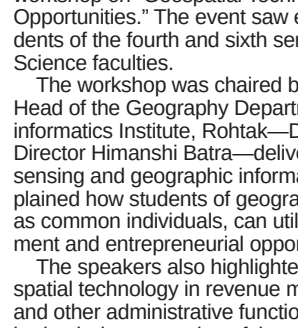
Addressing the students, Inspector Kamlesh emphasized that sports instill discipline, which is crucial for achieving success. She highlighted that sports promote a sense of brotherhood and etiquette, fostering respect and harmony in society.

Principal Prof. Rampal Saini encouraged students to actively participate in sports along with academics, stressing that good health leads to a better life by reducing stress and preventing illnesses. aHe urged students to stay dedicated to their goals through hard work and perseverance.

During the closing ceremony, the chief guest honored the winning athletes with awards. In appreciation of her presence, Principal Prof. Saini and faculty members presented her with a shawl and a memento.

CM presents vision of a prosperous Haryana during Budget Session: Kailash Saini

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, MAR 29



Following the successful conclusion of the Haryana Assembly Budget Session, BJP's District Convenor of Arts and Cultural Cell, Anil Verma, extended congratulations to Chief Minister's Office Representative Kailash Saini during a formal meeting.

During the interaction, Kailash Saini stated that Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini presented an inspiring vision of a progressive Haryana during the budget session. He highlighted that the CM's administrative efficiency and humility are being widely recognized across India.

Anil Verma remarked that CM Nayab Singh Saini's campaign efforts in Maharashtra and Delhi played a crucial role in securing electoral victories for the BJP. He praised the CM's first budget as Finance Minister, noting that it introduced several development initiatives and welfare schemes for women, the underprivileged, youth, and farmers. Additionally, Verma emphasized that the budget session will be remembered for its landmark announcements aimed at strengthening Haryana's infrastructure and driving overall growth in the state.

16394 students of district to appear in second phase of Ullas examination: Sudesh Thukral

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MARCH 29



Ullas examination will be organized on March 30 by the Education Department to give certificates to illiterates and to increase the level of education. 16394 students of the district will participate in it and will give their written demonstration for the certificate of being literate.

Volunteer teachers have been appointed in all the government schools of the district. Classes were held in all the schools after school hours. Illiterate and certificate-less people are often learning numeracy by participating in it. The purpose of the examination is to lead the people deprived of education towards literacy. So that every person can become proficient in reading, writing and mathematical skills. Also, people deprived of formal education are being educated through this.

350 examination centers have been set up in the district for the successful conduct of the examination. The examination will be conducted on March 30 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. In this, the candidates can appear for the examination anytime as per their convenience. To conduct the examination smoothly, all the center superintendents were given special training so that the examination process will be completed in a systematic and transparent manner. Arrangements have also been made for a copy-free examination. The examination centers will be inspected by forming a committee at the block level. District Ullas Coordinator Anil Saini said that the surveyors are identifying the inspectors by contacting door to door in the village and city. So far the district has registered 16394 inspection people, apart from this, 13012 learners had passed in the first phase examination held on 22 September 2024.

CM Saini offers sweets, wishes Eid Mubarak

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MARCH 29



Former Media Coordinator of Haryana Haj Committee Khurshid Alam met Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini at Sant Kabir Kutia Chief Minister's residence and wished him on New Year's Eve 2082. He also wished him on the occasion of Navratri. On this occasion, Chief Minister Nayav Singh Saini fed sweets to the eminent personalities who had accompanied Khurshid Alam and wished them Eid ul Fitr Mubarak and said that after observing fasts for a month, the Muslim community celebrates Eid ul Fitr festival in which all the Muslim community go to offer Eid prayers. On this auspicious occasion, he wished Eid Mubarak to the people of Haryana and all the Muslim community families on his behalf and said that India is our beloved country, in which flowers of every colour bloom. India is such a beloved country, we all should come together and celebrate each other's festivals together.

Time for offering Namaaz on Eid ul Fitr in Karnal and in which mosques will the Namaaz be offered

Alhaj Maulana Hazrat Tassuwar Rao Ji has given information about which mosques will offer Namaaz including Karnal's Idgah. Information has been given by Khurshid Alam. Namaaz on Eid ul Fitr will be offered at 7:30 AM in Subhash Nagar Jumma Masjid. Maulvi Mohammad Rizwan will lead the Namaaz.

Namaaz will be offered at Railway Station Road Mosque at 8:30 AM. Alhaj Maulana Tassuwar Rao Sahib will lead the Namaaz.

Namaaz will be offered at Dargah Kashuri Wali Kalandari Gate Mosque at 8:30 AM. Hafiz Sameer Ahmed will lead the Namaaz.

Namaaz will be offered in front of Idgah Purani Tehsil at 9:00 AM. Alhaj Maulana Ahmed Sahib will lead the Namaaz.

Namaaz will be offered at Meerut Road Mosque at 9:30 AM. Hafiz Mohammad Murslin will lead the Namaaz. Namaaz

Khurshid Alam, BJP leader, has appealed to all the responsible people of the Muslim community of Karnal, saying that all my Muslim brothers who are offering Namaaz on Eid, should go straight to their homes after offering Namaaz. Do not gather crowd anywhere on the way, which may cause trouble to any other brother.

It is important to keep one thing in mind

No Namaaz will be offered on the road outside the mosque. Namaaz should be offered inside the mosques only as per the government guidelines.

Alhaj Maulana Tassuwar Sahib has also appealed to the Muslim community along with the responsible people of all the mosques, saying that no person should offer Namaaz outside the mosques on the road or at any place where offering Namaaz may cause trouble to any brother.

Workshop on Geospatial Technology Applications held at Shaheed Udham Singh Government College



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: The Department of Geography at Shaheed Udham Singh Government College, Matak Majri, Indri, organized a one-day workshop on "Geospatial Technology Applications and Career Opportunities." The event saw enthusiastic participation from students of the fourth and sixth semesters of the Geography and Science faculties.

The workshop was chaired by Professor Pradeep Kumar Vats, Head of the Geography Department. Experts from Skyline Geoinformatics Institute, Rohtak—Director Ajay Deshwal and Junior Director Himanshi Batra—delivered detailed insights on remote sensing and geographic information systems (GIS). They explained how students of geography and other sciences, as well as common individuals, can utilize these systems for employment and entrepreneurial opportunities.

The speakers also highlighted the government's use of geospatial technology in revenue management, strategic planning, and other administrative functions. Himanshi Batra provided an in-depth demonstration of the practical applications of these systems.

Around 100 students attended the workshop. Faculty members, including Professors Karmveer Singh, Ramesh Kumar, Balrishi, Suresh Kumar, Naresh Kumar, Naveen Kumar, Pradeep Kumar, and Sandeep Kumar, were also present.

IHCL signs a SeleQtions hotel in Amritsar

CHANDIGARH: Indian Hotels Company (IHCL), India's largest hospitality company, today announced the signing of a SeleQtions hotel in Amritsar, Punjab. Spread over 10 acres, this project will be a suburban resort with breath-taking views. Commenting on the signing, Ms. Suma Venkatesh, Executive Vice President - Real Estate & Development, IHCL said, "Amritsar, a renowned destination for both leisure and pilgrimage, draws visitors from across the globe. In addition to its cultural significance, the city's rapidly growing manufacturing sector is witnessing a rise in business travel. This signing is in line with IHCL's strategy of expanding its presence in key cultural and commercial markets across India. We are delighted to partner with Mr. Saurabh Khanna for this project."The 100-key IHCL SeleQtions Amritsar features spacious rooms with private outdoor seating decks providing a cozy retreat for guests to unwind and enjoy the scenic views. Designed to be a destination for social events, this suburban resort houses a large 10,000 sq. ft banquet space, beautifully landscaped gardens, complete with serene water features, and walking paths, creating an exquisite backdrop for any occasion. To cater to the diverse culinary preferences of its guests, IHCL SeleQtions Amritsar offers a range of dining options, including an all-day diner, a specialty grill, and a bar, designed to provide a unique experience with carefully crafted menus, impeccable service, and an inviting ambiance.

Ardee Engineering Limited files DRHP with SEBI to raise Rs. 580 crore

CHANDIGARH: Ardee Engineering Limited, an integrated design, engineering and manufacturing company having three primary business lines - pre-engineered buildings (PEB), material handling systems (MHS) and engineering services has filed the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) with capital markets regulator SEBI to raise Rs. 580 crore through an initial public offering (IPO).
According to the DRHP, the Initial Public Offering of the Hyderabad headquartered company consists of a Fresh Issue of equity shares aggregating up to Rs. 500 crore and an Offer for Sale of equity shares aggregating up to Rs. 80 crore by the Promoter Selling Shareholder, Chandra Sekhar Moturu.
Ardee proposes to utilize Rs. 279.6 crore from the Net Proceeds of the Fresh Issue for capex requirements towards setting up two new manufacturing facilities at Seetharampur, Telangana; Rs. 44.8 crore to fund the capex requirements towards setting up a new integrated manufacturing facility at Parawada, Andhra Pradesh; Rs. 65 crore for prepayment or re-payment, in full or in part, of certain outstanding borrowings availed by the company and rest for general corporate purposes.
Incorporated in 2008 as a partnership firm, Ardee's key customers today include some of the leading globally recognized blue chip brands; ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India Limited (AM/NS), JK Cement Limited, Navayuga Engineering Company Limited, Udaipur Cement Works Limited to name a few.

Degrees awarded at NIILM University Convocation, jubilant faces all around

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL, MAR 29



The 21st-century India, a New India, will be built through the dedicated efforts of the youth. If young individuals commit themselves to nation-building, India can reclaim its status as a Vishwaguru and earn global recognition. These thoughts were expressed by Dr. Pradeep Kumar Srivastava, Chairman of the Uttar Pradesh Law Commission and retired Justice, as the chief guest at the convocation ceremony of NIILM University, Kaithal.

In his convocation address, Justice Srivastava urged the youth to take a stand against social evils, emphasizing that they must awaken themselves first before awakening society. He highlighted India's rich legacy of knowledge and action and noted that the traditional academic attire at the ceremony symbolized Indian values. He also lauded NIILM University for emerging as a center of knowledge and societal development, congratulating all degree and medal recipients.

University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Shamim Ahmed delivered the welcome address, presenting a detailed account of the institution's progress. He emphasized that NIILM University is setting new benchmarks in academics, research, sports, and social engagement to become an outstanding center for holistic development.

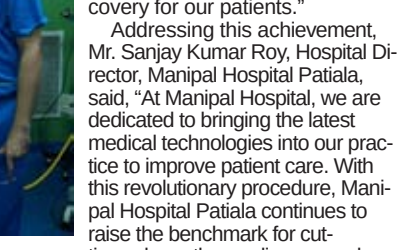
Degrees Conferred, Smiling Faces of Graduates

During the convocation ceremony held in the university auditorium, 117 students received their degrees, including Ph.D., undergraduate, and postgraduate awards. The joy of receiving their degrees was evident on the graduates' faces. The event was anchored by Dr. Ekta Chahal, while Prof. R.K. Gupta, Dean of Academic Affairs, delivered the vote of thanks.

The ceremony commenced with the academic procession's grand entry and concluded with its exit.

Annual examination results announced at Government Model Sanskriti Primary School, Nahoni

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
MULLANA: The annual examination results for classes from Bal Vatika to Class 5 were declared today at Government Model Sanskriti Primary School, Nahoni, Block Saha, District Ambala.



On this occasion, school staff members Sanjeev Kumar, Arun Kumar, and Poonam Chopra welcomed the chief guests, including Monika Kalra, BJP Haryana OBC Morcha State Vice President Ramesh Pal Nahoni, senior BJP leader Monika Kalra, and Anju. Also present were SMC President Ajay Kumar, Sonia, Karamjeet Kaur, and Ram Avatar Fauji.

Students securing first, second, and third positions in each class were felicitated with awards. Ramesh Pal Nahoni encouraged the students through a motivational poem, while Monika Kalra inspired them to work hard in their studies to achieve success. SMC President Ajay Kumar also urged students to excel in academics and bring pride to their teachers and parents.

World Tuberculosis Day 2025: Fortis Hospital Ludhiana Calls for Awareness and Action to eliminate TB





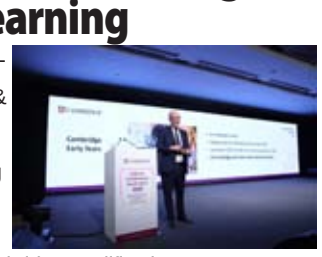
LUDHIANA : Tuberculosis (TB) remains one of the most pressing health challenges in India, but with increased awareness, timely intervention, and medical advancements, it can be eliminated. Dr. Sushil Gupta, Additional Director – Pulmonology & Critical Care at Fortis Hospital, Ludhiana emphasized the critical role of early diagnosis and adherence to treatment in the fight against TB.

Fortis Hospital Ludhiana is committed to supporting TB awareness and treatment initiatives, ensuring patients receive accurate diagnosis and effective care. With advancements in molecular diagnostics and improved accessibility to treatment, India is making significant strides toward achieving its goal of a TB-free future.

Dr. Sushil Gupta, Additional Director – Pulmonology & Critical Care at Fortis Hospital, Ludhiana, emphasized the need for collective action, stating, "TB elimination requires a multi-pronged approach involving early detection, complete adherence to treatment, and public awareness. Strengthening diagnostic capabilities and ensuring access to advanced treatment options are crucial in our fight against TB." Dr. Randeep Singh, Associate Consultant – Pulmonology & Critical Care, Fortis Hospital Ludhiana, stated, "TB remains a pressing global health challenge, but with awareness, action, and medical advancements, we can end this disease. Timely diagnosis, adherence to treatment, and preventive strategies are essential steps in eradicating TB from our communities."

While Pulmonary TB is the most common form, TB can also affect other organs, including the lymph nodes, central nervous system (CNS), abdomen, bones, and joints, leading to extra-pulmonary TB. The ailment primarily affects the lungs and presents with symptoms such as a persistent cough lasting more than two to three weeks, fever, night sweats, unexplained weight loss, and swollen lymph nodes.

Cambridge hosts South Asia schools conference to navigate the future of learning



CHANDIGARH: The International Education group at Cambridge University Press & Assessment (Cambridge) hosted its second annual South Asia Cambridge Schools Conference, bringing together 400 educators, school and thought leaders from India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and the Maldives. As demand for Cambridge qualifications grows across the region, the conference reinforced Cambridge's commitment to supporting schools, teachers and learners in navigating the rapidly evolving education landscape.
The conference is set against the backdrop of a global demand for 44 million new teachers by 2030. In recognition of this need, Cambridge highlighted its commitment to empowering the region's educators through new professional development programmes and qualifications, upskilling courses, pre-service teacher training, and short-term e-learning modules to grow the region's teaching capacity.
In his opening address, Rod Smith, Group Managing Director of International Education at Cambridge, praised school leaders across the region for working with Cambridge to shape curricula and resources, and introduce new innovative programmes that prepare learners to be ready for the world. He said: "At Cambridge, we are committed to preparing learners for a fast-changing world.

Manipal Hospital Patiala Sets Milestone with Region's First AI & AR-Assisted Total Knee Replacement Surgery



PATIALA : A 70-year-old man from Patiala has successfully undergone the first Total Knee Replacement (TKR) in the region using Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Augmented Reality (AR) at Manipal Hospital Patiala. This advancement ensures a more precise and efficient surgical experience, leading to significantly improved patient outcomes.

With the rising prevalence of knee-related issues due to aging, obesity, and lifestyle factors, it has become important to address severe cases effectively. In such instances, Total Knee Replacement (TKR) plays a vital role in restoring mobility and improving the quality of life for patients suffering from advanced arthritis and degenerative joint diseases.

Dr. Paramjit Singh Chahal, Senior Consultant - Orthopedics & Joint Replacement Surgery, Manipal Hospital, Patiala, said, "The integration of AI and AR in knee replacement surgery has transformed the way we approach precision and patient care. This technology allows us to tailor surgeries with unmatched accuracy, resulting in reduced surgical time, minimal pain, less blood loss, and a faster recovery for our patients."

Addressing this achievement, Mr. Sanjay Kumar Roy, Hospital Director, Manipal Hospital Patiala, said, "At Manipal Hospital, we are dedicated to bringing the latest medical technologies into our practice to improve patient care. With this revolutionary procedure, Manipal Hospital Patiala continues to raise the benchmark for cutting-edge orthopaedic care and ensures that patients get the best care possible using the newest technology." Dr Paramjit Singh Chahal is associated with this hospital since last 16 years and has total experience in knee replacement surgeries of more than 22 years.

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Opinion

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up.
The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.

Thomas A. Edison

EDITORIAL

Surveillance under the guise of tax enforcement

Though lofty in its intent, the new Income Tax Bill, 2025, has raised concerns about privacy and overreach. The Bill, now under the review of a Select Committee and set to come up for discussion during the coming monsoon session of Parliament, gives sweeping powers to the tax authorities to access private communication platforms such as WhatsApp, Telegram and email accounts. It further allows them to override security codes and enter virtual digital spaces, including online investment platforms and encrypted messaging services. This level of intrusion is deeply troubling. Experts warn that such provisions will set a dangerous precedent for government surveillance under the guise of tax enforcement. The ostensible aim of the new Bill, replacing the Income Tax Act of 1961, is to simplify the law for both taxpayers and administrators and reduce litigation.

However, the new legislation introduces explicit provisions empowering authorities to access and seize virtual digital spaces and expands "undisclosed income" to cover virtual digital assets. Taxmen can access encrypted communications, cloud storage and digital asset exchanges if they believe a person has concealed taxable income. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman sought to justify the idea on the grounds that gathering evidence from digital accounts is essential not only to prove tax evasion before a court of law but also to compute the exact amount of tax evaded. However, without proper judicial oversight, empowering tax administrators with such vast powers would be detrimental to the public interest. At a time when digital communication is so deeply integrated into our professional and personal lives, allowing the government easy access to sensitive public data is fraught with danger. Moreover, the Bill offers no judicial oversight over these powers. In fact, it enables authorities to keep to themselves the reasons undergirding a search. Clause 249 of the new Bill prevents disclosure of the investigative reasons behind searches, hindering taxpayers' ability to challenge them effectively. The search powers must not be arbitrary. Introducing judicial warrants, similar to the systems prevailing in the United States and the European Union, could help bolster fairness and accountability.

Donald Trump praises PM Modi's leadership, calls him "very smart man"

US President Donald Trump on Friday (local time) expressed optimism about the ongoing India-US tariff talks and praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, referring to him as a "very smart man" and a "great friend."

While responding to questions during an Interaction with reporters at the swearing-in ceremony of the US attorney for New Jersey, Alina Habba, Trump lauded PM Modi's leadership qualities, describing him as a "great Prime Minister."

Trump said, "Prime Minister Modi was here just recently, and we've always been very good friends."

"India is one of the highest-tariffing nations in the world... They're very smart. He (PM Modi) is a very smart man and a great friend of mine. We had very good talks. I think it's going to work out very well between India and our country. And I want to say you have a great Prime Minister," he added.

On March 16, PM Modi appreciated Trump's unshakeable dedication to his country, particularly in the wake of assassination attempts last year. Recalling their memorable meeting at the "Howdy Modi" event in Houston in 2019, Modi praised Trump's humility and courage, noting that Trump sat in the audience while he spoke from the stage.



"We had an event in Houston, Howdy Modi. Both President Trump and I were there and the entire stadium was completely packed. A massive crowd at an event in the US is a huge moment. While packed stadiums are common in sports, this was extraordinary for a political rally...Both of us delivered speeches and he sat down below listening to me speak. Now, that's his humility. The President of the United States sitting in the audience while I spoke from the stage, that was a remarkable gesture on his part," PM Modi said in a podcast with AI researcher Lex Fridman.

Trump's comments came after Modi's visit to the US in February, where the leaders announced plans to negotiate the first tranche of a mutually beneficial, multi-sector Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) by the fall of 2025, which would strengthen the economic ties between the two nations.

On Thursday, in a significant policy announcement from the Oval Office, Trump declared a 25 per cent tariff on all imported vehicles entering the United States, a move he described as "very exciting" for domestic manufacturing.

The tariffs, set to take effect on April 2, will impact nearly half of all vehicles sold in the United States, including American brands assembled overseas.

The wide-ranging measure aims to incentivise car manufacturers to establish more production facilities within US borders.

US President Donald Trump had earlier targeted India, saying "they have the highest tariffs" and "it is a hard place to do business".

In February, US President Donald Trump announced that he would soon impose reciprocal tariffs on countries like India and China, asserting that the United States would charge the same tariffs these nations impose on American goods.

Trump said, "We will soon impose reciprocal tariffs- they charge us, we charge them. Whatever a company or a country, such as India or China, charges, we want to be fair; hence, reciprocal."

He added, "We have never done that. We were getting ready to do it until Covid hit."

Trump also specifically targeted India's tariffs on automobile imports, saying, "India charges us auto tariffs higher than 100 per cent."

While addressing a joint session of the US Congress, Trump said that the reciprocal tax will kick in on April 2. He had said that the US has been ripped off for decades by nearly every country on earth and vowed not to "let that happen any longer."

He also discussed the tariffs imposed by the European Union, China, Brazil, and Mexico and announced that the US would impose tariffs on other nations based on their actions toward the US.

Baloch activist demands global action against human rights violations in Balochistan



Baloch activist Mahan Baloch delivered a powerful intervention that shed light on the ongoing human rights violations in Balochistan during the 58th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council and urged for global intervention against Baloch genocide.

In a post on X, BNM stated, "Mahan Baloch urged the council to take notice of Human rights violations in Balochistan."

Baloch called on the international community to take decisive action against the atrocities being committed by the Pakistani state in Balochistan, where enforced disappearances, extrajudicial killings, and collective punishment have become rampant.

"I stand before you not just as a young Baloch girl, but as a voice of thousands of families torn apart by injustice," Baloch began her heartfelt plea, highlighting the deep anguish that her people have been enduring for decades.

Baloch activist went on to describe the brutal reality of life in Balochistan: "In my homeland, Balochistan, pain has become a way of life. Our fathers disappear without a trace. Our brothers return as lifeless bodies riddled with bullets. Our mothers search endlessly, clutching faded photographs, waiting for justice that never comes."

Baloch then shared the painful stories of individuals who have been directly impacted by these violations. "Samideen has been waiting since 2009 for her father's return. Maharang Baloch found her father's dead body on a roadside," she recounted.

She further lamented, "The Baloch people cry for justice, yet the only response they receive is violence. When we march for our loved ones, we are met with batons and arrests. When we demand answers, we are silenced."

Baloch's emotional plea resonated with those present at the council as she posed a poignant question: "How long will the world remain silent? How long will our tears be ignored? The enforced disappearances, the extrajudicial killings, and the collective punishment of an entire nation are crimes against humanity committed by Pakistan."

Concluding her intervention, Baloch made a powerful call to action: "Madam Vice President, we return to you in hope.

Turkiye sliding into autocracy

The growing civil unrest across Turkiye, marked by the spontaneous eruption of fierce anti-government demonstrations and the subsequent brutal crackdown on dissidents, reflects a clear slide towards authoritarianism. In power since 2003, Turkish strongman Recep Tayyip Erdogan has been tightening his hold on a country plagued by economic crisis, shoddy governance and widespread corruption. The pugnacious leader, pursuing a muscular brand of political Islam, has been ruling the country with an iron fist focused on a religious-nationalist and conservative agenda. Over the last few years, Erdogan's regime has



turned increasingly dictatorial, chipping away at the democratic checks and balances, silencing the media, replacing elected mayors with bureaucrats, sidelining the legislature, controlling the judiciary and manipulating elections. The large-scale arrests of protesters and journalists in recent months have sent a chilling message that no one is safe in the country and that votes can be nullified and freedoms can be stripped away in an instant. The tipping point came with the recent arrest of the popular Mayor of Istanbul Ekrem Imamoglu on charges of corruption. Imamoğlu, a member of the opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) who has won two successive mayoral elections, is widely seen as a political challenger to Erdoğan. In fact, the main opposition party recently chose him as its candidate for the next presidential election, due in 2028. The day before his arrest, Imamoglu's university degree was cancelled by Istanbul University, which said it was falsely obtained. Having a valid degree is a prerequisite to running for President.

If convicted in the corruption case, he could be barred from standing in the presidential race. The arrest triggered public anger with protestors hitting the streets across the country and calling for the government's resignation. The authorities have launched a massive crackdown, arresting over 1,400 protestors, while Erdogan described the public reaction as an 'evil movement of violence'. Though the constitutional term limits preclude him from running again for the presidency in 2028, there are fears that Erdogan could change the constitution to remain in power. He has entrenched his position over the last two decades, projecting himself as a saviour of Islam and abandoning the secular ethos of the country's founder Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. Freedom and democracy have been steadily eroded in his regime. After surviving a coup attempt in 2016, he turned his presidency into an ever more powerful executive role, and cracked down on his opponents and dissent. His muscular diplomacy has riled allies in Europe and beyond. A strong supporter of the rights of Turks to express their religion more openly, Erdogan favoured criminalising adultery and repeatedly asserted that no Muslim family should consider birth control or family planning. "We will multiply our descendants," he had famously said in 2016. Positioning himself as a champion of Islamist causes, he has extolled motherhood, condemned feminists, and said men and women cannot be treated equally.

POEMS

Take the I Out

But I love the I, steel I-beam that my father
sold. They poured the pig iron into the
mold, and it fed out slowly,
a bending jelly in the bath, and it hardened,
Bessemer, blister, crucible, alloy, and he
marketed it, and bought bourbon, and Cream
of Wheat, its curl of butter right
in the middle of its forehead, he paid for our
dresses with his metal sweat, sweet in the
morning and sour in the evening. I love the I,
frail between its flitches, its hard ground
and hard sky, it soars between them
like the soul that rushes, back and forth,
between the mother and father. What if they had
loved each other,
how would it have felt to be the strut
joining the floor and roof of the truss?
I have seen, on his shirt-cardboard, years
in her desk, the night they made me, the penciled
slope of her temperature rising, and on
the peak of the hill, first soldier to reach
the crest, the Roman numeral I—
I, I, I, I,
girders of identity, head on,
embedded in the poem. I love the I
for its premise of existence—our I—when I was
born, part gelid, I lay with you
on the cooling table, we were all there, a
forest of felled iron. The I is a pine,
resinous, flammable root to crown,
which throws its cones as far as it can in a fire.

-BY SHARON OLDS

PoGB: Tensions rise as protest over Diamer-Bhasha dam enters seventh week

The sit-in by those affected by the Diamer-Bhasha Dam entered its 42nd day on Friday, with no agreement reached between the Pakistan-occupied Gilgit-Baltistan (PoGB) government and other stakeholders, as reported by the Dawn.

Protesters in Chilas, the district headquarters of Diamer, expressed frustration over the unfulfilled promises related to their 31-point demand list, Dawn reported. The protest movement, titled 'Huqooq Do, Dam Banao' (Ensure Rights, Build the Dam), has gained significant support from across PoGB and is expected to intensify following Eid.

The protesters have made it clear that they will not allow the construction of the dam unless their demands are met, the Dawn reported. Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs and PoGB, Amir Muqam, who heads the committee formed by the prime minister to address the grievances of the affected people, suggested that the protest committee engage in talks with the government committee to resolve the issues.

For the past 15 days, construction work on the periphery road and offices of the Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) and other dam-related companies in Chilas have been halted. Multiple rounds of negotiations have failed to produce a resolution.



Maulana Hazratullah, the head of the protest movement committee, addressed the protesters, stating that despite the harsh weather and the ongoing month of Ramadan, thousands of people continue to participate in the sit-in. He expressed disappointment over the lack of progress in addressing the demands, accusing authorities of delaying tactics and formAing committees without taking meaningful action. He emphasized that the protest would only end once the demands are fulfilled, the Dawn reported. Shabir Ahmed Qureshi, another protest leader, highlighted a recent incident in which five religious scholars, who were in Darel Valley to mobilize support for the protest, were involved in a road accident. Fortunately, all five escaped unharmed. Qureshi blamed the federal and PoGB governments for the negligence that led to such incidents.

Maulana Aftab, another protest leader, stated that the people remain committed to their cause and warned that protests would intensify after Eid. The protest committee has reached out to various political, religious, and civil society groups to rally support for larger protests post-Eid, and plans to continue the sit-in near KKH in Chilas during the festival, Dawn reported.

The protesters' demands include receiving 80 per cent of the royalty from the Diamer-Bhasha Dam and 30% from the Dasu Dam, access to free electricity from the project for Diamer district, and discounted rates for the rest of PoGB, the Dawn cited.

Other key demands are compensation for 18,000 acres of land acquired for the dam, a financial package for the 3,000 remaining affected families, as well as provisions for commercial and residential plots, and development projects in education, health, and sewage. They also demand jobs for local people at the dam project and the regularization of daily wage workers.

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Himachal Police to recommend Constable Sanjeev Kumar for PMG

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The Himachal Pradesh Police has decided to recommend Constable Sanjeev Kumar's name for the Police Medal for Gallantry (PMG), a prestigious honor awarded by the Government of India for acts of exceptional courage in protecting the Nation and its citizens. His timely and decisive actions during the challenging situation prevented potential harm and showcasing his bravery and professionalism. The proposal for his consideration for the PMG reflects the commitment of Himachal Pradesh Police to recognize honour the acts of bravery. The Department will formally submit the recommendation to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for further consideration soon.

NEWS BRIEF

CM mourns demise of senior Journalist

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has expressed grief over the demise of senior Punjab Kesari journalist Deshraj Banta, who passed away at Palampur, district Kangra yesterday. He was 87 years old. The Chief Minister said that the contributions of Deshraj Banta in the journalism field were immense and will be remembered for a long period by the journalist fraternity. He prayed to the Almighty to grant peace to the departed soul and strength to the bereaved family members to bear this irreparable loss.

398 vehicles challened for violating traffic rules

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: According to police sources 398 Vehicles were challaned by the District Police Unafor violating traffic rules on Friday yesterday. Out of which, challans of 189 vehicles were settled on the spot and a fine of Rs. 13200 was collected.

HPUJ condemns mockery of journalists in Himachal Assembly

JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA: The Himachal Pradesh Union of Journalists (HPUJ) has strongly opposed the derogatory remarks made against journalists by the MLA from Barsar in the Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly. In a joint press statement, HPUJ President Dr. Ranesh Rana, General Secretary Dr. Roop Kishore Thakur, State Organization Secretary Gopal Dutt Sharma, Treasurer Ompal Singh, Senior Vice Presidents Sumit Sharma and Surendra Sharma, NUJI India National Executive Member Shashi Bhushan Purohit, and journalist Joginder Dev Arya expressed their discontent over the issue. The officials stated that mocking journalists from the dignified platform of the Assembly is an affront to the fourth pillar of democracy. Dr. Roop Kishore Thakur pointed out that if an MLA gives an advertisement, it is published in a newspaper, not used for personal gain by journalists. On the contrary, journalists publish lawmakers' news and photographs year-round without any charge. Such remarks are unbecoming of an elected representative.

State inks MoUs with Telangana govt for establishing Seli and Miar HEPs

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAR 29



Himachal Pradesh has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Telangana for establishing 400 MW Seli and 120 MW Miar Hydro Electric Power Projects in Lahaul-Spiti district. This is the first ever collaboration of its kind in the history of the State marking a significant milestone in the State's efforts to harness its vast hydro power potential.

The MoUs were signed by Secretary Power Rakesh Kanwar on behalf of the Himachal Pradesh Government and Principal Secretary of Power Sandeep Kumar Sultania on behalf of Telangana Government in the august presence of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu at Shimla today.

Both the projects are expected to be set up with an estimated cost of Rs. 6200 crore on the bank of Chenab river and are set to generate about 5000 direct and indirect employment to the youth of the State. As per the agreement, Telangana Government has paid Rs. 26 crore as upfront premium and after the commissioning of both these projects, Himachal Pradesh will receive 12 percent, 18 percent and 30 percent free power for the first 12 years, next 18 years and remaining 10 years respectively under the new Energy Policy of the State Government. After 40 years, the Government of Telangana would transfer both the projects to Himachal Pradesh. Additionally, the Telangana Government would contribute 1.5 percent of cost of projects towards Local Area Development Fund (LADF) and provide additional one percent free power for LADF after commissioning. The affected families of these projects will also receive monetary benefits equivalent to 100 units per month for a period of 10 years.

On the occasion, Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu welcomed the Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu to Himachal Pradesh and said that this collaboration marks a new era of inter-state cooperation in the renewable energy sector. He also invited the Government of Telangana to explore further partnership in power banking or trading. He said, "Our Government is committed to protecting the State's resources while ensuring that hydro power projects benefit the people of the State. We will extend full cooperation to the government of Telangana to establish both the projects and look forward to the commencement of construction earliest. These agreements are win-win situation for both the States." The Chief Minister said that the present State Government would not allow the exploitation of the resources of the State. He said that the State Government was recognizing water resources of the State as its wealth and it was undertaking radical reforms in the power sector to make Himachal Pradesh a self reliant State.

Cabinet approves education restructuring, electric buses, and exam reforms



DIENSH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAR 29

The State Cabinet in its meeting held here today under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu approved the elevation of the Directorate of Elementary Education to the Directorate of School Education for overseeing education from pre-nursery to Class 12. The Directorate of Higher Education will now manage colleges and look into all aspects of higher education. This restructuring is part of the government's ongoing reforms aimed at improving the administration and efficiency of the education system. The Cabinet also decided to amend the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education, Himachal Rules, 2011 to conduct examinations at the end of the fifth and eighth class. If a child fails to meet the promotion criteria, students will be given additional opportunity for re-examination within a period of two months from the date of declaration of results. The Cabinet gave its nod to purchase 297 Type-I Electric buses and 24 air conditioned Super luxury buses in Himachal Road Transport Corporation to facilitate the commuters. The Cabinet also decided to introduce the Himachal Pradesh Scheme of State Award for Teachers in the Technical Education Department. Under this scheme, 10 awards will be conferred across six categories, including three awards for Best Teacher (ITI level), two each for Research Excellence and Innovation Award (Degree level) and Industry Collaboration Award (Polytechnics and ITIs), and one each for Best Teacher (Polytechnics level), Best Teacher (Pharmacy College level), and Best Teacher (Engineering College level).

Training conducted for medical officers and staff of all 14 jails in state

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAR 29



Project Director, State AIDS Control Society, Himachal Pradesh, Rajeev Kumar today here informed that a two-day training programme was conducted from 28th to 29th March, 2025 to strengthen healthcare services in prisons by enhancing the capacity of medical personnel in tackling infectious diseases. He said that the training was organized in collaboration with Hindustan Latex Family Planning Promotion Trust (HLFPPT). It was aimed at equipping medical officers, pharmacists and lab technicians from all 14 prisons in the state with essential knowledge on the screening, treatment and control of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), tuberculosis (TB) and hepatitis. Rajiv Kumar said that timely screening and medical care for all inmates are important for the early detection of infections. With prompt treatment these infections can be effectively managed and cured. He said that achieving the '95:95:95' targets in combating HIV/AIDS, TB and STI infections are possible only through comprehensive and uninterrupted screening and healthcare services within prisons. He said that the '95-95-95' targets were adopted by India and the United Nations with the goal of ending AIDS by 2030. This initiative focuses on ensuring that 95 percent of people living with HIV are aware of their status, 95 percent of those diagnosed receive treatment and 95 percent of those on treatment achieve viral suppression.

Journalism plays crucial role in strengthening system: Kuldeep Singh Pathania

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAR 29



Himachal Pradesh Assembly Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania presided over a program organized by the National Executive Committee of the Indian Media Journalist Association at the historic Gaiety Theatre today. In his address, Pathania emphasized the vital role of journalism in strengthening governance and administrative structures. He stated that a strong and accountable system is essential for the progress of the state and the country. Highlighting the significance of journalism in India's history and development, he remarked that the democratic framework is supported by four pillars—Judiciary, Executive, Legislature, and Media. While the first three pillars review their respective functions, it is the media that scrutinizes all of them. Pathania underscored that journalism serves as a watchdog, ensuring that responsibilities entrusted by the Constitution are duly acknowledged and fulfilled. He noted that constructive criticism is essential for identifying shortcomings in the system, enabling improvements through analysis and evaluation. Addressing the concerns of journalists, the Assembly Speaker acknowledged their lifelong dedication to journalism as a form of public service. He stressed the need for social security, pensions, and medical assistance for journalists and revealed that he has personally discussed the matter with the Chief Minister. He expressed optimism that a positive decision regarding this issue will be made soon. National President of the Indian Media Journalist Association, Bala Bhaskar, praised the historical significance of journalism in societal development. He pointed out that journalists face varying challenges across different states, necessitating solutions at the national level.

Students of HPU meet Dy CM at HP Vidhan Sabha



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: A group of students from the Institute of Legal Studies Himachal Pradesh University met Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri at the HP Vidhan Sabha today. The students were on their visit to observe the Assembly proceedings. While interacting with the students, the Deputy Chief Minister shared his experiences and encouraged the students to work hard and contribute for the development of the Nation. He also wished for their bright future. Assistant Professor HP Institute of Legal Studies Ava-Lodge Campus, Chaura Maidan, Dr. Sanyogita Thakur was also present on the occasion.

HPNLU Shimla hosts second alumni meet to strengthen university ties

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAR 29



The Himachal Pradesh National Law University (HPNLU), Shimla, under the aegis of Prof. (Dr.) Priti Saxena, Vice-Chancellor, HPNLU in collaboration with the Alumni Association of HPNLU, Shimla (AAHS), organized its second Alumni Meet today at the HPNLU Shimla campus. This highly anticipated event brought together alumni from diverse backgrounds and fields of expertise to reconnect, celebrate their shared experiences, and contribute to the continued success of their alma mater. The event marked another milestone in strengthening the bond between the university and its alumni. The event commenced with an introduction by Dr. Aayush Raj, Chairperson of the Alumni Committee, HPNLU, Shimla. Dr. Raj extended a warm welcome to all the alumni and highlighted the importance of such gatherings in maintaining the deep-rooted connection between the university and its graduates. He noted the pivotal role the alumni play in shaping the university's present and future and emphasized the event's role in fostering collaborative partnerships for mutual growth. Prof. (Dr.) Priti Saxena, the Vice-Chancellor of HPNLU in her welcome speech expressed her joy at reconnecting with the alumni and reflected on the university's progress since its inception. She recognized the invaluable contributions of the alumni in enhancing the university's stature and reputation, not only through their professional successes but also through their continued engagement with the institution.

DC issues guidelines to improve living standard of minorities

BALKRISHAN PRASHAR
CHAMBA, MAR 29



Deputy Commissioner Mukesh Repaswal conducted a detailed review about increasing education, economic activities and employment opportunities among people belonging to minority communities to improve their standard of living and maintaining social harmony. While presiding over a meeting of district-level committee under the Prime Minister's New 15-Point Program for the welfare of minority community here on Friday, DC asked the SDMs (Sub-Divisional Magistrates) to organize peace committee meetings at regular intervals with the cooperation of concerned police officials to ensure social harmony in the district. After discussion on filling vacant posts of Urdu teachers in various schools, he also directed to take the services of volunteers under Apna Vidyalaya Scheme. DC gave necessary guidelines to the officers of concerned departments including empowerment of self-help groups, skill development under the Urban and Rural Livelihood Mission to the people belonging to the minority community. DC also sought suggestions from the non-official members of the committee for the social and economic upliftment of the minority communities.

In the meeting, District Program Officer (Child Development) informed that nutrition was being provided regularly to 530 pregnant and lactating women, 2502 children upto the age of 6 years and 911 adolescents aged between 14 to 18 years. On the occasion, detailed review and approval was given to relief cases related to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, RPwD Act, National Trust Act.

CM should clarify his intention on High Court Circuit Bench: Vishav Chakshu

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAR 29



The lawyers have hardened their stance against the state government on the government's refusal to accept the demand of opening a circuit bench of the High Court in Dharamshala. The lawyers say that they have been raising their demand for the last several years, but it is not being accepted. This time Advocate Vishav Chakshu said on Saturday that the government does not want people to get legal justice near their homes. Due to the absence of a circuit bench of the High Court in Dharamshala, people are forced to visit Shimla. He alleged that the Sukhu government of the state is retreating from taking decisions in public interest. The government could not establish a circuit bench of the High Court in Dharamshala. Vishav Chakshu said that if a circuit bench opens in Dharamshala, then the common people including the lawyers will get great relief for justice, and will get relief from running around Shimla. Also, the employees will not have to go to Shimla to get justice, and their time will also be saved. He said that the government should clarify its mental intention on this issue. He said that by establishing a circuit bench of the High Court in Dharamshala, people of Kangra-Chamba, Una, Mandi and Hamirpur and half of Himachal Pradesh will get facilities, but the thinking of the Chief Minister seems that he is not in favour of this. He said that ever since Sukhu's government has been formed in the state, it has not been able to fulfill even a single demand of the people.

DC emphasizes on empowerment of artisans

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, MAR 29



Deputy Commissioner of Una, Jatin Lal, announced that 25 applications under the Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana have been verified and forwarded for approval. He stated that during the recent district-level committee meeting, these applications, verified in the second phase of the scheme, were reviewed and sent for final approval through the scheme's portal.

The Deputy Commissioner urged all traditional artisans in the district to register on the official portal www.pmvishwakarma.gov.in at the earliest to avail themselves of the scheme's benefits. He emphasized that this initiative would not only provide financial support but also integrate artisans with modern technologies, ensuring their livelihood security.

This scheme aims to provide economic and technical assistance to traditional artisans and craftsmen, empowering them with modern tools and training to enhance their skills and financial stability.

Applications under the scheme undergo a structured verification process:

Initial Registration – Artisans must apply on the official portal, submitting their Aadhaar card, bank details, and necessary documents.

Local Verification – Applications are sent to respective village panchayats or urban bodies for physical verification of the artisan's trade.

District-Level Review – Verified applications are presented before the district committee, chaired by the Deputy Commissioner, for approval.

Mata Avahdevi: The sacred shrine where Mandi and Hamirpur once contested for Divine Pindi

RAJNEESH SHARMA



HAMIRPUR: Perched on the border of Himachal Pradesh's Hamirpur and Mandi districts, the Avah Devi Temple is a revered site where the goddess is worshipped in the form of a Pindi. Located about 24 kilometers from Hamirpur town, this temple stands at the highest elevation in the district, offering breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape.

According to legend, a farmer in Sangroh village (Hamirpur) was plowing his field when his plow struck a stone, which began to bleed. Word of this miraculous event spread rapidly, and soon, devotees unearthed the Pindi and were blessed with divine visions of the goddess. However, a dispute arose between the people of Mandi and Hamirpur over where the sacred relic should be enshrined.

The devotees from Mandi attempted to carry the Pindi to their region, but as they rested along the way, they found themselves unable to lift it again. Taking this as a divine sign, both groups agreed to establish the temple at that very spot, thus consecrating the Avah Devi shrine.

Situated at an altitude of 1,237 meters, Avah Devi Temple is the highest point in Hamirpur district.

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Parent-teacher meet held in Patiala Government Schools

RAKESH JINDAL
PATIALA: Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann and guidance of Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains, a Mega Parent-Teacher Meeting was organized across all government schools of Patiala district. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from parents,



who engaged actively with teachers to discuss their children's academic and co-curricular progress. Sanour MLA Harmeet Singh Pathanmajra, Nabha MLA Gurdev Singh Dev Maan, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Preeti Yadav, Mayor Kundan Gogia, Deputy Mayor Jagdeep Jagga, and ADC (General) Isha Singal visited various schools, interacted with parents, students, and teachers, and appreciated their efforts.

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Pb govt's fourth budget welcomed by AAP for holistic development

VERMA
GURDASPUR: The fourth budget presented by the Punjab government under the leadership of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann has been warmly welcomed by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). Senior AAP leader



and contractor Amarjeet Singh, who had contested the 2017 Punjab Assembly elections from the Bhoa constituency, expressed his support, stating that the Punjab government has delivered a visionary and progressive budget that will ensure comprehensive development in the state. He emphasized that the allocated funds for sectors such as health, education, employment, agriculture, industry, and both rural and urban development will truly reflect Punjab's evolving image. Singh particularly welcomed the reservation of Rs. 13,937 crore for the Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) for the development of Scheduled Castes, backward classes, minorities, and all Dalits in the state.

Govt Medical College hosts hands-on Cadaveric workshop

RAWEL BHINDER
PATIALA: Promoting Organ Donation & Advancing Transplant Services in Punjab, Government Medical College (GMC), Patiala, in collaboration with PGIMER Chandigarh – ROTTO North, successfully conducted a Hands-on Cadaveric Workshop: Master class on Abdominal Organ Retrieval. This initiative aims to strengthen organ donation and transplant services in Punjab's government sector. Expert faculty from PGIMER Chandigarh's Department of Renal Transplant Surgery, led by Dr. Ashish Sharma, provided hands-on training to surgeons of govt medical college Patiala as well private institutes Manipal & Park Hospital Patiala and Max Hospital Mohali , on deceased donor organ retrieval, a critical step in organ transplantation.

Major crackdown by Batala police under 'War Against Drugs' campaign





BUREAU
BATALA, MAR 29

In a major crackdown under the Punjab Government's "War Against Drugs" campaign, Batala police today conducted raids in drug-affected areas, including Village Sheikhupura. The operation was led by SSP Suhail Qasim Mir, with teams comprising SPs, DSPs and SHOs carrying out extensive searches and interrogating suspects.

Addressing mediapersons, SSP Mir said the drive was undertaken as per the directives of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann and DGP Gaurav Yadav. He said 110 cases were registered and 175 smugglers arrested in March alone.

SSP Mir further informed that apart from taking action against smugglers, efforts were being made to rehabilitate drug addicts. He said that 15 drug victims had been admitted to de-addiction centres, where they were undergoing treatment. Additionally, they would be provided skill development training to help them become employable.

Issuing a stern warning, SSP Mir urged drug smugglers to abandon the trade and join the mainstream or face strict legal action. He also informed that proceedings have been initiated to attach properties acquired through drug money.

During the operation, SP (D) Gurpreet Singh Sahota, DSP (Narcotics) Harish Behal, DSP Parmveer Singh, along with other senior officers and police personnel, were present.

Rs.20 crore releases under Ashirwad Scheme; 3,922 families to be benefitted: Dr. Baljit Kaur

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, MAR 29



The Punjab Government has released an amount of Rs. 20 crore under the Ashirwad Scheme for the beneficiary families belonging to Scheduled Castes. This was disclosed by Dr. Baljit Kaur, Minister for Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities.

Sharing further information, Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur said that during the current financial year 2024-25, an amount of Rs. 20 crore has been released after processing 3,922 applications received from 12 districts under the Ashirwad Scheme. She added that under this scheme, financial assistance of Rs. 51,000 is provided for the marriage of girls belonging to economically weaker families. The Cabinet Minister elaborated that the amount has been disbursed to beneficiaries from 12 districts, including 1,476 beneficiaries from Amritsar, 56 from Barnala, 111 from Faridkot, 389 from Ferozepur, 84 from Sri Fatehgarh Sahib, 188 from Fazilka, 216 from Kapurthala, 767 from Ludhiana, 96 from Mansa, 152 from Sri Muktsar Sahib, 89 from Rupnagar and 298 from SBS Nagar. Dr. Baljit Kaur further said that to avail benefits under the Ashirwad Scheme, the applicant must be a permanent resident of Punjab, belong to Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes or other Economically Weaker Sections, and the annual income of the family should not exceed Rs. 32,790. She added that financial assistance can be availed for the marriage of up to two daughters in one family. She emphasized that the financial assistance is transferred directly into the bank accounts of the beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to ensure complete transparency and timely disbursal.

Indian man returns home after two years of false theft charges in Saudi, thanks to Sant Seechewal's efforts

ARVIND PATHAK,
SULTANPUR LODHI, MAR 29



No one could have imagined that asking for leave could lead to such a severe ordeal. Naresh Kumar, who worked as a security guard in Saudi Arabia, had to face false theft charges and suffer nearly one and a half years of mental agony in police stations and jails when he requested leave to visit his family after four years. Thanks to the efforts of Rajya Sabha Member Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal, Naresh Kumar, a resident of Mithra village in Jalandhar district, was able to return home. At Nirmal Kutia in Sultanpur Lodhi, he shared his painful ordeal along with his wife. Naresh Kumar explained that he had moved to Saudi Arabia in 2014 and had returned to India three times before. However, in 2019, when he went back to Saudi Arabia and after some year he asked for leave after four years, the company accused him of theft and locked him in a closed room. He was only given food twice a day and kept in a very confined space. At that time, he felt like he would not survive. His family was completely unaware of his situation. His wife contacted the office of Rajya Sabha MP Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal, who then reached out to the Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia. Due to their intervention, Naresh Kumar, who had been locked in a room for two months, was finally released. Naresh Kumar revealed that although the embassy's involvement helped him rlease from the company, the company later framed him in a false case and handed him over to the police, where he was jailed for seven months. When the court found him innocent, he was acquitted, but he was still not allowed to leave.

Akali Dal Revival: Five-member committee to hold recruitment event in Samana on Mar 31



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA: A five-member committee formed by Sri Akal Takht Sahib Sri Amritsar Sahib to recruit for the revival of Shiromani Akali Dal is reaching Samrat Palace Samana on Monday, March 31, in which a large number of Akali workers from Nabha constituency will participate. These views were expressed by Jathedar Satwinder Singh Tohra while talking to the media after a meeting of party workers in Nabha. Jathedar Tohra said that the complete revival of Shiromani Akali Dal can be done only in a proper manner if we recruit as many as possible under the leadership of the five-member committee formed by Sri Akal Takht Sahib. He appealed to all the party workers that let us all come together and make our due contribution in the new recruitment in the presence of Sri Akal Takht Sahib on March 31 so that the leadership of Shiromani Akali Dal can be brought into the hands of the accepted leaders of the Panth and we can uphold the traditions of Sri Akal Takht Sahib.

Crop diversification call of day: DC



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR: Visiting Citrus Estate and Farm Produce Promotion Society, Bhunga here on Friday, Deputy Commissioner Aashika Jain emphasised that crop diversification is need of the hour and farmers should adopt it instead of following traditional crops cycle. Reviewing the grading and waxing unit of kinnows at the citrus estate, Deputy Commissioner also took stock of agricultural machinery being rented to farmers, supply of organic fertilizers specially prepared for farmers and store pesticides. She said that farmers should take maximum support and benefit from the experts of the citrus estate to cultivate vegetables and fruits as per modern techniques. She said that farmers could get great help in proper marketing of their produce in addition time to time required information.

Elections conclude for Satluj Press Club, Rupnagar



DAVINDER SHARMA
RUPNAGAR: The elections for Satluj Press Club, Rupnagar (Regd.) were successfully conducted at Ladi Dhaba, Rupnagar, in the presence of all office-bearers and members. In a unanimous decision, Avatar Singh Kamboj was elected as the president. The other office-bearers were also chosen unanimously, with Manjit Singh Ladi Khabra as Senior Vice President, Gurmeet Singh Tony as Vice President, Shamsher Singh Bagga as General Secretary, Rakesh Kumar as Joint Secretary, Dhruv Narang as Treasurer, and Jaswinder Singh Kore as Press Secretary. Former president Sarabjit Singh was appointed as the club's Patron, while Vijay Kapoor was named Chief Advisor. In his address, President Avatar Singh Kamboj expressed gratitude for the trust placed in him and pledged to work diligently for the welfare of journalists and society at large. He assured that the press club would not only highlight public issues to the government but also actively disseminate information about government welfare schemes at the grassroots level.

Desh Bhagat University takes center stage at mega job fair, empowering future leaders

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAR 29



Desh Bhagat University placement cell recently organized Mega Job Fair in Ludhiana was a resounding success, drawing enthusiastic participation from students and recruiters alike. The event, designed to bridge the gap between academia and industry, attracted a total of 907 students, with 792 attending in person, 117 joining virtually, and an impressive 1,477 students registering online. Representing a wide array of industries, 48 companies participated in the fair, presenting diverse job opportunities across various sectors. The highlight of the event was the competitive salary package on offer, with the highest being an attractive Rs.6 LPA. The job fair was graced by distinguished guests who added to the prestige of the event. The Chief Guests were Dr. Rupinder Kaur (Director, Employment) and Mr. Deepak Bhalla (Chief Executive Officer, Employment) while Special Guests included Ms. Jaswinder Kaur (Employment Head), Mr. Ghanshyam (Placement Officer), Ms. Divya Khurana and Ms. Pooja Kathuria (Placement Heads, Desh Bhagat University). In a memorable moment Dr. Zora Singh Chancellor and Dr Tajinder Kaur Pro-Chancellor of Desh Bhagat University congratulated the selected students, further motivating them on their career journeys.

Punjab govt has brought revolutionary changes in education: MLA Sherry Kalsi

VERMA
GURDASPUR, MAR 29



Bhagwant Singh Mann, Chief Minister Punjab's far-sighted thinking is today visible in the field of education in the state. Revolutionary changes have taken place, due to which the standard of education in the government schools of Punjab has improved. These views were expressed by MLA Batala and working president of AAP Party Punjab, Aman Sher Singh Sherry Kalsi in the parent teacher meeting held at Government Primary and Middle School, Gokhuwal. Mrs. Rajbir Kaur Kalsi was also present on this occasion. MLA Sherry Kalsi said that 'Parent Teacher Meet' is such an initiative of the government which will help the students. There is all-round development. He said that by having parent-teacher meetings in schools, parents will be informed about every activity of their children. By gaining complete information, we can play an important role in the intellectual development of our children.

MLA Sherry Kalsi said that previous governments have always neglected the fields of education and health. Whereas the Aam Aadmi Party government has taken historic decisions in the fields of education and health. MLA Sherry Kalsi said that there was a time when parents sent their children to government schools instead of they used to give priority to admission in private schools, but ever since the Aam Aadmi Party came to power in the state. Since the government was formed, due to the efforts taken to uplift the education sector, today many private students of the schools are taking admission in the government schools.

BSP leader slams Pb govt over economic crisis, unemployment, and law & order

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, MAR 29



Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) State President and former Rajya Sabha Member Dr. Avatar Singh Karim Puri has leveled serious allegations against the current Punjab government, stating that the state's economic condition, rising unemployment among youth, drug menace, farmers' struggles, and deteriorating law and order situation have pushed Punjab into a critical phase. He claimed that the government has failed to meet public expectations and has become a regime of mere hollow promises. During an exclusive conversation with senior journalist Daljeet Ajnoha, Dr. Karim Puri expressed concerns over Punjab's financial situation. He stated that the state government is not addressing the increasing debt burden and its impact on future generations. "The common man in Punjab is in distress. Every time new promises are made, but on the ground, there is no real change," he remarked. He further pointed out that government jobs for youth are shrinking, and even the private sector in Punjab is struggling. "Unemployment has pushed young people into the grip of drugs. There are no jobs, no motivation, and no new opportunities. This situation is dangerous for Punjab's future," he warned.

Speaking about the farmers' situation, Karim Puri highlighted that farmers are still fighting for their rights, but the government's policies remain the same.

MP Meet Hayer's vision drives crore-worth development in constituency: Harinder Dhaliwal

KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA, MAR 29



Under the series of development works being carried out in the state by the government led by Chief Minister Punjab S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, development works worth crores are underway in Barnala under the leadership of Lok Sabha member S. Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer. Under this series, today 'AAP' leader Harinder Singh Dhaliwal laid the foundation stone of development works worth crores in Anaj Mandi Barnala on behalf of Lok Sabha member S. Meet Hayer. On this occasion, Harinder Dhaliwal said that the foundation stone of the construction of a bridge has been laid today, the cost of which is Rs 69,471.50. Apart from this, the cost of repair of cover sheds is Rs 92,38,818 and patch work in the main market is to be done with Rs 28,03,000. He said that today the foundation stone of works worth about Rs 1.89 crore has been laid, with which these works of the grain market will be done so that the farmers who bring their crops to the grain market do not face any problem. He said that in addition to this, in view of the problems faced by the city residents, a project to eliminate garbage dumps has been started recently by Honorable MP Meet Hair Ji at a cost of Rs 1.14 crore and this vacated space can also be used for the convenience of the farmers coming to the grain market.

SGPC seeks suggestions from Panth on forming rules for appointment and retirement of Jathedar of Sri Akal Takht Sahib

CHARNJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR: The President of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), Advocate Harjinder Singh Dhami, has appealed to all Sikh organizations, including Damdami Taksal, Nihang Singh jathebandis, global Sikh institutions, Singh Sabhas, diwans, societies, scholars and intellectuals residing in India and abroad, to send their suggestions regarding the qualifications, appointment, jurisdiction, responsibilities, and retirement rules of the Jathedar of Sri Akal Takht Sahib.

He stated that the Sikh community has long demanded that service rules be established for the position of the Jathedar of Sri Akal Takht Sahib, considering the respect and significance of this role. In light of this, a resolution for its approval in principle was passed during the SGPC's budget related General House meeting held on Friday. According to the sentiment of this resolution, the opinions of all Sikh organizations, institutions and intellectuals are crucial regarding the appointment, tenure, and retirement of the Jathedar. Therefore, suggestions should be sent to the SGPC by April 20, 2025, so that a collective consensus of the community can be formed for the formulation of service rules.

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ADGP Anita Punj leads CASO Operations in Ludhiana Rural

JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR):- District Ludhiana Rural Police, led by ADGP Anita Punj and guided by SSP Dr. Ankur Gupta has been carrying out campaign "Yudh Nasheyan Virudh" in the area with great vigour. Heavy police force under the supervision of SP Parminder Singh, DSP Jasjyot Singh and DSP (D) Guriqbal Singh carried out a vast check at drug hotspot village Kul Gehna. Police teams including inspector Hira Singh, ASI Daljeet Singh and the entire force carried out the CASO operation. Giving detailed information about this, ADGP Anita Punj and SSP Dr. Ankur Gupta said that police team carried out investigation from nearly 100 suspects and conducted raids at the houses of smugglers as well besides examining suspicious vehicles and places. They also mentioned that the aim of campaign is to uproot the nexus of drugs prevalent in the area, to create awareness about drug abuse in the area, and to take strict actions against those involved in the illicit business.



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Workshop organized on symptoms and treatment of TB in children.

ABHISHEK NANDA

FEROZEPUR : Health Department Ferozepur, under the guidance of Dr. Rajwinder Kaur Civil Surgeon Ferozepur and under the leadership of District TB Officer Dr. Satinder Oberoi, organized a workshop on TB in children. This workshop was organized in collaboration with World Health Partners. Officers of Education Department, Women and Child Development Department and Health Department participated in the workshop. The workshop was conducted by District Project Coordinator of World Health Partners, Dr. Abhishek Sharma.

In this workshop, Dr. Isha Narula, a specialist in pediatric diseases, gave detailed information about TB in children. She said that the objective of this workshop is to increase the knowledge of symptoms, treatment and management of pediatric TB. She said that if children aged zero to fourteen years show symptoms of TB such as cough and fever for more than two weeks, weight loss, blood in sputum, loss of appetite and night sweats, then they should be examined by a pediatrician or TB clinic. Dr. Satinder Oberoi said that it is difficult to identify TB in young children because a young child cannot tell about the symptoms and it is also difficult to take his sample.

Barinder Kumar Goyal lays foundation stone for Nabipur drain lining project

VERMA

GURDASPUR: Punjab Water Resources Minister Mr. Barinder Kumar Goyal, on Saturday, while giving the gift to the folks of the Gurdaspur, laid the foundation stone of Rs.7.18 crore lining project of the Nabipur Drain that passes through Gurdaspur city. The Cabinet Minister was accompanied by Punjab Health Systems Corporation Chairman Mr. Raman Behl, Aam Aadmi Party State Working President and Batala MLA Mr. Amansher Singh Sherry Kalsi, Dera Baba Nanak MLA S. Gurdeep Singh Randhawa and AAP District Urban President Mr. Shamsher Singh Dinanagar.



Speaking to reporters after laying the foundation stone, Mr. Barinder Kumar Goyal informed that the 3.50 kilometer section of this drain, which was constructed in 1960, falls within Gurdaspur city. Being an earthen drain, it has not only caused flooding for city residents during rainy seasons but has also contaminated the groundwater in surrounding areas. He said, the Rs.7.18 crore would be incurred to lining the portion of the Nabipur Drain that runs through Gurdaspur city and this will include the construction of three-foot pathways on both sides, adding that crash barriers will be installed along the drain's edges and beautification work will also be undertaken. Once the work of lining completed, the drain will prevent overflow issues and stop contamination of groundwater. The project would be completed by April, he added. Cabinet Minister announced that at the request of Chairman Raman Behl, the drain lining project would be extended by four kilometers up to village Khokhar. He also stated, the Water Resources Department will initiate a project to clean and reline the Kiran/Shakki drain, directing department officials to prepare a report regarding the relining project for the Shakki drain.

Later, addressing a massive rally in Gurdaspur, Sh. Barinder Kumar Goyal said that Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann led government is committed to the comprehensive development of the state. Whether it's free electricity, healthcare or education revolution, the Mann government has fulfilled its guarantees and the state government has made significant improvements to the canal system, bringing water to tail-end areas after decades. He added that the Mann government has allocated special funds in this budget for cleaning village ponds. The Mann government is fully meeting the expectations of the people and state residents are satisfied with the government's performance, he added.

Punjab Health Systems Corporation Chairman Mr. Raman Behl, while expressing gratitude towards Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann and Cabinet Minister Sh. Barinder Kumar Goyal, said that by lining the Nabipur Drain, the Mann government has fulfilled a decades-old demand of Gurdaspur residents. Due to the earthen condition of the drain, residents of surrounding colonies were living in hellish conditions but have now received relief.

Punjab & California collaborate to strengthen agricultural soil, water conservation initiatives



SHASHIPAL JAIN

CHANDIGARH; "Punjab government will provide all necessary assistance to support the ongoing and future research endeavours of international experts working on soil and water conservation," asserted Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister S. Gurmeet Singh Khudian during a high-level meeting hosted by the Punjab State Food Commission.

Addressing the meeting as Chief Guest, S. Khudian said that Punjab, as predominantly an agrarian state, is eager to foster collaborations that advance agricultural sciences and practices, particularly those aimed at improving soil and water conservation in the region.

This crucial meeting, presided over by Chairman Mr. Bal Mukand Sharma, welcomed a distinguished delegation from California State University for Agriculture Science and Technology including Professor Ms. Sharon Elizabeth and Associate Professor Mr. Gureetpal Singh Brar along with their students.

The delegation's visit forms part of a collaborative effort to further agricultural research in areas vital to Punjab's agricultural sustainability and global agricultural development.

Discussions centered on innovative methods and technological advancements in soil and water conservation - increasingly critical issues in today's changing agricultural landscape.

CM Mann led Punjab Govt giving wings to dreams of students: Harjot Singh Bains

SHASHI PAL JAIN

MOHALI: Punjab Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains while reviewing the last Mega PTM (Parent Teacher Meet) of this academic session at School of Eminence, Phase 11, Mohali today, said that the Punjab Government led by Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann is committed to give wings to the dreams of the students studying in the government schools to achieve their goals. The minister Sai that their government is ensuring better facilities in government schools without any hefty fees like private schools.



While interacting with the students, their parents and teachers during the Mega PTM, he interacted with the students and parents as well. He said that there was a time when parent-teacher meetings were organised only in private schools, but now the Aam Aadmi Party led Punjab Government has started organising it as a festival in the Government Schools of the state.

Annual function held at Government Primary School Amala Singh Wala School



BALWINER AZAD

BARNALA DEHATI: Under the directions of District Education Officer Indu Simak and Deputy District Education Officer Neerja, annual functions were organized in various primary schools of the district, under which the function was organized at Government Primary School Amala Singh Wala under the leadership of Headmaster Narinder Kumar. The Headmaster said that while parents participated 100 percent in the function, the entire Nagar Panchayat, Patwant Sajjan and villagers also participated. Sarpanch Raunak Singh and Chairman Resham Singh attended the function as the chief guests. On this occasion, Panch Jagpal Singh distributed ties and belts to the school students, Chairman Resham Singh distributed I-cards to the children and Panch Buta Singh distributed diaries to the children.

PEDA partners with HPCL for setting up CBG project to boost buddha nullah cleanup



SUMER GARG

CHANDIGARH: In an environment friendly step to give further impetus to Buddha Nullah cleaning drive, Punjab Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with HPCL Renewable & Green Energy Limited (HPRGE), a wholly owned company of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited for setting up a Compressed Biogas (CBG) project in Ludhiana. The MoU was signed by CEO Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA) Ms. Neelima and CEO (HPRGE) Mr. Mohit Dhawan in the presence of Mr. Aman Arora, Minister of New and Renewable Energy Sources, Punjab. While highlighting the significance of this collaboration, Mr. Aman Arora informed that the project will focus on the sustainable management of surplus cattle dung from the Haibowal Dairy Complex in Ludhiana.

Parents Orientation Program Held at Mount Litera Zee School Rampura



RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA): Mount Litera Zee School Rampura, affiliated to CBSE Board Delhi, organized a grand orientation program for the new batch of parents of Nursery and Junior KG children on March 28 and 29, 2025. The main objective of this program was to familiarize the new parents with the school curriculum, teaching methods, evaluation system, co-curricular activities and various other programs of the school. The parents were apprised of the major milestones achieved by the school in the academic year 2024-25. Parents were given important information regarding the start of the new session, availability of books, uniform, transport and other facilities, deadline for submission of admission documents, mode of payment of fees, mode of communication with the school and other related details. In which the teachers gave a brief information about the curriculum and assessment pattern of the school. Progress report card formats were also presented to the parents. School President Gagan Bansal, General Secretary Namita Bansal and Principal Geeta Pillay informed the parents about the network of Mount Litera Ji School and the vision, mission and core values of the school. They stressed on the importance of effective communication between parents and teachers and active collaboration between the school and parents.

S.D. sabha holds meeting to make preparations for celebrating "Ram Navmi" in the city

NARESH GOYAL

MANSA: With a view to celebrate the pious festival "ram navmi" in the city, members and office bearers of Sanatan Dharma Sabha Mansa held a meeting in the Laxmi Narain Mandir under the presidentship of Sameer Chhabra. In the meeting, it was decided that from first navratra on Sunday 30th March "akhand Jyoti" of mata durga will be lighted and with this heralding of new vikrama samvat will be done. On Saturday, a day before the festival of "ram navmi" path of ramayana" would begin in Laxmi Narain Mandir and its bhog ceremony would be held the next day. On the day of "ram navmi" a shobha yatra would be taken out in the city which would begin from bus stand from statue of Sewa Singh Thikriwala in the morning and pass through the main bazars of the the city. The shobha yatra would culminate in Laxmi Narain Mandir during noon. At night, a kirtan would be organised in the corridor of mandir in which all bhajan mandals of the city would recite bhajans of goddess Durga. During the festival "ram navmi" the shops and other business establishments of the city would be decorated with flags, said.



Mega parent-teacher meet held at School of Eminence

KULWINDER KARWAL

SARDULGARH: A parent-teacher meeting was held today at the Senior Secondary School Boys (School of Eminence) in Sardulgarh. Veena Rani, President of Nagar Panchayat Sardulgarh, and eminent social worker Darshan Garg were the chief guests in this program.

During this ceremony, the students of the school entertained the guests and parents who arrived with a colorful program. School principal, Mrs Prabhjit Kaur, gave information about the results of the school students and their achievements in various fields, and honored the students who performed well.

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SUB: NOTICE FOR PAYMENT OF OVERDUE LOCKER RENT

Sr No.	Name of Locker Holder	Address	Overdue Locker Rent	Detail of Notices sent	Overdue Since
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
1	Gurmail Kaur W/o Late Dalbara Singh	Y Gali Number 1 Dhandari Kalan, Ludhiana	Rs. 23,100/-	21-03-2020 31-05-2023 12-07-2024 25-02-2025	14-11-2019
2	Tarlochan Kaur	B-XV/19 Hari Singh Street G.T Road Miller Ganj Ludhiana	Rs.35,000/-	19-11-2019 03-04-2020 19-12-2024 25-02-2025	14-11-2019
3	Balvinder Kaur D/o Kulwant Singh	House Number 38-D Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana	Rs.28,500/-	13-02-2020 31-05-2023 17-12-2024 25-02-2025	26-07-2022

"The above mentioned locker holder is maintaining Locker with Bank of India, Ludhiana Industrial Area Branch. We have sent various communications in regard to payment of overdue locker rent on the dates mentioned in column 5 of the above table. However, same has not been paid despite various reminders. The locker holder is once again advised to deposit the overdue rent mentioned in column No.4 of the above table within 7 day of publication of this notifications. In the event of non-payment the Bank will drill open the locker at their (locker-holders) cost, expenses and charge entirely at their risk and responsibility after 7 days from the date of this publication notice".

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APPENDIX IV [Rule – 8(1)]

POSSESSION NOTICE

(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Bandhan Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) (hereinafter the "said Act") and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, (hereinafter the "said Rules") issued a demand notice on **December 3, 2024** bearing reference no. **BBL/SAMRV/24-25/142** under Section 13(2) of the said Act and also published in newspapers on **January 8, 2025** calling upon the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor **M/s. Shiva Traders (Borrower),** Address: 1136, Ward No. 24 Hari Nagar, Near Sec 6 Fatak Panipat, Haryana, 132103, **Mr. Ravi Kumar (Proprietor/Guarantor/Mortgagor)** Address: S/o Rohtas Kumar, H. No. 1136 Ward 24 Hari Nagar Sharma Nagar Panipat Haryana, Pin-132103, **Mrs. Deepika (Guarantor)** Address: W/o Mr. Ravi Kumar, H No. 1136 Ward 24 Hari Nagar, Sharma Nagar Panipat, Haryana Pin-132103 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being is **₹55,91,884.30 (Rupees fifty five lakh ninety one thousand eight hundred eighty four and thirty paisa only) due as on August 28, 2024** payable with further applicable interest, penal interest, charges, etc. on and from **August 29, 2024** thereafter as per the agreed terms within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **constructive possession** of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on this **25th day of March of the year 2025.**

The Borrowers/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bandhan Bank Limited for an amount of **₹55,91,884.30 (Rupees fifty five lakh ninety one thousand eight hundred eighty four and thirty paisa only) due as on August 28, 2024** and interest thereon.

The Borrowers/Guarantor/Mortgagor attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the said Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Immovable Property

Factory measuring 165 sq. yards or 3 Biswa 6 Biswansi being 11/170 share out of land measuring 2 Bigha 11 Biswa, comprising in Khewat No. 1416, Khatoni No. 1762, Khasra No. 499(0-15), 501(0-15), 502(1-1) in 3 Kittas, situated in Patti Inar, Panipat, abadi known as Sidharth Nagar, within the limit of M.C. Tehsil and Dist. Panipat, Haryana. Boundaries: As per title Deed/Survey Map/Location Sketch:

North: 45' House of Harish etc., East: 31'–3" Gali, South: 45' House other owner, West: 44'-4": Vacant plot other owner.

together with (i) all present and future, buildings, structures of every description which are standing, erected or attached to the aforesaid premises or any part thereof and all rights to use common areas and facilities and incidental thereto, together with all present and future liberties, privileges, easements and appurtenances whatsoever to the said premises or any part thereof or usually held, occupied or enjoyed therewith or expected to belong or be appurtenant thereto; and (ii) all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth, and such movable parts as they may comprise of.

Sd/-

Date: March 25, 2025 **Authorised Officer**

Place: Panipat, Haryana **Bandhan Bank Limited**

AU SMALL FINANCE BANK (A SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANK)

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APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) under the "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice on the date as mentioned below calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice as per the details given in below table:

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor/Guarantor / Loan A/c No.	13(2) Notice Date & Amount	Description of Mortgaged Property	Date of Possession Taken
(A/c No.) L9001060720302111 **Smt.Gurmeet Kaur (Borrower),** Harbhagwan Singh (Co-Borrower)	20-Nov-24 Rs. 902296/- Rs. Nine Lac Two Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Six Only 12-Nov-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Kh No 99 20 2 7 07 21 8 00 100 25 8 00, Khatta No 122 201 And 202 166 274 And 275 Pocket 101 5 8 08 6 3 12 102 1 8 00 10 8 00 100 16 2 3 02, Sale Deed No 4294, Vill- Malakpur, Dist-Mansa, Punjab **Admeasuring 6.66 Marla**	25-Mar-25
(A/c No.) L9001060129815354 **Mohan Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Manjit Kaur (Co-Borrower), Ginder Singh (Co-Borrower)	21-Sep-24 Rs. 611842/- Rs. Six Lac Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Two Only 20-Sep-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Comprised in Khasra No.191/3(10-5), Khewat No 428, Khatauni No 629,Situated at Village Nihal Singh Wala,Teh-Nihal Singh Wala, Dist- Moga, Punjab Vide Sale Deed No 715 dated 15-06-1989 **Admeasuring 11 Marla 0 Sarsahi,** East: Gali, West: Major Singh, North: Chana Singh, South: Major Singh	27-Mar-25
(A/c No.) L9001060122424053 **Savinder Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Charanjit Kaur (Co-Borrower)	14-Nov-24 Rs. 170058/- Rs. One Lac Seventy Thousand Fifty-Eight Only 12-Nov-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Khewat No 530 Khatauni No 953 Rect No 123 Killa No 19/2 6-10, Village Udekaran, Th & Dist- Muktsar, Punjab **Admeasuring 107.66 Sq Yds**	26-Mar-25
(A/c No.) L9001060125512994 **Sunil Kumar (Borrower),** Smt.Nisha Khanna (Co-Borrower)	10-Dec-24 Rs. 342165/- Rs. Three Lac Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Five Only 07-Dec-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Khasra No 4349/1 0-5 And 4349/2 0-1 Khewat No 1077 And 1061 Khatauni No 1553 And 1537,Tehsil Muktsar Sahib,Chaudhry Matu Ram Street,Ward No 26 Near Sham Mandir Near Tibbi Sahib Road,Dist-Muktsar,Punjab **Admeasuring 181 Square Yard**	26-Mar-25
(A/c No.) L9001060127133483 **Amandeep Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Amarjit Kaur (Co-Borrower)	10-Dec-24 Rs. 1005856/- Rs. Ten Lac Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Six Only 07-Dec-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Khasra No.66/5/2/2/1/2 5/2/1/1/2 Khewat No.117 Khatauni No.221,Plot Of Amandeep,Village Mandiran, Dist-Moga, Punjab **Admeasuring 154.61 Square Yard**	27-Mar-25
(A/c No.) L9001060140135541 **Samarjit Singh (Borrower),** Madan Lal (Co-Borrower)	13-Dec-24 Rs. 1577541/- Rs. Fifteen Lac Seventy-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Forty-One Only 11-Dec-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At - Mc-J No 5561, Tehsil - Jagraon, District - Ludhiana, Punjab **Admeasuring 200 Sq Yds**	26-Mar-25
(A/c No.) L9001060128978750 **Gurpal Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Sukhjinder Kaur (Co-Borrower)	13-Dec-24 Rs. 1451275/- Rs. Fourteen Lac Fifty-One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Five Only 11-Dec-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At - Khasra No 253 15-13 Khewat No 423 Khatauni No 665, Gram Panchayat Rania-1, Village - Nihal Singhwala, District - Moga, Punjab **Admeasuring 378.12 Sq Yds**	27-Mar-25
(A/c No.) L9001060120292921 **Bakhshish Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Surinder Kaur (Co-Borrower), Jaskaran Singh (Co-Borrower)	13-Dec-24 Rs. 554829/- Rs. Five Lac Fifty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Nine Only 11-Dec-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Sisueted At-Kh No 126/4/8/0,Plot Of Surinderpal,Khatoni No 581,Khewat No 392,Nihal Singh Wala,Dist-Moga, Punjab **Admeasuring 1757.8 Square Feet**	27-Mar-25
(A/c No.) L9001060130298759 **Resham Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Balwinder Kaur (Co-Borrower)	16-Dec-24 Rs. 424779/- Rs. Four Lac Twenty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Nine Only 11-Dec-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At-Khasra No 450 5-16 Khewat No 708 Now Khewat No 729, Khatauni No 1136 And 1058, Village Baghaurana Ii, Dist- Moga, Punjab **Admeasuring 1421 Sq.Ft**	27-Mar-25
(A/c No.) L9001060130312434 **Mahavir Parshad (Borrower),** Smt.Madhu Devi (Co-Borrower)	16-Jan-25 Rs. 734763/- Rs. Seven Lac Thirty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Three Only 10-Jan-25	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- M C J No 279 And Property No B-Vi-1232,Plot Of Madhu,Mohalla Inderpuri Link Road, Jagraon, Dist-Ludhiana, Punjab **Admeasuring 92.5 Square Yard**	26-Mar-25
(A/c No.) L9001070126716760 **Siya Ram (Borrower),** Smt.Renu Devi (Co -Borrower)	15-Jul-24 Rs. 779381/- Rs. Seven Lac Seventy-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-One Only 11-Jul-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- 4 maral 4/135 of total land 6 kanal 15 marla Khasra 2420(6-15) reg. no. 2021-22/53/1/3746 Dt. 1/2/2022 Muktsar, Punjab **Admeasuring 4 marla**	27-Mar-25
(A/c No.) L9001070136504642 **Somnath (Borrower),** Smt.Neetu Bala (Co-Borrower)	12-Sep-24 Rs. 1045300/- Rs. Ten Lac Forty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Only 10-Sep-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- 3.30 Marla Reg. no. 2023-24/54/1/3507 Dt. 21-9-2023 teshil Abohar, Dist-Fazilka, Punjab. **Admeasuring 3.30 Marla**	28-Mar-25

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, therefore notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein above mentioned table in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said (Act-2002) read with Rule 8 of the said rule on the date mentioned in the above table. "The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act **read with rule 8 (6), in respect of time available, i.e., 30 days from this intimation,** to redeem the secured assets." The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) for the amount and interest thereon mentioned in the above table.

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Place: PUNJAB **Date: 29 MARCH 2025** **Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited**

Excited to work with my younger brother after 25 years: Sanjay Dutt on new film with Salman Khan





MUMBAI: Bollywood star Sanjay Dutt on Saturday said he is excited to reunite with his actor-friend Salman Khan for an upcoming action film.

"We (Salman and I) are working together. Earlier, we did 'Saajan' and 'Chal Mere Bhai', now see our Tashan. It's an action, and I'm very excited that I'll be working with my younger brother after 25 years," Dutt told reporters at the trailer launch press conference of his upcoming film, "The Bhootnii".

April Fool's Day special: Celebs recall their most epic prank moments!



CHANDIGARH: April Fool's Day, celebrated annually on April 1st, is a day dedicated to laughter, harmless mischief, and playful tricks. Though its exact origins remain a mystery, the tradition of fooling others in good spirits has been embraced across cultures for centuries. Whether it's small practical jokes or elaborate pranks, this day reminds us to take life lightly and cherish moments of joy with loved ones. Keeping up with this tradition, some of Zee TV's most beloved actors – Aishwarya Khare from Bhagya Lakshmi, Aarya Babbar from Jagriti – Ek Nayi Subah, Akshay Dev Bindra from Kumkum Bhagya, Bharat Ahlawwat from Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile, Priya Thakur from Vasudha, and Akanksha Chamola from Kaise Mujhe Tum Mil Gaye – share their funniest April Fool's Day experiences, recounting the moments they played tricks and the times they got hilariously fooled themselves!

Aishwarya Khare, who essays the role of Lakshmi in Zee TV's Bhagya Lakshmi said, "April Fool's Day is that one day when you can't trust anyone, not even your closest friends! I have always loved playing pranks, but I have also fallen for some truly epic ones. Once, while we were on the set of Bhagya Lakshmi, Rohit sneakily swapped my morning coffee with an ultra-salty version, and I took a big sip right before a serious scene! I tried my best to keep a straight face, but the struggle was real. Another time, someone replaced my phone's ringtone with a bizarre animal sound, and right in the middle of an intense scene, my phone rang with the loudest donkey bray ever. Everyone burst out laughing, and I had to quickly compose myself! The best part about April Fool's Day is that it's all in good fun, and these moments of laughter strengthen our bond as a team. So, this April 1st, have fun, play some harmless pranks, and don't forget to laugh your heart out!"

Aarya Babbar, who essays the role of Kalikant in Zee TV's Jagriti-Ek Nayi Subah said, "Pranking is second nature to me! Honestly, April Fool's Day is just an excuse—I do this all year round! On the sets of Jagriti – Ek Nayi Subah, my co-stars are always on edge because they never know what's coming. I once changed the alarm sound on my co-star's phone to my own voice screaming, 'Wake up, you're late!' and the poor guy jolted up in pure panic! At home, my wife has pretty much resigned herself to my mischief. I've added extra salt to her food so many times that now she insists I take the first bite instead.I may play the ruthless Kalikant on-screen, but off-camera, I live for fun and laughter. Wishing everyone a day full of harmless tricks and endless smiles this April Fool's Day!"

Akshay Dev Bindra, who essays the role of Raunak in Zee TV's Kumkum Bhagya said, "I have been a prankster since childhood! Back in school, I was the kid who stuck 'Kick Me' signs on my friends' backs or replaced whiteboard markers with invisible ink. Even now, I can't resist a good prank. Recently, on set, I turned off the lights when one of my co-stars was in their make-up room, and played horror music. I must say the shriek that followed





was legendary! Another time, I used an app to make my director believe his phone screen had shattered—he almost had a meltdown before I confessed. The best pranks are the ones that make people laugh and lighten the mood. Life is too short to be serious all the time, so here's to keeping the spirit of mischief alive this April Fool's Day!"

Bharat Ahlawwat, who essays the role of Raghav in Zee TV's Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile said, "Every day on our set feels like April Fool's Day because we're always pranking each other! I enjoy being the prankster, but I've been pranked pretty badly too. Once, Ayushi switched my phone's language to something I couldn't read, and I spent half an hour struggling to change it back. My most legendary prank was swapping my co-star Sehaj's script with a completely fake one. She started rehearsing a bizarre monologue, only to realize much later that I had tricked her! These playful moments on our set of Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile make work so much more fun and memorable. So, this April 1st, embrace the surprises, enjoy the laughter, and always stay on guard!"

Priya Thakur, who essays the



role of Vasudha in Zee TV's Vasudha said, "April Fool's Day is a tradition I take very seriously—or should I say mischievously! Since childhood, my friends and I have come up with clever but light-hearted pranks, from replacing sugar with salt to setting up elaborate surprises. Even now, on the sets of Vasudha, Ishankk and I are always plotting ways to prank our co-stars. One time, we convinced our director that the camera equipment was malfunctioning, and he almost called for backup before we burst into laughter. This year, we have something really unexpected planned, and I can't wait to see everyone's reactions. The best pranks are the ones that bring joy, and that's what April Fool's Day is all about!"

Akanksha Chamola, who essays the role of Manvi in Zee TV's Kaise Mujhe Tum Mil Gaye said,"April Fool's Day makes me extra suspicious of everyone around me. Since childhood, the kids in my neighbourhood would gang up to prank the adults, and now, I find myself constantly on high alert on April 1st. However, I have learned that the best pranks happen when people least expect them. That's why I like to strike before or after April Fool's Day. This year, I have planned a prank on my husband involving some shocking fake news—let's see how he reacts! It's all in good fun, and at the end of the day, it's about sharing laughter. Wishing everyone an amazing and mischievous April Fool's Day!"

JioHotstar Crosses 100 Million Subscribers – Shaping The Future Of Entertainment In India

CHANDIGARH : In a groundbreaking achievement that cements its position as India's most loved streaming platform, JioHotstar has surpassed 100 million subscribers. This historic feat is a resounding testament to JioHotstar's unwavering commitment to understanding and serving India's diverse audience. Revolutionizing streaming in India, turning it from a premium service for a select few into an integral part of daily life for millions. JioHotstar has set new benchmarks in how content is enjoyed widely with unique free-viewing sampling proposition, thoughtful subscription pricing strategy, and deep partnerships with leading telecom providers making access ubiquitous.
Commenting on the milestone, Kiran Mani, CEO – Digital, JioStar, said, "We have always believed that world-class entertainment should be accessible to all, and crossing 100 million subscribers is a testament to that vision. This milestone not only underscores India's limitless potential but also strengthens our commitment to pioneering category-first experiences at an unprecedented scale. As we continue to innovate and expand, our focus remains on shaping the future of streaming, driving accessibility, and unlocking infinite possibilities for a billion screens." The bedrock powering this momentum has been one of the world's deepest and most diverse selection of entertainment. From the widest selection of TV shows anywhere in the world, to the widest selection of Hollywood entertainment on a single platform anywhere in the world, to a diverse slate of digital specials across languages, a year-round calendar of unscripted/reality shows, to the recently launched Sparks, spotlighting India's most popular creators – JioHotstar has built the most expansive content universe ever assembled in India's digital landscape.

Samantha Ruth Prabhu visits Sydney Wildlife Park



Actor Samantha Ruth Prabhu visited Featherdale Sydney Wildlife Park and enjoyed a relaxing day amid nature and animals.
On Thursday, Samantha dropped several pictures on Instagram and wrote, "Nature, animals, and good vibes! From feeding kangaroos to spotting sleepy koalas, it was such a lovely time! Major shoutout to the team at @featherdalewildlifepark for all the amazing rehab work they do for Aussie wildlife."
Samantha looks beautiful in a simple and casual outfit. She wore a full-sleeve shirt, blue jeans, and a hat to complete her look. She can be seen looking at the beautiful view. Samantha also gave her fans pictures of cute animals. Netizens chimmed in the comment section with heart emojis. Meanwhile, Samantha was last seen in the Prime Video series 'Citadel: Honey Bunny' alongside Varun Dhawan. Recently, the series, directed by Raj & DK, lost the Best Foreign Language Series award to South Korea's Squid Game at the 30th Critics' Choice Awards. Other nominees in the Best Foreign Language Series category included Acapulco (Apple TV+), La Maquina (Hulu), The Law According to Lidia Poet (Netflix), My Brilliant Friend (HBO Max), Pachinko (Apple TV+), and Senna (Netflix). Despite the loss, the action-packed series gained significant attention in India after it won the Best Series (critics) and Best Screenplay awards at the Filmfare OTT Awards 2024.Citadel: Honey Bunny is the Indian spin-off of the American television series Citadel on Amazon Prime Video, which starred Priyanka Chopra in the lead role.Executive produced by the Russo Brothers' AGBO, Citadel and its subsequent action-espionage original series span the globe, exploring the story of the spy agency Citadel and its powerful enemy syndicate, Manticore.

Actor Vishnu Manchu's 'Kannappa' postponed due to pending VFX work



MUMBAI: Telugu actor Vishnu Manchu's upcoming feature "Kannappa" has been postponed due to ongoing work on its visual effects, the makers announced on Saturday.
Also starring Mohanlal, Prabhas, Kajal Aggarwal, and Akshay Kumar in his Telugu cinema debut, the movie was slated to hit the big screen on April 25.
In a statement, the makers said that they would announce a new release date soon

Urmila Sharma Joins &TV's Happu Ki Ultan Paltan as Happu's Mother-in-Law!

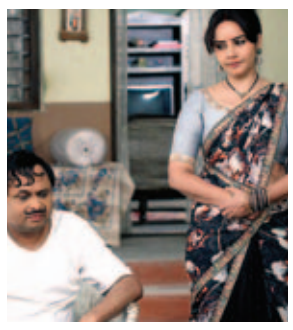


CHANDIGARH: Brace yourselves for an explosion of laughter as veteran television actress Urmila Sharma makes a grand entry into &TV's Happu Ki Ultan Paltan! She steps into the role of Rajesh's (Geetanjali Mishra) mother and Daroga Happu Singh's (Yogesh Tripathi) notorious Saas (mother-in-law). Her arrival promises to shake up the household in the most hilarious way possible. With her strong personality, razor-sharp wit, and never-ending appetite, she is all set to add a fresh layer of chaos to the show! Talking about her character, Urmila Sharma shares, "My entry will turn Happu's house into a battleground, with one team backing Happu's Katori Amma (Himani Shivpuri) and the other rooting for Rajesh's (Geetanjali Mishra) Amma! The nok-jhok, the witty exchanges, and the epic Saas vs. Saas rivalry will bring a fresh comic twist. Since both women have clashing personalities and can't stand each other, expect an endless rollercoaster of hilarious showdowns. To top it off, my character is a complete foodie. She is always raiding the kitchen, leading to some side-splitting misunderstandings! Rajesh and Bimlesh's (Sapna Sikarwar) mother is not your typical mother-in-law. She has a mischievous streak! She never liked Happu (Yogesh Tripathi) but had to accept their marriage due to unforeseen circumstances. Now, reminding Rajesh that marrying Happu was the 'biggest mistake of her life' has become her favourite pastime! She is greedy, manipulative, and unapologetically hungry adding to the madness in Happu's already chaotic life!"

The actress, known for her diverse roles, is thrilled about her return to the comedy genre. She shares, "Stepping back into comedy after a long time is pure joy, and this show is absolute magic. I have been a fan of Happu Ki Ultan Paltan myself, and playing such an important character is an absolute delight. I can't wait to see the audience's reaction to this hilarious role! I have already started shooting, and the cast and crew have been incredibly supportive, making me feel right at home."

Suspense-Filled Week Ahead!





CHANDIGARH : Get ready for a week packed with drama, twists, and edge-of-the-seat moments in &TV's Bheem - Andhkaar se Adhikaar Tak, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, and Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai! With shocking revelations and unexpected turns, the upcoming tracks will keep you hooked till the end. Tejaswini Singh aka Bheema shares, "Bheema (Tejaswini Singh) takes a stand against upper-caste men who destroy a poor child's home, exposing the deep-seated social injustices. In a surprising twist, Kailasha Bua (Neeta Mohindra) declares Bheema as the divine leader (Agua), creating a major rift in the village. While some villagers support Bheema, her parents suspect a hidden conspiracy. At school, Bheema faces mockery, leaving her heartbroken. Seeking solace, Dhaniya (Smita Sable) consoles her. As the village gathers for a crucial panchayat, Meera (Ayushi Jha) and Vishambhar (Vikram Dwivedi) try to help Bheema escape but get stopped. To protect her, Dhaniya locks Bheema inside. However, inspired by Babasaheb Ambedkar's teachings, Bheema refuses to stay silent. Kailasha Bua warns her that this is not just a battle against one person, but an entire village bound by rigid beliefs. Despite Dhaniya's desperate pleas, Bheema steps out with unshakable determination, ready to face the storm while Dhaniya watches with a heavy heart. What will happen next?"

Yogesh Tripathi aka Daroga Happu Singh reveals, "Rajesh (Geetanjali Mishra) starts doubting her marriage when a friend tells her that the spark is gone and that Happu (Yogesh Tripathi) has lost interest in her. Feeling insecure, Rajesh vents her frustration on Happu, leaving him puzzled. Meanwhile, the kids come across an advertisement for a marriage counsellor promising to fix troubled relationships. They insist that Happu seek his help. Taking the counsellor's advice, Happu plans a surprise date for Rajesh at a hotel, hoping to rekindle their romance. But things take a shocking turn when a mysterious woman shows up instead! Confusing her for Rajesh, Happu interacts with her—only to get blackmailed with incriminating photos later! Soon, Happu realizes that the so-called marriage counsellor is a fraud, and the woman demands he kidnap Commissioner Resham Pal (Kishore Bhanushali) or risk his marriage. Trapped, Happu turns to Beni (Vishwanath Chatterjee) for help, and together, they hatch a plan. But there's another twist—Resham Pal has a newly appointed bodyguard, a martial arts expert! To execute their mission, Happu and Beni enlist Malaika (Sonal Panwar) to keep the bodyguard occupied.

Jeeto Dhan Dhana Dhan is back with 100 winners every TATA IPL match

CHANDIGARH : With the TATA IPL 2025 season less than 24 hours away, JioStar today announced the return of its popular predict-and-win fan engagement contest Jeeto Dhan Dhana Dhan (JDDD) and My11Circle as the title sponsor for the second consecutive season. Jeeto Dhan Dhana Dhan is a Free-To-Play contest on JioHotstar, where viewers can participate and win prizes, brand coupons while watching TATA IPL live with real-time prediction based and trivia questions, making the viewing experience more exciting and rewarding.
JioStar will give away exciting SUVs to viewers playing Jeeto Dhan Dhana Dhan during the opening weekend and the Final of TATA IPL 2025. Viewers can hold the phone in portrait mode while watching the game and go to the dedicated 'Jeeto' tab on the app where the question appears before every over along with four options. Every single match of the 18th season will see 100 prizes given away including Smart TVs, refrigerators, washing machines, microwave ovens among others to viewers who give the most correct answers.
With an intent to make Jeeto Dhan Dhana Dhan a second-screen engagement experience, this season viewers on Star Sports will seamlessly experience unprecedented levels of engagement during live matches through a QR code or URL jeeto.jiohotstar.com.
"The excitement and joy among our winners has been overwhelming. Seeing people across India win life-changing prizes — whether it's a brand-new TV, a bike, or a car — is what makes Jeeto Dhan Dhana Dhan truly special. This is about more than just prizes; it's about reinventing the live sports experience for fans across anywhere in the country. We want to ensure that everyone—regardless of their level of cricket knowledge, the platform they watch on — feels part of the excitement," said JioStar – Sports Spokesperson.

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