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#### New Era of development begins in Hry:

**CHANDIGARH:** Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that the Haryana is effectively fulfilling its responsibility of while also implementing the public welfare schemes of the Central Government, Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi, Haryana is progressing steadily as a partner in developstrength of a triple engine government. The Chief Minister was addressing the gathering at the 'Sankalp Ki

**NEWS BRIEFS** 

# **CM Saini**

serving the common man ment, empowered by the Udaan' ceremony, held to mark the inauguration of air services from Maharaja Agrasen Airport and the foundation stone laying of Terminal-2, on the auspicious occasion of the

135th birth anniversary

of Bharat Ratna Dr.

Hisar on Monday

Bhimrao Ambedkar in

JAMMU & KASHMIR →

## **Hisar-Ayodhya flight flagged off**

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, APRIL 14

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of the Architect of the Constitution, Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi dedicated a host of development projects to the people of Haryana. He laid the foundation stone for the third unit of 800 MW at Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram Thermal Power Plant in Yamunanagar worth Rs 8,469 crore. Additionally, he laid the foundation stone for a GO-

BARdhan Plant in Yamunanagar worth Rs 90 crore and inaugurated the Rewari Bypass built at a cost of Rs 1069 crore. Prime Minister flagged off a commercial flight from here to Ayodhya and laid the foundation stone of the new terminal building at the air-

In line with his commitment to make air travel safe, affordable and accessible to all, PM Modi laid the foundation stone of Maharaja Agrasen Airport's new terminal building to be built at an estimated cost of over Rs 410 crore.

#### Rewari Bypass inaugurated

The Rewari Bypass project has been developed under the Bharatmala scheme on Hybrid Annuity Mode at a cost of Rs 1,069 crore. This four-lane bypass has been constructed around Rewari city to reduce traffic congestion. The total length of the bypass is 14.4 km. It begins at the NH-352 junction and connects to NH-11 towards Narnaul. This project is a significant step towards resolving traffic issues in Rewari city and enhancing connectivity to Narnaul.



#### Foundation stone of power plant laid in Yamunanagar

(RAHUL KOHLI) A GOBARdhan plant will be set up in Mukarampur, Yamunanagar, by the Municipal Corporation Yamunanagar-Jagadhri in collaboration with BPCL worth Rs 90 crore. Plant will have an annual production capacity of 2,600 metric tons of compressed biogas. The project is expected to be completed by May 2027. The CBG plant will use agricultural residues, cattle dung, and municipal solid waste to generate biogas.

PM claims Cong turned SCs, STs, OBCs into 'second-class citizens'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday launched a scathing attack on the Congress on the birth anniversary of B R Ambedkar, accusing the party of turning Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and OBCs into "second-class citizens" while in power. Addressing a gathering after flagging off the first commercial flight from the Maharaja Agrasen airport here to Ayodhya and laying the foundation stone of a new terminal building at the airport, he alleged the Congress has become the destroyer of the Constitution framed by Ambedkar.

## Mehul Choksi, wanted in PNB loan fraud case, arrested in Belgium

NEW DELHI: Fugitive Indian diamantaire Mehul Choksi. wanted in the PNB loan fraud case, has been arrested in Belgium on India's extradition request, according to reports.

The 65-year-old was detained on Saturday and is currently in a Belgian jail, news reports said, quoting sources in the CBI, which had put out a Red Corner Notice against him. India has an extradition treaty with

However, Choksi is expected to seek bail and an immediate release, citing health reasons, as he is suffering from cancer.

Choksi, along with his nephew Nirav Modi-who is in London awaiting extradition—is accused of defrauding Punjab National Bank (PNB) of Rs 13,850 crore.

The case, which shook the Indian banking sector in 2018, involved fraudulent Letters of Undertaking (LoUs) and Foreign Letters of Credit (FLCs), allegedly issued through collusion with bank officials

Two open-ended arrest warrants issued by a Mumbai court in May 2018 and June 2021 were referenced during Choksi's arrest, the reports added. He had fled India on January 2, 2018, initially travelling to the US before settling in Antigua. He was later arrested in Dominica while trying to flee to Cuba

## **Kanika House: Historic Delhi bungalow** where Ambedkar drafted constitution

**NEW DELHI, APRIL 14** 

An iconic art deco bungalow in the heart of Delhi, which was originally made for the erstwhile princely state in Odisha, was the abode of Babasaheb BR Ambedkar when he served as India's first law minister and

worked on drafting of the Constitution. The historic building -- Kanika House -- whose address has changed from 1, Hardinge Avenue to 1, Tilak Marg near India Gate, has witnessed the freedom struggle, the dawn of Independence and the making of the

nation's founding document. Ambedkar, born on this

day (April 14) in 1891, lived a life of great struggle and championed the fight against discrimination faced by the Dalit community he belonged to, and rose to become India's first law minister, serving in the Cabinet from 1947-51. The Constitution was born out of the deliberations held by the Constituent Assembly for a nearly three-year period. It came into effect on January 26 1950, signifying the birth of the Republic of India. Ambedkar, a scholar and a legal luminary, is considered the architect of the Constitution, and a large number of statues, parks and memorials spread across the country celebrate the formidable legacy of a man especially revered by the Dalit community.

प्रदेशवासियों को 78 तें हिमा प्रकामनाएं

देश में पहली बार दूध तथा प्राकृतिक पद्धति से उगाए गेहूँ और मक्की के लिए समर्थन मूल्य निर्धारित। मक्की की खरीद ₹40 प्रति किलो और गेहूँ की खरीद ₹60 प्रति किलो की जाएगी

- गाय के दूध पर एमएसपी ₹32 से बढ़ाकर ₹51 और भैंस के दूध पर ₹47 से बढ़ाकर ₹61 प्रति लीटर किया गया
- इन्दिरा गांधी प्यारी बहना सुख सम्मान निधि योजना के अंतर्गत १ जनवरी २०२५ से ३१ मार्च २०२६ के बीच 21 वर्ष की आयु पूरा करने वाली बेटियों और घरेलू सहायक महिलाओं को भी प्रतिमाह मिलेंगे ₹1500
- ई-वाहनों को बढ़ावा देने के लिए प्रदेश में 6 ग्रीन कॉरिडोर स्थापित
- मनरेगा दिहाड़ी ₹२४० से बढ़ाकर ₹३२० और दिहाड़ीदारों की दिहाड़ी ₹२५ की वृद्धि के साथ ₹४२५ की गई
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- पर्यावरण संरक्षण के लिए युवा व महिला मंडलों को मिलेगी ₹6.40 लाख की आर्थिक सहायता
- विभिन्न सामाजिक सुरक्षा योजनाओं में शामिल किए जाएंगे ३७ हज़ार नए लाभार्थी
- पर्यटन विकास पर खर्च किए जाएंगे ₹२४०० करोड़

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आत्मनिर्भर होता हिमाचल

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#### Medical store burgled at dawn in Kotla Kalan Village, cash stolen

**NEWS BRIEF** 

UNA: A theft took place in the early hours of Baisakhi at Kotla Kalan village near the district headquarters in Una, where unidentified miscreants targeted a medical store around 4:30 am. The culprits broke open the locks and made away with cash, including donations collected in a piggy bank meant for a cowshed (Gosala).

upon opening the shop in the morning and promptly reported the incident to the police. Confirming the development Una Superintendent of Police Rakesh Singh stated that a case has been registered, and investigation is underway. He assured that the culprits will soon be apprehended and brought

The store owner discovered the break-in

The incident has sparked fear in the area, with locals urging the administration to strengthen security measures to prevent such crimes in the

#### Forest rights implementation stalled again in Himachal: Environmentalists Slam forest department's colonial

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY BILASPUR: A day before Ambedkar Jayanti and Himachal Day, sharp criticism erupted across the state as environmental and social organizations expressed grave concern over a recent letter issued by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) to district-level officers, which allegedly Forest Rights Act, 2006. Activists and legal experts argue that the Forest Department's communication not only violates the constitutional spirit of the FRA but is also an overreach beyond its legal mandate. They accused the department of resurrecting colonial-era

## Governor Bandaru Dattatraya pays tribute to Bharat Ratna Dr BR Ambedkar on his jayanti CHANDIGARH: Haryana Governor Shri Bandaru Dattatraya on Monday paid his heartfelt tributes to Bharat Ratna Dr BR Ambedkar on his jayanti, remembering him as the principal architect of the Indian Constitution and a tireless crusader for social justice, equality, and

human dignity. In his message, Governor Shri Dattatraya said that Dr Ambedkar made monumental contributions towards building a just and inclusive India by championing the rights of the marginalized and oppressed. "A visionary social reformer, Babasaheb devoted his life  $to the \, upliftment \, of \, the \, Scheduled \, Castes, \, Scheduled \, Tribes, \, and \, other \, weaker \, sections \, of \, society. \, His \, work \, laid \, the \, foundation \, for \, an \, Indiana \, the \, foundation \, foundation \, for \, an \, Indiana \, the \, foundation \, foundatio$ that aspires to empower every citizen, regardless of caste, creed, or background," Shri Dattatraya said. He highlighted that through constitutional provisions such as reservations in education and employment, legal safeguards against discrimination, and the enshrinement of the fundamental right to equality, Dr Ambedkar ensured that the ideals of justice and fairness became the cornerstone of

## AAP leaders and workers celebrate Dr. Ambedkar's birth anniversary

**GAURAV GOEL** CHANDIGARH: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) celebrated the birth anniversary of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar with great enthusiasm and respect across Punjab. AAP leaders, including MLAs and ministers, gathered with workers and supporters to pay homage to Babasaheb and reaffirm their commitment to his vision of equality and justice. The celebrations were marked by vibrant events, including garlanding Babasaheb's statues and speeches highlighting his



invaluable contributions to the Constitution of India and the upliftment of marginalized communities.

However, the day also witnessed outrage against Khalistani supporter remarks about Dr. Ambedkar. In a symbolic gesture of solidarity and protecers armed with 'danda and ihanda' (sticks and flags). guarded Babasaheb's statues to ensure they remain unharmed. This act was a powerful declaration of the party's unwavering resolve to safeguard the dignity and legacy of Dr. Ambedkar against any attempts to tarnish it.AAP leaders also reminded Pannun that Punjab has always stood as a bastion of

ing the ideals of Dr. Ambedkar. The party vowed to expose and counter any divisive agendas aimed at undermining the harmony of the state or insulting the icons of India's democracy.An AAP leader said, "Dr. Ambedkar's ideals continue to inspire us to fight for social justice and equality. No one will be allowed to defame him or disrupt the peace of Punjab. Our workers are not just political activists; they are protectors of Babasaheb's

## Fire Service Day organized by MCC



SHASHI PALJAIN

CHANDIGARH:- A function was organized to mark the Fire Services Day by the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation on Monday at Fire Station. Sector 17. The Fire Service Week will be organized from 14th to 20th April, 2025 under the theme "Unite to Ignite, a Fire Safe India"

Smt. Harpreet Kaur Babla, Mayor, Chandigarh, Ms. Shashi Vasundhra, Joint Commissioner-cum-Chief Fire Martyrs' Column, in Fire Station, Sector 17 and paid homage to fire brigade jawans. A two-minute silence was also observed in memory of all those firemen in the country who lost their lives while

In her speech, the Mayor applauded the bravery of Fire personnel during the crisis. She appreciated the Fire department's work during major fire incidents in the past. She applauded the firemen for distinguished and meritorious services for their work during the performing their duties. She said that a special campaign on fire safety would be organized in the city schools and to give more emphasis on

fire safety mass awareness activities by conducting fire safety drills in the schools. The salient features like evacuation drills, implementation of fire safety order do & don't in case of natura and manmade disaster and how to use fire extinguisher etc. would be incorporated in the Fire safety drills.

The Mayor appealed to all the citizens of Chandigarh to join hands during the fire safety awareness programme to be conducted in various parts of the city from April 14th to 20th, 2025 (to mark fire service week). She said that every citizen should know about the operation of fire fighting extinguishers. She also appealed to the city residents to adopt safe housekeeping & approved electrical appliances in their houses and work

While addressing the Firemen, Ms. Shashi Vasundhra, Joint Commissioner-cum-Chief Fire Officer said that importance of organizing such functions to recognize the duties rendered by firemen during fire incidents and to create awareness among the masses regarding fire safety

## Bharatiya Janata Party Chandigarh pays floral tribute on the birth anniversary of Dr Ambedkar

CHANDIGARH: On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar — the architect of the Indian Constitution and a symbol of social justice and equality — the Bharatiya Janata Party, Chandigarh, organized tribute programs, seminars, and public awareness campaigns at all booths and mandals across the city. Party leaders, workers, and local citizens participated



in large numbers.

At every booth, floral tributes were offered at Dr. Ambedkar's portrait, and

his thoughts and struggles were remembered. Special emphasis was laid on

On this occasion, BJP Chandigarh President Jitender Pal Malhotra said:

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was not just the architect of the Constitution but the voice of upliftment and justice for the marginalized in India. Unfortunately, the Congress party repeatedly insulted him. After his demise, Congress did not allow his last rites to take place in Delhi. They even denied the construction of a

Constitution's architect. These are the same people who let him lose in the elections and deliberately tried to erase his legacy."

"The Bharatiya Janata Party is committed to fulfilling the dreams of Dr. Ambedkar. Today, the party is taking his ideas to the grassroots level. We believe that building a society based on harmony and equality is the true tribute

I No.1068059P Dfr ( Retd)

Tajinder Singh R/o VPO Ajitwal

Tehsil/Distt Moga (PB) Pin

142053 declare that the correct

date of birth of my son Arashdeep

I, Raj Kumar S/o Balwinder Kumar

R/o Village Bahadarpur Tehsil

Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my

minor daughter name from

Sharabjot Aujla to Sharabjot Aujla.

Sunam changed my name from

Jasmeen Kaur Sidhu to Jasmeen

I, Gurjinder Singh Bhullar S/o

Nirmal Singh R/o V. 122ATWALA

Tehsil Dharamkot (Moga)

changed my name to Gurjinder

I, Charna Singh S/o Harnek Singh

VPO Kutiwal Khurd Bathinda

declare that Charna Singh &

Charanjeet Singh both name is

one person. In future I have known

I Bheema Singh S/O Mithu Singh

R/O Vpo Jhanduke, Distt Bathinda

Have Changed My Name to Bhim

by only name of Charna Singh.

Singh is 11-06-1993.

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

15573149y Ex- Acp Hav Shubkaran Singh S/o Sh, Amrik Singh R/o Vill. Ahmedabad, Po Talwandi Lal Singh, Teh Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur State Punjab 143507, Declare That The Name And Date Of Birth Of My Mother (sawinder Kaur) In The Army Particulars Is Amrender Kaur And 24/03/1963 But The Name And Date Of Birth Of My Mother (sawinder Kaur) In The Addhar Card And Pan Card Is Sawinder Kaur And 01/01/1948. Please Correct It. Concerned Note.

977756 I, Asrafi wife Abdul Rahim R/o House No. 68, Siswan, Tehsil Khara District SAS Nagar Mohali, declare that my son Sajaudeen is out my control. I evict him of all my movable and immovable property. I have no connection with him. The person who deals with him will be responsible for himself.

Gurmeet Kaur and DOB is 01-01-1968. So amended my name and DOB in my husband army record.

63372 Hari Pyari, is legally mother of Service No.15451102Y Rank Sep/AA, Name Hari Bhajan of (Unit)167 MH Pathankot, Presently Residing at Vill. Sisaiya Gosain, Samrer, Budaun (U.P.) 243630, hereby declare that I have changed my name from Hari Pyari to Harpyari. Both names pertain to one and the same person. Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB25521064963528 Dated 11/04/2025 Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it

NO. 15451102Y Name Hari Bhajan Rank Sep/AA, of (unit) 167 MH Pathankot, Residing at Village Sisaiya Gosain, Budaun, Uttar Pradesh 243630, hereby declare that I have changed my Son's name From Akshat Kumar Singh TO Akshit Kumar singh. Both names pertain to one and the same person. Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB25521968059027X Dated 11/04/2025 Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correctit

I Ritu Dogra W/o Sanjeev Concerned Note

Harsandeep Brar. All concerned please note.

my mother is wrongly given in my Army records as Augrej Kaur but her correct name is Angrej Kaur, also DOB wrongly DOB is 01-01-1952, Aadhaar 798251879102

100078 Sikander Singh R/o H No 24440, Gali No 4, Guru Ki Nagri, Bathinda, Punjab Inform all that my wife has changed her name from Balbir Kaur to Balvir Kaur, her DOB is wrongly given in my army record as 38 years her correct DOB is 01.01.1954, Aadhar 251920968024

I Dharmbir chatha s/o s gurchet singh # 368 Omaxe city Goniana road Bathinda Dist Bathinda. My name CHARMBIR CHATHA wrongly written in my son's passport. My correct name is DHARMBIR CHATHA concerned note.

I Neeru W/o Jasbir Singh R/o V.p.o. Mirpur Lakha, Teh. Nawanshahr Distt.s.b.s Nagar Pin.144417 I Have Changed My Name From Neeru To Neeru Neeru (surname Neeru).

I, Amritpal Singh Thind S/O Gurdip Singh R/O VPO Rupewali, Tehsil Shahkot, Jalandhar - 144701, Punjab have changed my name from Amritpal Singh Thind to Amritpal Singh. All note.

461257 I, Rupinder Kaur Thind W/O Amritpal Singh Thind R/O VPO Rupewali, Tehsil Shahkot, Jalandhar - 144701, Punjab have changed my name From Rupinder Kaur Thind to Rupinder Kaur.

I, Gurlal Singh son of Late Tarsem Singh resident of Vill -Boparai Khurd, Post - Boparai Khurd, Tehsil - Ajnala, Dist -Amritsar, Punjab has changed the name of my mother from SMT JASWINDER KAUR to JASVINDER KAUR in Army Record vide Affidavit at Amritsar.

I, Ramshila Devi M/o Army No. 15447462X Rank NK Name Vijay Kumar, Unit 1832 Lt Regt presently residing at Madhaul Khurd, Vaishali, Bihar, PIN-844504 declare that , I have changed my Name from Ramshila Devi to Premshila Devi Vide AFFIDAVIT E-Stamp Certificate No.IN-PB25804616923681X Date: 14-04-2025 best notary public Amritsar

72737 I, Shahendar Ray F/o Army No. 15447462X Rank NK Name Vijay Kumar, Unit 1832 Lt Regt presently residing at Ward No. 01, Madhaul Harpur Chand, Post office Desari, Madhaul Harpur Chand, Vaishali, Bihar, PIN-844504Declares that I have changed my Name from Shahendar Ray to Sahindra Ray Vide AFFIDAVIT E-Stamp Certificate No.IN-PB25805614000128X Date: 14-04-2025 best notary public Amritsar

I, DHANANJAY GUPTA S/O VIKRANT GUPTA R/o H.No.1,

I. VINITA RANI ALIAS KRISHAN LAL W/O

I AMARJEET SINGH S/O NIKA RAM R/O H.No-23 Forty-Flats Teachers Colony Area(Summer Hill) Teh-Shimla(Urban) Himachal Pradesh-171005 changed my minor Son's name TANMAY KUMAR alias TANMAY KUMAR BODH to TANMAY DOGRA aged-17-Years.

before Raikot.

63372 I, Hira W/o Raju R/o H.no-

I, Amarjit Kaur W/o No-3395265N Ex-NK Gurdeep Singh VPO Fatehgarh Korotana Tehsil Dharamkot Distt Moga (PB)Pin 142042 declare that my correct date

63372 I, Saloni D/o Sanjeev Kumar R/o H No. 27 Green Avenue Bathinda have changed my name to Saloni

> I Khem Singh Brar S/o Ajaib Singh R/o Kothe Natha Singh Wale Bathinda have changed my name to Khem Singh. 63372

I Ricky W/o Kuldeep Kumar R/o VPO Mukandpur, Distt SBS Nagar Puniab India-144507 have changed my name from Ricky to Ricky Mall.

I, hitherto known as Naresh S/o Amrik Lal, Ravidasspura Mohalla, Nurmahal, Teh. Phillaur , Distt. Jalandhar (Punjab) Pincode-144039 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known As Naresh Virdi.

I Sonia Sharma W/O Jasvir Chand R/O Hno 96 Ward No 09 Mahilpur Tehsil Garhshankar Distt Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Minor Daughter Name From Ambr to Sharma Ambr.

I, Lovpreet Kaur W/o Beant Singh R/o Vpo Sangrur Distt Sangrur have changed my name Lovpreet Kaur to Lovepreet Kaur.

63372 I Raveena W/o Pawan Kumar Vpo Nihalgarh Po Jagatpur Jattan Sarai Jattan Tehsil Phagwara Disst Kapurthala Punjab Changed my name Raveena to Raveena Sund.

I Sarbjit Kaur W/O No.13778971k Nk Ramandeep Singh R/O Village. Jhorran (Ludhiana) Have Changed My Name From Sarbjit Kaur To Sarbjit Kaur Gill Vide Affidavit No. In-Pb25389674303073x Date 11-04-2025 Before Notary Public

I Jaswinder Singh S/o Balvir Singh R/o vpo Mukandpur, Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name Jaswinder Singh Bains to Jaswinder Singh.

I, Rajesh Kumar S/o Surinder Mohan Sood R/o H.No.515 W.No.13 Sehaj Colony Behind Geeta Bhawan Mandir Moga Have Changed My Name to Rajesh Kumar Sood.

I, Jagsir Kaur W/o Jagseer Singh (resident of Moonak), declare that my son's name has been changed from Sameer Kumar to Fateh Singh.

I. Kusam W/o Amritpal Singh R/o Village Lohian Khas Tehsil Shahkot Distt Jalandhar changed my name to Kusampreet Kaur.

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I Brinder Jit Singh S/O Prem Singh R/O Near Disposal Ward No. 1 Masanda Patti Banga Distt Sbs Nagar Have Known By Both Names Brinder Jit Singh And Brinderjit Singh Bedi One And The Same Person.

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I Rekha Rani W/O Parveen Kumar R/O New Fateh Garh, Ward No 16, Tehsil And Distt Hoshiarpur. Have Changed My Name To Rani Rekha.

Rani Is My Surname. I Karan Kumar Ralhan S/o

Gandharav Raj Ralhan R/o HIG 479 Sukhdev Nagar Jamalpur Colony Focal Point Ludhiana Have Change My Son name from Naman Kumar Ralhan to Naman

I. Kavita W/o Hira Lal. R/o H. No . 19, Gali No. 05, Arman Nagar, P.O. Dakoha, Jalandhar declare that I have changed my daughter's name from Smiksha to Smiksha

Sharma. 63372 I, Sukhminder Singh Grewal alias Sukhvinder Singh Grewal S/o Surjit Singh resident of Mala Patti, Kila Raipur, Post Office Kila Raipur Ludhiana, declare that I am known by both the names Sukhminder Singh Grewal and Sukhvinder

Singh Grewal. 63372 I Kulwinder Kaur Goshal W/o Gurjot Singh Brar R/O Phulwal Distt Bathinda have changed my name to Kulwinder Kaur.

I, Dharminder Kumar S/o Raj Kumar R/o B-13/26, Ravidas Nagar, Nawanshahr Distt SBS Nagar, PB have changed my name from Dharmiinder Kumar to Dharminder Kumar.

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Kumar House No 116,kammoan Wali Gurunanakpura Ferozepur City Have Changed My Name Reetu Dogra To Ritu Dogra 846213

I Harsandeep Brar W/o Jagatjeet Singh Godara R/o Near Muktsar Road New Rupana Sri Muktsar Sahib Pb 152032 declare That my actual name is "Harsandeep Brar as per my Adhar card no 691657751801. In the school record of my son's my name is written as Harsandeep Kaur Godara but my actual name is

I, No 3392607 Ex-Sep Kulwant Singh R/o VPO Nehian Wala Teh & Distt Bathinda, Punjab-151201 Inform all that name of given 11-05-1953, her Correct

JC-418768L Ex-N/Sub

100078 Harvinder Singh Son of Mehnga Singh, Resident of Village Barchuhi, Post Office Rajpur, District Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from HARVINDER SINGH to HARWINDER SINGH. Please note all concerned

900026

50008 72737 Near-22 No.Phatak, Punjabi Bagh, Patiala, Punjab-147001, changed my name to DHANANJAY CHAUDHARY. 9998876

VINEETA RANI ALIAS KHUSHI PAHWA D/O RAJESH PAHWA R/o H.No.2095/10A, Adarsh-Gali, Shivpuri, Ludhiana, I, Jasmeen Kaur Sidhu D/o Satgur Punjab-141008, have Singh R/o VPO Sheron Tehsil changed my name to KHUSHI PAHWA

9998876 I Vedpal Singh Baghel F/o Aman Baghel residence at AFS Halwara (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Vedpal Singh Baghel to Vedpal Baghel vide Affidavit No.IN-PB 23 84 22 77 40 58 63X dated 07-04-2025

1747/5 Near Civil Hospital Islam Ganj Ludhiana changed my name after marriage from Reena to

of birth is 20.02.1973.

I, Smt Paramjit Kaur W/o No 1471194F Ex-Spr Gurmeet Singh R/o VPO Panjgrain Khurd Tehsil Bagha Purana Distt Moga (PB) Pin 151207 declare that my correct date of birth is 18-08-1967.

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I, Gurmeet Kaur W/o No.4458622-Y Rank Ex SEP Harbhur Singh R/o VPO Jallah Tehsil Payal Disttt Ludhiana declare that In my husband Army record my name entered wrongly Gurmit Kaur and DOB also entered wrongly 15-04-1961. But my correct name is

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** ਮੈ, ਕਾਜਲ ਪਤਨੀ ਸੋਨੂੰ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਵਾਸੀ

Makkar Advocate, 9316001635

Harbhajan Singh.
It is notified for the information of general public and a concerned that as per record of this office Sh. Harbhajan Singh is the owner/lessee of RESIDENTIAL. Site No. 231 Sector 32-A. Chandigarth to the extent of 100% Share. It has been informed by Gurkiran Singh Dang, Jasmine Kau Sarabjit Kaur Parvinder Singh that Sh. Harbhajan Singh expired on 210/72022 and they have also infentated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner/lessee-(1 Parvinder Singh (Son) (2) Sarabjit Kaur (Who) (3) Gurkiran Singh Dang (Son) (4) Jasmine Kaur (Daughter). Now Gurkiran Singh Dang, Jasmine Kaur, Sarabjit Kau Parvinder Singh Dang, Jasmine Kaur, Sarabjit Kau Parvinder Singh Dang, Jasmine Kaur, Sarabjit Kau Parvinder Singh have applied for the Transfer of Ownershin respect of RESIDENTIAL. Site No. 231, Sector 32-4 Chandigarth to the extent of 100% Share held by Late Si Harbhajan Singh in their favour, on the basis of Intestat

SH. NAVEEN, DANICS, ASSISTANT ESTATE OFFICER, EXERCISING THE POWERS OF ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH

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Original Previous Sale Deed No. 1616 dated

22/07/2022, executed by Sukhpal kaur widow

Chand singh in favour of Sukhdeep kaur D/C Chand singh in equal share, regarding Land

neasuring 4-1/5 Marlas, which is 21/3140 shar

of land measuring 31 Kanals 8 Marlas, comprised

in Khewat/Khatuani No. 1787, Khata n

3357/3362; as per Jamabandi for the year 2022

23, situated within the revenue limits of in street

of opposite Govt. Hospital, Jagga Brar Rakba Na Dabwali, Tehsil Dabwali, District Sirsa, currently

wned by Nirmal Pahuja W/O Harbhagwan,

lost and not mortgaged with any Bank

Financial Institution, in that regard DDR No

132650022500387 dated 25.03.2025 has bee

got registered, Anybody having objection

Housing Finance LTD., may respond or rais

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#### Goyal kick starts wheat procurement at Moonak and Khanauri mandis



CHANDIGARH: Punjab Cabinet Minister Sh. Barinder Kumar Goyal today kick started wheat procurement at mandis of Moonak and Khanauri. During his visit, Sh. Barinder Kumar Goyal also asked concerned officials that any inconvenience caused to farmers coming to sell their produce throughout the season would not be tolerated. "Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann has already given strict instructions in this regard and it is the duty of every official stationed at the mandi to ensure that the entire procurement process proceeds seamlessly", he added. While inspecting the procurement arrangements, Sh. Barinder Kumar Goyal also reviewed various facilities including cleanliness arrangements and drinking water provisions in mandis. He interacted with farmers, labourers and transporters, assuring them that no segment would face any difficulties in mandis throughout the procurement season.

#### **NEWS BRIEF**

#### 50,000 mt wheat arrives in Patiala district mandis



RAKESH JINDAL PATIALA: Deputy Commissioner Dr. Preeti Yadav informed that wheat arrivals are steadily progressing across Patiala district, with arrival having commenced in 96 out of the 109 designated centres. As of the previous wheat had arrived in the mandis, out of which 37,862 metric tonnes have already been procured. In a significant to Rs 28 crore have been disbursed. while the lifting of the procured stock is underway in parallel. Providing further details, Dr. Preeti Yadav stated that of the total wheat procured so far, Pungrain has purchased 11,194 metric tonnes, Markfed 6,948 metric tonnes, Punsup State Warehousing Corporation 7,513 metric tonnes. Private traders have also actively participated, procuring 7,681 metric tonnes of wheat. Looking ahead she noted that during the current Rabi season, an estimated 9,17,230 metric

#### **Govt wants to suppress** truth by filing case against Partap Bajwa: Advocate Jass Bajjoana

tonnes of wheat is expected to arrive in

the district's mandi

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: The opposition party and senior Congress leader wants to ppress the voice of Bhagwant Mann



constituency. He said that Bhagwant Mann is forgetting that his rule will not last forever and the government will the Congress government is set to be formed in 2027. The pressure being exerted on any leader or worker will be taken to the full account. The officers who are involved in wrongdoing will also not be spared. He said that a large number of workers from Rampura program organized by the Congress party in favor of Pratap Bajwa at Congress Bhawan tomorrow and an effigy of Bhagwant Mann will be burnt in every block.

#### Moosewala's father Balkaur Singh reaches singer Hans Raj Hans's house



JALANDHAR: Sufi singer Hans Raj April at Tagore Hospital. Resham Kaur's last rites were performed on 3 April at 11 am in her native village Safipur. On Town Gurdwara Sahib. State CM Bhagwant Singh Mann, Punjabi artist Binnu Dhillon, G Khan, KS Makhan, Kaur B, Satinder Satti, Amar Noori Happy Sangha, Gurpreet Singh Ghugg arrived to pay tribute to Resham Kaur Today, Punjabi late singer Sidhu Moosewala's father Balkaur Singh reached Hans Raj Hans's house to share grief over the death of Resham Kaur. While talking to the media, Balkaur Singh said that when he came to know about the death of Sufi singer Hans Rai Hans's wife Resham Kaur, he wanted to come to Hans Raj Hans's house to share his grief from the same could not come. In such a situation, Hans Rai Hans's house. He said that Hans Raj Hans loved my son Sidhu a lot. Regarding Resham, Balkaur Singh said that he prays to Waheguru that Waheguru should give place to the departed soul in his feet and give strength to the family to bear the grief

#### Chairman Darshan Sohi visits markets, reviews procurement



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: The wheat season has been going on since April 1 but the crop has not yet started arriving in the markets in full. This was revealed by Market Committee Rampura Phul Chairman Darshan Singh Sohi while sharing information with journalists during a visit to the markets regarding the arrival and procurement of wheat and said that all procurement arrangements have been completed in 35 procurement centers under Market Darshan Sohi said that after meeting with the arhatiyas, farmers, laborers and representatives of government procurement agencies, the problems related to procurement have been resolved and proper arrangements have

## Tributes paid to Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar on 134th birth anniversary at RBU Kharar

SHASHI PAL JAIN MOHALI, APR 14

Punjab Education and Information & Public Relations Minister, Hariot Singh Bains, today said with 6 SC monisters in cabinet, first time ever reservation in AG (Advocate General) Office and Hassle free disbursement of SC Scholarship, AAP Government is realising the dream of Baba Saheb, Dr B R Ambedkar in

Paying floral tributes to Dr B R Ambedkar, on his 134th birth anniversary organised by the District Administration Mohali at Rayat University (RBU) Kharar alongwith Member of Parliament S. Malvinder Singh Kang, he recalled the selfless services rendered by Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, who is remembered as "The Father of the Constitu-

tion of India" and the man who fought for the oppressed." He said that the foundational principle of Unity in Diversity, envisioned by the architect of the Indian

ous challenges Terming the Indian Constitution as one of the finest in the world, Bains said that it

Constitution, Dr. Bhimrao

Ramii Ambedkar, continues

to remain intact despite vari-

stands as the last hope for justice for the marginalized sections of society. "Thanks to the visionary and farsighted leadership of Babasaheb Ambedkar, our Constitution has consistently safeguarded the rights of every citizen, especially the downtrodden." he remarked. Calling him the Messiah for the downtrodden sections by safeguarding their interests in a holy book, the

Minister Bains said that education is the key to eradicate all indiscriminatoins and inequalities and the Punjab Government led by S. Bhagwant Singh Mann is walking the extra mile to provide quality education to the wards of poor families studing in Government Schools by upgrading the infrastructure and level of learning at par with Pri-

## AAP govt is realizing the dream of Baba Saheb Dr. BR Ambedkar: Arora

SUMER GARG SANGRUR, APR 14

Punjab Cabinet Minister and the state president of Aam Aadmi Party, Mr. Aman Arora today asserted that with six SC Ministers in the state cabinet, first-time ever reservation in the AG office and hasslefree disbursement of SC scholarships, the AAP government is realizing the dream of Baba

Saheb Dr. BR Ambedkar. While speaking as Chief Guest at an impressive district-level commemoration marking the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at the local Government Ranbir College, Mr. Aman Arora said that the Aam Aadmi Party led the Punjab government under Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann's leadership is resolute in transforming Dr. Ambedkar's vision of an equitable and educated society into reality. "Dr. Ambedkar stands as a monumental figure in our nation's history-a distin-



guished jurist, economic vilike the School of Eminence sionary and dedicated social program that providing unreformer whose constitutionderprivileged students access to quality education. al foresight has established India as the world's largest democracy," the Cabinet Min-ister after offering floral tributes to the great visionary added. Special Guest Sangrur, MLA Narinder Kaur Bhara lauded the government's embrace of Ambedkar's philo

The commemorative function, attended by Deputy

Commissioner Sandeep Rishi featured insightful presentations from Prof. Gurvinder Singh on Dr. Ambedkar's lega cv and Prof. Gulshan Deer Daniva regarding Post-Matric Scholarship benefits. Aman Arora also administered an anti-drug abuse oath to atten-

#### Arora pays tributes to Dr Ambedkar; gifts copy of constitution to dignitaries



SHARMA LUDHIANA, APR 14

Rajya Sabha MP Sanjeev Arora was the chief guest at a function organised by the Samaj (BHAVADHAS) on Monday to commemorate the 134th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

The event was spearhead-by BHAVADHAS Rashtriya Mukhya Sancha-lak Vijay Danav and Rashtriya Sanchalak Chaudhary Yashpal. Remembering Ambedkar, MP Arora highlighted his role as the

chief architect of the Indian Constitution. He noted that Dr. Ambedkar ensured equality for all Indians—regardless of religion, caste, or creedand championed equal rights for women. "Dr. Ambedkar was the leader who showed the path of equality," Arora said. Arora also elaborated on the importance of the Constitution of India, copies of which were distributed as a symbolic gift to nearly all dignitaries on stage. These calligraphic editions, he said should be revered as sacred texts and placed in prominent institutions such as govern-

ment offices, schools

### **Indian Battalion celebrates Medal Day** Parade in UNIFIL with grandeur and dignity

GURDASPUR, APR 14

The Indian Battalion currently deployed under the banner of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) marked a significant milestone today by hosting its Medal Day Parade, a formal ceremony honoring the service and dedication of its peacekeepers. A total of 821 Indian Army personnel were awarded the prestigious United Nations Medal for their exemplary commitment and contribution to peace and stability in the region.

The parade was led by Lt Col Vikas Sheoran, who commanded the ceremonial proceedings with precision and dignity, exemplifying the high standards of military leadership within the Indian Army.

The concept of the Medal Day Parade was introduced by



the United Nations as a ceremonial tradition to recognize peacekeepers who complete a minimum of 90 days of continuous service in a UN mission area. Over time, it has evolved into a symbol of professionalism, commitment, and shared values among the international peacekeeping community In UNIFIL, this tradition is observed with pride and respect, reinforcing the unity of effort

countries and the host nation. The event was graced by an esteemed array of dignitaries, including HE Mr Mohd Noor Rehman Sheikh, Ambassador of India to Lebanon, the UNIFIL Sector East Commander, and a wide spectrum of civil and military guests, notably the Mayor of surrounding villages, representatives from the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF), State Security, General Security.

#### Serving special children is like serving **God: Sanjeev Vasal**



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, APR 14

sophical principles of "Edu-

cate, Agitate and Organize,

particularly through transfor-

mative educational reforms

The two-day Umang Season-7 cultural competition organized by JSS Asha Kiran Special School Jahankhelan and Ashadeep Welfare Society concluded here at James Cambridge International School Jalandhar-Phagwara Bypass.

On the last day of the competition, Sanjeev Chairman of Vasal Education Group arrived as the chief guest. In the competi tion, special children of JSS Asha Kiran Special School Jahankhela won the overall trophy in the Big category,

Ambuja Manovikas Kendra Ropar secured second place and Prabh Asra Kurali se cured third place.

Similarly, in the Small category, Agosh Holding Heads Amritsar secured first place, Discover Ability Mohali secured second place and SOB Delhi secured third place. Cash prizes worth Rs i lakh were distributed on this occasion. The prizes to the players were distributed by Sanjeev Vasal and the cash prizes were sponsored by Paramjit Singh Sachde va. On this occasion, Lakme Academy provided free makeup services to the chil-

#### Punjab govt loan scheme transforms lives: Jaspal Kaur



RAKESH JINDAL PATIALA, APR 14

Beneficiaries of various welfare schemes being provided by the Punjab Government today expressed their gratitude to Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann during a state-level event organized to mark the 134th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at Punjabi University, Pa-

Five beneficiaries who received ?51,000 each under the Aashirwad Scheme, ten students who availed the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme, and ten beneficiaries, who availed loans from the Puniab State Backward Classes

Land Development and Finance Corporation, and Punjab State Scheduled Castes Land Development and Finance Corporation stated that the Punjab government has extended a helping hand to the needy and underprivileged sections through its welfare initiatives.

Jaspal Kaur, a resident of Seel village, thanked CM Bhagwant Singh Mann and shared how the Punjab government's loan scheme has transformed her life. She revealed that she took a loan of ?3 lakh to purchase four milk animals and started a dairy business, which significantly improved her livelihood and made her self-reliant.

#### Call to follow path shown by Baba Saheb for social justice, equality, and spread of education

KAPURTHALA, APR 14

During the district-level event

organized by the Punjab Government today in connection with the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Deputy Commissioner Amit Kumar Panchal gave a call to uphold Baba Saheb's vision, stating that only by following the path shown by him can social justice, equality, and the spread of education be ensured. Speaking at the event held at the local Dr. Ambedkar Bhawan, Mr. Panchal said that Baba Saheb was not just the architect of the Indian Constitution but that his ideology serves as a beacon of light for the entire world. He said that the Punjab Government and district administration are committed to ensuring that the benefits of schemes initiated for the welfare of the needy and underprivileged, in line with Baba Sa-



heb's vision of social justice reach every eligible beneficiary. He also shared that under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme, 3,100 students studying in schools and colleges have been issued Freeship Cards by the Punjab Government. He further mentioned that at the district level, low-interest loans are being provided to the needy under schemes of the SC and BC Corporations.

#### Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar School of eminence – A New Identity for Nangal govt school: Bains

MANJINDER SINGH NANGAL, APR 14

On the occasion of the birth Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar the architect of the Indian Constitution, Punjab's Education Minister Mr. Harjot Singh Bains announced that the Government School of Eminence in Nangal would now be named Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar School of Emi-

Inaugurating state-of-theart facilities, the minister dedicated 18 newly constructed classrooms built at a cost of 1.24 crore, furniture worth 51 lakh, and interactive panels worth 7 lakh to the public. He also laid the foundation stone of an all-weather swimming pool to be built at a cost of 4 crore, further transforming the school into a center of modern excellence. Speaking at the grand and impactful



event, the Education Minister said that Dr. Ambedkar pursuit for equality in society and created a constitution that is widely respected and accepted.

Today, on this special occasion, we remember Baba Saheb and pledge to follow his teachings," he said.Dr. Ambedkar emphasized the right to higher education and fought for educational access for all. The minister quoted him, saying, "Education is like the milk of a lionesswhoever drinks it, roars." He stated that the appearance of government schools in Puniab is rapidly changing. These schools now offer modern amenities such as security guards, campus managers,

and transportation. With advanced science labs, interactive panels for learning, upgraded classrooms, and excellent infrastructure, the Punjab government is ensuring modern education in every government school.

#### **Statiq powers Chandigarh's EV** ecosystem

#### SHASHI PAL JAI CHANDIGARH, APR 14

Statiq, India's largest EV charging network, has launched a hyperlocal marketing campaign in Chandigarh to amplify electric vehicle (EV) adoption and increase awareness of its robust charging network in the city. As part of its nationwide push to deepen regional engagement. the campaign is designed to

Chandigarh's residents. The campaign blends highvisibility bill-boards, print outreach, local influencer engagement, digital advertising, and onground activations-right in the heart of Chandigarh's neighborhoods, shopping centers, and bus

make EV charging more accessi-

ble, familiar, and trusted among

shelters. To attract new users, Statiq is offering region-specific promo codes like CHD150 for first-time app downloads, offering instant wallet credit and an intuitive introduction to the charging network. With just one app, users can access not only Statiq sta-



tions but also partner networks making charging seamless multiple Speaking on the launch, Mr. Akshit Bansal, Founder & CEO, Statiq, said: "Chandigarh is a city that beautifully balances modern aspirations with community spirit-and our latest hyperlocal campaign reflects just that. By combining high-visibility billboards, print media, influencer engagement, digital outreach, and on-ground activations, we're embedding Statiq into the everyday rhythm of the city. Whether it's a neighborhood street, a bustling shopping center, or a

bus shelter, our presence is de-

signed to be accessible, familiar,

and impactful-right where our

users live, move, and connect.

#### AAP government realising Baba Saheb's dream through historic SC representation: Mohinder Bhagat

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birth anniversary of Baba

Sahib Dr. Bhim Rao Ambed-

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higher education.

ANIL VERMA BATHINDA, APR 14

Puniab Cabinet Minister Mr. Mohinder Bhagat, while addressing the gathering after paying floral tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on his 134th birth anniversary at Govern-Rajindra College, Bathinda, said that with six SC ministers in the Puniab Cabinet, first-ever reservation in the AG Office and hasslefree disbursement of SC scholarships, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government is realising the dream of Baba Sa-

On this occasion, MLA Bathinda (Urban) Mr. Jagroop Singh Gill, MLA Bathinda (Rural) Mr. Amit Ratan Kotfatta, MLA Bhucho Mandi Mr. Master Jagsir Singh, Deputy Commissioner Mr. Showkat Ahmad Pare, SSP Amneet Kondal, and other prominent personalities were present. Minister Mohinder Bhagat said that Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar firmly



able personality, whose vision the milk of a lioness; only and relentless efforts laid the those who drink it will roar. foundation for an inclusive and progressive India. He always emphasized the importance of education in up-He also stated that Dr. lifting the marginalized and Ambedkar, the chief architect of the Constitution, was not underprivileged sections of society. It was due to his tireless efforts that many educa-

on of equality.

just a legal scholar but also a revolutionary thinker, a social reformer, and a champi-During the event, Mr. Bhagat said that Dr. Ambedkar's relentless efforts to eliminate caste-based discrimina-

tion and promote social equal-

ity continue to be a source of

inspiration for all of us.

#### MCM holds 30-hour program on instrumentation



RAJIV JAIN CHANDIGARH, APR 14

The Postgraduate Department of Chemistry at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised a 30-hour program on 'Instrumentation: Relevance in Modern Science and Tech-

The program was held in collaboration with Institution Innovation Council (IIC) and Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), under the aegis of Department of Chemistry and Center for Advanced Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh. Spanning over five days, the program started with keynote lecture on 'The Science of seeing small: High Resolution Imaging and SpecChauhan, Assistant Professor cum Scientist in the instrumentation facility at Amity University, Mohali. The lecture was followed by two-day hands-on workshops on the spectroscopic instruments in cluding a visit to the instrumentation facility at Depart ment of Chemistry, Panjab University, Chandigarh, to give them exposure to the use of technology in research and modern science. The students were engaged into problem solving based on learning during the hands-on training. On the final day, the students actively participated in Poster and Rangoli making competitions wherein prizes were given to the best three

# Pugmarg



RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA): Addressing the blood do nation camp organized at Civil Hospital Rampura on the occasion of Dr Ambedkar's 134th birth anniversary, Guru Gyan Nath Dharam Valmiki Samaj Amritsar State President Daljit Singh Chauhan said that the ar chitect of the Indian Constitution Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar took important steps for the welfare of the common people and women of the socie ty. He gave equal rights to every citizen of the country by creating the Con stitution. He said that Dr. Ambedkar was born in a poor family and with his dedication and hard work he set an example that will last for centuries The youth participated in the blood donation camp with great enthusiasm He said that 38 units of blood were donated on this occasion. Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest, Block President Inderjit Bawa, motivated the

#### **NEWS BRIEF**

Dr. Ambedkar ensured provision of fundamental rights for everyone in constitution: Dr Ravjot



HOSHIARPUR: Paying rich tributes to Dr Rhim Rao Amhedkar on his 134 birth anniversary, Punjab Local on Monday said that Baba Saheb was not only a Bharat Ratna but also a the globe as a great social reformer, politician and a great teacher. Urging the students that life and teachings of Babasaheb Ambedkar must read, Local Government Ministe sacrificed of Dr Ambedkar in his life would inspire the youngsters to bring desired goals. The Cabinet Minister addressing the youngsters at Government College, said Baba Saheb is the architect of Indian fundamental rights for every citizen ensuring equality in social system. Di landmark projects like Reserve Bank Employment Exchange, which played a significant role in the development of

#### **Congress burns** effigy of CM Mann in Qadian



against the filing of FIR against Leade of Opposition Pratap Singh Bajwa by Punjab government. An effigy of the CM was also burnt on the occasion Congress councillors raised slogans against CM Mann and Punjab government. Speaking on the Mahender Pal said that Pratap Bajwa is the MLA of Qadian Assembly Constituency and Leader of Opposition, whose protocol is same as that of a Cabinet Minister. Mahender Pal said that Pratap Bajwa had received information from intelligence ncies about 50 bombs in Puniab. out of which 18 have already been detonated. It is very regrettable that an FIR has been filed against him with the aim of hiding his own and Punjab security agencies' failure.

#### **Govt committed to welfare** of poor under Baba Saheb's vision: Sandhwan



JS GILL JAITU: Today, a district level function was organized at Bhagat Chetan Dev Government B. Ed College Faridkot on the occasion of the 134th birth centenary of the great man of the era Constitution, the famous social reformer Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar. In this function, the Speaker of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha S. Kultar Singh Sandhwan attended as the chief guest, while the MLA Faridkot S. Gurdit Singh Sekhon attended as the Deputy Commissioner Madam Poonamdeep Kaur and SSP Dr. Pragya Jain were also specially Sabha Speaker S. Kultar Singh Sandhwan said that Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar always worked for social downtrodden people of the society and he is also called the architect of the Constitution of India

#### DC urges to follow Baba Saheb's path for social justice and equality



PAWAN KALIA KAPURTHALA: The 134th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was commemorated with a district-level event organized by the Punjab Government at Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan. Deputy Commissioner Amit Kumar Panchal urged citizens to embrace Baba Saheb's vision emphasizing that social justice, equality, and educational advancement can be achieved by adhering to his principles. Addressing the gathering, Panchal described Dr. Ambedkar as not only the architect of India's Constitution but also a global beacon of inspiration. "Baba Saheb's ideology continues to guide us toward a just and inclusive society," he said. He reaffirmed the Puniab Government commitment to ensuring that welfare schemes for underprivileged and marginalized communities reach every

eligible beneficiary.

# CM hits out at Partap Bajwa, says don't indulge in politics of fear

RAWEL BHINDER PATIALA, APR 14

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Monday warned the leaders of opposition parties to refrain from indulging in politics of threat and terror as people will never tolerate their divisive and mischievous attitude.

The Chief Minister said that a senior leader of the Congress party had on Sunday given a baseless and irrastatement that 50 bombs have been sneaked into the state out of which 18 had exploded and 32 more are still there. He said that this illogical statement was solely aimed at terrorizing the people and creating panic amongst their minds. Bhagple and creating want Singh Mann said that this is intolerable, unwarranted and undesirable as the people of state will never for-



give such leaders. The Chief Minister said that neither state nor central agencies have any input in this regard but the Congress leader has made this false and irrelevant statement. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that this kind of apathetic and irresponsible attitude of the unwarranted and undesirable. Taking a jibe, he said that rather than telling the location of bombs Bajwa is now running pillar to post behind the lawyers for seeking refuge from law for his misdeed. The Chief Minister said that instead of in-

opposition must focus on issue based politics. He said are envious of him because he hails from a common familv and is working tirelessly to ensure welfare of people. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that these leaders had always believed that they have di-vine right to rule the state due to which they are not able to digest that a common man is running the state efficiently. The Chief Minister said that these leaders have befooled the people for a long time but now people are not getting swayed by their misleading propaganda. He said that wise people of state have ousted these

leaders who were living in palatial houses during their heydays of power. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the state has witnessed the dawn of a new era as these people who were considered invincible have been shown the door by the people.

The Chief Minister said that those who claimed that they will rule the state for 25 hours have been sent to political oblivion by the people.

## AAP govt is realising the dream of Baba Saheb: Cheema



JALANDHAR, APR 14

Highlighting the transformative initiatives undertaken by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government to uphold the vision of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Finance Minister Punjab Harpal Singh Cheema on Monday said that with six Scheduled Caste (SC) Ministers in the cabinet, the AAP government has set a precedent in representation and inclusivity.

He said for the first time ever, Punjab Government has introduced reservation in the Advocate General's office, ensuring equitable opportunities in the legal domain. Additionally, the hassle-free disbursement of SC scholarships has empowered countless students to pursue their dreams without financial barriers. Addressing a districtlevel function held at DAVIET,

Dr. Ambedkar, Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema also called upon the youth to be come torchbearers of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's ide ology, asserting that walking on the path shown by the revered leader is the most befitting tribute to Baba Sahib. The Minis Balkar Singh and Inderjit Kaur Mann, Mayor Vineet Dhir Deputy Commissioner Dr. Hi manshu Aggarwal, and Commissioner of Police Ms. Dhanpreet Kaur, emphasized that Dr. Ambedkar's vision of social and political equality remains as relevant today as ever. High lighting Dr. Ambedkar's monumental contribution as the chief architect of the Indian Consti tution, Cheema said that his efforts ensured universal suffrage; empowering every citizen to participate equally in the democratic process.

#### **VB arrests SE for demanding 10** percent commission from contractor



CHANDIGARH, APR 14

The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB), during its ongoing campaign against corruption, on Monday, arrested Superintendent Engineer (SE) Sanjay Kanwar, posted at Municipal Corporation Ludhiana for demanding commission from a contractor.

Disclosing this here today an official spokesperson of the state VB said the arrest has been made following a complaint lodged by a contractor, a resident of Ludhiana. He further added that the complainant has approached the VB and alleged that he had applied for a tender for redevelopement project at Nehru Rose Garden,

Civil Lines, Ludhiana and aforesaid accused SE had demanded 10 percent commission as a bribe in lieu of allotment of this tender work to him. This conversation was recorded by the complainant and submitted to the VB as an evidence.

The spokesperson informed that after preliminary verification of this complaint a case under the Prevention of Corruption Act has been registered against the aforementioned SE San-jay Kanwar at the VB Police Station, Ludhiana Range and arrested him. The accused would be produced before the competent court tomorrow and further investigation was under progress, he said.

#### AAP leader Deepak Bali slams Partap Bajwa

CHANDIGARH, APR 14

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab senior leader and Advisor to Punjab Tourism and Cultural Affairs Department, Deepak Bali, strongly condemned Congress leader Partap Singh Bajwa's recent statement where he claimed that 50 grenades had entered Punjab, out of which 18 had already been used and 32 were still remaining. Deepak Bali said, "Bajwa

ji, you have an opportunity to contribute to Punjab's safety by helping ensure grenades are destroyed.

However, it is deeply unfortunate that while you can spare hours for media apno time for this critical task. Bali further added, "Bajwa's sole purpose seems to be gaining media attention. He fail to realize the impact this has on the people of Punjab. If he truly cares about Punjab, he should immediately share any information he has with the police and let



them investigate. What is stopping you from doing so?"

Bali said that there should be no room for doubt when it comes to Punjab's security. He pointed out that these grenades could cause significant harm to lives and property, and only the police can find a solution. He urged Bajwa to cooperate with the police, stating, "The police have summoned you for questioning based on your statement, but instead of cooperating with them, you lawyered up!." Bali added that Bajwa should dispel the doubts of the people of Punjab by providing all the information he has to the

## Kataruchak invites youth to follow path shown by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

VERMA GURDASPUR, APR 14

Cabinet Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Forests and Wildlife Preservation, Mr. Lal Chand Kataruchak has invited the youth to follow the path shown by Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. To create an equal and progressive society by following the ideology of Ambedkar. He said that following the path shown by Baba Saheb is the most appropriate tribute to Baba Saheb.

On the occasion of the 134th birth anniversary of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar, during the district level function organized by the district administration at SSM College Dinanagar, Cabinet Minister Shri Lal Chand Kataruchak highlighted the contribution of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar, the main architect of the Indian Constitution, and said that he dedicated his entire life to equality, brotherhood and humanity and made great efforts for the up-liftment of the oppressed class-



es. He said that Dr. Ambedkar's vision of social and political equality is as relevant today as Ambedkar as a great universal personality, Mr. Lal Chand Kataruchak appealed to the youth to take inspiration from his life and work towards building an inclusive and just socie-

He said that the Puniah Government is following the footsteps of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Sahib and is making special efforts for the welfare of the Scheduled Castes. He said that for the first time in his tory, 6 ministers in the cabinet of the Punjab Government beHe said that unlike the previous governments, the state government has ensured timely disbursement of funds under the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme. He said that students across the state are getting huge benefits from this scheme. He ment has waived off the loans

issued by the SC Corporation before March 31, 2020, which has benefited the persons who were unable to repay due to financial constraints. Apart from this, for the first time, posts have been reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the A.G. office.

#### DA and Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University celebrate 134th Jayanti of Baba Bhim Rao Ambedkar



FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): The District Administration of Fatehgarh Sahib and Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, jointly celebrated the 134th Jayanti of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar. The event was graced by the presence of Hon'ble Cabinet Minister of Punjab, S. Tarunpreet Singh Sondh, along with other dignitaries. Deputy Commissioner of Fatehgarh Sahib, Smt. Sona Thind, was also present on the occasion and delivered an inspiring address highlighting the monumental life and achievements of Baba Sahib, particularly his relentless efforts for social equality and justice.In his keynote speech, Cabinet Minister S. Tarunpreet Singh Sondh emphasized the transformative power of education, stating that it serves as a key to prosperity and empowerment. The celebration was further enriched by the presence of MLAs S. Lakhvir Singh Rai (Fatehgarh Sahib) and encouraged the vouth to follow his ideals.

## Literary forum, Lehragaga organizes discussion on Dr. Sachin's novel 'B. G'

GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA LEHRAGAGA, APR 14

Literary Forum, Lehragaga organized a discussion on the second novel 'B. G' of young writer Dr. Sachin Sharma at the local Pensioners Home.

During this, writers of

the area presented their works in the Kavi Darbar. Ratanpal Doodian, while reading the pamphlet on the novel, said that the writer is a rich man who gives variety to the story and narration. With the help of his art, he is capable of guiding the readers by holding finger.

Dr. Sachin's exploration of the field of the novel is beautiful and skillful. In this novel written in simple Malwai language, idioms and folk tales have been used



beautifully. The writer has the talent to create poetry of After this, Dr. Papara, Ranjit Lehra, Dharma Hariau and Dharmendra Bawa presented their views on the novel and congratulated the author. Dr. Sachin said that he will soon release the third novel for the readers. He said that literature teaches a person how to live. After this, during the Kavi Darbar, Rajinder Chahil Jawaharwala,

Jagvir Singh Gaga, Baldev Singh Nimar, Dharma Hari-Jasvir Ladi, Satnam Singh Chak Bhaiake, Khushpreet Harigarh, Sukhjinder Lali, Dharmendra Bawa, Jagdish Papara, Ratanpal Dudian presented their works. Jarnail Singh, President of Pensioners Welfare Association, Lehra Gaga and Master Bhagwan Das, Finance Secretary, assured the audience of their support for such activities in future.

#### Vaisakhi festival celebrated with great enthusiasm at St. Xavier's Kindergarten



The kindergarten section of St. Xavier's Rampura Phul came alive with vibrant celebrations and meaningful learning experiences to mark the festival of Baisakhi.

Spread across three days, the celebrations aimed to connect children with the spirit of the harvest season through hands-on activities, cultural expressions, and joyful performances. The celebration began on April 9th

with a thoughtful activity ti tled "From Seeds to Smiles" designed to connect nature's growth with joy and learning. Children engaged in visual-based learning, observ ing how tiny seeds transform into thriving plants, symbol izing growth, patience, and the fruits of hard work just like our farmers.On April 11th, the campus trans-formed into Mini Punjab Through Little Eyes, where the young learners showcased the traditional culture of Punjab.

### Tributes paid to Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar by various political parties

DEEPAK KUMAR

Dr. BR Ambedkar, the creator of the Indian Constitution, was paid tribute by various

royal parties of the region on Monday. The area MLA Jagatar Singh Diyalpura and the city counselor Pradhan along with their entire team reached the local Ambedkar office and offered flowers to his statue and paid tribute to

On the occasion, MLA Diyalpura said that many countries were adopting their constitution on the lines of the constitution that Baba Sahib has given us today. He inspired us to rise above the caste and contribute to the development of the country. Market Committee Chairman Sukhwinder Singh Gill, Coun-



selor Naginder Singh, Niranjan Singh Noor, Praveen Makkar, Sukhdev Singh Bit-Balwinder Singh, Singh Rana, Narinder Singh were also present on the occasion. Similarly the congress party also paid tribute to Dr. Bhima Rao Ambedkar. In which especially MP Dr. Amar Singh, area in charge Rupinder Singh Raja Gill, former Minister Gurkirat Singh Kotli, Lakhwinder Singh Lakkha

were present. He also paid flo-

ral garlands to Baba Sahib's

statue and paid homage. On this occasion, a ceremony was also organized by the Congress party led by Urban Principal Advocate Kapil Anand. In which many party workers participated.

While addressing the leaders at the ceremony, he enlightened to walk on the path shown by Baba Sahib and it was said that some mischievous people were sitting abroad and spreading the ill will against the country but we should avoid these mischievous people.

#### Wheat purchase starts in Machhiwada grain market



DEEPAK KUMAR MACHHIWARA, APR 14

The arrival of wheat started in Machhiwara grain market and government procurement has also started. As a ritual Government procurement was started by MLA Jagtar Singh Divalpura on Monday. He said that all the procurement arrangements have been completed by the government and no farmer and the agent would be allowed to face any problem. On the occasion Aiso. Mohit Kundra, appealed to the farmers to bring their crops to bring their crops so that their crop

could be purchased as soon as it arrived in the market. On Monday a total of 1831 quintals wheat was purchased by the agencies in Mandi. In which 400 quintals purchased by Pangraine, Marakfad 200 quintals; Punjab State Ware house 352 quintals; 200 Kavintal by PUNSUP and 679 quintals by private purchasers. Market Com-

> Singh Gill, Gurnam Singh Nagra, Amar Singh, Happy Bansal, Marakfad, Tarsdeep Sharma, Food Supply Inspector Amarinder Singh, Praveen Makkar, Login Singh, Praveen Makkar, Jasvir Singh Gill etc.

mittee Chairman Sukhwinder

#### Khalsa Sajna Diwas and Baisakhi celebrated with enthusiasm at Angels World School, Morinda



MORINDA (RADHE SHYAM): Angels World School, Morinda witnessed vibrant celebrations of Khalsa Saina Diwas and the Baisakhi festival with great enthusiasm and cultural fervour. The school campus came alive with colour and spirit as junior wing students arrived dressed in traditional Punjabi attire-Punjabi suits, kurtas, pyjamas, and colourful turbans—to mark

As part of the cultural programme, senior wing students pre sented an informative session on the significance of Khande Batey da Amrit initiated by the tenth Sikh Guru, Sri Guru Gob ind Singh Ji, highlighting the origin of the Khalsa Panth. The students also emphasized the agricultural importance of Baisakhi, a festival closely associated with the harvest season and the hardworking spirit of farmers. Adding to the festive spirit, young children performed a lively Bhangra dance, captivating the audience with their energy and charm.

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#### 51 patients examined on occasion of Dr. Ambedkar's birth anniversary

AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB: On the occasion of 134th birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, a special health camp was organized by MP Mobile Health Team at Takarla in sub-division Amb for the health of people and blood test of eight patients.

Dr. Shashank Kaushal and his



team conducted health checkup of 51 people and blood test

and uric acid test of 33 patients were done. During the health camp, general health check-up and blood test of elderly, women and children were done free of cost. Along with treatment advice, medicines were also distributed free of cost to the patients by the team.

#### **NEWS BRIEF**

**Tribute program** organized in Amb on Dr. Bhimrao



AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB: A tribute program was organized in the city of Amb today on the occasion of the 134th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna, Constitution maker and great social reformer Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar. The city residents, social organizations and representatives and trainees Institute paid tribute to Dr. Ambedkar by offering flowers to his statue. The program began with garlanding the statue of Dr. Ambedkar. On this occasion, the speakers elaborately highlighted the life of Dr. Ambedkar, his struggle and his contribution in the field of social justice. Addressing the programme as the keynote speaker, Ashwani Dhiman said. "Let all of us together create Dr Ambedkar's motto of 'feeling of harmony' in the society and strengthen the society." Expressing his views, Manoj Kaushik said, "Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar dedicated his life for a discrimination-free, harmonious and just society. Today is the day to pledge to adopt his high ideals." Advocate Rajesh Thakur, representative of Shivani Beauty Parlour Institute Sunita Devi, Kamal Chaudhary,

#### 401 Vehicles challaned for violating traffic rules

social worker Raj Kumar, Dimple

Sharma, Rajendra Kumar, Arun

participated in the program. On

the occasion of Dr. Ambedkar's

festive atmosphere in the city and the citizens unitedly resolved to

birth anniversary, there was a

Pinky, Ayush, Vikas, Vikas

Sahil, Aditya, Aryan etc.

**KISHORI LAL BAINS** UNA: According to police sources 401Vehicles were challaned by the District Police Una for violating traffic rules on Sunday, Out of which, challans of 152 vehicles were settled on the spot and a fine of Rs. 96600 was collected. 13 persons challaned for smoking in public place and afine of Rs. 1500 was

**Ambedkar Jayanti** 



Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti unveiled a statue of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at the Deputy Commissioner Office complex in Hamirpur today. Marking the birth anniversary of the architect of the Indian Constitution, the Chief Minister also dedicated and laid the foundation stones for various development projects amounting to about Rs. 38 crore. Speaking at the commemorative event organised by the Congress Party's Scheduled Castes Department, the Chief Minister paid tributes to Dr. Ambedkar and said that his vision and leadership laid the foundation of a Constitution that ensures welfare, equality



and justice for all sections of society. Inspired by Baba Saheb's ideals, the Chief Minister said that the present government was committed for building a selfreliant and prosperous Himachal Pradesh.

Despite the challenges posed by the reduction in GST compensation and significant cuts in revenue deficit grants by the 14th and 15th Finance Commissions, the State Government has taken major steps to strengthen the fiscal system. The positive outcomes are now visible and we seek continued public support to carry this momentum forward. he said. He said that the state government was working to provide the best health and education systems in the country. After establishing the Cardiology Department at Hamirpur Medical College,

departments

CM announces new Nephrology and Neurology

departments at Hamirpur Medical College

would also be set up. It would offer modern treatment for kidney and neurological ailments within the region. He said that Rs. 85 crore had already been sanctioned for a dedicated Cancer Care Institute in Hamirpur. The Chief Minister while

highlighting the reforms done in education sector said that the State Government was committed to providing quality education through the Rajiv Gandhi Day Boarding Schools for the children of the state. He said that several educational institutions were opened by the previous government without any budgetary provision and without students or basic infrastructure.

Similar irregularities had been observed in the health sector as well which the present government was to the State Budget, he added that the government had started various welfare and developmental schemes to strengthen the rural economy. Minimum support prices for natural farming produce have been raised, and daily wages under MGNREGA have been substantially increased.

On this occasion, the Chief Minister unveiled Dr. Ambedkar's statue installed at a cost of Rs. 15 lakh. He inaugurated residential buildings of the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau constructed with an outlay of Rs 5.08 crore. Apart from this he also inaugurated a Revenue Colony worth Rs. 2.01 crore, the Sub Health Centre building and staff quarters at Dharog costing Rs 4.42 crore and a Farmers Advisory Centre built at an expense of Rs 1.71 crore.

## Another wet spell likely in **HP from April 18, Hailstorm** alert in some areas

AGENCY SHIMLA, APR 14

After April rain showers, hailstorm and snow, Himachal Pradesh is expected to witness another wet spell starting April 1, India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast here today.

A fresh disturbance is likely to affect the Western Himalayan region from April 16, bringing with it isolated rainfall and thunderstorm activity over the hills of Himachal. While dry conditions are expected to persist for the next two days, the weather would turn increasingly unstable thereafter. IMD has issued a warning of thunderstorms and lightning likely at isolated places across the state from April 16 onwards, with a possibility of hailstorms in some areas on April 18 and 19. Over the last 24 hours, the weather remained dry across Himachal, with no recorded rainfall or snowfall. Recent snowfall, hailstorm and rain showers disrupted the snow clearance work on Manali -

Leh National Highway. A marked rise in both minimum and maximum temperatures was observed at many stations. Paonta Sahib recorded the highest maximum temperature at 35.0°C, while Kukumseri was the coldest at night with a minimum of Minimum temperature of Shimla: 12.6 degrees tourist resort Manali 9.6 degrees, Dharamshala: 15.

## CM dedicates developmental projects CM Sukhu's bold moves earn widespread worth crores to Pangi area in Chamba

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, APR 14

Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has dedicated a series developmental projects worth crores of rupees to the residents of Pangi during his visit to the area in Chamba district today. In Killar, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stones for various projects, including the construction of residential quarters for the Agriculture Department at Killar Pangi at a cost of Rs. 3.75 crore, additional rooms Government Senior Secondary School Luj and Government Senior Secondary School Mindhal, each to be constructed at a cost of Rs. 1.5 crore.

He also laid the foundation stone for a sub- market yard in Killar worth Rs. 2.13 crore, a new office building for Himachal Pradesh State Himachal Pradesh



Electricity Board (HPSEBL) Limited at a cost of Rs. 49.42 lakh, health sub-centres at Rei and Hudan Tehsil, each with a budget of Rs. 1.99 crore.

The Chief Minister also inaugurated several projects, including the Mini Secretariat building at Killar constructed at a cost of Rs. 20.88 crore, the ITI building at Killar worth Rs. 5.62 crore, a bus stand in Killar built with an expenditure of Rs. 5.29 crore, and an alternate approach road to the bus stand constructed at a cost of Rs. crore. He inaugurated the 50 bedded Civil Hospital at Killar built at a cost of Rs. 19.83 crore. Apart from this the Chief Minister launched an ATM facility of the Himachal Pradesh State Cooperative Bank in Killar and participated in a tree plantation programme within the premises of the Public Works Department Rest House.

#### **DINESH AGARWAL** SHIMLA, APR 14

Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's bold and impactful decisions have won admiration even in the remote Pangi region. With his visit to Pangi, discussions about his decisive governance have echoed through the narrow lanes of Pangi and the entire region is appreciating the welfare measures being taken under his leadership.

Veer Singh Rana, a former member of the Dharwas Panchayat Samiti, remarked, "Who cared about the state's resources before? The state government has taken a firm stand on the Baira Siul and Duggar hydroelectric projects of our Chamba district. This move will benefit not just Chamba but the entire state in the times to come. Sh. Sukhu is someone who thinks out of



the box." In a recent cabinet meeting, the state government decided to bring several major hydroelectric projects under its control, including the 382 MW Sunni, 210 MW Luhri Stage-1, and 66 MW Dhaulasidh projects, projects, previously allocated to SJVN, as well as the 500 MW Duggar and 180 MW Baira Siul projects allocated to NHPC. Former Pradhan of gram Panchavat Dharwas Rai



praise from people of Pangi

Kumar added that Sh. Sukhu is delivering far more than what is being asked of him. CM met with a senior BRO officers and asked them to take over the Chamba-Bairagarh-Sach Pass-Killar road, which holds strategic and logistical significance. This demand wasn't even raised by the people of Pangi, but it reflects the Chief Minister's proactive and visionary thinking. This route

Pratibha Singh urges youth to uphold

constitution on Ambedkar Jayanti

is critical as it connects the remote Pangi valley, located near the India-Pakistan border and the Line of Actual Control. In the event of the Manali-Leh and Rohtang routes being closed, this road can serve as a vital alternative. He further

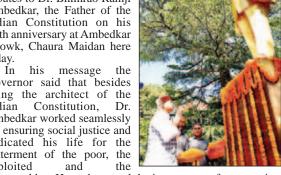
said, Pass "Currently, Sach Pass remains open for vehicular traffic only for four to five months in a year. The Chief Minister has also proposed bringing the 13-kilometre Tissa Tunnel under BRO's control. This will reduce the Chamba-Killar distance by 88 kilometers and ensure year-round connectivity."

Local resident Roshan Lal also praised Sh. Sukhu's vision, saying, "Very few leaders think deeply about the state and its people, and Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu is truly one of them.

#### **Governor offers floral tributes to Dr.** Ambedkar on his birth anniversary

SHIMLA: Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla offered floral tributes to Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, the Father of the Indian Constitution on his birth anniversary at Ambedkar Chowk, Chaura Maidan here today.

Governor said that besides being the architect of the Indian Constitution, Dr. Ambedkar worked seamlessly for ensuring social justice and dedicated his life for the betterment of the poor, the exploited and



downtrodden. He underscored the importance of propagating Dr. Ambedkar's vision of equality, brotherhood and unity,

particularly in combating social discrimination.

Leader of the Opposition and former Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. (Col.) Dhani Ram Shandil, Mayor MC Shimla Surinder Chauhan, Deputy Commissioner Anupam Kashyap, Superintendent of Police Sanjeev Gandhi, Commissioner MC Shimla Bhupinder Attri, councillor, Members of Baba Saheb Ambedakar Welfare Society and other prominent people were also present on the occasion.

## Fake cop involved in multiple robberies nabbed with cash and mobile in Baddi-Barotiwala

SHANTI GAUTAM BADDI, APR 14

In a major breakthrough,

Baddi police arrested an individual who posed as a police officer and looted unsuspecting victims in the Baddi-Barotiwala area. The arrest was confirmed by Baddi SP Binod Dhiman, who stated that strict action would be taken after thorough investigation of hotspots and the criminal's history. The accused was following nabbed complaint filed by Dharma Veer, a resident of Sherpura, Hanumangarh, Rajasthan. According to the complainant, on April 8, while resting in his truck (HR61C-4834) parked near Havells Company Unit-II, Baddi, two individuals dressed as policemen forcibly removed him from



the vehicle. They then took him to an isolated area on Siswan Road, snatched his mobile phone and Rs. 10,000 cash, and later transferred Rs. 30,500 from his account at a petrol pump in Chandigarh by claiming a medical emergency at PGI. Acting swiftly, Baddi Police registered an FIR under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and arrested one of the two

accused within hours. In another incident reported on April 13, Mahadev Gurjar from Bhilwara, Rajasthan, informed the Baddi police that he was similarly abducted near Godrej Company while parked in his truck (MH04GF-7601). The impersonators forced him into their vehicle, withdrew Rs. 40,000 from his ATM, and stole another Rs. 2,200 in cash from his pocket.

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, APR 14

Himachal Pradesh Congress President and former MP Pratibha Singh extended greetings to the people of the state on the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the principal architect of the Indian Constitution.

In her message, Pratibha Singh described the Constitution as a sacred text Singh that outlines the rights and duties of every citizen. "We

#### CM Sukhu grants double the demand for Hamirpur: Dr Pushpendra Verma

RAJNEESH SHARMA

HAMIRPUR: Dr Pushpendra Verma extended heartfelt gratitude to Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu for announcing developmental packages worth crores of rupees for the Hamirpur Assembly constituency. He remarked that the unveiling of Dr B.R. Ambedkar's statue in the DC complex by the Chief Minister on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti was a historic moment, reflecting that the Congress Party pays genuine respect to Baba Saheb not for votes but from the heart. Highlighting the slew of announcements made during the CM's brief visit, Dr Verma termed the Rs. 15-crore heliport project and the Rs. 5.5-crore road development grant as historic steps. He said that the Chief Minister gave more than what was asked for, understanding the pain of the people of Hamirpur.

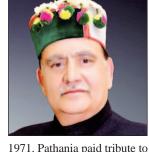
must follow it in letter and spirit," she emphasizing that the democratic rights enshrined in the Constitution have given India a unique global identity. Taking a dig at the Bharatiya Janata Party-led central government, Singh accused it of undermining democracy

constitutional values. "A dictatorial regime is in power today, one that is systematically weakening constitutional institutions. she said. "The politics of polarisation and attempts to erode communal harmony are seriously damaging the democratic fabric of the country.'

## **Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania** extends greetings on Himachal Day

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, APR 14

Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania greeted the people of the state on the occasion of Himachal Day, commemorated annually on April 15. In his message, Pathania highlighted the historical significance of the day, marking the formation of Himachal Pradesh on April 15, 1948. He recalled how the integration of Mandi, Chamba, Mahasu, and Sirmaur districts with over two dozen princely states led to the creation of Himachal Pradesh as a centrally administered territory. It later became the 18th state of the



1971. Pathania paid tribute to Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar, the first Chief Minister of the state, acknowledging his unmatched role Himachal's formation. "He is rightly remembered as the architect of modern Himachal," he said.

Elaborating on the etymology of the state's Indian Union on January 25,

name, Pathania explained that 'Himachal' is derived from the Sanskrit words 'Hima' (snow) and 'Aanchal' (lap), signifying its location in the lap of the Himalayas. He noted that Himachal Pradesh has a recorded history dating back to the Mauryan period in the 4th century BCE. Reflecting on the state's 78-year journey, Pathania lauded the resilience and industrious spirit of the people, who have contributed significantly to its development despite the geographical challenges posed by its hilly terrain. "Development in a mountainous region like Himachal demands far more resources compared to the plains," he added.

### major healthcare improvements underway: Vivek Sharma JOGINDER DEV ARYA BANGANA, APR 14

In a significant step towards strengthening healthcare infrastructure in the Kutlehar Assembly constituency, MLA Vivek Sharma MLA announced that Thana Kalan Hospital is being developed into a model healthcare institution. Speaking to the media after a public grievances hearing in Bangana, he stated that eight doctors have now been permanently posted at the hospital, and efforts are underway to equip it with state-of-the-art medical facilities.

Sharma said that Thana Kalan Hospital is being upgraded with modern diagnostic tools, ensuring



Thana Kalan Hospital to be upgraded to model facility,

that all essential tests can be conducted onsite. The is already hospital conducting 35 to 40 safe deliveries each month, which he said reflects the quality of services being provided.

Similar upgrades are being carried out at the Bangana Civil Hospital, where four doctors have been deployed and plans are in motion to run the facility round the clock. The

installation of ultrasound and other advanced diagnostic machines is in its final stages at both hospitals. MLA

emphasized that with the new round-the-clock service at Thana Kalan and Bangana hospitals, patients will no longer need to travel to other cities during emergencies at night. This, he added, will save both time and money while ensuring timely medical care.

Sharma highlighted that Thana Kalan Hospital now has a trained team of doctors and staff dedicated to regular check-ups and safe deliveries for pregnant women. Dozens of successful deliveries each month demonstrate the hospital's capabilities, he noted.

### Congress pays tribute to Dr. Ambedkar on his birth anniversary in Shimla



DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA: Leaders and workers of the Himachal Pradesh Congress gathered at the Rajiv Bhawan, the state party headquarters, to pay heartfelt tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on the occasion of his 134th birth anniversary. The event saw party members offering floral homage at Dr. Ambedkar's portrait and recalling his immense contribution to the nation. Speaking on the occasion, Shimla Mayor Surender Chauhan said the country will always remain indebted to Baba Saheb. "The Constitution he framed ensures equal rights and duties for every citizen, irrespective of caste or religion," he said. "To truly honour Dr. Ambedkar, we must all commit ourselves to preserving the Constitution and strengthening the unity and integrity of the nation." Former Pradesh Congress General Secretary Devendra Bushahri highlighted key moments from Dr. Ambedkar's life and his monumental role in shaping India's Constitution.

**CHANDIGARH TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025** 

# YUGMARG

## SAD will be strong under presidency of Sukhbir Singh Badal: Rajwinder Singh Dharamkot

MOGA: Senior leader and observer of Shiromani Akali Dal, Rajwinder Singh Dharamkot, during a special conversation with this journalist said that with the reelection of Sukhbir Singh Badal as the president of Punjab, the only regional party of Punjab that

protects Punjabi culture and

Panthic interests, Shiromani Akali Dal will be even stronger. Because Shiromani Akali Dal has formed the government twice under the leadership of Sukhbir Singh Badal. He further said that during the rule of Shiromani Akali Dal, real development of Punjab took place which is visible and spoken of, people are still remembering

the government of Shiromani Akali Dal. All the facilities that the middle class and the poor people got were during the government of Shiromani Akali Dal. When asked about the upcoming 2027 Vidhan Sabha, he said that with whom will the government of Shiromani Akali Dal be formed in these elections?



#### **NEWS BRIEF**

#### Wrestling tournament to be held at Kolhu Siddh **Temple in Bari today**

RAJNEESH SHARMA HAMIRPUR: A grand wrestling event will be held on April 15 at the Kolhu Siddh temple in Bari, located in the Bamsan development block of Hamirpur district. Renowned wrestlers from Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, and Himachal Pradesh are set to participate in this traditional tournament. The event is being organized by the Mahavir Dangal Committee, which has been holding the tournament annually on April 15. According to organizers Bhumiraj, Deshraj, and Harbans Singh, the ceremonial sawaal will take place on April 14, followed by the wrestling matches the next day. The winner of the badi awarded Rs. 11,000 and a ceremonial mace (gurch), while the runner-up will receive Rs. 9,000. In the chhoti maali (secondary bout), the winner will be honored with Rs. 4,100 and the runner-up with Rs. 3,100.

#### Nagar Parishad ignores repeated complaints over drainage woes in Dharampura



VERMA QADIAN: The ongoing problem of clogged drains and dirty water is severely impacting the lives of residents in Mohalla Dharampura (Ward 12), Qadian. According to locals like Neetu Malhan, Chetan, and others, the low-lying drainage culvert is the primary cause. Despite multiple complaints to the Nagar Parishad Qadian, no solution has been implemented. Residents have now collectively appealed to the district administration for appropriate action, emphasizing the unsanitary conditions and the entry of drain water into streets and homes during rains.

# Prez, VC, PM Modi pay floral tribute to BR Ambedkar on his birth anniversary

NEW DELHI, APR 14

President Droupadi Murmu, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and other dignitaries on Monday paid floral tributes to Dr B R Ambedkar on his 134 birth anniversary at Prerna Sthal in Parliament premises. Union Ministers Kiren Rijiju, Arjun Ram Meghwal, Piyush Goyal, Lok Sabha MP and Leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi, Congress parliamentary party chairperson Sonia Gandhi, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Delhi CM Rekha Gupta, and other leaders paid flora tributes.

Earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his post on X said, "On behalf of all the countrymen, I bow down to Bharat Ratna Pujya Babasaheb on his



"It is due to his inspiration that the country is dedicatedly engaged in realizing the dream of social justice today. His principles and ideals will give strength and momentum to the creation of a self-reliant and developed India," he added. Ambedkar Jayanti is observed on 14 April

commemorate the memory of B. R. Ambedkar, Indian politician and social reformer.

Babasaheb Dr Ambedkar worked steadfast throughout his life to end social and caste discrimination against marginalised sections of the society. From a humble beginning, he went on to become the first law

independent India. He awarded India's highest civilian honour, the Bharat posthumously in 1990.

Babasaheb's birth anniversary is a public holiday across the country, where schools, banks and some public sector organisations remain closed.

## Only BJP has preserved heritage and values of Baba Saheb: Anurag Thakur



SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, APR 14

Former Union Minister and Member of Parliament from Hamirpur Lok Sabha constituency Anurag Singh Thakur today, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar, through programmes in Dehra Assembly, paid floral tribute to Baba Saheb and highlighted his contribution to the development of the country. Anurag Singh Thakur said, I bow down to the supporter of social harmony, the architect of the Indian Constitution, Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar on his birth anniversary. Baba Saheb dedicated his entire life for the respect and

human welfare of Dalits and

backward classes and contribution will always remembered and his ideals will remain a source of inspiration for generations. Only the Bharatiya Janata Party has done the work of preserving the heritage and values of Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar. The Congress has always rejected the demand to put a picture of the person who is called the architect of the Constitution in the Central Hall of the Parliament, citing lack of space on the wall. In 1989 when the National Front government supported by the Bharatiya Janata Party was formed, former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Lal Krishna Advani took the initiative to include Baba Saheb's picture in the Central Hall of Parliament.

## Many resolutions passed in meeting of Municipal Council of Rampura Phul

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL, APR 14

The meeting of the local Municipal Council was held under the leadership of President Kirandeep Kaur Brar. 15 councilors participated in this meeting. councilors In the wake of the campaign launched by the Punjab government against drugs, a resolution was passed in the house that no councilor will support a person smuggling white or other synthetic drugs. Municipal Council President Kirandeep Kaur Brar said that many taxes are being wasted due to the above drugs. But the war against drugs launched by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann due to his foresight will prove effective for the state. She said that efforts are being



made to curb drugs in the constituency under the directions of MLA Balkar Sidhu. President Brar said that the local municipal council is contributing its due share to boost the eradication of drugs. That is why it has been decided that if any police action is taken against a person involved in the drug trade, then no MC of the municipal council Rampura Phul will help the said person and will also not give bail. Apart from this, in view of

the rainy season, if there is any work left for the MPS motors, it will be completed so that the city residents do not have to face any inconvenience during the rainy season. In the meeting, grief was expressed over the death of former councilor Ranjit Kaur, mother of councilor Dilraj Singh Prince Nanda, the previous day and a two-minute silence was observed to pay tribute to the departed soul. On this occasion, Municipal Council Vice President Ravinder Singh Nikka, Councilor Sunil Bitta, Karnail Singh Mann, Jaspal Singh Jassu, Surjit Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Ravinder Kaur (Ruby Dhillon), Meena Rani, Darshna Devi, Suraj Rajora Parvinder Kaur etc. were

#### **Guru Ravidas Nagar Kirtan Welfare** Society celebrates birth anniversary of **Babasaheb Ambedkar and Jyotiba Phule**



JAIBEER RANA THAMBER

BARARA: Birth anniversary of Constitution maker Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar and Mahatma Jyotiba Phule was celebrated with great pomp in Sarkpur by Shri Guru Ravidas Nagar Kirtan Welfare Society. While presiding over it, head of committee Master Gulshan Kumar said that by celebrating birth anniversary of great men, we get inspiration from their lives. Block Committee Barara Chairman Ravi Sher Singh and social worker Narendra Bilma were present as the chief guests in the program. They expressed their views on the life struggle of Baba Saheb Ji and asked the society to follow the path shown by him. In this program, Sonu, the head of Guru Ravidas Temple Committee of Sarkpur, congratulated the great men on their birth anniversary. Children of villages Sarkpur, Dehra, Rajokheri, Malikpur, Suhana, Barara presented many colorful programs on life of Baba Saheb.

### **DAV School celebrates Baisakhi** with great enthusiasm



SUKH NAHAR

JAGRAON: DAV Centenary Public School, Jagraon, came alive with vibrant colors and cultural fervor as students from Nursery to Grade 2 celebrated the auspicious festival of Baisakhi. The event showcased the rich heritage of Punjab. leaving everyone in high spirits. The celebration began with the soulful recitation of the Mool Mantra, invoking blessings and setting a serene tone for the day. The school premises were adorned with traditional Punjabi elements, including Phulkari embroidery, Punjabi juttis, and a Charkha, beautifully depicting the essence of Punjabi .Children dressed up in beautiful punjabi attire added charm to the occasion. Students performed energetic folk dances, spreading joy and enthusiasm. A spectacular Gatka (traditional martial arts) performance by the young learners left the audience spellbound. The culinary delights of Punjab added flavor to the event, and Prashad was distributed to all, symbolizing blessings and community spirit.

#### Tender for transportation of goods between **Trident Group and Truck Union Barnala**



KARANPREET KARAN

BARNALA: There is an atmosphere of great joy among Truck Union Barnala regarding the tender for transportation of paper chemical goods prepared by Truck Union Barnala and Trident Group. Giving information in this regard, Truck Union Barnala President Hardeep Singh Sidhu, Simrat Pal Singh Gaggu Vice President, Jagsir Singh Jagga Rajinder Singh Dhidsa etc. said that in view of the meetings held by Member of Parliament and former Cabinet Minister Gurmeet Singh Meet Hair with Chairman Padma Shri Rajinder Gupta of Trident Group under the business activities of Truck Union Barnala, Truck Union Barnala has decided to award the tender for transportation of paper chemical under the loading tender of Trident Group. With the tender starting from April 1, there is a happy atmosphere among the truck union operators. They said that while the Bhagwant Mann government of the Aam Aadmi Party of the state is working day and night to eradicate drugs and corruption from Punjab, no stone is being left unturned to strengthen the commercial structure of Punjab in the context of making Punjab a colorful Puniab again. Where due to the connivance of the previous governments, trucks of foreign unions were picking up goods from multinational companies and harassing the Truck Union Barnala, they will get rid of it!

## Cabinet Minister pays floral tribute on Extension lecture on topic Revisiting Birth Anniversary of Dr. BR Ambedkar

BIKRAMJEET SAHOTA

On the occasion of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's birth anniversary, Cabinet Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond paid floral tribute at the statue of Dr. Ambedkar at the District Administrative Complex. He also attended a seminar as the chief guest organized at Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib, on this occasion. Accompanying him were Advocate Lakhbir Singh Rai, MLA from Fatehgarh Sahib constituency, and Rupinder Singh Happy, MLA Bassi Pathana constituency. AAP government is realising the dream of Baba Saheb. There are 06 SC ministers in the cabinet. First time ever the reservation has been implemented in AG office and students are smoothly availing the benefits of SC



The Cabinet Minister said that Dr. Ambedkar was not just an individual but a vision, a movement, and a mission. He dedicated his life to social equality, justice, and the right to education. The Constitution drafted under his leadership is

not only the foundation of RAHUL KOHLI that protects the rights of every citizen. Minister Sond emphasized that following the path shown by Dr. Ambedkar is the only way to build a capable, educated, and equality-based India. Dr. Ambedkar's ideology continues to inspire today's youth. He also mentioned that the government is continuously making efforts for public welfare following the ideals of Dr. Ambedkar.

He highlighted that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab government has mandated the installation of portraits of Shaheed Bhagat Singh and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in all government offices. He said that education is the one thing that distinguishes humans from other species, and through literacy and knowledge, one can become a great personality like Dr. Ambedkar.

## **Nehru organised by DAV Girls College**

An extension lecture on the topic of Revisiting Nehru was organized by the Nehru Study Centre of DAV Girls College on Monday. Professor Malkit Singh, Director of the Centre for Kashmir Studies at Central University Dharamshala, was the keynote speaker. College Principal Dr Surinder Kaur and Nehru Study Centre Convener Dr Monika Sharma jointly

presided over the program. Dr Malkit gave detailed information to the students about the life and thoughts of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. He inspired the students to inspiration from Nehru's contribution and his thoughts. He told that under the leadership of Gandhiji, Nehru participated in the Non-Cooperation



Civil Movement, Disobedience Movement and Quit India Movement. Nehru based the foreign policy on the principles of Panchsheel through the Non-Aligned Movement.

Referring to the book Discovery of India written by Nehru Dr Malkit said that this book provided a c o m p r e h e n s i v e understanding of the history, culture and philosophy of India. He made a significant contribution

establishment of democracy. Also, he emphasized on secularism. He said that after the independence of the country, Nehru expanded the field of education a lot.

He advanced progress in the field of education by establishing institutions like IIT, UGG in the country. He also discussed Nehru neutral policies in detail. In which he gave detailed information about Kashmir policy, China policy and centralism.

## **FM Harpal Singh Cheema kick starts** wheat procurement at Dirba mandi

SUMER GARG DIRBA, APR 14

Punjab Finance Minister (FM), Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema today kick started the government procurement of wheat at local Grain Market while reaffirming the Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab Government's commitment to providing comprehensive facilities to farmers in the grain markets. He assured that during the current procurement season, farmers would not face any difficulties in the grain

markets. While speaking on the occasion, FM emphasized the government's dedication to purchasing every grain of



payments to farmers are made within 24 hours. He said that the administrative officers in Dirba have been directed to facilitate smooth procurement and lifting of grains ensuring availability of essential resources such as bags, transportation, labor, electricity besides

ensuring facilities like drinking water and hygienic toilets. The minister said that all the grain markets in the sub-division are being closely monitored by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate of Dirba. He said that all government procurement agencies have been instructed to strictly adhere to the state government's guidelines seamless operations.

Besides other prominent figures, Chairman Punseed, Mahinder Singh Sidhu; Chairperson of the Market Committee, Professor Jasvir Kaur Shergill; OSD to the Cabinet Minister, Tapinder Singh Sohi and District Mandi Officer, Kuljit Singh were present on this

## Akhil Thakur wins silver in Bangkok, gets hero's welcome in Himachal

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY **BILASPUR, APR 14** 

In a moment of immense pride for Himachal Pradesh, Akhil Thakur, the rising star of Indian kickboxing, was accorded a grand welcome at Hotel Lake View Café upon his return the international kickboxing championship held in Bangkok, Thailand, where he clinched the silver medal. The competition, held from April 7 to 12, saw Akhil deliver a stellar performance, adding yet another international accolade to his name. Akhil, who began his kickboxing journey at the tender age of eight, attributed his success to the unwavering support of his

parents and coaches.

Reflecting on his journey, he



encouraged the youth to embrace sports and stay away from addiction, emphasizing the role of sports in bringing pride to the state and nation. Social worker and entrepreneur Krishan Kumar Kashyap, Himuda Director Jitendra Chandel, District Cooperative Federation Chairman Ranjeet Kashyap, Panchayat Pradhan Nirmala Rajput, and other Open Competition (February 2025). dignitaries were present to honor the young champion.

#### Karishn Kumar Kashyap lauded Akhil's achievement and extended a token of encouragement with a personal contribution of Rs 21,000. Akhil's recent feat follows his earlier triumphs, including a

gold and bronze in the Asian Kickboxing Championship in Cambodia (October 2024) and a gold medal at the Indian International

#### **Falcon Foundation School** celebrates Baisakhi festival



ARVIND PATHAK

SULTANPUR LODHI: A cultural function dedicated to Baisakhi was organized at Falcon Foundation School. During this students participated in the function in Punjabi attire and showcased their skills. Children presented various Punjabi songs and solo dance, Giddha, Bhangra etc items. The students who performed the best Punjabi attire and the best dance were honored. The school chairman Colonel Ajit Singh Dhillon and director Madam Navdeep Kaur while performing the path of the children informed them about the festival of Baisakhi and also made them aware of the various reasons for celebrating it. They said that on this day the Khalsa Panth was established by Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji. They also said that when the crops ripen in the month of April farmers express their happiness by celebrating the festival of Baisakhi.

# Haryana sets a benchmark in transparent recruitment: PM

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA HISAR, APRIL 14

Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi today lauded the efforts of the Haryana Government, led by Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini, for its consistent work towards the welfare of the underprivileged. He said that the dismal state of government jobs in Haryana prior to 2014 is well known, and praised the current administration for effectively rectify ing the systemic issues inherited from the previous Congress government. Today, Haryana has set an exemplary record in offering government jobs without any Kharchi-Parchi. It is a matter of pride that he has got such a partner government in Haryana to realize the vision of developed India.

The Prime Minister was addressing a public gathering after inaugurating air services and laying the foundation stone of Termi nal-2 at Maharaja Agrasen Airport in Hisar on Monday

The Prime Minister commended the state government's transparency in recruitment, adding that over 25,000 eligible youth were pro-

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vided government employment be-fore the Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini takes oath. He further added that the state government is activey preparing a roadmap to create thousands of new jobs in the near

Highlighting Haryana's contribution to national service, the Prime Minister said, "Haryana is a land of valiant youth who protect the nation's borders." He criticized the Congress government for neglecting the demands of soldiers under the One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme, adding that after the BJP came to power, it ensured the nationwide implementation of OROP. He informed that over Rs13.500 crore has so far been disbursed under the OROP scheme in Haryana alone.

Expressing confidence in the state's progress, the Prime Minister said that Haryana will play a pivotal role in fulfilling the vision of a developed India. The fragrance of Haryana's soil will continue to spread across the world,

Beginning his speech in a

heartfelt Haryanvi accent, Prime Minister Modi connected warmly with the audience. As he took the stage, he greeted the crowd in local dialect: Mahare Hariyana Ke Dhakad Logaan Nai Řam-Ram ,Thade Jawan, Thade Khiladi, Thada Bhaichara- Yo Sai Haryana Ki Pechchaan (Ram-Ram to the strong people of our Haryana - the brave soldiers, the stellar athletes, and the people with an unbreakable brotherhood – this is the identity of Haryana). The crowd responded with thunderous applause, giving the Prime Minister a rousing welcome. He thanked the people of Haryana for their overwhelming presence despite the ongoing Lavani harvest sea-

## Baba Saheb was not only the Architect of the Constitution but also a timeless symbol of social harmony: CM

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

HISAR: Haryana Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini on Monday paid a floral tribute to Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar on his 135th birth anniversary at the Mini Secretariat complex in Hisar. He said that this day is a moment of pride not only for Haryana but for the entire nation, as we continue to walk the path shown by Baba Saheb and strive to fulfill his vision for India. The Chief Minister said that Baba Saheb, beyond being the principal

architect of the Indian Constitution, was also a timeless symbol of social harmony. He devoted his entire life to the upliftment and welfare of the poor and marginalized people. Through the Constitution, Baba Saheb unified the country and gave new strength to national unity and integrity. His invaluable contribution will always be remembered. He further added that the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Sh Narendra Modi.

following the ideals of Baba Saheb,

India by focusing on India's 2047 vision. This collective mission is one that all citizens must contribute to. To commemorate the 75th anniversarv of the adoption of the Constitution, a series of year-long programmes are being organized across the nation. These include awareness campaigns in which the Preamble of the Constitution is being read to promote understanding among the general pub-

Paying homage to Baba Saheb

Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, the Chief Minister said that Baba Saheb, who dedicated his life for the empowerment of the deprived and exploited sections of the society, is an inspiration for the society. Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar struggled throughout his life for the upliftment of the society, especially for the rights of SCs, backward classes and women. As the chief architect of an egalitarian, secular, and democratic Constitution, Baba Saheb ensured equal rights for all citizens.

#### **Mokshit Goswami of village Gumthala first in Haryana State Deadlift Championship**



RADAUR: Mokshit Goswami of village Gumthala has won laurels in IDF Open Haryana State Deadlift Championship in Faridabad. Mokshit has won first place in state by lifting 120 kg weight at the age of 13. Mokshit was honoured by organizers with medals and prizes and wished him a bright future. After program, when Mokshit returned to village, villagers celebrated by distributing sweets. Gurumukh Singh, operator of Gumthala Reps Gym, said that Mokshit practices in his gym. He is very hardworking. Mokshit has won first place in state on basis of his ability which is commendable. He said that along with education, youth should also come forward in field of sports. Youth should leave evils like addiction and show interest in sports and bring glory to them-

## Dr. Ambedkar was a skilled jurist, nationalist and a visionary reformer: Rajendra Balla

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee member and former member of Haryana

Recruitment Board Rajendra Balla, speaking on the 135th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, said that today is the birth anni-Ambedkar, the pioneer of social renaissance and the creator of an egalitarian society, and coordination of rights and dumarkable life remains an inspiration for everyone even today. He developed his talent as a jurist and scholar from economics. He rose from a modest

background as a politician and fought against poverty and caste-based discrimination. Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar is known as the architect of the Constitution. Bharat Ratna Ambedkar struggled education while facing discrimination.

He participated in the freedom struggle and played an incomparable role in the making of the Constitution to make independent India a democratic nation. Baba Saheb struggled his entire life for the

rights of the backward and weaker sections. He said that linking Baba Saheb to a particular caste or class of society is to narrow down his personality, if you want to keep Baba Saheb alive in yourself, then keep his thoughts alive in your

Rajendra Balla said that Dr. Ambedkar's thinking was that if you have become empowered today, then it is your duty to help other weak people. It is very important to organise society. He said

that we get education from Baba Saheb's life that how we can do good to the deprived people while facing adverse circumstances. He said that Baba Saheb played an import-ant role in many important decisions that built the nation. Whether it is about raising the social status of women, the initiative to reduce the working hours

eight or the concept of Reserve Bank of India and the suggestion to adopt the grid system for power distribution, Ambedkar played an important role in every aspect of nation building. In the true sense, Ambedkar was the architect of modern India.

### 5000 workers from Shahabad reach Modi's rally venue



SHAHABAD: More than 5000 workers from Shahabad reached PM Modi's rally, Master Subhash Kalsana expressed his gratitude to the workers Goldy Chugh, Shahabad: More than 5000 BJP workers from Shahabad assembly constituency reached the huge rally of Prime Minister Narendra Modi organised in Kaila village, Yamunanagar under the leadership of BJP leader Master Subhash Kalsana. This rally was very grand in terms of public support, in which people from the entire Hariya participated.

### Chief Minister Vivah Shagun Yojana is proving to be helpful for hundreds of families: DC

KAITHAL: DC Preeti said that Chief Minister Vivah Shagun Yojana run by Haryana Government has given great relief to families of economically weaker sections of the society. This scheme has been specially designed for Scheduled Castes, Backward

Classes, BPL (Below Poverty Line) and Minority communities. By providing financial assistance under this scheme, government has tried to reduce the financial burden on families at the time of marriage. She said that main objective of Chief Minister Vivah Shagun Yojana is to provide assistance to those families who are not able to raise required amount for marriage of their daughters. He said that this scheme is proving to be a boon

for such families, where it is difficult to bear expenses of marriage.DC said that under this scheme, grant amount has been fixed for various sections. A financial assistance of Rs 71,000 is provided on the marriage of daughters of Scheduled Caste and Vimukta Jati beneficiaries (whose annual income is up to Rs 1.80 lakh). A grant of Rs 41,000 is given on marriage of daughters of Backward Class and General Category beneficiaries (whose annual income is up to Rs 1.80 lakh). Along with this, a financial assistance of Rs 51,000 is also provided for widows, orphans, divorced, destitute women and their children. Under scheme a help of Rs 41,000 is also given on marriage of female sportspersons (whose annual income is up to Rs 1.80 lakh). If both the bride and groom in the marriage are Divyang, then they get a grant amount of Rs 51,000, whereas if only one bride or groom is Divyang, then a financial assistance of Rs 41,000 is provided.

## Kalyan calls for following path shown by Dr. Ambedkar

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

Programs were organized today on 134th birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar at village Dingar Mazra and Gharaunda Phatak Paar Ambedkar Chowk in district. Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan participated as chief guest and paid floral tribute to Baba Saheb's picture and saluted him. He said that Baba Saheb gave such a constitution to India full of diversity due to which we are moving forward on path of progress. He appealed to all sections of society to unite and ensure contribution to prog-ress of nation. He also called for

following path shown by Baba Saheb by adopting his ideals in life. It was organized by Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Samaj Kalyan Samiti in village Dingar Mazra. Kalyan wished and con-

gratulated the villagers on Baba Saheb's birth anniversary. He said that Baba Saheb dedicated his entire life to service of peo-ple. Youth should follow in his

footsteps and play an important role in nation building. He said that Baba Saheb's life was full of struggle. He achieved higher education while facing adverse circumstances. He touched new heights on basis of his ability

and later became chairman of Constitution Committee. Baba Saheb fought against caste discrimination, social inequality and economic disparity. He be-

longed to a poor family, he had a deep experience of casteism and discrimination in his childhood but he never gave up. He achieved higher education after hard struggles. He was not only architect of Constitution, but also a social reformer, economist and an inspirational personality. He included such provisions in Constitution of India which provide every citizen right to equal opportunity, justice,

education and respect. Kalyan said that Dr. Ambedkar raised his voice against untouchability, casteism and inequality prevalent in society, launched many movements to give rights to the weaker sec-

## Manohar Lal Khattar and MP Naveen Jindal discuss in detail about 'Developed Harvana'

DALBIR MALIK **KURUKSHETRA, APRIL 14** 

During their joint journey from Noida to Yamunanagar to attend the rally of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in Yamunanagar, Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal Khattar and Kurukshetra MP Shri Naveen Jindal had an in-depth discussion on the overall development of Haryana. During this visit, both the leaders discussed possible plans to make Haryana a leading state in line with spirit of 'Developed India'. Serious brainstorming was done on topics related to energy, housing and urban affairs, and important issues like strengthening of civic amenities in state, sustainable development, smart city projects

and green energy were also discussed. Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said that the Yamunanagar rally is not just a political event, but an opportunity to present road-map of 'Developed Haryana' before the public. Jindal said that under leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a wave of development is going and in coming time, country is going to fulfill dream of developed India. He said that third unit of Yamu-



nanagar Thermal Plant is a very big gift for state, and this gift also gives all of us a new responsibility to take forward journey of developed India. Jindal's media advisor Dr. Raj Kumar said that he is trying to make Kurukshetra parliamentary constituency a developed one by 2030. For this, many welfare schemes are being run at our level in constituency. People of Kurukshetra parliamentary constituency are benefiting from schemes run by Naveen Jindal Foundation.

## State level Maharishi Kashyap Jayanti will be celebrated on May 24 in Anaj Mandi Ladwa: Ramdiya

**CHAMANLAL** KARNAL, APRIL 14

On directions of Haryana Kashyap Raiput Sabha registered number 184/ 02345 state president Same Singh Kashyap, under the supervision of Sabha's state general secretary advocate Jagdish Kashyap, a meeting was held in Karnal under the chairmanship of Sabha's district president Ram Diya Kashyap, in which the district executive of the Sabha was formed in which unanimously

Sabha's senior vice president Gulab Singh Kashyap Nambardar, vice president Nandlal Kashyap, Dr. Krishna Kashyap vice president, general secretary Master Pawan Kumar Kashyap Matak Majri, Sandeep Kashyap secretary Uchani, cashier Mahavir Kashyap Uchani, Dharampal Kashyap Baghpati member, Raju Kashyap Raj Palace, district executive member and Ravindra



Kumar Kashyap press spokesperson were appointed, who will do the work of Sabha smoothly and will remove evils spread in the society, it was also passed in the meeting of the Sabha that on the coming 24th May, in state level Maharishi Kashyap Jayanti Anaaj Mandi Ladwa, state's honorable Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini will be chief guest and MLA of Indri and

Haryana Government will preside over meeting and senior leaders of the society, office bearers of different organisations and lakhs of devotees from will participate. A resolu-

tion was also passed in this meeting that whatever directions MLA Ramkumar Kashyap will give, assembly will make every effort and cooperate to make the birth anniversary a complete success so that Maharishi Kashyap Jayanti can be made grand. All brothers of state are requested to participate enthusiastically in birth anniversary.

## Country moving on path of progress based on thoughts of Dr. Ambedkar: Rajesh Tank

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, APRIL 14

A huge procession was taken out by Ambedkarites on the eve of Babasaheb birth anniversary across the country. Thousands of Ambedkarites participated in the procession. To welcome the procession, a programme was organised at the statue of Baba Saheb by Ambedkar Blue Club (ABC) members. Advocate Amrit Bisier, former Deputy Director of Food Supply Department Keshav Dahiya, District President of OBC Morcha Advocate Rajesh Saini, social worker Munish

Munde participated in the programme District President of Ambedkar Blue Club Jagdeep Valmiki welcomed him with a bouquet of flowers. Chief guest Superintendent Engineer Rajesh Tank said that the whole country is moving ahead on the path of progress based on the teachings given by our great men. Special guest Ad-



vocate Amrit Bisier said that today the whole world is celebrating the birth anniversary of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar ji, the architect of the Constitution, messiah of the downtrodden and the deprived, a symbol of equality, on a large scale.

Due to the great works of Baba Saheb, today we are living a life of respect, the

rights which we were deprived of for centuries, we all got those rights because of Baba Saheb. Former Deputy Director Keshav Dahiya said that we all have to adopť Baba Saheb's slogan of 'Be educated, stay organised, strug gle' in our lives. District President Jagdeep Valmiki said that today the whole world accepts the strength of Baba Saheb's ideas, we all should move forward by adopt ing Baba Saheb's ideas. The orga nization members celebrated Baba Saheb's birth anniversary by distributing sweets to each other On this occasion, treasurer Mahavir Jogi

members Rajkumar Jogi, Sanjay Cobra, Vi nod Sain, Basant Valmiki, Kamal Valmiki, Malkit Valmiki, Ranbir Kashyap Sukhwinder Singh, Vinod Sain, Vinod Val miki, Aman Saroha, Rinku Panchal, Karamjit, Subhash Kashyap, Mempal Kashyap and others were present.

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#### **Editorial**

## **Blood on their hands**

Resorting to lethal violence in response to imagined blemishes on individual or community honour is a disheartening reality in contemporary society. Three women in Haryana were killed simply because their family members opposed their inter-caste marriages and relationships. In yet another incident, a man in Rajasthan was killed by his brother-in-law for allegedly eloping and marrying a woman from another community.

The deep-rooted cultural notion that a family's reputation hinges on dictating the personal choices of its members fuels such acts of violence. To this date, many communities and families hold on to the ill-founded, medieval belief that murdering a family member who defies their norms would redeem family honour and preserve their social standing.

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Smothering an individual's freedom to choose under the pretext of clan honour has a chilling effect on society. Victims are stripped of their individual agency and are compelled to conform to societal or familial expectations driven by rigid social hierarchies.

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Regrettably, India lacks a centralised record of such 'honour' killings. The absence of accurate data despite the prevalence of such crimes is deplorable. These crimes are registered under generic offences of homicide like murder and criminal conspiracy, leading to the invisibilisation of honour-based violence.

Although crimes related to honour remain widespread, there is no national legislation to tackle such offences. Crimes linked to honour are registered under the general criminal provisions set forth in the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. The disjointed legal framework and its inconsistent application further exacerbate the problem. The provisions in criminal laws fail to recognise the social dynamics that differentiate honour killings from other forms of homicide. Enacting a dedicated legislation would resolve the various issues that existing penal codes either overlook or fail to address adequately.

When faced with the issue, the Supreme Court had observed that "There is nothing honourable in such killings, and in fact they are nothing but barbaric and shameful acts of murder committed by brutal, feudal-minded persons who deserve harsh punishment... This is a free and democratic country, and once a person becomes a major, he or she can marry whosoever he/she likes. If the parents of the boy or girl do not approve of such inter-caste or inter-religious marriage, the maximum they can do is cut off social relations with the son or daughter, but they cannot harass the person who undergoes such inter-caste or inter-religious marriage." While the apex court has consistently stepped in to safeguard the freedoms of individuals to choose their partners, its directives and rulings need to be complemented by an adequate centralised law.

# Our jewellery market

India's domestic jewellery market is projected to grow at a strong compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 16 per cent between FY24 and FY28, reaching a market size of USD 145 billion by FY28, according to a report by Minerva Capital Research.

The report highlighted that the Indian jewellery industry is undergoing a significant transformation, with a steady shift from unorganized to organized players.

It said, "India's domestic jewellery market expected to register a 16 per cent CAGR from FY24E to FY28E."

Currently, the unorganized sector holds around 62 per cent of the market share. However, this is expected to drop to 57 per cent by FY28, while the share of organized jewellers will rise to 43 per cent. This transition is driven by increasing consumer preference for transparency, quality, and branded products.

Region-wise, the southern states dominate the Indian gold jewellery market, contributing about 40 per cent to the total demand in FY23. This is followed by the western region, which accounts for 25 per cent of the market. The average jewellery demand during weddings across India stands at around 225-250 grams.

The report also noted a difference in consumer preferences across regions. Southern consumers largely prefer traditional plain gold jewellery, while the northern and western parts of the coun-



try show a higher demand for lightweight and diamond-studded jewellery, particularly in 14k and 18k categories.

In terms of profitability, the report mentioned that the gross margins range between 10 per cent to 14 per cent for plain gold jewellery and 30 per cent to 35 per cent for diamond-studded jewellery.

In FY23, fine jewellery made up nearly 90 per cent of the total jewellery market, valued at approximately USD 63 billion. This includes both gold and non-gold segments. Several government initiatives are supporting the growth of the organized jewellery sector and promoting exports. These include the reduction in customs duties—on gold and silver from 15 per cent to 6 per cent, and on platinum from 15.4 per cent to 6.4 per cent—as announced in the Union Budget 2024. Additionally, gold hallmarking was made mandatory from April 1, 2023, and PAN cards are now required for jewellery purchases over Rs 2 lakhs. These measures are aimed at enhancing transparen-

cy and domestic value addition.

The jewellery industry is also seeing increasing participation from organized players in rural areas, which account for 58 per cent of the total jewellery demand.

Demand patterns remain seasonal, peaking during wedding seasons (May-June and September-January), harvest periods (September-November and January-March), and festive occasions such as Diwali, Dhanteras, Akshaya Tritiya, and Ugadi.

# "Economic reforms and strengthened rural economy paving way for a self-reliant Himachal"

DEAR PEOPLE OF HIMACHAL PRADESH,

s we celebrate the 78th anniversary of the formation of our state on 15th April, I extend my heartfelt greetings to all of you on the occasion of Himachal Day and wish for a bright and prosperous future for you and our beloved state. This day holds a great historical significance for the people of Himachal. On this day in 1948, just eight months after India's independence, our beautiful state came into existence through the merger of 30 princely hill states and became a centrally administered territory.

The establishment of Himachal as a separate state was made possible through the efforts of our visionary leaders, heroes of the Prajamandal movement, countless freedom fighters, and the active participation of the people of the region. On this auspicious occasion, I pay my homage to Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar, the architect and first Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, along with all the great personalities who played a vital role in shaping the unique identity of Himachal.

As we look back on our journey from a humble hill state to one of the most progressive states in India, we must also reflect on the road ahead. Today, Himachal stands on the cusp of a new era. The state government has embarked on a transformative path to make Himachal self-reliant by 2027 and among the most prosperous states by 2032. This vision is rooted in concrete action, strategic reforms and an unwavering commitment to the welfare of people of state.

Despite formidable economic challenges, including a significant debt burden and a large share of the budget being spent on salaries, pensions and loan repayments, the government has adopted a bold and pragmatic approach. With nearly 50 percent of state expenditure already committed, the ability to launch fresh initiatives may seem limited. Our government has fulfilled six out of its ten key guarantees. This demonstrates a rare ability to implement people-centric policies amidst financial constraints.

The government's natural farming revolution has become a model for other states. For the first time, the state has fixed Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for crops grown through natural methods. Wheat is now being procured at Rs. 60 per kg, maize at Rs. 40 and turmeric at Rs. 90, an increase that not only boosts farmer income but encourages sustainable agricultural practices.

This decision not only supports environmental preservation but enhances soil health and water conservation.



Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu Chief Minister Himachal Pradesh

Branding and marketing initiatives such as 'Himachali Haldi' are being actively promoted to give these products national visibility. Infrastructure support, such as the establishment of a Spice Park in Hamirpur and a Rs. 20 crore potato processing plant in Una would further strengthen the agricultural value chain.

Over 1.58 lakh farmers have already been certified in natural farming and enrolled under the Him Parivar register. This digitized system enables the direct transfer of benefits and links farmers with markets and created a robust support structure. In addition, the state dovernment is providing a 50 percent interest subsidy on agricultural loans up to Rs. 3 lakh which is offering much-needed financial relief to farmers who have long battled debt and uncertainty. These steps have brought a sense of security to the rural economy and have halted the distress sale of farmland which has often been a last resort for struggling families.

The dairy sector has also received unprecedented attention. The procurement price of cow milk has been raised from Rs. 32 to Rs. 51 per litre and that of buffalo milk from Rs. 47 to Rs. 61 per litre, which is highest in the region. Additionally, milk cooperative societies are being provided Rs. 3 per litre as transport subsidy. These measures have given direct financial gains to thousands of small dairy farmers, many of whom are women, thus reinforcing rural livelihoods and strengthening their economy.

To support apple growers the government introduced the use of universal cartons last year and cleared dues amounting to Rs. 153 crore under the Market intervention scheme. This initiative is part of a broader effort to uplift the agricultural sector and ensure fair market practices to the farmers.

In line with its vision for a sustainable future the government has set an ambitious target to make Himachal a Green Energy State by March 2026, focusing on solar energy projects. Efforts are also underway to promote electric vehicles, with six charging stations established and subsidies offered for converting 3,000 diesel and petrol taxis to electric. Furthermore, the construction of the state's first Green Hydrogen Plant in Chamba and a one-megawatt project in Nalagarh are key steps towards a greener Himachal.

Another landmark initiative is the Indira Gandhi Pyari Behna Sukh-Samman Nidhi Yojana, which guarantees a monthly income of Rs. 1,500 to every eligible women. This direct income support is more than a welfare measure. The scheme will now benefit the daughters completing the age of 21 between1st January to 31st March,

The widows, single women and specially-abled workers registered under Himachal Pradesh Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Board women would now receive Rs. 3 lakh financial assistance to build their own homes. The same benefit is extended to sanitation workers from the Valmiki community under the Maharishi Valmiki Kamgar Awas Yojana. These initiatives reflect the commitment of state government to inclusive development that not only uplifts but also provides them life of dignity.

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One of the most profound and humane policy decisions of this government has been the introduction of the Mukhyamantri Sukh-Aashray Yojana, under which more than 6,000 orphaned children have been declared 'Children of the State'. In a first-of-its-kind initiative, these children are now under the direct care of the state government and are being provided with quality education, healthcare, mentor-

ship and livelihood support.

A legislative framework ensures that this support is institutionalized and not left to the whims of changing political priorities. Under this scheme, these children were taken on an exposure visit to Chandigarh, Delhi, Goa and the Wagah Border. For the first time, they had the opportunity to travel by airplane and train and stayed at places like Himachal Bhawan and three-star hotels. This initiative stands as a bold and compassionate declaration that no child in Himachal shall be left behind.

Daily wages of the labourers have been raised by Rs. 25, bringing the minimum wage to Rs. 425 per day. Under the MGNREGA scheme the wage has been increased from Rs. 240 to Rs. 320 one of the sharpest hikes in the country. Our government is undertaking the task of revising the BPL families list to ensure that more deserving and vulnerable sections of society are

To reduce fuel dependence, the government will provide up to 40 percent subsidy for converting 3,000 petrol and diesel taxis into electric ones. Additionally, permits for 1,000 new bus routes will be allocated to the private sector to improve public transport. A shift to renewable energy will reduce the state's dependence on fossil fuels and ensure long-term energy security.

Á new scheme, the 'Rajiv Gandhi Van Samvardhan Yojna', with a budget of Rs. 100 crore, will engage Mahila and Yuvak Mandals in forest conservation. Each group will receive Rs. 6.4 lakh over five years, enabling them to protect forests while also earning an income.

To further boost the industrial development of the state, the government approved 149 industrial proposals in the past year, which are expected to attract investments worth Rs. 3,084 crore and create nearly 15,000 employment opportunities. The government has launched the 'Rajiv Gandhi Swarozgar Start-up Scheme' with an allocation of Rs. 680 crore aimed at empower the youth. Furthermore, the 'Mukhya Mantri Laghu Dukandar Yojna is set to benefit urban fruit and vegetable vendors, tea shopkeepers and other small businesses.

The Himachal Pradesh government is steadfastly transforming Kangra into the tourism capital of the state, with the expansion of Gaggal Airport already underway. In a major boost to tourism infrastructure, new destinations are being developed in two phases with a total investment of Rs. 2,400 crore.

The 'Chief Minister Tourism Startup Scheme' has also been launched to support young entrepreneurs by providing loans at just 4 percent interest in non-tribal areas and 5 percent in tribal regions for setting up homestays and hotels.

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Healthcare in the state is witnessing a revolutionary transformation. patients spending Rs.1,350 crore annually for treatment outside the state, the government is now investing Rs. 1,730 crore in this year to equip all medical colleges, regional hospitals, civil hospitals and community health centers with modern diagnostic machines. A state-ofthe-art cancer center worth Rs. 300 crore is being established in Hamirpur, while 69 health institutions will soon offer cancer care and 11 will provide specialized treatment. Radiotherapy units are being established in Shimla and Tanda and new telemedicine and advanced diagnostic facilities like will be introduced across the state. Under the 'Rogi Mitra Yojana,' 1,000 patient assistants will be appointed, and a new scheme, the 'Chief Minister Elderly Care Scheme,' will deploy mobile health vans for citizens aged 70 and above. AYUSH services are also being strengthened through the 'Acharya Charak Scheme,' which ensures free diagnostics and medicines at government AYUSH facilities. Moreover, Adarsh Chikitsa Sansthan with six specialists each will be established in all constituencies, while cancer patients will receive free treatment and 42 essential medicines.

The government has made remarkable strides in the education sector. From ranking 21st during the previous regime, Himachal Pradesh has now topped in academic performance and learning level as per the report of Annual Status of Education (2024).

Annual Status of Education (2024).

The state has also been ranked first in ensuring drinking water in schools. With English introduced as the medium of instruction from Grade-1 and modern Rajiv Gandhi Day-Boarding Schools being set up in every constituency, 31 of which are already under construction. English medium has been started in all government school from Grade-1.

The government has created a single Directorate for classes Pre-Nursery to 12th and a separate one for Higher Education. The State Government has extended the Dr. YS Parmar Vidyarthi Rin Yojna to include overseas education, offering loans at just one percent interest. This will help students from weaker sections pursue higher studies abroad without financial barriers.

The 'Mukhyamantri Sukh Shiksha Yojana' of the government supports the education, health and nutrition of children from vulnerable families with Rs. 1,000 per month. Teachers are also being empowered through exposure visits, with 270 sent to Singapore

and 200 others trained in other Indian

Fighting the drug menace is a top priority of our government. We have enacted PIT-NDPS Act for the 'Nasha Mukt Himachal' that was previously neglected and resulting in several arrests of repeat offenders. Strong measures have been implemented, including confiscation of illegally acquired assets. A clear distinction has been made between addicts and traffickers, and rehabilitation centers are being established, including one in Sirmaur's Kotla Barog, with plans for more across the state. A new law has also been introduced to address rising cases of domestic violence.

The government has launched the 'Chief Minister Clean Water Purification Scheme' with a Rs. 200 crore budget and under the 'Mukhyamantri Rural Drinking Water Scheme,' Rs. 745 crore are being spent to provide clean water to over 20,000 houses in eight districts.

For better public transport, 500 new e-buses are being added to the fleet and a Rs. 1,734 crore world-class ropeway project is being developed in Shimla, stretching about 14 km which will be the second largest in the world. Remote regions like Bada Bhangal and Dodra-Kwar are now being connected with all-weather roads, symbolizing inclusive development.

The government has also adopted a zero tolerance policy against corruption by shutting down the tainted HP Staff Selection Commission and es-

tablishing Rajya Chayan Aayog.
For the first time in state history, special Lok Adalats have been organized at the tehsil and sub-tehsil levels. So far, over 2.75 lakh mutation cases, 16,258 partition cases, 27,404 demarcation cases and 7,260 correction cases have been resolved. While the 'Sarkar Gaon ke Dwar programme ensures that citizens in remote areas can access government services without delay or cost.

Óver the past two years, more than 42,000 job opportunities have been created and 25,000 more posts will be filled this year. Recognizing the crucial role of employees in the state's progress, the government has reinstated the old pension Scheme (OPS), ensuring financial security to over 1.36 NPS government employees.

With visionary planning and determined action, the Himachal Pradesh government is scripting a new chapter of inclusive development, driven by employment, education, healthcare, infrastructure and social welfare.

Jai Hind ! Jai Himachal !

**CHANDIGARH TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025** 



## **Ambedkar Jayanti celebrated at SMS Memorial Public School**

TARAORI: S.M.S. Memorial Public School in Tarawadi observed the birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar with reverence and enthusiasm. The school held a commemorative event during which the school's manager, Gursharan Grewal, and Principal Dr. Vibha Kaushik, along with staff members, paid floral tribute to the portrait of Dr. Ambedkar and

pledged to follow the ideals he stood for. Speaking on the occasion, Gursharan Grewal said that the anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar is not just a remembrance of a great individual but symbolizes a revolutionary movement for justice and equality. "April 14 marks not only the birth of a leader, but the birth of an idea that inspires continuous effort toward a just and equal society," he stated.



### **NEWS BRIEF**

**Surendra Sharma's** contribution will always be remembered: Dr Arvind



KARNAL: Cooperative, Prison, Heritage and Tourism Minister Dr Arvind Sharma on Monday expressed grief over the demise of former head of Brahmin Sabha, Karnal, Surendra Sharma and said that he always contributed with dedication for the upliftment and unity of the society. His contribution will always be remembered. On Monday afternoon, Cooperative Minister Dr Arvind Sharma reached Karneshwar Mahadev Temple in Sector 7, where he participated in the rituals of former head of Brahmin Sabha Surendra Sharma. He said that while Surendra Sharma contributed to the development of the village as Sarpanch, he also worked hard to unite the society as the President of Brahmin Sabha, Karnal. Cabinet

Minister Dr Arvind Sharma said

connected the common people

that late Surendra Sharma

with him through honesty

cooperation and service

# **Cyber Fraud Alert: Online part-time job offers**

SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL, APR 14

In the age of digital connectivity, cyber criminals are constantly evolving new tactics to defraud unsuspecting individuals. Kaithal Superintendent of Police Rajesh Kalia has issued a public warning against a rising trend of cyber fraud in which people are lured through fake part-time job offers on social media platforms. SP Kalia explained that scammers are enticing individuals by promising high daily earnings for merely one to two hours of online work. They typically send job offers through SMS, WhatsApp, Telegram, websites, or mobile applications, claiming that one can earn thousands by forwarding a link to

#### **Emphasises** following key precautions:

- · Never click on suspicious links or respond to unsolicited job offers. Avoid communicating with unknown
- individuals or sending them money. · Use strong, unique passwords for online accounts.
- · If you have accidentally shared your bank details, notify your bank immediately.
- Stay informed about cyber safety by following 'Cyber Dost' on Twitter and visiting the official portal www.cybercrime.gov.in.

others. In return, victims are promised bonuses and higher payouts. However, these links are often traps. Once clicked, they can collect the victim's personal data or prompt financial transactions that lead to substantial monetary loss. "People are easily drawn in by the allure of easy money and unknowingly give away sensitive information," said Kalia. In case of any cyber fraud, citizens are advised to call the helpline number

## One arrested, stolen money recovered

RAHUL KOHLI

on social media are scam, warns SP

YAMUNANAGAR: spokesperson Chamkaur Singh said that working under the guidance of Superintendent of Police Rajiv Deswal, the team of Gandhinagar police station has succeeded in arresting a clever thief. Stolen money was recovered from the accused. He was sent to judicial custody to be presented in court. Police station manager Jagbir Singh said that Deepak Kumar, a resident of Nawab Colony, lodged a complaint that he has a shop named Gunjan Kirana Store inside his house. On April 13. he went inside the house for some work from the shop, meanwhile an unknown person stole about 10 thousand rupees kept in his shop from behind. On

1930 immediately for assistance. SP Kalia concluded by reminding the public that in the digital world, vigilance and awareness are the most



leadership of ASI Masroof Ali and Sandeep Kumar. Team took immediate action and arrested a youth with the help of CCTV

powerful tools against cyber crime. To safeguard against such scams, SP Kalia urged the public to remain alert and cautious.

## CM Sukhu receives warm welcome in Pangi valley, asks installation of Solar Project



#### **DINESH AGARWAL** SHIMLA, APR 14

On his arrival in Killar, Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu was warmly welcomed by the local residents in the remote Pangi Valley in Chamba district. The Chief Minister landed at the Dharwas helipad, where locals dressed in traditional attire greeted him enthusiastically. Representatives from various Panchayats honored him at the helipad and brought their concerns to his attention. Assuring the people of prompt redressal of their issues, the Chief Minister said that the state government was commitment development of tribal areas. He announced Rs. 25 lakh each for

the construction of Mahila

community centers) in Dharwas and Lunj. Additionally, he declared Rs. 10 lakh for the completion of another Mahila Mandal Bhawan in Lunj, and Rs. 1 lakh each for three Mahila Mandals for purchasing necessary equipment Encouraging residents to establish solar power plants on private land, the Chief Minister said "The State government will offer a 5 percent interest subsidy for setting up solar energy projects ranging from 250 KW to 1 MW in tribal areas. Whereas, in non-tribal regions, projects between 250 KW and 1 MW will receive a 4 percent interest subsidy, while larger projects exceeding 1 MW will be eligible for a 3 percent

Mandal Bhawans (women's

#### Balakulam Educational Institute organises seminar on birth anniversary of Dr. BR Ambedkar

KURUKSHETRA: On the auspicious occasion of the birth anniversary of Constitution maker, social reformer and Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, a seminar was organized by the unit of Balakulam Shikshan Sansthan in a very reverential, enthusiastic and inspiring atmosphere on Monday. The objective of the program was to spread the thoughts of Dr Ambedkar to the people and to inspire the youth by his struggling life and teachings. On this occasion, Mr. Prashant Sharma, City President, Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, Kurukshetra City Unit and Professor, PM Shri Government Senior Secondary School, Jathlana (District Yamuna Nagar) while sharing his views said, "Baba Saheb said that be educated, stay organized and struggle. This basic mantra can make every person's life successful and the society equitable. He considered education as the biggest weapon of social change." Mr. Sukhdev, an active member of the institute said, "Baba Saheb's life is an inspiration for every person who is struggling for his rights. His policies and thoughts are still guiding us, especially for the youth. We should follow the path shown by him and spread awareness in the society." Nitesh, Legal Advisor of the Institute, Advocate, District Court, Kurukshetra said, "The rights that Dr. Ambedkar gave us in the Indian Constitution are the backbone of any democracy.

## **Blood donation is best** gift: Shiv Nath Kapoor



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

NILOKHERI: BJP leader Shiv Nath Kapoor participated in the blood donation camp organised at Guru Ravidas Mandir on the 135th birth anniversary of Dr. Bala Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution. He offered flowers to Ambedkar's portrait and also honored the blood donors by giving them certificates. On this occasion, Shiv Nath Kapoor described the blood donation camp organized by Guru Ravidas Sabha as a unique gift for the service of humanity and said that there cannot be any greater donation than blood donation, so blood donation is called Mahadaan. Shiv Nath Kapoor described the Constitution made by Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar as the soul of India and said that it is only because of the Constitution that every class has been able to get equal respect.

#### True devotion lies in emotion, not wealth: Acharya Manoj Mohan Gaur



MANMOHAN SHARMA

HANSI: A week-long Shrimad Bhagwat Katha Gyan Yagya began in village Sainipura of Hansi Mandal under the guidance of Mahant Sagarnath. The spiritual event is being organized by Kuldeep Saini Dholaram, son of former Sarpanch Rajkumar, and will continue daily from 3 PM to 6 PM until April 18. Renowned kathavachak Acharya Manoj Mohan Gaur is narrating the katha in a melodious and heartfelt style. On the third day of the discourse, the Acharya emphasized the essence of devotion, stating, "The Lord seeks not the wealth of His devotees, but their sincere emotion." Delving into the teachings from the lives of Lord Krishna, Sati Anusuya, and Shatarupa, Acharya Gaur spoke about the dangers of negative traits like stubbornness, dishonesty, criticizing saints, anger, and immoral conduct. He cautioned that such actions can spiritually degrade a woman, leading her away from righteousness.

#### **Brain Gym Vedic Math Academy children** answer 75 questions in 10 minutes

interest subsidy.



KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI: Children of Brain Gym Vedic Math Academy

Taraori brought laurels to the city of Tarawadi as well as Brain Gym Vedic Math Academy by participating in the Abaqus and Vedic Math competition held at North India level in Delhi. These children surprised everyone by answering 75 questions in 10 minutes. It is worth mentioning that the Abacus and Vedic Math competition was organized in Delhi. In which about 300 children from Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Meerut, Ghaziabad and Karnal participated. 10 children of Brain Gym Vedic Math Academy of Taraori city also got a chance to participate in this competition. Pawan Goyal, Premchand Gupta, Dr. D.K. associated with the academy were present in the event. Many dignitaries including Garg, Ujjwal Panda and Rakesh Jain were present.

#### **Local unit of All Haryana Govt College Teachers Association formed unanimously**



MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: The formation of the local unit of All Haryana Government College Teachers Association was completed in a peaceful and democratic manner at Shaheed Udham Singh Government College, Matak Majri, Karnal. All the members participated in this process with full enthusiasm and cooperation. It was chaired by senior teachers and impartiality was ensured. Dr. Gulab Singh, from the Department of Chemistry, was unanimously elected for the post of president. He assured protection of the interests of teachers, policy reforms and organizational strength. Dr. Manju Malik was elected from the Department of Commerce for the post of Vice President. She emphasized on giving a new direction to the organization and making communication effective. Dr. Sumit Goyal (Mathematics Department) was elected General Secretary. He talked about the functioning of the association in a transparent and digital form. Dr. Pooja (Commerce Department) was elected as Finance Secretary. She expressed commitment to maintain the financial transparency of the organization and ensure proper distribution of grants/collected amount.

#### PM has special attachment with Haryana, he has made 25 visits: Dr. Arvind



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Haryana's Cooperation and Tourism and Prison Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma has said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has special attachment with Haryana. After becoming the Prime Minister, the Prime Minister has made 25 visits to Haryana. During this, he has given lovely gifts to Haryana. He said that the Prime Minister has won the hearts of the people of Haryana. He said that the people of Haryana have been given Maharaja Agrasen International Airport. After this, the people of Haryana will get the opportunity to travel by international air. After this airport, tourism in Haryana will also increase. He said that the Central and State Government are determined to bring Haryana on the international tourism map. He said that after the construction of the airport, international level tourists will also be able to come to Haryana.

#### Haryana Valmiki Mahasabha celebrates Dr BR Ambedkar birth anniversary

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: On behalf of Haryana Valmiki Mahasabha, the 134th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar was celebrated at Ambedkar Chowk with pomp. After garlanding the statue of Dr Ambedkar, laddoos and fruits made of desi ghee were distributed to passersby. On this occasion, Principal General Secretary of Haryana Valmiki Mahasabha Satyavan Dhiloud said that education was necessary for progress. Employment opportunities will be created only if there was education. Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar thought that every person should be educated and became a good citizen of the country. We all should take inspiration from Dr.

Ambedkar's thinking and his life ideals. Bharat Dhillau the state media in -charge of Haryana Valmiki said that Dr. Ambedkar gave equal rights to everyone by building the Constitution. It was our duty to follow the Constitution. It is noteworthy that on the birth anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar, fruits and sweets are being distributed every year by Harvana Valmiki Mahasabha, District General Secretary of Mahasabha Sanjeev Jalamana said that the goal of Valmiki Mahasabha was to bring Baba Saheb's thinking to the person sitting in the end of Valmiki society only then the all -round development of Valmiki society will be assured.

#### Dr. Ambedkar was great social reformer and protector of the rights of Dalits: Lathar

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Karnal BJP District President Praveen Lathar today paid tribute to Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar on his birth anniversary by bowing to the statue of Baba Saheb at the local Ambedkar Chowk. On this occasion, BJP District Vice President Sanjay Rana, District Media Incharge I Kumar, senior BJP leaders Ashok Madan, Raj Singh,

Raghumal Bhatt and Pramod Ahuja along with many other BJP leaders were present with him. On this occasion, while throwing light on the life of Baba Saheb, BJP District President Praveen Lathar said that Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar's birth



anniversary is being celebrated every year on 14 April across the country. Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar was the creator of the Indian Constitution, a great social reformer and protector of the rights of Dalits. He spent his entire life fighting against casteism, discrimination and social injustice and made significant contributions to the Constitution to give equal rights to all citizens. Dr. Ambedkar took many important decisions towards establishing education, equality and human rights in the society. He said that Baba Saheb dedicated his entire life for the rights of the oppressed, poor and backward classes.

#### Rajesh Nagar visits Karnal and Gharaunda Grain Mandi to take stock of purchase system



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Minister of State for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Rajesh Nagar visited Gharaunda and local grain market on Monday. Talking to farmers and agents and took stock of the purchase system. He inspected the wheat piles in the mandi. He expressed satisfaction over the lifting and payment system. On this occasion, the minister said that earlier he also visited Ladwa, Indri Grain Mandi. He also interacted with farmers and agents. No complaint was received from anyone. The lifting was continued without problem. Payments were also being made to farmers on time. The moisture content in wheat was also found under the prescribed parameters. On one question, he said that there was a problem in raising one or two places in the state this problem has been overcome. The contractor has been instructed to increase the speed of lifting process. He said that most of the wheat has arrived in the mandis. There has been no complaint of crop failure from anywhere due to rain. The payment that was stopped due to the three -day holiday would be made after the bank opened on Tuesday.

## 2.5 acres of wheat crop burnt



JAIREER RANA THAMBER

**BARARA:** At this time, the hard work of farmers is being packed in sacks after harvesting in the fields of the village, but for farmer Karm Singh Saini, this season left behind the memory of a painful accident. The fire engulfed the wheat crop in his 2.5 acres of field. Wheat had already been taken out from the field, but the remaining remains of the crop - called 'phaane' - were lying in the field. The fire spread so fast that this last symbol of the farmer's hard work of many months also turned into ashes. This accident happened when a pile of 3-4 cow dung cakes kept on the edge of Karm Singh Saini's field caught fire due to unknown reasons, which is believed to be the result of a short circuit. As soon as the fire was detected at around 7:10 pm, the villagers informed the fire brigade, but about three quarters of an hour passed while waiting and by then the fire had done its job. The villagers tried their best to control the fire. From pouring water from buckets to pipes and tractor tankers, every possible effort was made, but the flames of fire raged so much in the dry heap of fans that the entire field was reduced to ashes in no time

#### Dr. Ambedkar's 134th birth anniversary celebrated in Lohara



VIJAY KAUSHIK

LADWA: Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Seva Samiti (regd.) Lohara celebrated the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar with great enthusiasm in the village. Chief guest KS Mehra, former AGM of State Bank of India, and DGM of HAFED department Mange Ram Saroha started the program by paying floral tribute to the statue of Baba Saheb. Advocate Gurpreet Cobra, law student Amit, lecturer Dr. Amarjit Singh, Dr. Jarnail Ranga were with them who paid homage to Baba Saheb and expressed their views. On this occasion, Chief Guest KS Mehra said that Dr. Ambedkar was not just a person but an ideology who gave the message of educating, organizing and fighting for whole of India. He highlighted the thoughts of Baba Saheb, his historical role in the making of the Indian Constitution and his tireless struggles for the upliftment of the deprived sections of the society. He said that Dr. Ambedkar not only gave voice to the Dalits and the oppressed but also underlined the importance of education, self-respect and equality. His thoughts are still showing direction to the society.

#### Shri Sita Ram Sankirtan Mandal celebrates Hanuman Jayanti

VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA: On the birth anniversary of Pawanputra Bajrangbali Hanuman ji Maharaj path of Sunder Kand was recited by Shri Sita Ram Sankirtan Mandal in the ancient Hanuman temple, Ladwa. By singing bhajans and kirtans, the devotees celebrated Hanuman jayanti with great pomp and show. Hawan pujan was also performed in which the main



On this holy festival, the patron of Shri Sanatan Dharma Mahavir Dal, former MLA Ramesh Gupta, Anil Garg, Som Prakash Sharma, Pawan Bansal, Ram Kumar Khakat, Narendra Sain, Ramesh Bansal, Sahab Singh, Honey Sharma, Master Vijay Taneja, Master Mukesh Sharma, Rajan Kakkar, Master Pravesh Sharma, Satish Dhawan, Sumit Rohila, Jarnail Singh, Harendra Singal, Tarsem Bakali, Kapil Garg, Goldy Pujara, Sardar Twinkle, Sardar Upendra Singh Dikku, Baldev Arora, Dippan, Ishwar ji, Master Mohan Lal, Rocky Sharma, Vijay Wadhawan, along with a large number of people attended the event. Women devotees were also present in the event. Pandit Praksh Joshi, Pandit Santosh Semwal, Pandit Sunil performed worship and Havan under the guidance of the temple's chief priest Pandit Jagdamba Prasad Joshi and after that a huge bhandaar was organized in which a large number of devotees participated along with dignitaries from the city and nearby areas.

#### **NEWS BRIEF**

#### Samsung Announces Special Offers on Galaxy S25 Ultra in India

HANDIGARH: Samsung, India's larges Consumer electronics brand, today announced exciting limited period offers on its latest flagship smartphone – Galaxy S25 Ultra. Consumers purchasing Galaxy S25 Ultra cashback of INR 12000. In addition, consumers Galaxy S25 Ultra is a true Al companion - Al agents with multimodal capabilities are integrated within the One UI 7 platform to perform complex tasks seamlessly across apps and enable natural user interactions through speech, text, videos and images. Now Brief provides tailored suggestions to guide through the day and Now Bar offers a new hub for ongoing activities. From enhanced productivity with Writing Assist to limitless creativity unleashed by Drawing Assist, the expanded canabilities of Galaxy Al continue to empower users in every aspect of their daily lives. Additionally, Google's enhanced Circle to Search Overviews and one-tap actions.

#### "Baisakhi is a Sacred Celebration of Our Heritage and Resilience" – AGI Infra MD Sukhdev Singh

alandhar(BUNNY SODHI): AGI Infra Limited marked the festival of Baisakhi with spiritual devotion and cultural vibrancy at its flagship residential project "Urbana." The event began with Rehraas Sahib, followed by Kirtan and Ardaas, offering prayers for collective prosperity. highlight of the celebration was the Guru Ji Ka Langar, served to nearly 10,000 devotees and guests, fostering a spirit of unity and selfless service. Traditional decorations and Puniabi cultural elements added to the estive aura. Sardar Sukhdev Singh Managing Director, said, "Baisakhi is not just our heritage, community bonds, and resilience. At AGI Infra, we blend tradition with progress, ensuring our developments reflect inclusivity and purpose."

#### realme launches realme Narzo 80Pro & 80X, Starting at INR 17,999 and INR 11,999 respectively

UDHIANA: realme, the most popular smartphone brand among Indian youth, today launched the realmeNarzo 80 Pro 5G and realmeNarzo 80x 5G, redefining performance benchmarks in their segments. These devices combine groundbreaking innovations with realme's signature value proposition, offering flagship-grade features at accessible price points. The realmeNarzo 80 Pro 5G and realmeNarzo 80x 5G push boundaries with industry-first features, ncluding IP69 waterproofing, Military-Grade Shock Resistance and advanced cooling systems. Staying true to realme's "Make it real" philosophy, these smartphones combine premium design, unmatched durability, and next-gen performance

#### Amazon India to expand its network of Ashray rest centres to 100 in 2025

isar : Amazon India today announced plans to expand its network of Ashray centers to 100 across India by 2025. Ashray centres are dedicated rest stops that offer air-conditioned seating, clean drinking water, electrolytes, mobile charging points washrooms, first-aid kits, and refreshment facilities to delivery associates across ecommerce and logistics ecosystem. This effort is an industry-first initiative designed to offer dedicated rest centres to delivery associates and logistics partners in high footcommercial rental spaces, these centers are centres operate from 9 AM to 9 PM, 7 days a visiting delivery associates for up to 30 minutes per visit. With a capacity to accommodate up to 15 people at any time, the

#### Samsung to Launch Galaxy M56 5G. Segment's Slimmest Smartphone on April 17

HANDIGARH: Samsung Galaxy M56 5G, the slimmest smartphone in its segment, is all set to launch in India on April 17. Galaxy M56 5G will be 7.2mm slim and will feature front and back—making it as tough as it is sleek. Galaxy M56 5G will bring a refreshing and premium design upgrade to the Galaxy M Series.The Galaxy M56 5G will come with 50MP OIS triple camera, designed for vivid photos and videos—even in low light, thanks to advanced Nightography, It will also feature advanced Al-powered editing tools that make every shot social-ready, along with a flagship-grade 12MP HDR front camera for rich and vibrant selfies. Galaxy M56 5G will enable users to record 4K 30 FPS videos in 10-bit HDR.

#### **New Initiative Uses Behavioural** Science to Encourage Bengaluru Metro Adoption

HANDIĞARH: The Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), and the Electronics City Industries Association (ELCIA), in collaboration with Toyota launched the "STAMP: Nudging Commuter Behaviour" — a pioneering initiative that leverages behavioural science and technology to encourage commuters to shift from personal vehicles to public transport. With the Namma Metro Yellow Line set to launch later in 2025, Electronic City - one of Bengaluru's largest employment hubs — will be better connected to the city. This expansion will bring over one lakh jobs closer to the metro network, offering a faster and more sustainable alternative to private transport.

#### KFC India and Carryminati just dropped Their latest cult co-creation

handigarh : In a first-of-its kind collab KFC India has teamed up with India's biggest GenZ YouTuber CarryMinati to co-create an all-new menu offering. The unprecedented launch sees KFC India and CarryMinati (aka Ajey Nagar) join forces to cook up the droolworthy and finger lickin' good Saucy Popcorn. SPILL THE TEA (OR SAUCE!): For the first time ever, a GenZ icon enters the KFC kitchens. 67M followers strong CarryMinati hasn't lent just his name to the product – he's brought his trademark sauciness and his own taste (literally) into the KFC kitchen. The result? A snack made for the Internet generation. By the Internet's favourite. Saucy, crunchy, convenient, and straight up EPIC, KFC X CarryMinati Saucy

# YUGMARG

#### HIL Limited is now BirlaNu Limited

allandhar: HIL Limited, a part of the US \$3 billion CK Birla Group, announced it has rebranded to BirlaNu Limited. This reflects the company's ambitious growth strategy and its commitment to delivering world-class products and services across the building products space. The company has 32 manufacturing facilities across India and Europe, with customers and partners in over 80 countries. Avanti Birla, President, BirlaNu, said, "Our new identity, BirlaNu, reflects who we are at our core—a company which is always pushing forward. We're in this business because we believe in quality, innovation and making things that last. The people we serve—homeowners, builders, and designers—are at the heart of everything we do. Whether it's creating better products, improving sustainability, bringing fresh ideas to construction, we're here crafting innovative buildings and structures that stand the test of time." Akshat Seth, Managing Director and CEO, BirlaNu said, "Our focus has always been on delivering high-quality, sustainable building materials: pipes, construction chemicals, putty, roofs, walls and floors that meet the needs of modern construction. We're making big moves to back that up. We've introduced Organic Based Stabilizers (OBS) in UPVC pipe manufacturing: an industry first in India, eliminating heavy metals. We will be setting up a greenfield facility this year in Patna for our foray into OPVC pipes. We've doubled our AAC

## Run to garner funds for education of children of Mauli Jagran held

CHANDIGARH: Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) Tushar Foundation, organized the 2nd Edition of 'Run for Kesari' — a 5-kilometer charity run that was flagged off from Chandigarh Club. The event was aimed at supporting the education of underprivileged children from Mauli Jagran in Chandigarh. Due to contributions from participants and supporters, NGO Tushar Foundation was able to donate a total of 21,000/- to support the education of children in need.

"Run for Kesari was not just a run for fitness — it was a run for hope, opportunity, and a brighter future," said Yadvinder Singh, Director, Tushar Foundation.

"We aim to organise such charity events from time to time and request support partners and donors from all over India to come forward in this noble cause and create a difference," said Kiranjot Kaur, the other Director of Tushar Foundation.

Both Yadvinder Singh and Kiranjot Kaur



emphasized that the run was dedicated entirely to a noble cause — uplifting rural children through education.

Meanwhile, the event witnessed an enthusiastic turnout of around 200 participants, each running with purpose and passion. Adding a rich cultural flavor to the morning, participants were treated to spirited Bhangra and aweinspiring Gatka performances. A young Master Trainer Harsimar Singh conducted a warm up session for the participants.

The run was officially flagged off by celebrity fitness influencer Tripat Singh, whose energetic presence set an inspiring tone for the morning. He was joined by Yadvinder Singh at the start line. All runners donned vibrant Kesaricolored T-shirts, creating a visually stunning and festive atmosphere in celebration of Baisakhi.

The post-run felicitation ceremony was graced by Sukhjinder Behl, President of Sector-8 Gurudwara Sahib Patshahi Dasvi. Kiraniot Kaur too was present. To further recognize their efforts, each participant received a finisher certificate and postrun refreshments

## Embrace new beginnings with ORRA's exquisite Diamond Jewellery

and the promise of prosperity. To celebrate this auspicious occasion, ORRA presents an exquisite collection inspired by the rich heritage and cultural significance of Baisakhi in North India.

Drawing inspiration from Baisakhi's spiritual essence, ORRA's designs celebrate lasting values and commitment. Much like the brilliance of diamonds symbolizing prosperity and new beginnings, they serve as ideal tokens of love, gratitude, and good wishes Buying and wearing jewellery during Baisakhi holds deep significance as a symbol of prosperity and cultural identity. ORRA's Baisakhi collection reflects this sentiment with stunning diamond designs. The collection showcases a blend of statement diamond sets and contemporary styles, crafted to complement both traditional ensembles and modern silhouettes. Intricately designed necklace sets with matching earrings make for the perfect pairing with the classic Patiala suits. ORRA Fine Jewellery's Managing Director Mr. Dipu Mehta shares, "At ORRA, we believe every celebration deserves the brilliance of diamonds, and Baisakhi is no exception. Our specially curated collection pays tribute to North India's cultural

heritage, celebrating the essence of prosperity and new beginnings. We invite customers to embrace the festive spirit with ORRA's exquisite creations and make every moment truly unforgettable." Beyond our festival offering, ORRA is also offering 'Aekta' - The Wedding Collection alongside their celebrated Astra Collection and the patented Crown Star Solitaire Collection to consumers in line with their demand and choices. With an unwavering

commitment to excellence, ORRA is bringing a dazzling array of statement pieces, from opulent diamond necklaces adorned with coloured stones to meticulously curated jewellery box sets, each designed to make every moment truly unforgettable during this

#### Students showcase talent in Ambedkar Jayanti speech contest; Demand raised for SC/ST Development Fund Act

walamukhi (Daulat Chauhan): On the occasion of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's birth anniversary, a vibrant celebration was held in Papahan village of Jwalamukhi constituency under the chairmanship of Panchayat Pradhan Raghubir Bhatia. The event featured Bahujan Samaj campaigner Vijay Kumar as the chief guest and began with floral tributes and garlanding of Dr. Ambedkar's statue

and a speech competition in which students from various schools enthusiastically participated. The young speakers highlighted Dr. Ambedkar's thoughts, his unwavering education. Vijay Kumar, Babu Ram Kamal, and Raghubir Bhatia addressed the gathering, elaborating on Dr. Ambedkar's life, principles, and his lifelong struggle for equality, education, and toward bringing positive change in society. During the event, attendees unanimously appealed to the state

government to implement an SC/ST Development Fund Act similar to those in Kerala and Telangana, ensuring rightful benefits for these communities. The event witnessed the presence of retired HAS officer B.R. Kamal, Zhonka Ratial

Panchayat Pradhan Lakh Raj, Ujagar Singh, Pradhan Shyam Lal, Mahila Wing Pradhan Shivani, Rajneesh, Sukhveer Bhatia, Gurdev Bharti, Anita Devi, Ashok Kumar, Jeet Singh, and many others.

#### **Newton School of Technology launches** India's first coding UG entrance exam



Technology has announced India's first UG entrance exam centred on coding and fundamental programming skills the Coding Newton Scholastic Aptitude Test (Coding NSAT). Unlike traditional exams that require deep knowledge in Physics, Chemistry and Math, the Coding NSAT evaluates practical coding abilities, offering a unique alternative pathway to admission at the Newton School of Technology. Focusing on solving real-world problems and programming proficiency, the coding entrance ensures assessment based on skills and potential rather than conventional academic scores, offering students an opportunity to further enhance their skills. Speaking on the announcement, Siddharth Maheshwari, Co-Founder of Newton School of Technology, said, "At NST, we recognise coding enthusiasts, offering them a structured path to

industry-relevant coding curriculum that align: with real-world applications. The Coding NSAT is a reflection of our commitment towards an outcome-driven education. By testing skills that matter in the tech industry like building algorithms and debugging code The Coding NSAT serves as a proof of concept for Newton School's long-standing belief- education should mirror the challenges of the real world, not outdated academic formulas." Aspiring technologists and students

can apply for admissions at Newton School of Technology across campuses in Sonipat, Pune and Bangalore. The first-of-its-kind entrance exam for UG admission offers an innovative pathway for students passionate about hands-on programming, emphasising practical skills over rote memorisation of

#### Celebration of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 134th Birth Anniversary at Government ITI, Sadhaura



ADHAURA (PRITI SAINI)In compliance with the directions received from the Directoral of Skill Development and Industrial Training Department, Haryana, Panchkula, the 134th birth anniversary of the architect of the Indian Constitution and Bharat Ratna awardee, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Government ITI, Sadhaura on Monday, as every year. The event began with a floral tribute to the portrait of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar A seminar and discussion session on the life and contributions of Dr. Ambedkar were also organized. During the event, instructors Surender Kumar, Satish Kumar, Bikram Singh (MMV Instructor), Shaily Sharma (COPA Instructor), and trainees from various trades including Rajdeep Kaur, Madhavi, Harish Kumar, and Ankit Kumar shared insights about the life and significant achievements of Dr. Ambedkar. The Principal of the institute, Mr. Ashwani Kumar, paid nomage to Babasaheb and stated that Dr. Ambedkar's contribution to the drafting of the Constitution laid the foundation of a modern, democratic, and egalitarian India. He emphasized that Dr. Ambedkar took several important steps to ensure the rights of women, backward classes, and the Dalit community. His famous message, "Be Educated, Be Organized, and Be Agitated," continues to inspire people today. The event was graced by the presence of class instructors Surender Kumar, Satish Kumar, and Arvind Kumar. Other instructors and staff members including Bikram Singh, Kulvinder Singh, Pradeep Kumar, Vinay Kumar, Jaidev, Jony, Irfan, Gaurav Saini, Ratna Singh, Nirmal, Ravindra, Rajinder, Pankaj Saini, Anil Kumar, Rani

#### **Rolls Nation Opens Its First Outlet in Mohali**

ohali(L K BANSAL): The popular fast-food brand "Rolls Nation" has opened its first outlet in Mohali, becoming a new destination for fastfood lovers. The cafe located near government senior secondary school, Mataur, sector 70, Mohali. This new café offers customers the chance to indulge in Kolkata's famous kathi rolls, fresh burgers, crispy sandwiches,

fries, pasta, and tangy chaat. On the occasion of the



customers. Roll Nation started its brand in 2016 from Khanna, Punjab, and so far, they have expanded to 6 states with a total of 40 outlets in various cities across the country. This outlet will serve as a unique spot for fast food enthusiasts on campus.

where they can enjoy both freshness and flavor. On its very first day, a large number of customers visited the outlet and delighted in the variety of dishes offered. Rolls Nation outlet in Mohali is set to become a great place not just for fast-food lovers, but also for families and friends to enjoy a meal together. With the opening of this new outlet, another imaginative experience has been added to the fast-food world that the people of Mohali can now make a part of

efficiency. A built-in dust filter, motorized vertical louvers with auto-swing functionality, and fully closeable front louvers ensure cleaner airflow while keeping dust and mosquitoes at bay. With three-speed settings, water level indicators, and inverter compatibility, the Aerostyle range guarantees uninterrupted cooling, even during

Designed for larger spaces, the Aerostyle 100L

This summer bring in the cool to your

homes with the Usha Aerostyle Coolers

handigarh: With the top selling range of Aerostyle coolers, Usha International continues its legacy of bringing to its

customers products that are innovative, offer

cutting-edge technology, sleek design, and

effortless functionality. Designed for those who

refuse to compromise on comfort, both coolers feature high-performance honeycomb cooling

pads, integrated ice chambers, and shower

distribution systems for maximum cooling

boasts a powerful 45.5 cm blade fan with an air throw of up to 12 meters, effectively cooling and auto-drain function make maintenance effortless, while the ball-bearing-equipped far motor ensures smooth, long-lasting operation wheels with secure locks provide stability, making it the ultimate cooling solution for expansive spaces. Also available in 70L

#### Voting results for Zettai's proposed Restructuring Scheme: 93.1% of voting creditors representing 94.6% in value voted YES

udhiana: Zettai Pte Ltd. is pleased to announce that its proposed Scheme of Arrangement has received overwhelming support from creditors in the recently concluded voting process. All creditors with crypto balances or the WazirX platform were eligible to vote for the proposed restructuring filed in the High Court of Singapore. The voting process was conducted or the Kroll Issuer Services platform from March 19 to March 28.In total, 141,476 Scheme Creditors representing USD195,650,529.03 in Approved Claims cast a vote. Of Scheme Creditors who voted 131,659 Scheme Creditors representing USD184,997,156.31 in Approved Claims cast a Scheme Vote 'FOR' the Scheme. This represents 93.1% by count and 94.6% by value of voting Scheme Creditors in support of the Scheme. This level of support significantly exceeds the statutory voting threshold requirement under Section 210(3AB) of the Companies Act, which requires that at least a majority by count and at least 75% of the total value of claims from creditors present and voting must approve the Scheme. The approval rate remained remarkably consistent between 92% and 95% across all creditor segments - from creditors with the smallest claims to creditors with the larges claims. This uniform backing across Zettai's diverse creditor base confirms broad alignment with the proposed restructuring approach, regardless of siz of Approved Claim."We are grateful for the strong vote of confidence," said Nischal Shetty, Founder of WazirX. "This consistent support across our entire base demonstrates shared belief in our restructuring approach and recovery plan."Zettai submitted the votes for verification by an Independent Assessor (Joshua Taylor and Henry Anthony Chambers of Alvarez & Marsal) to ensure complete transparence and accuracy in the voting process.

## MuscleTech launches Comprehensive Consumer Protection Campaign to compat Counterfeit Products

umbai: Aiming to safeguard consumer trust and product authenticity, MuscleTech, a globally renowned sports nutri Ltion brand, recently launched a comprehensive Consumer Protection Campaign aimed at informing their buyers to recognize genuine MuscleTech products as the onslaught of counterfeits in the market prevails. The campaign presents the brand's commitment to transparency and consumer well-being given the rise in reports that have come to the fore highlighting counterfeit health supplements being sold under the Sports Nutrition brands creating fiasco with questionable quality, altered taste, and also adverse side effects. As part of the campaign. MuscleTech has unveiled a series of bite-sized awareness videos that inform the consumers through an effective 5step guide to verify the authenticity of their purchased MuscleTech products. The first step involves inspecting the GMC hologram on the product packaging. This is followed by peeling off the hologram to check for the word "VOID" appearing underneath. The third step urges consumers to check the batch numbers and manufacturing dates of their purchased products with MuscleTech's customer care team to authenticate them. As part of the fourth step, MuscleTech informs the consumers to scan and upload the QR code on the product of the uct using the official MuscleTech app for instant verification. Lastly consumers are also advised to carefully check the product's label to ensure it includes both the MRP and the mandatory FSSAI number, present across original MuscleTech products. Moreover, MuscleTech has also released two dedicated videos that are directed to separately guide consumers and retailers while making the original MuscleTech products purchase.

#### LPU Clinches Overall Champion's Title at All-India Inter-University Kowing Championship

ALANDHAR(J S SODHI): Lovely (LPU) asserted its sporting dominance by winning the

Professional University Overall Champion's Trophy



at the All-India Inter-University (AIU) Rowing Championship held at Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh. With over 1100 participants-400+ female and 700+ male row ers—the seven-day national event showcased rowing as a

rising university-level sport. LPU's athletes delivered a stellar performance across Single Scull, Double, and Quad boat races, securing 11 Gold, 3 Silver, and 2 Bronze medals.

The women's team led the charge with 9 Gold and 2 Silver, while the men's team bagged 2 Gold, 1 Silver, and 1 Bronze. Col. Dr. Rashmi Mittal. Pro-Chancellor of LPU, said.

"This victory reflects the hard work, rigorous training, and competitive spirit of our rowers. Rowing deserves more recognition in India, and we are committed to nurturing a strong sporting

### Wheat Harvest Gains Momentum as Weather Clears

vesting has picked up pace, resulting in an increased inflow of wheat in the grain markets. Providing details, Market Committee Secretary Ankur Thakral stated that along with the surge in arrivals, procurement agencies have also intensified the pace of wheat procurement. He informed that in



is being carried out by HAFED and the Food and Supplies Department. The Food and Supplies Department has purchased quintals have already been lifted. quintals and lifted 4,400 quintals. Payment for the lifted wheat is being made within 72 hours. He further mentioned that wheat procurement has also

grain markets, which fall under the Ismailabad Market Committee, From Jhanjha, HAFED has purchased 11,596 guintals, and the Food and Supplies Department has procured 9,277 quintals. In Thol, HAFED has purchased 13,524 quintals, while the Food and Supplies Department has procured 2,351 quintals of wheat. Thakral emphasized that wheat meeting the government's quality standards is being procured immediately. He also assured that adequate arrangements for electricity, water, and cleanliness have been made in the grain markets and that no inconvenience will be caused to farmers.

the Ismailabad grain market, procurement



57,831 quintals of wheat, of which 5,500 Meanwhile, HAFED has procured 31,492 been expedited in the Jhaniha and Thol

## VHS MUN 2025 Concludes with Diplomacy, Dialogue & Recognition

CHANDIGARH: The Eighth Edition of VHS MUN (Model United Nations) 2025 — a celebration of diplomacy global consciousness, and transformative dialogue organised by Vivek High School, Sector 38, Chandigarh, successfully concluded with a closing and student felicitation ceremony held at the school premises. Rooted in the compelling theme 'Be the Change: Juntos Sin Miedo (Together, Unafraid)', the conference inspired delegates to lead with courage, speak with conviction, and collaborate without hesitation. Sanjeev Chandra with over 31 years

of experience across

continents was the chief

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sectors of the economy like logistics, infrastructure, finance, exports, and insurance that drive realworld impact. During the ceremony.

VHS MUN delegates were

also felicitated with a range

exceptional research, diplomacy and leadership roles. The Best School Delegation prize was awarded to Shri Ram School. Moulsari. New Delhi and the Secretary-General's Best Delegate recognition was

from St. Kabir Public School, Chandigarh. Awards were also presented to members of the Executive Board as a token of appreciation for their mentoring role during the event. These individuals were also responsible for guiding debate, evaluating

delegates and ensuring the smooth functioning of the committees. Core Organising Committee Awards too were given to the Secretariat, Under-Secretaries-Generals(USGs) and Coordinators for their contribution to the successful execution of the conference.

#### Aeroplaza Panchkula Golf League's 5th Day: Golfing Panthers defeat Sneakin Golfers in Group A match

anchkula: In a thrilling Group A showdown on Day 5 of the Aeroplaza Panchkula Golf League (AGPL), Golfing Panthers edged past Sneakin Golfers with a narrow 36-33 victory. The match was played on Sunday morning at the picturesque Panchkula Golf Club. The league is currently in the round-robin stage, with sixteen teams participating. The teams have been divided into two



groups, A and B, with eight teams assigned to each group. In another gripping Group A clash, Highland Kings dominated Clubs on Flames with a commanding 44-27 victory. Victory Waves followed suit, securing a 37-25 win over Fantastic Fours. Continuing the winning momentum, ADS Falcons soared past Aces by Vintage Buildtech,

wrapping up the game with a solid 42-29 scoreline. Meanwhile, in Group B, Raging Bulls charged ahead to defeat the Golfing Eagles, 38-29. In the next thrilling encounter, Tee Titans outplayed Tee Birds with a decisive 40-30 win. Par-Tee Crashers clinched victory defeating Shivalik Swingers, with a 43-37 scoreline. Next in the final match of the day, Green Warriors triumphed over Hansa Legends 42-31. The finals of the inaugural edition of the AEROPLAZA Panchkula Golf League, which is being managed by Digraj Golf Inc, will be played on 23rd of

#### T20 Mumbai League Season 3 receives 2800-plus player registrations

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number of entries for the third edition of the T20 Mumbai League, with more than 2800 players

city's deep-rooted cricketing culture but also underscores the significance of the T20 Mumbai League as a platform for aspiring cricketers to showcase their talent, an MCA release said Organised by the MCA, the T20 Mumbai League is one tournaments. Since its inception in 2018, the league has served as a launchnad for budding talent with Shams Mulani making significant strides in their care Following registrations from every corner of the city, Season 3 is set to reignite Mumbai's cricketing passio with a grand comeback after six years.

#### Trials underway in Sonipat for second Asian Yogasana Sport Championship

Onipat: The Sports University of Haryana in Sonipat is hosting the national trials for the upcoming 2nd Asian Yogasana Sport Championship. These trials will determine the athletes who will represent Team India at the prestigious championship, scheduled to take place from April 25 to 27, 2025, at the Indira

The trials have drawn an impressive 252 participants from across India, including 123 male and 131 female athletes, a release said. Competitors will perform across 12 events, each designed to showcase the power, discipline, balance, and athletic spirit of Yogasana as a competitive sport. The events run from 8:30 am to 8:00 pm, offering a packed schedule of

Sports Federation, a registered body recognized by the Olympic Council of Asia and affiliated with World Yogasana. The selected athletes from India at the Asian level, contributing to the global to a modern sport.

#### Mumbai Ultimate League season 5 gets underway with actionpacked day-1

umbai (Maharashtra) [India], April 14 (ANI): The Mumbai Ultimate League (MUL) Season 5, presented by Off-Season Ultimate, got underway at Wings Arena, Bandra, with an eventful Day 1 on Sunday, wher Dancing Dragons, Desi Hawks and Reborn Fire emerged victorious on Day 1. Matches were held from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM across two fields. The qualifying matches, which are scheduled till April 27, will follow a similar

schedule. All the matches of Mumbai Ultimate Season Ultimate's YouTube Channel (@offseasonultimate) with dedicated commentators for each field.

season's finalists. Defending champions, Dancing over Bumbai Buntais, on Field 1. Meanwhile, on out a closely contested battle that ended in a 6 - 6 draw. The second set of matches saw Desi Hawks secure a last-minute victory over Bombay Rhinos with a 10 - 8 win on Field 1

#### "As good as scoring 100 ODI centuries...": Virat's childhood coach on batter's century of fifties in T20s ew Delhi : Virat Kohli's childhood

ew Delhi : Virat Roms samanion coach Rajkumar Sharma hailed his pupil for scoring his 100th T20 fifty, saying that it is as good as scoring 100 centuries in ODIs and it shows his Virat's brilliant run in IPI 2025 continued as he

registered his third fifty of the season, helping (RR) in Jaipur on Sunday. He also became the only the second player after Australia's David Warner to complete a century of fifties in T20s accomplishment. "Definitely, it is a big achievement. I think scoring 100 fifties is as good as scoring 100 centuries in ODIs I would say because T20 is such a format where scoring fifty is a good score and that shows his consistency. The way he has played since the beginning, he has been the most consistent man in the T20 format also. Rajkumar also said that RCB is doing really well and partnership between Virat and Phil Salt has worked really well.

# Sports

# SRH sting fuels PBKS fire ahead of KKR clash



CHANDIGARH, APR 14 (UNI) A high-voltage contest is on the cards as Punjab Kings (PBKS) prepare to face Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in the 31st match of the Indian Premier League 2025 at the Maharaja Yadavindra Singh Cricket Stadium here on Tuesday evening.

Punjab's last outing was nothing short of a spectacle a 491-run slugfest in Hyderabad, where they posted an imposing 245/6, only to be stunned by Sunrisers Hyderabad, who chased down the target in 18.4 overs. The loss has sent alarm bells ringing in the PBKS camp, especially concerning their bowling unit's inability to close out highscoring games.

Despite the defeat, Punjab's batting remains their strongest suit, with skipper Shreyas Iyer emerging as the backbone of the lineup. Iyer has already amassed 250 runs from five innings at a strike rate of 208.33 and will be eyeing another big knock against his former side, whom he once led to an IPL title. He also boasts a stellar record against KKR, having scored 456 runs in 14 matches at an average of 41.45.

Young openers Priyansh Arya and Prabhsimran Singh have

been effective in the Powerplay, while Marcus Stoinis and Shashank Singh have added firepower to the lower-middle order. However, the form of Nehal Wadhera and Glenn Maxwell remains a concern, prompting discussions around the possible inclusion of Australian keeperbatsman Josh Inglis to strengthen the middle

In the bowling department, Arshdeep Singh has led the charge with seven wickets, but the rest of the attack, including Marco Jansen, Yuzvendra Chahal, and an injury-hit Lockie Ferguson, has lacked consistency. With Ferguson's fitness still uncertain, PBKS might be forced to turn to a domestic pacer or bring Inglis in as a fresh overseas

Kolkata, on the other hand, come into the match high on confidence after an emphatic 8-wicket win over Chennai Super Kings. Sunil Narine continues to be their X-factor, contributing with both bat and ball — his 44 off 18 and 3/13 in the previous match being a testament to his allround value.

Ajinkya Rahane has anchored the KKR innings at No. 3, accumulating 204 runs at a strike rate of 154.54. The promotion of Rinku Singh to No. 4 paid dividends, while Venkatesh Iyer and Andre Russell remain threats despite patchy form.

# DC skipper Axar Patel fined Rs 12 lakh for maintaining slow over-rate against MI



**NEW DELHI:** Delhi Capitals (DC) skipper Axar Patel was fined for maintaining a slow over-rate during the 29th clash of the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in Delhi.

The match was held on Sunday, in which Delhi Capitals committed their first offence of the season under Article 2.2 of the IPL's Code of Conduct, which pertains to minimum overrate offences. Axar was fined Rs 12 lakh, according to a report by ESPNcricinfo.

A memorable 89-run knock by Karun Nair on his Indian Premier League (IPL) comeback went in vain. An unbelievable batting collapse towards the end. which included a hat-trick of runouts, cost Delhi Capitals (DC) a win against Mumbai Indians (MI) in their first game of the season at Delhi's Arun Jaitley Stadium on Sunday by 12 runs.

With this win, DC's fourmatch winning streak was broken, and they are in second place. MI has moved to seventh place with two wins and four

Following the defeat, Delhibased franchise captain Axar Patel opened up about the reason behind the side's loss in the 18th edition of the cash-rich

"We had the game in the bag. Some soft dismissals and bad shots in the middle order.

You can't leave it to the batters in the lower order every time. Don't need to overthink, just one of those days. I was happy at the halfway stage. The ball was stopping initially, but it got better. And then, dew helped us further. Out of our three spinners, two can bowl in powerplay and death as well. Kuldeep is bowling unbelievably well. Need to forget this game from a batting point of view," the all-rounder said in the postmatch presentation.

Recapping the match, a fifty from Tilak Varma, along with impactful innings by Surva Kumar Yadav and Naman Dhir, propelled the Mumbai Indians (MI) to score 205/5 in their 20 overs against the Delhi Capitals

During the run chase of 206 runs, DC had a rough beginning as Jake Fraser McGurk's dry spell continued with a golden duck, as his shot found the hands of Will Jacks in the cover area, giving Deepak Chahar his first wicket. DC was 0/1 in 0.1

Apart from Karun Nair, only Abishek Porel managed to score 33 runs, while all the other batters struggled to make runs. A hat-trick of run-outs secured the game for MI as DC finished at 193 in 19 overs, with Mohit Sharma being run out for zero by Santner. MI triumphed

## Madrid, Bayern, Dortmund, Villa face do-or-die situations in UEFA Champions League Quarter-finals Leg 2

NEW DELHI: After a thrilling first leg filled with goals and some nerve-wracking fixtures, the UEFA Champions League quarterfinals now head into the decisive second leg, where Real Madrid, Bayern Munich, Borussia Dortmund, and Aston Villa face uphill battles to overturn unfavourable results against their respective oppositions.

In the first match of Wednesday, Barcelona head to the BVB Stadion Dortmund with a commanding 4-0 lead from the first leg. The pressure is surely on the shoulders of the German side to pull off a remarkable comeback at home. However, given the Catalan club's current form and their appetite for winning even under pressure, it appears to be a tall order for Dortmund.

Barcelona's attacking



trio continues to dominate both in La Liga and the Champions League, and all eyes will be on their captain, Raphinha, who now leads the charts for both goals and assists in the ongoing sea-

In the second fixture on Wednesday, Aston Villa will aim to capitalize on their home advantage against a confident PSG side, fresh off

clinching the Ligue 1 title under manager Luis Enrique. After a 3-1 loss in the first leg, the English side faces a stiff challenge.

PSG, known for their swift counterattacks, will look to maintain a compact defensive structure while waiting for openings, as Villa are expected to attack relentlessly in search of a

## ITTF World Cup 2025: Manika Batra, Sreeja Akula start off campaign with wins

MACAU: Paris Olympians Manika Batra and Sreeja Akula kickstarted their International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) World Cup campaign with wins on Monday.

While the world number 30th Manika defeated the world number 186 Maylis Giret of New Caledonia 4-0 (11-1, 11-2, 11-6, 11-4) in the Group 16 match, the world number 34 Akula beat Australia's Constantina Psihogios, 68th in the women's singles table tennis rankings, 3-1 (11-9, 11-4, 11-8, 6-11), as per Olympics.com.

Manika's next challenge will be the Brazil's Bruna Takahashi, while Akula will lock horns with three-time Olympian and current European Games champion Bernadette Szocs of Romania in her final group stage match.



The World Cup is held in two stages, group stage and knockouts. The men's

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## "Never seen someone play against Bumrah like this": **Basit Ali hails Karun Nair for explosive display**

**AGENCY ISLAMABAD** Pakistan batter Basit Ali was left gobsmacked after witnessing Karun Nair toying with the world's best Jasprit Bumrah with a technically sound and magical strokeplay in the ongoing 18th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025.

Even though Delhi Capitals antagonistically succumbed to a 12-run defeat while pursuing Mumbai Indians' daunting 206-run target, the high-scoring fixture will be remembered for Nair's val-

He singlehandedly carried Delhi's hopes of ending Mumbai's flawless record while defending a 200-plus target. On his return to the cashrich league after three years, Nair decimated Mumbai's pace express and toyed with the spinners in his explosive 89 from a mere 40 deliveries without breaking a sweat.

The highlight of his swashbuckling effort in the high-scoring Arun Jaitley



Stadium was how effortlessly he demolished Bumrah's prowess in the white-ball format. Basit struggled to remember a top-class batter in the past five to six years

windmills the way Nair did in Delhi's home ground. For the former Pakistan batter, Nair is a "very big player." "In the last five to six

one play against Bumrah like this. Even if the top-class batters in the world, including Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma, Joe Root, Steve Smith, Jos someone was playing cricket. The way he scored over extra cover, he is a very big player," Basit said on his YouTube channel. By varying his pace, Bumrah tried to put Nair in an awkward spot, but the inform star read him like a book. It was the final over of

Buttler or Travis Head,

nobody has played against

him like that. The way Karun

Nair counterattacked

Bumrah made it feel like

the powerplay, where Nair flaunted his power-hitting prowess. He began the over by smoking the ball past the boundary rope for a maximum.

He topped it up by dispatching the ball for a boundary on the third delivery. On the penultimate delivery of the over, he picked up the slower delivery and lofted it over long-off for another maximum. Nair celebrated his half-century with a double on the final ball and mustered 18 runs from

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#### **Radiant Hair for** a Festive New Year: Baisakhi **Hair Care & Styling Tips**

CHANDIGARH: As Baisakhi ushers in a fresh start, it's the perfect time to refresh not just our spirits but also our hair care and styling routines. The festive celebrations, vibrant outfits, and warm weather call for hair that looks effortlessly beautiful while staying healthy. To ensure your tresses are at their best, here are some essential hair care and styling tips by Shailesh Moolya, Na-tional Technical Head at Godrej Professional that will help you shine this Sikh New Year.

With the onset of warmer weather,

hair tends to loose moisture faster, leading to dryness and frizz. A deep-conditioning mask a day before the festivities can help replenish lost hydration. Ingredients like coconut oil, argan oil, or hibiscus extracts to nourish your strands. Sweat and humidity can make the scalp greasy, which is why using a mild, sulphate-free shampoo ensures a clean yet balanced scalp Outdoor festivities mean exposure to heat and dust, which can make hair dull and lifeless. A lightweight leave-in conditioner or hair serum acts as a protective barrier against environmental stress This Baisakhi, let your hair reflect the vibrancy and joy of the occasion. A little care and thoughtful styling can make all the difference, ensuring you step into the New Year with confidence and ele-

## A battle against the Empire unfolds! Kesari Chapter 2 trailer out now, featuring Akshay Kumar, R. Madhavan & Ananya Panday!



he team behind the highly anticipated Bollywood film Kesari Chapter 2 recently held an emotional press conference in Amritsar, marking a pivotal moment in the promotion of the film. Before addressing the media, lead actors Akshay Kumar, R. Madhavan, and Ananya Panday visited the revered Sri Darbar Sahib, offering their respects in a solemn moment of reflection. Following this, the entire star cast made their way to the historic Jallianwala Bagh, where they paid homage to the martyrs who lost their lives during the infamous massacre.

The press conference witnessed the pres-

ence of media teams from across Punjab, with journalists from Amritsar, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Mohali, and Chandigarh gathering to cover this poignant event. The atmosphere was filled with reverence, as the team acknowledged the immense significance of the story they were about to tell - a tale of courage, justice, and sacrifice that resonates with the collective memory of the nation. Gurpreet Ghuggi, B Praak, and Gurdas Maan were present during the press conference of the film, and along with this, the grandson of the character played by Akshay Kumar in the film was also present there – adding an emotional and historical depth to the occasion.
With Kesari Chapter 2 set to hit theatres
on April 18, 2025, the press conference also
generated immense excitement as fans and

media alike eagerly anticipated the film's release. Directed by Karan Singh Tyagi and featuring a star-studded cast, the film promises to delve deep into the heart-wrenching events of Jallianwala Bagh, showcasing the struggle for justice through powerful performances and immersive storytelling.

Kesari Chapter 2, produced by Dharma Productions, Cape of Good Films and Leo Media Collective hits theatres worldwide on April 18, 2025

## "Jaat is not just a community, it's an emotion...": Randeep Hooda on his upcoming movie 'Jaat'

s the highly anticipated film 'Jaat' approaches its release on April 10, the star-studded cast, including Randeep Hooda, Viineet Kumar Siingh, and Sunny Deol, is gearing up to showcase their powerhouse performances in this high-octane action film. Directed by Gopichand Malineni and

produced by Mythri Movie Makers and People Media Factory, 'Jaat' promises to be a cinematic spectacle brimming with action and drama.

Speaking to ANI, Randeep Hooda, who plays the antagonist Rana Tunga, was asked about the essence of the title 'Jaat' and the significance of the term.

Hooda shared, "Actually, in the movie, Jaat is not just a community, an agent, or an individual; it's an emotion. Jat people are known for their patriotism, justice, action, truth, daring, soft hearts, anger, and love. I am a Jat myself, and when I first heard of the movie, I thought, why am I not playing a Jat role? But then I realized that Sunny Sir is doing the Jat role, and I am happy to be part of this film in the role

"At the end of the day, the film glorifies the Jat community or emotion, and I'm grateful to be a part of it," he added.

Randeep, known for his intense roles, also discussed his recent knee surgery and the challenges of returning to action films.

Reflecting on his experience with 'Jaat,' he said, "If you loose more weight due to malnutrition, it impacts your health. But I didn't do it on purpose; it was part of the role's requirements. Despite the discomfort, working in 'Jaat' was a huge relief. Coming back to action films, especially in a commercial film, was a great experience. I had a bit of pain, but I wanted to push through it, and I truly enioved myself.

During the interview, Viineet Kumar Siingh, known for his diverse acting skills in movies like 'Chhaava', 'Superboys of Malegaon' and others, shared his excitement about joining 'Jaat'.



# Tusshar Kapoor, Shreyas Talpade reunite for late director Sangeeth Sivan's 'Kapkapiii'

usshar Kapoor and Shreyas Talpade are coming together for the late director Sangeeth Sivan's last film, 'Kapka-

Tusshar and Shreyas worked together in the 2008 film 'Golmaal Returns', directed by Rohit Shetty. The film also stars Sonia Rath-

ee, Siddhi Idnani, Jay Thakkar, Varun Pandey, Dherendra Tiwari, Dinkar Sharma, and Abishek Ku-

It is directed by the late filmmaker Sangeeth Sivan, who is known for his works like 'Kya Kool Hain Hum' and 'Apna Sapna Mon-

ey Money'. The film is produced by Jayesh Patel and Umesh Kumar Bansal under the banner of Bravo Entertainment and is presented by Zee Studios. The screenplay is penned by Saurabh Anand and Kumar Priya-

Speaking about the film, Shreyas said, "As the name suggests, Kapkapiii is about goosebumps -- the kind you get just before the fear fully kicks in. It's one of the best horror comedies by Sangeeth Sivan sir, said Shreyas in a statement shared in a press release.

He said, "I miss him dearly. He



should've been here with us today to witness the release of the film he was so passionate about. He was

like a father figure to me, with a ter-

rific sense of filmmaking.

Tusshar Kapoor shared his working experience in the movie, saying, "Kapkapiii has a very realistic setting, and the characters are extremely relatable. The horror element revolves around a Ouija board, something that hasn't been

explored much in Hindi cinema."

While talking about the project, producer Jayesh Patel said, "San-geeth ji had already given us the completed first cut of the film, so what screen is entirely his vision. And I feel he is always with us, supporting and guiding.

'After his untimely demise, it became more than just a film -- it became a collective promise to finish what he started. Kapkapiii is not your typical horror-comedy -- it's wild, unfiltered, and rooted in characters that feel hilariously familiar. It plays with fear the way a prank-ster plays with a

flashlight in the dark - never pre-dictable, always a little wicked," added Patel.

#### "People across the country will identify themselves with 'Mithde," says Anand Pandit about his latest Punjabi Film

er the past few years, veteran film producer Anand Pandit has expanded his repertoire beond Hindi cinema to include multilingual proects spanning Kannada, Telugu, Gujarati, Marathi and Malayalam projects. And now he has ventured into Punjabi cinema with Amberdeep Singh directorial 'Mithde.' The film starring Tania, Roopi Gill, and Laksh

Duleh, was released on 14th March, and Pandit believes this is a project with a univer sal resonance.

As he says, de' is a moving love saga set in rural Punjab struggling with the migration crisis and addresses themes that are rooted in the region's socio-political landscape. It focuses on youth who are torn between their love for their land and their fua sterling starcast and also an unforgettable soundtrack consisting of songs sung by some of the most renowned musicians in Punjabi music, including Guru Randhawa, Ammy Virk, Am-



rit Maan, Happy Raikoti, Bir Singh, and Avvy Sra." He praises Amberdeep Singh for investing the film with a lot of emotional power and says, "He is one of the most talented young makers, and nothing will make me happier than to see him becoming a force to reckon with in Indian

Pandit is happy about the film's success and says, "Regional cinema is bringing about a shift in the viewing habits of the audiences. They are less interested in generic stories and are drawn more to local narratives, milieus, and languages. This trend not only diversifies the cinematic landscape but also amplifies lesser-heard stories. The story of 'Mithde' has the power to overcome linguistic gaps and create connections with a pan-Indian audience hungry for

#### 'Raid' 2': Ajay Devgn is back as fearless IRS officer in action-packed trailer



he trailer for actor Ajay Devgn's crime thriller 'Raid was unveiled in Mumbai on Tuesday The trailer shows Ajay returning as the fearless IRS officer Amay Patnaik, who once again takes on the corrupt system. This time, he faces off against a dangerous politician, played by Riteish Deshmukh. The trailer begins with a strong punch, showing Ajay preparing for his next big mission--one that could shake the foundations of power. However, Ajay's character is not alone--he has a strong team that's ready to fight alongside him. Their goal is clear: wipe out black money and take down those who misuse

'Raid 2' is produced by Bhushan Kumar, Kumar Mangat Pathak, Abhishek Pathak, and Krishan Kumar. The film, which will be released on May 1, is presented by Gulshan Kumar and T-Series and is a Panorama Studios produc-

Raj Kumar Gupta has helmed the film, which is the sequel to the 2018 crime thriller that captivated audiences with its gripping story of tax raids and corruption.

Vaani Kapoor and Rajat Kapoor are also part of the film. 'Raid' was released in 2018 and also starred Saurabh Shukla and Ileana D'Cruz. It was inspired by a real-life raid conducted by the officers of the Income Tax Department in the 1980s. Ileana played Ajay's wife in the movie

#### "Nava Mod": Will Roohi's **Feelings for Angad Create a Rift Between Him and Ridhi?**



the latest episode of "Nava Mod," emotions run high as Myra's trauma resurfaces when Promila and Neelam secretly invite a Tantric for her healing. Disappointed and frustrated, Ridhi and Angad confront the elders for their unscientific approach. Later, Ridhi opens up to Myra about her own disguise and emotional struggles, encouraging her to begin therapy. Myra agrees, and her first session shows hopeful signs of recovery.

Angad and Ridhi, relieved with Myra's progress, decide to plan a special celebration for Rohit and Neelam's anniversary to bring joy back into the house. However, a subtle storm brews when Ridhi discovers that Roohi harbors feelings for Angad. Though she tries to stay composed, Ridhi

can't help but feel a bit insecure. Will Roohi's affection for Angad create a crack in Ridhi and Angad's growing bond, or will it only make their relationship stronger? Don't miss the gripping twists in "Nava Mod" every Mon- Sat at 7:00 pm, only on Zee Punjabil Zee Punjabi is available on all MSOs and DTH platforms like Fastway, Airtel DTH, Tata Play DTH, Dish TV, d2H and others.

#### Sony India announces LinkBuds Fit with Advanced Noise Cancelling and AI-powered call clarity

LUDHIANA/CHANDIGARH: Sony India today launched the LinkBuds Fit earbuds, setting a new benchmark in personal audio category with an ultra-comfortable fit, premium sound and intelligent noise control. Designed with Air Fitting Supporters and soft earbud tips, these earbuds offer a secure yet lightweight experience for all-day wear. Sony has developed new Air Fitting Supporters for LinkBuds Fit by using extensive ear shape data collated over the years. The LinkBuds Fit are crafted for all-day wear, featuring air-fitting supporters and soft earbud tips that provide a snug yet breathable fit. The earbuds weight only 4.9 grams and are so light that you might even forget that you are wearing them.LinkBuds Fit are equipped with Sony's Integrated Processor V2 same as the flagship model WF-1000XM5, delivering advanced noise cancellation for an immersive listening experience. The LinkBuds Fit feature Sony's best ambient sound technology, ensuring a natural listening experience without losing connection to your surroundings

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