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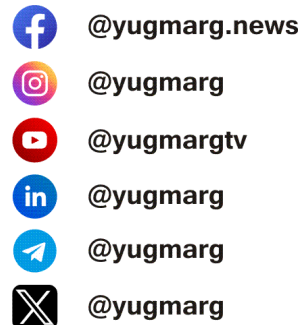
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National Herald money laundering case Sonia, Rahul Gandhi named in probe agency chargesheet

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, APRIL 15

The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday filed a chargesheet against Congress MPs Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, and Sam Pitroda, the party's overseas unit chief, in the alleged National Herald money laundering case. A special court fixed April 25 as the hearing date.

"The present prosecution complaint shall next be taken up for consideration, on the aspect of cognisance... when Special Counsel for the ED and the Investigating Officer shall also ensure production of the case diaries for perusal by the court," special judge Vishal Gogne said.

This is the first time a chargesheet has been filed against Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi.

Neither the party nor the Gandhis have responded so far.

On Saturday the ED had issued notices to take possession of immovable assets worth Rs 661 crore. These had been attached - in November 2023 - to the investigation into allegations of money laundering against Congress-controlled Associated Journals Limited, or AJL.

The notices - which sought vacation of the premises - were affixed at properties in Delhi, Mumbai's Bandra area, and the AJL building on Bisheshwar Nath Road in Lucknow.

Among these are the iconic National Herald House on Delhi's Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg.

The ED began its investigation in 2021. This was on the basis of a June



2014 order from Delhi's Patiala House court based on a private complaint filed by the BJP's Subramanian Swamy.

Mr Swamy claimed a criminal conspiracy by prominent Congress leaders, including Mrs Gandhi, Mr Gandhi and others, and a company, Young Indian Pvt Ltd, to launder money from the fraudulent takeover of properties belonging to AJL and valued at over Rs 2,000 crore.

The National Herald is a newspaper published by AJL and owned by Young Indian. Mrs Gandhi and Mr Gandhi are majority shareholders in the latter, with 38 per cent shares allotted to each.

Meanwhile, the chargesheet was filed hours after businessman Robert

Vadra, Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's husband and Rahul Gandhi's brother-in-law, was questioned by the probe agency over money laundering allegations linked to a real estate deal in Haryana.

Mr Vadra - who arrived for questioning with Congress supporter shouting 'Jab Modi darta hai, ED ko aage karta hai', or 'whenever Modi is scared, he calls on the ED' - dismissed the allegations against him as "political vendetta", pointing out he has spent hours answering questions. The swipe was a reference to repeated claims by the Congress and other opposition parties - that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government uses central investigative agencies like the ED to harass and target rival politicians, particularly before elections.

Bajwa appears before police over '50 bombs' remark

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 15

Senior Congress leader Partap Singh Bajwa on Tuesday appeared before police in connection with an FIR registered against him over his "50 bombs have reached Punjab" statement.

The state Congress leadership backed the veteran leader and hit out at the state's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government, accusing it of misusing the state police to target opposition leaders.

Punjab Congress leaders, including state unit chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring and Congress MP Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa among other party leaders, accompanied Bajwa to the Mohali Cyber Crime Police station.

Earlier Partap Singh Bajwa moved the Punjab and Haryana High court, seeking quashing of an FIR registered against him over his "50 bombs have reached Punjab" statement.

Mr. Bajwa, the Leader of Opposition in the Punjab Assembly, had been booked on charges, including misleading information that endangers the country's sovereignty and

unity after being quizzed over his "50 bombs have reached Punjab" claims.

The Congress leader's counsel and senior advocate A.P.S. Deol said a petition has been filed to quash the FIR and it has been listed for Wednesday (April 16).

Mr. Deol submitted that the charges against Mr. Bajwa were baseless.

Mr. Bajwa has been booked under Sections 197(1)(d) (false and misleading information that endangers country's sovereignty and unity) and 353(2) (false statements intend to create enmity and hatred or ill will) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

The case was registered at Cyber Crime police station in Mohali.

In an interview to a private television channel, Mr. Bajwa had claimed, "I have come to know that 50 bombs have reached Punjab. Of this, 18 have exploded, 32 are yet to go off." A team of Punjab Police on Sunday (April 13) visited the residence of Mr. Bajwa and questioned the source of his statement.

Mr. Bajwa will appear before police in Mohali on Tuesday (April 15) in connection with the FIR registered against him.

Gold reclaims all-time high of Rs 96,450/10 g

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 15

Gold prices rose by Rs 50 to revisit the all-time high level of Rs 96,450 per 10 grams in the national capital on Tuesday, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

On Monday, the yellow metal of 99.9 per cent purity fell by Rs 50 to settle at Rs 96,400 per 10 grams.

Gold of 99.5 per cent purity increased Rs 50 to reclaim its all-time high level of Rs 96,000 per 10 grams against the previous close of Rs 95,950 per 10 grams.

Meanwhile, silver prices climbed by Rs 2,500 to Rs 97,500 per kg on the back of fresh industrial demand. The white metal had declined by Rs 500 to close at Rs 95,000 per kg on Monday. Globally, spot gold appreciated by USD 13.67 or 0.43 per cent to USD 3,224.60 per ounce. Also, Comex gold futures for June delivery went

Sensex rises 1577 pts

MUMBAI: Indian stock markets on Tuesday ended on a strong note, driven by favourable global cues, particularly after the United States announced tariff exemptions for select technology products, boosting investor sentiment.

At the end of the trading session, the Nifty 50 at the National Stock Exchange (NSE) stood at 23,328.55, up 500 points or 2.19 per cent, while the BSE Sensex stood at 76,734.89, witnessing a strong uptick of 1,577.63 points or 2.10 per cent.

up 0.47 per cent to USD 3,241.50 per ounce. "Gold prices remain steady near all-time highs, buoyed by a weakening dollar and persistent uncertainty surrounding US trade policy," Chintan Mehta, Chief Executive Officer at Abans Financial Services, said. The US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's upcoming press conference on Wednesday will be in focus, with investors seeking signals on how the central bank may respond if trade tensions intensify or economic conditions weaken.

Bengal: Relief camp set up in Malda for victims of violence

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MALDA, APRIL 15

A relief camp has been set up in Malda's Par Lalpur for the people who were forced to leave their houses in the Samserganj-Dhuliyan areas of Murshidabad after violence broke out there during a protest against the Waqf Amendment Act on April 11.

Dr Prasanjit Mandal, a doctor at the relief camp, said his team is providing all essential medicines to those in need.

"For the last 3 days, we have been coming here twice a day. We have all the essential medicines here for hyper-



tension, diabetes, cough, and cold... As of now, there are no patients who need medicines," he told.

Keshav Mandal, a person staying at the relief camp, expressed dismay over the situation, saying, "We don't know

when the situation will be normal and we will be able to go back."

"We came here on Saturday, 12th April. Everything in our house was burnt. We don't know when the situation will be normal and we will be able to go back. People from our nearby villages have come here today," he told a news agency.

Lalcharan Mondal, another person staying at the relief camp, urged the government to ensure peace and harmony in the region.

"My house and everything have been burned down. They have sheltered me, and that's why I am

alive today. If there is such unrest, how can I go back home? There is no way to go. I want peace and harmony; this is what I want from the government," he told ANI.

Rupa Mandal, a woman staying at the relief camp, said that she came four days ago after her house was set on fire. "It has been 4 days since we are here. Our entire house was set on fire. We were having lunch when suddenly, some people entered and started looting and attacking us. BSF personnel took us here to the relief camp. We want compensation for our house," she told a news agency.

ED questions Robert Vadra in alleged land grabbing case in Haryana

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NEW DELHI, APR 15

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday questioned businessman Robert Vadra, husband of Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra here, in an alleged land grabbing case in Haryana, official sources said.

Vadra, the brother-in-law of Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi walked to the ED office from his residence along with his supporters, who raised slogans against the government.

Talking to reporters, he accused the government of misusing the agencies against him and said, "Whenever I talk about the issues of the people, about the minorities, about the incompetence of the government or even if I think of joining politics, they use agencies against me".

"There is nothing new in the case. I have been summoned 15 times and have sat for more than 10 hours every time and have submitted 23,000 documents. They are now again asking for all the 23,000 documents," Robert said.

Pearl Agro case: ED raids Congress, AAP leaders in Rajasthan, Punjab

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, APRIL 15

The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday carried out searches at the premises of Congress leader Pratap Singh Khachariyawas in Rajasthan and AAP leader Kulwant Singh in Punjab, among more than 15 locations, in the matter of Pearl Agro Corporation Limited (PACL), which concerns investor fraud involving Rs 48,000 crore.

The raids have been underway since early Tuesday across Delhi, Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan.

ED officials familiar with the development said the locations being searched include the residential premises of Khachariyawas, former Cabinet Transport Minister of Rajasthan and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and Mohali MLA Kulwant Singh.

Further, the central agency said that a First Information Report (FIR) has also been registered against associates of late Nirmal Singh Bhargava for illegally disposing of the properties of PACL and associate entities. In October last year, the central agency conducted searches at 44

premises across Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Maharashtra, Telangana, Karnataka, West Bengal, Rajasthan, and Uttarakhand in the case against PACL. The company had illegally collected at least Rs 49,100 crore from 58 million investors over 18 years, as alleged. The ED probe under the Prevention of Money Launder-



ing Act is based on an FIR registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation. It was alleged that PACL collected money from the public through illegal collective investment schemes for allotting plots in different parts of the country or by giving the option to take back their expected tentative value of land in lieu of the allotted plot under the scheme on maturity.

India to get above-normal rainfall this monsoon, says IMD

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, APRIL 15

India is expected to get above-normal rainfall in the upcoming southwest monsoon season, the India Meteorological Department said on Tuesday, raising hopes for a bountiful harvest for the largely agri-based economy.

According to the long-range monsoon forecast, the IMD said large parts of Tamil Nadu and the northeastern region were likely to get below-normal rainfall, while the rain-deficient parts of Marathwada and adjoining Telangana are expected to witness above-normal showers.



"India is likely to see above-normal rainfall in the four-month monsoon season (June to September), with cumulative rainfall estimated at 105 per cent (with a model error of 5 per cent) of the long-period average of 87 cm," M Ravichandran, secretary in the Earth Sciences Ministry, told a press conference here.

Climate scientists say the number of rainy days is declining while heavy rain events (more rain over a short period) are increasing, leading to frequent droughts and floods.

Above-normal rainfall during the monsoon also does not necessarily mean that it will be evenly distribut-

ed. Parts of the country are battling extreme heat and a significantly high number of heat wave days are expected in the April to June period. This could strain power grids and result in water shortages.

According to the Meteorological Department, a new round of heat wave will start in western Rajasthan from Monday and there is a strong possibility of heat wave on April 15-16.

On April 17-18, due to the effect of a weak western disturbance, there is a possibility of thunderstorm and light-moderate storm in some places in eastern Rajasthan.

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Public Notice
ਅਖਾ ਮਨਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਰੁਪਿਯ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸਭਾ ਸਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਅੰਦਿਯ ਵਾਲੇ ਬਾਨੀ ਅਰਾਜ ਨੰਬਰ 146, ਸਾਡਾ, ਰਾਜੀਸ਼ ਵਾ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਐਚ ਏ ਐਚ ਨਗਰ (ਹਿੰਦੁਸਤਾਨੀ) ਪਿੰਡਸ - 140307 ਦੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਿਤੀ 07-09-2022 ਨੂੰ ਦੋ ਚੁੱਕੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਦੇ ਨਤੀਜੇ ਤੋਂ ਦੋ ਚੁੱਕੀਆਂ (PBO&L&S&S) ਨੂੰ ਹੁਣ ਇਸ ਚੁੱਕੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਮਾਲੀ ਤਰਜੀਹ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਉਸ ਦੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਕੁਲਮੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਸਭਾ ਸਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਲੀ (ਅਰਾਜ ਨੰਬਰ 12, ਸਭਾਜੀ ਨਾਗਰ ਰਿਹਾਕੀਵਾ ਘਰ, ਰਾਜੀਸ਼ ਘਰ, ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਐਚ ਏ ਐਚ ਨਗਰ (ਹਿੰਦੁਸਤਾਨੀ) ਪਿੰਡਸ - 140301) ਨੂੰ ਅਰਜ਼ੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ। ਉਸ ਦੀ ਅਰਜ਼ੀ ਤੁਰਾਥਕ ਸਭਾ ਸਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਵਾਰਸ ਕੁਲਮੀਤ ਕੌਰ (ਪਤਨੀ), ਜ਼ਮੀਨ ਸਿੰਘ (ਪੁੱਤਰ) ਵਾ ਸੁਪਰੀਅਰ ਸਿੰਘ (ਪੁੱਤਰ) ਹਨ। ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਹੋਰ ਵੀ ਵਾਰਸ ਨਹੀਂ ਹਨ। ਇਸ ਅਤੇ ਸਭਾ ਸਰਜੀਤ ਦੀ ਅਰਜ਼ੀਅਤ ਕੁਲਮੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਦੇ ਨਤੀਜੇ ਤੋਂ ਤਰਜੀਹ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਕਿਸੇ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਇਸ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਿਤ ਹੋਣ ਤੋਂ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ 2 ਨਿਯਮ ਨਿਰਧਾਰਤ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਅਰਜ਼ੀ ਨਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ। ਇਸਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਨਾ ਹੋਣ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਇਸ ਚੁੱਕੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਅਰਜ਼ੀਅਤ ਕੁਲਮੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਦੇ ਨਤੀਜੇ ਤਰਜੀਹ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

LOST & FOUND
I Chahat D/o Ankush Dhir R/o Vpo Beas, Tehsil Baba Bakala District Amritsar (Punjab),declare that my original Passport No V1804240 issued dated (13-12-2021) has been lost in Beas markit dated (10-04-2025),if anybody found then contact at 771042020.

9000A

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, GURMIT KAUR W/o KARNAIL SINGH R/o VILLAGE ALUPUR, DISTRICT JALANDHAR is informed that KULVINDER KAUR LALLY is my daughter and SATNAM SINGH LALLY is my son in law both are not in my control, I disinherited to both of them from my moveable and immoveable property if any body deals with them then they will be done so for his own risk.

777886
We, Rajesh Kumar S/o Jai Singh and Usha Rani W/o Rajesh Kumar R/o Ward No. 07, Kalayat, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that our son Amandeep and his wife Kirandeep and Sandeep and his wife Aaditi Singh (presently all live abroad) are beyond our control. We have evicted them from our movable and immovable property. Anyone who works or transacts with them will be responsible for it, we and our family will have no responsibility in it.

100047
We Subhash Chand S/o Purshotam Singh & Maya Devi W/o Subhash Chand R/o Village Tiud Teh Kharar SAS nagar Mohali, declared that our son Amandeep Singh is out of our control, so we disown him from our movable- immovable properties, anybody dealing with him at their own risk.

50008
I kishan kumar s/o Jawali ram R/o C-71, st no.4 jhujar nagar SAS Nagar Mohali declared that that my son Bablu ram and his wife Asha (ramna) is out of my control. So I disowned them from all my movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with them on their own risk

50008
I, Kulwant Rai father of Army No. 14443176H Satish Kumar Rank HAV, Trade Gunner GD S/o Hem Raj, R/o V.P.O Takhtu Chak, Tehsil Khadoor Sahib, District Tarn-Taran, Punjab, declare that in my son's army record my date of birth incorrectly recorded as 01/07/1952, whereas my correct date of birth is 22/03/1953.

50008
I, Rachna Rani W/o Kulwant Rai Mother of Army No. 14443176H Satish Kumar Rank HAV, Trade Gunner GD R/o V.P.O Takhtu Chak, Tehsil Khadoor Sahib, District Tarn-Taran, Punjab, declare that in my son's army record my name wrongly mentioned as Rachana Rani, whereas my correct name is Rachna Rani, and date of birth wrongly recorded as 01/07/1957, whereas my correct name date of birth is 01.01.1955.

50008

I, MONU RAM S/O OM PARKASH SHARMA R/o 671/30, Narkatari Road, New Laxman Colony, Thanesar, Kurukshetra, Haryana-136118 have changed the name of my minor son MANAAL MOUDGIL aged 11 years and he shall hereafter be known as MANVEER MOUDGIL.

100046
I, Vinod Kumar urf Vinod S/o Bhim Singh R/o Karnal Road, Ambedkar Nagar, Janak Puri Colony, Ward No 18, Distt Kaithal Haryana, have changed my name from Vinod Kumar urf Vinod to Vinod

100046
I, Harshita Goyal W/o Akshy Jindal R/o House No. 36, Street No. 3, Baldev Nagar, Chakki wali Gali Moga have changed my name after marriage to Harshita Jindal.

90007
I, Salina w/o Sam Masih Randhawa r/o Vpo. Adraman tehsil Nakodar district Jalandhar have changed my name from Salina to Salina Randhawa. All concerned note please.

100066
I, Jimmy Singh s/o Paramjeet Singh r/o Mohalla Sunder Nagar Nakodar district Jalandhar have changed my name from Jimmy Singh to Jimmi Singh. All concerned note please.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Simranjeet Singh S/o Jaswant Singh R/o Shaheed Baba Deep Singh Nagar, Kapurthala, Punjab, India declare That I am holder of Indian Passport No. W6773570 issued on 23.11.2022 valid up to 22.11.2032 issued at Jalandhar. In my passport my name is mentioned given name as Simranjeet Singh. Now I want to add/record my name Singh as Surname and Simranjeet as given name in my passport. In my passport with my name Singh as surname and Simranjeet as given name.

989666
I, Ganesh S/O Baldev R/O #Bx-131, Bawaji wali Gali,Lamba Pind, Jalandhar-1,PO Chogitti Distt. Jalandhar declared that I have adopted the religion of Islam & changed my name from Ganesh to Rehman Khan.

63372
I Pushpa Pathak Mother of Number 15632455N Rank L/NK Name Abhishek Kumar Pathak of unit 4 Guards c/o 56 APO Presently residing at VPO Nasiruddinpur Tehsil Sadar Distt Azamgarh State (UP) Declare that I have change my Name From Pushpa Pathak To Pushpa Devi Vide Affidavit Number Before notary Pathankot punjab

63372
I, MITHLESH DEVI am wife of NO. 15491558A RANK DFR NAME SATISH SINGH UNIT 49 AR C/O 56 APO resident of KOLILA RAWAD, ALWAR, RAJASTHAN 301020, hereby declare that I have changed my name from MITHLESH KANWAR to MITHLESH DEVI. Both names pertain to one and the same person. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it

63372
I, USHA TIWARI am wife of NO. JC429750P RANK SUB/RT NAME SHIVKANT TIWARI, UNIT 31 PUNJAB resident of H NO. 633, WARD-59, HARI NAGRI, TEHSIL AND DISTT DURG (C.G.), hereby declare that I have changed my name from USHA to USHA TIWARI. Both names pertain to one and the same person. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it

63372

I, Army No. 14649195N Rank HAV Name Shanmugam M presently residing at Vill Thippanapalli, P O Thippanapalli, Teh Krishnagiri, Distt Krishnagiri, State Tamil Nadu, Pin 635115 have changed my son name from S Vicky to Vicky S vide affidavit dated 15.04.2025 before Notary Public Distt Courts Bathinda

100078
I Sangeeta W/o Dheeraj Kumar R/o B-27/115, Bohar wali Gali Inside Achli Gate,Batala, Distt Gurdaspur. Have Changed my name Sangeeta to Sangeeta Mahajan. Please Concerned Note.

10005
I, PRABHDIP SINGH ALIAS PRABHDEEP SINGH S/O HARDEV SINGH R/o Sekhwan, PO:Seikhwana, Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab-143518, have changed my name to PRABHDEEP.

9998876
I Pardeep Kumar (Service no. 3197595F; Rank Hawaldar) s/o Dalip Singh r/o village Mundhal khurd, tehsil & district Bhiwani declare that my mother name and date of birth is wrongly mentioned as Sushil Devi, 01.09.1964 in my service records, her correct name and date of birth as per Aadhar is Sushila Devi, 27.06.1948.

989752
I, Suresh Kumar S/o Sh. Kishor R/o Radaur Tehsil Radaur Distt. Yamunanagar (Haryana) has changed the name of my minor daughter from Ambika to Chandni.

977756
I Sewa Singh S/o Randhir Singh R/o House No-3614,Sector 46 C Chandigarh Have Changed My Name To Sewa (Singh) As A Surname

666554
I Jasmeet Singh S/o Sewa Singh R/o House No-3614,Sector 46 C Chandigarh Have Changed My Name To Jasmeet (Singh) As A Surname

666554
I, Mandeep Singh S/o Harnek Singh R/o H no. 1777 Gali no.2 Sultanwind Road Near Shaheed Udhama Singh Nagar Amritsar Have changed my name Singh is Surname and Mandeep is given name

72737
I, Rampher S/o Ram Sajivan R/o Deeh Amethi, Uttar Pradesh - 229310, have changed my name from RAMPHER to RAMPHER PAL, Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB24934447310469X, Dated 10-04-2025, Before Distt. Court, Amritsar.

72737
I, Baby Kumari is legally wedded spouse of Army No 15483601F, Rank DFR Name Kaushal Kishor Presently residing at 68 Armd Regt. C/o 56 APO, Permanent residing at 3/229, Budhha Colony, Hajipur, Budha Colony, Adalbari, Hajipur, Vaishali, Bihar, PIN-844101 Declares that, I have changed my Name from Baby Kumari to Bebi Kumari Vide AFFIDAVIT E-Stamp Certificate No.IN-PB26307980455190X Date: 15-04-2025 before notary public Amritsar

72737
I, Prabhjeet S/o Roop Lal, V. Karari, P.O. Kishangarh, Distt. Jalandhar, have changed my name from Prabhjeet to PRABHJEET CHOPRA. All concerned please note.

461257
I, Jyoti W/O Narvinder Kumar R/O Village Pawadra, PO. Bilga, Distt. Jalandhar - 144036, Punjab have changed my name from Jyoti to Rani Jyoti.(Rani as surname). All Note.

461257

I, Harvinder Kaur W/o Gurminder Singh R/o. House Number 160, Beant Nagar, P/o PAP Lines Jalandhar-II, Jalandhar Punjab Pin 144006 have changed my name from Harvinder Kaur to Harwinder Kaur. All Concerned Please Note.

10005
I, Ashwani Malhotra S/o Sh. Hari Kishan R/o H.No. N.C. 137, Kot Kishan Chand, Jalandhar, Punjab, India have changed my name from Ashwani Malhotra to Ashwani Kumar Malhotra. All concerned please note.

524473
I, Bhavica W/O Ishaan Sharma , R/o #52, Joginder Nagar Badungar, Patiala, Punjab-147001. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Bhavica Sharma.

524473
I, Ragini Solanki , W/O Govind Anoop Raj R/o V 33/16, DLF Phase-III, Gurgaon, Haryana-122010 . have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Ragini Ganesh.

524473
I, Baljit Kaur W/O Om Parkash , D/O Manjit Singh , R/o Village Sarhali, Jalandhar, Punjab-144633. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Baljit Kaur Khamb.

524473
I, Om Parkash S/O Makhan Ram, R/o Sarhali, Phillaur, Jalandhar Punjab- 144633, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Om Parkash Khamb.

524473
I, Pankaj Paswan S/O Chanchal Paswan, R/o H.NO-130, Part-1, Vill.Kang Sahbu, Nakodar, Kang Punjab-144630, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Pankaj Kumar.

524473
I, Jaspreet Kaur Sidhu D/O Davinder Singh , R/o Bhinder Kalan, Moga, Punjab-142041 . have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Jaspreet Kaur.

524473
I hitherto Known as Kaushalya Kumari Wife of Mangat Rai residing at VPO. Bhojowal, Distt. Jalandhar-144101, Punjab, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Krishna Kumari.

900026
I hitherto known as Manpreet Kaur W/o Preet Harinder Singh Lehal R/o H.No. 229 St. No. 3, Near Over Bridge, Maqsudan, New Moti Nagar, PO Grain Market, Jalandhar-144008, Punjab, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Manpreet Kaur Lehal.

900026
I,Gayatri D/o Sanjeev Giri R/o Morni Talab, Nurmahal, Tehsil Phillaur Distt Jalandhar PB changed my name to Gayatri Giri (Giri as Surname)

63372
I Harmanjot Kaur Mangat W/O Sarbpreet Singh Uppal R/O Vpo Uppal Distt Ludhiana Have Changed My Name Harmanjot KaurUppal.

63372
I, Prabhjot Singh S/O Balvir Singh R/O Vpo Musapur Sub Teh. Aur Distt Sbs Nagar 144513 Pb Declared That My Given Name Is PrabhjotAnd Surname Is Singh.

63372
I, Manjit Kaur Turna W/o Amarjit Singh R/o VPO Turna Tehsil Shakot Distt Jalandhar changed my name to Manjit Kaur.

63372
I,Gagandeep Dhingra S/O Mohinder Pal R/o Kohlian Mohalla Nurmahal (Jalandhar) have changed my minor daughter name from Mannat to Mannat Dhingra.

63372

I, Gagandeep Dhingra S/o Mohinder Pal R/o Kohlian Mohalla Nurmahal (Jalandhar) have changed my minor son name from Vardaan to Vardaan Dhingra.

63372
I, Punan S/o Surinder Singh R/o Vill. Mundi Chohalian, Tehsil Shahkot, Distt. Jalandhar, Have Changed My Name Punan to Punan Singh.

63372
I,Rajinder Kumar S/o Mohinder Paul R/o Mohalla Kohlian Nurmahal (Jalandhar) changed my minor son name from Riyan to Riyan Dhingra.

63372
I,Rajinder Kumar S/o Mohinder Paul R/o Mohalla Kohlian Nurmahal (Jalandhar) changed my minor daughter name from Rishika to Rishika Dhingra.

63372
I,Monika D/o Harjinder Singh R/o Village Golewal Po Rurki Khas Tehsil Garhshankar Distt Hoshiarpur changed my name to Monika Saroya.

63372
I, Surjit Singh S/O Tarsem Singh R/O Vill. Kang P/O B h a r t a K h u r d T e h . Nawanshahr Distt Sbs Nagar Mohali have changed my name from Priya to Priya Chauhan.

63372
I Sarbjit Kaur W/o Hans Raj V Thandian Teh Banga Distt SBS Nagar have changed my name Sarbjit Kaur to Sarabjit Kaur.

63372
I, Gurpreet Singh S/O Ronak Singh R/O Basti Jodhewal (Ludhiana) Declare That My Name Is Gurpreet And My Surname Is Singh.

63372
I, Gurinder Singh S/O Gurnam Singh, R/O H.No. 13/471 Moh. Kamboan, Near Bus Stand Zira, Tehsil Zira Distt Ferozepur, Have Changed My Name Gurinder Singh Manjher.

63372
I, Sarbjeet Singh S/o Satnam Singh R/o VPO Mallah, Tehsil Khadoor Sahib, District Tarn Taran, Punjab have changed my name from Sarbjeet Singh to given name is Sarbjeet and my Surname is Singh.

63372
I, Deep Kaur Sidhu W/o Laddi Singh Sidhu R/o Dola Singhwala Distt Sangrur changed my name to Deep Kaur.

63372
I, Gurpreet Singh S/o Avtar Singh R/o Village Barmalipur Tehsil Payal Distt Ludhiana changed my name to Gurpreet Singh Randoe.

63372
I,Sahida Begam W/o Mohammad Nasim R/o H No.730 St.No.3/3 Hardev Nagar Bathinda have changed my name to Saida Begam

63372
I Mohammad Naseem S/o Mohammad Sami R/o ? No.730 St.No.3/3 Hardev Nagar Bathinda have changed my name to Mohammad Nasim.

63372
I, Bhubinder Singh S/o Gurmail Singh R/O Vpo Hiala Teh Nawanshahr Distt Sbs Nagar 144517 Punjab Have Changed My Name From Bhubinder Singh to Bhupinder Singh Sodhi.

63372
I, Madan Lal S/O Jattu Ram R/O VPO Samundra Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur , Punjab, India, have changed my name Madan Lal to Lal Madan, Madan is my Given name and surname is Lal.

63372

I, Santosh Rani W/O Madan Lal R/O VPO Samundra Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India,have changed my name from Santosh Rani to Rani Santosh, Santosh is my given name and surname is Rani.

63372
I, Ramanpreet Singh S/O Karnail Singh Resident Of Vpo. Aur, Sub Tehsil Aur, Distt. Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar-144417, Punjab. India Have Changed My Name From Ramanpreet Singh To Ramanpreet Singh Badhan.

63372
I, Baby Sheetal W/o Swadesh Gupta Resident of MCB-25-04735 St. No. 10/10 Barnala Road, Balla Ram Nagar, Bathinda have changed my name to Sheetal Gupta.

63372
I, Swadesh Kumar S/o Kulbhushan Gupta Resident of MCB-75-04735 St. No. 10/10 Barnala Road, Balla Ram Nagar. Bathinda have changed my name to Swadesh Gupta.

63372
I, Priya Chauhan W/o Aditya Chhabra R/o Flat No-1205, Tower 4, Savitry Green, VIP road, Zirakpur Distt SAS Nagar Mohali have changed my name from Priya to Priya Chauhan.

63372
I Taqir Hussain S/O Sakhawat Hussain R/O Mohalla Chattha,Sadar Bazar.Malerkotla. Have Changed My Name To Toqir Hussain.

63372
I Sarbjot Kaur D/o Gurpreet Singh R/O Lehra Mohabbat Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name to Sarbjot Kaur Sidhu.

63372
I, Shuchi Bansal W/o Sanjeev Bansal R/O MCB-22-08087, St No 6/3A, Near PNB Bank, Power House Road, Bathinda Changed My Name Shuchi Bansal to Shuchi.

63372
I,Sukhwinder Kainth W/o Harjinder Singh VPO Kishan Pura Tehsil Nawan Shahr Distt SBSm Nagar changed my name after Marriage Sukhwinder Kainth to Sukhwinder Kaur.

63372
I Sukhchan Singh S/O Hardial Singh R/O Vpo Ghaso Khana District Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Sukhchain Singh.

63372
I,Charnjeet S/o Harmesh Lal R/o Village Sarhali Tehsil Phillaur Distt Jalandhar changed my minor daughter name from Gurleen to Gurleen Kaur.

63372
I,Charnjeet S/o Harmesh Lal R/o Village Sarhali Tehsil Phillaur Distt Jalandhar changed my minor daughter name from Simran to Simran Kaur.

63372
I, Ritika W/o Jagjit Singh R/o W/no-3 Miani PO Miani Distt Hoshiarpur changed my name to Ritika Singh.

63372
I Dev Raj Alias Debu S/o Sheru R/o Patti Bulle Ki, VPO Rurka Kalan, Teh. Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar - 144031 have changed my name to Dev Raj.

63372
I, Salinder Pal Kaur alias Surinder Kaur D/o Rattan Singh W/o Avtar Singh R/o Village Lalewali, P.O. Ladhewali, Jalandhar, Punjab, 144007 changed my name to Surinder Kaur.

63372
I, Hira Singh S/o Harnam Singh R/o H.No.97, BSF Colony, Jalandhar, Punjab-144008 changed my name to Hira Singh Amar.

63372

I,Gurwinder Kaur D/o Parmjit Singh W/o Parmjit Singh R/o Village Hussainpur, P. O . H u s s a i n p u r Lalowal,Hoshiarpur,144210 Punjab changed my name Gurwinder as Given name and Kaur as Surname.

63372
I Baljeet Kaur W/o Kuldeep Singh R/o Ward No 22, Lal Singh Gill Basti, Moga (Moga) have declared to Baljeet Kaur Alias Sandeep Kaur are One & same person.

63372
I, Ramandeep Singh S/o Boota Singh Parmar R/o VPO Samadh Bhai, Distt. Moga have changed my name Ramandeep Singh Parmar.

63372
I, Ramandeep Singh Parmar S/o Boota Singh Parmar R/o VPO Samadh Bhai, Distt.Moga have changed the name of my minor son Gursaanjh Singh to Gursaanjh Singh Parmar.

63372
I Pardeep Kaur Manan W/o Maninder Singh Chahal R/o H:No 2312 Sec.32A Chandigarh Road, Focal point, Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Pardeep kaur Chahal.

63372
I Gurpreet Singh S/o Gurnek Singh R/o Village Himmatpura po Badwala Tehsil Bassi Pathana Distt Fatehgarh Sahib have changed my name to Gurpreet Singh Somal

63372
I Baljinder Singh S/o Sadhu Singh R/o H:No 349/9A St. No-6 Ward No:11 Jiwan Nagar Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name from Baljinder Singh Matharoo to Baljinder Singh

63372
I Balwinder Kaur W/O Bant Singh Village Siahar Tehsil - Payal Ludhiana Have Changed My Two Names Balwinder Kaur & Varinder Kaur Both These are One and Same Person.

63372
I Hira W/o Raju ,House no 1747/5 ,Near Civil Hospital,Islam Ganj ,Ludhiana Have changed my name after marriage From Reena D/o Kamal Hans To Hira W/o Raju.

63372
I Hitherto Known As Manjeet Kaur D/O Dalip Singh And W/O Ram Singh R/O Wara Jawahar Singh Wala, Dist: Ferozepur Punjab -142050, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Shinder Kaur.

63372
I, Kirandeep Kaur Ballu W/o Manpreet Singh R/o Deharka Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Kirandeep Kaur.

63372
I, Nand Kishore Sharma S/o Amar Nath R/o Village Mangli Unchhi Distt Ludhiana have changed my name from Nand Kishore Sharma to Nand Kishore.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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NEWS BRIEF

Opposition parties alarmed by AAP's rapid pace of dev: Saurabh Behal

VERMA GURDASPUR: The rapid development works being carried out by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Punjab have left opposition parties stunned and anxious. This was stated by Punjab State Joint Secretary Saurabh Behal in a press release. He said that the speed with which development is reaching villages and cities has left opposition representatives surprised and politically helpless. Behal stated that the sound of development is echoing in every corner of Punjab. The AAP government has made development a top priority, setting a new example of governance. He further said that the public has wholeheartedly embraced this wave of development, which brings him immense satisfaction. He remarked, "Previous governments only made promises but failed to take any concrete steps. In contrast, the Aam Aadmi Party, soon after coming to power, started focusing on core needs like health, education, roads, and sanitation. As a result, essential government services are now reaching people right at their doorsteps."

Target to purchase 3.38 lakh MT wheat in district: DC Panchal

ASHISHIPURI KAPURTHALA: With an aim to procure 3.38 lakh MT wheat during the current season , procurement has been started smoothly in the district . Till yesterday, 603.10 MT wheat has been procured by the state procurement agencies . Deputy commissioner Mr. Amit Kumar Panchal said that the target has been fixed at 3.38 lakh MT wheat and for the smooth procurement season , 42 grain markets and some temporary mandis have been established. He also said that the daily arrival of wheat has been recorded around 500 MT , which will be increased in coming days. He also said that for smooth conduct of procurement, ADC (G) Navneet Kaur Bal has been appointed supervisory officer for bholath sub division and ADC (G) Phagwara Dr Akshita Gupta for phagwara , followed by ADC (D) Varinderpal Singh Bajwa for sultanpur lodhi and kapurthala .

3.5 acre Miyawaki forest to come up at Patiala focal point

RAWEL BHINDER PATIALA: A 3.5-acre Miyawaki forest is set to come up at the Patiala Focal Point, as part of a green initiative by the Municipal Corporation Patiala in association with Vardhman Special Steels Limited (VSSL). The project was formally launched today near the Material Recovery Facility Centre. Sharing details about the initiative, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Patiala, Sh. Paramvir Singh, said that two Miyawaki forests will be developed in the area, with execution to be completed within three months by the plantation team of EcoSikh. He added that the project is being undertaken by VSSL under its CSR initiative Project Prakriti. The forest will include approximately 35,000 saplings — at a density of 10,000 plants per acre — featuring 45 varieties of native and fruit-bearing species. The official commencement of work was marked today by Superintending of the Municipal Corporation, Er Engineer Gurpreet Walia along with his team and representatives from VSSL.

Boost to rural education as Chamkaur Sahib MLA inaugurates school facilities

SANJEEV TEJPAL MORINDA: Dr. Charanjit Singh, the MLA from Chamkaur Sahib constituency, inaugurated the newly constructed boundary wall of the Government Senior Secondary School, Tajpur. He also laid the foundation stone for the school's science laboratory. On this occasion, he remarked that the education revolution has now become a widespread movement, which will help elevate the standards of government schools. He lauded a girl student from the school for earning a merit position in the Punjab School Education Board examination and appreciated the school staff for bringing honor to the institution. During the event, Principal Surinder Kumar Ghai presented the school's annual report and highlighted various achievements of the institution. Aam Aadmi Party leader Birdvinder Singh Ballan also addressed the gathering. Also present on the occasion were Education Revolution Coordinator Rajinder Singh Raja from Chakkala, School Management Committee Chairman Gurmeh Singh, prominent farmer leader Daljit Singh Chalakhi, Sarpanch Jaspreet Kaur, Lecturer Kanchan Bala, Sohan Singh, Gurinderjit Singh Maan, Jasbir Singh Shantpur, Ramandeep Kaur Kainaur, Bandhna Rani Doomerch, Maninder Kaur Ramgarh Mandanda, Satvinder Singh Bajwa, Shiv Kumar, Rajinder Singh, along with parents of the students and local residents.

Punjab launches five-pillar action plan to eliminate drug addiction, Dr Balbir Singh leads historic NGO summit

SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, APR 15

In yet another decisive move to eliminate drug addiction from the state amidst the ongoing anti-drugs campaign 'Yudh Nashian Virudh' launched by the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Balbir Singh on Tuesday unveiled a five-pillar action plan to during a high-level consultative and collaborative meeting with Non-Government Organisations (NGOs).

This strategy marks a paradigm shift in the state's approach to combating drug abuse through Supply Reduction, Demand Reduction, Harm Reduction and Stigma Reduction. Declaring an end to Punjab's decades-old "political-police-criminal nexus", Dr Singh



asserted, "The missing piece—political will—is now in place. With CM Bhagwant Singh Mann's leadership and your grassroots power, we will create a 'Rangla Punjab'." Over 30 NGOs including Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Society for the Promotion of Youth & Masses (SPYM), Ananya Birla Foundation, Kalgidhar Trust

Baru Sahib, Hans Foundation, Sun Foundation, etc. from across the country and experts from All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) New Delhi, PGI Chandigarh, Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) participated in the meeting, which took place at Punjab Bhawan here. Emphasising the government's unwavering commit-

ment to breaking the supply-demand cycle of drugs while ensuring compassionate rehabilitation for affected individuals, the Health Minister stressed on the need to prevent upcoming generation—kids and students—to fall prey to drugmenace, while, focusing on ensuring treatment those those, who are already got addicted.

Nutrition and strong immunity will save elderly from TB: Kirti Kalyan



SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, APR 15

World TB Day celebrated in dedicating World Health Day was celebrated by Baba Jiwan Singh Ji Welfare Youth Club at SDS Government College Jadla. Nehru Yuva Kendra and Youth Services Department of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India (Government of Punjab) SBS Nagar The aim of celebrating this day was to spread awareness about TB among the people and to understand this epidemic. Meanwhile, various departments and

teachers of the college participated in the seminar with important information about TB. Shri Kirti Kalyan Ji, a servant of Darbar Roza Sharif Mandali and a prominent social worker, attended the seminar as the chief guest. The Vice Principal of the college, Mrs. Priya Baba and her entire staff welcomed them on their arrival at the college. Mrs. Priya Bawa, while presenting her views on World TB Day, said that TB has been threatening the health of humanity for a long time. This is a significant example of infection which cannot be ignored.

CSR activity: Donation of school bus by SBI



RAJIV JAIN CHANDIGARH, APR 15

Under CSR initiative, State Bank of India, Chandigarh Circle donated a School Bus to Army Public School, Pathankot handed over the key to Dr. Anju Saini, Principal of Army Public School, Pathankot. Shri. Krishan Sharma, Chief General Manager, SBI Chandigarh

Circle, Shri. Manoranjan Panda, General Manager (Network-I), Smt. Aruna Thakur, Deputy General Manager (B&O), Mohali and other dignitaries flagged off the Bus in the presence of staff members of Local Head Office, Chandigarh. Army Public School, Pathankot has built a strong reputation for excellence in both academics and co-curricular activities. The success of

IIT Ropar hosts Indian edition of Harvard's Global 6th Health Systems Innovation Hackathon 2025



SHASHI PAL JAIN ROPAR, APR 15

The Dr. Ranbir Singh Tinkers' Lab at IIT Ropar successfully hosted the India Hub of the 6th Health Systems Innovation Hackathon, organized by the Harvard Health Systems Innovation Lab (HSIL), under the theme "Building High-Value Health Systems: Leveraging Artificial Intelligence."

The event was guided and supported by a distinguished team of mentors and professionals, including Dr. Dhiraj Kumar Mahajan (Professor In-Charge), Neha Gupta

(Healthcare Leader & Patient Experience Specialist), Dr. Brajesh Rawat (Professor In-Charge), Dr. Khushman Kaur Bhullar (HSIL Hackathon Organizing Team), Gurjot Narwal (Founder & CEO, Gini Health), Dr. B.P.S. Parmar (Laparo-Endoscopic Surgeon, Parmar Hospital), Prof. Rajeev Ahuja (Director, IIT Ropar), and Dr. Pushpendra P. Singh (Dean R&D, IIT Ropar). Six interdisciplinary teams participated, comprising students and professionals from medicine, AI, engineering, and public health. With guidance from mentors across clinical, technical, and

entrepreneurial backgrounds, participants tackled real-world challenges such as electronic health record analysis and mental health support to AI-enabled diagnosis, pediatric care, and intelligent healthcare communication systems. After two days of intense ideation and pitching, Team PiedPiper was declared the winner of the 6th Health Systems Innovation Hackathon 2025.

The team—Shubham Mojra, Prasad Jumare, Satyansh Mittal, and Dhanav Garg—developed HospitalAI, an AI-powered call management system.

Punjab govt has once again helped dalits: Kalsi



VERMA BATALA, APR 15

Batala MLA and working president Aam Aadmi Party Punjab, Amansher Singh Sherri Kalsi, while addressing the press conference, said that the Punjab government following the thinking of Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh is eliminating corruption from the state and Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar, every section of the society historic decisions are being taken to give equal rights to the people. He said that today in Punjab, we are working on two things. Corruption will be

eliminated in Punjab and the ideas of Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar will be accepted by the common man. It has been 75 years since the country got independence, but in all the High Courts across the country, in any state there is no reservation for SC, ST in recruitment of lawyers or government lawyers.

He said that this was the demand of our party in 2017, but at that time there was a Congress government, which had a Known as an Anti-Dalit party, which has always taken decisions against Dalits, it No attention was paid to our demand.

Sond pays floral tribute to Dr BR Ambedkar



GURDEEP SINGH GREWAL KHAMANO, APR 15

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. He was also accompanied by Advocate Lakhbir Singh Rai, MLA from Fatehgarh Sahib constituency and Rupinder Singh Happy, MLA from Bassi Pathana constituency. On the occasion the Cabinet Minister stated that AAP government

was realizing the dream of Baba Saheb. There are six 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 scholarship. 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 democracy but also a document that protects the rights of every citizen. Minister Sond emphasized that following the path shown by Dr. Ambedkar was the only way to build a capable, educated,

Punjab fulfilling Ambedkar's vision: Minister Goyal



NAREESH GOYAL MANSa, APR 15

Punjab Cabinet Minister, Barinder Kumar Goyal, today said that Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann led government has fulfilled Dr. Ambedkar's vision as for the first time in the history, Mann has appointed six Ministers from the Scheduled Caste community in the state Cabinet and implemented reservation in the Advocate General (AG) office.

Addressing a function dedicated to Dr. Ambedkar's 134th birth anniversary at Guru Nanak College, Budhlada, Goyal asserted that AAP

government is providing scholarships and assistance under Ashirwad Scheme as well as assistance for self-employment.

The Cabinet Minister was accompanied by Budhlada MLA Principal Budh Ram, Sardulgarh MLA Gurpreet Singh Banawali, Deputy Commissioner Kulwant Singh, Additional Deputy Commissioner Akash Bansal, SDM Mansa Kala Ram Kansal and SDM Budhlada Gagandeep Singh. He said that Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar illuminated the lives of people while himself living through hardships.

NHPC observes 134th birth anniversary of Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar

CHANDIGARH, APR 15

NHPC, a Govt. of India Navratna Enterprise Company organized a special programme to commemorate the 134th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar on 15th April, 2025 at its Corporate Office, Faridabad. The programme began with the paying of floral tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar by Shri R.K. Chaudhary, CMD, NHPC, along with Shri R.P. Goyal, Director (Finance), NHPC, Shri Uttam Lal, Director (Personnel), NHPC, Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Director (Projects & Technical), NHPC and executive members of the NHPC SC/ST Employees Welfare Association and NHPC OBC Employees Welfare Association.

In his address, Shri R.K. Chaudhary, CMD, NHPC, highlighted the principles



and contributions of Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. He defined Dr. Ambedkar as an outstanding world leader and champion of the masses and women empowerment. Shri R.P. Goyal, Director (Finance), NHPC, underscored the vital need to embrace the ideals of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, stating that in order to weave a more inclusive social fabric, his visionary principles are more relevant. Shri Uttam Lal, Director (Personnel),

NHPC said that Dr. Ambedkar was believed in upliftment of the needy and NHPC's CSR policy reflect his vision. In his address, Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Director (Projects & Technical), NHPC hailed Dr. Ambedkar as the architect of Indian constitution and true model for democracy. A short film showcasing the life and achievements of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was also screened on the occasion.

Vidyamandir classes launches exclusive 2-year live online interactive Prime course for JEE 2027 Aspirants

TILAK RAJ CHANDIGARH, APR 15

Vidyamandir Classes (VMC), a pioneer in JEE and NEET coaching with almost 40 years of excellence in competitive exam preparation, has announced the launch of its exclusive 2-Year Live Interactive Online Prime Course for JEE 2027 aspirants. As a matter of fact, VMC Founder's course is now Prime Online Course. Designed and guided by the esteemed founders who bring nearly four decades of teaching excellence. The course ensures a comprehensive learning experience with 1200+ hours of live interactive classes, providing in-depth concept clarity and complete syllabus coverage.

The VMC 2 Yr Live Online Prime course is a game-changer for students moving from class 10th to 11th and aim to crack JEE Main & Advanced 2027 along with delivering top performances in Olympiads & XII Boards. The course is structured to provide a stress-free and personalized learning experience, ensuring that stu-

dents receive quality education without the hassles of travel. Now, JEE 2027 aspirants, whether they are in India or abroad, can access exceptional coaching from the nation's finest faculty—all from the comfort of their home. For those in cities lacking quality coaching institutes and experienced faculty, there's no need for concern any longer. VMC Online brings unparalleled JEE guidance directly to your doorstep, ensuring that every aspiring engineer has the opportunity to excel.

The VMC Online Prime course stands out as a premier choice for JEE 2027 aspirants, offering expert guidance by its legendary founders who bring nearly four decades of teaching excellence. The course ensures a comprehensive learning experience with 1200+ hours of live interactive classes, providing in-depth concept clarity and complete syllabus coverage.

GURDARSHAN SINGH PRINCE BEAS, APR 15

As a historic step on the holy occasion of Khalsa Sajna Diwas (Vaisakhi), Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis made a series of historic announcements for the Sikh community of Maharashtra. This was due to the efforts of Sant Giani Harnam Singh Khalsa, Head of Damdami Taksal and President of Sant Samaj.

Addressing the late evening Gurmata Samagam at Sampada in Navi Mumbai, Chief Minister Fadnavis began and ended his speech with the words "Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh". On the occasion, Shri Fadnavis expressed his heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for the visionary leadership of Sant Giani Harnam Singh Khalsa Bhindranwale and his tireless efforts to unite the Guru Nanak Naam Leva Sangat across Maharashtra. The Chief Minister appreciated the Damdami Taksal chief for inspiring and guid-



ing the society for collective upliftment and his deep commitment to Panthic values and public welfare and said that we are truly blessed to have such spiritual guidance and government support to work together. On this occasion, on the basis of a comprehensive memorandum of concerns and aspirations of the Sikh community by Sant Giani Harnam Singh Khalsa, Chief Minister Shri Fadnavis formed a Centenary Celebration Committee with government participation for the 350th martyrdom centenary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji and the 350th Gurmata

Gaddi centenary of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji and announced to hold the celebrations at Sri Nanded on 15-16 November 2025, in Nagpur on 6 December 2025 and in Mumbai on 21-22 December 2025.

Chief Minister Fadnavis also announced to extend the amnesty scheme announced for the Sindhi community to Sikhs, Hindu Punjabis, Sikligars and other Guru Nanak Naam Leva communities. He also said that the Maharashtra state will take steps to provide annual assistance of Rs 10 lakh to Guru Nanak Dharamshalas.

6-days remand for grenade attack case accused



PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR, APR 15

In the grenade attack case at BJP leader Manoranjan Kalia's house, the police have arrested the main accused Saidul Amin along with two brothers, who are e-rickshaw drivers. Where the e-rickshaw drivers Satish alias Kaka and Ravinder alias Harry have been arrested by the police and have been remanded in police custody for 6 days. Today, after the police remand ended, both of them were presented in court again. While the police had sought 5-day police remand of the accused from the court, the court has given 4-day police remand of both of them. On the other hand, the main

accused Saidul Amin was presented in court on Sunday and got 7-day police remand. However, Abhijot, the accused of funding in this case, was injured in an encounter with the Haryana Police. Abhijot, who funded terrorist Saidul Amin, has revealed this to the Kurukshetra police. The police said that Abhijot is close to Bhanu Rana and Kaka Rana Lawrence. Their funding work is being done by Avneet, a resident of Sector-3, Kurukshetra, located in the US. Avneet is the son of the police station in-charge of the Haryana Police. Avneet was involved in a crime, but his father somehow settled his case and sent him to the US.

Shiromani Sant Sri Guru Ravidas Sabha submits demand letter to Speaker Vidhan Sabha



SURINDER DAMDAMI KOTKAPURA: Shiromani Sant Sri Guru Ravidas Sabha submitted a memorandum to the Honorable Speaker Vidhan Sabha Punjab Kullar Singh Sandhwan demanding that a 20 kW solar system and a cold water RO water filter be installed under the Punjab Government scheme for the supply of electricity in Shri Guru Ravidas Dharamshala. On this occasion, the leaders of the Sabha Kewal Singh Mandiwa, Narinder Kumar Rathore, Ram Chand Kataria and Hukum Chand BA. said that the temple of Shri Guru Ravidas Maharaj Ji is built in the lower hall of this building and the society's Dharamshala is built on its first floor, where the children of the needy families of the society are organized and the wedding procession is arranged. Apart from this, many other happy or sad programs of the society are also held here.

Sukhbir Badal has worked for progress and welfare of Punjab:Sheela Lamini

SHARANJEET PATHANKOT: The re-election of Sukhbir Singh Badal as the party president has brought immense enthusiasm among all the Akali workers of Punjab. Because Sukhbir Singh Badal has always worked for the progress and welfare of Punjab. He is the only leader who can take Punjab back on the path of development. These words were expressed by District Senior Akali Leader Pathankot Sheela Lamini. He said that we are confident that in 2027, the Akali Dal will form the government again under the leadership of Sukhbir Singh Badal with a huge majority. He said that the opposition parties are afraid of the power of the Akali Dal. Sheela Lamini advised the youth to play a positive role in the Akali Dal. He said that the party workers will take the party's policies and programs to every household at the booth level.

Romesh Mahajan encourages choosing life over drug use



VERMA GURDASPUR: Red Cross IRCa Gurdaspur organised an awareness camp on drug abuse under NMBA with the able guidance of Sh. Shiv Dular Singh Dhillon Retd IAS Secretary, Indian Red Cross society, Punjab state branch, Chandigarh at Government Sr. Sec. school Babbehali, Gurdaspur which was presided over by the Principal Sh Ravi Kant Sharma. There were huge gatherings of students. Mr Romesh Mahajan National Awardee Project director along with counselors gave motivational lectures on drug abuse . The team also tell the students about drug abuse, it's causes, effects, preventive measures and treatment. The team also stressed upon participants to join this campaign to make the drug free Punjab. Their participation can make this campaign a success. The lecture against drugs was so effective that everyone present over there took an oath to spread this awareness with others and also promised to not to touch any kind of drugs in their lives. They also showed their interest to support the community to aware youth against this menace. The number of beneficiaries was 45.

Noted sports writer holds dialogue with PAU VC and youths



SHASHI PAL JAIN LUDHIANA: In a dialogue with the senior officials and sports persons of the Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), a noted sports writer Principal Sarwan Singh made a call for cultivating diligence and strength to achieve the goals in life. Dr Satbir Singh Gosal, Vice-Chancellor, PAU, while welcoming the visiting member, observed that sports helped in nurturing physical and mental well-being as well as inculcating discipline and determination. Applauding the writings of Principal Sarwan Singh, the PAU VC said that such encouraging stories invited the interests of the readers, especially, the youths for whom the sports was their forte. Introducing the writer, Dr Nirmal Jaura, Director Students' Welfare, informed that Principal Sarwan Singh was engaged in sports writings for the past six decades. He hailed his penchant for sports which had enabled several youngsters to make a mark, nationally and internationally. Brij Bhushan Goyal suggested ways to retain glory in sports. Dr AS Dharti, Director of Research, proposed a vote of thanks. On the occasion, Mr DS Sandhu and Mr GS Shergill also shared their views.

CM Mann dedicates school of eminence at village Chaajli

SUMER GARG SANGRUR, APR 15

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Tuesday said that the intent and will of the state government was clear to serve the people with sweat and toil for ensuring holistic development of Punjab and progress of Punjabis. Addressing the gathering after dedicating newly constructed School of Eminence here today, the Chief Minister said that Punjab is witnessing a new era of unprecedented development as the state government has made strenuous efforts to give major push to growth and progress of Punjab. He said that all the sectors whether education, health, power, employment and others have observed unparalleled development during the last three years. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that it is because the intent



and will of the state government is clear to serve the people of Punjab with dedication, commitment and integrity. The Chief Minister said that the earlier governments had never paid any heed towards such initiatives to serve the people in a better manner. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that previously the reign of the state was in the wrong hands earlier due

to which the state had suffered adversely. However, he said that ever since assuming the charge of office his government has been according top priority to such welfare works of immense public importance. The Chief Minister said that the previous governments never paid heed towards imparting quality education to the students. He said that the sons and

daughters of big leaders used to study in convent schools at hills due to which the government schools were never their thrust areas. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that instead of imparting education, the government schools were merely mid day meal centres during the previous regimes. The Chief Minister said the Schools of Eminence are being constructed across the

state with the sole aim of holistic development of the students and grooming them for futuristic needs. He said that the students are being imparted education as per their interest so that they can acquire quality education and excel in life. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the state government is realizing the dreams of the national leaders like Bharat Ratna Baba Sahib Dr BR Ambedkar. The Chief Minister said that the state government is giving wings to dreams of students for soaring high in life by constructing these schools. He said that Punjab is witnessing a major revolution in the field of education and these schools, equipped with ultra modern technology, are a reflection of that. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that this is a momentous occasion and the day is not far when Punjab will be a front ranking state in the country.

CM Mann's arrival in village Chhajli sees police lathi-charge on farmers, several injured

GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA LEHRAGAGA APR 15

Punjab Chief Minister Mr. Bhagwant Singh Mann had reached the School of Eminence in nearby village Chhajli today, due to whose visit the village seemed to have turned into a police cantonment.

On the other hand, as soon as the news of his arrival was received by the Bharatiya Kisan Union Sidhupur and Bharatiya Kisan Union Ekta Azad, farmer leaders gathered at village Chhajli to meet him and get answers to their questions, who were stopped by the police at the bus stand near the water works in village Chhajli. However, When the farmers started moving towards the school as per their program, the police lathi-charged the farmers, due to which several farmers were injured.

On this occasion, farmer leaders Sant Ram Singh Chhajli and Kewal Singh Jawanda said that we were supposed to meet the Chief Minister in a



peaceful atmosphere and ask our questions, but the police did not let us meet him, but attacked the farmer brothers and farmer women and injured many farmers. Condemning this action of the police in strong words, the farmer leaders said that this action of the police will be the last nail in the political coffin of Bhagwant Singh Mann. They said that the farmer brothers and sisters will continue to answer the ministers of the 'AAP' government by coming to their villages. It is worth mentioning that a few days ago, the same program was to be inaugurated by Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema, but that day too, due to the opposition of the farmers, this program was canceled.

AAP's another major initiative against drugs, 'Nasha Mukti Morcha' launched, divided Punjab in five zones



CHANDIGARH, APR 15

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has intensified its efforts to completely eradicate drugs from Punjab. In a major initiative on Tuesday, the party announced the formation of a dedicated committee, 'Nasha Mukti Morcha', and launched a comprehensive awareness campaign against drug abuse by dividing Punjab into five strategic zones.

Punjabi actress and AAP leader Sonia Mann has been appointed as the coordinator for the Majha Zone. Nayan Chhabra has been appointed for Doaba, Jagdeep Jagga for Malwa East, Chuspinder Singh Chahal for Malwa West, and Sukhdeep Singh Dhillwan for Malwa Central Zone. Senior party leader Baltej Pannu has been appointed as the chief spokesperson for

the Awareness Campaign Committee.

AAP Punjab President Aman Arora addressed the media about this matter alongside the committee members. Arora stated that the Aam Aadmi Party is committed to eliminating drugs from Punjab. "Our fight will continue until drugs are completely eradicated from Punjab," he said. Arora highlighted the unprecedented success of the AAP government's "War Against Drugs" campaign. Thousands of drug traffickers and criminals have been arrested, FIRs have been filed against many, and numerous properties built on illegally occupied land have been demolished. He explained that the government has been working on a dual strategy to curb both the demand and supply of drugs.

Patiala farmer wins Rs 1.5 cr in Punjab state dear 200 monthly lottery

BUREAU LUDHIANA, APR 15

The Punjab State Lottery Directorate has announced that the first prize of Rs 1.5 crore in the Punjab State Dear 200 Monthly Lottery, drawn on April 12, 2025, in Ludhiana, has been claimed by Sukhdev Singh, a resident of Patiala.

The draw guaranteed a first prize of Rs 1.5 crore among the tickets sold. Sukhdev Singh, who is engaged in agriculture, visited the directorate office on April 15 to formally claim his prize.

Expressing his happiness, he stated that he plans to use the prize money to meet his personal needs.

He also praised the transparency of the lottery draws, adding that public trust and enthusiasm for Punjab State Lottery schemes remain high due to the fairness in their conduct. The Directorate has also announced the upcoming

Sikhya Kranti brings back life to govt schools: Bhullar



GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, APR 15

Punjab Cabinet Minister S. Laljit Singh Bhullar today said that Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab government has made history by increasing the education budget by 12 percent for the first time in the state's history and government schools in Tarn Taran district have witnessed tremendous development under the Sikhya Kranti initiative.

S. Bhullar inaugurated development projects worth over Rs.1.52 crore at Government Elementary Schools in Nadohar and Asal and Government High Schools in Saldipur, Bhagpur, Chuslevah and Bathe Bhaini in his constituency Patti. After inaugurating development projects at government schools, S. Laljit Singh Bhullar said that the government's decision has brought back life to government schools. Around 20,000 teachers have been recruited to address teacher

AAP govt transforms govt schools: Sond



CHANDIGARH: Cabinet Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond on Tuesday stated that the Punjab government, led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, has completely transformed government schools, unlike previous regimes that neglected the education sector. Sond inaugurated infrastructure development projects worth Rs 34.50 lakh under the Punjab Sikhya Kranti program in four schools.

shortages and students in Schools of Eminence are being prepared for prestigious careers through specialized coaching for IAS, IPS, PCS, IIT and other advanced fields to secure their bright futures.

DC holds meeting with officials of various departments to deal with possible flood situation



FEROZEPUR (ABHISHEK NANDA): Deputy Commissioner Deepsikha Sharma held a meeting with officials of various departments including irrigation and drains to prepare for possible floods and deal with the situation in Ferozepur district and instructed the officials of all departments to complete all arrangements in this regard.

The Deputy Commissioner instructed the concerned departments to complete the arrangements before the rainy season and asked them to pay special attention to cleaning the drains, canals and ponds in the district. She issued instructions to the officers of the concerned departments to make necessary arrangements for the possible flood situation including medical facilities, food storage, medical facilities, power supply, relief camps, transport, police patrolling, keeping telephone services operational and making arrangements for essential items on priority basis etc.

Young progressive Sikh Forum honours Chancellor Dr. Zora Singh on Baisakhi

AJAY MALHOTRA FATEHGARH SAHIB, APR 15

In a moment of great pride and recognition, Dr. Zora Singh, Chancellor of Desh Bhagat University, was conferred with a special honour by the Young Progressive Sikh Forum (YPSF) during a grand Baisakhi celebration held at the prestigious Bel-La-Monde Hotel in Delhi.

The event, led by Dr. Prabhleen Singh, President of YPSF and Officer on Special Duty to the Haryana Government, brought together eminent personalities and community leaders to celebrate cultural heritage and progress. Dr. Singh, who graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour, was applauded for his remarkable contributions to the field of education and his unwavering



commitment to community service. The event was organized in collaboration with S. Gurmeet Singh, Chairman of the Bel-La-Monde Group of Hotels. In his address, Dr. Zora Singh praised the efforts of YPSF and the Bel-La-Monde Group for fostering community spirit and cultural pride among the youth. He urged young Sikhs to stay rooted in their heritage while advancing toward a progressive future. Commending the organizers, he emphasized that such events are vital for preserving traditions and

encouraging collective growth. The occasion was further dignified by the presence of Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, Hon'ble Minister of Power and Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs, Government of India, who attended as the Chief Guest. Other eminent guests included Ms. Rekha Gupta, Chief Minister of Delhi, S. Manjinder Singh Sirsa, Minister of Industries, Food & Supply, and Environment, Forest & Wildlife (Government of NCT of Delhi); S. Harmeet Singh Kalka, President, DSGMC.

Goyal inaugurates dev projects worth Rs.1.90 cr in various govt schools



GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA LEHRAGAGA, APR 15

Punjab Cabinet Minister Sh. Barinder Kumar Goyal today inaugurated development projects worth around Rs.1.90 crore at various government schools in the Lehragaga Assembly constituency. While addressing gathering in these functions, Sh. Barinder Kumar Goyal said that the objective of providing excellent facilities in government schools is to equip students with qualitative and modern education to make them competitive in today's era. This will enable them to successful

ly pass challenging competitive examinations in the future and achieve the heights they dream of through their hard work and dedication.

Cabinet Minister inaugurated development projects at Government Primary School and Middle School Ramgarh Sandhuan, Government Primary School Sekhuwas, Government Primary School and High School Ghorenah, Government Primary School Rorewala, Government Primary School and High School Kal Banjara and Government High and Primary Schools in village Jhaloor.

Reservation of lawyers in HC historic decision of party: MLA

MACHHIWARA (DEEPAK KUMAR): Samrula MLA Jagtar Singh Diyalpura said that till date, no party has done anything for the welfare of Dalits in Punjab. Be it the Congress Party or the Akali Dal-BJP alliance. He said these words during a press conference held on Tuesday. MLA Diyalpura said that till date no state government has provided reservation of lawyers in the High Court and this historic decision has been taken by the Aam Aadmi Party government. He said that as soon as the government was formed in 2022, the main objective of the party was to end corruption from the state and follow the path shown by Shaheed Bhagat Singh and Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar. For this reason, photos of Shaheed Bhagat Singh and Baba Sahib were put up in all the government institutions of the state today. The party kept 58 posts in the High Court as reserved whether it was Senior Advocate General or Assistant Advocate General or Senior Deputy Advocate General or Deputy Advocate General, Assistant Advocate General or Advocate on Record. Therefore, criteria were kept in the decision taken. In which the annual income for Senior Advocate General was Rs 20 lakh, similarly Assistant Advocate General had to pay Rs 10 lakh, Deputy Advocate General had to pay Rs 7 lakh, Assistant Advocate General had to pay Rs 3.5 lakh and Advocate on Record had to show no annual income.



NEWS BRIEF
Himachal Day celebrated with enthusiasm in Himachal Bhawan Delhi

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: The 78th Himachal Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in Himachal Bhawan at New Delhi, today. Deputy Resident Commissioner Mayank Sharma hoisted the National Flag to mark the Himachal Day celebrations. Senior officers and officials of Himachal Bhawan and Himachal Sadan were present on the occasion.

Stop insulting Himachal Pradesh, fulfil constitutional duties: Prem Kaushal to PM Modi

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: Former chief spokesperson of the Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee, Prem Kaushal, has strongly criticized Prime Minister Narendra Modi for repeatedly making what he called disparaging remarks about the state in his recent public addresses. Kaushal accused the Prime Minister of misleading the public and spreading misinformation about Himachal in other states, which, he said, is unbecoming of someone holding such a high constitutional office. In a sharply worded statement, Kaushal alleged that PM Modi has harbored resentment toward the state ever since the Congress came to power in Himachal Pradesh, and claimed that the BJP's failed attempts to topple the state government have further fueled this antagonism. "This bitterness has manifested in economic discrimination, with the Centre allegedly slashing financial support to destabilize the state's economy," he added.

First ever state-level Himachal Day celebrated in remote Killar, Pangi valley

CM announces Rs. 45.50 crore for laying a 33 KV line from Thiroth to Killar

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, APR 15

In a historic first, the State-Level Himachal Day celebrations were held today in the remote and picturesque Killar region of Pangi Valley in Chamba district. A large number of people gathered at the helipad ground to witness and participate in the 78th Himachal Day celebration.

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu conveyed his heartfelt greetings to the people of the state on this occasion. He paid tribute to the immense contributions of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and the first Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Dr. Y.S. Parmar, in securing statehood for the region.

The Chief Minister unfurled the National Flag and received the ceremonial salute. A parade was held, featuring six contingents led by IPS officer Ravi Nandan. The contingent of the Second Indian Reserve Battalion, Sakoh was led by ASI Satyanath Walia, the women's contingent was led by ASI Pooja Sood, the Himachal Home Guards contingent was led by Khushi Ram, the Chamba district traffic police contingent was led by ASI Ravinder Kumar, the NCC contingent of Government Senior Secondary School Killar was led by Tanika, and the Home Guards Band was led by Havaladar Ret Ram.

While addressing the State-Level Himachal Day function in Killar, Shri Sukhu announced said that the Udaipur-Killar road improvement is a top priority for the state government and the matter has been strongly taken up with the Union Government, resulting in the



Installment under 'Pyari Behna Sukh Samman Nidhi Yojana' released

SHIMLA: During the 78th Himachal Day celebrations held at Killar of Pangi valley, Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu released an installment of Rs. 4,500 each to 1,926 women under the 'Indira Gandhi Pyari Behna Sukh Samman Nidhi Yojana' covering the months of April, May, and June. A total amount of Rs. 86.67 lakh was disbursed in three installments. He announced that all remaining eligible women in Pang Valley would be provided benefits under the scheme upon completion of the necessary



formalities. The Chief Minister said that to provide Rs. 1,500 per month to eligible women, the Indira Gandhi Pyari Behna Sukh Samman Nidhi Yojana will also cover women who attain the age of 21 years between January 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026 as well as those working as domestic helpers. The Chief Minister also

tender process nearing completion. He directed the administrations of Lahaul-Spiti and Chamba districts to complete all necessary formalities and expedite the road construction work. He announced to make Pang Sub-division as Himachal's first natural farming sub-division and grant Rs. 5 crore revolving fund for this purpose. He also announced Rs. 60 per kg minimum support

price to naturally grown barley and set up a milk processing plant with 10 thousand capacities in Pang area. To strengthen power supply in the valley, he stated that the state government is working on various projects worth Rs. 62 crore. He said Rs. 5 crore are being spent on laying an 11 KV line from Tindi to Shaur and announced Rs. 45.50 crore for laying a 33 KV line from



honoured government employees for rendering outstanding services in the region. The awardees included JBT teacher Devi Charan from GPS Phindpar, JBT teacher Surinder Kumar from GPS Kulal, surgeon Dr. Vishal Sharma from Civil Hospital Killar, Principal Bhagwan Das Chauhan of GSSS Killar,

Tehsildar of Pang Shanta Kumar, Assistant Professor of Geography Dr. Promila Devi from Government College Pang and SHO of Pang Police Station Joginder Singh. In addition, the Chief Minister felicitated the best-performing police stations in the state for the year 2024. Bilaspur Sadar Police Station, BSL Colony Police Station in Mandi district and Damtal Police Station in Kangra district were honoured for excellence in crime control, investigation and overall performance.

purchases and a four-month exemption from road tax. Further, the Chief Minister announced the opening of a Rajiv Gandhi Day Boarding School in Pang Valley and the development of the Civil Hospital in Killar into Adarsh Swasthya Sansthan. He declared 50 percent waiver on registration fees for home stays and announced Rs. 1.5 crore for the improvement of

CM interacts with children of Kilar Balika Ashram

SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today visited Balika Ashram at Kilar in Pang valley and interacted with the children living there. He inspected the classrooms and living rooms of the Ashram and gave necessary instructions to the officials. The Chief Minister said that the state government has adopted all the orphan children as 'Children of the State' and the responsibility of their education and care lies with the state government. The state government has given them this right by making a law. He obtained information from the girls living in Balika Ashram about the facilities being provided to them. The Chief Minister announced to provide Rs 5,000 each to all the girls of the Ashram as well as sending them on an exposure visit soon. Earlier on Monday late evening, the Chief Minister also visited Eklavya School Kilar and interacted with the children.

link roads in the valley. The Chief Minister said that former PM Indira Gandhi shared a deep connection with the Pang valley and was the first PM of the country to visit Pang in 1984, after which the development of the region gained momentum. He said, "This is a testament to the Congress government's commitment for development of tribal areas."

Tributes paid to Baba Saheb Dr B R Ambedkar at Guru Ravidas Temple Kotla Khurd



KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Tributes paid to Baba Saheb Dr B R Ambedkar the father of our Indian constitution at Guru Ravidas Temple Kotla Khurd on his birth anniversary at night on Monday yesterday. Residents of Kotla Khurd paid tribute to Baba Saheb Dr B R Ambedkar by offering flowers before the photo of Baba Saheb Ambedkar. On this occasion, residents of Kotla Khurd performed Bhajan Kirtan based on the teachings of Guru Ravidas Ji Maharaj and Baba Saheb Dr B R Ambedkar. Devotees participated in this program enthusiastically. Baba Saheb Ambedkar is called as the symbol of knowledge in all over the world. That is why Baba Saheb Dr B R Ambedkar's birthday is celebrated not only in India but throughout the world. After the Kirtan Sweets and Halwa Prasad were also distributed to the participants. Spokespersons said that we should follow the shown by Guru Ravidas Ji Maharaj and Baba Saheb Dr B R Ambedkar.

Potato processing plant to be set up in Una: Agriculture Minister Chandr Kumar

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, APR 15

Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Minister Prof. Chandr Kumar announced that a potato processing plant worth Rs. 20 crore will soon be established in Una district. The announcement was made during the district-level Himachal Day celebrations held at Government Senior Secondary School, Una, where the Minister unfurled the national flag and took the salute of an impressive march past. The event featured cultural performances and tableaux showcasing developmental schemes.

In his address, Prof. Kumar extended his greetings to the residents of Una and paid tribute to the heroes who contributed to the formation and progress of Himachal Pradesh. He recalled that Himachal came into existence on April 15, 1948, after the merger of 30 princely states.



Highlighting the importance of agriculture, he said that nearly 70 percent of the state's population is directly or indirectly dependent on farming. To strengthen their income, the proposed potato plant will help farmers of Una and neighbouring districts by processing local produce into items like chips and glucose. This will give a new dimension to the agricultural economy and improve farmers' livelihoods.

The Minister announced that the state government will now procure naturally grown maize at Rs. 40 per kg and

wheat at Rs. 60 per kg — the highest minimum support prices in the country. "This is aimed at promoting chemical-free farming and encouraging youth to adopt natural agricultural practices," he added.

Prof. Kumar emphasized that Himachal is the only state offering an MSP for milk. The government has increased the price of cow milk from Rs. 45 to Rs. 51 per litre and buffalo milk from Rs. 55 to Rs. 61. A Rs. 230 crore milk processing unit is also coming up in Kangra to bolster the dairy industry.

1000 Rogi Mitras will be appointed in health institutions: Shandil

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, APR 15

Health and Family Welfare Minister Colonel Dr Dhani Ram Shandil hoisted the flag as the chief guest in the district level program organized at the Police Ground in Dharamshala on the occasion of Himachal Day and also took the salute of the march past. On this occasion, Health Minister Colonel Dhani Ram Shandil said in his address that about one thousand Rogi Mitras will be appointed in health institutions. Under the 'Mukhyamantri Vruddhajan Care Scheme', provision will be made for health and paramedical staff to go to homes and provide health checkup facilities through mobile health vans for people of 70 years or more. He said that by starting a new scheme 'Acharya Charak Yojana', free checkup and necessary medicines will be made available to patients in all government AYUSH hospitals



and dispensaries. He said that the state government will spend Rs 1,730 crore in the year 2025 on installing modern machines in all the medical colleges of the state and 69 civil hospitals, regional hospitals and community health centres. He said that this year dialysis services will be set up in 69 institutions and blood storage units in 11 health institutions. Robotic surgery will also be set up in AIIMS Shimla, Tanda Medical College this year. He said that state-of-the-art MRI machines are being made

available in IGMC Shimla, AIIMS Chamanya, Hamirpur, Nerchaak Medical College and PET scan facility is being made available in IGMC Shimla. He said that out of the 10 promises made during the assembly elections, 6 promises have been fulfilled. We are committed to fulfill the remaining four guarantees as well. He said that to support orphan children, helpless women and elderly people, we have started 'Mukhyamantri Sukh-Aashray Yojana' and adopted 6 thousand children as Children of the State.

Employees of Amb Fire Station observe Fire Week

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB, APR 15

With the onset of summer season, the fire station team of subdivision Amb has become active. Under this, they observed fire week at the railway station on Tuesday. First of all, they paid tribute to the fire personnel who died in 1944 while trying to extinguish a fire. They told people about the ways of starting a fire and ways to avoid them. Rakesh Kumar Chaudhary, in-charge of fire station Amb, while giving information to the people, told that by being cautious in the summer season, we can reduce the incidents of fire. He told that due to our little negligence, not only property worth crores of rupees is destroyed in fire, but animals also lose their lives by



burning in it. He said that dry garbage should not be allowed to accumulate around houses in the summer season. Apart from this, flammable substances should be kept away from the reach of children. Many times children scatter such

substances around while playing, due to which incidents of fire increase. On this occasion, fireman Manohar Singh, Lucky Home Guard Shrayan Kumar, Kanwarlal and driver Ranjit Singh of Fire Station Amb were present.

SUEZ India and SJPNL launch public consultation drive on 24x7 drinking water project in Dhalli-Mashobra

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, APR 15

SUEZ India, in collaboration with Shimla Jal Prabandhan Nigam Limited (SJPNL), has launched a public consultation and awareness campaign in the Dhalli and Mashobra areas regarding the 24x7 drinking water supply project. This initiative marks a significant step towards providing Shimla with high-quality, clean, and directly drinkable tap water without the need for home-based purification.

Field teams are conducting door-to-door outreach to educate residents about the features and benefits of the project. Under this scheme, residents will receive clean drinking water that meets WHO (World Health Organization) standards, which is expected to help reduce water-borne health issues.

Representatives from a partnering NGO are also supporting this campaign by assisting field teams in disseminating information to the public. This collaborative effort is helping enhance transparency and public participation in the project. Local councillors and residents have expressed enthusiasm about the initiative, stating that it offers a long-term solution to long-standing water supply issues.



The first phase of the project will soon begin in Craignano, Mashobra, and Dhalli, after which it will be extended to other parts of Shimla. A SUEZ spokesperson informed that the public consultation and awareness campaign will continue in the coming months to ensure greater public involvement and to provide citizens with improved drinking water services.

World Sleep Day 2025: Prioritize sleep, protect your health

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, APR 15

On the occasion of World Sleep Day 2025, Additional Professor Dr. Poonam Verma, at the Department of Physiology, AIIMS Bilaspur, delivered a powerful message emphasizing the vital role of quality sleep in building a healthy mind, body, and future. This year's theme "Make Sleep Health Priority" comes as a timely reminder in an age where stress, screen time, and irregular schedules have eroded natural sleep cycles. Dr. Verma underlined how sleep is divided into non-rapid eye movement and rapid eye movement phases, each crucial for physical repair, memory formation, emotional stability, and immunity. She cautioned that neglecting sleep — especially getting less than six hours a night — increases the risk of heart disease, diabetes, obesity, weakened immunity, and mental health issues such as depression and anxiety. Disrupted REM sleep, in particular, reduces the brain's ability to reset, leaving individuals fatigued and emotionally vulnerable.

Digital overuse, caffeine, heavy meals, erratic schedules, and psychological stress are all contributing to what Dr. Verma described as a "silent epidemic" of sleep deprivation. Rising cases of sleep disorders such as insomnia, apnea, narcolepsy, and restless leg syndrome are compounding the health burden. Dr. Verma urged the public to adopt sleep-friendly habits — consistent sleep timings, digital detox before bed, caffeine moderation, physical activity, and a peaceful sleeping environment.

NEWS BRIEF

Don't set crop residues on fire, do proper management: Kapil Kumar
YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: Sub-Divisional Officer Civil Kapil Kumar said that the general public should not set fire to residues left after harvesting wheat crop, rather manage it properly and use it as animal fodder or by mixing it in field itself. There is still a lot of time left for next crop, so do not act in a hurry, be careful and bring your crop to the grain market only after drying it completely. He said that people set fire to residues left after harvesting wheat crop, which pollutes environment and reduces fertility of land, along with this there is also a fear of loss of life and property. He said that government has also imposed a complete ban on setting fire to crop residues. He said that by setting fire to crop residues, agricultural machinery like tractors, combines, joint making machines also catch fire. Keep special vigil while harvesting wheat this season so that any kind of loss can be avoided. He said that machines for crop residue management are also available in sufficient quantity and from time to time government invites online applications for machines used in crop residue management at 50% subsidy.

'Follow necessary guidelines to avoid heat wave'
YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: Sub-Divisional Officer Civil Kapil Kumar said that the Revenue and Disaster Management Department of Haryana has issued instructions to various departments regarding protection from heat wave. Make every possible effort to reduce ill effects of heat wave. It is also important to make the public aware to avoid adverse effects related to heat wave. For this, awareness should be brought among people through print, electronic and social media so that people can protect themselves from extreme heat. He said that special attention should be given to infants, children below five years of age, pregnant and lactating mothers and elderly people so that they can be protected from dehydration.

Trial runs of Vande Bharat train conducted on Katra-Sangaldan link

AGENCY
KATRA, APR 15

Trial runs of the Vande Bharat train on the Katra- Sangaldan link were conducted today. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the final section of the Katra-Sangaldan stretch of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL), a 272-km project, on April 19. The stretch includes the iconic Chenab Railway Bridge, the world's highest railway arch bridge, enabling direct rail connectivity between New Delhi and Kashmir via Katra. A resident of Bakkal village near the bridge said, "This bridge is in our vicinity. On April 19, PM Modi will inaugurate this bridge. We are so happy; everyone in the village is so happy. The construction of this bridge generated a lot of employment opportunities, and even after the



inauguration, we will get employment opportunities." On April 10, Dilip Kumar, the Railway Board's Executive Director of Information & Publicity (ED/IP), highlighted the significance of the 272-kilometre USBRL (Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link) project, which includes a 119-kilometre tunnel. Speaking to ANI, Kumar

is very important from the religious, tourism and connectivity point of view of Kashmir," Kumar said. He further pointed out that on the day of its inauguration, two Vande Bharat Express trains will begin service, one running from Srinagar and the other from Katra to Srinagar. "On the date of commencement of the project, we have planned to run two Vande Bharat Express trains. One Vande Bharat Express train will run from Srinagar, and the other will run from Katra to Srinagar," the Railway Board Executive Director said. On January 23, Indian Railways conducted the trial run of the first Vande Bharat train from the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra (SVDK) railway station to the Srinagar railway station. The train will run through Anji Khad Bridge, India's first cable-stayed railway bridge, and Chenab Bridge, the highest railway bridge in the world.

Grand Himachal Day celebrated in Bilaspur; Vinay Kumar vows prosperity by 2032



AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, APR 15

The 78th Himachal Day was celebrated with grandeur and patriotic fervor at Chief Minister's Adarsh Government Senior Secondary School, Student Court, Bilaspur. Himachal Pradesh Assembly Deputy Speaker Vinay Kumar presided over the district-level event, paying homage at the Shaheed Memorial, hoisting the national flag, and taking the salute of an impressive parade. Addressing the gathering, Vinay Kumar emphasized the state's ambitious vision — to become a green energy state by 2026, self-reliant by 2027, and the most prosperous state in India by 2032. He highlighted that six of the ten

pre-election guarantees have already been fulfilled and reaffirmed the government's commitment to inclusive growth. He shared progress across sectors, including enhanced incentives for milk producers, a monthly honorarium for women, revival of the old pension scheme for 1.36 lakh employees, and over 42,000 government job appointments. Under the Mukhyamantri Sukh-Aashray Yojana, 6,000 orphans are receiving holistic support. Kumar noted major strides in healthcare, education, and tourism infrastructure. He detailed Rs 1,730 crore investment in medical upgrades and the introduction of English medium education and Rajiv Gandhi day-boarding schools.

Chairman Sajjan Singh Cheema launches development works in three govt schools

ARVIND PATHAK
SULTANPUR LODHI, APR 15

Under the Punjab Education Revolution today Chairman of Improvement Trust Kapurthala and Halka in-charge of Aam Aadmi Party Sajjan Singh Cheema inaugurated different development works at the government elementary schools of villages Khurda, Pandori Jagir, Lakhwariah of the constituency. He said in his address that since the Aam Aadmi Party government came to power, the government has changed the face of government schools and now government schools are beating private schools and children are getting good services in schools. Due to which the percentage of children's admission in government schools has also increased. He said that today



various development works worth Rs 19 lakh 92 thousand were inaugurated at the Government Elementary School in Khurda, Pandori Jagir, Lakhwariah villages of the constituency. Various development works have been inaugurated including rooms, Boundary wall , bathrooms in the school. He said that Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's government is giving importance to education and health and the government is continuously carrying out

MLA Uggoke lays foundation stone of market construction work costing Rs 1.28 crores



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: The Punjab government led by Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann is carrying out village-by-village development works on a large scale with funds worth crores. This was revealed by MLA Bhadaur S. Labh Singh Uggoke while laying the foundation stone of the work of raising the grain market for farmers in village Sehna at a cost of Rs. 1 crore 28 lakhs. On this occasion, he said that the Mann government is carrying out village-by-village, city-by-city development works on a large scale in the first three years itself. He said that development works worth crores are going on in Halka Bhadaur. He said that the remaining works will be completed in the coming time. Chairman Market Committee Bhadaur Amrit Singh Dhillwan, all Gram Panchayat, Market Committee officers and dignitaries were present on this occasion.

CHC and primary school take out awareness rally against female foeticide



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: On 15 April 2025, as per the instructions of Dr. Sarika Agarwal, SMO CHC, Nising, the team of Community Health Center Nising and the children of primary school and school staff took out a rally to make the society aware about the falling sex ratio, which went from the main market to the school via bypass road. School children participated in the rally with great enthusiasm in which slogans like Save daughter, educate daughter You will get the daughter killed, where will you get the daughter-in-law from Dr. Smriti Kaushik told the journalists that the falling sex ratio is a very worrying issue. The society will have to be aware about it. Female foeticide is a great sin and a punishable crime. Appeal: If any person gets information about female foeticide or sex determination, then inform the Community Health Center Nising. Dr. Smriti Kaushik, ANM Pappi Devi, ANM Nisha, Gulshan Kumar Vijendra and all the Asha workers of Nising were present in this rally.

Baisakhi festival celebrated with pomp and show at YS Public School



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: YS Public School, ranked among the top 50 schools in India, came alive with vibrant celebrations as students marked Baisakhi with enthusiasm and cultural pride. Dressed in traditional Punjabi attire, students brought color and energy to the festivities. The celebration went beyond song and dance. Children were educated about the cultural significance of Baisakhi and the vital role of farmers in our lives. Teachers emphasized the journey of food from farm to table, instilling in students the values of gratitude and zero food waste. Under the guidance of Principal Dr. Anjita Dahiya and Vice Principal Mr. Sachin Gupta, the school hosted spirited dance performances, reconnecting students with Punjab's rich heritage. To sweeten the occasion, the school management distributed jalebis to students from Nursery to Grade 12th, adding a delightful touch to the cultural celebration. The event was a perfect blend of learning and festivity, leaving students with a deeper respect for their roots and a renewed sense of appreciation for the food they consume.

Bhubhu Jot Tunnel is the priority of govt: Vikramaditya Singh

ASHISH SHARMA
KULLU, APR 15

78th district level celebration of Himachal Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the historic Dhalpur ground in Kullu. Public Works and Urban Development Minister Vikramaditya Singh attended the program as the chief guest. He hoisted the national flag and took the salute of the grand march past. Apart from the state police, contingents of SSB, ITBP, Home Guard, District Red Cross and Scouts and Guides participated in the parade.

In his address, Vikramaditya Singh wished all the district residents a Happy Himachal Day. He remembered former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and the first Chief Minister of the



state Dr. Y.S. Parmar for getting the status of a state to Himachal. He said that the present state government has provided transparent and responsible administration to the people of the state by developing the state in all aspects during its tenure.

Vikramaditya said that there are immense possibilities of tourism development and horticulture in district Kullu and the state government is determined to strengthen it further. He said that the state government is making efforts to connect Lag Valley and

Kangra with a tunnel. He told that the Chief Minister and he have met the Union Transport Minister and talked about the construction of Bhubhu Jot tunnel. He said that work is also being done to connect Bijli Mahadev and paragliding site with ropeway. He said that in district Kullu, under the Public Works Kullu Circle, 13 roads have been constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the assembly constituencies of Manali, Kullu and Banjar in the last two years and Rs 11946 lakh has been spent on this.

Seminar on 'Abolition of the Caste System and Communist Revolutionary Perspective' organized

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, APR 15

At the local Tarksheel Bhawan. Dedicated to the birth anniversary of Dr. BR Ambedkar, the State Committee of CPI (ML) Red Star organized a seminar on the topic 'Dr. Ambedkar: Abolition of the Caste System and Communist Revolutionary Perspective'. Politburo member of the party Comrade Shankar and Comrade Tuhin Dev (Convenor of the Caste Destruction Movement) participated as the main speakers during the seminar. While the Organizing Secretary of the Democratic Rights Assembly Punjab Comrade Narbhinder presided over the seminar. The seminar started with the revolutionary songs of revolutionary folk singers Asim Giri and Jagjit Kaur Dhillwan from West Bengal. The speakers said that Dr. Ambedkar was a staunch



opponent of the communal fascist ideology of the RSS and the caste system. He had made it clear long ago that "If a Hindu Rashtra comes into existence, it will be the biggest curse for this country.

Hindu Rashtra has no connection with democracy. Therefore, it should be prevented from becoming a Hindu Rashtra at all costs." The speakers said that when Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar along with thousands of his comrades burnt the document 'Manu Smriti', which was the enslavement of Dalits,

oppressed people and women and sought the support of the Communist Party to launch the 'caste annihilation movement' by linking it with the class struggle, then in the 1940s, the Communists did not support Ambedkar due to their mechanical outlook. So today, after introspection and self-criticism of the communist forces, Dr. Acknowledging the great contribution of Ambedkar, a caste annihilation movement should be launched against the federal Manu-fascist forces and Manu-fascist Hindutva.

Law Fest 2025 to hone critical thinking, public speaking skills: VC KUK

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, APR 15

Kurukshetra University Vice Chancellor, Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva released the brochure of the three-day Law Fest 2025 to be organised by the Department of Law, KUK. While releasing the brochure, Prof. Sachdeva said that this Law Fest will hone critical thinking, public speaking, negotiation, event management, leadership skills among students. Prof Sachdeva added that such events boost self esteem and confidence preparing them for real-world scenarios and this Law Fest will provide an opportunity for the coordination of legal knowledge, social



consciousness and cultural expression for the students. Dean, Faculty of Law, Prof. Preeti Jain said that the three-day Law Fest is being organized from 16 to 18 April 2025 in which many legal, social and cultural activities will be organised, including the major intra moot court competition in which 15 teams have registered. Deputy Director, Public

Relations, Dr Jimmy Sharma informed that the visit of the students to old age homes and orphanages along with street plays will be the highlights of this three day Law Fest 2025. Prof. Mahabir Ranga, Dr. Promila, Dr. Priyanka, Dr. Anju, Dr. Aarushi Mittal, Dr. Pooja, Dr. Preeti Bhardwaj etc. were present during this brochure releasing ceremony.

RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, APR 15

Baisakhi Welfare Fete was inaugurated by Headmaster Dr DC Sharma in the Headmaster's Green on April 13, 2025. A large number of Old Nabhaitees and parents turned up on the occasion. Many games and eatables stalls were put up catering to varied tastes and likings. Boys and girls enjoyed Fishing the soft drink bottles, Golf putting, Scoring a goal (football), One stump to bowl at, Hockey scoop, Jabberwocky, Frisbee, Coin the bucket, Hoopla (ring & carry), Car race/dice game, Agility Ladder Twist, Topping the cans, Basketball through a tyre, Dart shooting, All is well, Horse riding and



Juke Box. Nimboo Pani Stall was another attraction. Admission. Cell/PPS Souvenir got a huge response. Tambola added to the charm. Departments of Art, Craft, Photography, Geography, IT & Robotics, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, History, Historical Section, Music and Band put up exhibitions as well. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Sharma

conveyed his greetings to the parents on the occasion of Baisakhi. He also shared his vision for the school. In a special assembly prior to the fete, Deepinder Kaur, Japneet Kaur and Ishmeet Kaur threw light on the relevance of the day in English, Hindi and Punjabi respectively. The school choir sang Tu Mera Pita Tu Hai Mera Mata and Deh Shiva Bar Mohe Eha.

Rayat Bahra College of Law student Karan Kaushal wins Best Delegate Award at Global Youth Conclave

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIAARPUR: Rayat Bahra College of Law student Karan Kaushal has brought pride to the institution by winning the 'Best Delegate of Lok Sabha' award at the Global Youth Conclave held at Panjab University, Chandigarh.

The prestigious conclave featured eight national and international committees, providing a platform for young leaders to showcase their skills in diplomacy, policy-making, and leadership. Karan, a sixth-semester student, represented Hamirpur (Himachal Pradesh) MP Anurag Singh Thakur in the Lok Sabha Committee. His remarkable public speaking, policy analysis, and legislative debate skills set him apart, earning him the top honor in the event. This achievement not only underscores Karan's exceptional abilities but also highlights the quality education and training imparted at Rayat Bahra College of Law. His success has brought immense pride to the institution.



NEWS BRIEFS

Under Hry Uday a cyclothon 2.0 will be organized on April 18

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: DC Parth Gupta informed that in compliance with the orders of the Haryana Government, under the State-wide Awareness of Drug Free Haryana through a Cyclothon 2.0 under the Ages of Haryana Uday, a Cyclothon 2.0 cycle rally was being organized from Hisar district to Dabwali to make the youth and the general public aware about drug free Haryana. The cyclothon 2.0 will go from Radaur to Damla on April 18, 2025 in Yamunanagar district and from Damla to Yamunanagar, Chhachhrauli, Bilaspur, Sadhaura, and Narayan-garh on April 19, 2025. He said that the purpose of the rally was not just cycling but it was a mass movement that would become a medium to connect youth, students, elderly and citizens of every section.

IMC to be established on approximately 3,000 acres near Hisar Airport

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, APRIL 15

To boost industrial development in Haryana, an Industrial Manufacturing Cluster (IMC) will be established near Maharaja Agrasen Airport in Hisar, covering approximately 3,000 acres. The estimated cost of the project is around Rs. 4,680 crore. This IMC will be developed jointly by the Haryana Government and the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC). This information was shared during a key meeting held under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini on Tuesday. Civil Aviation Minister, Sh. Vipul Goel was also present at the meeting. In the meeting, the Chief Minister was apprised that the Government of India, in partnership with state governments, is developing integrated industrial corridors based on multi-modal connectivity to accelerate manufacturing growth and ensure planned urbanization. Under the Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor, industrial townships will be developed in six cities across seven states, with the IMC in



Hisar being the largest project, to be developed over nearly 3,000 acres. The IMC will be developed in two phases. It was informed in the meeting that this project is expected to attract investments of around Rs. 32,000 crore and generate over 10,000 employment opportunities. The IMC will have all essential and modern infrastructure including roads, a water treatment plant, and a solid waste management plant (STP). A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between NICDC and the Haryana Government will be

signed soon for the successful execution of this project. The Chief Minister directed the officers concerned to expedite the formal procedures. He said that the IMC will attract investments from both Indian and international companies. Out of the 7,200 acres demarcated in Hisar, around 4,212 acres are occupied by Maharaja Agrasen Airport, while the IMC will be established on the remaining approximately 2,988 acres. Proximity to the airport will provide a significant advantage to industries, he said. In the meeting it was further shared that the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor being developed by NICDC, an Integrated Multi-Modal Logistics Hub is being set up on approximately 886 acres in Nangal Chaudhary, Haryana. Thus, Haryana stands to gain greatly from the presence of two major industrial corridors, which will boost investment and generate employment in the state. The Chief Minister said that the development of industries is crucial for realizing the vision of a 'Viksit Haryana' under the 'Viksit Bharat' mission. The state government is committed to establishing 10 Industrial Model Townships (IMTs) in Haryana.

Anirudh Seeda wins gold and silver medals in State Archery Championship

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA GUHLA CHEEKA: In the Haryana State Archery Championship held in Bhiwani from April 10 to 12, 11-year-old talented player Anirudh Seeda of Cheeka brought glory to not only his school and coaching institute, but also the entire district and state by performing brilliantly and winning one gold and one silver medal. Anirudh is currently a student of class V and is performing excellently in sports along with studies. He secured the top position in his category by scoring 330 out of 360 marks in this championship. Anirudh said that he gives the credit of his success to his maternal uncle Jagroop Malik, father Jitendra Seeda and mother Seema Malik, whose guidance and support he got at every step. He said that he practices for about 8 hours every day, and this discipline and dedication has been the key to his success. With this victory, Anirudh proved himself to be the best in the entire competition by scoring a record in his age group. His goal is to represent India at the national and international level



in the future. Coach Dinesh Kumar said that Anirudh proved his talent by hitting accurate shots in all the matches of his category in the 38th State Archery Championship. It is the result of his hard work and continuous practice that he was successful in winning two medals at such a young age.

Upcoming meeting of Agarwal Vaishya Samaj Haryana to be held in Kaithal

HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA: The campaign of Agarwal Vaishya Samaj Haryana to make people aware is continuing. This campaign is being run to strengthen the society and stop showing off. In Kurukshetra, State General Secretary of Agarwal Vaishya Samaj Haryana, Rajesh Singla said that State President Ashok Buwanwala has launched an awareness campaign for the society in the entire state. Under this campaign, State President Ashok Buwanwala has said that the people of Vaishya Samaj should work to increase their active participation in politics and reduce the increasing expenditure on weddings. According to Singla, Ashok Buwanwala is continuously holding meetings and talking to the representatives of Vaishya Samaj of every district. Singla said that the upcoming meeting of the society will be held on May 11 near Vishwakarma Chowk in

Kaithal. All the officials of the state, all the district presidents, Lok Sabha Speaker, Assembly Speaker, officials of women and youth organisations will participate in this meeting. Rajesh Singla said that according to state president Ashok Buwanwala, politics is of utmost importance today and the society is continuously lagging behind in politics. Ashok Buwanwala has said that one person from every family should participate in active politics. Even if he joins any party. He said that if the people of the society participate more in active politics, then in the coming time they will get more tickets and will be able to participate in the government by winning in greater numbers. The leader of the Vaishya community said that today the situation has become such that politics plays an important role in success in any field.



Cyclothon against drug abuse to enter Kaithal on April 22: DC Preeti urges public participation

RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL: Deputy Commissioner Preeti announced that the anti-drug Cyclothon Yatra, launched under the Haryana Uday programme, will enter Kaithal district on April 22. She emphasised that this campaign is a significant movement against substance abuse and called for active public participation to make it a success. DC Preeti stated that various departmental officers have been assigned responsibilities to ensure the smooth and effective execution of the yatra. "It is essential that a strong message against drug abuse is conveyed across the district," she said. The Cyclothon will pass through Dhand, Pharal, Pundri, and Moondri before reaching Kaithal city on April 22. The following day, April 23, the yatra will proceed toward Jind district from Kalayat. The initiative aims to make Haryana a drug-free state. She urged schools, colleges, NGOs, chemist associations, de-addiction centres, anti-narcotics teams, and sarpanches of drug-free villages to participate in the campaign. Interested individuals can register for the event at <https://uday.haryana.gov.in/>.



India has a wise and sensitive leader in the form of Modi: Sanmeet Kaur

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI: Municipality Nilokheri Chairman Sanmeet Kaur Ahuja said that the country is moving forward under the able leadership of the country's Prime Minister Narendra Modi. India has got a sensitive leader in the form of PM Modi who is taking the country forward rapidly. She said that the presence of Modi has added more glory to the state of Haryana, now Haryana state will become historic and special in terms of development. Municipality Nilokheri Chairman Sanmeet Kaur Ahuja was talking to journalists after returning from the programme of Narendra Modi organised in Yamunanagar. Praising the good policies of PM Modi and the government, she said that India is rapidly moving towards becoming a developed country, which is the dream of PM Modi and has now become the aspiration of every citizen of the country. We all are moving the country forward in the direction of development by joining his thinking. She said that the government's policies have given new impetus to the export-import and manufacturing sectors. Infrastructure is improving rapidly, be it roads, railways or the court system. DMRC and other projects are being completed on time.



Disabled Farooq helps other challenged people

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Often when a person suffers from some kind of disability, he gets frustrated and starts cursing his fate. But there are people like Umar Farooq in the society who, despite being disabled themselves, work for the betterment of the disabled people of their state and country. Not only do they work but they also travel across the country to meet and understand them. Umar Farooq, who hails from Lakshadweep, a small island group in the ocean away from the mainland of India and has been awarded the prestigious Helen Keller Award, is on a tour of the whole of India from Lakshadweep along with his other disabled friend L Shukur and psychologist Shahnawaz. The group from Lakshadweep, which reached Haryana yesterday after passing through Jammu Kashmir, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, was welcomed by the institute's president Mega Bhandari at Mata Prakash Kaur Shrivani and Vani School in Karnal today in collaboration with Nil-FAA Kamal and small children won their hearts by giving them bouquets made by their own hands. Describing the objective of Umar Farooq and his companions, who went on a trip to India with the objective of understanding the pain and problems of the disabled people, seeing the work being done by various organizations across the country for their empowerment and making an action plan.



Bharat Vikas Parishad branch president gives shagun to needy girl



KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI: Bharat Vikas Parishad branch Taraori gave shagun amount to a girl from a needy family in Taraori. Many officials including Bharat Vikas Parishad branch Taraori president Yogesh Midda arrived on the occasion. He gave shagun under Kanya Daan Shagun Yojana at the wedding of Khanchand's daughter Priyanshi near Bhimsen temple in ward number-3 of Taraori city. Giving information Yogesh Midda said that Bharat Vikas Parishad helps girls from needy families by giving them Kanya Shagun amount at their wedding. He said that it is the first duty of all of us to help such needy families. We should extend a helping hand by supporting such events. While praising the work of Bharat Vikas Parishad Taraori branch, he said that Tarawadi branch is also continuously doing social welfare work in the society. Social worker Yogesh Midda, associated with many religious and social organisations, said that we should help the poor with a true heart. Because if we do good to someone, then there can be no more pious work than this. Therefore, it is everyone's duty to provide some support in the marriage of daughters. On this occasion, many members including Bharat Vikas Parishad branch Taraori president Yogesh Midda were present.

School children made aware of cyber crimes, parents should not suffer financial loss due to ignorance

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, APRIL 15

District Police Counseling Cell Incharge Lady Inspector Rajesh Lata today made children of Rishikul Senior Secondary School and Geeta Niketan Senior Secondary School, Chaura of Gharaunda town aware of cyber crimes. She told children that in today's modern era, as use of digital devices is increasing, cyber crimes are also increasing, which break into our savings and empty it. She told children that to save our money and keep ourselves safe from such criminals, we should be cautious and careful while using digital devices. For example, one should not open any link coming from an unknown number, should not share his personal information with anyone,



should do two-step verification of his social media account and any other account, should create a strong password and keep changing it from time to time. All children should not allow any unapproved app to enter their

parents' phone to increase the level of that game or to join an attractive game while playing games on their parents' mobile. Because by doing this your parents may also have to bear risk of financial loss.

Joy among teachers as principal greets PM Modi on stage

R.K. KASHYAP, CHHACHRAULI, APRIL 15

Headmistress Meena Kamboj and Anamika Walia, PGT English, GSS Chhachhrauli of Government School Mandhar of Yamunanagar district got the privilege of giving bouquets and souvenirs given by Chief Minister of Haryana and other Union Ministers to welcome Prime Minister of India from close to the Prime Minister's stage. While there is an atmosphere of happiness among teachers, Meena Kamboj is extremely happy. She told that when she got information about her role in this program, she was very nervous but as soon as she was near Prime Minister, she felt proud. Meena Kamboj told that on 14th April, on 134th birth anniversary of Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, foundation stone laying of 800 MW thermal power plant in district Yamunanagar was a part of PM Modi's gift to Haryana. When correspondent of asked these two proud women that how did you feel while handing over bouquets to Chief Minister and Union Ministers to welcome Prime Minister near the Prime Minister's stage and while your photo was being taken so



close to Prime Minister, then Principal Meena Kamboj and Anamika Walia said emotionally that it is like the pride of being a part of some important unforgettable historical event that a good citizen feels. While saying this, glow on their faces was saying a lot. They said that this moment will always be memorable for them and they also thank the district administration for this. They said that these moments were precious moments of their life and they will always cherish them.

True benefit of Satsang lies in inner cleansing and Guru's grace: Satguru Kanwar Saheb

MANMOHAN SHARMA HANSI, APRIL 15

True benefit of satsang comes only when one sits at the feet of a true Guru and praises the divine qualities of the Almighty," said Satguru Kanwar Saheb Ji Maharaj while addressing a large gathering at the Radha Soami Satsang Ashram, Bhiwani Road, Hansi. He explained that while external cleanliness is easy to achieve, cleansing the inner self requires dedicated effort. Extending Baisakhi greetings to the devotees, he urged everyone to adopt noble qualities and purify their minds, as our outer conduct mirrors our inner state. "Unless our intentions are pure, we cannot draw closer to God," said the Satguru, adding that the desires of the world are akin to poison. "To truly live, one must rise above worldly temptations. The soul is restless due to its separation from the Supreme, and this restlessness is exploited



by time and illusion. Only satsang can pacify the soul's longing for God." He emphasized that in today's world, many social evils—such as intoxication, greed, and immoral conduct—are prevalent, and people often choose paths that lead to deeper entanglement. "Satsang is the remedy for all such afflictions. The company of a true saint saves one from straying," he said. Commenting on soci-

ety's moral decline despite numerous spiritual discourses and social reform efforts, he said, "The root cause lies in our corrupted selves. Learn to forgive and also seek forgiveness. Arguments are futile. If someone uses harsh words, and you reply harshly, the conflict only escalates. Peace arises when you respond kindly." He added, "Victory and defeat mean little to a noble soul. Endure bitter words. Tolerance dissolves disputes. Saints throughout history cultivated this virtue, enabling them to unite with God." Kanwar Saheb emphasized that in this age of Kaliyuga, where human life is short and willpower weak, saints have shown the easy path of Naam Bhakti (devotional remembrance of the divine name).

Mayor Renu Bala Gupta directs officials to resolve public complaints promptly

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KURUKSHETRA, APRIL 15

Committed to resolving public grievances swiftly, Mayor Renu Bala Gupta held a public hearing at the Municipal Corporation office on Tuesday, where she attentively listened to citizens' issues and directed concerned officials for prompt action. During the session, complaints related to pothole repairs, sewer cleaning, malfunctioning street lights, and encroachments were brought to her attention. The mayor assured that each issue would be addressed on priority and called in the respective officials and employees to initiate immediate resolutions. Reiterating the BJP's focus on inclusive development, Mayor Gupta said, "Our goal is the welfare of every section of society and the prosperity of the state. Under the mantra of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, the Haryana Government is ensuring good



governance through development in sectors like education, health, safety, and infrastructure." She instructed the officials to act with seriousness and ensure that all public complaints are resolved within a stipulated timeframe. "Any task that can be resolved on the spot should be dealt with immediately. No development work should be left incomplete," she emphasized, also urging continuous anti-encroachment drives to ensure city residents face no inconvenience.

She added that the state government is fully committed to development and that there is no shortage of funds for such works. Appealing to the citizens, Mayor Gupta asked them to bring written complaints with contact details for easier redressal. She also advised the municipal staff to carry out their duties diligently, without any negligence, and maintain an open line of communication with the public.

Editorial

Act two

Donald Trump's tariff drama has moved on to the second act. The president of the United States of America has now announced a 90-day pause on all retaliatory tariffs, barring those imposed on China. The 10% baseline tariff on almost all other nations of the world remains in place. The US has signalled this interval to be an open house for deal-making. Indeed, the subtext of Mr Trump's announcement appears to be that in the absence of countries approaching the US for a deal in favour of that country, Mr Trump's administration may slap retaliatory tariffs, once again, on its trading partners. From the point of view of the US's allies, including India, it is imperative that they rework their trade strategies in a fundamental way during this interregnum. There are many factors to be considered in this exercise; but three broad criteria should be prioritised for strategic calculations. The first relates to estimating what could be the possible options left open to the US. Nothing should be considered impossible in this context. Hence, for India, the best strategy would be to fathom the worst-case situation and be prepared for it as much as possible. This exercise has to include a calculation of the costs that the US economy would have to bear for every tariff the country imposes. Knowing the opposition's costs is an important chip on the bargaining table.

The second, interrelated aspect would be to work out the best options available to New Delhi. India will have to be extremely careful about the impact of the tariffs on major exports like pharmaceuticals as well as about the likely possibility that the international conversation on tariffs will extend to services like information technology-enabled services. On these issues, alternative scenarios need to be fleshed out. There is also the possibility that non-trade issues could be put on the negotiation table as well. For India, its position on issues like immigration restrictions, job market opportunities and the much-talked-about impending trade deal with the US, to be effective from 2030, needs to be clearly worked out.

The third aspect is closely related to the first two. It pertains to keeping India's diplomatic eyes and ears open for conversation opportunities with the nation's other trading partners. If global trade is indeed to be reset, the European Union, Japan, South Korea, United Kingdom, Vietnam and even China will have to change their strategies as well. This represents a large basket of potential opportunities for India's trade in the near future.

India's passenger vehicle sales hit record high

Passenger vehicle sales in India reached an all-time high of 4.3 million units in the financial year 2024-25, according to data released by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM).

This marks a 2 per cent increase compared to the previous year, Utility Vehicles (UVs) remained the key growth driver in the passenger vehicle segment. Their share in overall sales rose to 65 per cent in FY 2024-25, up from around 60 per cent in the previous year.

SIAM said "Passenger Vehicles (PV) posted its highest ever sales in FY 2024-25 of 4.3 million units, with a growth of 2 per cent as compared to FY 2023-24".

It also added that new model launches with modern designs and advanced features attracted more buyers. Additionally, attractive discounts and promotional offers helped keep up the demand.

As per data, passenger vehicles also saw their highest-ever exports during the year, reaching 0.77 million units.

This is a 14.6 per cent increase compared to FY 2023-24. The rise in exports was supported by demand for global models made in India, especially in Latin American and African markets. Some automakers even began exporting to developed countries.

Overall, the Indian automobile industry grew 7.3 per cent in domestic



sales and saw a strong 19.2 per cent jump in exports.

SIAM credited this performance to strong customer demand, government support, infrastructure investments, and the growing focus on sustainable mobility. Positive economic policies and healthy market sentiment also helped sustain the growth.

Two-wheeler sales saw solid recovery, with 19.6 million units sold in FY 2024-25, showing a growth of 9.1 per

cent. Improved rural demand and rising consumer confidence played a key role in this growth. The scooter segment led the way, thanks to better connectivity in rural and semi-urban areas and the launch of new models with better features.

Electric vehicles (EVs) also gained ground, with their share in total two-wheeler sales crossing 6 per cent during the year. Two-wheeler exports grew strongly by 21.4 per cent to reach 4.2

million units. This was due to new product launches and increased demand in Africa and Latin America.

Looking ahead, SIAM expects the auto sector to continue its growth in FY 2025-26. Stable economic conditions, proactive government policies, and infrastructure spending are likely to support this growth. A normal monsoon, as forecasted, is also expected to boost demand, especially in rural and semi-urban areas.

Literature & Health

Learning about social interaction by studying dancing

Dancing fluidly with someone requires social coordination. This skill requires coordinating movements with others while also processing dynamic sensory input, such as sounds and visuals.

Felix Bigand and Giacomo Novembre from the Italian Institute of Technology in Rome, together with others, report on how the brain drives social coordination during dance.

The researchers recruited pairs of inexperienced dancers and recorded their brain activity, whole-body movements, and muscle activity as they danced to the same or different songs. The researchers also manipulated whether dancers could or could not see each other. These methods unveiled distinct neural signals for music processing, self-generated movements, movements generated by following a partner, and social coordination.

Neural signals for social coordination that enabled synchronized movements between people occurred only when dancers were moving to the same song and could see each other. Bigand said, "What was



perhaps most peculiar was we found that out of the 15 different movements we recorded, the brain was most sensitive to bouncing or flexing of the knees [during social coordination]. This was strange because bouncing had relatively weak amplitudes (or strength) compared to most of the other movements. For the brain to respond more to a weaker movement, like bounce, suggests it has a unique role in social coordination."

Xi Jinping urges China, Vietnam to fight unilateral bullying

China's President Xi Jinping, during his visit to Vietnam, emphasised that the two countries should work to "fight unilateral bullying".

The Chinese leader's remarks were made against the backdrop of disruptions caused by tariffs imposed by the Donald Trump administration of the US.

Vietnam was the first stop for Xi, who is on a Southeast Asia tour, including Malaysia and Cambodia, which aims to stabilise regional ties and offset the impact of the US tariffs.

In a meeting with Vietnamese General Secretary To Lam, Xi said that both countries "jointly oppose unilateral bullying, and uphold the stability of the global free trade system as well



as industrial and supply chains", according to the Xinhua news agency.

In his meeting in Hanoi with Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh, Xi urged both countries to intensify high-level exchanges, strengthen strategic communication and "jointly oppose hegemonism, unilateralism and protectionism," Chinese state media reported. Calling on the two sides to maintain the stability of the global free trade system and industrial

and supply chains, Xi also urged the two countries to work together to push for an economic globalization that is more open, inclusive, balanced, and beneficial to all, according to a report in the Global Times.

A spokesperson of China's Ministry of Commerce said on April 10 that China has been Vietnam's largest trading partner since 2004, and Vietnam has been China's largest trading partner in ASEAN since 2016.

POEM

"Working Wonder Woman"

Being a working woman is wonderful. but more wonderful is being a mother. Being a blessed mother is a saga of divine glory.

But being a working mother adds a toughened story.

In my heart deep in the core, many falicitations soar.

Many a rosy-cosy tidings mingled with delicacies roar.

Before you kick off, prior to spark.

A number of queries astringently embark.

A volcano of how, why, where, when, whom with and what abruptly erupts.

A tint of responsibilities and neccessities pacifies this turbulence that interrupts.

Doing jobs is worrisome, more worrisome is to be a working mom.

In my heart deep in the core, many liabilities gush.

But unconditional family love comforts this rush.

Parental love, brother's support, sisters' care, kids mischievous cries,

Every emotional hue is a bounteous bliss in disguise.

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WAVES Bazaar: India's Lagaan moment on Global stage of media & entertainment

India is a key player in the entertainment and media industry, which is growing at a rapid pace and is thriving in the constantly evolving landscape. We are witnessing a boom in content creation across diverse platforms fueled by the rise of digital streaming services, regional language productions, and a tech-savvy audience that demands fresh, engaging, and inclusive narratives. It is important to realize the immense potential that this sector holds for India, not just as a source of entertainment but as a powerful medium for cultural expression, economic growth, and global influence.

World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit, known by the acronym WAVES, hosted by the Government of India in Mumbai, Maharashtra, from May 1 to 4, 2025, promises to be a testimony to India's growing stature, and WAVES Bazaar is a key component of the event. As someone who has spent decades in the industry, I believe that storytelling has the power to unite, inspire, and transform. With WAVES and WAVES Bazaar, we are taking a bold step towards creating a more collaborative and inclusive future for the global entertainment community.

WAVES Bazaar attempts to be a revolutionary online marketplace designed to connect pro-

fessionals, businesses, and creators across the global entertainment ecosystem. With its mission to foster seamless collaboration, WAVES Bazaar attempts to serve as the ultimate business hub for the Media & Entertainment industry, enabling professionals to expand their reach, discover new opportunities, and engage in high-value partnerships. Officially launched on January 27, 2025, by Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting, Railways, and Electronics & Information Technology, WAVES Bazaar is a key instrument in realizing the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of transforming the WAVES Summit into a flagship event in the Media & Entertainment sector, akin to the Davos Summit for the finance and economy sectors.

Since the launch, I believe 5500 buyers, more than 2000 sellers and approximately 1000 projects have been registered on the portal from different verticals of M&E sector. In the long term, the portal hopes to evolve into a comprehensive content marketplace and networking hub for the M&E industry, featuring AI-powered profiling and matchmaking tools. It will also host online pitching sessions, virtual B2B meetings, webinars, and more, all within the platform.

WAVES Bazaar is a one-of-a-kind e-marketplace that brings together stakeholders from across the Media & Entertainment spectrum—including film, television, animation, gaming, advertising, XR, music, sound design, radio, and more. The platform will act as a bridge between buyers and sellers, ensuring that industry professionals can easily showcase their expertise, connect with potential clients, and secure meaningful collaborations.

Whether you're a filmmaker searching for a production partner, an advertiser seeking the right platform, a game developer looking for investors, or an artist wanting to showcase your work to global audiences, WAVES Bazaar hopes to provide a dynamic space for industry professionals to network, collaborate, and grow their businesses.

WAVES Bazaar is an integrated B2B marketplace revolutionizing how the global entertainment industry connects, collaborates, and grows. Bringing together professionals from film, television, music, gaming, animation, advertising, and immersive tech like XR, AR, and VR, the platform provides a comprehensive space for listing, discovering, and transacting across diverse creative sectors. Whether you're a

producer seeking distribution, a game developer pitching new IPs, or a sound designer looking for licensing opportunities, WAVES Bazaar streamlines the entire process with category-specific listings, secure viewing rooms, and curated networking features.

Designed for seamless business interactions, WAVES Bazaar empowers both sellers and buyers to find the right partners and opportunities without geographical limitations. Sellers—from film studios and animation houses to podcast creators and marketing agencies—can showcase their services and content to a global audience of investors, distributors, and collaborators. At the same time, buyers gain access to high-quality, cutting-edge projects, while investors discover co-production deals and scalable ventures. The platform also integrates exclusive access to industry events, viewing rooms, investor meet-ups, and live screenings, ensuring that meaningful deals go beyond virtual interactions.

The highlight of WAVES Bazaar will be its physical presence at the WAVES Summit at the Jio Convention Centre, BKC, Mumbai from 1st to 4th May 2025. Selected participants from the digital marketplace will gain the opportunity to pitch, network, and close deals in person with

top-tier stakeholders. From curated screenings to live discussions and collaboration forums, this summit merges the digital and physical to shape the future of entertainment networking. With its innovative approach, WAVES Bazaar is not just a platform—it's a movement towards a smarter, more connected, and globally inclusive entertainment industry.

As artists, we constantly seek spaces that challenge us, inspire us, and push us to think beyond the conventional. WAVES attempts to be such a space—a movement that encourages collaboration across languages, cultures, and mediums.

I'm proud to be a part of this visionary journey, and I look forward to seeing how WAVES will redefine the way we connect, create, and celebrate stories—not just in India, but around the world. I believe we are witnessing India's Lagaan moment in the media and entertainment world—a moment of unity, courage, and vision that will echo far beyond our borders. Let us come together to imagine, to share, and to build a future where every voice has a chance to be heard.

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KULWINDER KARWAL
MANSNA: World Laughter Day' and 'Gardening Day' were celebrated with great enthusiasm at SDKL DAV Public School, Mansa. The occasion started with the speech of teachers Kamaljit Kaur and Suneha in the prayer assembly in which they gave the message of conservation of nature and maintaining greenery to the students. Later, Rajat,

Adikya and Gopal of Class VI recited poems in English and Hindi medium with the aim of creating environmental awareness among students and promoting connection with nature. Along with this, Yoga teacher Harman and student Varun conducted Laughter yoga to celebrate 'Laughter Day'. He said that laughter not only relieves mental stress but is also beneficial for physical health.



NEWS BRIEF

2 get vision due to eye donation of late Charandas Mittal

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL: An inspiring and humanitarian work was done in Kaithal. The eyes of Master Charandas Mittal, who passed away, were donated with the help of Shri Nar Narayan Seva Samiti, Kaithal. This noble work was made possible due to the efforts of Shri Nar Narayan Seva Samiti, Kaithal, which is dedicated to promoting eye donation. The members of the committee contacted the family immediately after the death of Master Shri Charandas Mittal Ji and obtained their consent. Shriman Chandrabhan Mittal Ji and Shriman Rajkumar Mittal Ji have given the invaluable gift of vision to two persons by donating the eyes of their respected father. Shri Nar Narayan Seva Samiti is with the family in these moments of pain. The organisation is grateful to you for this inspiring initiative of the family. The support of your family in the effort to overcome blindness is admirable and inspiring. The committee wishes your family a bright and strong future.

20th Foundation Day of the Department of Telemedicine, PGI celebrated

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CHANDIGARH, APR 15

The Department of Telemedicine, PGIMER, Chandigarh, celebrated its 20th Foundation Day on 15th April 2025 with great enthusiasm and participation from distinguished guests, faculty, and digital health experts. The event was held at the Board Room, Kairon Administrative Block, and was marked by insightful discussions, honorary addresses, and forward-looking perspectives on the future of digital health in India.

The program began with a Welcome Address and Introduction by Prof Biman Saikia, Department of Telemedicine, PGIMER. He warmly welcomed the guests and participants, provided a brief overview of the department's journey over the last two decades, and highlighted key milestones and initiatives that have positioned PGIMER as a leader in telemedicine and digital healthcare delivery.

This was followed by the Inaugural Address delivered by the



Director of PGIMER, Chandigarh, who commended the department's pioneering role in advancing telemedicine practices and underlined the importance of continued innovation in the field of digital health.

The Chief Guest, Lt Gen (Dr) Narendra Kotwal, Former Director & Commandant of AFMC Pune, delivered an inspiring address. He appreciated the department activities in the field of telemedicine and emphasized on the role of different digital apps being rolled out by Govt. of India.

The event was further enriched by an address from the Guest of Honor, Shri Madhukar Kumar Bhagat, Joint Secretary (eHealth), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), who spoke about the Government of India's digital health initiatives and the transformative potential of integrated eHealth solutions for a patient-centric healthcare ecosystem. He emphasized on e Sanjeevani as the power of Telemedicine in India and abroad. He also talked about challenges being faced

implementation of telemedicine in the primary healthcare sector and the need of doctors in telemedicine set up. The highlight of the event was the Foundation Day Lecture by Dr Kim R from Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai. Dr Kim shared groundbreaking work in teleophthalmology and elaborated on the scalable and sustainable models developed by Aravind Eye Care to serve rural and underserved populations using digital platforms.

A panel discussion on "Optimizing Digital Health in PGIMER: Insights from the Experts" followed. The session was moderated by Dr Liza Das, and featured a distinguished panel including: Prof Sanjay Bhadada, Head, Department of Endocrinology, Prof Jayashree Murlidharan, Department of Pediatrics, Prof Uma Nahar Saikia, Department of Histopathology, Prof Vanita Jain, Head, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Dr Raja Ramachandran, Department of Nephrology, Dr Sanjay Sood, CDAC, Mohali.

Punjab has upgraded govt schools according to best education standards: MLA kalsi



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In the government schools of the state under the program "Punjab Shikhya Kranti" by the Punjab Government. Many types of development works have been conducted. Under this series, to maintain the best educational standards in the government schools of Batala. Classrooms, infrastructure and digital training facilities have been modernized. This statement was made by Batala MLA and Working President Aam Aadmi Party Punjab, Aman Sher Singh Sherry Kalsi.

Inaugurated the development works of various government primary schools.

MLA Sherry Kalsi were inaugurated Government Primary School, Lohchapp, Rs 4 lakh 16 thousand, Cheema Bhitwidda worth Rs 7 lakh 94 thousand and Kotla Musa development works worth Rs 1 lakh 38 thousand.

He said that Wi-Fi internet was provided to government schools at a cost of crores of rupees. All essentials including connection, furniture, clean drinking water, separate toilets for girls and boys. Equipped with facilities.

Manik Singla wins Jagadhri Cane Grover Government Committee poll by single vote



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNA NAGAR: Elections for post of director of Zone 3 of the Jagadhri Cane Grover Government Committee were held on Sunday amid tight security. In this zone, there was a contest between Manik Singla Budhiya and Sanju Chaneti. Out of a total of 24 delegates, 23 participated in election. Society secretary Narendra Kumar said that Manik Singla won the election by a margin of one vote. Manik got 12 votes and Sanju got 11. Kamal Rana, Ashok Rana Amadalpur, Baudhray Nabh, Binder Kashmirgarh, Dharmendra Rana, Devi Dayal Bhagwargarh, Karnel Chaneti, Samay Singh, Sukhpal Singh, Rajinder Rana, Shivcharan Bhargava, Anik Bhargava, Jaspal Singh Udhamgarh, Vivek Agarwal, Gaurav Goyal, Pravesh Bhargava, Nishu and Gauri were present.

MLA Kabirpanthi visits Taraori grain market takes stock of procurement system



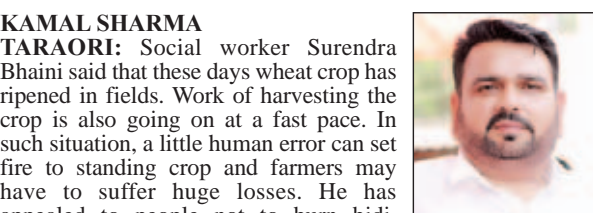
KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI: Nilokheri constituency MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi visited Tarawadi grain market on Tuesday . On reaching the market committee office, many commission agents and farmers, led by commission agents association chief Subhash Gupta welcomed MLA Kabirpanthi with flower garlands. MLA Kabirpanthi talked to farmers and commission agents and took stock of the procurement system. He inspected the piles of wheat in the market. He gave strict instructions on lifting and payment system. He also talked to farmers and commission agents about resolving every problem. MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi called the officials of both the procurement agencies on the spot and gave instructions and said that there should be no problem in lifting of crop. When farmers and landowners talked about basic facilities, MLA Kabirpanthi got the problems resolved on the spot.

Lal Chand Kataruchak invites youth to follow path shown by Dr. Ambedkar



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GURDASPUR: Cabinet Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Forests and Wildlife Protection, 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 upliftment of the oppressed classes. He said that Dr. Ambedkar's vision of social and political equality is as relevant today as it was before. Describing Dr. 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 society.

Be careful, little human error can set fire to standing crop: Surendra Bhaini



KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI: Social worker Surendra Bhaini said that these days wheat crop has ripened in fields. Work of harvesting the crop is also going on at a fast pace. In such situation, a little human error can set fire to standing crop and farmers may have to suffer huge losses. He has appealed to people not to burn bidi, cigarette, matchstick and other substances around fields. He also suggested to farmers that they should never make mistake of setting fire to sugarcane straw lying in empty fields around wheat crop. Flames of fire can reach wheat field during the wind and burn crop and destroy it. During wheat harvesting, do not let laborers or other villagers smoke bidi there. Farmers may have to suffer heavy losses. Appealing to villagers, social worker Surendra Bhaini said that houses in villages where food is cooked by burning wood need to be especially careful in this season. When ashes of stove cool down completely, only then should it be thrown into garbage. Otherwise, if the spark buried in the hot ashes flares up with wind, there will be a risk of fire. He said that throwing away burning bidi or cigarette during the crop season increases risk of fire, so do not do this. Especially do not throw bidi, cigarette or burning matchstick here and there in field or barn, because these can cause fire.

Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Sr Sec School holds cycle rally to spread ideas of Ambedkar



VIJAY KAUSHIK
LADWA: About 60 students of Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Senior Secondary Public School, Dhanaura-Ladwa organized a cycle rally in Ladwa town to spread the thoughts, principles and messages of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution on his birth anniversary. The rally was flagged off by SHO Sunil Vats from Ram Kundi in the presence of Principal Narendra Sharma and teachers. The rally passed through the main market, Hinori Chowk and reached Indri Chowk and paid floral tribute to the statue of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar. The students raised slogans and held placards based on the messages, principles and thoughts of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar. The rally was conducted and guided smoothly. The police provided their support and guidance throughout the rally route.

Triple engine govt under Saini has brought heaps of development: Dr. Sharma



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: State's Cooperative and Tourism and Prison Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma was given a warm welcome by former Sarpanch Sanjay's team at Kauhnan bus stand while he was going towards Delhi. He was given a warm welcome with the sound of drums. On this occasion, State's Cooperative Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma said that the country and the state are progressing continuously under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini. After 2014, the picture of the country and the state is changing. He said that equal development is being done in all the districts of the state by the triple engine government of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini in Haryana. He said this is the first BJP government led by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini which is doing equal development of the entire state. Happiness is visible everywhere. During this he talked to the villagers. He said that he gets heartfelt love in the entire state including Karnal. He is grateful to the people for this.

Speeding dumper kills teenage girl, injures mother in Sarawan Village



PREETI SAINI
SADHAURA: A tragic road accident occurred in Sarawan village of Sadhaura when a speeding dumper collided with a scooter, killing a 14-year-old girl on the spot and leaving her mother critically injured. According to information received, Manju Devi, a resident of Raiyanwala village and employed as a peon at the government school in Sarawan, was returning home with her daughter Adi after school hours. As they were travelling on an Activa scooter, a dumper approaching from behind rammed into them. The impact was so severe that Adi died on the spot, while Manju Devi suffered serious injuries. She was immediately referred to PGI Chandigarh in critical condition.

Mobile Medical Unit by Naveen Jindal Foundation provides free health facilities



VIJAY KAUSHIK
LADWA: MP Naveen Jindal is running mobile medical units with the aim of providing health services to the people of Kurukshetra parliamentary constituency. On Tuesday he reached Dhingra Chowk and Shiv Mohalla in Ward No. 11 of Ladwa and provided health benefits to the people. In these mobile medical units, free medicines were distributed after consultation and examination by MBBS doctors. Blood and urine tests were also done on this occasion. MP Naveen Jindal's office in-charge Dharamvir Singh said that MP Naveen Jindal has started these mobile medical units with the aim of providing maximum health services to the people of the area. The mobile medical unit provided free medicines to 135 patients after consultation and examination and blood and urine tests of 23 people were also done. It is noteworthy that on the initiative of MP Naveen Jindal, the Swasth Kurukshetra campaign is being run by the Naveen Jindal Foundation.

Award-winning Disability Rights Activist Umar Farooq visits Karnal on nationwide awareness tour



CHAMANLAL
KARNAL: Karnal Often when individuals face physical disabilities, they tend to become disheartened and curse their fate. However, there are extraordinarily individuals like Umar Farooq who, despite being differently-abled himself, have dedicated their lives to improving the conditions of persons with disabilities across the country. Farooq not only works tirelessly for their welfare but is also on a nationwide journey to connect with them, understand their struggles, and learn from their experiences. Hailing from the remote island group of Lakshadweep and a recipient of the prestigious Helen Keller Award, Umar Farooq is currently touring India along with his fellow differently-abled companion L. Shukur and renowned psychologist Mr. Shah Nawaz. The trio has already travelled through Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Chandigarh and reached Karnal, Haryana yesterday. In Karnal, their arrival was warmly welcomed by the National Integrated Forum of Artists and Activists (NIFAA) at Mata Prakash Kaur School for Speech & Hearing Impaired Children.

Women made aware about proper nutrition in Pilkhani village



JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA: A nutrition awareness programme was organised under the Poshan Pakhwada initiative in village Pilkhani of Sahaa block, guided by Dr. Upasana from Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Tepla, and led by CDPO Isha Rani and supervisor Sudesh from the Women and Child Welfare Department. The event witnessed active participation from local Anganwad workers and helpers, Sarpanch Rajneesh Batra, health department representative Annu, ASHA workers, and several women and adolescent girls from the village. The attendees were educated about the importance of balanced nutrition, particularly the inclusion of millets in daily diets. Sudesh also shared information on nutritious recipes, encouraging the community to adopt healthy food habits. Health checkups were conducted for pregnant and lactating women and children. Those found with low haemoglobin levels were provided iron supplements. A traditional 'Godh Bharai' (baby shower) ceremony was also held for expectant mothers to promote maternal well-being.

Anurag Thakur celebrates Himachal Day in Delhi, reaffirms commitment to State's rights



DINESH AGARWAL
NEW DELHI/SHIMLA: Former Union Minister and Member of Parliament from Hamirpur, Anurag Singh Thakur, joined the Himachali community in Delhi to celebrate Himachal Day with great enthusiasm at the Lal Bahadur Shastri Sanskrit University. On the occasion, Thakur reaffirmed his unwavering dedication to the rights and progress of Himachal Pradesh. "Himachal is not just our homeland; it is our pride," said Thakur. "I remain fully committed to safeguarding the interests of this divine land." Extending his heartfelt wishes to the people of the state, Thakur praised Himachal Pradesh as a land of unmatched natural beauty, rich culture, and heroic legacy. "Today we celebrate the 78th foundation day of Himachal Pradesh, though its legacy spans thousands of years. Where there is the Himalayas, there is Himachal," he added. Highlighting the spiritual and historical significance of the region, Thakur recalled Palampur's role in the BJP's 1989 national convention, where the resolution for constructing a grand temple in Ayodhya was passed.

Airtel Partners with Blinkit to Deliver SIM cards to Customer's Homes in Just 10 Minutes

Chandigarh: In a pioneering move, Bharti Airtel, today, announced its partnership with the quick commerce platform, Blinkit, for the delivery of SIM cards to its customers within ten minutes. A first-of-its-kind service by a telco, the services are now live in 16 cities in the country, with plans to add more cities and towns over a period of time. This collaboration marks a significant milestone enabling, as it does, customers to receive SIM cards at their doorstep in a minimal 10 minutes at a nominal convenience fee of ₹49. Post the delivery of the SIM card, customers can activate the number using a simple activation process through Aadhaar-based KYC authentication. Customers will have the option to choose from both postpaid and prepaid plans or trigger an MNP for porting into the Airtel network. To streamline the process, customers can access the online link and view the activation video for a seamless activation experience.

Redmi A5 Launched in India: Redefining Entry-Level Smartphones with Power and Innovation

Amitkar : Xiaomi India, a global leader in technology and innovation, today announced the launch of the Redmi A5, a breakthrough in the entry-level smartphone space. Featuring a 120Hz high-refresh-rate display, a 32MP AI dual camera system, and a smooth processor, the Redmi A5 delivers an immersive and efficient experience for users seeking advanced features. With a focus on design, reliability, and ease of use, the device elevates everyday smartphone usage without compromise. Commenting on the launch, Anuj Sharma, Chief Marketing Officer, Xiaomi India, said, "The Redmi A5 reflects our ongoing commitment to pushing the boundaries of what users can expect from an entry-level smartphone. With the segment's largest and smoothest 120Hz display, it offers an unparalleled level of visual fluidity, setting a new standard in the segment. Paired with a 32MP AI-powered camera and an all-day battery."

PhonePe goes live with UPI Circle

Chandigarh: PhonePe, today announced the launch of UPI Circle on its app, allowing its users to create a circle and make payments on behalf of their family, friends or trusted contacts. UPI Circle enables dependents to generate their own UPI ID without needing a linked bank account, opening up secure online payment solutions for those with limited access to digital financial services. With UPI Circle on PhonePe, a UPI account holder (primary user), can add their family/trusted individuals (secondary user) to their circle using UPI ID or QR code and seamlessly authorize payments for them from anywhere. The primary user retains complete control over the usage, including the ability to review payment requests, track secondary user expenses, get secure access to detailed payment records within each circle and delink access from their UPI Circle, as needed.

Birla Fertility & IVF Chandigarh Completes Two Years

Chandigarh: Birla Fertility & IVF, India's third-largest IVF network and part of the USD 3 billion CK Birla Group, celebrated the second anniversary of its Chandigarh centre with a heartfelt gathering of families at the facility. The celebration saw couples share their arduous but inspiring journeys as they expressed their gratitude towards the centre's personalised, compassionate, and clinically advanced care. Since its launch, the centre has become a go-to space not just for treatment but for clarity. Through awareness sessions, fertility check-up camps, and open consultations across the tri-city and neighbouring states, the Chandigarh team has helped thousands better understand their reproductive health — often before they even considered IVF. The team used this milestone to reconnect with patients who first walked in with questions, not decisions. Many shared how these early conversations helped them navigate their fertility options with more confidence and less confusion.

Turkish Airlines Enhances Complimentary Stopover in Istanbul Program

CHANDIGARH: Turkish Airlines, the airline flying to more countries than any other, has expanded its currently available departure countries in its Stopover in Istanbul program. This enhancement allows more guests from eligible departure countries to experience Istanbul with complimentary 5-star hotel stays for Business Class passengers and 4-star hotel stays for Economy Class passengers before continuing to their final destinations.

Khaitan & Co, MakeMyTrip, and Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas rank top 3 on LinkedIn's 2025

CHANDIGARH: LinkedIn, the world's largest professional network, today unveiled the 2025 Top Midsize Companies India list, featuring 15 companies with fewer than 5,000 employees globally and at least 250 employees in India, where professionals can build and grow their careers. Based on the activity of millions of professionals on the platform, the list provides insights on in-demand skills, top locations, and the largest job functions within these companies, helping job seekers find their next opportunity. Derived from LinkedIn data across eight pillars — including ability to advance, skills growth, external opportunity, and company affinity — the list highlights organisations that are investing in talent and actively hiring in a competitive job market.

Highest per capita spend on police; 40% vacancy among High Court judges- Punjab ranks 9th reveals India Justice Report 2025

CHANDIGARH: The 2025 India Justice Report (IJR), India's only ranking of states on delivery of justice in the country, released today, ranks Punjab 9th overall (2022-10th) among the 18 Large and Mid-sized states (with populations of over one crore each). The state ranked 2nd in Legal Aid (2022-9th) and 7th in Police (2022-13th). Discussing the India Justice Report, Justice (Pctd.) Madan B. Lokur commented, "The punishing process of accessing justice begins with the very first encounter an individual has with the system. With our failure to properly equip and train frontline justice providers — police stations, legal aid actors including paralegal volunteers and district courts — we fracture public trust. These institutions are intended to embody our commitment to equal justice. The strength of our entire justice framework rests on these critical first points of contact. Ms. Meja Danwala, Chief Editor, India Justice Report, highlighted, "As India moves forward into a hundred years of being a democratic, rule of law nation, the promise of rule of law and equal rights will remain hollow unless underwritten by a reformed justice system. Reform is not optional."

Free HPV vaccination camp organised for prevention of cervical cancer; 101 girls vaccinated



SHASHIPALJAIN CHANDIGARH: A free HPV vaccination drive was conducted at Jyoti Sarup Asra Kanya Orphanage in Kharar through the joint efforts of Inner Wheel Club Chandigarh City Beautiful, NA Cultural Society, and Inner Wheel Club Chandigarh Midtown. A total of 101 orphan girls were administered the HPV vaccine under the supervision of Dr. Harpreet Kaur, a gynecologists. The event was organized under the

leadership of Club President Anita Midha and Society President Nikhar. The camp was inaugurated by PDC Neeru Khattar, former President Deepa Duggal, and PDC Zone Counselor Kanta Kapoor. On this occasion, Anita Midha, President, Inner Wheel Club Chandigarh City Beautiful and Nikhar, President, NA Cultural Society shared that the first dose of the HPV vaccine was administered to 101 girls

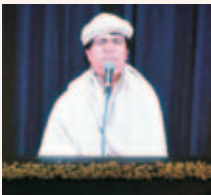
between the ages of 9 and 25. According to the prescribed schedule, the second and third doses will be given after two and six months respectively. They mentioned that this camp is a significant step towards women's health and empowerment, providing critical preventive care to underprivileged girls. Nikhar added that the funds raised during the recently held "Wah Womeniya" event, organized

in collaboration with the club, were utilized to make this vaccination camp possible. The core objective of that event was social welfare, which has been fulfilled through this initiative. On this occasion, the club's Vice President Sarbani Dutta, IPP Varinder Kaur, Joint Secretary Kulvinder Kaur, and other members including Suman Gupta, Veena Dhir, and Sonu were present. Payal from the society was also notably present.

Vishvas Foundation Celebrates Foundation Day with Meditation Retreat in Panchkula

Panchkula : On the occasion of the foundation day of Vishvas Foundation and on the auspicious occasion of the birth anniversary of Gurudev Shri Swami Vishvas Ji, Vishvas Foundation Panchkula organized 'Vishvas Meditation Retreat' at Indradhanush Auditorium, Panchkula. About one and a half thousand people of Tricity enjoyed meditation in this air-conditioned Indradhanush Auditorium. The program started with the sweet bhajans of Sadhak Sadhvis. During the meditation satang, Gurudev Ji gave the message of meditation and human service and the message was given to follow the path and direction shown by him to get out of the life running under heavy pressure of mentality. In this 'Meditation Retreat', the discourses of Gurudev Shri Swami Ji were played through video. Gurudev Ji said about the basic mantra of human life that the one who lives life with true nature does not look for happiness, man has accepted sorrow as his nature. He said that man has to walk alone, but it is also possible that during

this journey alone, falling and regaining balance is inevitable. But the important thing is that one needs to recover after falling and light a lamp in one's mind. Getting up again and again, getting up and falling again is man's dharma, but one should not fall again after falling, Gurudev ji said that man's mind does a lot of diplomacy. We should not get lost in this jungle of fickle mind so that our path does not get lost. Therefore, always keep the lamp of love burning in your mind, this is the only art of living. Even after achieving external worldly things, man is not happy, even after getting everything, man is not happy, he is definitely sad about why he is not getting everything. Gurudev ji further said that all religious scriptures have only one purpose that is to awaken the inner instinct of man, but man is getting away from reality. Media gives us information about the outside and our mind gives us information about the inside. We should look at the shining sun within us with both our outer eyes as well as our inner eyes.



108 Ambulance Trains Students in Life-Saving Skills at First Responder Program

Bathinda: The 108 Ambulance service strengthened its commitment to community health and emergency preparedness by organizing a First Responder Program (FRP) at the Girls High School, Bhuchu Mandi, Bathinda. A total of 72 plus student members participated in the workshop, which was designed to impart crucial life-saving skills and emergency response techniques. Led by FRP Trainer Jaswinder Singh and supported by Cluster Manager Bhupinder Singh, the workshop offered



practical training sessions and live demonstrations, equipping participants with the knowledge and confidence to act decisively in critical situations. The session also highlighted the significance of timely intervention, empowering participants to become dependable first responders in their communities. The institution management extended their full support, ensuring the success of the program. Manish Batra, Project Head of 108 Ambulance, praised the initiative, saying, "Our mission is not just to provide emergency services but also to educate and empower communities. Programs like the First Responder Program are vital in building a network of trained individuals ready to step up and save lives when every second counts." The 108 Ambulance service continues to go beyond emergency transportation by organizing educational initiatives like the FRP.

GMCF Set to Fly High with Rs.2,500 Cr Deal to Revive Jet Airways

Mumbai: In a major development that could reshape India's aviation landscape, the Global Midas Capital Fund (GMCF) is poised to acquire and revive Jet Airways in a ₹2,500 crore deal, making it one of the largest airline revival bids in recent years. As per sources close to the development, the deal — estimated at around \$250 million — is being routed through the ongoing liquidation process of Jet Airways. GMCF has emerged as the front-runner, proposing a comprehensive turnaround plan that includes launching a new fleet of over 200 aircraft catering to sea planes, air cargo, and full-fledged domestic and international passenger services. Speaking to reporters in Mumbai, GMCF Chairman Inder Preet Singh expressed confidence in reviving the once-premier Indian airline that ruled the skies for over two decades before collapsing in 2019. "We are in advanced talks with a leading international aviation carrier to forge a cross-border alliance. This move will not only ensure global connectivity but also restore India's presence in the international passenger aviation market," he said. The revival plan includes a 49% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) component, with the remaining 51% held locally, though the entire investment is being driven by GMCF through structured financial participation. The transaction, insiders said, involves acquiring Jet Airways' brand and assets, while settling all outstanding statutory liabilities directly through the liquidator. Aman Bandvi, senior advisor to GMCF and founder of Gray Shadows Consulting, noted, "Several companies have shown interest during the liquidation process, but GMCF's mix of technical aviation expertise and competitive bid structure places it at the forefront. The re-entry of Jet Airways will be more than just symbolic — it will represent a renewed thrust for India's aviation growth." Harmeet Singh, Director at GMCF, indicated that the reborn Jet Airways will offer strong competition to existing players like Indigo and SpiceJet. "With a superior service model and international partnerships, we aim to significantly increase market share and customer satisfaction," he said.

Kalibari celebrates Bangla New Year with devotion and community spirit



Chandigarh, The Kalibari, once again came alive with vibrant celebrations on the occasion of the Bangla New Year which brought devotees across the region to seek the blessings of Maa Kali. The festivity was marked by deep spiritual fervor, cultural richness and social responsibility. A special Kali Pooja was organized, filling the air with chants and divine energy as revered monks invited from various Ramakrishna Mission centres led soulful bhajans, Mangal Aarti, Ram Charit Manas Paath and Bhakti Geeti to enrich the spiritual experience for all present. In keeping with the spirit of social cause, Kalibari in collaboration with the PGI Blood Bank organized a blood donation camp which saw enthusiastic participation from the devotees. A total of 48 units blood was collected and donors were felicitated with a token of gesture and certificate from organisers. A general health and eye check-up camp was also conducted for ensuring essential health services to attendees. To honor the cultural roots of the occasion, a traditional Bengali feast was served featuring authentic delicacies that brought a taste of Bengal to Chandigarh. The Kalibari executive body expressed heartfelt gratitude to all devotees for their unwavering support and active participation, especially in the successful Pran Pratistha ceremony held earlier.

Constitution makers are future makers of our India: Vidushi Rai

BARARA(JAIBEER RANA THAMBER) On the occasion of Baba Bhimrao Ambedkar's birth anniversary, Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Yamuna Nagar and a grand programme was organised under the chairmanship of Haryana's Chief Minister Nayab Saini in which the eagerness to get a glimpse of Modi was seen in the crowd gathered from the entire state. Vidushi Rai said that the Prime Minister has fascinated the Haryanavi community with the Haryanvi language. Vidushi Rai said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of a 800



MW capacity unit to be built at a cost of Rs 7272 crore in Yamuna Nagar on April 14. Vidushi Rai said that the installation of this 800 MW capacity plant will increase the power productivity in Haryana and will provide uninterrupted power supply to the people. Vidushi Rai said that today we are celebrating the life and contribution of Dr. BR Ambedkar, who fought for the rights of Dalits and marginalised communities. Today every citizen of the country respects his important role in drafting the Indian Constitution and his lifelong struggle for equality, justice and social reforms.

Sony India announces LinkBuds Fit with Advanced Noise Cancelling

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. Auto Ambient Sound mode intelligently adjusts external sound levels, allowing users to stay aware while enjoying their music. LinkBuds Fit supports High-Resolution Audio Wireless, thanks to LDAC™, the industry-adopted audio coding technology. LDAC transmits approximately three times more data than conventional Bluetooth® audio, allowing to enjoy High-Resolution Audio content in exceptional quality. It has Dynamic Driver X, specially designed for wide frequency reproduction, experience richer vocals and enhanced fine details.

Fortis Healthcare Launches 'Fortis Institute of Genomic Medicine'

Chandigarh: Fortis Healthcare, today launched 'Fortis Institute of Genomic Medicines', a pioneering center dedicated to harnessing the power of genomic science to transform patient care across India. Backed by Fortis' advanced clinical ecosystem and Agilus Diagnostics' extensive national footprint, the institute will bring together a multi-disciplinary team of medical experts including Molecular Hematology, Oncology, Neurology, Pediatrics, Pathology, Genomic scientists alongwith bioinformaticians and AI (artificial intelligence) engineers. Genomics is transforming the future of modern medicine and treatment modalities across specialties – Oncology, Cardiology, Neurology, Onco-genomics will help clinicians decode the genetic drivers of cancer, enabling targeted therapies that are more effective and less toxic than traditional one-size-fits-all treatments. Cardio-genomics will empower the early detection of inherited cardiac conditions, crucial for families with a history of sudden cardiac arrest, unexplained heart failure, or congenital heart disease. Meanwhile, Neuro-genomics will offer new hope for patients with complex neurological disorders, using gene-based insights to improve diagnosis and personalize interventions for conditions like epilepsy, Parkinson's and rare neurodevelopmental syndromes. The power of Genomics, has already delivered life-changing outcomes: a leukemia patient, initially headed for a transplant, received a new course of treatment following a precise genetic diagnosis; a woman with a silent hereditary cancer risk underwent genomic screening.



Uniforms distributes to students of PAU Smart School, emphasises importance of holistic education

Ludhiana(Sharma): In a heartwarming gesture aimed at supporting education and student welfare, Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament Sanjeev Arora visited Government Senior Secondary Smart School, PAU, Ludhiana on Tuesday, where he distributed school uniforms to students. The initiative was part of his ongoing efforts to promote quality education and ensure that students from all backgrounds have access to essential academic resources. Addressing the students during the event, MP Arora emphasised the significance of hard work and the need for a balanced approach to education. He urged the young learners to focus not only on academics but also on extracurricular activities, which he said play a crucial role in shaping an individual's personality, creativity, and confidence. "Education is the most powerful tool that can transform lives," Arora remarked. He said, "Along with gaining knowledge from textbooks, it is equally important to stay curious, participate in co-curricular pursuits, and develop a sense of discipline and respect towards elders." He also took a moment to commend the teachers and school administration for their continued dedication to nurturing the future of the nation. He added, "Schools are not just centers of learning, but foundations for character building." The occasion was graced by several dignitaries including Additional Deputy Commissioner Amarjit Bains, who appreciated the MP's philanthropic gesture, and Dr. Pardeep Kumar, the Principal of the school, who thanked MP Arora for his consistent support towards educational initiatives.



Beggars keep roaming in Bus stand, Passengers Disturbs



Ludhiana(SHARMA)Main Bus stand of city where many problems are often prevalent, now a new problem has arisen here, in which many beggars keep roaming around the passengers from morning to evening and are allegedly harassing the passengers by asking for money. When the bus stand was visited today, it was seen that some children and middle-aged beggars were begging in dozens at different places in the bus stand, who were not even allowing the passengers to wait for the buses properly. The passengers said that if these beggars are not given money, they also misbehave. Some shopkeepers at the bus stand said that the number of beggars in the bus stand has increased more since the police increased their strictness in Bharat Nagar Chowk. The question is why the bus station administration is not initiating step to stop this problem. Whereas the station supervisor's office is often closed, most of the time he use to say that he is holding checking of buses. Now it remains to be seen what steps the general manager takes to stop this problem and save the passengers from inconvenience.

MCM's aspiring media professionals visit Doordarshan Chandigarh



The Postgraduate Department of English at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised an educational field trip to Doordarshan Chandigarh, for the students of Functional English Semester 4. The visit aimed to provide students with first-hand exposure to the functioning of national television broadcasting center, and to bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world media practices. The students got the opportunity to explore various sections of the studio including the news production unit, editing rooms, production control rooms, and the live studio set. The technical team explained the functioning of different equipment and shared insights about the production process, scripting, camera handling and live telecasting. An interesting highlight of the visit was the opportunity to witness the live recording of an educational program on Quantum Physics. The session featured an expert speaker simplifying complex scientific concepts for viewers and showcased how Doordarshan continues to promote informative and accessible content for the general public. This experience gave students a unique perspective on how communication is effectively handled in a studio setting. Additionally, an interactive session with senior producers, news anchors and technical team provided students.

DP World, Delhi capitals inspire young cricketers with 'beyond boundaries' Masterclass in Gurgaon



HARYANA : DP World, a leading global provider of smart end-to-end supply chain solutions, advanced its commitment to grassroots cricket by hosting a masterclass for young cricketers at Conscient Sports Arena, Gurgaon, as part of its global Beyond Boundaries Initiative. The girls and boys, who participated in the masterclass have been beneficiaries of this initiative, belonging to Delhi Capitals' grassroots academies. The masterclass featured Delhi Capitals stars KL Rahul, Abhishek Porel, and Vipraj Nigam, alongside Director of Cricket Venugopal Rao, Head Coach Hemang Badani, and Bowling Coach Munaf Patel. The training session delivered practical insights into technical skills building, developing physical strength and mental discipline — offering the young players a unique opportunity to learn directly from some of cricket's biggest stars and seasoned coaches. Sunil Gupta, Chief Executive Officer, Delhi Capitals said, "This masterclass reinforces Delhi Capitals' and DP World's shared commitment of empowering the next generation of cricketers, be it by providing access to the right equipment and facilities, or training sessions and inspiration from their cricketing idols."

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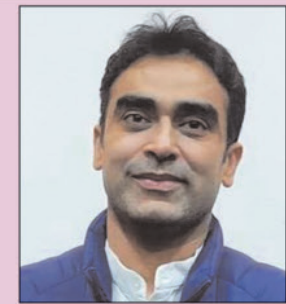
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