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# NASHA MUKTI KENDRAS ARE BEING SET UP IN PUNJAB ON A WAR FOOTING

## Modernisation of Nasha Mukti Kendra



### Sector 66, Mohali, SAS Nagar

— Chief Guest —

**Sh. Arvind Kejriwal**

— Modernisation Facilitator —

**S. Bhagwant Singh Mann**

Chief Minister, Punjab





I Rajesh Kumar Verma S/O. of Shri Krishan Lal Verma, resident of #2201/2, Indra Colony, Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135001 Jagadhri Distt Yamuna Nagar Teh Jagadhri have changed my name from Rajesh Verma to Rajesh Kumar Verma.

I, Jagroop Sigh S/o Balkar Singh R/o Kheri Gulam Ali, Po - Kheri Gulam Ali, Distt. Kaithal (haryana) Have Changed my Name From Jagroop Sigh To Jagroop Singh. Concerned Please Note.

I, Sandeep Singh Sran s/o Bikker Singh, r/o Talwandi Sabo, Distt. Bathinda have changed my name Sandeep Singh.

I, SONIA SHARMA W/o HARBANS LAL R/o MANJIT NAGAR Ward No. 1 LOHIAN KHAS (JALANDHAR) Have changed my name from SONIA SHARMA to SONIA . Please note.

I Gurinder Kumar Nagpal S/o Bansi Lal, R/o House no. 41 ward no 61, Chandigarh road near chungi, imperial home, Bholapur, post office sahibana distt ludhiana 141123, have changed my name from Gurinder Kumar Nagpal to Gurinder Nagpal.

I Ashok Kumar S/o Jeetu Ram R/o Bhagta Bhai (BTI) Have Changed My Name As Ashok Kumar Goyal

I, Jora Singh Army No. 16018058H, Rank L/Havaldar Residency at Village Kasan, Tehsil & District Kaithal declare that in my service record my mother name Rampati Devi, DOB 19.03.1952 has wrongly been recorded, but my mother correct name is Ramrati & DOB is 01.01.1947. vide affidavit date 30.04.2025.

I Soniya Devi W/o Ramlesh Kumar R/o village Nigdhu, Tehsil Nilokheri, District Karnal declare that I have changed my name from Sonia to Soniya Devi. In future I should be known and identified by the name of Soniya Devi.

I No JC777938A Sub Kamlesh Kumar Verma Unit 7011 EME BN C/o 56 APO My name wrongly entered as Kamalesh Kumar Verma in my service record. My Correct name is Kamlesh Kumar Verma

I, Malkit Singh Saroya son of Santokh Singh R/o #46, S.S. City, Near Sidhu Restaurant, Near Water Tank, Chandigarh Road, Shamsher Nagar, Sirhind, Tehsil and District Fatehgarh Sahib declare That my wife has changed her name from Swaranjit Kaur to Swaranjit Kaur Saroya

I Kuldeep Singh S/o Sher Singh R/o Bhagtpura Maur (maur Nabha) Tehsil Tapa District Barnala Now I Have Changed My Name From Kuldeep Singh To Kuldeep Singh Maan.

I, Anita Jyani W/o Sukhvinder Singh R/o 874/11 , Gobind Nagar , Kaithal (haryana) Have Changed My Name From Anita Jyani To Anita. Concerned Please Note.

I, Rupinder Kaur chanalia D/o Kartar Singh House no #23777 street no.5 Harbans Nagar Bathinda. I have changed my name from Rupinder Kaur Chanalia to Rupinder Kaur

I, Harmanjit Singh S/o Baljinder Singh, Village Jodhe, Tehsil Baba Bakala (Amritsar) declare that My Mother's name Mentiond on my Passport as Ranjit Kaur, which is wrong, So Her Correct Name is RanJEET KAUR. Concerned Note.

I, Mandeep Singh S/o Gian Singh,R/o H. No. 49/219, New Hardyal Nagar, Shekhe Pind, Tehsil & District Jalandhar have changed my daughter's name from Harshita to Harshita Kaur.

I Gurpreet Singh Sidhu s/o Lakhbir Singh R/o Vill. Ali Chak PO Basti Guzan, Jalandhar, certified that both names Gurpreet Singh Sidhu as well as Gurpreet Singh belongs to one and same person. All concerned please note.

I, Sarabjit Kaur W/o Gurdial Singh R/o. Ghasitpur, Ghasitpura, PO: Kang Distt TarnTaran Punjab have Changed my name Sarbjit Kaur

I, GENDEN SINGH S/O JAWAHAR SINGH R/o Amarheri Road, Near Raja Kothi, Jind, Haryana-126102, have changed my name to GAINDAN SINGH.

I, Jasbir Sngh S/o Buta Singh Vpo Sabhra Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name From Jasbir Sngh to Jasbir Singh plnoteit.

I Satis Kumar S/o Des Raj R/o Ward No. 3, school wali gali, Raja Sansi, Amritsar Punjab, have changed my name from Satis Kumar to Satish Kumar.

I, Prashant Giri Goswami S/O Kishan Pal Giri, R/o Flat No 304, Gh-19, Near Park, Sector 20, Panchkula, Haryana-134116, I have changed the name of my minor daughter Aaradhya Goswami aged about 15 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Karnika Goswami.

I, Riya, D/O Rajiv Ranjan Chourasia, R/o 3789, Gali No 9. Behind B S Modern Shiv Colony, Karnal, Haryana-132001. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Riya Ranjan.

I, Balbir Singh Sekhon S/O Arjan Singh, R/o House No 28, Shant Park, Rajguru Nagar, Ludhiana, Rajjguru Nagar, Punjab- 141012, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Balbir Singh.

I, Rajesh Sharma S/o Ved Mittar R/o S-6/454 near CR Market Ramsharnam Colony Tehsil and Distt: Pathankot (Pb.) have Changed my name Rajesh Kumar to Rajesh Sharma. Rajesh Sharma & Rajesh Kumar is one & the same person.

I Ajwinder Kaur W/O Balvir Singh R/O Vpo Jalalpur, Tehsil And Distt Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name To Kaur Ajwinder. Kaur Is My Surname.

I Reena Rani W/O Amar Nath R/O Vill Chanthu Brahmana Po Kalewal Bhagtan, Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt Hoshiarpur. I Have Changed My Name To Rani Reena. Rani Is My Surname.

I Reena Rani W/O Amar Nath R/O Vill Chanthu Brahmana Po Kalewal Bhagtan, Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt Hoshiarpur. I Have Changed my name to Reena Rani W/O Amar Nath R/O Vill Chanthu Brahmana Po Kalewal Bhagtan, Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt Hoshiarpur. I Have Changed my name to Sarbjiet Kaur.

I, Ganesh S/o Balram R/o Vpo Aur Teh-Aur Distt SBS Nagar have changed my name from Ganesh to Ganesh Hirkihar.

I Sarbjiet Kaur Gill W/o Inderjit Singh VPO Chuhar chak Teh. & Distt. Moga-142053 Punjab have changed my name to Sarbjiet Kaur.

I Samridhi Chawla D/o Ravi Chawla R/O 659, opposite BDA office, Phase 1, Model town, Bathinda have changed my name from Samridhi Chawla to Samridhi.

I Sukhan Noor Singh Brar S/o Angrej Singh R/o Village Gill Patti District Bathinda have changed my name to Sukhannoor Singh.

I, Devinder Kaur W/o Surjeet Singh Matta R/o #98 W.No. 8 Morinda Rupnagar (Punjab) 140101 have changed my name to Devinder Kaur Matta.

I, Rup Singh S/o Charan Singh, House number 286-E, village Satiye wala, S.b.s Engg College Ferozepur, I have changed my name from Rup Singh to Roop Singh.

I Priya D/O Gurmali Ram W/O Gobind Dadra R/O Vpo Aujla Dhak ,Distt Jalandhar Have Changed My Name Priya To PriyaPriya.

I Meena W/O Harvinder Kumar R/O Vpo Saloh , Teh. Nawanshahr, Distt S.B.S Nagar 144514 Punjab . Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Meenu Sandhra.

I, Sudha Chanana W/o Prem Kumar Chanana R/o #83 Sarv Mangal Housing Society Ph-2 Lohgarh Road Zirakpur Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name from Sudha Rani to Sudha Chanana.

I, Kamlesh Kumar S/o Prem Kumar R/O B-28/301 Imperial Apartment Opp Sushma Capital Dhakoli Zirakpur Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name from Kamlesh to Kamlesh Kumar.

I, Jiwani Lata W/o Surinder Pal Shram R/o # B-603 Green Lotus Saksham Patiala Road Near Nabha Sahib Zirakpur Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name from Jiwani Lata Sharma to Jiwani Lata.

I, Sonam Thukral W/o Raj Kumar R/o 1821 B-VIII-836 St.No. 4 Moti Bagh Near Kalyani Hospital Jagraon (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Sonam Arora.

I Pargat Singh Jassal S/o Surinder Singh R/o Manawan (Moga) have Changed My Name To Pargat Singh.

I Mohd Nadeem S/o Noor Mohammad R/o Al Fahal Colony, Malerkotla Tehsil & District Malerkotla have Changed my Name Mohd Nadeem to Mohammad Nadeem.

I Pubinder Kaur W/o Kashmir Singh R/o Village: Burewal , Tehsil: Sultanpur Lodhi, Distt: Kapurthala have changed my name from Pubinder Kaur to Bhupinderjit Kaur.

I, Dinesh Singh Rana S/o Rajinder Singh R/o Vill.Dallewal, P.O. Binewal, Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab India, I have change my minor daughter,s name from Navi to Navi Rana.

I, Harjeet Kaur Bhullar W/o Gurpreet Singh Sidhu R/o H.No. 81 W.No. 11 Ram Bilas Basti Bhuchandi Mandi (Bathinda) have changed my name to Harjeet Kaur.

I Swarn Kaur W/o Rajinder Singh R/o #167, Near Bhartiya Model School (Branch) Mehraj Basti Rampura Phul Distt Bathinda have changed my name to Swarn Pawar.

I, Balwant Singh Hans S/o Subeg Singh R/o Vill; Bagge Teh-Dharamkot (Moga) have changed my name to Balwant Singh.

I, Gurmail Singh S/O Kartar Singh ,Chahlan Patti ,Ward No 12 Bhawanigarh Have Changed My Name Gurmeli Singh To Gurmali Singh.

I, Rajiv Kumar Singhasia S/o Ashok Kumar R/o W.No.14 Maur Mandi have changed my name from Rajiv Kumar Singhasia to Rajiv Kumar.

I, Gurinder Singh S/O Kuldeep Singh R/O Village Dhamot kalan, Tehsil Payal, Distt- Ludhiana have changed my name to Gurinder Gill.

I, Sheela Rani W/o Krishan Kumar R/o Dhurkot Ranshi (Moga) Changed Name Harjinder Kaur.

I, Paramjit Kaur Brar W/o Babek Singh Brar R/o Gulabe Singhwala (Moga) Changed Name Paramjit Kaur.

I, Anil Jaggi S/o Siri Ram R/o H.No.219 Street No.6 Bachan Singh Nagar Baloki Road Ludhiana, I, Anil Kumar & Anil Jaggi Bothnames Are mine And same Person.

I, Baljit Kumar S/o Dham Pal R/o Vpo. Mau Sahib Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar my given name is Baljit and my surname is Kumar.

I, Amarjot Kumari D/o Santokh Chand R/o Vill: Jajja Kalan Po. Bir Bansian Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar my given name is Amarjot and my surname is Kumari.

I, Rajinder Kaur Bawa W/o Randeep Dass Bawa R/o H.No. 155 W.No. 21 New Vishhkarma Nagar Bye Pass Moga Distt. Moga have changed my name to Rajinder Kaur.

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I Vinod Kumar Moodi S/O Balvir Chand Modi Amargarh Distt Malerkotla Have Change My Name To Vinod Modi.

I, Kulwinder Pal S/o Sh. Mohinder Lal, R/o Old Phagwara Road, Paragpur, Jalandhar, Punjab, declare that I have changed my daughter's name from Sudiksha to Sudiksha Chauhan.

I, Amita Rajiv Solanki D/o Rajesh Panghania W/o Rajiv Solanki R/o Flat No. C-602 Hamilton Mayfair Residency, 66 Feet Road, Near Jalandhar Heights-II, P.O. Garha, Jalandhar, Punjab changed my name to Amita Solanki.

I, Parmjeet Kaur Bansal W/o Gurmeet Singh R/o Flat No 890 Ground Floor Gillco Palm Gillco Valley Sector-115 Kharar Po. Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name to Parmjeet Kaur Bhogal after marriage.

I, Tarsem Singh S/O Ram Chand R/O Vpo Ladhana Jhikka Teh Banga Distt Sbs Nagar Declares That In My Name Tarsem Is My Real Name And Singh Is My Surname.

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I, Sourav Verma S/o Kewal Krishan R/o H.No. 209 St.No. 10 Preet Nagar New Shimlapuri Ludhiana have changed my name to Saurav Verma.

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I sofia w/o Jacob Bahlim R/o 171 Kucha Gopal Dass Mission Road,Pathankot have changed my name from Sofia to Sofia Jacob Bahlim and kindly give me Bahlim as Surname.

I Avtar Singh S/O Bhagwan Singh Village Saharan Majra Teh-Payal Ludhiana Have Changed My Name Tara Singh.

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I, Tarsem Singh S/O Ram Chand R/O Vpo Ladhana Jhikka Teh Banga Distt Sbs Nagar Declares That In My Name Tarsem Is My Real Name And Singh Is My Surname.

I, Gorinder Kaur W/o Sukhjeet Singh Doal R/o Vpo. Turna Teh-Shahkot Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Goinder Kaur Doal.

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I Vinod Kumar Moodi S/O Balvir Chand Modi Amargarh Distt Malerkotla Have Change My Name To Vinod Modi.



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## NEWS BRIEFS

## Char Dham Yatra begins

**DEHRADUN:** The Char Dham Yatra began on Wednesday with the opening of the portals of Gangotri and Yamunotri temples in Garhwal Himalayas for devotees on the occasion of Akshay Tritiya.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami visited both temples on the opening day and performed a puja praying for the well-being and prosperity of all. "We wait for this day throughout the year and it has finally arrived. Char Dham Yatra is like a grand festival for us. Security of pilgrims is our priority," he told reporters in Yamunotri soon after offering prayers.

## Bangladesh HC grants bail to Chinmoy Krishna

**DHAKA:** Bangladesh High Court on Wednesday granted bail to spiritual leader Chinmoy Krishna Das in a sedition case, according to Bangladesh-based The Daily Star. The order was passed by a bench of Justice Md Atoar Rahman and Justice Md Ali Reza. Chinmoy Krishna Das, spokesperson of the Bangladesh Sammiti Sanatani Jagran Jote and a former ISKCON leader, was arrested at Dhaka airport on November 25 last year. He has been accused of insulting the national flag of Bangladesh and is facing sedition charges.

## Common Eligibility Test likely in May-end

**CHANDIGARH:** Haryana Staff Selection Commission (HSSC) Chairman Sh. Himmat Singh today informed that the Common Eligibility Test (CET) in Haryana is proposed to be held in the last week of May. He informed that a large number of candidates are likely to appear in this examination to be conducted for Group-C and Group-D posts. Keeping this in mind, arrangements are being made on a large scale to ensure fairness and transparency of the examination.

## Gold stays out of reach as prices soar

**NEW DELHI:** This Akshaya Tritiya, an auspicious day in the Hindu calendar considered apt for buying gold, the demand for the precious metal remained relatively weak, with analysts and jewellers attributing it to its high prices. Publicly available data showed that international gold prices rose at an unprecedented pace in 2025, soaring over 20 per cent. Over the past year, they have risen about 40 per cent. Analysts say that buyers are staying away from purchasing gold jewellery or investing in the metal, owing to an unexpected rise in prices this Akshaya Tritiya.

## Five members of Jiwan Fauji-led BKI module held with grenade, pistol

CHARANJIT ARORA  
AMRITSAR, APRIL 30

Amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Amritsar Commissionerate Police has successfully thwarted a potential grenade attack on a police establishment with the arrest of five members of a Pak-ISI backed Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) terror module linked to foreign-based gangster Jiwan Fauji, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Wednesday.

Those arrested have been identified



as Naresh Kumar alias Babbu of Hari-pura, Abhinav Bhagat alias Abhi, Ajay Kumar alias Aju and Sunny Kumar, all residents of Haripura in Amritsar and a 17-years-old juvenile. Police teams have also recovered one hand grenade and one country-made .32 pistol along with five live cartridges.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that gangster Jiwan Fauji, currently operating from abroad, has been running a terror module in border districts of the state with the help of the arrested accused persons, who were recruited and radicalised to execute criminal activities. Probe has also revealed that the arrested persons were provided with motorcycles and tasked with retrieving weapon consignments from the Ajnala sector, he added. The DGP said that the arrested accused were actively plotting to target police establishments with grenades. Further investigations are on to establish forward and backward linkages in this case, he said.

## Caste census to be part of next population count

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 30

In a significant decision, the government on Wednesday decided that caste enumeration will be included in the forthcoming census.

Briefing the media about the decisions taken by the Union Cabinet, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that some states have done caste surveys and conducting a census is in the domain of the central government.

He said Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs (CCPA) has decided today that caste enumeration should be included in the forthcoming census.

Vaishnaw alleged that Congress governments "have always opposed caste census".

"Caste was not included in all the census operations conducted since independence. In 2010, the then Prime Minister Manmohan Singhji had assured the Lok Sabha that the matter of caste census would be considered in the cabinet. A group of ministers was formed to consider this subject. Most political parties recommended a caste census. Despite this, the Congress government decided to conduct only a survey of caste instead of a census. That survey is known as SECC," Vaishnaw said.

"It is well understood that Congress and its INDI alliance partners have only used the caste census as a political tool. As per Article 246 of the Constitution of India, the subject census is listed at 69 in the Union list in the 7th schedule. According to the Constitution of India, census is a



## Centre forms High-Level Committee for disaster management oversight

**NEW DELHI:** The Central government on Wednesday constituted a High-Level Committee under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister Amit Shah and three others as its members to oversee matters related to the Disaster Management Act, 2005. The committee includes Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shwraj Singh Chouhan, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, and National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Bery as its members. The committee has been constituted exercising the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 8B of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 (53 of 2005), a Ministry of Home Affairs notification mentions.

Union subject. Some states have conducted surveys to enumerate caste. Some states have done this well, while some others have conducted such surveys purely from a political angle in a non-transparent way. Considering all these facts and to ensure that a social fabric is not disturbed by politics, caste enumeration should be transparently included in the census instead of surveys," he added. Vaishnaw said this will strengthen the social and economic structure of the society while the nation continues to progress. "Under the leadership of PM Modi, the Cabinet Committee of Political Affairs has decided today that Caste enumeration should be included in the forthcoming census. This demonstrates that the government is committed to the values and interests of the society and the country," he said. The minister said that the Modi government had earlier introduced ten per cent reservation for the Economically Weaker Sections without causing any stress on any section of the society.

## Former RAW chief to head National Security Advisory Board

UNI  
NEW DELHI, APR 30

The government on Wednesday reconstituted the National Security Advisory Board and appointed former Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) chief Alok Joshi as its new chairman.

The revamped seven-member board includes several high-ranking military, Naval, Air Force officials, besides top Indian Police Service officials as its members.

This decision was taken at a high-level meeting convened by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss the escalation of tensions between India and Pakistan and security situation in the country.

The reconstitution of the board is to strengthen security system as the board plays a critical role in providing long-term strategic analysis and policy recommendation to the government on national security and foreign affairs matters.

The new members of the board are Air Marshal PM Sinha, Lt General AK Singh, Rear Admiral Monty Khanna, and two former Indian Police Service officers - Rajiv Ranjan Verma and Manmohan Singh. Moreover, B Venkatesh Varma, who served in the Indian Foreign Service, has also been appointed as the member of the seven-member board.

## ACB registers FIR against Sisodia, Jain in alleged School construction Scam

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 30

Anti-Corruption Branch, GNCTD has registered a case against Manish Sisodia and Satyendra Jain, the then Ministers of the erstwhile Delhi Govt. of Aam Aadmi Party, regarding allegations of a scam to the tune of Rs. 2,000 crore in the construction of school classrooms/buildings in NCT of Delhi at exorbitant costs.

The complaints from Harish Khurana, Spokesperson, BJP Delhi Pradesh, Kapil Mishra, MLA, and Neelkanth Bakshi, Media Relations Department, BJP, were received regarding corruption in the construction of approximately 12,748 school classrooms at an expenditure of Rs. 2,892 crore. The lump sum cost for constructing one school room, as per the awarded tenders, is approximately Rs. 24.86 lakh per room, whereas such rooms could ordinarily be constructed in Delhi for around Rs. 5 lakh per room.

Further, it is alleged that the project was awarded to 34 contractors, the majority of



whom are allegedly associated with Aam Aadmi Party.

According to Head of Anti-Corruption Bureau Madhur Verma, during verification, it was revealed that in the meetings of the Expenditure Finance Committee for the financial year 2015-16, it was decided that the project would be completed by June 2016 at the sanctioned cost, without any scope for future cost escalations.

However, despite these directions, not a single work was completed within the prescribed period, and significant deviations.

## Pahalgam terror attack: CCS reviews J-K security situation

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, APRIL 30

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is understood to have deliberated on the overall security situation in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday amid speculations about India's possible retaliation to the Pahalgam terror attack in view of its cross border linkages.

The CCS meet was held at the prime minister's Lok Kalyan Marg residence, a day after he held a meeting with the top military brass and accorded operational freedom to the armed forces on the "mode, targets and timing" of India's response to the April 22 attack that killed 26 people.

It was attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, people familiar with the matter said.

## Panic in Pakistani leadership

**NEW DELHI:** Amid the ongoing stand-off between India and Pakistan over the Pahalgam attack in Jammu and Kashmir, the Pakistani military, it seems, has started preparing for Indian military action. Sources in the country's military establishment said on Wednesday that Pakistani Navy vessels, including its frigates and submarines, have already positioned themselves in their respective harbours in the sea to be able to tackle any possible Indian movement. Meanwhile, the Pakistan Air Force has reduced flying operations by over 50 per cent, and only essential operations are being conducted to avoid confusion in the airspace, sources said. Earlier, faced with mounting global pressure, a jittery Pakistan leadership resorted to accusations against India following the deadly Pahalgam incident that killed 26 people. The Federal Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Attaullah Tarar, had issued a statement claiming that Pakistan has "credible intelligence" suggesting India plans to launch military action against the nation within the next 24-36 hours.

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NEWS BRIEF

Lord Shri Parshuram Jayanti celebrated with devotion at Morinda



**SANJEEV TEJPAL MORINDA:** The birth anniversary of Lord Shri Parshuram Ji was celebrated with great devotion and enthusiasm at the Sanatan Dharma Temple, Morinda, under the auspices of Shri Brahmin Sabha Morinda. A large number of devotees participated in the religious event and paid their respects to Lord Parshuram. On this auspicious occasion, the temple committee adorned the idols with new clothes. Devotional groups performed bhajans and kirtans in praise of Lord Shri Parshuram, followed by aarti, creating a spiritually uplifting atmosphere. MLA Dr. Charanjit Singh joined the celebrations and paid obeisance at the temple. While addressing the gathering, he congratulated everyone on the occasion of Shri Parshuram Jayanti and encouraged people to walk on the path shown by Lord Parshuram. Dr. Singh also extended financial support to the temple committee for future religious and community initiatives.

Labor Day celebrated in Punjab Public School Mana Pindi



**BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA DEHATI:** Labor Day was celebrated in Punjab Public School Mana Pindi. Keeping Labor Day in mind, students presented speeches and poems in the school. All the students presented their views on Labor Day. They openly gave speeches in favor of the laborers and shed light on the rights of the laborers. They described the condition of the laboring class facing today's inflation. They honored the drivers, conductors and supporting staff of the school by giving them badges. Finally, the Principal Madam while addressing said that we should respect people from every class and every profession. She said that in our society, people from every class have their own importance. We should respect everyone with full dignity.

AAP appoints Bikramjit Singh Thind as Jagraon Assembly Constituency Coordinator

**SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON:** Punjab AAP President Aman Arora and State Working President Aman Sher Singh Sheri Kalsi officially appointed Bikramjit Singh Thind as the Coordinator for the Jagraon Assembly Constituency.



It is worth mentioning that over the past two months, as part of the Operation "Yudh Nashayen Virudh" launched by the Punjab Government, a large number of drug traffickers have been arrested, and significant quantities of drugs have been seized. Additionally, properties and buildings constructed by drug dealers over the years using illicit earnings have been demolished in accordance with government policies.

Licenses of 5 IELTS centers cancelled: DM



**ANIL VERMA BATHINDA:** District Magistrate Mr. Shawkat Ahmad parry has cancelled the licenses of five IELTS centers under the Punjab Prevention of Human Trafficking Act 2012 and the Punjab Prevention of Human Trafficking Rules 2013 (amended and renamed as Travel Professional Regulation). As per the issued orders, the consultancy and IELTS license (License No. 370/MA2/MC6 dated 11-01-2024, valid until 10-01-2029) issued in the name of M/s Visa Empire, Gali No. 18, Ajit Road, Bathinda, owned by Mr. Naveen Jindal, son of Mr. Rajinder Pal, resident of House No. 131, Ward No. 1, backside Gurdwara Singh Sabha, Preet Nurse Wali Gali, Bhuchio Mandi, District Bathinda, has been cancelled. Similarly, M/s Woods IELTS, Khewat No. 926, Patti Jai Singh, Tehsil Talwandi Sabo, Bathinda, owned by Mr. Amanpreet Singh, son of Mr. Karam Singh, resident of Guro Gobind Singh Nagar, Gali No. 10/26, Ward No. 4, District Bathinda, had been issued IELTS license No. 338/MA2/MC6 dated 01-10-2023, valid until 28-12-2028, which has now been cancelled. As per the orders, M/s Altus Overseas Education, Bibi Wala Road, near ICICI Bank, Bathinda, owned by Mr. Jagdeep Singh Brar, son of Mr. Thakkar Singh Brar, resident of House No. 22539, Gali No. 18, Bhagat Road, Bathinda, and Mrs. Seema Sachdeva, wife of Mr. Love Sachdeva, resident of 377, Model Town Phase-1, Bathinda, had been issued consultancy license No. 136/CEA/CC3 dated 28-12-2020, valid until 27-12-2025, which has been cancelled.

# CM Mann issues zero-tolerance warning on drug rehab lapses

SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, APR 30

In its ongoing crusade against the menace of drugs, the Punjab government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann is now focusing on drug de-addiction and rehabilitation of the victims for which a threefold increase has been made in de-addiction beds from 1500 to 5000.

Divulging the details, a spokesperson of the Chief Minister's Office said that the state government has focused on cutting the supply line of drugs by nabbing the drug peddlers and putting them behind the bars. As the state government has tightened the noose around drug smugglers the supply line of drugs has snapped which has resulted in more number of victims approaching the drug de-addiction and rehabilitation centers. Therefore a network of drug de-addiction and rehabilitation centers have been



set up to detoxify the drug addicts and enable them to live a life of dignity and pride. In light of the ongoing "war against drugs" campaign of the Government of Punjab, the capacity of existing de-addiction and rehabilitation centres has been significantly enhanced. Several new centres have been estab-

lished and the quality of service and overall environment in existing centres has been substantially improved, including the provisioning of air conditioning. The number of beds in government managed de-addiction and rehabilitation has been increased from 1,500 to 5,000. Similarly, OOAT centres

have been upgraded, and adequate availability of essential medicines has been ensured. New OOAT centres have also been established where necessary, taking the total number of OOAT centres from 529 to 565. In the next few days, the Punjab Police will further intensify its operation targeting drug-related activities as a result of which, a large number of victims are likely to approach OAT centres and de-addiction centres.

Thus, Bhagwant Singh Mann has directed the Deputy Commissioners to personally ensure that adequate quantities of medicines, consumables, and beds are available at all OOAT and De-addiction Centres under their jurisdiction. The Chief Minister has also made it clear that quality of services must be maintained at a high standard. He said that lapses observed, if any in this noble cause, shall invite strict disciplinary action.

Govt procurement crosses 100 LMT; Rs. 22,815 crore credited to farmers : Kataruchak



CHANDIGARH, APR 30

The wheat procurement operations are going on at rapid pace in the mandis throughout the state and till now, 114 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) of produce has arrive in the mandis out of which 111 LMT has been procured.

Stating this here today at anaj bhawan while interacting with the media, the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister Mr. Lal Chand Kataruchak further revealed that the procurement by the Government agencies has crossed 100 LMT mark and currently stands at 103 LMT. As regards the payments to the farmers, an amount to the tune of Rs. 22815 Crore has been credited

into the accounts of farmers, said the Minister adding till date 6,28,674 farmers have brought their produce into the mandis. The lifting is also picking up speed and 47.37 Lakh Metric Tonne has been lifted which is 56.6 percent as per the 72 hour norms.

Furthermore, in order to ensure smooth & hassle free procurement, a total of 2885 procurement centres have been established in the state and out of these 1864 are regular while 1021 are the temporary ones. The Minister also disclosed that this time around, the yield has been very high which has led to the bumper crop in Punjab. This would help a great deal in successfully meeting the target of 124 LMT.

Punjab edu revolution program, MLA S. Amolak Singh inaugurates dev works in 2 schools



JS GILL JAITO, APR 30

Under the Punjab Education Revolution Campaign, MLA Jaito S. Amolak Singh today inaugurated the development works done at the Government Primary and Senior Secondary School Rameana of the constituency at a cost of Rs 27.43 lakh.

On this occasion, he said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Punjab S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab government has taken historic steps towards changing the face of government schools. MLA S. Amolak Singh said that the aim of the government is to provide quality education to every child, so

that they can realize their dreams. He said that the government is committed to bringing reforms in the education sector and is making every possible effort in this direction. MLA S. Amolak Singh inaugurated the works of repair, construction of rooms, etc. at Government Primary School Rameana at a cost of Rs. 9.18 lakhs. Similarly, he inaugurated the science lab and other development works of the school at Government Senior Secondary School, Ramayana, at a cost of Rs. 18.25 lakhs. On this occasion, BPEO Sushil Kumar, District Social Media Coordinator Jaswinder Singh, Chairman Prakash Kaur Government Primary School Rameana.

Students of Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University visit Supreme Court and Rashtrapati Bhavan



**FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA):** Forty Law students of Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib recently visited the Supreme Court of India, Rashtrapati Bhavan, the Indian Law Institute, and various government institutes and museums at New Delhi. The tour was organized by the University School of law in order to provide students with practical exposure to India's legal and governmental systems. Head and Dean of the faculty of Law Prof. (Dr.) Amita Kaushal, expressed her delight over the exposure the students gained by observing live court proceedings, gaining a direct understanding of judicial processes.

Many students noted the value of witnessing legal arguments in action, which deepened their professional perspective. She appreciated Dr. Navneet Kaur, In-charge and Mr. Amritpal Singh for coordinating the tour. The students later visited Rashtrapati Bhavan which offered insights into India's constitutional framework, while the Indian Law Institute exposed students to advanced legal research.

Bains unveils Punjab's Pioneering B.Tech industry integrated program

GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, APR 30

In a groundbreaking move aimed at aligning technical education with industry demands by focusing on skill-based experiential learning, Punjab's technical education and industrial training minister, Harjot Singh Bains announced the launch of first-of-its-kind B.Tech. in mechanical engineering (Industry Integrated) program.

While addressing a press conference here at Punjab Bhawan today, Mr Bains informed that a transformative Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University (MRSPUTU), Bathinda and Victoria Technologies Private Limited (VTPL) of Faridabad. It is a first-of-its-kind program across the country, under which from



the very first semester the student will be part of the industry and the industry campus would be considered as a deemed campus of the University.

The MoU was signed today by the Registrar of MRSPUTU, Dr. Gurinder Pal Singh Brar and Victoria Managing Director, Mr. Hardeep Singh Banga. "This is not just an MoU—it's a promise to the youth of Punjab that their education will move beyond theory, integrating real-world applications, cutting-edge technologies, and

After 40 years, canal water returns to Punjab fields : Goyal



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, APR 30

In a landmark achievement for Punjab's agricultural sector, thousands of farmers in the state's Kandi region are now receiving canal water for irrigation after a drought-like wait of nearly four decades.

Addressing longstanding irrigation challenges and revitalizing Punjab's agricultural infrastructure, Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann-led government has invested approximately 2.5 times more funds (over Rs.4557 crore from 2022 to 2025) than the previous Congress government (Rs.2046 crore from 2019 to 2022) in developing irrigation infrastructure for canal water distribution, yielding remarkable outcomes. Punjab Water Resources and Soil and Water



Conservation Minister Barinder Kumar Goyal said that in numerous areas, farmers who had abandoned hope are now receiving canal water after nearly 40 years.

The Cabinet Minister listed the comprehensive rehabilitation of the Kandi Canal network, which has a capacity of 463 cusecs and extends 129.035 kilometers from Talwara to Balachaur. Although construction from Talwara to Hoshiarpur was completed in 1998 and Stage-2 from Hoshiarpur to Balachaur in 2016, the infrastructure had deteriorated substantially, causing persistent leakage and seepage issues that prevented water from reaching its full capacity. He said that the government prioritized this project and invested approximately Rs.238.90 crore in the Kandi

canal network to ensure water reaches tail-end areas. Today, water flows from Talwara to Balachaur-reaching the furthest points after nearly 40 years-benefiting 433 villages across Hoshiarpur and Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar districts and irrigating 125,000 acres across Dasuya, Mukerian, Tanda-Urmar, Sham Churasi, Hoshiarpur, Chabbe-wal, Garhshankar and Balachaur. He said that The concrete lining of Kandi Canal Stage-1 (Talwara to Hoshiarpur) was completed at a cost of Rs.120 crore. To optimize canal performance, the Mann government restored earthen watercourses and rejuvenated 11 distributaries spanning 61 kilometers under Kandi Canal Stage-1, benefiting 203 villages in Hoshiarpur covering 28,500 acres.

Special meeting of agriculture and kisan vikas front block Lehragaga held

GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA LEHRAGAGA, APR 30

An important meeting of Agriculture and Farmers Development Front Block Lehragaga was held at Baba Dhanna Singh Guru Ghar Lehra under the chairmanship of Gurdeep Singh Gaga Block President, in which burning issues related to agriculture were discussed.

Mahinder Singh Khokhar State Committee Member and Gurmial Singh Khai State Treasurer, who arrived in this meeting, strongly condemned the killing of innocent people in Pahalgam and demanded from the government that these killings be investigated impartially and the culprits be given strict punishment.

They appealed to resolve all disputes through dialogue for the welfare of humanity. Speaking about the agricultural crisis, they said that while the agricultural crisis has arisen due to the environmental crisis, the



wrong policies of the governments are also responsible for it. He said that agriculture is the life of the entire universe and is also directly linked to people's employment, which is why agriculture should be given first priority in the development model.

He said that 50% of the state and central government budget should be allocated for this important sector, which is now less than three percent. He said that the entire farming community should be motivated towards organic farming instead of chemical farming and natural farming should be declared essential so that

the entire humanity can get pure food and get rid of serious diseases. During the meeting, they also discussed the problems related to farmers in the area and the farmers were also motivated to do more natural farming.

He also appealed to the members of the Kisan Front to do natural farming in particular.

The issue of the land dispute of senior member of the Kisan Front, Mr. Pal Singh Khai, was also discussed in the meeting. The attack on senior leader of the Kirti Kisan Union, Mr. Nirbhay Singh Khai due to the land dispute was also strongly condemned.

Punjab Mahavir Dal starts free cold water service at railway station



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL, APR 29

Shri Sanatan Dharam Punjab Mahavir Dal Rampura Phul, which has been providing free drinking water to railway passengers during the summer season for a long time, started water service at the local railway station on Sunday.

Earlier, a puja was performed by the members of the organization. The water service was started by the chief servant of Gian Sagar Peer Mandir Charitable

Trust and social worker Jaskaran Bansal (Jassi Baba) by providing cold water to the railway passengers. The organization's president Kewal Krishna Happy said that for the past several decades, the organization has been providing free cold water to railway passengers at the local railway station every year during the summer season. The tanks installed on the hand carts run by the organization are filled with cold water and delivered to the passengers sitting in the train.

Driver returns valuable mobile phone to passenger after finding it in bus

SURINDER DAMDAMI KOTKAPURA, APR 30

In today's era of Kali Yuga, when people become dishonest even on the smallest thing, the driver of a private bus company, setting a living example of honesty, returned the valuable mobile phone of a passenger left in the bus.

According to the information received, Manjit Kaur and her son Karandeep Singh boarded Deep Bus Service Gidderbaha, whose registration number was PB 04 AC 5178, from Kotkapura to go to Sri Amritsar Sahib. After reaching Sri Amritsar Sahib, Manjit Kaur forgot her Samsung company mobile phone on the seat. As per his routine, when at the Sri Amritsar Sahib bus was empty, the bus driver Harmel Singh alias



Sona, a resident of Jhoti Wala, went around the entire bus to see if anyone had any belongings left, during which he found a mobile phone lying on the seat.

He could not make the call because his mobile was locked, but after some time when the concerned passenger Manjit Kaur called that number, the driver Harmel Singh alias Sona said that I

am the driver of Deep Bus Service and your mobile is safe with me. Come and take it whenever you want. Manjit Kaur and her son Karandeep Singh reached the bus stand and met the driver and got their lost mobile. Seeing this act of honesty, they thanked the driver Harmel Singh alias Sona and the conductor sincerely. On this occasion, Manjit Kaur said that she has been going to Sri Amritsar Sahib on Deep Bus Service for the last 20 years.

Although for some time now, the Punjab government has been providing free travel facility to women through government buses and Aadhaar card, but she always prefers private buses. She believes that today I traveled by private bus only and that is why I got my mobile back.

Amandeep hospital Pathankot organizes free medical check-up camp

SHARANJEET PATHANKOT, APR 30

Amandeep Hospital Pathankot organized a free medical check-up camp under the supervision of Faculty Director Vijay Thapa and chaired by Vijay Passi, President of Vidya Education Society. In which Dr. Mahinder Pal, Dr. Navjot Singh, Dr. Rashi Sami, Dr. Sahil Rometra, Dr. Rakesh Bhatt, Dr. Abhishek Mahajan, Dr. Imran Malik and Dr. Vikar Hussain Qazi Sir examined the patients present in the camp and also distributed free medicines to them.

On this occasion, Society President Vijay Passi said that the camp has been organized with the aim of providing health services to the needy patients in collaboration with

Amandeep Hospital and he thanked Vijay Thapa and the group of doctors and staff of the hospital who have provided health services to the pa-



tients. On this occasion, Vijay Thapa said that the hospital organizes such camps from time to time to provide free health services to the needy patients and he is grateful for the contribution made by the society. On this occasion Narinder Gupta, RK Khanna, Yogesh, Rahul etc.

DC releases biography of saint Baba Ramgir



**DABWALI (SUMER GARG) :** A deputation of the International Vaish Federation (IVF), Punjab and the Gyan Sthal Temple Service Society (GSTSS) under the leadership of Surinder Singla met Mr. Himanshu Jain, IAS, Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Ludhiana. While giving this information, the General Secretary of IVF, Harkesh Mittal said that the deputatoinists firstly greeted Mr. Jain by presenting him a bouquet than he was presented with a statue of Lord Ganesh Ji Maharaj.

After giving detailed information to the Deputy Commissioner regarding the life saga written on the life of the great ascetic saint Baba Ramgir Ji Maharaj village Panniwala Ruldu, the great ascetic saint of the Sun God, Mr Surinder Singla and the chief industrialist, Labh Singh Jag Ramatirtha, were presented copies of life saga by Surinder Singla and chief industrialist, Labh Singh Jag Ramatirtha. The Deputy Commissioner was also invited by the representatives of the GSTSS to attend the 333rd monthly widow ration distribution ceremony on 11 May.



**AGENCY**  
**SHIMLA:** The state government has proposed a revised power tariff for households in Himachal Pradesh consuming over 300 units of domestic power connection. In a new notification, the Electricity Regulatory Commission introduced a four-slab revised tariff structure for domestic consumers, effective immediately. The new system maintains benefits for low-usage households while implementing higher rates for heavy consumers, as

reflected in the latest tariff notification. Under the revised structure, consumers using up to 60 units per month will be charged Rs 4.72 per unit, while those consuming up to 125 units would pay Rs 5.45 per unit. However, the first 125 units remain free for eligible households as part of the state's ongoing subsidy scheme. A significant change affects consumers exceeding 300 units monthly, who will now pay the full unsubsidised rate of Rs 5.90 per unit.

NEWS BRIEF

**Rotaract Club of HPNLU conducts enlightening educational visit to Model Central Jail, Kanda**



**AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY**  
**BILASPUR:** The Rotaract Club of Himachal Pradesh National Law University (HPNLU), Shimla, under the leadership of Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Priti Saxena, organized an impactful educational visit to the Model Central Jail, Kanda, Shimla. The initiative aimed to offer students firsthand insight into the Indian prison system and deepen their understanding of prison administration, correctional practices, and rehabilitation efforts. During the visit, students witnessed the prison's daily operations, security measures, vocational programs, and skill development initiatives designed for inmate reformation. Jail authorities provided detailed briefings on modern correctional strategies, highlighting educational programs, psychological counselling, and employment-oriented training for prisoners' reintegration into society. An interactive session between the prison officials and students further enriched the experience, covering critical aspects of prison law, inmate rights, infrastructural challenges, and the evolving role of correctional institutions within the broader justice system.

**After decades, no road to Kinnaur gateway panchayat**

**AGENCY**  
**KINNAUR:** After 75 years of independence, not a single inch of motorable road has been constructed in the Choura panchayat, located at the gateway to Himachal Pradesh's tribal district of Kinnaur. Ironically, the historic Hindustan-Tibet Road, built during the British rule, is now under threat of destruction as pipelines are being laid and water chambers constructed along its route. Locals lament that while post-independence governments failed to provide road connectivity, what the British had built is also being snatched away. Villages such as Katoor, Shilani, Choura, Upper Choura, Saudaar, Monyat, and Kaipri within the Choura Panchayat had once hoped to benefit from their strategic location.

Apple Man Hariman Sharma receives hero's welcome in Ghumarwin after Padma Shri Honour

**AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY**  
**BILASPUR, APR 30**

Renowned progressive farmer Hariman Sharma, fondly known as the "Apple Man" of Himachal Pradesh, was given a grand and heartfelt welcome upon his return to Ghumarwin in Bilaspur after being conferred with the prestigious Padma Sri by President Droupadi Murmu. On this special occasion, Career Point University honored Hariman Sharma for his groundbreaking agricultural innovations. The felicitation ceremony was graced by Vice Chancellor Dr. Sanjeev Sharma, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Dr. P.L. Gautam, and other university dignitaries including Registrar Gulshan Sandhu. Recounting his inspiring journey, Sharma shared that the devastating

HPTDC records over Rs. 100 crore profit for first time: CM Sukhu

**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA, APR 30**

Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (HPTDC) has recorded a historic profit exceeding Rs. 100 crore for the first time, a milestone attributed to the earnest efforts made by the present State Government. This was stated by Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu while presiding over a meeting of the HPTDC and Tourism department, here today. He said that HPTDC has achieved the annual turnover from Rs. 78 crore during the previous BJP Government regime to Rs. 107 crore under the present State Government despite facing the challenges posed by natural disasters in the State. This has been achieved due to effective management of the HPTDC hotels and restaurants, alongwith regular maintenance and optimal



utilization of the properties. The Chief Minister said that due to the profits earned by the HPTDC, the Corporation has been able to clear Rs. 41 crore benefits of the pensioners during the last two and half years whereas the previous BJP Government disbursed only Rs. 26 crore during its five years. He directed the officers to further improve service across the HPTDC properties and explore the possibilities of leasing out vacant properties of HPTDC on operation and maintenance

basis to private players. He also lauded the purchase agreement between HPTDC and Food and Civil Supplies Corporation for the supply of materials to HPTDC hotels including ration, groceries and other essential items. Shri Sukhu also reviewed the various developmental projects of the tourism department and directed to expedite these projects to yield maximum revenue to the State and enhance infrastructure to the tourists visiting the State. He said that the State Government is

investing Rs. 2415 crore to develop better infrastructure, wayside amenities and promote other adventure sports activities to attract tourists in the State. He instructed the Tourism department to provide food vans to the local people and commence Hop-on, Hop-off luxury bus rides on local tourism routes in the State. The Chief Minister also asked the department to complete the construction work of Shivdham in Mandi district at the earliest and beautification works in Renuka lake area to make these more bewitching to the tourists. He also instructed the officers for the swift operationalization of the heliports to improve air connectivity to various hill stations of the State. Shri Sukhu also reviewed expansion projects of Kangra, Shimla and Bhuntar airports to provide better air connectivity to the tourists boosting tourism activities in the State.

Modi government takes firm action against anti-nationals: Dr. Rajeev Bindal slams Congress over 'Pro-Pakistan' stand

**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA, APR 30**

In a scathing attack, BJP Himachal Pradesh President Dr. Rajeev Bindal accused Congress leaders of siding with Pakistan, stating that their discomfort with the Modi government's tough stance following the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam exposes their "pro-Pakistan mindset." Dr. Bindal said that the bold steps taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, including the review of the Indus Water Treaty, the severing of diplomatic ties with Pakistan, and the move to expel illegal Pakistani nationals residing in India, are in alignment with the sentiments of the Indian public and have been widely welcomed. "Ever since the government began acting against illegally residing Pakistani citizens, Congress leaders are behaving as though one of their own family members is being sent back," Bindal quipped. He criticized Congress for remaining silent during the martyrdom of Indian soldiers but raising concerns under



the guise of humanity when action is taken against Pakistan. The BJP leader alleged that the Congress party has long echoed Pakistan's narrative and has failed to prioritize national interest, especially when it comes to water rights. "Congress shows no concern when citizens of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, or Gujarat face water scarcity. Yet, when talks begin on stopping water flow to Pakistan, they suddenly become restless," he said. Dr. Bindal also raised serious concerns about internal security in Himachal Pradesh, claiming that several illegal Pakistani, Bangladeshi, and Rohingya immigrants are residing in the state under false identities.

Kangad turns into hub of sports and culture on final day of Haroli Utsav

**KISHORI LAL BAINS**  
**UNA, APR 30**

On the concluding day of the State-level Haroli Utsav, Kangad ground buzzed with vibrant sports and cultural activities, drawing enthusiastic participation from the public. The festivities saw a mix of competitions and performances that celebrated community spirit, with Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri encouraging participants by attending several events in person. A series of awareness-driven events were organized by government departments, educational institutions, women's groups, and social organizations. Highlights included a dog show, cultural performances by schoolchildren, tug of war, group dances, theatrical plays, painting contests, debates, and



sports competitions exclusively for women. In the men's tug of war, the Badehra team clinched victory while the Electricity Department's team finished as runner-up. Deputy Chief Minister Agnihotri felicitated all the winners with prizes and certificates. The standout attraction of the day was the dog show, conducted by the Animal Husbandry Department. Over 50 pet lovers showcased their dogs of various breeds. The canines were judged on their skills and health standards by veterinary

experts Dr. Manoj Sharma (Veterinary Polyclinic, Laldi), Dr. Amit Sharma (Mazara Animal Hospital), and Dr. Neha Chauhan (Veterinary Polyclinic, Laldi). In the large breed category, Manjinder Singh's Bully dog "Major" secured first place, followed by Gagan Jaswal's Gaddi breed "Sara," and Balkar Singh's Bully pair "Jooria." Among medium breeds, Lakshya's Siberian Husky "Sky" stood first, Amanpreet's "Charlie" came second, and Rajat's Bulldog "Bolo" placed third.

'People of India and Himachal stand firmly with PM Modi'

**DINESH AGARWAL**

**SHIMLA:** Former Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur strongly condemned the statements made by Congress leaders amid the national security crisis following the Pahalgam terror attack. Addressing a press conference at Ashiana in Shimla, Thakur said that the people of India—and particularly of Himachal Pradesh—stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the fight against terrorism.

Thakur criticised Congress leaders for their "Pakistan-sympathetic tone" and questioned whose interests they were serving by doubting the government's decisive steps. "While global leaders have condemned Pakistan's cowardly attack and extended full support to India, Congress leaders are the only ones lacking faith in their own government," he said. "They are echoing Pakistan's language instead of standing with the nation."

He accused Congress of politicising national security, saying that while political disagreement is natural in a democracy, opposing the nation's stance on terrorism and foreign threats is disgraceful.

Highlighting the swift action taken by the central government, Thakur noted that Prime Minister Modi cancelled his foreign tour and began high-level meetings as soon as the attack occurred. "Today alone, he is chairing four major cabinet committee meetings, including those on security, economic affairs, and the Union Cabinet," he added. Home Minister Amit Shah immediately visited Kashmir, met with security forces, and oversaw operations while ensuring due respect to the deceased.

FNF South Asia delegation visits Tibetan Parliament, highlights Tibet's plight under Chinese rule

**SANAJY AGGARWAL**  
**DHARAMSHALA, APR 30**

A delegation from the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF) South Asia, comprising Dr. Karsten Klein, Regional Head FNF South Asia Veit Dengler, Co-founder and Member of Parliament, The NEOSY Elena Fink-Traschel MDL, Member of the State Parliament of Baden-Württemberg and other key participants of FNF earlier visited the Tibetan Parliament in Exile at McLeod and met with TPIE Vice President Dolma Tsering Tekhangay and MP Tsering Yangchen and MP Tenzin Jigdel from the Political Section of the Standing Committee. A video titled "Democracy is a gift of the Dalai Lama to the Tibetan people" was shown. The



Deputy Speaker then delivered the welcome address in which he briefed on the fragile situation of Tibet, its environmental condition given the fragile ecosystem of Tibet and the situation of Tibetans in Tibet under the oppressive policies of the CCP government. He highlighted the threat faced by Tibet as a nation and Tibetans as a nation under Chinese occupation, with policies aimed at Sinicizing Tibet. Further, the Deputy

Speaker spoke about the expansionist mindset of the CCP and its attempt to claim Arunachal Pradesh a north-eastern state of India as well as other territories. She also explained why the world should view the matter of Tibet as an international matter and not as an internal matter claimed by China. Tibet is the roof of the world and the water tower of South Asia, serving millions of people in downstream countries.

Prem Kaushal slams govt over Pahalgam incident

**RAJNEESH SHARMA**

**HAMIRPUR:** Former Chief Spokesperson of Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee, Prem Kaushal, launched a scathing attack on the BJP-led government following the Pahalgam incident, alleging a disturbing similarity between the ideological approaches of the BJP and Pakistan. In a strongly worded statement to the media, Kaushal accused Pakistan of orchestrating violence against innocent Indian citizens belonging to the Hindu community through terrorism in an attempt to incite communal unrest. Simultaneously, he alleged that the BJP is engaged in a parallel agenda by fostering hatred within the majority community against minorities through its policies and actions aimed at communal polarisation. Commenting on the government's response to the Pahalgam attack, Kaushal expressed disappointment over Prime Minister Narendra Modi choosing to address an election rally instead of personally participating in a high-level meeting of opposition leaders to discuss a collective response. He questioned the BJP's reluctance to accept the opposition's demand for a special session of Parliament to pass a unified resolution against terrorism and Pakistan. "The incident in Pahalgam is a result of the government's failure and negligence. Had there been adequate security arrangements in place, neither terrorists nor Pakistan would have succeeded in executing such a heinous attack on innocent people," said Kaushal, holding the government squarely responsible for the lapse.



Agriculture Minister reviews progress of drinking water schemes, urges blueprint for next fiscal year

**DAULAT CHAUHAN**  
**JAWALI, APR 30**

Himachal Pradesh Agriculture Minister Chaudhary Chander Kumar held a review meeting with senior officials of the Jal Shakti Department at the department's rest house today to assess the progress of ongoing drinking water and irrigation schemes. He directed officials to ensure all projects are completed within the stipulated timelines so that the public can benefit at the earliest. Key schemes discussed during the meeting included the Woh Darini Scheme of Kotla, the Suka Haar Project, the Amrit Drinking Water Scheme, and the Jwali-Nagrota Surian Sewerage Scheme. The minister sought



feedback from officials on the current status of these initiatives and instructed swift completion of pending schemes under the Jal Jeevan Mission. Emphasizing the importance of advance planning, Kumar urged officials to prepare a roadmap and blueprint for developmental schemes for the upcoming fiscal year so that budget allocations can be secured in time. He also stressed the need for

consistent and adequate water supply in every village during the summer season and called for strict action against the illegal use of Tullu pumps. Present at the meeting were Chief Engineer (Dharamshala) Deepak Garg, Superintendent Engineer Vikas Bakshi, Executive Engineer Ajay Sharma, Assistant Engineers Pawan Kaundal, Ram Kumar, and Harjinder Singh, along with other departmental officials.

Jagdev Singh Jaggi retires from education department



**AVINASH CHAUHAN**

**AMB:** Jagdev Singh Jaggi has retired from the education department. He was born on 17 April 1967 in village Jani Jaggiyan, district Hamirpur. After that his family settled in village Duhki, district Una. He passed his 10th standard examination from Naihariyan and got his graduation degree from National College Amb. He was very intelligent in studies since childhood. On 25 February 1992, his first appointment in the education department was in Government Primary School Kuthera Khairla Lower. He had leadership qualities since childhood. He served teachers as the head of Primary Teachers Association Amb for 18 years continuously. He always fought for the interests of teachers, went on strike many times and also went to jail thrice for the benefit of teachers. He has a great affection for children.

Two-month long diarrhea control drive starts today: DC

**BALKRISHAN PRASHAR**  
**CHAMBA, APRIL 30**

The Deputy Commissioner Mukesh Repaswal said that two-month long diarrhea control campaign in Chamba district started today on May first which would culminate on June 30.

Presiding over a review meeting regarding diarrhea control campaign here, Deputy Commissioner told that during the campaign, ORS and Zinc medicines would be distributed to 53,022 infants and children up to the age of 5 years. Mukesh Repaswal, while reviewing the action plan prepared by the health department, also gave necessary guidelines to the



departmental officers. Regarding the role and responsibility of various departments and institutions under the campaign, DC directed the panchayati raj institutions (PRIs) to take necessary steps to create awareness at the rural level. He also asked the District Programme Officer, Child Development to ensure the role of all

anganwadi workers during this period. He also directed the officials of the Jal Shakti Department to ensure the quality of drinking water. In addition to this, DC also directed the Deputy Director Higher Education and Primary Education to ensure cleanliness of drinking water storage tanks in all the educational institutions.



NEWS BRIEF

Free notebooks distributed to children



**RAHUL KOHLI**  
**YAMUNA NAGAR:** Rotary Yamuna Nagar Rivera's initiative distributed free notebooks to the children of Government Primary Rampur School. Rotarians visited the school on Wednesday and distributed free notebooks to the children. Sethi said that Rotarian Ritu Sethi, Ritu Gupta, Rotarian Rajesh Sondhi, Rotarian Abhishek, Rotarian Surendra Kumar Puri, Shilpa Gupta and Sunaina Singh were present on the occasion. Rotarian Hariom Verma voluntarily came forward to donate notebooks to the school and biscuits were also distributed to the children on behalf of the club. These children of today are the future of tomorrow. There is a need to develop their talent. Rivera will make efforts for this. Children will definitely benefit from this. The club's effort is to help every needy person.

**Condolence meeting will be organized for Lieutenant Vinay Narwal on May 4**

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:** A meeting will be organize to pay tribute to Lieutenant Vinay Narwal, a resident of Sector-7, died in the terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalgam, Kashmir. The family informed that a condolence meeting would be organized for his soul's peace on May 4 from 11 am to 1 pm in the local Dr. Mangalsen Auditorium. Let us tell you that Bharat Mata's son Lieutenant Vinay Narwal was killed in a terrorist attack in Kashmir on April 22.

**Theft incident at the busiest intersection of city**

**KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA:** Unknown thieves broke into a juice corner shop near the local courthouse and stole cash and food items worth Rs 8,000. Sukhdev Singh, owner of Raj Juice Corner, said that his shop is located near the courthouse. Last night, unknown thieves broke into the side wall and stole cash and food items worth Rs 8,000 and a mobile phone from the shop.

**Haroli Utsav becomes beacon of social awareness and public participation**



**KISHORI LAL BAINS**  
**UNA:** The state-level Haroli Utsav, held from April 27 to 29 at the Kangar Ground in Una district, has emerged as a vibrant celebration of public participation, cultural harmony, and social consciousness. Revived after a gap of seven years through the efforts of Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri, the festival took on the air of a mass movement with its resounding message of patriotism and drug-free living. Inaugurated on April 27 by Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla with a grand procession, the three-day festival was dedicated to spreading awareness under the theme "Nasha Mukti Himachal" (Drug-Free Himachal). The opening procession, featuring schoolchildren, self-help groups, and cultural troupes, carried the message "Say No to Drugs, Yes to Life," setting the tone for a socially charged celebration. Adding to its splendour, the festival saw participation from cultural delegates of over ten countries, including Japan, the UK, Brazil, and Russia. Their traditional performances enthralled audiences and infused the event with a global spirit. Contemporary acts like fire dance, Ukrainian drum bands, light and robot men further blended tradition with innovation.

**Third accused of encounter also arrested within just 48 hours by Crime Branch**

**RAHUL KOHLI**  
**YAMUNANAGAR, APR 30**

Police Spokesperson Chamkaur Singh said that Superintendent of Police Surendra Singh Bhauria has given strict instructions to the district police to crack down on crime and criminals. Acting under these instructions, team of Crime Branch-2 of Yamunanagar Police District, while searching for miscreants involved in the robbery in the Sadhaura police station area on April 27 and the snatching of a bag full of mobiles from a mobile shop in the area of ???Jagadhari police station on the night of April 26/27, arrested two accused after an encounter while the third



accused absconded. The team has succeeded in arresting the third accused within just 48 hours by making tireless efforts. The accused will be produced in the court and taken on remand. The police is investigating the matter thoroughly. Rajkumar, in-charge of Crime Branch - 2, said that while searching for

the miscreants involved in the robbery in Thana Sadhaura area on 24 April 2025 and the snatching of a bag full of mobiles from a mobile shop in Thana Shahar Jagadhari area, two accused were arrested after an encounter on the highway ring road being constructed near village Mahalavali in Thana Sadar Jagadhari on the night of 26/27 April. While the third accused fled taking advantage of the darkness. A team was formed to arrest the third accused. This team has succeeded in arresting the third accused from near village Marwa Kala within just 48 hours of the incident. The accused will be produced in the court and taken on remand.

**SANJAY SHARMA**  
**KAITHAL, APR 30**

The School of Social Sciences and Humanities of NIILM University Kaithal organized an inter-school quiz competition on Wednesday. In which a team from each school of the university participated enthusiastically. The main subject of the quiz was general studies, which aimed to increase awareness and knowledge among students in various subjects. Vice University Chancellor Professor Dr. Shamim Ahmed attended this program as the chief guest. By being present on this occasion, he motivated the participants with his

**Dr. Baljit Singh assumes charge of Civil Surgeon Barnala**

**KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA:** "The main objective of the Health Department is to provide good health services to every section of people, for the fulfillment of which it is our important and primary responsibility to spread information about the free health facilities being run



**Killing people in name of religion is heinous crime: Kanwar Pal Gurjar**



**RAHUL KOHLI**  
**YAMUNA NAGAR, APR 30**

Former Cabinet Minister Kanwarpal Gurjar condemned the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir and said that after the brutal killing of 26 Indians in Pahalgam attack in Jammu and Kashmir by Pakistan-sponsored terrorists, the Indian government took immediate action and cancelled the Indus Water Treaty signed with Pakistan in 1960, which is a very big step of the Indian government. The Indian government will continue to take steps against Pakistan. He said that Pakistan is

known as a terrorist country all over the world. India has been teaching them a lesson from time to time. The Indian government's Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given the Indian Army a free hand to take action against Pakistan. Now whatever happens will be big. Top officials of Pakistani army have either left country or are preparing to leave. Former Cabinet Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar, while calling the terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalgam, Kashmir, condemnable, said that there should be no place for terrorism in the civilized world and this brutal act is unacceptable.

**ADC reviews meeting of District Development Coordination**

**RAHUL KOHLI**  
**YAMUNANAGAR, APR 30**

Additional Deputy Commissioner Naveen Ahuja held a review meeting of the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (Disha) in the auditorium of the District Secretariat. In the meeting, he instructed the officers to achieve all the targets on time and speed up the development works. He instructed all the officers to prepare and present the agenda report related to their respective departments in the correct manner. He said that just as the government is paying attention to the quality of education in schools. Similarly, there is a need to pay attention to the quality of education of the children studying in the madrasas running in the



district. He instructed the District Education Officer to collect information about the level of education in all the madrasas located in the district and report to the Deputy Commissioner regarding improving the quality of education. Additional Deputy Commissioner reviewed the Pradhan Mantri Gramin and Urban Housing Scheme in the meeting of District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (Disha). He instructed the officers to pay the pending

installments to the beneficiaries on time. He directed to make the programmes being run for solid and liquid waste management in urban and rural areas under Swachh Bharat Mission more effective. He said that special emphasis should be given to skill development among the youth. He said that to promote Amrit Sarovar Yojana, all the concerned officers should keep inspecting from time to time the places where the work of cleaning the ponds is going on.

**Around 1150 applications received under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-2.0**

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, APR 30**

The process of submission of online application under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban-2.0 for homeless people of Municipal Corporation Karnal region started. Citizens can apply through PMAY 2.0 portal. About 1150 applications from homeless people have been received in the office of Municipal Corporation. Out of these, 49 people have submitted their documents. This information was given by Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dr. Vaishali Sharma on Wednesday. She informed that these applications were being verified in the office of Municipal Corporation at Nehru Palace. Applicants whose documents were found



complete they were being called and submitted documents through offline, so that the concerned file can be sent for verification. She informed that the junior engineers of the concerned ward would go to the spot and see whether they have plots or kuchha houses and whether it fell in the authorized area or not. If all was found correct, then verify their file and DPR

and files will be sent to the Directorate to prepare a plan. She clarified that whichever applicant who will not have documents of evidence, transfer deeds, Jamabandi or Intakal and the plot or kuchha house will be out of the authorized area. He will not get the benefit of this scheme. She said that during the investigation of applications, it has been found

that many people were out of the municipal area, such people will not be given the benefit of the scheme. She informed that applications of 172 people have been rejected due to being out of the municipal area. The corporator said that the special thing of this scheme was that not only BPL but other middle class families can also apply online from Atal Seva Kendra. Under the scheme, a grant amount of Rs 2.50 lakh will be provided by the government to the eligible person to build a new house. Apart from this, a grant amount of Rs 2.50 lakh will also be provided for building a paved house. The Corporate Commissioner informed that some criteria have also been set for Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban-2.0 (PMAY-U.2).

**Education Revolution: MLA Ugoke inaugurates development works worth Rs 22 lakh in schools**

**KULDEEP SOOD**  
**BARNALA, APR 30**

Due to the thinking of Punjab Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann and under the leadership of Education Minister S. Harjot Singh Bains, schools have been transformed in the state under the Education Revolution campaign. Under this campaign, today MLA Halqa Bhadaur S. Labh Singh Ugoke inaugurated development works worth more than Rs 22 lakh in Government High School Jangiana, Government Primary School Jangiana, Government Primary School Sandhu Kalan, Government Primary School Bloke. On this occasion, he said that the Punjab government has kept the highest budget for health, education and sports so that our youth can be given higher education and by



turning towards the playgrounds, they can be made healthy. He said that today every facility has been provided in schools, touch screens, headphones, new furniture and other facilities have been provided. He said that the Mann government is making every effort to make the state a vibrant and colorful Punjab by equipping it with the necessary facilities. On this occasion, he inaugurated development

works at a cost of Rs 8.60 lakh in Government High School Jangiana, Rs 5.98 lakh in Government Primary School Jangiana, Rs 3.79 lakh in Government Primary School Sandhu Kalan and Rs 3.72 lakh in Government Primary School Bloke. On this occasion, school functions were successfully conducted under the leadership of District Education Officer Madam Indu Simak.

**Keep all the documents of your vehicle complete: SP Manveer**

**BUREAU**  
**BHIWANI, APR 30**

Superintendent of Police Manbir Singh has said that the software of postal challan done by the traffic police has been updated. Postal challan is done for vehicles running at over speed, wrong parking and parked in no parking zone and if the registration, insurance and pollution of that vehicle has expired, then along with the challan of over speed and wrong parking, challan of registration, insurance and pollution will also be done. The monitoring is done by the police staff working on CCTV in the control room Bhiwani through CCTV cameras installed at the main squares and intersections of the city Bhiwani, while the staff issues challans for



wrong side parking, without helmet, triple riding and high security number plate and other challans under the Motor Vehicles Act through CCTV cameras. In the year 2025, the police issued a total of 2,570 challans for wrong parking, 34 challans were issued to drivers who did not install high security number plates on their vehicles, 639 challans were issued to two-wheeler drivers who did not use

helmets, while 46 challans were issued to triple riding drivers. The Superintendent of Police has said that many drivers park their vehicles in the middle of the road or in no parking areas, which disrupts the traffic system and the general public has to face problems. In such a situation, the traffic police takes a photo of those vehicles, issues a challan related to wrong parking and sends it to their homes through post. The software for postal challan has now been updated. S.P. Manbir Singh has told the drivers to drive their vehicles within the prescribed speed limit. Do not obstruct the traffic system by parking your vehicle anywhere. Park the vehicle at the designated place. Do not park any vehicle anywhere in the middle of the road.

**School of Social Sciences and Humanities organises inter school quiz competition**



encouraging words and honored the winning teams for their excellent performance. Dr. Ravi Gehlawat and Dr. Amrita Soni participated as the judges panel, who ensured fairness throughout the competition. In Quiz Competition, First Position: Department of Law, Second Position: Department of Engineering and Technology, Third Position (Joint): School of Social Sciences and Humanities and

Department of Agriculture, Allied and Paramedical Sciences Dr. Ekta Chahal, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities expressed her heartfelt gratitude to all the participating students and faculty members who extended their cooperation in making this event a success. This competition not only encouraged academic excellence but also promoted inter-school collaboration and team spirit.

**Lord Parshuram Jayanti celebrated with pomp and reverence**



**YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI**

**PEHOWA:** A havan- yagya was organized on Lord Parshuram Jayanti under the aegis of Lord Parshuram Sangameshwar Seva Trust in village Jandhedi. Ambala's DDPO Dinesh Sharma and Trust's vice-president Baldev Sharma along with people from Brahmin community performed the Havan as the chief guest. After that everyone bowed their head in front of Lord Parshuram statue and received his blessings. After this, a huge bhandara was organized. In which hundreds of devotees took the prasad. On this occasion, the chief guest was also honored by giving a memento of Lord Parshuram. On this occasion Mohanlal Sharma, Shiva Maharshi, Om Prakash Sharma, Ramrattan Sharma, Ramkumar, Deep Chand Sharma, Brijlal Sharma, Rajesh, Aman Sharma, Saurav, Vijay, Sarpanch Praveen, Praveen Sharma, Naveen Sharma, Dr. Shivkumar, Leela Devi, Sona Devi, Kusum, Krishna, Anita, Gagan etc were present.



NEWS BRIEFS

Officers should ensure uninterrupted availability of drinking water and electricity: DC

RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL: DC Preeti said that all officers should ensure necessary arrangements and preparations related to their respective departments to prevent heat wave and heat stroke in the summer season. Uninterrupted availability of drinking water and electricity should be ensured in all areas, so that the general public does not face any kind of problem in the summer season. Medicines and ORS should be available in sufficient quantity at all hospitals, PHCs and CHCs. DC Preeti was giving necessary guidelines by holding a meeting of the officers of the concerned departments on the subject of protection from heat wave in the auditorium located at the Mini Secretariat. During the meeting, DC instructed the officials of Public Health Department, Health Department, Municipal Corporation, Agriculture Department, Irrigation Department, Animal Hus Department.

## Foolproof arrangements in place as govt gears up to conduct NEET (UG)-2025

AGENCY CHANDIGARH, APRIL 30

Haryana is fully prepared to ensure the smooth and fair conduct of the NEET (UG) examination, scheduled for May 4, 2025. A total of 162 examination centres have been established across the state, with 60,687 students registered to appear.

Haryana Chief Secretary Sh. Anurag Rastogi chaired a high-level meeting today to review the state's preparedness for the examination. The meeting was attended by Director General of Police Sh. Shatrueet Kapur, Director, Higher Education, Sh. Rahul Hooda, while Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education, Sh. Vineet Garg, all Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police, the Director of Higher Education, representatives from the National Testing Agency (NTA), and senior officials from the Education Department joined in via videoconferencing.

The Chief Secretary underscored the need for seamless coordination between

the civil administration and the NTA to ensure a professional, transparent, and incident-free examination process. He directed all Deputy Commissioners to work in close coordination with the NTA's City Coordinators to finalize logistical arrangements and ensure the availability of all essential amenities at examination centres. Officers were instructed to conduct on-site visits of the designated centres to assess preparedness and address any gaps well in advance.

The Chief Secretary directed the concerned Deputy Commissioners to ensure foolproof arrangements at the examination centres - right from the transportation of examination material to the conclusion of the exam. He said any laxity in the entire process will be dealt with strictly and responsibility will be fixed at the highest levels in the district administration.

He also interacted with the DCs and reviewed the preparations in each district. The DCs assured that all arrangements are in place and no malpractice of any kind

will be allowed at the examination centres. The Chief Secretary said the officials must maintain a complete logbook of the strong-rooms till the examination process is over.

DGP Shatrueet Kapur directed all Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police to deploy sufficient police personnel in and around examination centres. He said a two-layer security shall be in place at every exam centre and emphasized the need for effective traffic regulation to prevent congestion and facilitate timely arrival of candidates at their respective centres.

According to official data, Gurugram will host the highest number of candidates, with 6,672 students appearing at 18 centres. This is followed by Hisar with 6,332 candidates at 15 centres, and Faridabad with 6,192 students across 17 centres. In Rohtak, 5,184 students will appear at 15 centres, while Rewari will see 3,840 students across 12 centres.

Bhiwani will accommodate 3,672 students at 7 centres, and Mahendragarh will host 3,392 candidates in 8 centres. Mewat (Nuh) will have 1329 students in 4 centres, Kaithal will see 1634 students at 4 centres, and Karnal will host 2,496 students in 7 centres. Jind will have 2594 candidates in 5 centres, Sonapat will see 2,437 students across 6 centres, and Panipat will accommodate 2,430 students in 7 centres.

## Maharana Pratap had shattered pride of Mughal ruler Akbar: Yogendra Rana



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, APRIL 30

A press conference was organised by Rajput Sabha President Dr. N. P. Singh and his entire team at Rajput Dhamshala Karnal. MLA Yogendra Rana, while addressing the journalists said that on 9 May 2025, the state level Veer Shiromani Maharana Pratap Jayanti celebrations will be organised on a grand scale in Salwan, the largest village of Karnal district. He said that this celebration will be celebrated historically in the presence of a large number of people coming not only from Haryana but also from neighboring states like Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab, Chandigarh etc. Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Saini will attend the function as the

chief guest. Apart from this, Agriculture Minister of Haryana Government Shyam Singh Rana will be present as the special guest. In this program, many ministers of the state, MLAs and other dignitaries will also participate in this prestigious event.

Yogendra Rana, while throwing light on the life of Maharana Pratap, said that he was 7 feet 5 inches tall, weighed 110 kg. He had a heavy spear of 81 kg and a 72 kg armor on his chest. Even the enemies were impressed by his war skills. He also broke the pride of Mughal ruler Akbar. Even after 30 years of continuous efforts, Akbar could not capture him. The birth anniversary of such a brave warrior Maharana Pratap is on 9th May, in which all the residents of the state are cordially invited. Rajput Sabha Karnal has also appealed to all social workers, youth and common people to come with their families to this historic and inspirational function and remember the amazing bravery and sacrifice of Maharana Pratap ji. On this occasion, Karnal Rajput Sabha President Dr. N.P. Singh, Karnal Rajput Sabha General Secretary Brijpal Rana, Youth President Karnal Rajput Sabha Gurdeep Rana, Youth State President Rajput Representative Sabha Anil Chauhan, Deepak Kairwali, Narendra Rana, Akshay Rana, Manager Karnal Rajput Sabha Gaurav Rana, Deepak Rana, former Sarpanch Rajinder Rana, Media Advisor Karnal Rajput Sabha Bispal Rana were present.

## District Tennis Championship will be organised with enthusiasm: Kuljinder



CHAMAN LAL KARNAL, APRIL 30

A meeting of the District Tennis Association was organised at Karnal Club in which it was decided that the District Tennis Championship will be organised from 24 May to 26 May 2025. District Tennis Association President MLA Jagmohan Anand will give his support in this competition. All the winning participants will be honoured with cash prizes. Except the final match, all other competitions will be held at J.K. Chamunda Academy Sector 32. Secretary JC Babbar said that to participate in this competition, entry forms can be taken from Coach Rajesh, Coach Akash, JC Babbar Krishna Jewels from May 5. These forms have to be submitted by May 22. Kuljinder Mohan Singh Batth, Amandeep Singh Karna Paints, Praveen, Sameer, Sanjay Madan, JC Babbar, Anil Kumar etc. were mainly present in the meeting.

## Folk artist Rajkumar retires after 34 years of spreading government's message through songs

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, APRIL 30 -

Renowned folk artist Rajkumar, associated with the District Information and Public Relations Department, was given a grand farewell on his retirement after a dedicated service of 34 years. Through his melodious performances, Rajkumar played a significant role in communicating government policies and development initiatives to the masses across various platforms.

A vital member of the Thanesar Bhajan Party, Rajkumar delivered thousands of musical presentations during his tenure, becoming a trusted voice of the department. On the auspicious occasion of Akshaya Tritiya, a special farewell function was organized at the mini secretariat's DIPRO office to honor his service.

The event began with a warm welcome by District Information and Public Relations Officer Dr. Narendra Singh, along with AIPRO Kedar, Superintendent Hakim Singh, Accountant Pankaj, Assistant Meena Kumari, Clerk Deepti Chaudhary, DI Vijay Kumar, Barkha Ram, Vikram Saini, Sakshi, Rajkumar Sharma, and several others including retired officials and team members. Rajkumar and his family were felicitated with floral garlands and traditional honors.

Speeches were delivered by Dr. Narendra Singh, AIPRO Kedar, Hakim Singh, Meena Kumari, Vijay Kumar, Jagdish Chandra, Barkha Ram, Rajkumar Sharma, and Aniket, among others, who lauded Rajkumar's contributions and legacy. The retired artist expressed



heartfelt gratitude to his colleagues and supporters.

Adding to the emotional atmosphere, singers Dilawar Sharma, Rajkumar Sharma, and Shish Ram gave soulful performances, artistically capturing Rajkumar's illustrious journey. The ceremony marked a poignant tribute to a cultural torchbearer who used his voice to bridge governance and grassroots.

## Teachers participate in one-day in-house training at Sunrise School



R.K. KASHYAP CHHACHHRAULI: A one-day in-house training session was conducted at Sunrise Public School, Khizrabad, with the participation of over 50 teachers. The session focused on the vital theme of "Value of Education" and aimed to guide educators on integrating moral and ethical teachings into everyday classroom practices.

Resource person Mr. Kapil Batra addressed the teachers during the session, highlighting the crucial role of value education in today's society. He emphasized that beyond academic instruction, schools must foster essential human values such as honesty, empathy, respect, and responsibility in students.

Mr. Batra inspired teachers to see themselves not only as instructors but as shapers of responsible and ethical future citizens. The training session left participants enriched with new perspectives on the importance of holistic education.

## Talent Hunt Programme held by students of PM Shri Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya

SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL, APRIL 30

Today, a talent hunt programme was organised by the newly admitted students of class 6th, 7th and 9th in PM Shri Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Titram, Kaithal. The purpose of this programme was to provide a platform to the hidden talents of the students. The students participated enthusiastically in the programme and showcased their talent through various presentations like singing, dancing, poetry recitation, painting, debate, mimicry etc. All the participants captivated the audience. Principal of the school, Suchita Gupta, appeared on the stage and blessed all the budding talents and wished them a bright future. Motivating the students, she said that they should keep trying continuously with



the same dedication and confidence. At the end of the programme, Vice Principal Dalchand Gupta thanked all the participants, organisers and the parents present and expressed happiness over the success of the programme.

## Jagmohan Anand hears problems of public, resolves them on spot

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, APRIL 30

Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand heard the problems of the common people at the camp office located in Sector-13 on Wednesday. During this, he heard the problems of the common people present at the camp office one by one and got the problems resolved on the spot and gave necessary instructions to the concerned officials. He said that working for the public is his first priority. Listening to the problems of the public and solving them is his first responsibility. He said that the common people come to the camp residence every day for their different works. I try to serve the public as much as I can.

He appealed to the general public that whoever comes to him with his problem,



should bring a written complaint. The complaint must clearly mention the address of the concerned person and his mobile number, so that he can be contacted easily. He

## We should pledge to follow path shown by Lord Parshuram: Surendra Sharma

CHAMAN LAL KARNAL, APRIL 30

The Brahmin Sabha celebrated Lord Parshuram jayanti with a havan yagya on Akshaya Tritiya. During this, a feast was also organized. The Brahmin Sabha garlanded Lord Parshuram Chowk and the statue of Lord Parshuram ji and paid homage to them. On this occasion, tributes were paid to those who lost their lives in Pahalgam. State President Sarv Brahmin Sabha Haryana and former President District Karnal Brahmin Sabha Surendra Sharma Barota said that by remembering and following the character of Lord Parshuram ji, any person can achieve the heights of success in his life. Lord Parshuram was extremely wise, benevolent and a protector of religion. Lord Parshuram ji was a complete knower of scriptures and weaponry. The welfare of all living beings was his para-



mount goal. He is a brilliant, energetic, dominant great man. Being a supporter of justice, Lord Parshuram Ji always opposed injustice. Lord Parshuram Ji has always helped and protected the down-trodden, exploited and afflicted.

He said that we should take a pledge to follow the path shown by Lord Parshuram. Success in life can be achieved by following Lord Parshuram. Lord Parshuram always called

service to mankind as service to God. He said that Lord Parshuram has given the message of maintaining unity in the society, the real time to implement which has now come. Along with removing the evils prevalent in the society, we should take inspiration from the lives of such great personalities and make our lives meaningful and set an example of mutual brotherhood, unity and integrity in the entire society.

## Blood donation camp in memory of martyr Lt. Narwal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, APRIL 30

The citizens of Karnal will remember Bharat Mata's son and Karnal's Lieutenant Vinay Narwal, who was martyred in the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, by donating blood on his birthday. A huge blood donation camp is being organised by the citizens and social organisations of the district tomorrow to pay tribute to Lieutenant Vinay Narwal, born on May 1, 1998. A large number of youth will reach this huge blood donation camp running from 9:30 am to 2 pm at Maharaja Agrasen Bhawan in Sector 8 and donate their blood and pay tribute to Lieutenant Martyr Vinay Narwal of the Indian Navy.

In this regard, Vinay Narwal's father Rajesh Narwal, mother



Asha Narwal, grandfather Hawa Singh Narwal and sister Srishti appealed to all the people on behalf of the family through the media of Karnal to join the blood donation camp being organised on Lieutenant Vinay Narwal's birthday and donate blood. Preetpal Singh Pannu, President of NIFAA, the organisation organising the camp,

said that many organisations of Karnal including District Red Cross Society, Vaish Bhawan Charitable Trust, Haryana Roadways Driving School, Agrawal Sabha Sector 7, Inner Wheel Club, JC Club, Red Ribbon Youth Club Karnal, Rotary Club Karnal will come out tomorrow to pay tribute to the son of the nation.



Editorial

Ideal practice

The public good is one of the ideals of justice. The Latin phrase, pro bono publico, means exactly that. This larger context was recalled when the Supreme Court judge, Aravind Kumar, said to the young lawyers at the 15th convocation of the Gujarat National Law University that the profession was not merely about building careers but also about public trust. The judge said that pro bono — conducting a case with no payment — was the soul of advocacy. While lawyers must earn and grow, only chasing billed hours and designations was to lose this soul. He believed that lawyers should take on at least one pro bono case every year. They should visit legal aid clinics and help — perhaps a distressed woman or an underprivileged man. It is the impact on lives and not how much was charged for an appearance that was the real test of legal acumen. The judge's remarks delineated the best practice for lawyers, in which not money, but a humane approach is most important. The need for money is not denied, but it must be balanced by the willingness to do pro bono and legal aid work.

This is a noble ideal and a route to equality, because pro bono and legal aid work serve those who cannot afford legal help. The need for it is obvious in the enormous percentage of undertrial prisoners who come from underprivileged backgrounds. Non-profit organisations that try to help women or people from disadvantaged communities often find their efforts frustrated because of the scarcity of lawyers who do pro bono work. But even for this work, a system needs to be in place: its first function would be to make lawyers accessible to the poor and underprivileged.

More, the potential beneficiaries should be made aware of the availability of pro bono work. Access is a major problem in the justice system; people sometimes cannot even believe they can go to court. The lack of awareness may lead to the complainant becoming prey to fraud. The judge's address may also have pointed indirectly to lawyers' concern with payment. Public trust is an intangible good — the judge suggested that blessings were the highest kind of currency. The impact on otherwise helpless lives would be the truly humanitarian face of the justice system.

Pakistan conference at Harvard

A recent "Pakistan Conference" hosted by Harvard University's South Asia Institute has sparked significant backlash from students, who criticised the event for potentially legitimising state-backed terror narratives on campus.

The controversy escalated following the deadly Pahalgam attack in Jammu and Kashmir, which students described as a "targeted, religion-based massacre."

Harvard student Surabi Tomar on Harvard's South Asia Institute hosting a 'Pakistan Conference,' said, "The horrible attack in Pahalgam was a targeted, religion-based massacre. When Harvard invites officials, especially officials who have ideologically justified such acts, it risks legitimising the state-backed terror narratives on our campus. This is the reason why we thought that we should take some action or ask people to take some action."

Elaborating more on the event, Tomar said, "It was a pre-planned event, and it was a coincidence. However, even given the coincidence, we do not think that it is correct for anyone, especially a university like Harvard, to legitimise such voices, especially when they in their country are trying to justify such acts and not condemning them."

She further said that the students have urged US Secretary of State Marco Rubio to "deny visas to officials who support terror-linked ideologies."

"We shouldn't stay silent after a faith-based killing; that is our belief.



We consulted our peers. We received a great deal of support from students from 65 countries. We read the testimonies of survivors, and we acted on a shared moral obligation to speak out. We emphasised that this was not random violence. It was religious persecution. We urged Harvard to stand against Hinduphobia and asked the US Secretary of State Marco Rubio to deny visas to officials who support terror-linked ideologies," Tomar added.

Another student, Rashmini Koparkar, expressed disappointment, stating that the guests at the event didn't condemn the Pahalgam attack and show sensitivity.

"We were expecting a certain degree of sensitivity and acknowledgement of what has happened. The event was pre-planned and already discussed. It was a

coincidence that the event took place within five days. However, a more thoughtful gesture would have been preferable.

First of all, they could have condemned the attacks. Secondly, the number of guests and the high-ranking officials that were arriving at this event were actually in question because this is a state which has been harbouring cross-border terrorism for years. India has been suffering," Koparkar said.

Meanwhile, amid growing controversy over the "Pakistan Conference," Harvard University's South Asia Institute issued a statement in defence of the event.

The Institute extended its condolences to the victims of the Pahalgam attack, while clarifying that the students and their faculty advisor had in-

dependently organised the conference.

In a statement released on Tuesday, the South Asia Institute said, "The Institute supports academic research projects and works with other university partners on multiple events throughout the academic year. One such event was "The Pakistan Conference," organised by students from Harvard and held on April 27, 2025. In accordance with our principles of operation, we did not consult any benefactor of the Institute regarding this conference.

The students, along with their faculty advisor, independently determined the topics and speakers presenting... We share the grief and anguish with our friends, colleagues, and loved ones in India who have been affected by the attack in Pahalgam on April 22, 2025, and we offer our heartfelt condolences.

Literature & Health

Indian banks largely unprepared for climate-related financial risks, warns report

With climate change posing increasing risks to financial stability, Indian banks remain largely unprepared to fully integrate climate-related risks into their operations, said a report by Climate Risk Horizons.

The "Unprepared" report by Climate Risk Horizons (CRH) assessed 35 banks largest scheduled commercial banks in India by market capitalisation on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), with a combined market cap of Rs 4,582,292 crore as on March 2024.

Out of these 35 assessed banks, 11 are public sector banks, 18 are from the private sector, and six are small finance banks. The report says that only a hand-



ful have made meaningful progress in areas like emissions disclosure, climate risk management and coal divestment.

As per the report, only seven banks disclose all scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions, leaving major gaps in transparency and accountability.

"This report highlights that the Indian banking sector faces significant challenges in aligning with global climate goals," the report

added. "

Despite some progress in adopting frameworks like Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the majority of Indian banks lack comprehensive climate strategies, adequate green finance portfolios, and integration of climate risks in their credit and lending decisions," the report added.

On the positive side, climate scenario analysis and climate risk management is gaining traction, the report said, adding that there is an urgent need for capacity building and clearer regulatory guidelines to support a smooth transition towards sustainable banking practices.

WHO reinforces commitment to protect children from vaccine-preventable diseases

The World Health Organisation South East Asia Regional Director, Saima Wazed, stressed the importance of vaccines for a healthier future.

Wazed, in a video statement on Tuesday, said that vaccines are safe, save lives, and immunisation for all is essential.

"Each year, in the last week of April, we come together to celebrate World Immunisation Week - a powerful reminder of the life-saving impact of vaccines. This year's theme, "Immunisation for all is humanly possible," reinforces our collective commitment to protect every individual, at every age, from vaccine-preventable diseases," she said. Children protected against infectious diseases have better educational at-



tainment and contribute more to national development and prosperity.

Wazed stated that, over the last 50 years, vaccines have saved approximately six lives per minute.

"Over the last 50 years, vaccines have saved over 154 million lives globally--an average of six lives every minute. Our WHO South-East Asia Region has been at the forefront, with an estimated 38 million lives saved across the Region," he said.

Wazed highlighted that the WHO has maintained its status as wild poliovirus-free, while maternal and neonatal tetanus remain public health concerns.

"We have successfully maintained our wild poliovirus-free status and have upheld the elimination of maternal and neonatal tetanus as a public health concern.

Four of our countries have eliminated measles, five have eliminated rubella, and six have achieved control of hepatitis B through immunisation," she said.

"This has all led to unprecedented improvements in childhood survival. In the past two years, three of our countries have launched national HPV vaccination programmes.

POEM

Labour Day

Why do we have eight hours workday ? Who cleared the path, who paved the way ? Why do we celebrate first May

As International workers' day ?  
Thousands of American workers went on strike,  
Fought for working conditions and wage hike.  
This led to the haymarket affair,  
Protesters faced police demanding change and care,  
The clash resulted in several deaths,  
The protesters spoke of rights with shaking breaths.  
This incident gave birth to labour day.  
The world recalls it every first of May.  
Still we see marches and rallies  
In all cities and quiet valleys.  
But today's Dharna has no noticeable impact,  
The truth is hidden through unlawful act.  
Some sell their souls, some are forced to be quiet,  
Rumours are spread that result in a riot.  
Labour day calls for true unity among all,  
From factory floor to office hall,  
In every trade, both great and small.

Sohan Singh Barnala

Buddha relic of Sarnath for exposition in Vietnam to be displayed at National Museum

The Ministry of Culture, in collaboration with the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) Delhi will be holding for the first time an exposition of the sacred Buddha Relic of Sarnath in Vietnam during the gala celebrations of the United Nations (UN) Day of Vesak 2025, an official statement said.

The Holy Relic will be ceremonially brought to Delhi on April 30, 2025, amidst prayers from Mulagandha Kuti Vihara, (monastery) in Sarnath to the Varanasi airport.

The Vihara is enshrined with the sacred relics of Sakyamuni Buddha. It was built by Anagarika Dharmapala, the founder of the Mahabodhi Society, and is still maintained and run by the Mahabodhi Society.

Upon reaching Delhi, the Holy Relic will be placed in a specially protected enclosure at the National Museum for prayers, chanting, and meditation by followers of the Dhamma, including eminent community members and diplomatic representatives from Buddhist countries, at 5:30 p.m. on April 30, 2025.

The following day, May 1, 2025, the Holy Relic of the Buddha will be transported from the National Museum with great reverence, escorted by senior monks with complete religious sanctity and protocol, to Ho Chi Minh City by a special Indian Air Force aircraft, the statement



said. A high-level delegation from the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) led by Secretary General Ven. Shartse Khensur Rinpoche Jangchup Choeden, along with members of the Governing Council, is attending the Holy Exposition ceremonies and Vesak celebrations in Vietnam, as per the statement.

The delegation will be led by Kiren Rijiju, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minister

of Minority Affairs.

The Holy Relics of the Buddha enshrined in Mulagandha Kuti Vihara were excavated in Nagarjuna Konda, a prominent site in Andhra Pradesh. It holds historical significance as a major centre of the Mahayana Buddhism and is associated with the monk, philosopher Nagarjuna of second century CE. These were worshiped and venerated for ages since the Mahaparinir-

vana of the Buddha. A H Longhurst, the then superintendent of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) conducted full scale excavation from 1927-31; most of the monuments at the site were constructed in third-fourth century CE; remains of more than thirty Buddhist establishments were found here. The inscription dates the oldest great Stupa to around 246 CE, but archaeologists suggest that the Stupa may be older.

After the excavations, they were presented to the Mahabodhi Society of India on December 27, 1932, by Rai Bahadur Dayaram Sahni, Director-General of the ASI, on behalf of the Viceroy of India, before a distinguished gathering of Buddhists.

Every year, on the foundation day of the Mulagandha Kuti Vihara, which is celebrated in the month of November, thousands of people from different parts of the world come to Sarnath.

The sacred Relic will be ceremoniously enshrined, venerated, and worshiped at the following important sites; At Hanh Tam Monastery in Ho Chi Minh city from May 2-8, (coinciding with the United Nations Day of Vesak 2025); next at the Ba Den Mountain, Tay Ninh Province from May 9-13, 2025 (Southern Vietnam's national spiritual pilgrimage site); from here the sacred Relic will be placed for exposition at Quan Su

Monastery, Hanoi from May 14-18, 2025 (Headquarters of the Vietnam Buddhist Sangha), and finally at Tam Chuc Monastery, Ha Nam Province from May 18-21, 2025 (the largest Buddhist centre in Southeast Asia).

The important exposition coincides with the United Nations (UN) Day of Vesak 2025 as it is being celebrated in Vietnam, an opportunity for not only the citizens of Vietnam to seek blessings of the Holy Relic but also the international delegates from over 100 countries and regions who would be participating in the Vesak Day celebrations.

Every year, since the United Nations General Assembly passed the resolution on 15 December 1999, the thrice-sacred day of Vesak (celebrating the birth, enlightenment, and passing away of the Buddha Gautama) has been celebrated internationally.

The International Day of Vesak was celebrated at the United Nations Headquarters in New York for the first time in 2000. This had inspired annual celebrations of the United Nations Day of Vesak (UNDV) by international Buddhist communities.

The International Council for the Day of Vesak (ICDV) has held special consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council since 2013.



NEWS BRIEF

Trinity School's  
Ankush Rai tops  
ICSE 10th with 98%

**DALJIT AJNOHA**  
**HOSHIAHPUR:** In the recently announced ICSE Matriculation results, Ankush Rai, a student of The Trinity School in Asalpuri, Hoshiarpur, secured first position in the school by scoring 98% marks and made his name, his teachers and his parents proud. During the conversation, Ankush Rai said that my teachers and parents have the biggest contribution in my hard work. Apart from school books, my habit of working hard and reading library books has brought me to this point. Ankush Rai, who is studying non-medical in class XI, dreams of becoming a software engineer by taking admission in IIT. Ankush Rai is the son of District Language Research Officer Dr. Jaswant Rai and Science teacher Babita Rani. It is worth mentioning that Dhanav Sood, a student of the same school, has secured second position with 95 percent marks and Akshaj Sharma has secured third position with 93.8 percent marks.

# Modi govt and Pb govt, both pushed Haryana into 'water crisis': Randeep Surjewala

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
KARNAL, APR 30

Indian National Congress General Secretary and MP Randeep Singh Surjewala attacked the BJP government of Haryana and Chief Minister Naib Saini and said that Haryana state is suffering from an unprecedented water crisis. The water of Bhakra has been reduced from 8,500 cusecs to 4,000 cusecs. For the first time since the formation of Haryana on 01 November 1966, such a severe 'water crisis' has arisen. Randeep Surjewala, while explaining some of the consequences of this unexpected water crisis in Haryana, said that there is a shortage of drinking water in the entire Haryana. Especially in Kaithal, Kurukshetra, Ambala, Jind, Fatehabad, Sirsa, Hisar, Rohtak, people are yearning for even a drop of drinking water.

He said that 1,350 cusecs of water used to come to Kaithal, but now only 400 cusecs is being supplied. In Hisar, instead of 1,500 cusecs of water, only 350 cusecs of



water is being supplied in the Barwala link canal. Only 900 cusecs of water is reaching Fatehabad. In Ambala, only 1,200 cusecs of water is coming now as against 2,800 cusecs of water. People are suffering from thirst. Tanker mafia is dominating the entire state and Rs 1,000 is being charged per tanker. Almost all water works have dried up or are on the verge of drying up. The BJP government and officials do not even know when the water supply will come. In the scorching heat, the

village ponds have also almost dried up and the cattle are on the verge of dying of thirst.

Surjewala said that amidst such a severe water crisis, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and Haryana Chief Minister Naib Saini are busy only in rhetoric and writing letters to each other. Punjab Chief Minister Sh. Bhagwant Mann is drunk with power, while Sh. Naib Saini, who is often busy getting photographed on a bicycle, is not able to understand what, how or why of actions to save Haryana from the water crisis. He said that the innocent people of Haryana are suffering. Bhagwant Mann's stubbornness and intoxication of power and Naib Saini's failure and incompetence are creating a situation of unnecessary conflict amongst both the states. Today, when the whole country is standing united against terrorism, the situation of conflict in Punjab and Haryana is against the interest of both the states as well as the nation. He said that the Modi government at the centre has turned a blind eye to

the water crisis in Haryana and the conflict arising between the two states and has washed its hands off the responsibility. The Modi government and its power minister Manohar Lal Khattar and irrigation minister CR Patil have left the two states to fight and the people of Haryana to suffer in this conflict between the chief ministers. In fact, the Modi government has the biggest hand and responsibility in creating this entire crisis.

Surjewala said that the Bhakra Nangal Dam is operated by the "Bhakra Beas Management Board" (BBMB), which has been constituted by the Government of India. Punjab and Haryana have a share in water and electricity in this project. The chairman of the BBMB board is appointed by the Government of India. From the construction of the dam in the year 1963 to the year 2022, i.e. for 59 years, the Member (Irrigation) in Bhakra Dam was nominated by Haryana and the Member (Power) was nominated by Punjab.

## Under Ayushman Yojana, now successful treatment of heart patients will be done in Virk Hospital: Jagmohan Anand



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
KARNAL, APR 30

Sukh Dukh De Sathi Sabha and Virk Hospital Karnal organized a free heart checkup camp. Sukh Dukh De Sathi Sabha's head Pravesh Gaba and general secretary Harsimran Wadhwa welcomed Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand and Municipal Corporation Mayor Renu Bala Gupta, who arrived as chief guests, by giving them bouquets. MLA Jagmohan Anand and Mayor Renu Bala Gupta inaugurated the camp. On this occasion, they also inaugurated the state-of-the-art machine Cath Lab installed for the heart in Virk Hospital. In the camp, renowned cardiologist Dr. Suraj Singh

examined the health of more than 100 heart patients. Dr. Suraj Singh said that the purpose of this event is to spread awareness among people about heart related diseases and motivate them to get timely treatment. He said that due to changing lifestyle, the number of heart diseases is increasing rapidly. Free tests of ECG, blood sugar, blood pressure, lipid profile were conducted in the camp. In the camp, patients were given advice for chest pain, breathlessness, swelling in the legs, dizziness, fainting, fast heartbeat, blockage in the veins of the heart, congenital heart disease, hole in the heart, heart valve disease, echo, angiography, angioplasty, heart valve operation.

## Sacred Heart Convent School's 10th and 12th result excellent



**GOGI KMAALPURIYA**  
**RAIKOT:** The 10th and 12th results of the city's renowned institution "Sacred Heart Convent School" were excellent. Principal Sister Rachna told about this that in 10th Samridhi Garg (98.4%) came first, Prachi Bansal (97.4%) came second and Prabh Roop Singh (97%) came third and brought laurels to the school. The Principal Sister told that in 10th class 17 children were able to secure a place in the merit list and the result of 100% class 10th has come. Apart from this, in class 12th (Commerce), Jaspreet Singh (95.8%) secured first position, Garima Bansal (93.8%) secured second position and Ritika Bansal (93.2%) secured third position. Whereas in (Science stream), Gurkhush Kaur (95%) secured first position, Tanveer and Jasmine Kaur (92.8%) secured second position and Jasmine Kaur (92.8%) secured third position.

## Award ceremony organized by Akal University, Talwandi Sabo



**ISHWER GARG**  
**TALWANDI SABO:** It is a matter of great pride for our school Saint Soldier Rational Public Senior Secondary School that our school director Mr. Ishan ji was honored with the Inspirational Educator Award. On this occasion, the school chairman S. K. Sharma ji congratulated the director sir wholeheartedly and the vice-chairperson Arshima Jaiswal ji also congratulated him and wished him to work harder and establish a better education system. The principal also motivated the students and teachers on this occasion to work hard and move forward. Director Ishan expressed his gratitude for this honor and said: This is not only mine, but also the honor of our entire teaching staff, management and my dear students. Together we are trying to give a bright future to these young minds. Saint Soldier Rational Public Senior Secondary School not only provides curricular knowledge but also provides a holistic level of personal development keeping in mind the holistic development, moral values and the needs of the modern era.

## Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology and University of Queensland launch Centre of Excellence in Data Science and AI



**RAWEL BHINDER**  
**PATIALA:** In a major step forward for international academic collaboration and technological innovation, Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology (TIET) has partnered with The University of Queensland (UQ), Australia, to officially launch the TIET-UQ Centre of Excellence in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (AI). This collaborative Centre aims to position Punjab as a critical hub for cutting-edge research and innovation in AI and data science, and is now live at <https://dsai.thapar.edu>. Established with the vision of "Transforming industries and lives in India and Australia via innovation-led data science and AI," the Centre is designed to foster high-impact, human-centric AI applications with real-world value. It will focus on developing responsible and scalable AI technologies that address challenges across healthcare, agriculture, energy, cybersecurity, and sustainable infrastructure.

## Govt School student Niharika scores 590/600, earns spot in PSEB merit list



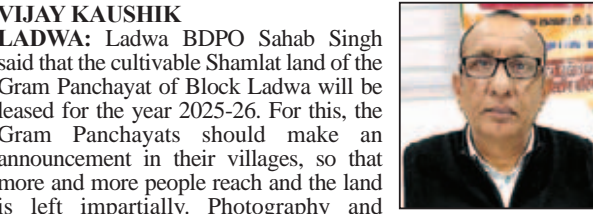
**PARAMJIT SINGH**  
**JALANDHAR:** In the results of the 8th class examinations of the Punjab School Education Board, Niharika, a student of Government School Basti Sheikh Jalandhar, secured a place in the merit list by securing 590 out of 600 marks. In this regard, today, Jalandhar West MLA and Punjab Horticulture, Freedom Fighters and Defence Services Welfare Minister Mohinder Bhagat went to Niharika's house and blessed and congratulated her. While congratulating the family, he said that it is a matter of great joy that under the leadership of Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Bhagwant Singh Mann, a wave of education revolution is being launched in Punjab schools, in which ultra-modern facilities are being provided to Punjab schools. He said that now government schools are not only at par with private schools, but are also known for providing better education and infrastructure than them.

## Osteoarthritis rate high in India: Dr Bhanu Pratap Singh



**RAWEL BHINDER**  
**PATIALA:** To create awareness on osteoarthritis and recent advances in robotic knee resurfacing, a team Park Hospital including Dr Bhanu Pratap Singh, director orthopedics and robotic joint replacement surgery and Dr Saurabh Garg and Dr Malwinder Singh both consultant ortho addressed a press conference here on Wednesday. Dr Bhanu Pratap Singh said, "Worldwide, osteoarthritis rate is high in India. Osteoarthritis is the most common form of arthritis, affecting millions of people worldwide. It happens when the protective cartilage that cushions the ends of the bones wears down over time. Although osteoarthritis can damage any joint, the condition most commonly affects joints in the hands, knees, hips and spine." He further said that we have completed 150 plus successful robotic knee replacements surgeries at Park Hospital Mohali. Under Park Mahotsav, we are offering free robotic technology to our patients till May end. This initiative aims to make advanced healthcare accessible to every section of society, he maintained.

## Admin will lease cultivable Shamlat land of Gram Panchayats: BDPO Sahab Singh



**VIJAY KAUSHIK**  
**LADWA:** Ladwa BDPO Sahab Singh said that the cultivable Shamlat land of the Gram Panchayat of Block Ladwa will be leased for the year 2025-26. For this, the Gram Panchayats should make an announcement in their villages, so that more and more people reach and the land is left impartially. Photography and videography of the entire proceedings will be done. The amount of land should be collected from the lessee on the spot and immediately deposited in the account of the Gram Panchayat and the lessee should also be given a receipt for this. The responsibility of this work will be of the concerned Gram Secretary. He said that the land reserved for the lease should be leased in the name of persons of the same category. The Gram Secretary will ensure that the photocopy of the lease register, photocopy of receipt number-4 and photocopy of the updated pass book are verified by himself and deposited in the block office. He informed that on May 6, the land of village Dhanaura Jattan, Shahzadpur, Bapda and Bhalad will be leased out, on May 7, the land of village Bahlolpur, Sura and Girdharpur will be leased out, on May 8, the land of village Lathi Dhanaura, Chhapra and Gazlana will be leased out, on May 13, the land of village Bani, Jogi Majra, Khedi Dabdalana will be leased out. BDPO Saheb Singh informed that on 14 May, the land of village Badshaami, Gharaula and Guda will be leased out, on 15 May, the land of village Badaaduni, Sambhalhka and Barot will be leased out, on 16 May, the land of village Halalpur.

## We should pledge to follow path shown by Lord Parshuram: Surendra Sharma Barota



**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
**KARNAL:** On the occasion of Lord Parshuram's birth anniversary, the Brahmin Sabha celebrated Lord Parshuram's birth anniversary with a havan yagya on Akshaya Tritiya like every year. A feast was also organised during this. The Brahmin Sabha paid homage to Lord Parshuram by garlanding the statue of Lord Parshuram at Lord Parshuram Chowk. On this occasion, tribute was paid to those who lost their lives in Pahalgam. State President Sarv Brahmin Sabha Haryana and former President District Karnal Brahmin Sabha Surendra Sharma Barota said that by remembering and following the character of Lord Parshuram, any person can achieve the heights of success in his life. Lord Parshuram was extremely wise, benevolent and protector of religion. Lord Parshuram Ji was a complete knower of scriptures and weapons. Welfare of all living beings was his foremost goal. He was a brilliant, energetic and powerful great man. Being a supporter of justice, Lord Parshuram Ji always opposed injustice.

## Farewell ceremony held in honour of six retiring policemen from Hansi Police District



**MANMOHAN SHARMA**  
**HANSI:** A grand farewell ceremony was held at the administrative building of the Police Lines in Hansi on the retirement of six police personnel, celebrating their years of dedicated service to the force and the community. Hansi Superintendent of Police, Amit Yashvardhan, lauded the commitment and selflessness inherent in police work. Speaking on the occasion, SP Yashvardhan remarked, "A police officer's life is one of service and sacrifice. While most people celebrate festivals with their families, police officers spend such moments ensuring the safety of others, considering the joy of the public as their own." He praised the retirees for dedicating the most valuable years of their lives to public service through the police force, describing their careers as exemplary contributions to society. "Police service is a noble means of serving the nation," he added.

## District Bar Association celebrates Lord Parshuram Jayanti with devotion



**SANJAY SHARMA**  
**KAITHAL:** The District Bar Association celebrated Lord Parshuram Jayanti today with great devotion and enthusiasm at the Bar premises. The event commenced with a sacred havan-yajna, in which Kapil Sharma, Satpal Dayora, Ashok Gautam, and Jitendra Sharma, along with their spouses, participated as yajmans. Several other advocates, including P.L. Bhardwaj, Om Prakash Sharma, Somdatt Sharma, Dinesh Tyagi, Dinesh Pathak, Umesh Sharma, Pawan Gautam, and Mukesh Sharma also took part in the ceremony. The yajna was solemnized by Pandit Vijay Shastri, who recited Vedic mantras and explained their meanings in Hindi. He highlighted the spiritual significance of chanting the mantra "Parshuramaya Namah" at least 108 times during the ritual. He also emphasized the added importance of the day, as this year's Akshaya Tritiya coincided with auspicious Tripushkar and Sarvartha Siddhi Yogas. According to Hindu beliefs, Lord Parshuram is one of the eight immortals (Chiranjivis) referenced in epics from the Ramayana to the Mahabharata. Bar Association President Sandeep Sharma elaborated on the significance of Lord Parshuram's incarnation, describing him as a divine figure who emerged to uphold justice and righteousness.

## Parshuram Jayanti celebrated with fervour at Ugala's Shakumbhari Temple



**JAIBEER RANA THAMBER**  
**BARARA:** The birth anniversary of Lord Parshuram was celebrated with great devotion and enthusiasm at the Shakumbhari Devi Temple in Ugala, organized by the Shri Brahmin Sabha. The event saw widespread participation from the local community and was marked by devotional renditions and spiritual discourses. Social worker Brijesh Sharma informed that the chief guest for the occasion was Jai Bhagwan Sharma, Chairman of the World Brahmin Federation, while Surendra Vats, General Secretary of Brahmin Ekta Shakti Sangathan, was present as the special guest along with his team. The event featured a captivating devotional performance by Pawan Bakshi and his group, highlighting the divine exploits of Lord Parshuram. Anup Sharma, President of the Shri Brahmin Sabha, extended a warm welcome to all dignitaries and guests during his stage address. Chief Guest Jai Bhagwan Sharma congratulated the Sabha for organizing the event so splendidly.

## Varun Bharti becomes new president of Punjab Unaided School Association, District Barnala



**KARANPREET KARAN**  
**BARNALA:** An important meeting of the district Barnala unit of Punjab Unaided Schools Association was held today, in which the current president of the organization, Ranjit Singh Cheema, resigned from his post due to family responsibilities. During the meeting, he proposed the name of Varun Bharti for the post of the new president, which was unanimously accepted by all the members. Many dignitaries including Kapil Mittal, Ravinderjit Bindhi, Mohit Singla, Sushil Goyal, Pramod Arora, Bhagwant Singh, Rakesh Bansal and Rakesh Gupta were present in the meeting. The newly appointed president Varun Bharti thanked all the members on this occasion and assured that he would work with full dedication for the betterment of the association. He said that he will raise his voice strongly before the government and the administration to resolve the problems faced by private unaided schools on priority basis. Varun Bharti also said that the association will promote training programs, workshops and government dialogue to raise the quality, innovation and standard of education in schools so that private schools also continue to make their excellent contribution to the education system. All the members thanked the former president Ranjit Singh Cheema for his services and took the pledge of unity and Ranjit Singh Cheema was elected as the patron.

## Third Baisakhi Mela organized by Bhangra Roots Academy Barnala and PG Bhangra Roots Academy Canada



**KARANPREET KARAN**  
**BARNALA:** The third Baisakhi Mela was organized by Bhangra Roots Academy Barnala. The opening ceremony of the competition was performed by the chief guest Mr. Chunni Lal Pandit Ji and on this occasion Mr. Ashok Kumar SPD, S Baljit Singh, film actors Rupinder Rupai, Bhupinder Barnala, Jassi Longowalia, Lucky Dhaliwal and Pali Dhanaula said that the aim of this festival is to remove harmful habits like drugs and connect them with Punjabi culture so that the youth remain conscious about culture and health. Various Bhangra and Giddha teams from Punjab participated in this fair. 7 teams participated in the Bhangra competition. In the final Bhangra competition, Performing Art Bhangra Academy Sangrur won the first place and NR Bhangra Academy Muktsar Sahib won the second place. In Solo Bhangra Senior, Jatinder Jass Longowal and Karan Nanda won the second place. In the Ludi Senior category, Chitkara University won the first place. Bhangra Academy Tarn Taran and Sukhpreet Kaur won the first place in the Giddha Senior category.



## HDFC Securities Celebrates 25 Years in Stock Broking

AMRITSAR: HDFC Securities, one of India's leading stockbrokers, proudly celebrates its 25th anniversary in the stock broking industry. Over the years, the company has transformed from one of India's first traditional stock broking firms into a digital-first investment platform fueled by innovation. Throughout this journey, HDFC Securities has made strategic investments in technology and customer experience, exemplified by the launch of the InvestRight app and HDFC Sky—a mobile-first discount broking platform designed specifically for young, digitally savvy investors.

## Samsung Expands Direct Access to AI Assistant With Side Button on Galaxy A Series

CHANDIGARH: Samsung Electronics today announced that select Galaxy A series devices will soon support AI assistant activation through the side button, bringing a fan-favorite feature from the Galaxy S series to more users and furthering Samsung's vision of democratizing the latest AI experiences. With this update, users will be able to enjoy smarter AI experiences, including launching Gemini, Google's AI-powered assistant, by simply pressing and holding the side button.

## Toyota Kirloskar Motor Reaffirms Long-Term Commitment to Road Safety Across India

CHANDIGARH: In alignment with its vision of building a safer and more responsible mobility ecosystem, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) reiterates its long-standing commitment to advancing road safety through structured initiatives across the country. TKM's efforts span awareness, education, and innovation, positively impacting over 10 lakh individuals through its comprehensive road safety programs.

## Coca-Cola Reports First Quarter 2025 Results

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: The Coca-Cola Company in its First Quarter 2025 results, reported continued momentum in an industry brimming with growth opportunities. "Our performance this quarter once again demonstrates the effectiveness of our all-weather strategy," said James Quincey, Chairman and CEO of The Coca-Cola Company. "Despite some pressure in key developed markets, the power of our global portfolio allowed us to successfully navigate a complex external environment. By remaining true to our purpose and staying close to the consumer, we are confident in our ability to create enduring long-term value."

## Amazon India launches Great Summer Sale 2025

LUDHIANA: Amazon India has revealed blockbuster deals for the upcoming Great Summer Sale, starting May 1st, 2025 noon. "The highly anticipated sale, co-powered by Samsung AI, brings an exceptional array of deals across leading brands to delight shoppers this season. Customers can explore remarkable offers on premium technology from Samsung AI and Intel, cutting-edge home entertainment solutions from Samsung Appliances & TV, TCL, and Hisense, as well as trusted consumer favorites from TATA products, Muscle Blaze, Volini, HUL, Kellogg's, and Boat. Unlock bumper rewards worth INR 5,000 when shopping, booking tickets, or paying bills, with special offers on their 1st, 5th, and 10th transactions. Prime members using the Amazon Pay ICICI Bank Credit Card can enjoy unlimited 5% cashback along with welcome rewards worth INR 2,500. The sale also offers savings of up to 20% on flight bookings and up to 35% on hotels and homestays. Eligible customers can access instant credit up to INR 60,000 via Amazon Pay Later and earn rewards up to INR 600.

## Nestlé India Strengthens its Pledge to India's Hill Stations through Project Hillaadari

LUDHIANA: Nestlé India reiterated its commitment to the planet by bolstering Project Hillaadari in the quaint cities of Palampur and Dalhousie in Himachal Pradesh. Project Hillaadari is a Nestlé India initiative in partnership with PLAN Foundation and technical partner Rectly India Pvt Ltd. Over the last five years, Project Hillaadari has successfully developed inclusive and resilient models for waste management in select tourist cities of India. The project is currently operational in Ponda, Mussoorie, Mahabaleshwar, Munner, Jaipal, Dalhousie, Palampur, Pandharia and Junagadh. Launched in October 2023, Palampur has been a striking example of the positive transformation in waste management through collaborative, community-driven approach covering 12,900 households, 2,000 commercial properties, and serving an annual tourist footfall of approximately 8 lakhs.

## Coffee Table Book 'Twenty Tales of Triumph' Celebrating 20 Years of Impact of P&G Shiksha

ADDI: Procter & Gamble India (P&G India), makers of brands like Ariel, Tide, Gillette, etc., today celebrated 20 years of impact of its flagship CSR initiative P&G Shiksha, at an event held in Tatyana, in Sirmour district of Himachal Pradesh. Sh. Harshwardhan Chauhan, Hon'ble Industries Minister, Government of Himachal Pradesh graced the event, and unveiled P&G Shiksha's special coffee table book "Twenty Tales of Triumph" to commemorate the occasion, in the presence of children from Himachal Pradesh Anushtika, Parkshit and Shivani whose stories have been featured in the book, and senior dignitaries from the government and P&G India. The book is a powerful reminder of the change education can bring when every child is given the chance to thrive. It captures powerful stories of resilience and progress from across India.

## This cricket season, Swiggy rolls out 'Swiggy Sixes' where every six means big savings

SIMILA: Swiggy, (Swiggy Ltd, NSE: SWIGGY / BSE: 544285), India's pioneering on-demand convenience platform, has launched Swiggy Sixes—a real-time, match-linked offer designed to elevate the excitement of the ongoing cricket season and unlock higher offers on your favorite restaurants. With cricket fever gripping the nation, Swiggy Sixes turns every towering six into a chance for fans to celebrate with irresistible food deals, adding flavour to every moment of the game. With Swiggy Sixes, users can unlock exciting discounts—66% off, ₹266 off, ₹166 off or ₹66 off—on orders from over 50,000 restaurants across the country. These limited time offers get activated the moment a six is hit during a live cricket match and remain valid for only ten minutes. A real-time "ball floaty" timer appears on the Swiggy app, alerting users like "A Six was Hit! Offer Unlocked", allowing users to track live unlocks with ease. To avail the offer, users need to place their order within the 10-minute window after a six is hit.

# NITTTR Chandigarh Collaborates with ISAC & Zscaler to Launch CopConnect Cyber Wellness Clinic



**SHASHI PAL JAIN**  
**CHANDIGARH:** The National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Chandigarh, is set to launch the CopConnect Cyber Wellness Clinic on April 30, 2025, in collaboration with the Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAC) and supported by Zscaler under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. The clinic is designed to be a hub for cybersecurity training, awareness and collaboration, bridging the gap between academia, law enforcement and industry leaders. Following the successful

launch of the CopConnect Cyber Wellness Clinic at Punjab University on March 4, 2025, NITTTR Chandigarh's initiative aims to extend cybersecurity awareness among students, educators and law enforcement personnel. Supported by ISAC and sponsored by Zscaler, the clinic will enhance knowledge and skill development in digital security, ensuring greater cyber resilience in educational and technical institutions. Situated in Sector 26, Chandigarh, the CopConnect Cyber Wellness Clinic at NITTTR will offer:

Sessions: Workshops on phishing, identity theft, and digital fraud prevention. Practical Training in Cyber Labs: Hands-on exposure to real-world cyber threats at CyberRange Cybersecurity Labs. Law Enforcement Collaboration: Strengthening cybercrime investigation techniques. Certified Cybersecurity Learning: Access to ISAC's 26 cybersecurity certification programs. Exposure to Security Platforms: Training on ISAC's Breach Point, EthixFirst, and National Security Database. The partnership between NITTTR Chandigarh, ISAC and

Zscaler underscores a collective commitment to fostering cybersecurity awareness and responsible digital practices. By equipping students, faculty, and law enforcement personnel with cutting-edge cybersecurity expertise, this initiative aims to build a more secure digital landscape. With the official inauguration of the Cyber Wellness Clinic on March 5, 2025, NITTTR Chandigarh is poised to play a pivotal role in strengthening India's cybersecurity infrastructure, and empowering individuals to navigate the digital domain with confidence and security.

## DSP Mutual Fund Launches DSP Silver ETF Fund of Fund to Provide Easy Access to Silver Investment

CHANDIGARH: DSP Mutual Fund announced the launch of its new open-ended scheme, the DSP Silver ETF Fund of Fund, designed to offer investors a convenient and structured way to gain exposure to silver through the mutual fund route. This Fund of Fund will primarily invest in units of DSP Silver ETF, providing returns that closely correspond to the performance of physical silver in domestic markets. Silver as a commodity plays a crucial role in various industries such as electronics, automotive, power, and jewelry, with demand expected to rise due to the global shift towards renewable and cleaner energy sources. Supply growth for silver has been limited, and recent years have shown a consistent supply deficit. The year 2025 could be the fifth year running where demand for silver could be more than the supply. And this supply deficit could be more than 20% of annual demand. In the past, when such deficits occurred, even a small incremental increase in investment demand for silver can lead to a rise in prices. Indian investors may also benefit from currency depreciation, as silver is priced in USD. Over time, silver prices in

INR have outperformed those in USD, providing an additional advantage when the rupee weakens. The DSP Silver ETF Fund of Fund offers the advantage of owning the metal in a convenient digital form without the requirement for a demat account to transact. It also presents a systematic way to invest in Silver via SIPs along with the flexibility of redeeming the units without any lock-in period. "During geopolitical tensions and uncertainties, precious metals like silver and gold present a safe haven for investors. Precious metals are also a good inflation hedge for investors who fear that trade wars and tariff tensions would cause high inflation." said Anil Ghelani, CFA, Head of Passive Investments & Products at DSP Mutual Fund. "With the launch of DSP Silver ETF Fund of Fund, we are making it even simpler for investors to access silver as an asset class through the mutual fund platform. Our aim is to provide a transparent, liquid, and cost-effective solution for those seeking diversification and long-term growth potential through commodities," said Dipesh Shah, Fund Manager of DSP Silver ETF Fund of Fund.

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## Prof. Vivek Lal, Director PGIMER honored 16 officers/officials on their superannuation today



Prof. R. K. Ratho, Dean (Academics), Prof. Vipin Kaushal, Medical Superintendent, Lt. Col. G. S. Bhatti, Superintending Hospital Engineer, Prof. Parmjeet Singh, Head, Deptt. of Radiodiagnosis & Imaging, Prof. S. K. Gupta, Head, Deptt. of Neurosurgery, Prof. Atul Parshar, Head, Deptt. of Plastic Surgery, Prof. Usha Dutta, Head, Deptt. of Gastroenterology, Prof. Kajal Jain, Deptt. of Anaesthesia & Intensive Care, Prof. Rakesh Kapoor, Professor Incharge, Procurement (Import), Prof. Ritesh Aggarwal, Deptt. of Pulmonary Medicine, Mrs. Jaspal Kaur, Chief Nursing Officer, Sh. Ravi Dutt Sharma, Sr. Sanitation Officer were also present on the occasion. Sh. Ravinder Singh, IA&S, Financial Advisor handed over beneficiary cheques comprising GPF gratuity and group insurance to the retirees and wished them well in life. Prof. Sandhya Yaddanapudi, Head, Deptt. of Anaesthesia & Intensive Care; Smt. Krishna Devi Kang, Sr. Nursing Officer, A.G.E. Ward, Nehru Hospital; Dr. Gurdeep Kaur, Technical Assistant, Radio diagnosis & Imaging Department; Sh. Atma Ram, Jr. Admin. Officer, Procurement Branch (Import); Sh. Jaswinder Singh, Jr. Admin. Officer, Neurosurgery Ward; Sh. Rajmal, Sr. Lab Attendant, Nephrology Department; Sh. Harbans Singh, Hand Prosthetic Technician, Plastic Surgery Department; Sh. Tarlok Singh, Technician Cxll, Electrical Div., Engg. Department; Sh. Babu Ram, Lift Operator, Elect. Div., Engg. Department; Sh. Sita Ram, Hospital Attendant, Tuli Das Library; Sh. Pal Singh, Hospital Attendant, Gastroenterology Department; Sh. Suresh Kumar, Hospital Attendant, G.II, Pulmonary Medicine Department; Sh. Ashok Kumar, MTS (Sanitation), G.I, Sanitation Department; Sh. Sant Ram, MTS (Sanitation), G.II, Sanitation Department; Sh. Raj Kumar, MTS (Sanitation), G.II, Old Doctor Hostel; Smt. Roshini Devi, MTS (Sanitation), G.II, Virology Department, retired from PGIMER after devoting 21 to 37 years of their lives to PGI.

## Daewoo & Mil announce strategic alliance, to launch Daewoo lubricants in the Indian market

Chandigarh: Daewoo, the globally renowned brand known for its legacy of engineering excellence has officially entered the Indian automotive lubricant sector with a spectacular launch event held at Le Méridien, New Delhi. The launch marks a pivotal moment in the industry as Daewoo Lubricants now becomes available in India under a strategic licensing collaboration with Mangali



Industries Limited, a trusted name in the Indian manufacturing landscape. Marking its official entry into the Indian automotive market, Daewoo Lubricants, launched its premium range of high performance lubricants designed for a wide variety of vehicles from two wheelers and passenger cars to commercial and agricultural vehicles. With a legacy of engineering excellence and innovation, Daewoo is recognized for producing reliable, durable, user-friendly products as the brand emphasizes to make quality accessible to a wide range of consumers. The launch of Daewoo Lubricants sets a new benchmark in India's lubricant sector, offering world class quality tailored for Indian driving conditions. The high-profile event brought together leaders from the automotive and lubricant sectors, along with key stakeholders, to witness the signing and presenting of Licensee Certificate, while unveiling of Daewoo's premium range of lubricants, built to win the diverse driving conditions in India.

## Dr. Reddy's and Sanofi Healthcare India Private Limited expand partnership to launch Beyfortus

CHANDIGARH: On the occasion of World Immunization Week, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd. (BSE: 500124, NSE: DRREDDY, NYSE: RDY, NSEIFSC: DRREDDY; hereafter referred to as "Dr. Reddy's"), a global pharmaceutical company, expands its strategic partnership with Sanofi Healthcare India Private Limited ("SHIPIL") to introduce a novel drug, Beyfortus® (nirsevimab), in India. Beyfortus® contains the monoclonal antibody, nirsevimab, in a pre-filled injection used for the prevention of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) lower respiratory tract disease (LRTD) in newborns and infants born during or entering their first RSV season. It is also administered in children up to 24 months of age, who remain vulnerable to severe RSV disease through their second RSV season. Under the arrangement, Dr. Reddy's will have exclusive rights from SHIPIL to promote and distribute Beyfortus® (nirsevimab) in India. This announcement follows Dr. Reddy's successful exclusive distribution partnership with Sanofi for their

portfolio of vaccines in India last year. Dr. Reddy's is expected to launch Beyfortus® in India in the second quarter of the current fiscal year. RSV is a highly contagious virus that can lead to serious respiratory illness for infants. Two out of three infants are infected with RSV during their first year of life and almost all children are infected by their second birthday. In addition to being the most common cause of LRTD such as bronchiolitis and pneumonia in infants, RSV is also a leading cause of hospitalization in infants worldwide, with most hospitalizations occurring in healthy infants born at term. In 2019, there were approximately 33 million cases of acute lower respiratory infections globally, leading to more than 3 million hospitalizations, and it was estimated that there were 26,300 in-hospital deaths of children younger than 5 years. Nitya Padmanabhan, Head of Sanofi Vaccines (India) said, "Bringing Beyfortus® to India is a pivotal step in our mission to protect every child from immunization preventable diseases like RSV.

## "We are here to stay" says Nissan Motor India

Gurugram / Faridabad: Nissan Motor India Pvt. Ltd. (NMPL) continued consistent and sustainable growth in India, delivering best single year performance for FY 2024-25 in the last seven years despite multiple headwinds faced by the domestic auto industry. The year was marked by the continued success of the New Nissan Magnite, which remains a key pillar of Nissan's domestic business plan and a vital part of the company's global export operations. In FY 2024-25 Nissan Motor India recorded total domestic volume of 28,000+ units led by the New Nissan Magnite introduced in October 2024. This strong performance was delivered despite the rising consumer preference for alternate fuel vehicles in the B-SUV segment in India. On the export front, the company expanded its operations from 20 markets to 65+ international markets as a part of its "One Car One World" philosophy and registered an unprecedented and historic export sales of 71,000+ units further reinforcing India's role as a growing manufacturing and export hub for Nissan globally. This brings the consolidated sales of the company to 99,000+ units for FY 2024-25. Commenting on the performance, Frank Torres, Divisional Vice President of AMIEO Region Business Transformation & President of Nissan India Operations said, "India remains a strong pillar of growth for Nissan driven by the continued success of the Nissan Magnite.

## The all-new Kindle Paperwhite in India launched



CHANDIGARH: Amazon, today, announced the launch of its all-new Kindle Paperwhite in India. This is the company's fastest Kindle to date, and also the best-performing and thinnest Kindle Paperwhite yet. It has the largest display of any Paperwhite at 7 inches, a lightweight design, and a battery life of up to 12 weeks with just a single charge. Customers can purchase the all-new Kindle Paperwhite in Black colour at ₹16,999 on Amazon.in: www.amazon.in/all-new-kindle-paperwhite. "Kindle Paperwhite has been a popular choice among readers for years, and we're excited to launch the all-new Kindle Paperwhite with upgraded features that our customers will value. Its fast performance, with 25% faster page turns, ensures customers never have a slow moment while reading. Its largest-ever display provides added reading comfort and its lightweight design makes it convenient to carry and read on-the-go," said Dilip R.S., Director and Country Manager, Amazon Devices India. "We look forward to our customers unlocking stories from a vast selection of Indian and international titles available on Amazon with this latest Kindle." The new Kindle Paperwhite comes with a powerful dual-core processor that offers smooth and fast performance with 25% faster page turns on the device.

## CT Group, Khed Bharati Organizes 'Mission Zindagi'

J S SODHI  
JALANDHAR: CT Group of Institutions, in collaboration with Khed Bharati Punjab, organized a panel discussion titled 'Mission Zindagi'—**समर्थन से आनंद** at Shahpur Campus. Dronacharya Awardee and National Boxing Coach Shiv Singh, Panjab University's Dr. Rakesh Malik, and Ranson Sports' Arvind Singh Rana addressed over 500 students, highlighting the role of sports in promoting discipline, resilience, and a drug-free lifestyle. Harpreet Singh, Vice Chairman, CT Group, thanked the speakers and urged youth to take the lead in the fight against drugs. The event also saw the presence of Dr. Sangram Singh and Dr. Arjan Singh, who encouraged students to focus on holistic growth and national development.



## INNOTEK 2025 at LPU Showcases Over 500 Student Innovations Across Disciplines



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JALANDHAR: Lovely Professional University's INNOTEK 2025 expo brought together over 2500 students from 29+ schools to present 500+ innovative projects at the Baldev Raj Mittal Unipolis Auditorium. Organized by the Department of Student Research & Projects, standout creations included a Counter Drone System, LoRa-based smart helmet for coal miners, and AI-powered posture-correcting wearable. Pro-Chancellor Col. Dr. Rashmi Mittal lauded the students' creativity, citing the success of startups like Diganantara and King Hills. Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr. Lovi Raj Gupta emphasized the importance of clear problem-solving and presentation. The event highlighted interdisciplinary excellence across engineering, design, agriculture, health, and entrepreneurship, reinforcing LPU's EduRevolution mission of turning student innovations into real-world impact.

## Kisna Diamond & Gold Jewellery Grand Exhibition at Royal Jewellers, Amritsar

AMRITSAR: The people of Amritsar now have the opportunity to experience the elegance and brilliance of Kisna Diamond & Gold Jewellery, a brand celebrated across India for its premium quality, authentic diamonds, and sophisticated



designs during the special exhibition. In celebration of Akshaya Tritiya, Royal Jewellers is hosting a Grand Exhibition of Kisna Diamond Jewellery from 30th April to 2nd May 2025. The exhibition will feature a breathtaking range of jewellery—modern, elegant, and versatile—starting from just ₹6,000 and extending into the luxury segment worth several lakhs. Since opening, Royal Jewellers has received a warm and enthusiastic response from local patrons. The excitement around Kisna's collection clearly reflects Amritsar's growing appetite for high-quality, designer jewellery that blends trust with beauty. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Paras Luthra and Mr. Deepak said, "Our vision is to bring Kisna's commitment to trust, transparency, and timeless elegance to every home in Amritsar through Royal Jewellers. We hope our

jewellery becomes a part of every customer's joy, traditions, and cherished memories." This exhibition offers more than just jewellery—it brings the assurance of a name trusted nationwide. With certified diamonds, meticulous craftsmanship, and exclusive designs, Kisna is now proudly part of Amritsar's jewellery landscape—available only at Royal Jewellers.



NEWS BRIEF

Zimbabwe fast bowler blessed with rapid rankings rise

New Delhi : Zimbabwe quick Blessing Muzarabani has been the big winner following the latest update to the ICC Men's Test Player Rankings, as per the official website of the International Cricket Council (ICC). Muzarabani picked up nine wickets in a Player of the Match performance as Zimbabwe registered an impressive three-wicket triumph over Bangladesh in the first Test in Sylhet, and the tall right-arm rose up the bowling rankings as a result to reach a new career-best rating of 705 points. He is just the second Zimbabwean bowler to surpass the 700-point barrier in Test cricket. The 28-year-old pacer rises four places to move to 15th overall on the rankings list for Test bowlers, with India seamer Jasprit Bumrah still maintaining his spot at the head of proceedings. Muzarabani's Zimbabwe teammate Wellington Masakadza re-enters the rankings for Test bowlers in equal 68th spot after five wickets against Bangladesh in his first Test appearance in more than two years, while there was some joy for the hosts as experienced spinner Mehidy Hasan gained four runs to improve to 26th following his 10 scalps from the same match. There are further gains for Bangladesh on the latest rankings for Test batters, with Mominul Haque, Jaker Ali and Najmul Hossain Shanto all making ground inside the top 100 following decent efforts against Zimbabwe. Haque managed innings of 56 and 47 and improved five places to 48th overall, Ali jumped 10 spots to 50th following a half-century in the second innings of the Sylhet contest, while Shanto climbed four runs to 53rd after knocks of 40 and 60.

Vipraj explains rationale behind DC's decision to bowl after winning toss against KKR

New Delhi : Delhi Capitals all-rounder Vipraj Nigam opened up about the bond he shares with his teammates and especially the franchise's premier spinner Kuldeep Yadav. Along with this, Vipraj explained the rationale behind their decision to bowl after winning the toss against Kolkata Knight Riders in the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL). Delhi Capitals suffered their third home defeat after falling short against Kolkata Knight Riders by 14 runs in IPL 2025 match at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Tuesday. After being put into bat, KKR scored 204/9 in 20 overs. In reply, Delhi Capitals managed to get to 190/9. Far du Plessis (62 off 45), skipper Axar Patel (43 off 23) and Vipraj Nigam (38 off 19) put up an impressive show with the bat, but the hosts couldn't get over the line. Following the defeat, he was asked about the decision to bowl first after winning the toss in the post-match press conference, to which he replied, "We expected that we'd would play some role in the later stage of the game, and that's why we opted to bowl first, but that didn't happen. The wicket was pretty good. They scored 200+ in the first innings and then we put on 190 in the second, so overall, it was a good track to bat on." Talking about his journey in the competition so far and his bond with senior players in the team, Vipraj said, "Cricket is a journey where there are always ups and downs.

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## Revitalised Royals look to halt MI's charge



**AGENCY JAIPUR :** Rajasthan Royals will turn up against Mumbai Indians with renewed vigour as they aim to halt the five-time champions' surging momentum in the Indian Premier League here on Thursday. With 14-year-old Vaibhav Suryavanshi potentially playing the knock of the tournament on Monday, the Royals have found a ray of hope in what has been an IPL campaign of missed opportunities. The hosts still have a mathematical chance of making the

play-offs but deep down the management has accepted its fate. A side strain to skipper Sanju Samson paved the way of Suryavanshi's debut and it only took him three innings to become the talking point of the cricketing world. Samson last played on April 16 and there is no clarity over his comeback, leaving Suravanshi and Yashasvi Jaiswal to open the innings again. Their 166-run stand against Gujarat Titans ensured they made short work of the 210-run target. Having put bowlers of

international repute to the sword, it would be interesting to see how south paw Suryavanshi fares against Jasprit Bumrah. Lower down the order, there will be pressure on Shimron Hetmyer who has not been at his ballistic best this season where the pitches have been on the slower side. What will probably make the difference in their ordinary run is their inability to close games from winning positions. In the pace department, Jofra Archer has provided the breakthroughs but has con-

ceded close to 10 runs per over. Sandeep Sharma too has proved to be a tad expensive. In fact, none of their frontline bowlers have an economy rate of less than 9. For Hardik Pandya-led Mumbai Indians, the return of Bumrah has coincided with their ascent to the top of the table. The perennial slow starters have now collected five wins on the bounce and look unstoppable. "This competition is very tough, can't get carried away. We need to play good cricket,

always prepare for the next game and keep up with the momentum going forward," Pandya had said after the win over LSG. One of the positives for MI in the previous game was the performance of debutant Corbin Bosch who scored at a strike rate of 200 besides taking a wicket. With likes of Suryakumar Yadav and Rohit Sharma back at their best, MI seem to be peaking at the right time, an ominous sign for the opposition teams. Squads: Rajasthan Royals: Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shimron Hetmyer, Shubham Dubey, Vaibhav Suryavanshi, Sanju Samson, Dhruv Jurel, Kunal Singh Rathore, Riyan Parag, Yuvraj Singh Chakar, Nitish Rana, Sandeep Sharma, Tushar Deshpande, Akash Madhwal, Kumar Kartikeya, Kwen Maphaka, Wanindu Hasaranga, Maheesh Theekshana, Fazalhaq Parooqi, Ashok Sharma, Jofra Archer. Mumbai Indians: Suryakumar Yadav, Rohit Sharma, Tilak Varma, Bevon Jacobs, Ryan Rickelton, Robin Minz, Krishnan Shriji, Hardik Pandya, Naman Dhir, Raj Bawa, Vignesh Puthur, Will Jaks, Mitchell Santner, Jasprit Bumrah, Arjun Tendulkar, Ashwani Kumar, Reece Topley, Lizaad Williams, Kam Sharma, Trent Boult, Deepak Chahar, Satyanarayana Raju, Mujeeb Ur Rahman. Match starts 7.30 PM

## KL Rahul and former Indian players wish Rohit Sharma on his 38th birthday



**NEW DELHI:** Former Indian cricketers and KL Rahul wished Indian captain Rohit Sharma on his 38th birthday. Indian skipper and opener Rohit Sharma turned 38 on Wednesday, marking another year in a career that has witnessed some unmatched highs and traumatic lows, yet remains one of the greatest stories in Indian cricket. Indian batter KL Rahul posted wishes for Rohit on his official Instagram handle, "Happy birthday Ro, Wish you the very best" KL posted on his Instagram story. Rohit's former opening partner, Shikhar Dhawan, posted on his official Instagram handle, "From chasing runs to sharing laughs, it's been a legendary journey together. Happy Birthday, partner in crime." Shikhar posted on his Instagram story. Former Indian legend Yuvraj Singh posted on his official X handle, "Some build records, some build legacies - you've done both brotherman! Hope you have an amazing year ahead! Happy birthday. Loads of love always @ImRo45." Former Indian cricketer Suresh Raina posted on his official Instagram handle, "Happy Birthday, Rohit! Wishing you an incredible year ahead, brother! From sharing the field to sharing laughter, it's always been a pleasure watching you lead with calm and class. Your journey has inspired millions, and I know there's still so much more to come. May this year bring you great success, happiness, and time with your loved ones. Keep hitting those big sixes--on and off

the field! Cheers to many more milestones ahead! @rohitsharma45." It was in June 2007, against Ireland, that a baby-faced 20-year-old Rohit burst onto the scene, displaying his immense potential and versatility with some impactful knocks during the 2007 T20 World Cup-winning campaign. Since then, the 'Hitman' has evolved into one of the bravest openers of all time, a tactical mastermind with a trophy cabinet worth envying, and the calm composure of a monk. Having made his Test debut in 2013, Rohit has scored 4,301 runs in 67 Tests and 116 innings, averaging 40.57, with 12 centuries and 18 fifties, and his best score being 212. He is India's leading run-getter in the ICC World Test Championship (WTC), with 2,716 runs at an average of 41.15 in 40 Tests, with nine centuries and eight fifties in 69 innings. He is the 10th-highest run-getter of all time in the competition and was the captain of the team which finished as runners-up to Australia in 2023 during the WTC final. He has seen mixed success in Tests as a captain, with 12 wins, nine losses, and three draws, with most wins coming at home. The world got a glimpse of Rohit as a white-ball batter, a form of cricket in which he has dominated. In 273 ODIs and 265 innings, he has made 11,168 runs at an average of 48.76 with 32 centuries and 58 fifties. His best score in ODIs is 264. He is the only batter with three ODI double tons.

## Shikhar Dhawan unveils jerseys for Intercontinental Legends Championship ahead of May 27 kick-off




**NEW DELHI :** The Intercontinental Legends Championship (ILC) on Wednesday unveiled the official team jerseys ahead of its highly anticipated season, set to begin on May 27 at the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Sports Complex in Greater Noida, as per a release from ILC. Cricketer icon Shikhar Dhawan, the celebrated former India opener, headlined the jersey unveiling ceremony alongside ex-India cricketers Parvinder Awana, Praveen Kumar, and ILC founder Pradeep Sangwan. Speaking about the League and jersey, Shikhar Dhawan said, "It's a great initiative to bring together cricketing legends from around the world under one banner. The Intercontinental Legends Championship not only revives the passion of legends but also brings fans a unique blend of nostalgia and entertainment. I'm thrilled to be part of this launch and look forward to the exciting action ahead," as quoted from a release by ILC. The upcoming Championship featuring 6 teams from 6 continents.

MLA from Khanpur, Umesh Kumar, who attended the jersey unveiling ceremony of the Intercontinental Legends Championship (ILC), expressed his appreciation for the event and the people behind it. He thanked all the dignitaries present and specially congratulated ILC founder Pradeep Sangwan, saying, "Pradeep Sangwan has been a remarkable IPL player, and I congratulate him for this initiative. Initially, I thought it would be difficult to pull off something of this scale, but after seeing his dedication and hard work, it's clear how this vision has now reached the stage of a successful jersey launch." The Intercontinental Legends Championship will feature six iconic teams representing six global regions: African Lions, Trans Titans (Australia and New Zealand), Europe Gladiators, American Tigers, Asian Avengers, and Indian Warriors. Speaking about ICL, founder Pradeep Sangwan said, "The Intercontinental Legends Championship is more than a tournament; it's a celebration of cricket's ability to unite the world.

NORTHERN RAILWAY e-TENDERING OPEN TENDER NOTICE No. NIT- 05/UMB-2025-26 DATED 29.04.2025					
Open tenders through e-tendering are invited on & behalf of president of India by Sr. Divisional Engineer/Coordination, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto 15.00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.					
S. N.	Name of work	Approx. Cost (Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Date of Closing & Opening
1	Provision of safety fencing (Phase-2 (anti crash barrier) along track for safe running of trains on UMB-CDG & CDG-MRND Vande Bharat route.	26,93,93,541	14,97,000	12 Months	26.05.2025
2	(01)Construction of 6mx 5m size Limited height subway in lieu of level Xing 5, between Kharar and Junction cabin station of CDG-MRND section to eliminate level Xing in the section of SSEW/CDG under Sr. DEN/CDG, (02) Const of 6x5m size LHS in lieu of LC no-6, b/w KARR and JN cabin station of CDG-MRND section in the section of SSEW/CDG under Sr.DEN/CDG & (03 )Construction of 6mx 5m size Limited height subway in lieu of level Xing 7, between Kharar and Junction cabin station of CDG-MRND section to eliminate level Xing in the section of SSEW/CDG under Sr. DEN/CDG.	16,84,76,034	9,92,400	12 Months	26.05.2025
3	(01)TRR(P) 8.517 km in the section of SSE/P-way/SASN & SSE/P- way/UMB under ADEN/CDG & ADEN/UMB, (02) CTR(P)1.55 km in UMB & DOKY yard in the section of SSE/P-way/UMB under ADEN/UMB, (03 )TFR 70.462 km in the section of SSE/P-way/UMB & CDG under ADEN/UMB & CDG & (04)TTR(TSR) of - 29 sets (1-12 - 6 sets & 1.8-5-23 sets)in c/w Ambala Division - TTR(TSR) - 111 sets (1-12 - 60 sets & 1.8-5 - 51 sets) in the section of ADEN/UMB under Sr.DEN/UMB.	3,43,60,122	3,21,800	08 Months	26.05.2025
4	Resurfaced surface at level crossing no. 102A/B and 102A1/C under SSE/P.Way /UMB in the section of ADEN/UMB.	38,95,256	77,900	03 Months	26.05.2025
5	TRR(P) 1.684 Tkm Line No. G-15 KJGY Yard HNC-KJGY section, CTR(P) 0.528 Tkm in KJGY Yard on Line-6 on KNC-KJGY Section, Through Turnout Renewal (CMS, TWS, CS and sleeper sets of Turnout) and BCM work in the section of ADEN/SRE under Sr. DEN-III/UMB.	1,58,84,436	2,29,400	24 Months	26.05.2025
6	(i) Ambala cantt-Ludhiana- TRR(P)-12.631 Tkm (Km 290.449-300.518= 10.069 (DN), 307-308.062=1.062 (UP), 311-312.5=1.5 (UP) (ii) Ambala-Ludhiana- TRR(P)-3.358 Tkm (DN-263.508- 263.726, 264.726, 264.328-264.546, 266.524-266.761, 267.778- 268, 273.874, 283.247-263.508, 287.44-287.762), UPI(263.508- 263.726,264.328-264.546,266.524-266.761, 273.49-273.874, 283.332-283.449, 287.44-287.762)	1,66,38,652	2,33,200	12 Months	26.05.2025
7	Replacement of Steel Girder with PSC slab of Br. No. 260 UP (3X12.04M) & DN (3X12.04M) at K.M 2217/7-10 on SRE-UMB Section under ADEN/SRE.	1,90,41,058	2,45,200	12 Months	26.05.2025
8	RCC flooring works for proper stacking of railway materials required at various locations in Store Depot at JUDDW.	1,98,48,458	2,49,300	06 Months	26.05.2025
9	TRR (P) 1.783 Tkm of Loop line-1 at BXC yard & Loop line-1 at DNx Yard under ADEN/PTA.	25,33,138	50,700	04 Months	26.05.2025
10	Provision of covering shed on approaches of LHS no. C-33, 69-A, 69-B, 69-C, 74-A, 78-A on DUI - JHL - HSR section in the section of SSEW/SAG under ADEN/PTA.	5,51,59,059	4,25,800	08 Months	26.05.2025
11	Provision of ballast less track on line No. 2 & 6 (1165) at Ambala station.	8,17,27,536	5,58,600	12 Months	26.05.2025
12	Improvement of road from DRM Office in Ambala Cantt to Chandrapuri Colony's Main Gate & DRM office complex road connecting old vihar colony to rail vihar colony.	1,74,04,279	2,37,000	06 Months	26.05.2025
13	Construction of various office building in the section of SSE/Works-M/UMB under ADEN/UMB.	2,20,81,715	2,60,400	08 Months	26.05.2025
14	Provision of safety fencing / anti crash barrier along the track for safe running of trains on vulnerable CRO locations in RPJ-DBN section under Sr.DEN-II/UMB.	2,18,38,382	2,59,200	06 Months	26.05.2025
1. Tenderers are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN/GST as per conditions. 2. The required Bid Security will be acceptable On-line payment through Net Banking/or Payment Gateway payment only. 3. Tenderers should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in e-Tendering of works tenders. 4. For detail, please log on IREPS website <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> 5. GST will be levied as per GST Act. 2017. 1268/25					
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**AUCTION NOTICE**

Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis. The details of the cases are as under.

Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagors	Dues As on	Date & Amount of 13(2)Demand Notice	Date of Poss-ession	Description of Property	Reserve Price For Property	Earnest Money For Property	Date & Time of Auction	Place of Tender Submission, Tender Open & Auction at Aavas Financiers Ltd.
<b>RAMA SHANKER PRASAD, MRS. MADHURI KUMARI (AC NO.) LNDEL012115-160025243 &amp; LNDEL01816-170029006</b>	Rs. 15,10,94,00/- & Rs. 3,04,412.00/- DUES AS ON 28 APR 2025	10 JUN 22 Rs. 856005.41/- & Rs. 116775.41/- DUES AS ON 9 JUN 22	29 MAR 24	FLAT NO.81 (BACK SIDE), SHISL TOWER, KH NO-78, KHATA NO. 125, VILL- GARHI CHAUKHANDI, DADRI, NOIDA, GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH ADM 450 SQ. FT.	Rs. 903040/-	Rs. 90304/-	11.00 AM TO 01.00 PM 30 MAY 2025	PLOT NO. 17, BLOCK - " B ", SECTOR -1 PHASE- I", NOIDA, DISTT. GAUTAMBUDH NAGAR- 201301,UTTAR PRADESH-INDIA

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**Place : Jaipur      Date : 01-05-2025**

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The Executive Engineer HPPWD Rohru Distt Shimla H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites item rate, bids, in electronic tendering system, in 2 cover system for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/firms registered with H.P.PWD Department.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Starting date for downloading Bid	Earnest money	Deadline for Submission of Bid
1	Repair and maintenance of bal Asharam Building at masli tehsil Chirgaon Distt Shimla (Deposit Work)	3095082/-	05.05.2025	61802/-	13.05.2025
2	C/o Raju Nallan to khem chand khet chambi deori via rakuteer suni bahali (F/C 5/7 mtr 0/375 to 1/300) Deposit Work)	992372/-	05.05.2025	19847/-	13.05.2025
3	C/o Harbeal Garden to Ambyasu(SH/- F/C 5/7 mtr wide road 3/195 to 3/510) Deposit Work)	490680/-	05.05.2025	9814/-	13.05.2025
4	R/R Damage on Samoli khashdhar road C/o R/wall at RD 0/650 to 0/710 with parapets	1117108/-	05.05.2025	22342/-	13.05.2025
5	R/R Damage to RCD road km 0/00 to 21/195(SH/- C/o R/wall at RD 13/622 to 13/633)	688514/-	05.05.2025	13770/-	13.05.2025
6	A/R & M/O Todsa Shagli Gumma road km 0/00 to 5/600(SH/- C/o R/wall & B/wall in wire crate km 0/075 to 0/110, 2/590 to 2/610, 3/035 to 3/150, 3/305 to 3/340, 4/405 to 4/440, 5/075 to 5/090) Deposit Work	2207452/-	05.05.2025	64149/-	13.05.2025
7	R/R Damage to link road H.B Dayarmoli (SH/- C/o B/wall at Rd 0/850 to 0/880) Deposit Work	1015010/-	05.05.2025	20300/-	13.05.2025
8	C/o ITI building at Tikkar in tehsil tikkar Distt Shimla(SH/- C/o Protection wall behind ITI building) Deposit work	2884175/-	05.05.2025	57683/-	13.05.2025

The Bidders are advised to note other details for tenders and letter No.PWD(B) A(3) 1/2020 dated 12.01.2023 issued by secretary PW) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department from the department website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in). and any corrigendum will be uploaded on the website only.

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
HPPWD Division Rohru  
Distt Shimla

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DRAW TIME: 06:00 PM ONWARDS  
RESULT OF PUNJAB STATE DEAR 10 SILVER WEDNESDAY WEEKLY LOTTERY

DRAW DATE:30/04/2025

**MRP Rs 10/- Per Ticket**

**1st Prize Amount (10)Rs.10,000/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits )**  
(Seller Prize Amount Rs.500/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.10500/- each)  
**2725**

**2nd Prize Amount (10)Rs.2000/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits )**  
(Seller Prize Amount Rs.200/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.2200/- each)  
**3137**

**3rd Prize Amount (100)Rs.500/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits )**  
(Seller Prize Amount Rs.50/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.550/- each)  
**1757    2329    3865    5341    6473    6892    7668    8008    8122    9479**

**4th Prize Amount (100)Rs.200/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits )**  
(Seller Prize Amount Rs.20/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.220/- each)  
**0582    1275    3589    4493    5277    5808    7161    7309    7688    8902**

**5th Prize Amount (2000)Rs.100/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits )**  
(Seller Prize Amount Rs.10/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.110/- each)

<b>0064</b>	<b>0242</b>	<b>0255</b>	<b>0281</b>	<b>0310</b>	<b>0337</b>	<b>0366</b>	<b>0399</b>	<b>0492</b>	<b>0560</b>
<b>0586</b>	<b>0744</b>	<b>0785</b>	<b>0887</b>	<b>0892</b>	<b>0925</b>	<b>0959</b>	<b>0964</b>	<b>0991</b>	<b>0997</b>
<b>1051</b>	<b>1072</b>	<b>1137</b>	<b>1146</b>	<b>1148</b>	<b>1176</b>	<b>1220</b>	<b>1224</b>	<b>1257</b>	<b>1271</b>
<b>1305</b>	<b>1324</b>	<b>1386</b>	<b>1413</b>	<b>1462</b>	<b>1488</b>	<b>1506</b>	<b>1525</b>	<b>1545</b>	<b>1578</b>
<b>1582</b>	<b>1609</b>	<b>1621</b>	<b>1652</b>	<b>1653</b>	<b>1665</b>	<b>1682</b>	<b>1711</b>	<b>1729</b>	<b>1778</b>
<b>1804</b>	<b>2100</b>	<b>2113</b>	<b>2154</b>	<b>2263</b>	<b>2315</b>	<b>2330</b>	<b>2358</b>	<b>2364</b>	<b>2423</b>
<b>2451</b>	<b>2456</b>	<b>2572</b>	<b>2586</b>	<b>2619</b>	<b>2697</b>	<b>2860</b>	<b>2883</b>	<b>2979</b>	<b>3007</b>
<b>3035</b>	<b>3069</b>	<b>3230</b>	<b>3257</b>	<b>3330</b>	<b>3361</b>	<b>3365</b>	<b>3558</b>	<b>3572</b>	<b>3607</b>
<b>3657</b>	<b>3717</b>	<b>3782</b>	<b>3845</b>	<b>3914</b>	<b>3942</b>	<b>3973</b>	<b>4004</b>	<b>4015</b>	<b>4152</b>
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<b>4586</b>	<b>4615</b>	<b>4746</b>	<b>4769</b>	<b>4813</b>	<b>4925</b>	<b>5038</b>	<b>5065</b>	<b>5091</b>	<b>5212</b>
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<b>6249</b>	<b>6258</b>	<b>6280</b>	<b>6332</b>	<b>6391</b>	<b>6499</b>	<b>6531</b>	<b>6652</b>	<b>6673</b>	<b>6711</b>
<b>6747</b>	<b>6750</b>	<b>6760</b>	<b>6779</b>	<b>6818</b>	<b>6842</b>	<b>6971</b>	<b>7065</b>	<b>7138</b>	<b>7149</b>
<b>7187</b>	<b>7199</b>	<b>7233</b>	<b>7254</b>	<b>7321</b>	<b>7357</b>	<b>7384</b>	<b>7454</b>	<b>7495</b>	<b>7534</b>
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