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Administrator, UT, Chandigarh

In the august presence of



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**S. Bhagwant Singh Mann**  
Chief Minister, Punjab

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### SC refuses to entertain fresh plea challenging Waqf Act

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Friday refused to entertain a fresh plea challenging constitutional validity of the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025. A bench comprising Chief Justice Sanjay Khanna and Justices Sanjay Kumar and K V Viswanathan is scheduled to hear petitions on the issue on May 5. The bench, which had earlier made it clear it will hear only five of the over 70 litigants, today again said that no more fresh pleas will be entertained on the issue. "If you have some additional grounds, you can file an intervention application," the CJ told the counsel for petitioner Mohammad Sultan.

### Air Marshal N Tiwari takes charge as Vice Chief of Air Staff

**NEW DELHI:** Air Marshal Narmadeshwar Tiwari, a distinguished fighter pilot with more than 3,600 hours of flying experience, on Friday took charge as the new Vice Chief of the Air Staff. He succeeds Air Marshal S P Dharkar, who superannuated on April 30. Before taking charge as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal Tiwari served as the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) of the Gandhinagar-based South Western Air Command (SWAC).

### Gold climbs Rs 1,080 to Rs 96,800/10 gm

**NEW DELHI:** Gold prices climbed Rs 1,080 to Rs 96,800 per 10 grams in the national capital on Friday due to fresh buying from jewellers amid a firm trend overseas, according to the All India Sarafa Association. On Thursday, the precious metal of 99.9 per cent purity plunged Rs 2,830 to Rs 95,720 per 10 grams. Gold of 99.5 per cent purity rose Rs 180 to Rs 96,350 per 10 grams. It had depreciated Rs 1,930 to Rs 96,170 per 10 grams in the previous market session.

### Holy relics of Lord Buddha reach Vietnam in IAF aircraft

**NEW DELHI:** The holy relics of Lord Buddha, enshrined at a vihara in Uttar Pradesh's Samath, reached Ho Chi Minh City on Friday in an IAF aircraft for an exposition during the gala celebrations of the United Nations Day of Vesak being hosted by Vietnam. Union Minister of Minority Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju, Minister of Tourism and Culture of Andhra Pradesh Kandula Durgesh, revered monks and senior officials from India accompanied the sacred relics, which were transported by the special aircraft, the government said in a statement. Rijiju is leading the government delegation to Vietnam.

## Rain, thunderstorms lash North, 4 dead in Delhi house collapse

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NEW DELHI, MAY 2

Northern India was gripped by a wave of inclement weather on Friday as heavy rain, thunderstorms, and gusty winds swept across Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, and Delhi, causing widespread disruption and tragic loss of life.

Early morning downpours brought temperatures tumbling in Punjab and Haryana, even as Thursday night's thunderstorms uprooted trees and damaged property in multiple areas.

In Delhi, intense rainfall and squally winds severely impacted daily life. Indira Gandhi International Airport witnessed delays and disruptions, with the Delhi International Airport Limited confirming that multiple flights were affected due to the adverse weather conditions.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) responded by issuing a red alert for the capital, citing the severity of the storm. Waterlogging and uprooted trees were reported in several parts of the city, adding to commuter woes.

Amid the chaos, tragedy struck in Delhi's Najafgarh area where a house collapsed due to the rain and storm, claiming the lives of four people. Emergency teams rushed to the site for rescue operations, but the intensity of the collapse left little chance for survival.

Authorities have urged residents to remain indoors and avoid unnecessary travel as cleanup and relief operations continue across the affected regions.



## Mercury dips in Himachal

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**SHIMLA:** Heavy summer showers and an active western disturbance caused a sharp dip in mercury by three to four degrees across Himachal Pradesh over the last 24 hours, bringing relief from the prolonged dry spell. Widespread thunderstorms, hailstorms have disrupted normal life at some places in the state, Meteorological Centre in Shimla said on Friday. The minimum temperatures fell by 2 to 5 degrees Celsius, with Tabo in tribal Lahaul-Spiti registering the lowest at 5.6°C. Una remained the warmest with a maximum temperature of 38.2°C. Shimla recorded a minimum temperature of 12°C, witnessing a fall of 3.5°C from the previous day. Kufri dipped to 9.4°C while Manali recorded 11.9°C and Narkanda 8.4°C.

## Jammu-Srinagar NH closed

RAMBAN/JAMMU:

The Jammu-Srinagar National Highway was closed after cloud-burst-induced heavy rain triggered mudslides in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district on Friday, a traffic police officer said. The heavy rain triggered flash floods in the Chenab river, prompting the authorities in Reasi and Akhnor sectors to issue warnings about avoiding the riverbank. "Vehicular movement has stopped from both sides on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway due to mudslides at Chamba Seri in Ramban following flash floods caused by a cloudburst," the traffic police officer said.

## Sonia, Rahul Gandhi get Delhi Court notice in National Herald Case



AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, MAY 2

A Delhi court on Friday issued formal notices to Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi in connection with the National Herald money laundering case, following a probe by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and a legal dispute that stretches back over a decade. Special Judge Vishal Gogne noted the significance of affording the accused the right to be heard. "Right to be heard at any stage breathes life into a fair trial," Judge Gogne observed, setting the next hearing for May 8. The ED's investigation formally began in 2021 after a magistrate court took up a private criminal complaint filed in June 2014 by BJP leader Subramanian Swamy. The complaint alleged criminal conspiracy and financial misconduct involving top Congress leadership in relation to the now-defunct National Herald newspaper. The allegations centre around the acquisition of the newspaper's parent company, Associated Journals Limited (AJL), and the subsequent formation of Young Indian, a not-for-profit entity in which both Sonia and Rahul Gandhi reportedly hold 38 per cent of the shares.

## Tharoor's presence at Ker port inauguration to give 'sleepless nights' to many: PM

AGENCY  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, MAY 2

Prime Minister Narendra Modi officially commissioned the Vizhinjam International Seaport on Friday here in the presence of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor, whose presence at the inauguration, Modi said, will give "sleepless nights" to many.

Modi also referred to Vijayan as a "pillar" of the opposition INDIA bloc.

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The Prime Minister told Vijayan and Tharoor, who were on the dais, that their presence at the inauguration event would give "sleepless nights" to many. However, the person translating his speech did not translate it properly, and it prompted the PM to say, "the message has gone across to whom it was meant".

Tharoor, who received Modi on his arrival on Thursday, posted on X: "Despite delays at the dysfunctional Delhi



airport, managed to land in Thiruvananthapuram in time to receive Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his arrival in my constituency. Looking forward to his officially commissioning Vizhinjam port, a project I have been proud to have been involved with since its inception." Meanwhile, Leader of the Opposition in the Kerala assembly, VD Satheesan, did not attend the commissioning of the Vizhinjam port, protesting against the late invitation extended to him.

## HC disposes plea against Robert Vadra on remark over Pahalgam

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LUCKNOW, MAY 2

The Lucknow bench of the Allahabad high court on Friday disposed of a petition seeking legal action against Robert Vadra, husband of Congress leader and MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, over his remarks related to the recent terror attack in J&K's Pahalgam.

This order was passed by a division bench comprising justices Rajan Roy and Om Prakash Shukla on a petition filed by the Hindu Front for Justice and others. While disposing of the petition, the court observed that the petitioners

could approach the appropriate forum to initiate civil or criminal proceedings in the matter, if they chose so. The petition urged the HC to direct the Centre to form a special investigation team to probe Vadra's comment. It also sought legal proceedings against him under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Ranjana Agnihotri, the petitioner's counsel, alleged that Vadra's remarks in the aftermath of the attack on April 22 sparked a controversy. She claimed that Vadra, while reacting to the incident, had said that non-Muslims were targeted because terrorists believed that Muslims were being "mistreated" in the country.



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Rubio on Wednesday and discussed the recent terrorist attack that took place in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam.

Jaishankar stated that the attack's perpetrators, backers, and planners must be brought to justice.

"Discussed the Pahalgam terrorist attack with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio yesterday. Its perpetrators, backers and planners must be brought to justice," Jaishankar posted on X. <https://x.com/DrSJJaishankar/status/1917761451789386613>

## SC grants interim protection to Srinagar family facing deportation amid Pahalgam fallout

UNI  
NEW DELHI, MAY 2

In a significant order, the Supreme Court on Friday granted interim protection to a Srinagar-based family facing the risk of deportation to Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack that occurred on April 22.

A bench comprising justices Surya Kant and NK Singh directed the authorities not to take any coercive action, including deportation, against the family until a decision is made after verifying their claims of Indian nationality.

The family, which includes a married couple and their four children, contended that they are Indian citizens and possess valid government identification such as Aadhaar cards, PAN cards, voter IDs, and Indian passports.

Tensions between India and Pakistan escalated after the Pahalgam attack, prompting the Indian government to suspend visa services for Pakistani nationals and mandate that



all Pakistani citizens leave the country by April 27.

Despite this, the petitioner-family family alleged that they were detained unjustly, even though one of them had long surrendered his Pakistani passport and settled in India.

Advocate Nanda Kishore, representing the family, informed the Court that while one family member works in Bangalore, the rest are settled in Srinagar.

The bench emphasized the need for proper verification of the family's documents before any action is taken. "Besides the human element, there are issues which need to be verified."



NEWS BRIEF

**Ban on gathering of general public within 100 meters of exam centres**



**JS SODHI JALANDHAR:** In view of the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (UG)-2025 being conducted on 04th May 2025 by the District Magistrate Dr. Himanshu Agarwal under Section 163 of the Indian Civil Security Code, 2023, the National Testing Agency has banned the assembly of P.M.S.Kendri Vidyalaya No. 2-Jalandhar Cantt, P.M.S.Kendri Vidyalaya No. 1, Jalandhar Cantt, P.M.S.Kendri Vidyalaya No. 3, Jalandhar Cantt, Kendri Vidyalaya No. 4, Jalandhar Cantt, B.S.F.Senior Secondary Jalandhar School, P.M.S.Kendri Vidyalaya No. 2 A.F.S.Adampur and P.M.Kendri Vidyalaya No. 1 A.F.S.

**Ban on use of drones during wedding ceremonies**

**JS GILL JAITU:** District Magistrate Faridkot Madam Poonamdeep Kaur IAS, exercising the powers vested in her under Section 163 of the Indian Civil Protection Code 2023, has imposed a complete ban on the use of drones or other flying objects within the limits of Faridkot district.He said that in the past few days, there was an attempt to smuggle weapons with the help of drones in Tarn Taran districts. Therefore, he said that mischievous elements can disrupt the law and order situation with the help of drones. Therefore, to protect the lives and property of the common people, orders have been issued banning the use of drones.

**Successful legal awareness program held at Golden Senior Secondary School: Dr. Mohit**



**VERMA GURDASPUR:** A special Legal Awareness Program was organized at Golden Senior Secondary School, Hanuman Chowk, Gurdaspur, with the objective of educating students about their legal rights and responsibilities. Dr. Anu Mahajan, Managing Director of the Golden Group, graced the event as the chief guest. The program featured a knowledgeable team led by Advocate Mr. K.K. Malli, who, along with Advocate Ishika, Advocate Arshdeep Singh, and Advocate Rahul Sabharwal, guided the students through important aspects of the Indian Constitution, including fundamental rights and duties.

**Obesity, heavy body can also be due to vastu defects : Dr Bhupender**

**DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR:** Seven types of happiness have been given importance in human life. The most important happiness among these seven happiness is a healthy body. Our body will remain healthy as long as our diet is right and the Vastu of the house we live in is right. This is the belief of internationally renowned Vastu expert and author Dr Bhupender Vastushastri. At present, women are more worried about obesity, one

reason for this is that women spend more time within the four walls of the house as compared to men. According to Vastu, having a bedroom in the Yavaya corner leads to mental depression and leads to disorderly eating. Secondly, Agni corner is also related to stress, separation and an increased Agni corner, water contaminated Agni corner becomes the cause of obesity. If the north-east corner is also contaminated with the above mentioned defects, then women, men and children also become victims of obesity.

**Steps towards quality education: MLA launches new facilities in Schools**



**SANJEEV TEJPAL MORINDA:** MLA from Sri Chamkaur Sahib, Dr. Charanjit Singh, inaugurated various development projects worth Rs 17.29 lakh in different government schools of his constituency today. The initiatives aim to enhance infrastructure and improve the quality of education in rural areas. The development works include Rs 1.40 lakh spent on infrastructure improvements at Government High School, Chatamli; a Rs 5 lakh science laboratory and Rs 63,000 boundary wall at Government High School, Marouli Kalan; a Rs 2.75 lakh boundary wall at Government Middle School, Kainaur; and new classrooms constructed at Government Primary School, Kakrali at a cost of Rs 7.51 lakh. Speaking at the event, Dr. Charanjit Singh said that under the leadership of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the state government has taken historic steps to revamp government schools.

# VDCs and WDCs will play key role to eradicate drugs from villages and cities as well: Cheema

SUMER GARG  
SANGRUR, MAY 2

Punjab Finance Minister and chairman of 'Yudh Nashian Virudh' Cabinet Sub-Committee Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema, today, presided over Village Defence Committee meeting organised here at Sunrise Palace by Sangrur District Administration. Cabinet minister Harpal Singh Cheema said that Bhagwant Singh Mann is the first CM who has taken concrete steps to stop drug trafficking and save Punjab's waters as well. He added that the state is waging war against drugs and traffickers have been given clear warning that they should stop drug peddling, else they will have to leave the state.

Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema said that apart from demolishing houses of drug peddlers constructed with drug money, their government has assured stern action against them. He said that under 'Yudh Nashian Virudh' campaign, as many as 240 cases have been registered under



NDPS and 332 arrests have been made apart from the recovery of drug money of around 9.20 lakh rupees in Sangrur district. He said that along with the police action, their government has formed Village level and Ward level Defence Committees and these VDCs and WDCs will play key role to eradicate drugs from villages and cities as well. He said that VDC and WDC members will keep strict vigil in their respective areas and immediately inform police and administrative officers about any drug abuse. He added that apart from this, they will also

assist the drug addict patients to get them treated from the drug de-addiction centres and motive them to shun the tag of drugs addicts and join mainstream society.

Meanwhile, cabinet minister Barinder Goyal also motivated VDC and WDC members to actively engage in 'Yudh Nashian Virudh' campaign of Punjab government. He said that their government has been working day in and day out to wipe out drug trafficking out of Punjab and stern action was being taken against the smugglers. He added that now no one is there

to receive drugs from drones on borders in Punjab as drug peddlers have already fled to other states by putting locks on their homes. He said that around 60 houses of drug peddlers have already been razed by their government which were built by them with drug money. The cabinet minister Goyal said that Mann government was fighting decisive war on drugs and now, centre has imposed another war on Punjab by looting its waters. He added that the decision of BBMB to provide additional water to Haryana was totally illegal.

## KCT College Fatehgarh students take out rally against drugs



GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA  
LEHRAGAGA MAY 2

In view of the drug abuse campaign being run by the Punjab government to create awareness against the growing problem of drugs in the society, a massive drug abuse rally was taken out by the students of KCT College in village Fatehgarh today.

The rally was flagged off by the college's General Secretary Ram Gopal Garg and Chairman Monty Garg. Along with the students, teachers also participated in the rally. During the rally, the students held banners and posters in their hands and raised slogans against drugs. On this occasion, College Chairman Monty Garg said in his address that

drugs are such a poison that not only takes an individual but also his family, society and the entire nation on the path of misfortune. He said that the biggest threat facing the young generation is drugs, which is destroying their health, career and dreams. He said that students are the foundation of society, if they are protected from drugs, then a healthy future can be created. During the rally, the students made people aware of the harms of drugs and appealed to every section of the village, from elders to youth, to stay away from drugs. On this occasion, College Principal Manoj Goyal said that this rally is not just a program, but a militant message against drugs by the new generation.

## Bains exhorts 'Pinda De Pehredars' to take anti-drug messages to every household

GAURAV GOEL  
CHANDIGARH, MAY 2

Punjab education and information & public relations minister, Harjot Singh Bains, today, exhorted Punjabis to become warriors in the state government's ongoing 'Yudh Nashian Virudh' drive launched to eradicate drug menace completely from the state.

While addressing the district level function of Village Defence Committees (Pinda De Pehredars) at Hoshiarpur, Mr Bains said that it was call of the day to wipe out the drugs scourges from Punjab thus channelizing the unbounded energy of our youngsters in positive directions.

He emphasised the need that Public participation is must to overcome this social menace. The Punjab government's next goal is to take the message of 'Yudh Nashian Virudh' campaign to each and every household across the state to far disseminate the adverse effects of drugs, said the Minister while adding that



the Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann-led government was fully committed to get rid of the menace. He said that the Chief Minister had given free hands to the police to take strict action against drug peddlers.

Bains accused the central government of the issue of Punjab's waters saying that the BBMB's decision was totally unfair and systematic loot of the state's water resources. He said that the Punjab is an agrarian state, the base of which is water. He said it was shocked that the Punjab farmers were facing different challenges while the

## Patiala foundation concludes project SHG online

SHASHI PAL JAIN  
MOHALI, MAY 2

Patiala Foundation held the concluding ceremony of Project SHG Online, an initiative launched in November 2024 in collaboration with OMED e.V., a Germany-based NGO. The project was uniquely designed to empower women from Self-Help Groups (SHGs) by providing them with access to essential digital technology tools, financial literacy, and a secure online environment for communication and collaboration.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Ravee Singh Ahluwalia, CEO of Patiala Foundation, said that the program successfully trained 30 women from 10 different SHGs, helping them create a safe digital space for internal networking, information exchange, and growth.

The core aim of the initiative was not just to educate women in digital tools but also to make them confident digital citizens capable of using free and accessible platforms to support and scale their own enterprises.



Participants were trained in a variety of topics including the use of a custom-designed communication tool, social media and digital marketing, online business strategy, cyber security, scam prevention, and legal frameworks related to small businesses.

Ahluwalia, said: "We are proud to conclude our Project SHG Online, which aimed to create digital literacy and digital marketing awareness among SHG women. Their dedication and willingness to learn has been inspiring. Many have overcome initial hesitation and fear of technology to adopt valuable skills that will help them promote their businesses, access new opportunities, and become confident digital contributors. This is not an end, but the beginning of a new digital journey for them."

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One of the participants shared, "We not only feel confident using digital tools now, but are also excited to explore more such platforms for our work. We're eagerly looking forward to being a part of the second phase of this project, with even more advanced learning opportunities."

Over the course of six months, the project featured a structured series of lectures and interactive workshops, ensuring hands-on experience for all the SHG members. The initiative aligns with Patiala Foundation's broader mission of building digital awareness, self-reliance, and inclusivity at the grassroots level.

## Ashok Garg honoured by Punjab government for exemplary social service

NARESH GOYAL  
MANSA, MAY 2

Chairman of Mansa's Senior Citizen council, Ashok Garg is always ready for social cause. He can be seen always on the forefront in any social function most often competing the programme with mike in his hand and amusing the gathering.

Born on 15th August 1952, Garg is son of Shri Pyare Lal, a "dignified" personality of his times.

His ambition is to uplift those who has carved out a niche for themselves in any field in the society, but failed to register the fete by one reason or the other.

Garg has voluntarily donated blood number of times and has saved so many precious lives.

He has also helped poor and resourceless ladies by providing them sewing machines so that they could earn livelihood.

He is also a senior member of local SDKL DAV Senior Secondary school's managing committee and senior



vice president of Gaushala Bhawan, Mansa. Garg is always ready to extend a helping hand to those who are in crisis due to any reason. In the year 2020 at the time of outbreak of "Covid", when there was no source to procure any object due to closure of bazars, he helped so many people by providing free ration to them.

He provided medicines to the poor at that time. Keeping his notable contribution to the society, Punjab government honoured him on 'Independence day' in 2015.

## Emotional farewell held for Dr Arun Shukla at B.L.M. Girls College

CHETRAM RATTAN  
NAWANSHAHR, MAY 2

A heartfelt farewell ceremony was organised at B.L.M. Girls College to honour the retirement of Dr Arun Shukla, Head of the Sanskrit Department and a dedicated faculty member who served the institution for 21 years. The event, held on campus, was attended by colleagues, friends, family members, and well-wishers.

Dr Shukla's remarkable tenure at the college was marked by her leadership in international seminars, publication of numerous books and research papers, and her crucial role in departmental growth and academic projects. Her commitment, humility, and affable nature left a lasting impression on everyone she worked with.



The programme commenced with a warm welcome extended to Dr Shukla, her husband Shri Krishna Chaubey, daughter Gargi, son-in-law Rahul, and grandson Madhav. The event was anchored by Prof. Sonia Anagresh. Members of the college managing committee — President Deshbanshu Bhalal, Secretary Vinod Bhardwaj, and members Virendra Sareen and Jiyalal — extended

ed their best wishes to Dr Shukla for her post-retirement life. College Principal Mrs. Taranpreet Kaur Walia, along with Dr Arun Pathak, Dr Gauri, Prof. Surinder Kaur, Prof. Nivedita, and Omkar Singh, shared personal anecdotes and praised her outstanding contributions. Other colleagues and guests also recalled fond memories and expressed their gratitude.

## BIS & PEC formally sign MoU in standardization and conformity assessment

SUMER GARG  
CHANDIGARH, MAY 2

Vishal Tomer, head, Chandigarh branch office of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Chandigarh in a Press note said that the BIS, branch office and Punjab Engineering College (PEC) deemed to be university, Chandigarh, formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today to foster academic and research collaboration in the field of standardization & conformity assessment.

The ceremony was hosted at PEC, where Dr. Rajesh Kanda, head, alumni, extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries. Mr. H.J.S. Pasricha, Deputy Director General (Certification & CSM), outlined the key guidelines of the MoU



and highlighted the ongoing initiatives of BIS. The collaboration aims to facilitate PEC's participation in BIS's national and international standardization activities, conduct joint R&D projects, develop IT solutions for conformity assessments, and promote academic inputs on standardization. Infrastructure and financial support for relevant R&D projects will be jointly planned. Additional initiatives include organizing seminars, workshops, and training programmes, creating teaching modules, sharing re-

search & publications and exploring the establishment of a centre of excellence at PEC. The MoU also opens doors for consultancy roles for PEC faculty and the use of PEC's lab facilities for BIS conformity assessments.

Ms. Sneha Lata, Deputy Director General (North), emphasized the strategic objectives of the collaboration, while Mr. Vishal Tomer, proposed forming discipline-wise standards clubs at PEC. Dr. Rajesh Bhatia, Director (Ad-Interim), PEC, affirmed the institution's commitment to the MoU.

The signing of the MoU marks the beginning of a strategic partnership aimed at advancing quality and standardization education and research in the country.

## Dr. Mohit Mahajan honored by Punjab Governor for outstanding contributions in education and social service

VERMA  
GURDASPUR APR 2

Dr. Mohit Mahajan, the Chairman of Golden Group and Shri Nangli Academics Public School, was recently honored by the Hon'ble Governor of Punjab, Mr. Gulab Chand Kataria, for his exceptional contributions in the fields of education and social welfare. The felicitation ceremony also witnessed the presence of Directors Mr. Raghav Mahajan and Mr. Vinayak Mahajan. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Mahajan highlighted that the Golden Group has been serving the field of education for several decades, producing successful IAS, IPS officers, doctors, engineers, teachers, and politicians. Being one of the leading educational institutions in the region, students



from far and wide seek admission into its various campuses to shape a meaningful future. The Golden Group includes prestigious institutions like Golden College of Engineering, Golden Institute of Management and Technology, Golden Polytechnic College, Golden College of Education.

Golden Senior Secondary School, and Shri Nangli Academics Public School. All institutions are known for their high-quality education

and consistent academic excellence. Dr. Mahajan's contribution, however, goes beyond education. He has been actively involved in numerous social initiatives. Since 1995, the group has organized 29 free state-level disability camps, providing artificial limbs and other aids to 3,054 differently-abled individuals, enabling their inclusion into mainstream society. Additionally, two ambulances have been donated for free use by the community.



NEWS BRIEF

CM condoles demise of Kanshi Ram

**DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA:** Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has expressed deep condolences on demise of Kanshi Ram, father of senior journalist Rakesh Saklani. Kanshi Ram, aged 86, passed away after a prolonged illness at IGMCI today. The Chief Minister prayed to the Almighty to grant peace to the departed soul and strength to the bereaved family members to bear this irreparable loss. He extended heartfelt sympathies to the family members. Director, Information and Public Relations, Rajiv Kumar and the staff of the department also expressed grief over the death of Kanshi Ram and offered deepest sympathies to the family members. They prayed to the God to give strength to the family to bear this profound loss and grant peace to the departed soul.

Mango crop damaged due to storm and rain, farmers demanded compensation



**AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB:** Due to the changing weather for the last two months, mango and litchi along with other fruits have been damaged in sub division Amb. This year, unseasonal rain and storm at the time of first flowering dashed the hopes of the gardeners for a bumper crop. Very few mango plants had blossoms, then during fruit setting, due to moisture, the blossoms of mango started turning black and now the strong storm has completely shaken the gardeners. However, this time the damage caused to the mango crop due to the indifference of the weather is being assessed. But according to a rough estimate, about 70 percent of the mango crop has been destroyed in sub division Amb. This has caused disappointment among the gardeners of the hilly areas. The farmers have demanded compensation from the state government and the horticulture department to compensate for the damage caused to the mango crop.

Decision of caste census is victory of Rahul Gandhi's ideas: Nishu Mongra

SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, MAY 2

Veteran Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has always raised the issue of caste census across the country. This is the reason that under the pressure of Congress and Rahul Gandhi, the central government has had to take the decision of caste census. This was said by Himachal Congress OBC Department Chairman and APMC District Kangra Chairman Nishu Mongra. On Friday, Nishu Mongra told reporters at the Congress office that the purpose of caste census has never been to divide the society. Its only purpose is that all sections get a chance to move forward. Mongra further said that this is purely a victory of the ideas of the country's popular leader

Mercury dips amid unseasonal showers in Himachal

AGENCY SHIMLA, MAY 2

Heavy summer showers and an active western disturbance caused a sharp dip in mercury by three to four degrees across Himachal Pradesh over the last 24 hours, bringing relief from the prolonged dry spell. Widespread thunderstorms, hailstorms have disrupted normal life at some places in the state, Meteorological Centre in Shimla said on Friday. The minimum temperatures fell by 2 to 5 degrees Celsius, with Tabo in tribal Lahaul-Spiti registering the lowest at 5.6°C. Una remained the warmest with a maximum temperature of 38.2°C. Shimla recorded a minimum temperature of 12°C, witnessing a fall of 3.5°C



from the previous day. Kufri dipped to 9.4°C while Manali recorded 11.9°C and Narkanda 8.4°C.

Widespread light to moderate rainfall was recorded across the state with Solan receiving the highest at 39.0 mm, followed by Ghaghas with 33.8 mm, Bilaspur 26 mm, Raipur Maidan 26.6 mm and

Rajgarh and Mehre Barsar with 25 mm each. Shimla city received 11 mm rainfall, and Jubberhatti airport recorded 6.8 mm, accompanied by thunderstorm and hail.

A heavy downpour and hailstorm hit Chopal area of Shimla, damaging standing apple crops and other stone fruits as reported by local

sources. Thunderstorms and gusty winds reaching up to 65 km/h in Kufri and over 60 km/h in Bilaspur disrupted traffic and affected power supply in several areas.

The unseasonal rain and snowfall helped overcome the acute water shortage that loomed after a prolonged dry spell. The rainfall has replenished natural water sources, easing reliance on irrigation and enabling early sowing of Kharif crops.

Farmers are likely to benefit from better soil moisture conditions. On the energy front, late snowfall and low temperatures have delayed glacial melting, thereby limiting water discharge in major rivers like the Satluj, Beas, and Chenab, which power several hydroelectric projects in the state.

CM expresses grief over demise of veteran Congress leader

**DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA:** Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has expressed grief over the demise of former Union Minister and veteran Congress leader Girija Vyas who passed away at Ahmedabad yesterday. She was 79. The Chief Minister

said that Girija Vyas has significantly contributed in the fields of education and social justice, especially women empowerment. He said that she had also made immense contributions for strengthening the Congress Party while serving in various capacities in the organization.

He said that her contributions for the development of the country would be remembered for a long period. The Chief Minister prayed to the Almighty to give peace to the departed soul and strength to the bereaved family members to bear this irreparable loss.

BJP MLA Randhir Sharma demands resignation of CM Sukhu and Congress State Chief

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, MAY 2

BJP spokesperson and MLA Randhir Sharma has called for the resignation of Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and state Congress president Pratibha Singh. Addressing a press conference, Sharma targeted the Congress over the recent turmoil witnessed during its "Save the Constitution" meeting in Bilaspur, claiming that the event exposed internal strife within the party. He alleged that rather than saving the Constitution, Congress appears to be running a "Save Congress" campaign, which, he said, has failed miserably. Sharma added that not only the public, but even ministers within the Congress government are dissatisfied with the Chief Minister's functioning. Citing Pratibha Singh's own remarks during the Bilaspur meeting, Sharma said it was evident



she is not being heard either in the state or by the central leadership in Delhi. He also highlighted complaints raised by members of a particular community at the meeting, who alleged that funds for government contracts were being withheld and even cited grievances related to mosque maintenance. Sharma asserted that such incidents reflect growing disillusionment with the Congress government across communities in the state. "When people and party leaders themselves are unhappy, the Chief Minister should step down," he remarked. He further said that Pratibha Singh should

also resign if she feels unheard within the party. "What is the use of holding a position when no one listens to you?" he questioned.

Taking a dig at the Congress, Sharma criticised the state government for allegedly prioritising funds for OSDs, ministers, and political advisers, while ignoring basic financial needs at the grassroots. He also pointed out that during the so-called "Save the Constitution" event, there was no homage paid to Dr B.R. Ambedkar or even a moment of silence for the recent incident in Pahalgam, terming it a glaring oversight.

Workers honoured at grand Labour Day celebration in Swarghat



KISHORI LAL BAINS

**UNA:** A grand programme was organised in Swarghat, Bilaspur to mark International Labour Day, where Chairman of the Building and Construction Workers' Welfare Board, Nardev Singh Kanwar, attended as the chief guest. Upon his arrival, he was warmly welcomed with garlands and traditional honours by local leaders, labour representatives, and other dignitaries. Renowned social worker and national INTUC secretary, Comrade Jagat Ram Sharma, greeted Kanwar and Nalagarh MLA Baba Hardeep Singh at the event. In his address, Sharma emphasised that workers are the backbone of society and safeguarding their rights is a key responsibility of the government. He also highlighted various state-run welfare schemes for workers, including pension plans, medical aid, and scholarships for children's education. He urged workers to stay organised, remain aware of their rights, and fully benefit from available government initiatives. Other speakers also discussed the socio-economic conditions of labourers and called for continuous support and policy development.

Student council elections held at Rose Public School, Sulyali



SANJEEV MAHAJAN

**NURPUR:** A successful election was conducted at Rose Public School, Sulyali for the selection of the Head Boy, Head Girl, Vice Head Boy, and Vice Head Girl. The election process was formally inaugurated by the school's Principal, Mr. Sanjay Souguni, and Vice-Principal, Mrs. Babita Souguni. Candidates from Class 12 who contested for Head Boy and Head Girl included Sujal Dhiman, Kanav, Harsh, Naman, Vanshika, Deeksha, Avantika Pathania, Khushi Pathania, and Ritika Jaswal. For the posts of Vice Head Boy and Vice Head Girl, students from Class 11—Anuj Rana, Gaurav Kumar, Suryash Jammwal, Jivanshi, Gunjan Thakur, Gurpreet, Parul, and Smriti Parmar—participated. The electoral process witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of Classes 6 to 12, with nearly 520 votes cast. As per the results, Harsh (Class 12) was elected Head Boy, and Deeksha (Class 12) was elected Head Girl. From Class 11, Anuj Rana and Smriti Parmar were chosen as Vice Head Boy and Vice Head Girl respectively.

Rahul Kumar takes charge as Bilaspur DC, vows transparent governance and tourism-led growth



AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY

**BILASPUR:** Newly appointed Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar assumed charge on Friday and laid out his vision for Bilaspur district in an informal media interaction. Emphasizing transparency, accountability, and people-centric administration, he asserted that effective and timely implementation of welfare schemes would be his top priority. Highlighting Bilaspur's immense potential in eco-cultural and religious tourism, he stated that infrastructure development would be accelerated to position Bilaspur as a leading tourism destination. "Govind Sagar Lake's water sports are just the beginning. We aim to multiply tourist footfall with targeted promotional strategies," he said. The Deputy Commissioner added that increased tourism would generate new employment avenues for youth, women, and self-help groups in sectors like hospitality, transport, and local artistry. He also committed to supporting women entrepreneurs by connecting locally crafted goods and food products with broader markets to enhance their income and self-reliance. On development, he assured regular review of all state projects in the district, including residential schools, health facilities, drinking water supply, and road infrastructure, to ensure speed, quality, and maximum benefit to the public.

District export promotion committee meets in Una

KISHORI LAL BAINS

**UNA:** The first meeting of the District Export Promotion Committee (DEPC) was held at the NIC Hall, Una, on Friday under the direction of Deputy Commissioner Jatun Lal. The meeting aimed to assess and strengthen the district's export potential, identify exporters' needs, and review central and state government export promotion policies and schemes.



Rahul Gandhi. Mongra said that the credit for raising this issue seriously on the national stage and turning it into a mass movement goes to the Congress Party and especially the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi. There has been no caste census in the country after the year 1931. Even after so many years of independence, there has been a lack of data required to

understand the social fabric of India and to provide equal opportunities to the marginalized sections. This was a void that gave rise to inequality, bias and invisible discrimination in policy making. Nishu Mongra said that Rahul Gandhi has repeatedly said that rights should be given on the basis of population. Until we know who is in what number in the society, we cannot provide equal opportunities. He clearly demanded that caste census is necessary not only for backward classes, scheduled castes and tribes, but for the social and economic balance of the entire country. Nishu Mongra said that Rahul Gandhi did not let it become just a political issue, but made it a moral, constitutional and human rights question.

Admissions open for UG & PG programmes in Horticulture, Forestry at Nauni

DINESH AGARWAL NAUNI, MAY 2

Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry (UHF), Nauni has announced the commencement of admissions for its undergraduate and postgraduate programs for the academic session 2025-26. Prospective students keen on exploring diverse fields such as Horticulture, Forestry, Natural Farming, Biotechnology, Food Technology and Agri-Business can apply. The application process is entirely online via the university website [www.yspuniversity.ac.in](http://www.yspuniversity.ac.in), where detailed prospectus is also available for download. In undergraduate programmes, the University is offering BSc (Hons) Horticulture and B Sc (Hons) Forestry at its main campus and at the Colleges of Horticulture and Forestry (COH&F) Neri and Thunag. In the main campus, the students have also been given the option to study BSc Agri. (Hons) Natural Farming and B Tech Food Technology (self-financing) at the main campus. The



university is also offering B Tech Biotechnology at COH&F Neri. The university is also offering M Sc in its College of Horticulture and College of Forestry located at the main campus at Nauni and COH&F Neri. The specializations offered in Horticulture are Entomology, Floriculture and Landscaping, Food Processing and Technology, Fruit Science, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Plant Pathology; Spices, Plantation and Medicinal and Aromatic Crops; Postharvest Management, Seed Science and Technology and Vegetable Science.

Fire destroys 800 pomegranate saplings under SHIVA project in Mandli Panchayat

JOGINDER DEV ARYA BANGANA, MAY 2

A devastating fire in Mandli Panchayat of Bangana sub-division has reduced to ashes 800 pomegranate saplings planted under the SHIVA Project, leaving local villagers in distress and jeopardizing their source of livelihood. The saplings, planted with the aim of boosting rural income through the state-backed initiative, were expected to provide a sustainable means of income in the coming years. However, the blaze has not only caused significant economic loss but has also dashed the hopes of many local families. Villagers including Surjeet Singh, Sadhu Singh, Mahender Singh, Anil Kumar, Sarwan Singh, Ramadevi, Amritlal, Ranjit Singh, and Sandhya Devi were among those whose plantations were destroyed. Speaking about the incident, local residents demanded a thorough investigation and strict action against any negligence or foul play. They also urged the administration to provide compensation and implement a swift rehabilitation plan for the affected farmers. Representatives of Mandli Panchayat expressed deep concern over the incident and called for immediate intervention by higher authorities. Virender from the Horticulture Department confirmed that the fire has caused considerable damage and emphasized the need for immediate support to the affected farmers.

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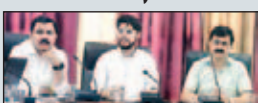
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Labour Day celebrated with gratitude at Kids Planet Prem Public School



**HANS RAJ KURIUKSHETRA:** Kids Planet Prem Public School, Sector-3, Kurukshetra, observed Labour Day with great respect and enthusiasm, honouring the invaluable contributions of its support staff including drivers, cleaners, gardeners, guards, and other helping hands. On this occasion, students expressed heartfelt gratitude by presenting handmade "Thank You" cards to the staff. These colourful cards, adorned with drawings and messages, reflected the students' admiration and respect for the workers' dedication. Teachers highlighted the significance of labour in their addresses, while students presented songs, poems, and a thoughtful skit prepared under the guidance of Ms. Raveen. The performance left the audience with a strong message about the dignity and importance of every worker. Additionally, Navish, a Class 5 student, recited an emotional poem expressing appreciation for the hard work and commitment of labourers.

**BPL selection meeting held in Una, application deadline extended to May 17**



**KISHORI LAL BAINS**  
**UNA:** A meeting regarding the selection process of Below Poverty Line (BPL) families was held at the DRDA Hall in Una under the chairmanship of SDM Una, Vishw Mohan Dev Chauhan. The meeting was attended by all tehsildars, naib tehsildars, block development officers, district panchayat officers, panchayat secretaries, concerned patwaris, and other officials and staff from the Una sub-division. During the meeting, the SDM instructed all officers to ensure that the selection process is carried out with full transparency and fairness. He also directed that wide publicity be conducted at the panchayat level so that no eligible person is left out of the process.

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positive you feel.A kind act also inspires others." Prof Sachdeva wished Dr. Krishna Kumar a speedy recovery. Chairperson, Department of Social Work, Prof. Vanita Dhingra informed that the contractual teacher of the department, Dr. Krishna Kumar, is admitted in the ICU for the treatment of brain hemorrhage since April 9,

2025. Considering Dr Krishna Kumar's family circumstances and after informing the Vice Chancellor of his financial condition, the amount was raised under the guidance of Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva with the support of Kurukshetra university's teaching and non-teaching staff, students, researchers, and alumni.

## Suman Memorial Society supports education of needy students at DAV Hoshiarpur

**DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, MAY 2**

To support the education of underprivileged and talented students of DAV Senior Secondary School, Hoshiarpur, Suman Memorial Society provided them with books, writing material, and school uniforms. During a function held under the leadership of Dr. Anoop Kumar, President of DAV College Managing Committee, and Secretary Prof. R.M. Bhalla, Dr. K.K. Sharma, President of the Society, distributed books, notebooks, and writing material to the students. Also present on the occasion were Principal Gautam Mehta, member of the DAV College Managing Committee; Dr.

## We will not tolerate discrimination against Punjab on issue of water: Dr. Amar Singh

**GOGI KMAAL PURIYA RAIKOT:** Congress Party Member of Parliament from Shri Fatehgarh Sahib Lok Sabha constituency Dr. Amar Singh said that we will not tolerate discrimination against Punjab on the issue of water by the Modi-led central government, for which the Congress party will be



forced to fight fiercely. Dr. Amar Singh said that even before this, Haryana, Himachal and Rajasthan were taking additional water through the cooperation of the central government and BBMB and today when Punjab itself is in great need of water and Haryana is again demanding 8500 cusecs

of water on the behest of the central government. He said that Punjab itself is an agricultural state and there will be a huge need for canal water for irrigation of paddy through its tributaries and old canals, due to which Punjab is unable to provide even a single drop of additional water.

# CM Dhami offers prayer at Kedarnath, Garhwal Rifles plays devotional music

**AGENCY RUDRAPRAYAG, MAY 2**

As the Kedarnath Dham doors opened on Friday, a band of the Indian Army's Garhwal Rifles played devotional tunes on the occasion. The Uttarakhand Chief Minister, Pushkar Singh Dhami, also attended the Dham portal opening ceremony. CM Dhami also distributed prasad to the devotees at the Mukhya Sevak Bhandara organised at the Kedarnath premises. He stated that the Badrinath doors will open on May 4.

"The state government is fully prepared to welcome devotees from all over the country," the minister remarked, adding, "The state government continuously monitors the pilgrimage at



every level. Various basic facilities have also been established on the pilgrimage routes. The Char Dham Yatra is also the lifeline of the state. This pilgrimage is a means of livelihood for millions of people," he said.

The Chief Minister further assured that the state

government is determined to ensure that the Char Dham Yatra continues throughout the year, for which winter pilgrimage has also been started.

Dhami confirmed that Rs 2000 crores have been allotted for "the reconstruction work of

Kedarnath." Additionally, the central government has approved the installation of the Gaurikund to Kedarnath ropeway.

Earlier, while addressing the gathering on the occasion, CM Dhami said that the Char Dham Yatra commenced on April 30, and two days after May 2, the doors of Badrinath Dham will also open for devotees.

He emphasised that the government has ensured a safe journey for the devotees and has made appropriate arrangements to avoid problems. Meanwhile, the Panchmukhi Doli of Lord Kedarnath arrived at Kedarnath Dham in Uttarakhand on Thursday, accompanied by chants of 'Jai Baba Kedar' that echoed through the Kedar Valley.

## MP Sports competition to be held from May 5 to 11: SDM

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 2**

SDM Anubhav Mehta said that MP Sports Competitions will be held from 5th to 11th May at the local Karna Stadium. In this sports competition, Kabaddi and Kho-Kho games for women and men players have been included in the senior category. For successful organization of the MP Sports Competition program, all the officers should ensure that the preparations related to their department are completed on time. He was addressing a meeting of officers in his office on Friday to review the preparations for the MP Sports Competition. He instructed the officers that all the preparations for the MP Sports Competition should be completed on time. He instructed the officers of the Women and Child



Development Department to ensure that information about these games is conveyed to women through Anganwadis, so that more and more women can participate in these games. He directed the officials of Panchayati Raj Department to promote this sports competition in villages through BDPOs and Sarpanchs. He directed the concerned officials to do the work of verification of the teams participating in the sports competition with the utmost care. Along with this, the Sports Department

should conduct all the matches as per the set norms. He instructed the officials to ensure that all the preparations related to their department along with cleanliness, drinking water, fire brigade team, temporary toilets are completed on time at the venue. He said that the MP Sports Competition is a medium to connect people with sports. The objective of the MP Sports Competition is to provide a great platform to the hidden talents in the urban and rural areas of the Lok Sabha constituency.

## Punjab education revolution not just a campaign, but movement for change: Chairman Raman Behl

**VERMA GURDASPUR, MAY 2**

Punjab Health Systems Corporation Chairman Raman Behl today inaugurated development works worth Rs. 18.68 lakh at two schools in the Gurdaspur Assembly constituency under the 'Punjab Education Revolution' initiative. The inauguration took place at Government Middle School Nabipur and Government Primary School Pandher. Also present on the occasion were Aam Aadmi Party's Education Coordinator from Gurdaspur Assembly, Ashwini Kumar, and other local leaders. Under this initiative, a smart classroom was constructed at Government Middle School Nabipur with a cost of Rs. 12.72 lakh, while Government Primary School Pandher received a new smart classroom and essential



infrastructure improvements with an investment of Rs. 6 lakh. Dedicating these development works to the public, Chairman Behl stated that "Punjab Education Revolution is no longer just a campaign, but a wave of transformation reaching every village, school, and child." Behl emphasized that the Mann government is committed to ensuring that children from underprivileged and middle-class backgrounds studying in

government schools receive the same modern facilities and quality education as those in private institutions. He said that education is the real strength of a nation and it is the government's duty to provide equal opportunities to every child. He added that government schools are now equipped with smart classrooms and modern teaching technologies, which are significantly improving learning outcomes.

## Victimes of cheating demand action against Javed Habib and his son



**MEGH RAJ LUTHRA KARNAL:** Victims from Kurukshetra, Ladwa, Pehwa and Karnal, Indri met SHO Shri Bhagwan in Police Station Civil Line Karnal to take action against Hair King Javed Habib and to get his son and daughter arrested for cheating them of Rs. 6.7 crore in the name of opening saloons across the country. They demanded that they have been making rounds to get their deposit amount back from Javed Habib for the last one and a half years but he was not returning the amount. In this matter, a case has been registered against his son Anush Habib and daughter Sana Habib in Police Station Civil Line on April 25 under Section 120B, 406 and 420 of Indian Penal Code. Hansraj Kashyap of the 15 member victim committee told that Javed Habib himself and his son Anush Habib used to come to Karnal, Kurukshetra and in seminars and told that they have a company named Follicle Global which will open 15000 salons across the country. Two mobile vans will be provided at every big salon and one at every small one. The bride's makeup will be done by this van at her home. Only one franchise will be given in every district.

## Ullas program makes over one crore people neo-literate



**DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA:** Under the Ullas Nav Sakshar Bharat program, a district level felicitation ceremony was organized at the Panchayat Bhawan on Friday. In which more than 100 principals, teachers and other stakeholders who made outstanding contributions to the Ullas program were honored. District Council President Kanwaljit Kaur was present as the chief guest in the program while the ceremony was presided over by District Education Officer Santosh Sharma and District Elementary Education Officer Vinod Kaushik. On this occasion, District Council Vice President Dharampal Chaudhary, DPC Santosh Chauhan, Deputy DEO Indu Kaushik, BEO Ramraj, Vijendra, Gyan Chand, Kamal Batra were present. District Ullas Coordinator Sanjay Kaushik presented the outline of the program while the stage was conducted by Amit Malik and Amit Kaushik. Addressing the program, District Council President Kanwaljit Kaur said that achieving complete literacy was important for their vision of a developed India and the Ullas program was an unprecedented effort in this direction.

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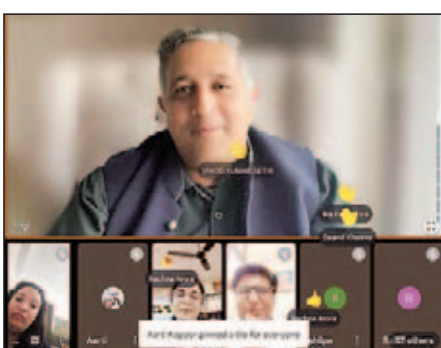
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## Igniting the Divine Flame: DAV Public School, Yamunanagar celebrates 'Vedic Renaissance'

**RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 2**

DAV Public School, Professor Colony, Yamunanagar, hosted an enlightening virtual celebration themed "Vedic Renaissance" under the convenership of Dr. Vivek Kohli, reaffirming its commitment to Arya Samaj values and Vedic heritage. The event saw enthusiastic participation from dignitaries, faculty, students, and parents. The evening commenced with the virtual lighting of the lamp and chanting of the Gayatri Mantra, followed by a soulful bhajan that created a spiritually charged ambience. Principal Sh. Vijay Kumar Kashiv welcomed the gathering, highlighting the school's academic and co-curricular achievements and its mission to imbibe Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati's ideals in education. The event's highlight was the presence and powerful messages of eminent dignitaries- Chief Guest Justice Shri Pritam Pal, Vice President, DAV CMC, emphasized the Vedic ideal of "first know, then believe", urging all to embrace the rational spirituality of Arya Samaj and draw inspiration from luminaries like Swami Shradhdhanand and Gurudatt Vidyarthi. Program Chairperson Shri Yogi Suri, National President, Arya Yuva Samaj, praised the school



for blending academic excellence with spiritual depth, nurturing responsible citizens grounded in Vedic values. Dr. Vikas Kumar, Associate Professor, DAV College of Education, a distinguished guest, lauded DAV students as embodiments of purity, objectivity, and mindfulness—hallmarks of Vedic education. Dr. Vikas Kohli, ARO, delivered a stirring message on the transformative power of noble thoughts and righteous action. Other highlights included a recital of Arya Samaj's ten tenets by young learners, a Vedic quiz, chanting of 'Ishwar Stuti Upasana Mantra' by the students and reflections from appreciative parents.

## Every Punjabi must become warrior in fight against drugs: Harjot Singh Bains

**DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, MAY 2**

Punjab's Minister for School Education, Higher Education, and Public Relations, Harjot Singh Bains, stated that every Punjabi must become a warrior in the fight against drugs to realize the dream of a vibrant and progressive Punjab. He was addressing the district-level event of the 'Pindaan De Pahiredaar' committees formed under the state's "War Against Drugs" campaign in Hoshiarpur as the chief guest. He was joined by Cabinet Minister Dr. Rajwajot Singh, Deputy Speaker Jai Krishan Singh Rouri, MP Dr. Raj Kumar Chabbewal, MLAs Bram Shanker Jimpa, Jasvir Singh Raja Gill, Karmveer Singh Ghuman, Dr. Ishank Kumar, and Prof. G.S. Multani. Bains emphasized that the fight against drug dealers requires the active



involvement of the people, and described the 'Pindaan De Pahiredaar' volunteers as the government's first line of defense. He stated that the aim is to extend this anti-drug campaign to every household. Criticizing previous governments for pushing the youth of Punjab towards drug abuse, he asserted that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, the

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Kurukshetra University Vice Chancellor Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva handed over a cheque of Rs. 3 lakh 80 thousand to Dr. Krishna Kumar's elder brother Manoj Kumar as a grant received from the teaching and non-teaching staff, students, researchers of Kurukshetra University for the treatment of Dr. Krishna Kumar, Assistant Professor (Contract) in the Department of Social Work.

Praising the initiative, Prof. Sachdeva said that the joy people experience from giving to others can spark a positive cycle of generosity. Prof Sachdeva said, "The more you give, the more



positive you feel.A kind act also inspires others." Prof Sachdeva wished Dr. Krishna Kumar a speedy recovery. Chairperson, Department of Social Work, Prof. Vanita Dhingra informed that the contractual teacher of the department, Dr. Krishna Kumar, is admitted in the ICU for the treatment of brain hemorrhage since April 9,

2025. Considering Dr Krishna Kumar's family circumstances and after informing the Vice Chancellor of his financial condition, the amount was raised under the guidance of Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva with the support of Kurukshetra university's teaching and non-teaching staff, students, researchers, and alumni.

## Suman Memorial Society supports education of needy students at DAV Hoshiarpur

**DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, MAY 2**

To support the education of underprivileged and talented students of DAV Senior Secondary School, Hoshiarpur, Suman Memorial Society provided them with books, writing material, and school uniforms. During a function held under the leadership of Dr. Anoop Kumar, President of DAV College Managing Committee, and Secretary Prof. R.M. Bhalla, Dr. K.K. Sharma, President of the Society, distributed books, notebooks, and writing material to the students. Also present on the occasion were Principal Gautam Mehta, member of the DAV College Managing Committee; Dr.



Arvind Parashar, Secretary of the Society; and Rajvinder Kaur, the Society's Treasurer. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Anoop emphasized that education is the most effective tool for bringing change and improvement in life. Dr. K.K. Sharma shared that since 1989, their organization has been

supporting the education of meritorious students from economically weaker sections. With inspiration from Dr. Anoop Kumar, the Society has been supporting the education of needy students of DAV Senior Secondary School Hoshiarpur for the past five years.

## Saint Warriors School shines in ICSE results, Lovepreet tops with 89%



**VERMA QADIAN:** The ICSE Board's recent announcement of the 10th and 12th grade results showcased the exceptional performance of Saint Warriors School Basrai Qadian. According to Director Sarwan Singh Dhandal and Principal Paramveer Singh, all students achieved excellent results. Lovepreet Singh topped the school with 89%, while Angadbir Singh and Smile shared the second position with 86.6%. Ritesh Inderpreet Singh secured the third rank. The school also recognized the commendable scores of Gurnoor Singh (84.4%), Arshpreet Singh (83.3%), Simranjit Kaur (83.8%), and Pawanpreet Singh (82.2%), who have brought further recognition to the institution. Director Dhandal acknowledged the consistent excellence, attributing it to the dedication of the principal Paramveer Singh, staff, and students. The school celebrated the success by distributing laddus and congratulating the students and their parents, with encouragement given to those moving to higher grades.



NEWS BRIEFS

Haryana rises to 4th Rank in Gross GST Collections Nationwide

BUREAU CHANDIGARH: In a significant fiscal milestone, Haryana has ascended to the 4th position in Gross GST Collection nationwide, registering a collection of Rs 14,057 crore in April 2025. This achievement comes as India recorded its highest monthly GST collection of Rs 2.37 lakh crore during the same period.

Sharing this information here today, Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini, who also holds the portfolio of Excise and Taxation Department, said that Haryana, which stood at 5th place during the financial year 2024-25, has now overtaken Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh to secure the 4th rank in April 2025. The Haryana's State GST (SGST) collection reached Rs 2,492.43 crore in April 2025, registering a notable 15.70% growth compared to Rs 2,154.13 crore collected in April 2024.

## Ensuring robust, reliable infrastructure in state is utmost priority of govt: CM

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
PANCHKULA, MAY 2

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini on Friday inaugurated the Standard Operating Methods and Procedures (SOMPs) prepared by the Quality Assurance Authority to ensure robust, sustainable, reliable infrastructure in the state. The Chief Minister said that this is not just a document but a vision, a foundation upon which a grand structure of quality, long-lasting infrastructure, services, and good governance will be built. This event is a testament to the government's commitment to prioritizing quality in Haryana's development journey, said Sh. Nayab Singh Saini.

While addressing the gathering after the inauguration of SOMPs during the Quality Assurance Conclave held in Panchkula, the Chief Minister congratulated the Haryana Quality Assurance Authority on completing two years of its establishment. He praised the Authority for its exemplary work in a short span of time. The Chief Minister also launched the website of Quality Assurance Authority.

The Chief Minister said that this 'Quality Assurance Authority' is the first state-level institution in India that is entirely focused on infrastructure quality. Its model is being studied by other states and central institutions. He ex-



pressed hope that this model will soon evolve into a 'national network for quality assurance' across the country.

He emphasized that incomplete or poorly executed construction is more harmful than no construction at all. Embracing this philosophy, the government has decided to prioritize quality. These SOMPs are the standards for ensuring quality for government departments, engineers, contractors, and policymakers.

The Chief Minister said that SOMPs are not just administrative tools, they are instruments of safety, reliability, and efficiency. For instance, in commercial aviation, SOPs have helped reduce accidents significantly. Similarly, in healthcare, SOPs save lives and help ensure

product quality in the global construction industry through standards like 'Six Sigma', said Sh. Nayab Singh Saini.

He said this Quality Assurance Conclave is not just about procedures and protocols, but part of a holistic approach that will lead us toward building a strong, secure, and smart Haryana.

The Chief Minister said the government aims that every construction project, service, and policy in Haryana must adhere to international standards. The theme of this conclave, "Strong, Sustainable, and Reliable Infrastructure," reflects the government's focus not only on the speed of development but also on its quality, he said.

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that ensuring sustainable completion of any work requires a clear, scientific, and systematic process. The SOMPs offer a comprehensive approach from planning to maintenance. It also specifies how planning should be done, what the design should look like, and the quality of materials to be used. Additionally, SOMPs outline inspection checkpoints during construction, safety standards, and environmental considerations, said the Chief Minister.

The Chief Minister said that, aligned with the Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi's vision, Haryana is moving swiftly toward the goal of Viksit Bharat-Viksit Haryana.

## Maharana Pratap broke shackles of slavery, protected country: Yogeneera Rana



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
KARNAL, MAY 2

If we learn from the life of Maharana Pratap and bring even a little change in the society, then a big improvement can be seen in the society. He was such a warrior who broke the shackles of slavery and brought awareness in the society and protected his country, said MLA Yogendra Rana. He was speaking during a press conference at PWD Rest House on Friday. MLA Yogendra Rana said that Maharana Pratap Jayanti to be celebrated on 9 May in village Salwan will be a very grand Jayanti in which the Chief Minister of the state Nayab Singh Saini will participate as the keynote speaker. At the same time, Union Minister and Hamirpur MP Anurag Thakur and Minister

Shyam Singh Rana along with other big faces of Rajput society will participate. The MLA said that Maharana Pratap does not belong to any one society but to the entire country. We have been hearing the tales of his sacrifices. There is a need to follow the path shown by him. The youth should take inspiration. He said that this time Salwan village has got the privilege of celebrating the Jayanti. Thousands of Rajput community people from other states will also participate on the occasion of the birth anniversary.

Rajput Samaj Karnal chief NP Singh, Master Richpal Rana from village Salwan, Subhash Rana and Rajput Sabha Assandh chief Ranbir Singh said that the purpose behind celebrating the birth anniversary of a

warrior is to make the society aware of their conduct. We should learn from the lives of all the warriors, only then change is possible. He said that there is a lot of enthusiasm among the youth to celebrate the birth anniversary in Salwan village. A big pandal is being set up for the arrangement of the people. People from all communities will participate in lakhs from far and wide. On this occasion, Rakhpal Rana, Sarpanch Jaibir Rana, Sarpanch representative Surendra Singh, Sarpanch Deepak Rana, Naresh Thekedar, Praveen Munak, Nathi Rana, Nalnish, Vicky, Subhash, Anil Chauhan, Akshay Rana, Vijay Rahda, Ramkumar Rana, Randeep, Amit, Rishi, Anirudh, Gulshan, Sangram and others were present.

## Omar Abdullah should visit homes of martyrs of Pahalgam and console families: Shandilya

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
AMBALA: Anti Terrorist Front India and Vishwa Hindu Takht chief Veeresh Shandilya has written a letter to the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir Omar Abdullah demanding that he visit the homes of all the martyrs of Pahalgam and meet their families and apologize for not being able to provide security to the tourists coming from other states of India in his state. This will reduce the anger and resentment of the families of the martyrs of Pahalgam against the Omar Abdullah government. Veeresh Shandilya while talking to journalists today said that the families of those martyred in Pahalgam should be visited and also the Chief Minister Omar Abdullah should give financial assistance of Rs. 50 lakhs to the families of the martyrs on behalf of the Jammu and Kashmir government and tell the families of those martyrs that terrorism has no religion and through the families of the martyrs assure the 140 crore people of the country that in future every tourist coming to Jammu and Kashmir will get complete security. The National President of Anti Terrorist Front India Veeresh Shandilya said that now the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir Omar Abdullah himself should have taken the initiative to go to the homes of the tourists who had come to Pahalgam from other states of India and console the families and pay tribute to the martyrs of Pahalgam so that the message of the Jammu and Kashmir government could have gone to the whole world because this painful incident like Jallianwala happened on the land of Jammu and Kashmir whose head is Omar Abdullah. On the other hand, in a letter written to Omar Abdullah, National President of Anti Terrorist Front India, Viresh Shandilya said that not only Jammu and Kashmir Police should be deployed at every tourist place in Jammu and Kashmir, but Omar Abdullah should also demand from Home Minister Amit Shah and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to deploy Indian Army.

## Bhagwan Parshuram Student Organisation holds procession on Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti

SANJAY SHARMA  
KAITHAL, MAY 2

Bhagwan Parshuram Student Organisation Kaithal took out a procession on Bhagwan Parshuram Jayanti today. A meeting was organised by the Brahmin community and Bhagwan Parshuram Student Organization on the premises of Hanuman Vatika. Kaithal MLA Aditya Surjewala reached there as the chief guest and lit a lamp on the statue of Bhagwan Parshuram and paid his respects. Aditya Surjewala also flagged off the procession taken out from Hanuman Vatika to Brahmin Dharamshala. Addressing the colleagues present in the meeting, Aditya Surjewala said that by remembering and following the character of Bhagwan Parshuram, the sixth incarnation of Lord Vishnu, any person can achieve the heights of success in his life. Bhagwan Parshuram was extremely wise, benevolent and a protector of religion. Lord Parshuram Ji has been a complete knower of scriptures and weaponry. The welfare of all living beings was his paramount goal. He is a brilliant, energetic,



dominant great man. Being a supporter of justice, Lord Parshuram Ji always opposed injustice. He said that Lord Parshuram Ji has always helped and protected the poor, the oppressed and the afflicted.

Aditya Surjewala said that we should take a pledge to follow the path shown by Lord Parshuram. By following Lord Parshuram, success in life can be achieved. Lord Parshuram always called service to mankind as service to

him for flagging off this procession. In this program, mainly Lord Parshuram Student Organisation State President Naveen Jaihind, District Bar Association President Sandeep Sharma, Deepak Nirmal, PL Bhardwaj Advocate, Councillor Sushila Sharma, former Chairman of Block Samiti Jaipal Sharma, Mohan Sharma Kyodak, Satpal Sharma, Praveen Sharma were also honoured by presenting them the statue of Lord Parshuram.

## SMS Memorial Public School conducts dental check-up of children

KAMAL SHARMA  
TARAORI, MAY 2

SMS Memorial Public School Tarawadi organised a two-day dental camp. On this occasion, free dental checkup of students from class 2nd to 12th is being done. The team of doctors from private clinics encouraged the children to check their teeth from time to time and brush their teeth every morning and evening. Dr. Bharat Chaudhary said that protection of teeth is very important. Nowadays, eating chocolates and ice cream is causing dental problems. If you want to keep gums healthy, then you have to keep your mouth clean. Brushing twice a day, using natural methods to strengthen your teeth and gums is not only possible but also incredibly beneficial. Incorporating



proper nutrition and natural remedies and adopting good oral habits can keep dental health safe for a long time.

Dental health is a reflection of overall health, so give it priority like any other aspect of your health. The school's principal Dr Vibha Kaushik thanked the dental team and while addressing the students said that the first

rule of staying healthy is to pay full attention to the cleanliness and hygiene of your body. Strong gums and healthy teeth are a sign of good health. If we take proper care of it, we can get rid of problems like toothache, weakening of teeth, yellowing of teeth, swollen gums, bleeding from gums, bad breath etc.

## Rural development depends on Panchayati Raj institutions: Dr. Balram Sharma

CHAMANLAL  
KARNAL, MAY 2

A lecture on the topic "Panchayati Raj in India, Challenges, and Suggestions" was organized by the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at Jeevan Chanan Postgraduate Women's College, Assandh. The event was held under the guidance of Dr. Rekha Sharma, the Principal of the College, with Dr. Balram Sharma, Head of the Political Science Department at DAV College, Karnal, as the keynote speaker.

Upon arrival at the college, Dr. Sharma was welcomed by Dr. Aarti from the Political Science Department, Dr. Nidhi from the Public Administration Department, and Madam K.D. Sharma, Coordinator of the Social Science Department.

In his address, Dr. Balram Sharma emphasized that the development of rural India heavily



depends on the strength of Panchayati Raj institutions. He highlighted that the more empowered and robust these institutions are, the more effective rural development will be. He urged the government to allocate sufficient funds to strengthen Panchayati Raj institutions. He also advocated for greater participation of women in rural development, especially those who serve as sarpanches (village heads), and stressed the importance of making rural women aware of their rights and duties.

Dr. Sharma called for the im-

plementation of various government schemes at the grassroots level to uplift women and for rural communities to collaborate with their local representatives for overall development. Coordinator Madam K.D. Sharma added that the government should grant more powers to Panchayati Raj institutions to make them more effective in rural governance. At the end of the program, the speakers, including Madam K.D. Sharma, Dr. Aarti, Dr. Nidhi, and Dr. Hemlata Sharma, thanked Dr. Balram Sharma for his insightful lecture.

## PoK is ours and is coming to us: Mahakal Kailashpuri Maharaj

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
KARNAL, MAY 2

Bhairav Akhada chief Mahakal Swami Kailashpuri Maharaj, calling the killing of 26 innocent people in the terrorist attack on the Pahalgam as murder of humanity and humanness, said that the vessel of Pakistan's sins is now overflowing. Therefore, now the time has come that the accounts of the deeds of the monsters of Pakistan should be settled. He said that the whole world is standing with India and the people of the country are with Modi. In such a situation, the opportunity that India has got to get back Pakistan occupied Kashmir



should not be lost at any cost. He said that Pakistan occupied Kashmir is ours and is coming. Mahakal Swami Kailashpuri said that if not now then never. The Prime Minister of the country Narendra Modi should make 140 crore countrymen proud by joining the integral part of India with the head of India. He said that this time the Modi government of the country will settle all the past and present accounts with Pakistan. Pakistan will be in such a state that it will become completely crippled. He said that after India's action, no country in the world will stand or turn towards Pakistan. He said that after India's warning, now Pakistan is

threatening an atom attack but the rulers of Pakistan have neither the capability nor the power to use the atom bomb.

He said that Pakistan has been using the land snatched from India against India for the past many years. But the Pakistani rulers and the enemy of humanity Munir should have thought that the Modi whom he is going to challenge has been made the Prime Minister of the country for the third time by the people of this country. Mahakal Swami Kailashpuri Maharaj said that India has not even started anything yet but the leaders of Pakistan and their army are running here and there. He said that it seems that Pakistan will become bankrupt even before India takes action.

## Anti-Corruption Foundation of India distributes textbooks to needy students



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
KARNAL, MAY 2:

The Anti-Corruption Foundation of India and Human Rights International Federation distributed textbooks to needy students of Sheikhpura Khalsa Senior Secondary School and honored the school's outstanding students with the Excellence Student Award.

The event was organized under the leadership of National Supremo Narendra Arora,

with special officers and members of the team present at the school. Textbooks relevant to the students' curriculum were given to those in need, while the meritorious students received trophies and certificates as part of the Excellence Student Award. The school's Principal, Harmeet Kaur, expressed gratitude to the foundation for their efforts.

During the event, Narendra Arora emphasized the foundation's commitment to

its Corruption-Free India campaign, which encourages students to follow the paths of truth and honesty. He stressed that students and youth play a crucial role in making India corruption-free.

## D.R. Bhatnagar becomes Haryana State Incharge of Bhagwan Shree Chitrugupta Welfare Federation

DALBIR MALIK

**KURUKSHETRA:** Today an important meeting of Bhagwan Shree Chitrugupta Welfare Federation was held in Kurukshetra in which D.R. Bhatnagar has been appointed as the State Incharge of Bhagwan Shree Chitrugupta Welfare Federation Haryana whose tenure will be one year. The post of State Incharge will be honorary. Sudhir Kumar Srivastava, National President of Bhagwan Shree Chitrugupta Welfare Federation handed over the appointment letter of State Incharge to D.R. Bhatnagar with his lotus hands. Bhagwan Shree Chitrugupta Welfare Federation has expected that Mr. D.R. Bhatnagar will work with devotion and dedication as per the rules of the Federation. D.R. Bhatnagar expressed his gratitude to the National President and top leadership for appointing him as Haryana Incharge and assured the Federation that he will work with full dedication to develop Bhagwan Shree Chitrugupta Welfare Federation. All India Journalist Unity Association Haryana Unit and District Kurukshetra Unit have extended hearty congratulations and best wishes to D R Bhatnagar on being appointed as Haryana State Incharge of Lord Shri Chitrugupta Welfare Federation.



## National Lok Adalat to be organised on May 10: Ajay

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

**KARNAL:** A meeting was organised with the managers of banks and insurance companies under the chairmanship of District and Sessions Judge Ajay Kumar Sharda with the aim of making the National Lok Adalat to be held on 10 May a success. CJM and Secretary of District Legal Services Authority Iram Hasan was present on this occasion. District and Sessions Judge Ajay Kumar Sharda guided the present managers, traffic police, members of Permanent Lok Adalat and panel advocates of banks and insurance companies regarding settling maximum cases in the National Lok Adalat to be held on May 10 and motivated them to make efforts to make the National Lok Adalat a success.

Apart from this, CJM and Secretary of District Legal Services Authority Iram Hasan reached Sub Divisional Assandh where she talked to Additional Civil Judge and Chairman Harish Sabarwal of Sub Divisional Legal Services Committee Assandh and guided them about the working style of the Sub Divisional Legal Services Committee. They also discussed the services being provided by panel advocates and mediators and talked about getting their pending cases settled in the National Lok Adalat to be held on 10th May.



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Editorial

Pandora’s box

The Narendra Modi government’s decision to include caste enumeration as part of the next census exercise — the latter is running late by years — has been described by the Bharatiya Janata Party as historic. This, though, is a face-saving mechanism on the part of the BJP — historically the BJP and its leaders, including Mr Modi, along with the Rashtriya Swayam-sevak Sangh, have been opposed to such a survey. What has prompted the change, as is often the case in India, are the compulsions of electoral politics. Bihar goes to polls soon. It must be pointed out that Nitish Kumar, as part of the Mahagathbandhan, had conducted and published the findings of a caste survey in that state. A number of states — Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Odisha — have undertaken similar engagements, piling the pressure on Mr Modi’s government. Rahul Gandhi’s sustained campaign in favour of a caste census — the Congress, too, changed its spots on the caste census of late — along with favourable noises by allies like Mr Kumar whose support props up Mr Modi’s government at the Centre did their bit in pushing the prime minister’s hand on the matter. This goes to show that notwithstanding the BJP’s electoral dominance in the last decade, the Opposition can make a difference when it gets its politics and its packaging right. After the hiccup on farm laws, this is yet another instance of Mr Modi’s ‘muscular’ government blinking when brought under pressure.

The political implications of a reliable caste census — a timeline must be fixed — could be interesting. For instance, the BJP’s carefully-crafted mobilisation strategy on the grounds of religion may face pressure from the demands of equality by marginalised groups, leading to a fracture in the Hindutva pyramid. The Opposition would be desperate to make inroads into India’s Dalit and other backward classes constituencies that have been swayed by the saffron wave by riding piggy-back on the caste census. The findings of a caste survey could also lead to the rise of an independent political force among the disjointed fraternity of underprivileged groups; a countermobilisation by the upper castes cannot be ruled out either. The future, therefore, is fluid. Can the caste census be a tool for effective social justice though? This is a crucial question. The results of such an intervention are bound to strengthen justified, but competing, demands of reservation in employment and education. Legal ceilings would be brought under pressure. Does the BJP or, for that matter, any party, have the wherewithal to meet this rising demand for justice?

India poised to emerge among top 5 global entertainment destinations

Driven by the booming media sector, digital innovation, and expanding consumer base, India is set to emerge among the top five global entertainment destinations by 2030.

During the World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025 being organised in Mumbai at the Jio World Convention Centre, India’s will release a white paper, commissioned by Information & Broadcasting Ministry.

Union Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs, L Murugan is set to unveil "India’s Live Events Economy: A Strategic Growth Imperative" on May 3.

The White Paper presents a comprehensive analysis of India’s rapidly expanding live entertainment industry, highlighting emerging trends, growth trajectories, and strategic recommendations for the sector’s continued evolution.

India’s live events landscape is undergoing a transformation—from a fragmented sector to a structured and influential pillar of the country’s cultural and creative economy.

The period from 2024 to 2025 marks a defining inflection point, with international acts such as ‘Coldplay’ performing in Ahmedabad and Mumbai, signalling India’s readiness to host global-scale events. Key trends in the sector include the rise of event tourism, with nearly half a million attendees traveling specifi-



cally for live music events—indicating the emergence of a robust music-tourism economy.

Premium ticketing segments—such as VIP experiences, curated access, and luxury hospitality—have witnessed over 100 per cent year-on-year growth, pointing to an increasingly experience-driven audience. Participation from Tier-2 cities has surged, driven by multi-city tours and the growing popularity of regional festivals. In 2024, the organized live events segment recorded 15 per cent growth, contributing an additional Rs 13 billion in revenue—establishing it as one of the fastest-growing verticals within India’s media and entertainment ecosystem. Large-scale events in the current landscape typically generate approximately 2,000 to 5,000 temporary jobs each, underscoring the sector’s growing contribution to employment and skill development. With focused investments, policy support, and infrastructural upgrades, India is on track to position itself as one of the top five live entertainment destinations globally by 2030, unlocking new avenues for economic growth, employment generation, tourism, and enhanced global cultural presence.

Literature & Health

China sees surge in worker protests over unpaid wages

Worker protests over unpaid wages are increasing throughout China, reflecting a surge in dissatisfaction among millions impacted by factory closures due to hefty US tariffs on Chinese imports amidst an economic slump, as reported by Radio Free Asia (RFA).

From Dao county in Hunan province to Suining city in Sichuan and Tongliao city in Inner Mongolia, numerous frustrated workers have taken to the streets to voice their grievances about overdue wages and to contest unfair layoffs at factories forced to shut down due to US tariffs.

The workers claimed that the Sichuan-based firm, which produces flexible circuit boards, had not compensated them for their wages since the beginning of the year and had



withheld social security benefits for nearly two years from June 2023, according to the RFA report.

Analysts at the American investment bank Goldman Sachs have estimated that at least 16 million jobs across various sectors in China are at risk due to US President Donald Trump’s implementation of a 145% tariff on Chinese imports. They predict that the increased tariffs from the Trump administration will “consider-

ably impact the Chinese economy,” with slower economic growth expected to further strain the labour market, especially in export-oriented industries.

Earlier this week, more than a dozen migrant workers in Tuanjie village, located in the northwestern Shaanxi province’s Xi’an prefecture, voiced their concerns at a local project office, stating that they had not received their wages since February 2025.

Trump threatens sanctions on countries purchasing Iranian oil

US President Donald Trump has threatened to impose sanctions on the ‘countries or individual’ found buying Iranian oil and petrochemical products.

Trump said such countries will face secondary sanctions, and these nations won’t be allowed to do business with the United States going forward.

In a post on his social media account Truth Social, "ALERT: All purchases of Iranian Oil, or Petrochemical products, must stop, NOW! Any Country or person who buys ANY AMOUNT of OIL or PETRO-CHEMICALS from Iran will be subject to, immediately, Secondary Sanctions."

"They will not be allowed to do business with the United States of America in any way, shape, or form.



Thank you for your attention to this matter," it added. Two weeks earlier, the US imposed sanctions on Shandong Shengxing Chemical Limited, a Chinese refinery, for buying over USD 1 billion worth of Iranian crude oil. The sanctions also targeted companies and vessels involved in shipping Iranian oil to China. According to the US State Department, "United States is today sanctioning Shandong Shengxing Chemical Co, Ltd, a Chi-

na-based independent 'teapot' refinery, for purchasing more than a billion dollars' worth of Iranian crude oil."

"The President is committed to driving Iran's illicit oil exports, including to China, to zero.

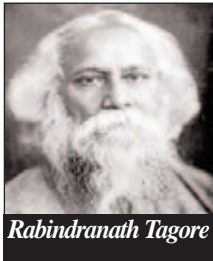
The United States is also imposing sanctions on several companies and vessels involved in facilitating Iranian oil shipments to China as part of Iran's 'shadow' fleet," it added.

POEM

The Journey

The morning sea of silence broke into ripples of bird songs; and the flowers were all merry by the roadside; and the wealth of gold was scattered through the rift of the clouds while we busily went on our way and paid no heed.

We sang no glad songs nor played;



we went not to the village for barter; we spoke not a word nor smiled; we lingered not on the way. We quickened our pace more and more as the time sped by.

The sun rose to the mid sky and doves cooed in the shade. Withered leaves danced and whirled in the hot air of noon. The shepherd boy drowsed and dreamed in the shadow of the banyan tree, and I laid myself down by the water and stretched my tired limbs on the grass..

Rabindranath Tagore

Mutual fund industry sees Rs 25,000 cr net inflow in Q4 FY25

The Indian mutual fund industry recorded net inflows of approximately Rs 25,000 crore in the last quarter, according to a report by Motilal Oswal Asset Management Company.

The inflows were largely driven by equity-oriented schemes, even as debt funds saw outflows.

The report said, "The MF Industry recorded net inflows of approximately Rs 25k Cr in the quarter. Equity drew Rs 117K cr in inflows. Debt witnessed reversal with Rs 110k Cr in outflows".

The report data highlighted that equity mutual funds attracted strong investor interest with total net inflows of Rs 1.17 lakh crore during the quarter.

Of this, active equity funds contributed around Rs 92,000 crore, while passive equity funds saw inflows of Rs 25,000 crore. It also noted that the Passive equities now account for 21.5 per cent of the total net flows within the equity category, reflecting a growing investor preference for low-cost options.

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counted for about 64 per cent of the market share in total equity inflows.

In the passive equity segment, the share of broad-based funds rose sharply from 66 per cent in the previous quarter to 84 per cent. A similar rise was seen in active equity, where broad-based funds' share increased from 70 per cent to 72 per cent on a quarter-on-quarter basis.

In the active broad-based category, Flexi Cap and Small Cap funds led the inflows with Rs 16,500 crore and Rs 12,000 crore, respectively. Mid Cap funds followed closely with Rs 11,700 crore in net inflows.

In contrast, thematic funds in the active equity space continued to see a decline in interest, settling at around Rs 9,000 crore in net inflows.

Within passive equity, broad-based funds attracted the highest inflows, while factor funds held a 15 per cent share and thematic funds just 2.7 per cent.

Among passive investments, investors continued to prefer Large Cap funds, which received around 90 per cent of the net inflows in this category.

However, there was a noticeable decline in this share, as more investors started shifting towards Mid Cap and Small Cap segments.







Toyota Kirloskar Motor Sells 27,324 units in the month of April 2025

CHANDIGARH: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) recorded a growth of 33% in April 2025 over the same period last year, selling 27,324 units. In April 2025, domestic sales stood at 24,833 units, while exports contributed 2,491 units. In April 2024, TKM had sold 20,494 units. Speaking on the sales momentum, Varinder Wadhwa, Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business, said, "The sustained growth is a testament to our unwavering commitment to offering the Indian market the right products and technologies at the right time. Our multi-pathway approach, which provides diverse technology options, has enabled us to respond positively to shifting customer needs and has ensured strong demand across our line-up."

Beat the Heat with Samsung's Fab Grab Fest – Huge Discounts on Gadgets & Appliances!

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, is turning up the heat this summer with the return of its blockbuster sale — Fab Grab Fest! Kicking off on May 1, this much-anticipated shopping extravaganza brings sizzling, limited-time deals on a wide range of Samsung's cutting-edge products, available exclusively on Samsung.com, Samsung Shop App and Samsung Exclusive Stores. As the sale kicks off, customers can enjoy up to 41% off on select models of Samsung Galaxy S, Galaxy Z, and Galaxy A smartphone series. Whether it is the latest foldables or powerful camera-centric models, there is something for every tech enthusiast. In addition, select Galaxy tablets, accessories and wearables will be available at discount of up to 50% off, making it the perfect time to complete your Galaxy ecosystem.

Vi expands 5G network to Chandigarh Region

Amritsar/Bathinda: Leading telecom operator Vodafone Idea (Vi), today announced the launch of its 5G services in Chandigarh Region including Chandigarh, Mohali, Zirakpur and Khariar. This expansion follows the successful 5G rollout in Mumbai this March, where over 70K of eligible users are already experiencing 5G services, and contributing up to 20% of the total data traffic on the network. Vi has also expanded its 5G services to Patna recently. As part of the expansion, Vi users with 5G devices in the Chandigarh region will gain immediate access to Vi's 5G services. This rollout will continue to expand across the circle of Punjab in the future, as the 5G handsets penetration grows and demand for 5G services increases. Speaking on the occasion, Rahul Joshi, Cluster Business Head – Punjab, Haryana, Himachal & JK, Vi remarked "We're excited to introduce the next gen 5G connectivity and elevate the mobile experience for our customers in Chandigarh, Mohali, Zirakpur and Khariar."

Relaxo Expands Digital Footprint: Now Available on Blinkit, Zepto and Swiggy Instamart

GURUGRAM : To enhance customer convenience and expand its digital presence, Relaxo Footwears Limited announces its availability on Blinkit, Zepto and Swiggy Instamart. India's leading instant delivery platforms. This strategic move aligns with Relaxo's vision of making its products more accessible to consumers across the country. Mr. Nitin Dua, Executive Vice President, Relaxo Footwears Limited said, "We are excited to announce our presence on Blinkit, Zepto, and Swiggy Instamart, a key development in expanding our footprint in the quick commerce segment. By entering this sector, we aim to provide consumers with greater accessibility to Relaxo's trusted and beloved products, ensuring a seamless and convenient shopping experience." Customers can now choose from an array of stylish slippers from Flite, trendy flip-flops from Bahamas, and comfortable shoes from Sparx, with just a few taps on their smartphones.

Samsung Announces Exciting Limited-Period Deals on Galaxy A, M and F Series Smartphones in India

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today announced exciting deals on select Galaxy A, M, and F series smartphones, as part of a limited-period offer. Starting May 1, Galaxy A55 5G, originally priced at INR 42999, will be available at INR 26999. Galaxy A35 5G\* - India's No. 1 selling smartphone in its segment, will be available at INR 19999. The phone was originally priced at INR 33999. Galaxy M16 5G, Galaxy F16 5G, Galaxy M06 5G, and Galaxy F06 5G - will also see great deals. Galaxy M16 5G\* - India's No. 1 selling smartphone in its segment, and Galaxy F16 5G, both originally priced at INR 15999 will be available at INR 10749. Galaxy M06 5G\* and F06 5G\* - the highest selling 5G smartphones on Amazon and Flipkart, respectively, will be up for grabs at just INR 8199. Galaxy M35 5G, launched at INR 24499.

Samsung Announces Never-Seen Before Prices on Galaxy S24 Ultra, S24 and S24FE

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today announced exciting deals on the Galaxy S24 series as part of a limited-period offer. Starting today, Galaxy S24 Ultra\* - India's No. 1 selling premium smartphone, originally priced at INR 129999, will now be available at a never-seen-before price of INR 84999. The Galaxy S24, originally priced at INR 74999, will be available at INR 44999, and the Galaxy S24 FE will be available starting at just INR 34999. Galaxy S24 Ultra, enhances and redefines the phone's most fundamental role – communication – with Live Translate, Interpreter, Chat Assist, Note Assist and Transcript Assist features. AI built into Samsung Keyboard can also translate messages in real-time in 13 languages, including Hindi. Additionally, Note Assist, a Galaxy AI feature on Samsung Galaxy S24 Ultra.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Introduces Exclusive Edition of Innova HyCross

SHIMLA : Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) announced the launch of the Exclusive Edition of the InnovaHyCross available in the ZX(O) grade. Building upon the remarkable success of the InnovaHyCross, this new rendition offers distinguished styling and enhanced cabin experience. Trusted by over a lakh customers across the country, the InnovaHyCross continues to impress with its exceptional spirit of glamor and efficiency. Crafted to make every journey as distinctive as the individual behind the wheel, the Innova HyCross Exclusive Edition of ZX(O) will be available from May 2025 through July 2025, in two colors-Super White and Pearl White, in limited quantity. Varinder Wadhwa, Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business, Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said that the Innova HyCross has consistently garnered strong customer appreciation for its proportions & poise of an SUV with the spaciousness of an MPV, and we are truly humbled for their continued trust placed in the brand. Today, we are delighted to launch the InnovaHyCross Exclusive Edition in ZX(O), thoughtfully crafted to meet the evolving aspirations of our discerning customers.

# MP Suggests Renting Out Long-Abandoned Commercial Complex on Rani Jhansi Road



**SHARMA LUDHIANA:** At a meeting held at the Deputy Commissioner's office on Friday, Rajya Sabha MP Sanjeev Arora raised the long-pending issue of the multi-crore commercial complex on Rani Jhansi Road, which has remained abandoned for decades despite several efforts to attract buyers. The meeting, attended by Deputy Commissioner Himanshu Jain and

Ludhiana Improvement Trust (LIT) Chairman Tarsem Singh Bhinder, focused on the underutilised commercial property completed in 2007 at a cost of approximately Rs.15 crore. MP Arora suggested that the complex be rented out in parts, stating that it could generate substantial revenue for LIT. Currently, the structure is proving to be a "white elephant" due to its prolonged disuse.

Describing the property as "prime real estate in a prime location," Arora also suggested that the complex be renovated before being rented out, citing its dilapidated condition. He warned that the building's neglect has led to misuse by anti-social elements, creating potential law and order concerns in the area. Spread across 2.2 acres, the complex includes two basement levels with parking for 250 cars and

nearly 100 two-wheelers. The infrastructure was designed to accommodate restaurants, coffee shops, banks, showrooms, and offices. Despite repeated attempts to sell the property since 2009, no buyers have come forward. Following Arora's proposal, the Deputy Commissioner instructed LIT officials to prepare a proposal for renting out the property.

## MP Vikram Sahney announces Rs 1 Crore for Drug Rehab Centres



**SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH:** Dr. Vikramjit Singh Sahney, MP Rajya Sabha announced Rs 1 Crore for upgrading all 19 Drug Rehab Centres in Punjab. His NGO, Sun Foundation, is already running Drug Rehab Centres in Amritsar, Jalandhar and Mohali. An MOU to this effect was signed today with the Department of Health, Government of Punjab. While thanking Sahney, Dr. Balbir Singh, Hon'ble Health and Family Welfare Minister of Punjab appreciated the efforts of Mr. Sahney and his NGO, Sun Foundation for upgrading and providing skills and other activities to youth in these Drug de-addiction and Rehabilitation Centres in Punjab. Sahney stated that various skills like Data Entry Operator, Electrician, Plumber, Mobile Repair, Organic Farming along with Yoga, Gym Fitness and Sports facilities are being provided for rehabilitation of the youth.

## CMF by Nothing Launches CMF Phone 2 Pro, Buds 2, Buds 2 Plus, and Buds 2a

**LUDHIANA:** CMF, the sub-brand of London-based technology company Nothing, has today announced four new products - CMF Phone 2 Pro, Buds 2, Buds 2 Plus and Buds 2a. Nothing has continued its strong start to the year, with the Counterpoint Research Q1 2025 India Smartphone Shipment report naming it the fastest-growing smartphone brand in India this quarter, recording an impressive 156% year-on-year growth. This marks the fifth consecutive quarter that Nothing has maintained its position as the fastest-growing brand. With this achievement, Nothing becomes the only brand in the past decade to reach this milestone in the Indian market. CMF Phone 2 Pro With a best-in-segment three-camera system, a wonderfully bright display, and a premium design, CMF Phone 2 Pro is the ultimate daily smartphone. At just 7.8 mm thin and weighing only 185 g, it's the slimmest and lightest smartphone Nothing has ever designed - 5% thinner than CMF Phone 1. Available in four colors: White, Black, Orange and Light Green, each featuring unique finishes and textures. CMF Phone 2 Pro features an advanced three-camera system, complete with a 50 MP main camera capturing 64% more light than CMF Phone 1. For faraway scenes, the first-in-segment 50MP telephoto lens offers 2x optical zoom and up to 20x Ultra Zoom. To wrap it up, the 8 MP ultra-wide camera provides an expansive field of view, perfect for everything from landscapes to skylines, while the 16 MP front camera is ready to snap your sharpest selfies.

## 108 Ambulance Facilitates Safe Delivery During Emergency Transport

**RUPNAGAR :** The 108 Ambulance service once again demonstrated its life-saving capabilities by successfully facilitating a childbirth during an emergency transport. A pregnant woman, experiencing severe labor pains and fluid leakage, went into labor while being transported from Panjola to Civil Hospital, Rupnagar.



As the situation escalated, with the baby's head already emerging, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Kirandeep Singh and Pilot Gurwinder Singh acted swiftly and skillfully to manage the delivery inside the ambulance. Thanks to their expertise and prompt response, the woman safely gave birth to a healthy baby en route. Both the mother and her new born were safely dropped at Civil Hospital, Rupnagar after the delivery. The mother and child are reported to be in good health. 108 Ambulance Project Head, Manish Batra expressed gratitude for the team's readiness and expertise, stating, "This emergency delivery highlights the critical role our ambulance service plays in ensuring safe transport and care during unexpected medical situations." He added, "Our EMTs are extensively trained to handle such emergencies and their professionalism makes all the difference in ensuring positive outcomes." The 108 Ambulance service continues to be a trusted partner for emergency healthcare, providing essential services across the region and ensuring that critical situations are handled swiftly and effectively.

## Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India sells 4,80,896 units in April 2025

**KARNAL:** Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India today announced its sales numbers for the month of April 2025. The company's total sales for April 25 stood at 4,80,896 units. This includes domestic sales of 4,22,931 units and 57,965 units exports. HMSI's Key Highlights of April 2025: Product: HMSI introduced the updated OBD2B compliant versions of the Dio 125 with advanced new features. Moreover, the company's premium motorcycle portfolio has been further strengthened with the launch of the 2025 CB350, CB350 Hness, and CB350RS, featuring vibrant new colours. Aligned with the global market action, HMSI also announced a voluntary recall for its CB300R motorcycle for certain units manufactured between 2018 to 2020. Road Safety: Expanding road safety awareness in India, HMSI promoted campaigns in 12 locations across India - Navsari (Gujarat), Yoi Cantt. (Himachal Pradesh), Rajapalayam (Tamil Nadu), Ranchi (Jharkhand), Bengdubi (West Bengal), Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh), Pune (Maharashtra), Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh), Anantapur (Andhra Pradesh), Tiruvallur (Tamil Nadu), Jaipur (Rajasthan) and New Delhi. Additionally, HMSI celebrated the 10th anniversary of its Traffic Training Park in Hyderabad, advancing its efforts towards responsible road habits. CSR: Honda India Foundation (HIF) held the valedictory ceremony of Project Buniyad in Shillong, Meghalaya to mark the successful culmination of the training programme in Shillong, with 30 beneficiaries receiving job letters, paving the way for meaningful employment opportunities. Motorsports: The MotoGP was held at Qatar and Spain in the month of April 2025.

## vivo Launches vivo Y19 5G with Timeless Design

**CHANDIGARH:** vivo introduced the vivo Y19 5G, a feature-rich addition to the Y-Series line-up. The smartphone stands out with its eye-catching Rainbow Crystal Texture and metallic matte finish, a powerful 5000 mAh BlueVolt Battery designed for extended endurance, and AI-powered camera capabilities that simplify capturing moments. Built to handle daily challenges, it comes with IP64 dust and water resistance, making it a reliable companion. The vivo Y19 5G is priced at INR 10,499 (inclusive of taxes) for the 4 GB + 64 GB variant, INR 11,499 (inclusive of taxes) for the 4 GB + 128 GB variant, and INR 12,999 (inclusive of taxes) for the 6 GB+128 GB variant. The smartphone is available across Flipkart, the vivo India e-store, and all partner retail stores. The vivo Y19 5G features a metallic matte frame paired with the unique Rainbow Crystal Texture, offering a blend of modern and classic design. Available in Titanium Silver, which reflects a sleek, technological elegance, and Majestic Green, inspired by the tranquil strength of jade and deep black hues, the phone delivers a refined and premium look. Measuring just 8.19 mm in thickness and weighing 199 g, it offers an ergonomic feel that suits everyday handling.



The official trailer launch today in a grand press conference organized in Mohali. The film is being produced under the banner of Zee Studios, Boss Musica Records Pvt Ltd in association with 751 Films, and is set to release in cinemas worldwide

## "Shaunki Sardar Trailer Launched; Set for May 16, 2025 Release"

The much-anticipated Punjabi film Shaunki Sardar held its official trailer launch today in a grand press conference organized in Mohali. The film is being produced under the banner of Zee Studios, Boss Musica Records Pvt Ltd in association with 751 Films, and is set to release in cinemas worldwide



on May 16, 2025. The event was graced by the star cast of the film, including the legendary Bablu Maan, global music icon Guru Randhawa, Sunita Dhir, Nimrit Kaur Ahluwalia, Hashneen Chauhan, and

Dheeraj Kumar, with actor Harsimran, Ely Mangat also present to support the stellar cast. The film's director Dheeraj Kedarnath Rattan and producers Ishaan Kapoor, Shah Jandiali, and Dharminder Batouli and Harjot Singh were also present to share their vision and excitement about the project.

The trailer, which was unveiled at the conference, gave a glimpse into the emotionally rich and action-driven storyline of Shaunki Sardar. With high-voltage drama, heartfelt moments, and gripping action, the film revolves around the themes of family love, legacy, and loyalty. One of the key highlights of the film is the on-screen chemistry between Bablu Maan and Hashneen Chauhan, as well as the fresh pairing of Guru Randhawa and Nimrit Kaur Ahluwalia, making it a visual treat for fans. With a powerful cast, captivating music, and a compelling narrative, Shaunki Sardar promises to be a wholesome entertainer for audiences of all ages. Director Dheeraj Kedarnath Rattan stated, "Shaunki Sardar is not just a film — it's a tribute to the spirit of Punjabi families and their unbreakable bonds. Audiences will see both emotional depth and cinematic scale." In a joint statement, producers Ishaan Kapoor, Shah Jandiali, Dharminder Batouli and Harjot Singh, said, "We've poured our hearts into making a film that reflects Punjab's values, music, and emotions. Collaborating with this stellar cast and team has been an honour."

## Surging gold ETFs fuel q1 demand

**CHANDIGARH :** The World Gold Council's Q1 2025 Gold Demand Trends report reveals total quarterly gold demand (including OTC) was 1,206t, a 1% increase year-on-year, in a record high price environment, in which gold surpassed US\$3,000/oz. The gold ETF revival fuelled a more-than doubling of total investment demand to 552t, a 170% year-on-year increase and the highest since Q1 2022. ETF inflows accelerated around the world, totalling 228t in the first quarter as price momentum and tariff policy uncertainty drove investors to gold as a safe haven. Total bar and coin demand increased 3% y/y, remaining elevated at 325t during Q1, spurred by a surge of retail investment in China, which posted its second-highest quarter on record. Eastern investors drove much of the global demand for bar and coin, offsetting Western weakness as appetite in the US dropped 22% year-on-year, alongside a modest 12t recovery in Europe, but from a very low base in the same quarter last year.

## Chairman Sekhwan Inaugurates School upgrades Under Punjab's education revolution

**VERMA GURDASPUR :** Chairman of the District Planning Committee Gurdaspur, Advocate Jagroop Singh Sekhwan, today inaugurated various development works at Government Primary School Bhitewad and Government Middle School Rura Butter under the Punjab Education Revolution initiative in the Qadian Assembly constituency. Under this campaign, the Punjab government has equipped these schools with smart classrooms, boundary walls, and other essential infrastructure upgrades. Speaking on the occasion, Chairman Sekhwan stated that over the past three years, the Punjab government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, has completely transformed the face of government schools across the state. He highlighted that the Aam Aadmi Party government has invested more than ₹2,000 crore in strengthening the infrastructure of government schools through the Education Revolution. Furthermore, teachers are being sent to countries like Singapore and Finland for advanced training to ensure students receive a world-class education. Mr. Sekhwan emphasized that improving education and healthcare were among the top promises made by Chief Minister Mann, and after providing better health facilities, the government is now taking historic steps in improving public education. He noted that earlier, only private schools offered transport facilities, but now students of government schools are also benefiting from such services. He remarked that no previous government made serious efforts to uplift the standard of education, but the current government, with public support, is bringing revolutionary changes in this vital sector. He concluded by saying, "When the intent is right, everything is possible."

## Fenesta Strengthens Presence in Punjab with Second Showroom in Mohali

**L K BANSAL MOHALI :** Fenesta, India's leading and most trusted brand for windows and doors solutions, has further strengthened its presence in Punjab with the launch of its second showroom in Mohali, marking a significant milestone in the company's expansion. The showroom operated by M/S Vayu Ventures, is located at Plot no 717, 1st Floor, JPL Industrial Area, Sector-82, Mohali This expansion comes in response to the growing demand for high-quality fenestration solutions in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities amid rapid urbanization. The showroom features a wide range of products, including aluminium and uPVC windows and doors, as well as solid panel doors, designed to provide an immersive experience for homeowners, architects, and builders. Mr. Saket Jain, Business Head at Fenesta, expressed excitement about the opening, highlighting the rising consumer demand for modern and durable designs in rapidly growing cities like Patiala. The showroom aims to enhance customer engagement and inspiration for innovative building solutions. With over 350 showrooms globally, Fenesta is committed to quality and service excellence, managing the entire supply chain from manufacturing to after-sales service. Their products are designed to offer superior insulation against noise, rain, and dust, making them a preferred choice for professionals in the construction industry.



## EduLeaders Summit 2025 Unites 100+ Academic Leaders at CT Group, Jalandhar



**J S SODHI JALANDHAR:** CT Group of Institutions, North Campus, Maqsudpur, successfully hosted the EduLeaders Summit 2025, bringing together over 100 Principals, Vice Principals, and education innovators from across Punjab. The event featured panel discussions, a workshop on leadership by Indian Navy Veteran & Leadership Coach Cdr. Hemant Kumar, and an awards ceremony honoring excellence in education. Chief Guest Dr. Gurinderjeet Kaur (DEO Secondary, Jalandhar) and Guests of Honor Rajiv Joshi (Deputy DEO) and Cdr. Kumar graced the event. Dr. Anurag Sharma, Director of CT Group (North Campus), reflected on the institute's 25-year journey of excellence. Eminent speakers including Dr. Ashish Arora (GNDU), Palvinder Singh (Secunex Tech), and Rakesh Sharma (Sain Dass School) addressed key issues like value-based education, cyber safety, and NEP challenges. Dr. Manbir Singh, Managing Director, emphasized the summit's role in fostering academic innovation and collaborative progress.

## LPU Celebrates Global Unity as International Students Graduate with Pride



**J S SODHI Jalandhar:** Lovely Professional University (LPU) witnessed a vibrant celebration as international students from over 40 countries marked their Graduation Day with pride and joy. Representing nations like Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Nepal, Yemen, Mongolia, Sudan, and more, hundreds of graduating students participated in a spirited graduation walk towards LPU's Shanti Devi Mittal Auditorium. The ceremony, chaired by Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal, MP (Rajya Sabha) and Founder Chancellor of LPU, featured inspiring addresses by dignitaries including Eng. Mohamed Ahmed Mohamud (President, JUST, Somalia), Ms. Jean Asantewah Odoro (First Secretary, Ghana High Commission), and Dr. Aman Mittal (Vice President, LPU). Dr. Ashok Mittal encouraged graduates to carry LPU's spirit as global changemakers, while Eng. Mohamud hailed their resilience and global leadership potential. The evening concluded with energetic performances where students sang Indian songs and danced to their native music, showcasing cultural unity and shared achievement.

## King of Lavatory Care Partners with King of Bollywood: Harpic Welcomes Shah Rukh Khan as Brand Ambassador

**AMRITSAR/JALANDHAR/LUDHIANA:** Harpic, India's No. 1 toilet and bathroom cleaner and a pioneer in home hygiene solutions trusted by over 100 million plus households—, proudly announces a landmark moment in its legacy by welcoming the King of Bollywood, Shah Rukh Khan, as its brand ambassador. This powerful partnership unites Harpic's trusted legacy of superior cleaning\* with Shah Rukh Khan's enduring appeal, shared values, and immense influence among Indian families. For over a century, Harpic has globally led the way



in redefining sanitation and hygiene standards. Today, reaching 1 in 3 Indian households. Commenting on the announcement, Gautam Rishi, Marketing Director, Hygiene, Reckitt – South Asia, said, "We are thrilled to welcome Shah Rukh Khan to the Harpic family. His deep connect with millions of Indians and his values perfectly mirror Harpic's own journey of trust, performance, and care. Over the past 2 decades we have been able to garner the trust of 1/3 of the households— of the country, and now our ambition is to take it to every second home in the country. Anupama Ramaswamy, Joint Managing Director & Chief Creative Officer Havas India said "What does Havas Creative do when Harpic, a market leader asks us to take it to the next level from the numero uno position it already is? We think not big, but king size. We suggested bringing onboard none other than King Khan! We have developed reliable & engaging campaign where Shahrukh Khan becomes an ally to every homemaker and makes her life easy because of Harpic's superiority".



NEWS BRIEF

Kohli names player who had "biggest impact" on him during initial IPL years

Bengaluru : Star India and Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) batter Virat Kohli recalled how former South African wicketkeeper-batter Mark Boucher had an impact on him during his initial years in the Indian Premier League (IPL), saying that his conversations with the Protean legend "stunned" him. RCB's leading run-getter in IPL history was speaking on RCB Podcasts's upcoming episode, a trailer of which was released on the team's official X handle. Speaking on his conversations with Boucher, who he admitted called him to some golf games, Virat said, "Out of all players I played with initially, Boucher had the biggest impact on me. He figured out what my weaknesses could be. If I wanted to go to the next level, this is what I need to do, without me asking him anything. He told me that 'when I comes to commemorate in India three-four years from now and I do not see you playing for India, you would do a disservice to yourself. So he really stunned me with the conversations he had with me."

Jadeja hails Rohit for "adaptive approach" during win over Rajasthan Royals

Jaipur: Following Mumbai Indians (MI) win over Rajasthan Royals (RR) in Jaipur, former Indian cricketer Ajay Jadeja hailed opener Rohit Sharma for his "adaptive approach" against the Royals, saying that MI would love to see their premier batter score consistently. Hitman's century partnership with Ryan Rickelton set the tone for MI's sixth successive win of the season over RR at Jaipur on Thursday. The team continues to display ominous form, with its key players peaking at the right time. One of them is Rohit himself. After managing just 56 runs in the first five innings, he went on to score three half-centuries in his next five innings, scoring 237 runs at an average of 59.25. Speaking on 'Match Centre Live' on JioHotstar, JioStar expert Jadeja said about Rohit, "Mumbai would love to have Rohit Sharma scoring consistently. Today, he showed great experience – he took a few balls to settle in and built a steady partnership. Despite a cautious start, they were 58 for no loss in six overs. This was a more adaptive approach from Rohit, who usually pushes hard early on. It was smart cricket based on pitch conditions. And when you have a base of 100-plus, imagine bringing in Suryakumar Yadav, Hardik Pandya, or Tilak Varma." Jadeja also recalled that RR offered fans a "glimmer of hope" with a dominant win over Gujarat Titans (GT), with their 14-year-old star Bavbhav Suryavanshi scoring a century. "But apart from that, there has not been much. Sanju Samson has been injured, and no one else has stepped up.

Indian skeet shooters in Cyprus for year's third Shotgun World Cup stage



AGENCY NICOSIA : The Indian Skeet shooting squad has arrived in Cyprus, for the year's third International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Shotgun stage, set to begin in the capital city of Nicosia from Saturday. The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) had named a 12-member squad for the Nicosia World Cup back in February itself, including for both disciplines of Skeet and Trap. Skeet competitions, which will continue for three days, begin first from Monday, where two

Olympians, Mairaj Ahmad Khan in men's skeet and Maheshwari Chauhan in women's skeet, will lead an otherwise young and inexperienced side at this top international level. A total of 350 plus athletes from as many as 54 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) have entered the competition, including some of the top names in Shotgun Shooting. All Finals will be broadcast live on the official ISSF YouTube Channel. The qualifying round of the Skeet competitions begin Monday with two rounds of 25

clay targets each which will be repeated on Tuesday, before the fifth and final round and the finals are played out on Wednesday. India's hopes in men's skeet will rest upon Abhay Singh Sekhon, who will be making his senior world cup debut and Rituraj Singh Bundela, who has played four world cups in the past two years, besides Mairaj. In the women's competition, Maheshwari will also be looking to secure a first senior world cup medal alongside Parinaaz Dhaliwal who is four world cups old. The third

IPL 2025 chasing shadow of last year as six appeal declines; spinners stamp authority

NEW DELHI : The 18th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL) is chasing the shadow of the previous edition, with six appeal taking a dip and spinners dictating the terms of play. IPL 2024 set a new benchmark in T20s in terms of aggressive batting and high-scoring affairs. At the beginning of IPL 2025, setting new standards in the tournament was on the cards. A staggering 119 sixes were struck in the first five games compared to 87 last year, and 200-plus totals were breached on six occasions, including three totals of over 240. Since then, bowlers have retaliated with vigour under conditions that haven't been a paradise for power-hitting. As

a result, after the conclusion of 50 matches in the ongoing cash-rich league, the numbers have fallen behind in terms of run rates, sixes and 200-plus totals. At the same stage in 2024,

into phase-wise statistics, franchises have managed the highest run rate and struck more sixes in the powerplay, but the statistics have seen a slight drop in the other two phases. During the middle overs, the average run rate slipped from 9.00 to 8.89, while the death overs registered a drop from 11.81 to 11.02. The regression in six-hitting best resonates with the overall comparison between the two seasons. The ongoing edition had 38 more maximums after 29 matches than IPL 2024. However, after the 30th match, the difference was reduced to just 13, courtesy of the 38 six-hitting fest between Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Sunrisers Hyderabad last year.

Kolkata Knight Riders, Sunrisers Hyderabad and Royal Challengers Bengaluru boasted run rates in excess of 10. However, the Gujarat Titans are the only side to tick the box. While diving deeper



Qualification will take care of itself if...: Rahane makes honest admission about KKR's top-four chances



AGENCY NEW DELHI : Kolkata Knight Riders captain Ajinkya Rahane has a simple approach in salvaging their dwindling title defence in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025: "win all four remaining games."

Kolkata are strolling in a

must-win region, a result of their scratchy campaign so far. With nine points out of 10 fixtures, the Knight Riders need to make it four wins out of their remaining four and hope that other results fall in their favour. For Rahane, giving their best and focusing on what they

can control is all that matters. He feels that if they deliver their best in the remaining fixtures, the qualification will take care of itself. "It's simple, we need to win all four of our remaining games. We're not thinking about what other teams are doing or how the points table

looks. We've been in this situation before, so the focus is only on what we can control," Rahane said on the Star Sports Press Room. "If we give our best in every match, qualification will take care of itself if... Rahane makes honest admission about KKR's

top-four chances. Our first goal is to reach the playoffs. The way we played against Delhi is a unit, that's the kind of performance we want to carry forward. We're not concerned with who's winning or losing elsewhere we're staying in our lane," he added. Kolkata will play its next two games at home, which would be a double-edged sword for them. While the home fans serve as an advantage for the hosts, their record in the 18th edition has been abysmal. In their five home fixtures, the Knight Riders have a solitary victory, lost three, and had the last game ruled out by persistent rain. Their opponents will be Rajasthan Royals and Chennai Super Kings, two sides that have crashed out of the playoff race following their shambolic run in the group stage. Even though both sides have no cause to fight for, Rahane still classifies both sides as "dangerous". "The next two games at home – against RR and CSK – are crucial. Even though they're out of the playoff race, they're still dangerous because they've got nothing to lose. Teams like that often play with freedom, so it's important for us to show up with the right mindset and attitude, focus on that day, and give it everything to win," he said.

"He does not leave me alone...": Virat Kohli makes hilarious roommate revelation



AGENCY BENGALURU : Star Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) batter Virat Kohli made a hilarious remark about a teammate that he would not like to have as his roommate and a mate he would like to share his room with during a meet-and-greet event ahead of his side's match against Chennai Super Kings (CSK). A clip of Virat's appearance at the meet-and-greet event ahead of the match was posted on RCB's official X handle. In the video, Virat hilariously revealed batter Swastik Chikara as someone he would not like to have as his roommate, saying that he does not leave him alone. "Because he does not leave me alone, so, definitely not him (Swastik)," Kohli replied. Swastik, the 20-year-old who rose to fame with a hat-trick of centuries in the UP T20 League in 2023 and has played some matches for Uttar Pradesh in domestic cricket, has been the subject of many hilarious memes on social media because of his repeated presence around Virat. He is often seen carrying water for Virat and cracking jokes and

pranks with him on and off the field. Virat, however, said that he would like to have wicketkeeper Jitesh Sharma as his roommate. He called the batter "funny" and someone who has a lot of "mischief" in his eyes. He also appreciated the keeper, who has 121 runs in seven innings so far for RCB, for his "street-smart" cricket. "But one guy I think is really funny, but he has not opened up with me properly, is Jitesh [Sharma]. I want to see that really fun, raw side of him because I can see it in his eyes; he has that mischief about him. He is very street smart; you can see on the field that he finds different ways of looking at things. So, I would like to get to know him more," he concluded. During the ongoing IPL, Virat is sitting in third place among the highest-run-getters, with 443 runs in 10 innings at an average of 63.28, a strike rate of almost 139, and six fifties, with the best score of 73\*. His side is at the second spot in the table with seven wins and three losses, and they will host Chennai Super Kings (CSK) at home on Saturday.

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Date : 03.05.2025  
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Nerisa Rani appointed as Inspector in Income Tax Department



**KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL:** Nerisa Rani, daughter of Narinder Pal Mandi Kalan, passed the SSC test conducted by the Income Tax Department of the Government of India in the year 2024-2025. After passing the test, SSC, Nerisa Rani was appointed as an Income Tax Inspector in Bathinda by the department. Nerisa Rani, being a girl from a common family, has reached this position due to her hard work. Nerisa Rani and her family are receiving congratulations from the people of her native village and the residents of Rampura Phul and there is an atmosphere of happiness in the family. Nerissa Rani said that she studied up to class 10 from Modern Secular School Rampura Phul, studied up to class 12 from Government Senior Secondary School (Girls) Rampura Mandi, B.Sc. Nanak Medical Government Girls College Chandigarh and B.Ed. DM. from Karadwala. Nerissa has achieved success with her hard work, but she gives the credit for this success to her parents and her teachers. Nerissa Rani took over the post of Income Tax Inspector in Bathinda, and the senior officers of the office made Nerissa and her parents happy and congratulated her. The residents of village Mandi Kalan and Rampura Phul are feeling proud of this success of Nerissa.

Labour Day celebrated at Pathfinder Global School

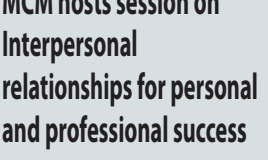


**KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL:** Labour Day was celebrated at Pathfinder Global School Rampura Phul. A special prayer meeting was organized on this occasion. A street play was also presented by the children showing the importance of laborers in which it was said that the work of society cannot be done without laborers. The teachers and principal of the school along with the school children honored the workers and as a mark of respect, the students presented cards thanking the supporting staff. The school van operator, security guard, cleaners, and gardener cut the cake. All the students participated enthusiastically in these activities and thanked the supporting staff of the school. Apart from this, poster making and painting competitions etc. were also organized for the children on Labor Day and certificates were given to the winning students. The children thanked all the workers wholeheartedly.

Power outage for several hours after storm and rain, Hambran Road area affected

**SHARMA LUDHIANA:** Last night, the weather in the district changed with cold cold winds, which gave some relief to the people, but at the same time, due to power outage in many areas last night, people had to face a lot of trouble at night, which came around 2 pm on night. Due to power outage in the areas of Pratap Singh Wala, Balaji Nagri, New Kichlu Nagar on the local Hambar Road, people were troubled in the morning and the inverters of many houses also got switched off. People said that the electricity department did not seem to be in any kind of preparation and the department took the afternoon to restart the power that was switched off due to strong winds at night, wires breaking and poles being bent.

MCM hosts session on Interpersonal relationships for personal and professional success



**CHANDIGARH:** The Department of Mass Communication, in collaboration with NSS Unit 1, at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised an interactive session titled 'Interpersonal Relationships for Personal and Professional Success'. The event featured Col. Jasjit Singh Kahlon, Leadership Coach, and Expert in Personal Development and Productivity Improvement, as the keynote speaker. Drawing on his vast experience, Col. Kahlon delivered a highly engaging and practical session focused on the essential role of interpersonal skills in achieving both personal growth and professional excellence. The session explored several key concepts, emphasising the importance of the character ethic for building strong relationships, and urging the participants to focus on being influential rather than on being merely powerful. Col. Kahlon highlighted the role of introductions in establishing early connections, and the importance of 'checking in' to understand the headspace of others.

Punjab govt disbursed loans worth Rs 7 crore to BCs and EWS : Dr. Baljit Kaur

SHASHI PAL JAIN  
CHANDIGARH, MAY 2

Under the leadership of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government is consistently working towards the welfare and upliftment of every section of society. Giving details in this regard, Social Justice, Empowerment, and Minorities Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur informed that during the year 2024-25, the State Government has disbursed loans amounting to Rs 7 crore to empower the youth belonging to backward classes, minority communities, and economically weaker sections, enabling them to become self-reliant.

Providing further information, Dr. Baljit Kaur stated that through various schemes of the Punjab Backward Classes Land Development and Finance Corporation (Backfinco), loans have been provided to 248 beneficiaries so far, al-



lowing them to start their own businesses or self-employment ventures, thereby improving their family income and standard of living. The Minister added that the Punjab Government is making continuous efforts to uplift the backward and minority communities in economic, social, and educational spheres, ensuring their active participation in the mainstream of society. She further informed that any individual between the age of 18 to 55 years, with an annual income of up to Rs 3

22000 booth level awareness groups activated across Punjab to promote electoral literacy: Sibin C

**CHANDIGARH:** Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Punjab, Sibin C stated today that 22,520 Booth Level Awareness Groups (BAGs) have been activated across the State of Punjab to enhance voter awareness and participation in the electoral process. These groups will play a pivotal role in spreading electoral literacy at the grassroots level. He said that Booth Level Awareness Groups (BAGs) are constituted at each polling booth level by the Booth Level Officer (BLO) and comprise of heads/representatives of School/Colleges in the Booth area, local volunteers, educators, students, and NGO/self-help group members.

lakh, can avail of loans for self-employment, higher education, or other needs under these schemes.

Dr. Baljit Kaur said that several new initiatives are being implemented by the State Government for the progress of backward and minority communities, which will contribute towards building a prosperous and vibrant

Punjab. In conclusion, the Minister appealed to eligible individuals from backward classes and minority communities to contact their nearest District Social Justice Office or Backfinco office to avail of the benefits of these schemes.

For more information, people can also visit the department's official website at [www.backfinco.punjab.gov.in](http://www.backfinco.punjab.gov.in).

Punjab education revolution: Dev works worth Rs 1.25 cr dedicated in 18 govt schools of district

PARAMJIT SINGH  
JALANDHAR, MAY 2

Under the state government's initiative 'Punjab Education Revolution', development works worth Rs 1.25 crore were dedicated in 18 government schools of the district today, including development works worth Rs 25.69 lakh and Rs 99.42 lakh in government primary schools and upper primary schools respectively.

MLA Balkar Singh from Kartarpur assembly constituency dedicated development works worth Rs 10.95 lakh in four schools of the constituency under the 'Punjab Education Revolution' initiative. These include development works worth Rs 4.80 lakh at Government Primary School Emma Kazi, Rs 1.50 lakh at Government Primary School Muridpur, Rs 90 thousand at Government Primary



School Ghumiara and Rs 3.75 lakh at Government Primary School Bulle. Addressing the inauguration ceremony of development works in schools, MLA Balkar Singh said that the Punjab government has changed the image of government schools. He said that the state government led by Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann paid special attention to the educational infrastructure and modern facilities of government schools during its three-year tenure, as a result of which the standard of education in government schools

Fight against drug becoming people's movement : Mundian

CHANDIGARH, MAY 2

The Punjab Government led by Chief Minister Mr. Bhagwant Singh Mann has started the war against drugs and is emphasizing on making this campaign a people's movement by encouraging the youth of Punjab to live a drug-free life and participate in this mission aimed at public welfare.

The previous governments, in order to fulfill their own interests, turned a blind eye to nefarious activities of drug smugglers and provided political protection to them, which the people of the state know very well. It was stated by Cabinet Minister Mr. Hardeep Singh Mundian while attending the event organized at Majestic Resort Moga. Mundian said that a unique initiative has been undertaken in the form of village guards to eradicate drugs from the state, who will be an army of warriors in the true sense. This will prove to be a decisive battle against



the scourge of drugs in Punjab. To spread awareness against drugs, the 'Nasha Mukti Yatra' will be taken to every village ward and made a people's movement, so that the State is turned into Rangla Punjab again.

The Minister said that the youth of Punjab were misled by the unholy alliance between the previous governments and smugglers and our government is cleaning the filth of the previous governments. He said that now there is no political pressure on the police, but action is being taken against drug peddlers and they are being put in jails. He

said that the Chief Minister has given a clear message to the drug traffickers that either they should stop selling drugs or leave Punjab. He said that the defense committees formed at the village and ward levels need to play a leading role in eradicating drugs. Mundian said that the State Government is firmly guarding the interests of Punjab and Punjabis, whether it is about drugs or water.

The government is ready to fight any kind of battle in this matter and has also called a special session on water issues of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on 5th May.

Pensioners of Lehragaga pay tribute to the martyrs of Pahalgam



GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA  
LEHRAGAGA, MAY 2

The monthly meeting of Pensioners Association, Leharagaga was held today under the chairmanship of Jarnail Singh at the local Pensioners Home.

At the beginning of the meeting, a two-minute silence was observed to pay tribute to the 26 people who were killed indiscriminately by unidentified terrorists in the beautiful valley of Kashmir on April 22. Releasing the proceedings of the meeting to the press, Master Bhagwan Das said that all

the pensioners present in the meeting expressed their sympathy with the families of the victims.

On this occasion, Dr. Bihari Mander strongly condemned the incident and said that on the pretext of this unfortunate incident, the communal-fascist forces are waging a hate campaign against the Muslim community and Kashmiris and making those innocent people criminals, thereby spoiling the atmosphere.

He said that war is not a solution to any problem, but war itself is a dangerous problem.

Punjab govt commits to protect water and interests of farmers of state: Sandhavan

SURINDER DAMDAMI  
KOTKAPURA, MAY 2

Punjab Government under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has organized today a district-level program pertaining to Yudh Nashian Virudh at Alaska Grand Ferozepur Road, Faridkot.

While addressing the gathering, Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwan said that the Government of India wants to grab Punjab's share of water. He added that BBMB has allocated 3.318 MAF, 2.987 MAF and 5.512 MAF water share in the present year to Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab respectively on the pattern followed in the previous years. Haryana has already used its share of water and now they have forcibly taken away 8500 cusecs of water from Punjab's share with the help of central agencies. He mentioned that an attempt is



being made to plunge Punjab into a dark era again. He further informed that every drop of water is precious for us and no one will be allowed to grab Punjab's share of water. He said that a special session of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha session has been called on May 5 in this regard.

He also gave a message to unite against the eradication of drugs from Punjab. He said that the Punjab Government has formed a Village Security Committee under Yudh Nashian Virudh campaign, which includes the Sarpanch and other mem-

bers, who will fulfill their responsibility for the complete eradication of drugs. Cabinet Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond said that under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Yudh Nashian Virudh campaign will continue till the complete eradication of menace of drugs. Cabinet Minister Laljit Singh Bhullar said that the Punjab government will take strict action against drug traffickers as per prescribed law and illegal properties of drug smugglers will be confiscated.

Police seizes 8 kg of opium, breaks opium supply line from Madhya Pradesh



RAKESH JINDAL  
PATIALA, MAY 1

In the context of the campaign launched by the Punjab Government against drugs, the Honorable DGP Punjab, under the able leadership of Shri Nanak Singh IPS, Senior Superintendent of Police Patiala, Shri Swaranjit Kaur PPS, SP/PBI Patiala and Shri Gurnpart Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police Rural Patiala, on 30.04.2025, a police party led by Ins: Gurnpreet Singh, Chief Officer of Police Station Zulkarn, was conducting a blockade at Patiala Peheva Road T-Point, village Miranpur, then on the basis of information, a car number RJ-14-CL-6919 brand Swift Dzire

coming from Patiala side was stopped by Babulal son of Babu Narayan son of Narayan resident of Ward No. 7, Khushialpur - Rampura, Police Station Rampura, District Neemuch, Madhya Pradesh was driving and a person named Raj Kumar son of late Babulal alias Sadhu Ram, resident of village Bathoi Khurd, Police Station Pasiana, District Patiala was sitting on the next seat, whose bag was checked in the presence of Shri Gurnpart Singh DSP Circle Rural Patiala and 08 kg of opium was recovered. Against whom a case No. 38 dated 30.04.2025 u/s 18/61/85 ND&PS ACT has been registered at Police Station Zulkarn and investigation is being carried out.

Police arrest person who had physical relations on the pretext of marriage

VICKY BHABAT  
ZIRAKPUR, MAY 2

Baltana police has arrested a person who had absconded on the pretext of marriage. The victim woman also gave birth to a child after which the accused absconded.

In a complaint to the police, Mamta (fictitious name), a resident of Panchkula, Haryana, said that she had a conversation with Sunil Kumar regarding getting a job and in the year 2017, he brought her to his rented house in Sham Nagar, Baltana. Sunil had physical relations with her on the pretext of marriage and this continued for a long time.

The victim told that when she came to know that Sunil is already married and is the father of a daughter, she asked Sunil about this, then he said that he will soon divorce his wife. During this time, the victim became pregnant and gave birth to a boy. Chowki incharge Sub Inspector Gur-



preet Singh said that yesterday ASI Nirmal Kaur arrested the accused from near Lucky Dhaba on the basis of secret information and DNA of Sunil and the newborn boy has been obtained from CHC Dhakoli to find out the truth. Police has recommended a 3 days remand from the court so that further action can be taken.

Chandigarh Club introduces box cricket by hosting first-ever 'Tricity Box Cricket 2025' tournament

RN KHERA  
CHANDIGARH, MAY 2

In a thrilling first for the region, Chandigarh Club in association with Din Bhar events is set to host Tricity Box Cricket 2025, a dynamic new cricket tournament designed to bring high-energy action to a compact turf format.

The tournament was unveiled in a press conference by Club's President Sunil Khanna who shared insights into this innovative sporting initiative. While addressing the media, Sunil Khanna said Box Cricket, a fast-paced, thrilling version of the game will be played on enclosed turf arenas with six-player teams and tennis balls, making it safer yet extremely competitive. Each match will feature 5-over innings and follow a knockout format.

He informed that the event will feature three main categories - the Corporate Cup, which will have the participation from leading companies;



the Media Cup, designed for media professionals and influencers; and the Club Matches exclusively for Chandigarh Club members. Each match will be officiated by qualified umpires and feature live scoring, ensuring a professional and engaging experience for players and spectators alike.

Our goal was to introduce a fresh and dynamic sporting format to the Club and the response has been phenomenal. Box Cricket will bring people together and we are thrilled to have laid the foundation for what we hope will become an annual celebration of cricket' signs off Khanna.

Jagraon police freezes property of drug peddlers, files FIRs



SUKH NAHAR  
JAGRAON, MAY 2

District Ludhiana Rural police has been taking strict actions in order to break the nexus of drug peddling under 'Yudh Nasheyana Virudh' campaign being carried out under the guidance of SSP Dr. Ankur Gupta. DSP Jasjyot Singh, accompanied by police team froze property of drug peddlers at different areas of Jagraon. Giving detailed information about this, DSP Jasjyot Singh said that under the campaign, police

not only files FIR against drug peddlers but also freezes properties made out of illicit business. While seizing one such property belonging to a drug peddler worth nearly 30 lakhs, DSP said that police has received orders of seizing another property worth 1 crore 86 lakhs in Sidhwan Bet area. "The said property belongs to a drug peddler named Bakshish Singh and there already are 5 FIR filed against him at different police stations.



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