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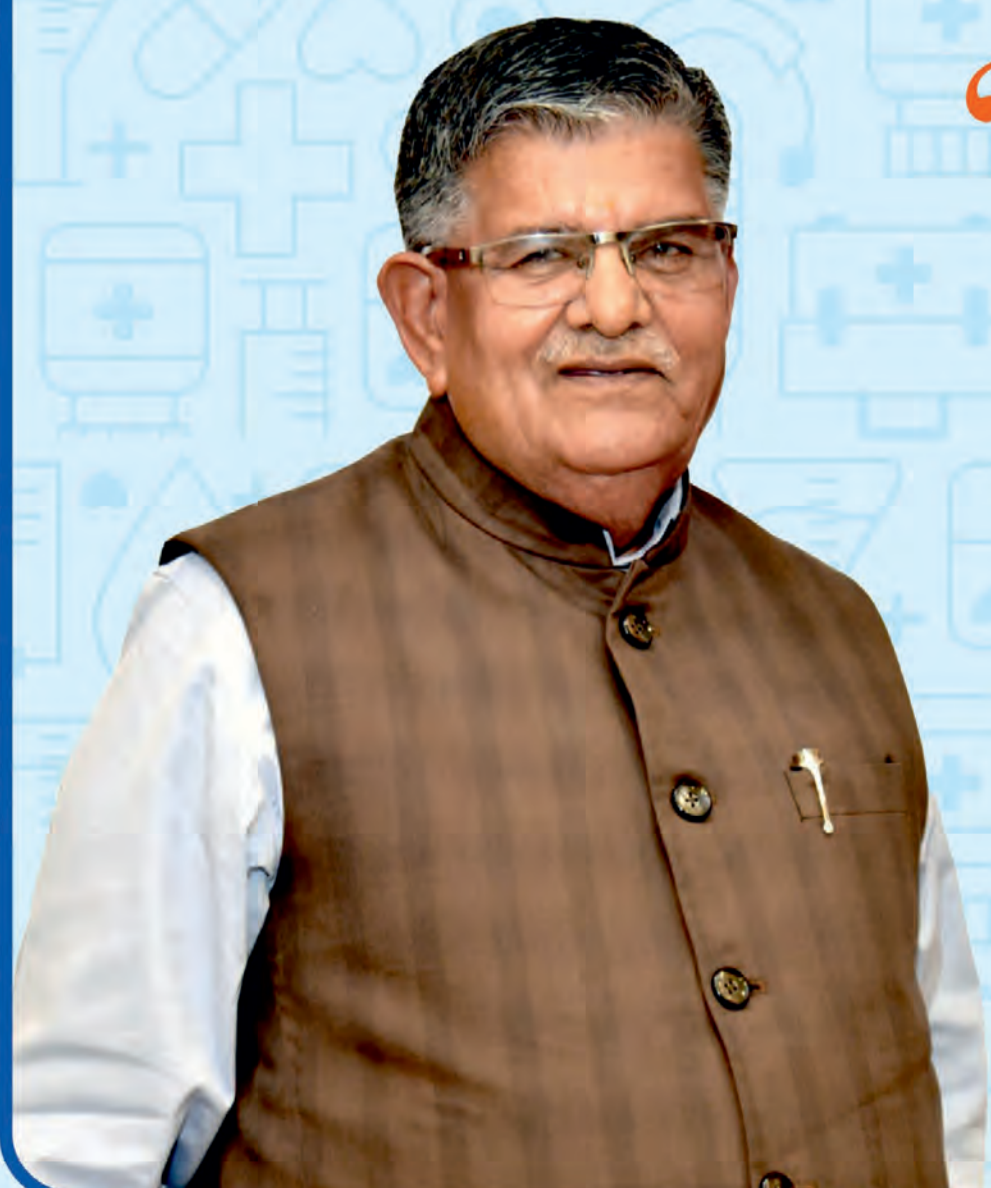
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“ I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all sections of society for their unwavering cooperation and active participation in the Padyatra conducted under the 'Nasha Mukta Abhiyaan'.

Let us collectively sustain this campaign and transform the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of a 'Healthy, Safe and Drug-Free India' into a reality. ”

Gulab Chand Kataria

Governor, Punjab and Administrator, UT, Chandigarh

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: The Crime Branch-1 team of Yamunanagar police has arrested a man in possession of an illegal country-made pistol and a live cartridge. The arrest was made under the ongoing campaign against illegal arms, being



carried out under the supervision of Superintendent of Police Surender Singh Bhouria. Police spokesperson Chamakour Singh informed that the accused was booked under the Arms Act and has been remanded to judicial custody following his

presentation in court. Investigations into the case are currently underway. Crime Branch-1 in-charge Virender Walia stated that the team had received a tip-off about a young man roaming near Baharampur village with an illegal weapon.

CHANDIGARH
SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

NEWS BRIEF

Baba Siddhnath International Public School hosts colourful fresher party for tiny tots



HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA: Baba Siddhnath International Public School, located on Salarpur Road, Kurukshetra, organised a vibrant fresher party for students from Nursery to UKG classes. The young children, dressed in colourful outfits, added charm to the joyful celebration. The school campus was abuzz with laughter and excitement as children participated enthusiastically in various fun-filled games and activities. Energetic dance performances to lively songs kept the mood festive and engaging throughout the event. The occasion was graced by the school's manager, Mr. Ishwar Singh, and vice-president, Mrs. Rekha Devi, who interacted warmly with the children. Principal Mrs. Geeta Sharma addressed the gathering, stating that the party aimed to help new students bond with one another and enjoy a day filled with joyous moments. The event concluded successfully, leaving happy memories for the little ones.

CM Mann strongly opposes decision to provide water to Haryana: Sippy Bhakar
KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: For a long time now, the central BJP government has been continuously taking anti-Punjab decisions. The people of Punjab have been tolerating the biased and biased attitude of the BJP towards the state for a long time, but the Aam Aadmi Party is committed to saving every drop of water in Punjab. These things were expressed by Sippy Bhakar, a senior leader of the Aam Aadmi Party in the Maur assembly constituency, while talking to reporters. Bhakar said that Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has also made his stand clear in opposition to this decision that the central government will never be allowed to succeed in its policies that are harmful to Punjab.

UCC has freed Muslim sisters from social evils: CM Dhami

AGENCY HARIDWAR, MAY 3

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Saturday lauded effective implementation of the Uniform Civil Code, saying that Muslims women have been "freed from social evils." The Chief Minister was attending a workshop in Haridwar on the effective implementation of UCC.

"UCC has freed Muslim sisters from social evils. Now all women will get justice in inheritance and property rights as well," CM Dhami said during his speech.

He mentioned that many people are creating "confusion" about UCC, but the law is not against any religion or sect. In fact the law is an effort to establish



harmony in equality by eradicating the evil practices of society.

"UCC is not against any religion or sect. Many people are creating confusion about it. This is an effort to establish harmony in equality by eradicating the evil practices of society. This is

such a necessary reform which will benefit the entire society," CM Dhami said.

He further urged the young people of the state to "come forward" and stop the spread of rumours against UCC. "Youth should come forward to stop the rumours being spread regarding UCC.

Some people are spreading rumours that after registering in UCC, even outsiders will get the status of state resident, this claim is completely misleading," he said. Talking about the rights and duties of citizens, he said that there should be a balance between the two, "Rights and duties are two sides of the same coin. A responsible citizen is one who understands the balance between the two and follows it. We all have to follow our civic duty. All families have to be registered in UCC."

Chief Minister Pushkar Dhami-led Uttarakhand government had implemented UCC across the state in January 27 of this year. Uttarakhand is the first state to implement the law in the country.

Punjab govt eradicate drugs through people's movement in state: Dhaliwal

ASHISH PURI KAPURTHALA, MAY 3

As part of the Punjab government's war against drugs, thousands of members of Village Defence Committees, Ward Defence Committees, Sarpanches, Panches, Nambardars, and Councillors from Kapurthala district pledged in the presence of Cabinet Ministers Mr. Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal, Mr. Lal Chand Kataruchak, and Mr. Mohinder Bhagat to build a mass movement against drug abuse. During a massive event held at the Rail Coach Factory-Sultanpur Road, a large crowd declared that they would take the state government's anti-drug campaign to every village, town, street, and neighborhood.

The chief guest, Punjab's Minister for NRI Affairs, Mr. Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal, stated that "the Punjab government will not rest until



it eradicates drugs with the support of the people."

He announced that starting May 7, a Drug-Free Punjab Yatra (Awareness March) will begin across the state, visiting three villages in each block daily to mobilize the public against drugs. He added that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab government has effectively disrupted the drug supply chain by taking strong action against drug traffickers. "Palaces built with black

money by drug peddlers will be demolished," he said.

Thousands of people present were made to pledge not to support drug dealers in any way and to become active participants in the anti-drug movement.

Food and Civil Supplies Minister Mr. Lal Chand Kataruchak said the Punjab government has not only taken exemplary action against drug traffickers but has also provided 55,000 government jobs to youth on a merit basis, bringing hope to the younger generation.

Punjab govt misleading people on water issue: Dr. Seemant Garg

JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA MOGA, MAY 3

The Punjab government is misleading the people of the state on the issue of water. Because Aam Aadmi Party Deputy Chief Minister Sisodia and another minister Jain in Delhi are afraid of another case of Rs 2000 crore being registered against them and to avoid defamation in Punjab, they are making an excuse of water so that the attention of the people can be diverted from the allegations of corruption and the BJP can be defamed. The above views were expressed by BJP District President Dr. Seemant Garg during a meeting with the officials at the district office. On this occasion, Vice President Soni Mangla, Ajitwal Mandal President Amrik Singh, District



Secretary Rajinder Gaba, Office Incharge Jatinder Chadha, Hemant Sood, Mahila Morcha Secretary Goldy Kaur etc. were present.

Dr. Seemant Garg said that when the meeting was called by the Bhakra Dam Management Board, the Chief Minister did not talk about the issues raised there, but while speaking in several rallies during the Haryana assembly elections, the Punjab Chief Minister had announced to give full water to Haryana. Apart from this, in the case of

the Sutlej-Yamuna canal that was going on in the Supreme Court, he had also said on behalf of the government that we are ready to build the canal. But the BJP and the opposition parties are opposing the construction of the canal. He said that the BJP is the only party that can protect the waters of Punjab. Because other parties, from time to time, make different statements to get votes in the Haryana elections, and make different statements to get votes in Punjab.

KU ITTR offers training on innovative teaching pedagogy and strategies: VC

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, MAY 3

Institute of Teacher Training and Research (ITTR) organised its Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony on May 2, 2025, at R.K. Sadan. The Chief Guest of this ceremony, Vice-Chancellor, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva honoured students with awards and certificates for their outstanding performance in sports, academics, cultural, literary, and other activities. In his address, Prof. Sachdeva said that KU's Institute of Teacher Training and Research offers training on innovative teaching pedagogy and strategies. Prof Sachdeva advised



the students that honesty and sincere hard work always lead to success in life. Prof. Sachdeva congratulated the future teachers of ITTR and reminded them of their crucial role as nation builders and encouraged them to commit themselves to making India a developed nation by 2047. Prof. Sachdeva also emphasized the importance of research along with teaching and

learning, and underlined that the teaching profession should be based on the 3Cs: Curiosity, Critical Thinking, and Creativity.

Prof. Anita Dua, Principal, ITTR presented the detailed Annual Report for the academic year 2024-25, highlighting the institute's progress and achievements in academic and co-curricular activities. Prof. Dua emphasized that

such events help students showcase their hidden talents.

Deputy Director, Public Relations, Dr. Jimmy Sharma informed that Rhythm and Munish from B.Ed. First Year gave captivating cultural performances. The event was moderated by Dr. Digvijay Singh. The vote of thanks was delivered by IITR's Assistant Prof. Mr. Divij Gugnani. Prof. A.R. Chaudhri, Dean Students Welfare, Kurukshetra University; Prof. Usha Ranga, Dean Faculty of Education; Prof. Jyoti Khajuria, Chairperson, Department of Education; Prof. Rita Dalal, Principal, IHS; Dr. Rajvir Singh, Prof. Anand, IHS; Prof. Parmesh, IHS graced the occasion.

Exposing the political propoganda against BJP by political parties on water dispute: Kainth

RAKESH JINDAL

NABHA: The decision of Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) to release 4,500 cusecs of additional water daily from Bhakra dams to Haryana for the next eight days has made the clear stand of the Bharatiya Janata Party Punjab Pradesh on the water dispute. Paramjit Singh Kainth, Vice President of Bharatiya Janata Party Scheduled Caste Morcha said that the political propoganda being done against BJP has been made clear in the all-party meeting on the water dispute. Political parties in Punjab try to make a living out of political gains but adopt a lax attitude on the issues of Punjab. BJP leader Sardar Kainth said the BBMB, which oversees water distribution from the Bhakra, Pong and Ranjit Sagar dams, was constituted under the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966. The primary function of the BBMB is to regulate the supply of water and power to Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh. There has never been such a deadlock before and experience old timers who have worked in the BBMB said there had been differences on several occasions in the past and matters were resolved amicably. But now instead of discussing the issue, politics is being done which is unfortunate. A statutory body constituted under Section 79 and Section 80 of the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966, the BBMB is headed by a chairman and has two full-time members, designated as Member (Irrigation), who hails from Haryana for instance, and a Member (Power) from Punjab. India has suspended the Indus Water Treaty from its side after the terrorist attack in the Baisaran Valley of Pahalgam in Kashmir in which 28 Indian citizens were killed. The recent decisions taken by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi like scrapping the Indus Water Treaty will greatly benefit Punjab as there will be no problem of water dispute.

CJM Harpreet Singh visits IRCA Gurdaspur, organises legal awareness camp

VERMA GURDASPUR, MAY 3

Today the CJM-CUM-Secretary DLSA Gurdaspur judge Harpreet Singh paid a surprise visit to the Red Cross IRCA Gurdaspur to look after the functioning of this centre and to organize a legal awareness camp at this centre. The CJM interacted with all the patients getting treatment over here and checked all the facilities provided for the patients. He highly appreciated the functioning of the centre and motivated the youth who came forward to get their treatment. He also wrote remarkable comments in the visitor book. He suggested five points to shun addiction and to join the mainstream. Firstly the patient should admit that he is drug addict and needs treatment,



secondly he should come forward to take treatment by admitting himself into any rehabilitation centre; thirdly to take treatment and proper medication; fourth point is to take proper counselling and at last to serve in society with confidence and trust building. Thus these points will help in the transformation of an addict to a normal person.

At this moment Sh Romesh Mahajan National Awardee Project Director has told him about the functioning of the centre and facilities for the confirmation stay of the patients in the center. In his welcome speech he apprised that this centre is established in 1991 and has treated more than 1 lac youngsters fallen prey to addiction.

Chairman Raman Behal graces investiture ceremony at Gurdaspur Public School, student council takes oath

VERMA GURDASPUR, MAY 3

A grand Investiture Ceremony was organized at Gurdaspur Public School to mark the beginning of the academic session 2025-26 and to formally induct the newly elected members of the Student Council. The school campus was filled with an atmosphere of pride and enthusiasm on this special occasion. The ceremony was graced by the Chief Guest Mr. Raman Behal, Chairman of Punjab Health System Corporation and Gurdaspur Education Society, along with Mrs. Archana Behal, Director of the school. Addressing the students, Mr. Behal



emphasized the importance of leadership, stating, "Leadership is not a privilege but an opportunity—to serve and inspire." He encouraged the students to uphold the values of honesty, duty, and discipline to become ideal citizens of society. The Principal, Mr.

YS GeNxt School hosts 'Disco Beats, Birthday Treats' bash for April and May born stars



KARANPREET KARAN

BARNALA: YS GeNxt School recently lit up with joy and laughter as it celebrated the birthdays of students from Playway to Grade 2 born in the months of April and May. Themed 'Disco Beats, Birthday Treats' the event turned into a vibrant party filled with music, dance, and heart-warming moments. Parents were invited to join the celebration, making it a delightful get-together of families, students, and teachers. Children joyfully thanked their parents and teachers for making the day extra special. The highlight of the event was the distribution of birthday gifts to every child, a thoughtful gesture from the school to make their big day memorable. The disco-themed fun, cheerful décor, and energetic beats brought wide smiles to little faces — truly a celebration to remember!

Senior Journalist Sanjiv Kumar warns against global conspiracy following Pahalgam terror attack

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, MAY 3

In the aftermath of the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, senior journalist Sanjiv Kumar has issued a stern warning about a growing international conspiracy aimed at destabilizing the Indian subcontinent. Kumar claims that powerful nations, including major arms-exporting countries, are deliberately fueling tensions between India and Pakistan for their own strategic and economic gains.

"These forces are not just sitting back and watching — they are actively involved in creating a climate of conflict," Kumar said. "The Pahalgam attack is part of a larger pattern where terror



incidents are used as triggers to push two nuclear-armed neighbors closer to war. It serves the vested interests of global arms suppliers who profit immensely from regional instability."

Kumar pointed out that both the United States and China, despite being geopolitical rivals, share a common reluctance to see

India rise as a dominant power in Asia. "Whether it is the U.S., which wants to maintain its global supremacy, or China, which sees India as a competitor in the Asian power balance, both are uncomfortable with India's growing strength. Weakening India, directly or indirectly, serves their long-term strategic interests," he asserted. He emphasized that India, as one of the fastest-growing economies in the world, must now go beyond rhetoric and make concrete advancements in strengthening its intelligence framework, border security, and international diplomatic engagements. "India must be smart, strategic, and self-reliant in defending its interests.

DGP Punjab forms special review teams across state on personal security: SSP



ASHISH PURI KAPURTHALA, MAY 3

As part of the ongoing anti-drug and anti-crime campaign across the state, strict operations are being carried out at all sensitive locations. Under the directives of DGP Punjab Gaurav Yadav, a Special Investigation Team (SIT) has been formed to review the personal security provided in all districts of state. The purpose is to withdraw police personnel from those individuals who are availing of security unnecessarily, and instead deploy them for the protection of the general public. This was disclosed by SSP Kapurthala Gaurav Toora. He was responding to a question regarding the large number of individuals in the district who have been availing police protection for a long time.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Six killed, more than 70 injured in pre-dawn stampede at temple festival in North Goa

PANAJI: Six persons including two women were killed and more than 70



sustained injuries after a stampede broke out during a temple festival at a village in North Goa district in the wee hours of Saturday, officials said. The Goa government ordered a magisterial inquiry into the tragedy at Shirgao village, and also transferred five officials including the district collector and superintendent of police. The stampede occurred at around 3 am when thousands of devotees thronged the narrow lanes leading to the temple of Goddess Sree Lairai Devi for an annual festival, police said.

Rain, thunderstorm likely in Delhi; 'orange' alert issued for hailstorm in Himachal

NEW DELHI: A day after recording the second-highest 24-hour spell of rain in May since 1901, the IMD forecast a brief spell of rain, accompanied by thunderstorms, lightning and gusty winds, in Delhi on Saturday. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast winds reaching speeds of 40-50 kilometres per hour for the national capital, with a 'yellow' alert -- "Be Aware" -- in place. As a precaution, people have been advised to stay indoors, avoid sheltering under trees and unplug electronic appliances.

India bans imports from Pakistan: Modi

NEW DELHI: India on Saturday imposed a ban on import of goods coming from or transiting through Pakistan and also entry of Pakistani ships into its ports even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the country is committed to take "firm and decisive" action against terrorists and their backers. In fresh punitive measures against Pakistan that came into effect immediately amid heightened Indo-Pak tensions in the wake of the deadly Pahalgam terror attack, India also suspended exchange of mails, parcels from the neighbouring country via air and surface routes. Terrorists killed 26 people, mostly tourists, in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam on April 22, sparking outrage in India and abroad.

Pak nationals married to Indian citizens have no right to stay in India: J-K BJP

JAMMU: The Jammu and Kashmir unit of BJP on Saturday welcomed the Centre's decision to deport Pakistani nationals in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack, saying "they have no right to stay in the country even if they are married to Indian citizens".

Youth must be warriors, not victims — Mann urges students to lead anti-drug fight

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, MAY 3:

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Saturday said that like the national freedom struggle state will lead the country in making it free from scourge of drugs. Addressing the gathering while participating in the pad Yatra against drugs, the Chief Minister said that Punjab had played a key role in emancipating the country from the clutches of foreign imperialism. He said that nationalists like Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Shaheed Kartar Singh Sarabha and others had steered the country to path of freedom. Bhagwant Singh Mann taking inspiration from them Punjab is today prepared towards making the country free from scourge of drugs.

The Chief Minister said that this land has produced generals, patriots and ace players who had inspired the youth to excel in the field of service of the country. He said that students participating in this spirited 'Padayatra Against Drugs' should take a firm pledge to eradicate the drug menace from society. Emphasising crucial role of youth in building a drug-free Punjab, Bhagwant Singh Mann motivated children to become flag bearers in fight against drugs, stressing that this social evil must be nipped in the bud to ensure a brighter future.

The Chief Minister urged students



to immediately report any drug-related approach to parents or teachers and desist from glorification of drugs in pop culture.

He also advised youngsters to draw inspiration from legends like Milkha Singh, Olympians Harmanpreet & Manpreet Singh (hockey) and cricketer Harmanpreet Kaur instead of singers promoting drugs through songs. He specifically pointed out that the Punjab Government has intensified its anti-drug campaign with strict enforcement, community engagement and youth awareness programs to dismantle the drug supply chain and rehabilitate victims.

The Chief Minister said that state government has launched 'Yuddh Nasheyan Virudh' against the menace of drugs adding that unbounded energy of youth is being channelized in positive direction. He said that it is imperative to save the generations of the state from scourge of drugs as Punjab has already suffered a huge loss of manpower due to this menace. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the state government has launched this campaign with active support of the common man so that the scourge of drugs can be wiped out from state.

The Chief Minister said that the state government will not sit idly and watch the smugglers bloom at the cost of the dead bodies and pyres of the drug victims. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the state government has already snapped the supply line of drugs and big fishes involved in this heinous crime have been put behind the bars. He said that for the first time the property of the drug smugglers acquired illegally are being destroyed/ confiscated by the state government so that it acts as a deterrent for others.

Need to eradicate drug addiction to realize dream of 'Viksit Bharat': CM Nayab Singh Saini

BUREAU

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said youth will play an important role in realizing the vision of Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi to make a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047. For this, the youth will have to stay away from drugs. When the youth are physically fit and healthy, only then they will be able to contribute significantly in realizing this dream.

The Chief Minister said on the call of the Prime Minister, campaigns are being organized against drug addiction in the entire country. In this series, a programme to take out a march against drug addiction was organized in the beautiful city of Chandigarh today, in which the youth of Tricity and their parents participated enthusiastically, which gives the message that once the youth decide to do something, they do not rest until they complete it. Today, the enthusiasm of the youth in Chandigarh shows that they are standing with the Prime Minister in realizing the goal of a developed India. The message of this padayatra is that drug addiction should be eradicated from every household. He said there should not be any stain of drug addiction on the beautiful city of Chandigarh. The youth should stay away from drugs and contribute in maintaining the beauty of this city. The Chief Minister said in Haryana also, the government has started a public awareness campaign against drugs, which is getting a lot of support from the people. Strictest action is being taken against drug dealers and a strict watch is



also being kept on them. He called upon the people to contribute in making the campaign against drugs stronger.

He said the campaign against drugs is not just a programme, but a collective resolve to free our society from the evils of drugs, to give a bright future to our young generation and to make our country healthy and developed. Several leaders, including Punjab Governor and Administrator of Union Territory Chandigarh Sh. Gulab Chand Kataria, Haryana Governor Sh. Bandaru Dattatraya, Punjab Chief Minister Sh. Bhagwant Mann and others participated in the march against drugs.

We will not participate in the meeting until BBMB follows proper procedures : Barinder Kumar Goyal

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, MAY 3:

Punjab Water Resources and Soil and Water Conservation Minister Sh. Barinder Kumar Goyal today said that the Punjab Government has boycotted the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) meeting scheduled for today (May 3).

Terming the meeting completely unconstitutional and illegal, Sh. Goyal said that proper protocols had been violated in the scheduling of the 255th Special Meeting. "Under Regulation-3 of the 1976 Regulations, a seven-day notice is mandatory before scheduling a BBMB meeting," said the Cabinet Minister, adding that "We will not participate in the meeting until BBMB follows proper procedures."

In a strongly worded letter to the BBMB Chairman, the Punjab Government communicated its position to the BBMB prior to the

meeting. The state government conveyed that this meeting has been convened through improper channels and in violation of established regulations. The letter explicitly references Regulation 3 of the BBMB Regulations issued under the Punjab Reorganization Act 1966, which stipulates that for special meetings convened to address urgent business, a minimum notice period of seven days must be provided to all members. Sh. Barinder Kumar Goyal pointed out that recent BBMB meetings held on April 28 and April 30, 2025 were also convened without adhering to the mandatory notice period. Notices for these meetings were issued merely a day before the scheduled dates on April 27 and

April 29, respectively, rendering any decisions taken during these meetings legally questionable. Water Resources Minister categorically said, "Regulation 3 clearly mandates a minimum seven-day notice for special meetings.



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At Jalandhar, CM announces that blueprint of war against drugs ready

JS SODHI JALANDHAR, MAY 3:

Accelerating the anti-drug campaign in the state, the Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Saturday administered oath to hundreds of Village Defence committees so that they can wipe out drug from their respective areas adding that Punjab will be made drug free state by May 31.

The Chief Minister, accompanied by state AAP President Aman Arora and LOK SABHA MP Dr Raj Kumar Chabbewal, said that this is a decisive step aimed at making the state free from scourge of drugs. He said as Army chalks out plan before winning the war in the same manner state government has formulated the plan to wipe out drugs from state. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that now the war has been declared



and will be won shortly with the active support and cooperation of people.

The Chief Minister said that along with the eradication of drug menace the state government is very serious over the rehabilitation of the drug victims. He said that as a part of this only the capacity of the rehabilitation and drug de-addiction centres has been enhanced by

5000 beds. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that apart from detoxification of the drug victims these centres will enable them to live a life of dignity and pride by making them self reliant.

The Chief Minister said drug traffickers are enemies of society who have pushed the youth into the abyss for the sake of their own luxurious lives. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that these smugglers, who live in lavish homes while others suffer, do not deserve forgiveness. He said that all necessary permissions are being obtained to take action against the top-level traffickers, and they will be held accountable for the pain they caused -- to widowed women, mothers who lost sons, and sisters longing to tie a rakhi.

Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini Chairs All-party meeting on water sharing issue

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, MAY 3

An all-party meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini regarding the ongoing water sharing dispute between Haryana and Punjab, on Saturday. A resolution was unanimously passed in the meeting urging the Punjab government to implement, without conditions, the decisions of the BBMB technical committee dated April 23, 2025, and of the BBMB board dated April 30, 2025. During the meeting, the leaders demanded that the inhumane, unjust, illegal, and unconstitutional ban on Haryana's share of water be lifted immediately.

State Cabinet Ministers Sh. Anil Vij, Sh. Ranbir Gangwa, Sh. Shyam Singh Rana, Smt. Shruti Choudhry, BJP state president, Sh. Mohan Lal Badoli. While from the Congress party, former Chief Minister, Sh. Bhupinder Singh Hooda and the state president, Sh. Udaybhan, from INLD, state president, Sh. Rampal Majra and MLA, Sh. Aditya Devilal and from JJP, former Deputy Chief Minister, Sh. Dushyant Chautala and former MLA, Sh. Amarjeet Dhanda and from Aam Aadmi Party, Sh. Sushil Gupta, Sh. Krishan Jamalpur from BSP and Sh. Omprakash from CPI (M) and Chief Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Sh. Rajesh Khullar attended the all-party meeting.

During the meeting, Chief Secretary, Sh. Anurag Rastogi gave a detailed presentation regarding the data on water distribution during the past 10 years. Later, during discussions on the ongoing water dispute, all the leaders expressed concern over the emerging drinking water crisis in Haryana and described Punjab's act of



withholding Haryana's share of water as unconstitutional.

All leaders unanimously stated that they stand firm with the Haryana government in ensuring the state gets its rightful share of water.

All leaders also unanimously said that Punjab does not respect the federal structure. While Haryana has always maintained a positive approach toward all agreements, Punjab has worked to reject such agreements. Even now, the Punjab government is engaging in misleading propaganda and taking unconstitutional steps by blocking Haryana's share of drinking water in an attempt to gain political mileage.

While presenting the resolution, Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said, We resolve to stand united in safeguarding Haryana's rightful share of water and ensuring the early construction of the Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal. Together, we are prepared to pursue all necessary legal avenues and undertake every possible political effort at both the state and central

levels to protect the interests of Haryana.

He further appealed to the citizens of both Haryana and Punjab to uphold peace and mutual harmony, urging them to stay vigilant against the misleading narratives of self-serving elements seeking to create discord.

All party leaders unanimously endorsed the Chief Minister's resolution and affirmed their unwavering support, declaring that they stand firmly with the government and shoulder to shoulder with the Chief Minister on this vital issue.

Chief Minister Targets the Punjab Government, Accuses it of Unconstitutionally Blocking Haryana's Drinking Water Share after Refusing to Construct SYL Canal

While addressing the press conference after chairing the all-party meeting, Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini strongly criticized the Punjab government, stating that after refusing to construct the SYL (Sutlej-Yamuna Link) canal and effectively seizing irrigation water, Punjab is now engaging in an unconstitutional act by ob-

structing drinking water meant for the people of Haryana.

He emphasized that all options remain open for the Haryana government to secure its rightful share of water. He said that, according to available information, Punjab has even convened a special Vidhan Sabha session on the water issue. The Haryana government is reviewing all such developments with seriousness. He said that a future course of action, whether approaching the Central Government or convening a special session of the Haryana Assembly, will be decided in due course of time.

Terming water as the shared property of the nation, the Chief Minister said, Haryana and Punjab are brothers. The Punjab government's attempt to mislead people for political gain is highly condemnable. The common public, whether in Haryana or Punjab, should not suffer due to this issue.

Responding to a provocative statement made by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that not only the Haryana government but all politi-

cal party leaders unanimously condemn such remarks. We must move forward inspired by the teachings of our Gurus, with mutual respect and harmony, not political opportunism, he said.

The Chief Minister, while taking a dig at the Punjab Chief Minister, said, Mann is unconstitutionally attempting to block Haryana's water. This water belongs to the entire nation. During the partition of India, water was divided between India and Pakistan. Subsequently, it was divided among the states. Water, therefore, is not the sole property of any one state. He further said that the issue is not as severe as the Mann government is portraying it to be.

The Chief Minister also shared factual data showing that in past years of low dam levels, such as 2016 through 2019, Haryana received its share without dispute. Ironically, the current water level is higher than in those years, yet Haryana is being denied even its minimal requirement. In 2019, when the water level was 1625 feet, 0.553 MAF of water had to be discharged as excess.

Editorial

Indus waters still remain India's best Trump card

To take precise steps against the Pakistan-inspired and trained terrorists, their handlers and the Indians who joined them in a senseless attack on civilians in Pahalgam is the challenge facing India now. The planning and operational parts of a strike against Pakistan for its nurturing of terrorism has, however, been left to the chiefs of the armed forces. As the suspense builds over what India's armed forces have up their sleeve regarding sending a military message, besides India's diplomatic offensive against Pakistan in international space, there appears to be more nervousness across the border where Pakistan's armed forces are running full-scale war game exercises even as they claim to have upped their preparedness on a war scale against any Indian strike.

The United States has been playing peacemaker with its appeals to both sides to work together towards de-escalating the tension and maintaining peace. Of course, the US has also emphasised that India has the right to defend itself against Pakistan's nefarious designs on disturbing the peace in Kashmir. What happens when India seeks more forceful options, as it has in the past against Pakistan's misguided military brass who support terrorism as a weapon of state, remains to be seen. The US's view of the situation — weighted in favour of India as a victim of Pakistan-inspired terrorism — might change as it has historically known to keep its ties with Pakistan and funding it too lest that country slip into a tighter embrace of China.

At every forum, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Cabinet colleagues have made it known that India reserves the right to every option — military, diplomatic and strategic — to expose Pakistan to the world. The US President, Donald Trump, had, in the immediate aftermath of the Pahalgam attack, minced no words in condemning the act of terror but later said he was close to both nations and that they would "get it figured out, one way or the other".

There is, however, no indication that India would be inclined to resume communications with Pakistan to figure this out. Nor is there a need to open talks with Pakistan. The armed forces have been given their orders along with a licence to choose where and when to act and the military brass are known to follow orders. In the absence of any appreciable movement in the investigating agencies towards tracing the Baisaran valley perpetrators, it is on the cards that any strike against Pakistan will resemble action that was taken in the wake of the attacks on Uri and Pulwama in the last decade.

Pahalgam: Amid 'Revenge' talk, many questions arise

You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist," Indira Gandhi had famously said in 1982, in the context of the secret talks initiated by her government to try and resolve the impasse in the historically troubled region of Kashmir. The idea was "to give peace a chance" as P. Chidambaram and Hurriyat chief Mirwaiz Umar Farooq attempted to tackle what was seen as a near impossible challenge of settling the Kashmir issue, once and for all. Didn't happen. Hasn't happened. But it can happen... and the time is now. The unspeakable tragedy that shook the country (and the watching world) on April 22, when 26 innocents were mercilessly gunned down by heavily-armed terrorists, will never be forgotten or forgiven. This is the lowest form of "warfare", contemptible and abhorrent in the extreme. Men of honour don't stoop to killing unarmed civilians, no matter what ideology or religion they follow.

The important story is just starting: how will India respond? Who can obliterate the tragic images of victims cold-bloodedly shot at point-blank range in the presence of horrified family members pleading with the monsters to spare the lives of loved ones. A tranquil meadow was converted into a blood-soaked battlefield as the cowardly killers retreated into the woods after shooting macabre videos of their targets.

The word "retaliation" keeps coming up in public discourses, post-Pahalgam. It's an emotional, knee-jerk reaction to a monumental tragedy that should never have happened. Let's admit it boldly: we were caught with our pants down. It's not just a security "lapse", as the IB spokesperson sheepishly confessed. It's way beyond that: it is, in fact, a massive and highly shameful intelligence failure on India's part. No alibis. No excuses. It's beyond rational thinking why such a



popular tourist spot was left unguarded, given how heavily protected the other areas in and around Srinagar are throughout the year. And yet, here was one picturesque spot that always attracts hundreds of eager travellers from across the country, especially during the peak tourist season, that was left entirely vulnerable and without a single armed guard on duty. Coincidence?

So far, there has been zero explanation about this bizarre failure. Nobody has taken direct responsibility for it either. In any other country, heads would have rolled by now. People expected an immediate assurance that those responsible for this gross negligence of duty would be swiftly identified and made accountable. Instead, what we are hearing is strident sloganeering and cries for revenge.

What sort of revenge, folks? What irresponsible nonsense! A sober and wise long-term resolution is the only call that needs to be taken. Not some hysterical demand to go to war and "finish them off".

Meanwhile, well-meaning citizens like actor Atul Kulkarni are being trolled for advising tourists to book holidays in Kashmir over summer. His video, posted soon after the attack, assured viewers that some semblance of calm and "normalcy" had indeed returned and people were getting on with their lives. Poor Atul was massacred for not showing enough sensitivity. Rubbish! After years of struggling to keep businesses going, the Pahalgam attack has shut down the Valley overnight. Everyone is affected... the spectre of unemployment, zero income,

hardship, curfews, frequent searches, has resurfaced. The buoyant, optimistic surge in the local economy has been badly hit yet again. The best way to get Kashmir back on its feet is to support the people who are suffering right now — like the underprivileged villagers who take tourists for pony rides, for example. Or, owners of small guest houses, restaurants, sellers of trinkets and souvenirs. When Atul urged people "Come to Kashmir. Kashmir is ours...", the response was hostile, accusatory and misplaced. Of course, it is important to stand united and support the government. What Atul suggested is one more way of extending support. Atul nailed it when he said: "Hamara Kashmir hai... hum yahan aayenge". Bilkul, janab! Let the government do its job. Let's show some faith in the capabilities of those taking a call on how best to contain the crisis. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced the armed forces have "operational freedom to decide on the mode, targets and timing of the response" at a top security review in Delhi. This is the right way forward: leave it to the experts. Mr Modi roared: "We will pursue the terrorists to the ends of the earth." A fitting warning to the insolent killer who'd taunted a woman whose husband he had shot: "Go tell Modi". Now wait for Modi to find you: which he has vowed to do, and will. Also... take that you snotty BBC-wallahs, who insisted on calling these animals "militants" not terrorists. So many actors/artists have hit "pause" and cancelled shows to demonstrate solidarity with the victims of the tragedy. Salman Khan informed fans that his UK event titled "The Bollywood Big One", scheduled for early May, has been kept on hold: "Only right to pause during this time of grief", said Salman solemnly. These are symbolic, but powerful gestures.

Literature & Health

Snakes have bitten this man hundreds of times, now his blood is used for treatment

Tim Friede has been bitten by snakes hundreds of times — often on purpose. Now scientists are studying his blood in hopes of creating a better treatment for snake bites. Friede has long had a fascination with reptiles and other venomous creatures. He used to milk scorpions' and spiders' venom as a hobby and kept dozens of snakes at his Wisconsin home.

"At first, it was very scary," Friede said. "But the more you do it, the better you get at it, the more calm you become with it." While no doctor or emergency medical technician — or anyone, really — would ever suggest this is a remotely good idea, experts say his method tracks how the body works. When the immune system is exposed to the toxins in snake venom, it develops antibodies that can neutralise the poison. If it's a small amount of ven-

om the body can react before it's overwhelmed. And if it's venom the body has seen before, it can react more quickly and handle larger exposures.

Friede has withstood snakebites and injections for nearly two decades and still has a refrigerator full of venom. In videos posted to his YouTube channel, he shows off swollen fang marks on his arms from black mamba, taipan and water cobra bites.

"I wanted to push the limits as close to death as possible to where I'm just basically teetering right there and then back off of it," he said. But Friede also wanted to help. He emailed every scientist he could find, asking them to study the tolerance he'd built up.

And there is a need: Around 110,000 people die from snakebite every year, according to the World Health Organisation.



Take preventive measures to check spread of malaria, advise experts

Any fever can potentially be malaria," warned Civil Surgeon Dr Rajeev Parashar during a district-level event held to mark World Malaria Day (April 25). The awareness event emphasised the importance of public vigilance and community action in the fight against malaria.

Dr Parashar explained that malaria is a life-threatening disease caused by Plasmodium parasites and is transmitted through the bite of infected female Anopheles mosquitoes. "The disease peaks during summer and monsoon season due to a surge in mosquito breeding," he noted.

He urged the public to take preventive measures by



eliminating stagnant water around homes and avoiding the accumulation of waste, especially during the rainy season. "Just a spoonful of water is enough for the mosquito larvae to breed," he said, adding that old tyres, unused containers and scrap should not be allowed to accumulate water. "Though small in size, mosquitoes are

dangerous vectors of diseases like malaria, dengue and chikungunya," he cautioned, highlighting that both day and night-time mosquito bites can lead to infections.

Dr Arshbir Kaur described the common symptoms of malaria, which include fever, headaches, chills, vomiting and body aches accompanied by shivering.

POEMS

Playthings

Child, how happy you are sitting in the dust, playing with a broken twig all the morning. I smile at your play with that little bit of a broken twig.

I am busy with my accounts, adding up figures by the hour.

Perhaps you glance at me and think, "What a stupid game to spoil your morning with!" Child, I have forgotten the art of being absorbed in sticks and mud-pies.

I seek out costly playthings, and gather lumps of gold and silver.

With whatever you find you create your glad games, I spend both my time and my strength over things I never can obtain.

Rabindranath Tagore

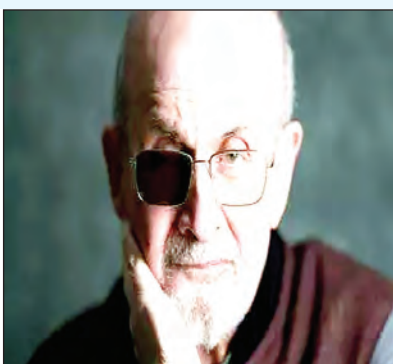
My life with Literary Indo-Brit 'Legends' like Salman Rushdie, Kureishi & Tariq Ali

"O Bachchoo, why do poets always say 'They' when they should be really saying 'we'? Don't they know destiny has just one way To dispose of all who happen to be? One said: 'We must love each other or die' He realised that he'd made a mistake He knew then that the word 'or' was a lie The word 'and' should replace it for truth's sake!"

From One Tree Mantri, by Bachchoo

Three "Indo-British" writers are probably the most prolific, talented, decorated and courageous individuals on the British literary scene of the past half century. All three are, though labelled "Indo-Brit", really Pakistani by descent.

I mean Salman Rushdie, Hanif Kureishi and Tariq Ali. I know them all as friends, of varying degrees and intimacy, and as contemporary fellow Indo-Brit writers. I've just finished reading Tariq's second autobiography, entitled You Can't Please All. And I have been re-reading the latest



literary, extremely courageous output of both Salman -- his book Knife -- and Hanif's Shattered. I acquired, not bought, all three books together, cashing in a voucher which the bookshop chain Daunt gave me for chairing the launch of my friend John Williams' biography of Trinidadian philosopher C.L.R. James. Daunt had an audience of fifty or so and our host introduced John and proceeded to say, "and we have with us today

the legend..." I was seated in front of the audience, and I turned my head inquisitively saying "Gosh! Is Ulysses here?" The audience got it (Sorry, gentle readers), but today I would have said: "Who is it? Salman, Hanif or Tariq?" Deservedly, the "legends".

I used the voucher for all three books. This, gentle reader, is not intended as even the slightest review of them. Salman's book is about the stabbing he suffered in August 2022 at the hands of the maniac murderer while he was on a platform extolling the safety of writers in the United States. Salman calls him "A" throughout the book, in which he describes his memory of the assault through which he lost an eye and suffered untold damage to his body and nerves.

The book speaks of his recovery, a deep testimony to the love of his wife and sons and, apart from characteristically fascinating pieces on, knives, love, pain, murder... you name it, it's there—he writes an imagi-

nary but elegantly, plausibly crafted interview with his attempted murderer. Hanif's account, dictated to his wife and his son, is about the paralysis he suffered after an unfortunate fall and damage to his spine. The account in Shattered, dealing principally with his hospitalisation, treatment, suffering and longings, recalls his distinguished life in writing and, unexpectedly if typically, contains chapters on sex, pornography, his dad.... Salman has earlier written about his life after the fatwa from Ayatollah Khomeini urging his murder. My friendship with Salman began long before it.

When I was a commissioning editor at Britain's Channel Four TV, Salman made a documentary on the real "midnight's Children" -- famous people born on the 15th of August 1947. It was produced by one Jane Wellesley, a friend of his and descendant of the man who defeated Tipu Sultan and, subsequently, Napoleon. Salman then made a documentary about an Indian who had discovered

an American painter. He called it The Painter and the Pest. Salman then gave me a "proof copy" of The Satanic Verses, a rough blue-paper-covered manuscript and inscribed it, asking me what I thought would happen. I read it and said he'd be shuffling from TV studio to TV studio, arguing with Islamicists. Things turned out much worse. I was, after the fatwa, a guest on a TV talk show recording in Manchester and was asked if I'd commission a film from the book. I said it had three strands to it and if someone wrote a screenplay I liked, yes, I would commission a film. With me on this show was a pop singer called Cat Stevens who had converted to Islam and was wearing the white Islamic uniform and cap. With him was a fellow I knew as an Iranian bagman working for Khomeini. When I said I'd commission the film if the screenplay appealed, these two stood up on camera and shouted words to the effect of "kill him, kill him". After the recording, the producer asked me if I wanted to change

hoteles.

I said, "Nah! Barking dogs!" Even so, before I slept, I barricaded my room door with the writing table -- one never knows.... One of my interactions with the incredibly brave Hanif was when we were both finalists for the Whitbread Literary Prize for The Buddha of Suburbia, and I for my novel Bombay Duck. Hanif won and, like Napoleon at Waterloo, I came second. When I met Hanif soon after and congratulated him, he said: "Nice title, Farrukh!" Ba... And Tariq. A political history of Britain from the 1980s onward from the point of view of a Marxist activist. Unique! After the fatwa, when Salman was under protection, Tariq invited him and me to his place for dinner. A police escort arrived to survey the place. While we dined, the cops went upstairs to wait in Tariq's study, lined with Marxist tomes. When the party was over, the chief of the protection squad came down and said: "Interesting books you have there, Mr Ali."

AGENCY SHIMLA: The Union Ministry of Power in an order gave Bhupendra Gupta, director (technical) of THDC India Limited, the additional charge of chairman and managing director (CMD) of Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVNL). The order, dated May

2, 2025, takes effect from May 1. This temporary appointment comes in anticipation of final approval from the appointments committee of the cabinet. Gupta will hold the dual charge for a period of three months or until a full-time CMD is appointed, whichever is earlier. The decision was issued by the

Ministry of Power from Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi, and signed by director Santosh Kumar. The order has been circulated to top officials, including the CMD of NHPC Ltd., all board members of SJVNL, the Chief Secretary of Himachal Pradesh, and relevant secretaries.

NEWS BRIEF

Four vehicles seized for carrying illegal wood at Asha Devi Barrier



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: The forest department team caught four vehicles carrying illegal wood at Asha Devi Punjab barrier. Giving information, Forest Range Officer Amb Rahul Thakur said that the forest department team had set up a check post at Asha Devi check post. During the check post, four vehicles loaded with wood were stopped. When the drivers were asked for the documents related to the wood, they could not provide the documents. Further action is being taken after taking the vehicles into custody.

121.80gm heroin seized near Ambota, two arrested

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: According to police sources Gagret Police recovered 121.80 Gram Chitta Heroin during patrolling at Ambota near Polytechnical College on Friday yesterday. This quantity of Heroin seized by Suresh Kumar ASI Investigations Officer Kangra Police along with Gagret Police during checking from a timber car No. HP 39F-9168 accused Pawan Kumar son of Suraj Kumar Resident of Opposite Nandi Adda M/S Hari Ram Sellar Taran Taaran, Punjab present Shop Laxmi Traders Dari, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh. Hari Singh son of Labh Singh, VPO Palasor, Tehsil and District Taran Taaran, Punjab. Rakesh Singh SP Una said that these both accused are arrested and further investigations are going on.

12 Challans issued in Baddi police school bus safety drive

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: During a special school bus checking drive by Baddi Police, a total of 12 challans were issued. SP Baddi, Vinod Dhiman, informed that buses from Alpine, Navijoti, BTTE, VR Public School, and other schools were stopped and fined for violating regulations and compromising safety. The buses were later released with a warning.

Rain, snow and thunderstorms to continue in Himachal for few days

AGENCY SHIMLA, MAY 3

The weather in Himachal Pradesh remains rough, and the Meteorological Department has warned that rain, snow, and thunderstorms would continue in many parts of the state for the next four-five days. This change in weather is due to a fresh western disturbance approaching from Pakistan and a cyclonic system over Rajasthan.

Rain and snowfall are expected in high hill areas like Lahaul-Spiti and Kinnaur. Places in the middle and lower hills, including Shimla, Solan, Mandi, Kangra, Una, Bilaspur, Sirmour, Chamba, and Kullu, will also experience light to moderate rainfall. The weather office has



said that thunderstorms with lightning and strong winds, reaching speeds up to 50 kmph, may hit several districts. In the past 24 hours, Dehra Gopipur recorded the highest rainfall at 37.2 millimetres, followed by Paonta Sahib at 17.4 mm and Shimla at 16.6 mm, where thunderstorms were also

reported. Areas like Kandaghat, Jubberhatti, Kufri, Solan, and Karsog also received good rainfall. However, there has been no report of fresh snowfall so far. Day temperatures have dropped sharply in the state, falling 3 to 8 degrees Celsius below normal. Shimla recorded a maximum of 19 degrees Celsius, which is

about five degrees below normal. Solan was even colder at 18 degrees Celsius, which is nearly 13 degrees below normal. Una was the warmest, recording 34.4 degrees Celsius, but even this was three degrees below normal. Night temperatures remained close to normal, with Kukumseri being the coldest at 5.9 degrees Celsius. Other hill stations like Kalpa, Manali, and Keylong were also quite cold. The Meteorological Department has warned of possible hailstorms on May 3 and 4. People are advised to stay indoors during thunderstorms, avoid sheltering under trees, and keep away from electrical wires and water bodies. Fruit growers have been asked to use hail nets to protect their crops.

Bilaspur Red Cross to mark World Red Cross Day with humanity-centric programs and camps

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY BILASPUR, MAY 3

In commemoration of World Red Cross Day, the Indian Red Cross Society, District Branch Bilaspur, is organizing a series of impactful humanitarian events across the district under the theme "On Side of Humanity." These activities, aimed at celebrating compassion and service, will be held from May 5 to 9, 2025.

On May 8, Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the District Red Cross Society, Rahul Kumar, will preside over a blood donation and disability assessment camp at the Community Center in Dhar Tatoh, underscoring the district's commitment to inclusive health support.

A unique selfie campaign titled "The Beauty of Wrinkle" has



been launched, encouraging children to click selfies with their grandparents or elderly neighbors, promoting intergenerational bonding. Ten top entries will receive cash awards and mementos. Alongside, inspirational success stories celebrating humanitarian heroes are being collected and will also be rewarded. Furthermore,

specialized assessment camps are being held in Koshariyan (Jhanduta), Toba (Shri Naina Devi), Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya, Dangar (Ghumarwin), Dhar Tatoh (Sadar), and Majhed (Shri Naina Devi) to provide assistive devices and artificial limbs to the elderly and differently-abled.

A health screening and medical board for disability certification was conducted on May 5 in Koshariyan. Distinguished couples who have donated blood or pledged their bodies over 100 times will also be felicitated, with Additional Deputy Commissioner Om Kant Thakur gracing the event in Jhanduta.

These meaningful initiatives reflect Bilaspur's collective commitment to service, care, and humanitarian outreach.

Condition of pitch and outfield is excellent: Avnish Parmar

SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, MAY 3

The Dharamshala Cricket Stadium is once again ready to witness exciting matches of IPL. All preparations have been completed in the stadium for the upcoming three matches. HPCA Secretary Avnish Parmar, while giving information to journalists on Saturday, said that the stadium has a capacity of about 22,000 spectators and most of the tickets have been sold so far. He said that offline ticket counters are also open so that those who buy tickets at the last moment can get convenience. According to Parmar, this time a huge crowd is expected to gather in these three matches. Coordination has been established between the HPC and the district administration in terms of crowd control, parking arrangements and security. Additional deployment of security forces is also being done. He also said that this time many VIP guests are expected to reach the stadium. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann can also be present in the stadium during the matches. Apart from this, many senior officials associated with BCCI and owners of



IPL franchises can also reach Dharamshala. He said that the condition of the pitch and outfield is also excellent and the weather department has also predicted clear weather during the matches. The organizers believe that this time the matches to be held in Dharamshala will not only be memorable for cricket lovers but will also give a new boost to Himachal tourism.

Three-day training on hospital safety and disaster management begins in Una

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, MAY 3

A three-day training programme on Hospital Safety and Disaster Management commenced today at the Regional Hospital, Una, under the aegis of the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Una. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Sanjay Mankotia, Medical Superintendent of the hospital.

Addressing the participants, Dr. Mankotia emphasized the urgent need for both government and private health institutions to implement effective disaster management plans, particularly in light of changing climate conditions and the increasing frequency of natural and human-



induced disasters. He also underlined the importance of conducting at least two to three mock drills annually to assess preparedness, resource availability, and coordination capabilities for timely and effective response.

Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Resilience expert Pranav Sethi, serving

as the resource person, stated that the primary objective of the training is to strengthen hospitals' capacity to respond to emergencies. He highlighted that ensuring the safety of patients, visitors, and staff, while maintaining continuity of essential services, is a key priority during crises. Rajan Kumar Sharma, DDMA Una's

Training and Capacity Building Coordinator, elaborated on the programme's goals. He said the training would enhance hospitals' readiness to respond swiftly to emergencies, ensure rapid recovery, and establish effective coordination at the district level.

The programme has seen participation from around 55 medical professionals, including officers from the AYUSH Department, Regional Hospital Una, private clinics, government hospitals, community health centres, primary health centres, and disaster management staff. This training marks a significant step toward strategic planning and preparedness for disaster response within healthcare facilities.

HC extends interim bail of former HPPCL MD till May 15

AGENCY SHIMLA, MAY 3

The Himachal Pradesh High Court has extended the interim bail of former managing director of Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd. (HPPCL), IAS officer Harikesh Meena, till May 15 in a case related to the mysterious death of chief engineer Vimal Negi.

The court of Justice Virender Singh passed the order after hearing arguments on Meena's anticipatory bail petition, in which he sought protection from arrest. The state government, opposing the bail, submitted that crucial facts are still emerging from the ongoing Special Investigation Team (SIT) probe. The additional advocate general informed the court that the matter is under detailed investigation, and sought more time to complete the probe.

During Friday's hearing, the SIT submitted a status report disclosing that between April 1 and March 10 — the day Vimal Negi went missing — former director (electrical) Deshraj made 463 calls to Negi on his mobile numbers. Additionally, Meena



made 7 calls, while director (administration) IAS officer Shivam Pratap Singh made 53 calls to Negi. These call records were extracted from Negi's phone data during the investigation. The police have seized the mobile phones of accused Deshraj and Meena and sent them to the State Forensic Laboratory (SFL), Junga for analysis to uncover any potential conspiracy.

The report does not mention whether the phone of Shivam Pratap Singh has been seized. Several other electronic devices recovered during the investigation have also been sent to SFL Junga, and reports are awaited. However, the police have yet to trace the mobile phone of Vimal Negi, which remains a critical missing link.

Bilaspur Nagar Parishad offers 10% property tax rebate till May 31 to boost revenue and development

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY BILASPUR, MAY 3

In a significant move aimed at easing financial pressure on residents and boosting revenue for city development, Bilaspur Nagar Parishad has announced a 10% rebate on property tax payments valid until May 31. This initiative replaces the previous system of imposing a 10% penalty for delayed payments after March 31, which had yielded limited results. Nagar Parishad Chairman Kamal Gautam said the decision is targeted at achieving 100% property tax recovery while simultaneously offering relief to the public. The council has so far collected Rs 29 lakh out of a total due



of Rs 53.67 lakh, with nearly 40-45% still pending.

With around 4,543 registered property tax payers — including government offices, commercial establishments, and residents — the Municipal Council heavily relies on property tax, Teh Bazaar, shop rentals, and government grants to fund

urban development. However, limited tax recovery and rising expenses have constrained the civic body's development capacity.

A key challenge has been the long-standing demand from Bhakra Dam displaced families for exemption from property tax. This issue continues to affect full tax compliance in the new Bilaspur township.

The Chairman appealed to all residents to take advantage of the rebate window and contribute to the city's progress. He emphasized that timely payment will also help the city qualify for central grants, enabling faster implementation of civic projects.

Sushil Chandel retired as Head Teacher from Government Primary School Dimmi



AVINASH CHAUHAN

AMB: After serving the Education Department as a teacher for thirty-three years, Sushil Chandel retired as head teacher from Government Primary School, Dimmi. Soft-spoken Sushil Chandel provided his services as a teacher in various schools of District Hamirpur. During his service period, Sushil Chandel was also elected unopposed State President of Himachal Pradesh Primary Teachers' Association. As the State President, Sushil Chandel performed this responsibility very well. From time to time, he brought the demands and problems of the teachers to the government. During his retirement, his wife Rekha Chandel, his mother and other family members were present. On this occasion, former Block Primary Education Officer Bhagirath Bhatia, CHT Shakuntala Chandel, former Block Primary Education Officer Yudhveer Singh reached the retirement program and congratulated Sushil Chandel.

Prohibitory orders imposed for NEET-UG 2025 at Bilaspur centres to ensure peaceful examination environment

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY BILASPUR, MAY 3

In view of the upcoming NEET-UG 2025 examination scheduled for May 4, the district administration has taken strict measures to maintain law and order around the examination centres in Bilaspur Sadar subdivision. Sub Divisional Magistrate Dr. Rajdeep Singh (IAS) has issued prohibitory orders under Section 163 Bhartya Nayayik Suraksha Sahinta . of the Indian Municipal Corporation Act to ensure smooth and disruption-free conduct of the exam. The orders will remain



in force on May 4 at P.M. from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM at Government Boys Senior Secondary School, Government Girls Senior Secondary School, and Navodaya Vidyalaya. During this time, social, political, or cultural processions, rallies,

loudspeakers, DJs, fireworks, and any disruptive activities will be strictly prohibited. Further, any construction or demolition activity, tent setups, and movement with weapons or potentially dangerous items have also been banned in the designated zones. These precautionary steps underscore the administration's commitment to providing a calm and secure environment for students appearing in one of the country's most significant entrance examinations. The order is temporary and will cease to be effective after the stipulated time on May 4.

Dr. Pabitra Mohan Samantaray meets Assistant Press Registrar in Delhi over journalists' demands



SHANTI GAUTAM

BADDI: Rashtriya Patrakar Mahasagha (RPM), Indian federation of small and medium newspapers (IFSMN) & National media Confederation (NMC) National President Dr. Pabitra Mohan Samantaray and a team of delegates met the Assistant Press Registrar of India, Ministry of Information Broadcasting, Government of India at Soochna bhawan, Lodhi Road, CGO Complex, Delhi and discussed in the context of problems and demands of journalists. Hitesh Rawat has seriously considering the demands and assured the solution. Members of other core committees including BD Deshpande, IFSMN Secretary general, Shivprakash & K sanjeev, Founder Members, Dhiraj kumar, National treasurer, RPM, KD Mishra, Delhi State RPM General secretary, Shanti Gautam, himachal convenor, Anirudha Mishra, Smt Rita Mishra, Aman narayan swami, A L Sekhar, Basapa, Basab Gowda, Adshepa, Chena Gowda, Shankar, Madhya, Krishan Kumar, other core committee members were also present during this period.

Shri Shakti organization honors pregnant women at Bahedala Anganwadi Center

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, MAY 3

The President of Shri Shakti Organization, Rekha Jamwal, and Vice President Ritu Singh, organized a special ceremony at the Bahedala Anganwadi Center in Una. During this event, they honored 10 pregnant women by performing a Godh Bharai ceremony and presenting them with fruits and health kits.

In addition, a mother of an only daughter and Anganwadi worker Saroj Kumari were also honored. The ceremony began with a welcome song sung by the women, followed by devotional bhajans based on women's empowerment.



The gathering focused on sharing important health tips with the pregnant women, including maintaining a positive mindset during this phase of life, consuming nutritious natural food, avoiding refined flour-based items, and treating sons and daughters equally.

They also emphasized that newborns should not be given salty or sweet foods until they are eight months old. The event was attended by the officials of Shri Shakti Organization, teachers from various Anganwadi centers, and other support staff.



JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): DAV Centenary Public School, Jagraon took an initiative to host an enthralling "Book Fair" for two days in its premises from 9 am to 3 pm. It was a grand success as a huge rush of desperate readers could be noticed.

Students along with their parents found it to be a paradise and availed an opportunity to buy the books of their choice out of a big array of books of diverse genre. The staff members were also noticed satisfying their urge to read the books of their choice. School principal Dr. Ved Vrat Plaha mentored the idea to promote the reading habits among the students. He was elated at its success.

NEWS BRIEF

Sandhwan flags off drug de-addiction awareness mobile van



SURINDER DAMDAMI KOTKAPURA: While the Punjab government under the leadership of Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann has launched a war against drugs campaign to make Punjab drug-free and large-scale legal action is being taken against drug smugglers and drug dealers, at the same time, to make children, youth and district residents aware of the adverse effects of drugs on the body, Speaker Punjab Vidhan Sabha Kulvir Singh Sandhwan flagged off a drug-free awareness mobile van from Brahma Kumar Ishwarie Vishwa Vidyalaya Kotkapura. In his address on this occasion, Speaker S. Sandhwan said that the Punjab government is making every possible effort to wean the youth of Punjab from drugs and to make Punjab drug-free. He said that while drugs are eating away at our society, it is also having a very bad impact on our family relationships. He said that drug smugglers will not be spared at any cost and along with legal action against drug dealers, a yellow claw will also be taken on their illegal constructions.

Exposing political propaganda against BJP by political parties on water dispute: Kainth

RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA: The decision of Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) to release 4,500 cusecs of additional water daily from Bhakra dams to Haryana for the next eight days has made the clear stand of the Bharatiya Janata Party Punjab Pradesh on the water dispute.



Paramjit Singh Kainth, Vice President of Bharatiya Janata Party Scheduled Caste Morcha said that the political propaganda being done against BJP has been made clear in the all-party meeting on the water dispute. Political parties in Punjab try to make a living out of political gains but do not take a stand on the issues of Punjab. BJP leader Sardar Kainth said the BBMB, which oversees water distribution from the Bhakra, Pong and Ranjit Sagar dams, was constituted under the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966.

Appreciation Day celebrate at Manav Mangal Smart School



VICKY BHABAT ZIRAKPUR: To appreciate, award and motivate the young manvies, who have excelled in Academics, Co-curricular activities, sports and other Achievements like Olympiad winners, budding Authors and AI enthusiasts, Appreciation Day was held at manav mangal SMART WORLD, Zirakpur today. The event began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp followed by a musical presentation by the school orchestra, the symphony of different instruments, playing the tune of the famous number "Kar har maidan fateh" and "We shall overcome" left the audience mesmerized. The first category of awards was the Star performers award. The category consisted of 43 students who have excelled in Academics and Competitions both. Excellence in Academics was given to 54 students from class VI onwards for securing A1 grade in all 6 major subjects. Sports Achievers Award was given to students who have excelled in International, National and State Level games. Outstanding Achievement Award was presented to 23 children who are Budding Authors and AI enthusiasts.

Rotary Club Rupnagar honours trekking team of Unique Family Club



BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR: In an impressive function held at Rotary Club Rupnagar, 14 members of "Unique Family Club Ropar", who returned back from Mount Everest Base Camp, Nepal were honored by the club. Speaking on the occasion, Coach Bikramjit Singh Ghuman told that the trekking team left for Kathmandu on 9th April, 2025 under his leadership. The youngest member of the team was a 9 year old girl Maheera Sarma and the eldest member was 70 years old Mr Rajkumar Sikka. The team reached the Mount Everest Base Camp on 18 April, 2024. It is worth mentioning that all these trekkers belong to different professions having Retired professionals, Govt Employees, Businessmen, House Makers and kids.

Punjab to launch village, ward wise Nasha Mukti Yatra from May 7 to make Yudd Nasheya Viruddh, mass movement: Dr Balbir Singh

SHASHI PAL JAIN MOHALI, MAY 3

Punjab Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Balbir Singh said that Punjab Government to launch village and ward wise Nasha Mukti Yatra from May 7 to make "Yudd Nasheya Viruddh" campaign a mass movement by soliciting their cooperation to shun the curse of drugs from the sacred land of Punjab.

Chairing a district level mass meeting of Village/Ward Defence Committees (Panchayats and Councilors) at Grand Romania, Mohali, the Health Minister said the Punjab Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann has waged a war against drugs by working on a two pronged strategy, one part is enforcement through tightening the noose around the drug smugglers and another part is to treat the ad-



dicts, imparting skill training during rehabilitation and providing jobs/loans for making them self sustained to earn bread.

He said that the Punjab Police is doing well by recovering huge quantity of contrabands with the arrest of drug traffickers while the Health and Family Welfare Department is doing to enhance bed capacity at Nasha Mukti Kendras of Punjab. He said that the state has multiplied

the existing capacity three fold and now we have 5000 beds for treatment of addicts. Similarly, in collaboration with NGOs, skill training centres have also been introduced in rehab centres.

Health Minister said that the motive of these meetings is to sensitizing about the Nasha Mukti Yatra campaign, mobilization of village-level leadership for community vigilance, strengthening coordination between VDCs /

WDCs and the District Administration and reinforcing a collective stand against drugs at the village level. He appealed to the members of VDCs and WDCs to assist the police and district administration to cope up with the menace of drugs and extending helping hand to the victims of drugs.

Similarly, the offenders would not be cooperated even in getting bails from the NDPS cases.

Yuddh Nashiyan Viruddh: The cycle of drugs on brink of complete break down-says Harpal Cheema



KULWINDER KARWAL SARDULGARH, MAY 3

As part of the war against drugs campaign being run by the Punjab government, the state's Finance Minister Mr Harpal Singh Cheema called upon the Pindan De Pehredara (guards of villages) of all 247 villages on district Mansa to unite and fight against drugs. With the slogan of Bole So Nihal, Mr Cheema administered oath against drugs to all the members of village defence committees that have been formed in villages across the state to keep an eye on drugs and help addicts find way to treatment.

Addressing a massive gathering at a palace on Jawaharke Road, Mr Harpal

Cheema said Punjab fell under spell of drugs during regime of those governments that worked in principles of nepotism and dynastic politics.

He said that since the time Chief Minister Mr. Bhagwant Singh Mann led government has started working in Punjab, the sixth river of drug addiction has come to the verge of drying up. Congratulating the people of Punjab, he said that all the credit goes to those people who have joined this campaign of the government from every village, every house and neighborhood and contributed to this war.

He said that the land of Punjab is the land of warring people and our people will stand firm and cooperate in

this war started against drugs. He stated that Punjab is all set to be the erstwhile Rangla Punjab once more. He said that in Punjab government, drug traffickers are neither leaders nor police. Drug dealers will not be tolerated at any cost.

He said that every resident of Punjab wants Punjab to be drug-free. Under stewardship of Chief Minister Mr Bhagwant Singh Mann the war has started yielding results.

He added that thye Chief Minister has been taking commendable decisions for the welfare of Punjab for the past three years, whether it is the eradication of drugs or jobs, the state government is making all-out efforts for this.

"Zero tolerance for drugs; water will not be allowed to be looted": Sond

BIKRAMJEET SAHOTA FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAY 3

Due to the patronage of previous governments, drugs spread widely across Punjab, and water resources were plundered unchecked. As a result, Punjab experienced periods of terrorism, and many of its youth were forced to migrate abroad.

Some leaders even took oaths to eradicate drugs but ended up deceiving the public, while drug use continued to increase. This was stated by Punjab Cabinet Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond while speaking as the Chief Guest at the district-level meeting of Village Defence Committees held at Sohan Farm, Sirhind. He stated that the Punjab government is working day and night for the state's holistic development, and positive outcomes are already visible.

During the event, Fatehgarh Sahib MLA Lakhbir Singh Rai said that Punjab



made the greatest sacrifices for India's independence, and today, Chief Minister Mann has taken a bold stand to protect Punjab's water. He stated that any campaign can only succeed with the support of the people.

He pointed out that anti-social elements lure youth into addiction, and families of ten hesitate to speak up, which allows the issue to worsen and makes recovery more difficult. MLA from Bassi Pathana, Rupinder Singh Happy, stated that the need for a "War Against

Drugs" arose because, under previous governments, drug traffickers were supported instead of being restrained. Earlier, if someone was arrested, village heads and other local leaders would secure their release.

During the event, videos highlighting anti-drug operations and water conservation initiatives in Punjab were shown. Deputy Commissioner Dr. Sonu Thind and SSP Mr. Shubham Agarwal shared details of the measures being taken by the administration to eradicate drugs.

'Yuddh Nashya Viruddh' to spark mass movement for drug-free Punjab: Mundian



SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON, MAY 3

"Yuddh Nashya Viruddh" campaign is aimed at creating a drug-free state, is set to become a transformative movement, declared Housing and Urban Development Minister Hardeep Singh Mundian.

Addressing a district-level meeting at Kingsville Resort, Mullanpur Dakha, with village and ward defence committees of Ludhiana, Cabinet Minister Hardeep Singh Mundian vowed that the Punjab government would leave no stone unturned until drugs are eradicated and traffickers are brought to justice. The event was attended by the MLAs Ashok Parashar Pappi, Rajinderpal Kaur Chhina, Madan Lal Bagga, Kulwant Singh Sidhu, Hakam Singh

Thekedar, and Saravjit Kaur Manuke, alongside Punjab GENCO Board Chairman Navjot Singh Jarg, District Planning Committee Chairman Sharanpal Singh Makkar, AAP senior leader Dr. K.N.S. Kang, District President (Rural) Advocate Gurdarshan Singh Kuhl, Zonal Coordinator, Drug De-addiction Front Punjab) Sukhjit Singh, Coordinator Ludhiana Urban Balbir Chaudhary, Coordinator Rural-1 Hemraj Sahnewal, Coordinator Rural-2 Manjit Singh along with a large number of village panchs, sarpanchs, defense committee members, and other prominent personalities. Minister Mundian highlighted the government's crackdown on the drug supply chain, with major traffickers arrested.

Rayat Institute of Pharmacy organised International webinar on liver diseases



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, MAY 3

Rayat Institute of Pharmacy Railmajra organized a successful international webinar on "Pre-clinical development of mRNA Lipid Nanoparticles therapy of Liver Fibrosis". The event featured expert speakers Dr. Rajendra Khanal, Post doctorate LNP Formulation, Scientist at Merck KGaA from Germany, who shared valuable insights on recent advancements.

The session provided in-depth knowledge on the promising potential of mRNA-based therapeutics and novel delivery systems for treating chronic liver conditions. The webinar witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members, students, and researchers of institutions. It served as an excellent platform for knowledge sharing and academic interaction. The event was convened by Dr. N S Gill Director, Rayat Institute of Pharmacy who guided

the overall planning and execution. He also welcome the key note speaker in the webinar. The session was graciously hosted by Dr. Amit Sharma, Deputy Dean Lamrin School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Lamrin Tech Skills University Punjab who ensured smooth coordination and engagement throughout the program. The Department of Pharmacy extends heartfelt thanks to all the speakers, participants, and organizing members for making the webinar a success. Dr. Sandeep Singh Kaura, Chancellor LTSU Punjab congratulated pharmacy institutes for organising such a wonderful webinar on the liver and related diseases. Dr. Parvinder Kaur Pro Chancellor LTSU Punjab and Dr. Parvinder Singh Vice Chancellor of university also congratulated for knowledgeable webinar for welfare of pharmaceutical students who got answers of their important queries in the fields.

Class of 2025 bids farewell with celebration and Sunburn DJ Night



J S SODHI JALANDHAR, MAY 3

Lovely Professional University's Class of 2025 bid an emotional farewell with a vibrant celebration filled with memories, music, and milestones. Students marked their final day by writing heartfelt messages on each other's shirts, reliving cherished moments, and celebrating their place-

ment successes with top companies in India and abroad. The highlight of the day was a high-energy Sunburn DJ party that turned the campus into a dance floor. Addressing the graduating batch, Col. Dr. Rashmi Mittal, Pro-Chancellor, said, "You carry not just degrees, but the values and vitality of LPU. Wherever life takes you, you'll always be part of our LPU family."

Joyful Celebration of 'White Colour Day' at Auxilium International School



VERMA GURDASPUR, MAY 3

Auxilium International School celebrated 'White Colour Day' with great enthusiasm and joy on Friday. The special event aimed to help young children recognize and understand colours through fun-filled, creative, and activity-based learning methods. Students from Pre-Nursery to Senior Kindergarten actively participated in the celebration. The little ones from Pre-Nursery and Nursery engaged in a "Snowman Craft Activity," where they created adorable snowmen using cotton and paper. This artistic ac-

tivity allowed the children to identify the colour white in an imaginative and sensory way, while also showcasing their creativity and fine motor skills. Students from Junior and Senior Kindergarten took part in the "Radish Pasting Activity," where they pasted cut-outs of radishes onto paper.

Through this, they learned about the texture and colour of the white vegetable, radish, while further enhancing their fine motor development. The highlight of the day was the vibrant "Puppet Show," which was thoroughly enjoyed by children of all age groups.

Yoga activity organized at APJ Public School Kharar

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, MAY 3

APJ Public School, Mundi Kharar, conducted a special yoga activity today for students from Nursery to Grade 12. The event aimed to promote physical fitness, mental well-being, and mindfulness among students. All students enthusiastically participated in various yoga asanas and breathing exercises under the guidance of trained in-



structors. The session emphasized the importance of incorporating yoga into daily life for a healthy and balanced lifestyle. The school Principal Jasvir Chander

appreciated the efforts of the staff and students, highlighting the role of yoga in building discipline and concentration among young learners.

State government is bringing revolutionary changes in schools: Balkar Sidhu

RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA): The state government led by Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann is bringing revolutionary changes in schools and making students abreast of the times in studies and sports. These things were expressed by MLA Rampura Phul Balkar Singh Sidhu while attending the function organized at Government Middle School Jalal as the chief guest in view of the Sikhyan Kranti ceremony. MLA Balkar Singh Sidhu said that due to the unique initiative of the state government, teachers of government schools are being sent abroad for training.



Gillco International School felicitates students for their achievements at function for 2023-2025

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, MAY 3

Gillco International School organized a felicitation function celebrating academic talent and co-curricular excellence for the session 2023 to 2025. The function was a vibrant display of talent, hard work and determination.

Students were felicitated class-wise for their exceptional performance in their academics, acknowledging their dedication and commitment to learning. The awards were given to the students who have passed out from the school and those of the current academic sessions, who maintain consistency and excellence. The function was



moderated by Ranjit Gill, Chairman, GIS, whose motivational speech lauded the efforts of the students, parents and teachers. His words inspired the audience to strive for higher goals with resilience and honesty.

He was accompanied by the senior member of the management, Mrs. Jai Sandhu Gill, whose presence added to

the grandeur of the ceremony. Principal Dr. Kritika Kausal said that every student is unique and the sky is the limit for them. With the ability to lead and the desire to follow the right path, all of them will be nation builders for the future. She congratulated the students and advised them to perform their duties with utmost honesty.

MCM holds IELTS Masterclass



CHANDIGARH, MAY 3

The Career Counselling Cell of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised an interactive session titled 'IELTS Masterclass', aimed at equipping students with a comprehensive understanding of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). The resource person for the session, Mrs. Jayati Sarkar, Head of IELTS Faculty, Fateh Education, commenced the event with a brief introduction to IELTS, highlighting its significance for students aspiring to study or work abroad. She provided an in-depth discussion

on the four modules of the test-Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking, explaining the format, number of tests conducted, and the two modes of examination: Computer-Based Test (CBT) and Paper-Based Test (PBT). To enhance the learning experience, a practical reading activity was conducted, allowing students to engage directly with the format and develop a clearer understanding of the test expectations. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A segment, during which Mrs. Sarkar addressed a wide range of queries, offering valuable insights and expert advice to the participants.

25 bedded open Shelter inaugurates for vulnerable children at Gurdaspur



VERMA GURDASPUR, MAY 3

A 25-bedded open shelter for vulnerable children has been inaugurated today in the campus of the preliminary Education Study Centre at slum area Mann Kaur Singh, Gurdaspur. The shelter has been established under the supervision of Jagriti Jansewa Society and approved by the Women and Child Development Department, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh.

The shelter aims to provide short-term care and protection to runaway, missing, trafficked children, children affected by abuse, natural calamities, and those living in unauthorized areas or slums, among other at-risk groups. The inauguration was graced by Mrs. kamaljit kaur Kochhar, wife of Brigadier VS Kochhar station commander, 86 Brigade, Tibri Cantonment along with her daughter Miss Jasmine kaur as the chief guests.

PREETI SAINI
SADHAURA: Haryana Congress Minority Department In-Charge Sardar Inderjit Singh, during a press conference in Chhachhrauli, termed the caste census a long-standing struggle of Rahul Gandhi and accused the BJP of attempting to take credit for it. Speaking strongly on recent events, Singh alleged that the BJP is engaging in vote-bank politics over the Pahalagam incident and continues to divide the nation on Hindu-Muslim lines. "Even Pulwama was part of a larger BJP conspiracy. Their politics thrives on Hindu-Muslim divisions and Pakistan rhetoric. The day these narratives end, BJP's identity will crumble," he claimed. He further stated that while BJP tries to portray the Pahalagam terror attack in a communal light, the truth remains that several Muslim youth came forward to help victims, offering food and water. Welcomed warmly by senior Congress leader Nawab Khan Azad with a bouquet and shawl, Singh reiterated that Rahul Gandhi has been fighting for caste-based census for over a decade, with Congress MPs consistently raising the issue in Parliament. "Every community deserves its due, and caste census is the path toward that justice," he said, urging the BJP government to conduct the exercise properly and transparently.

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MLA Inaugurates ₹11.4 Lakh projects under Punjab Education revolution

JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA
MOGA: Under the 'Punjab Education Revolution' being run by the Punjab government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, MLA Moga Dr. Amandeep Kaur Arora inaugurated development projects worth Rs 11.40 lakh at the Government High School in Dhalleke. On this occasion, MLA Dr. Amandeep Kaur Arora said that under the leadership of Aam Aadmi Party, the Punjab government was working from the very first day with the aim of bringing revolutionary reforms in the fields of education and health. She said that due to these works, now the state government has strengthened the infrastructure in government schools under the 'Punjab Education Revolution' and ensured the availability of every facility required for good education. She said that in today's government schools, every facility is available for the students including modern labs based on every subject, open airy rooms, strong four-walls in terms of security. The MLA said that it is the result of the tireless efforts of the Mann government that now the government schools of Punjab are beating even the private schools. He said that due to this, the trust of the parents in Punjab has started increasing on the government schools and in the coming time, this number will increase even more.

Haryana spreading false propaganda on water issue; Water resources minister Goyal presented factual evidence

SRI MUKTSAR SAHIB; Punjab Water Resources Minister Sh. Barinder Kumar Goyal today lambasted that Haryana is spreading misconceptions of the water sharing issue. While addressing the media persons on the sideline of the function, Sh. Barinder Kumar Goyal disclosed all facts related to this matter, asserting that Punjab has not withheld anyone's rightful share and will neither surrender its own rights nor bow to pressure from the Center or Haryana. He clarified that Punjab's interests come first for the Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann led government and only Punjab has rights over its waters. Elaborating on this issue with detailed facts, the Cabinet Minister informed that the water distribution from dams has been occurring according to stored volume for around 44 years. Haryana was allocated



2.987 MAF of water this year and has already utilized its allocated share. He said that Haryana has exceeded its target by using a total of 104 percent of its water allocation, mentioning that the Punjab government has been writing letters to Haryana since January about this matter and keeping the union government informed. Sh. Goyal revealed that a letter was also written on March 17, 2025, warning Haryana that it was not using its share of water judiciously, which could lead to difficulties in the coming days. However, instead of improving its water management, Haryana consumed all its water allocation by March itself. He said that on March 31, Haryana requested for drinking water, indicating that it needed 1500 cusecs of

water for its population of 2.8 crores, at a standard rate of 135 liters per person per day. It also requested 1149 cusecs for Delhi and cited additional needs for industry and even animals, totaling a demand of 4082 cusecs. Out of humanitarian consideration, the Punjab government began releasing 4000 cusecs of water for Haryana from April 4 to meet drinking water requirements, but now Haryana is demanding 8500 cusecs, which is impossible to provide. Sh. Barinder Kumar Goyal said that Haryana argues previous governments had provided this water. The Water Resources Minister said that previous governments failed to protect Punjab's water resources and Punjab wasn't even utilizing its own share then.

Mayor launches Inaugural Box Cricket Tournament



SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH: The first-ever Box Cricket Tournament organized by Chandigarh Club in collaboration with Dinbhar Events commenced with a ceremonial launch by Mayor Harpreet Kaur Babla who attended as the chief guest and unveiled the T-shirt alongside Dinbhar Events MD, Kashish Mahajan. Captains of several participating teams joined the launch reflecting the city's growing enthusiasm for this unique sporting event. Teams from the RWAs, youth clubs, business guilds and Market Associations are taking part in this two day event. Praising the initiative, Mayor Babla said, "This is Chandigarh's first box cricket tournament is an excellent step by Chandigarh Club. The overwhelming response indicates the city's readiness for such events, and we look forward to scaling it up in the coming years." Emphasizing the event's broader impact, she added, "Such tournaments not only promote physical activity but also send a powerful social message by encouraging youth to stay away from substance abuse and connect with sports."

Emotional Farewell Ceremony held at Shaheed Udhm Singh Government College, Mata K Majri



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: A heartwarming farewell ceremony was organised by the Music Department of Shaheed Udhm Singh Government College, Mata K Majri, under the guidance of Dr Bharti. The event featured soulful performances in both vocal and instrumental music, creating an atmosphere filled with emotion and celebration. Final-year students Khushi and Saurabh were crowned Miss and Mr Farewell, respectively. Sakshi was named Miss Personality, while Sawan took the title of Mr Personality. Saloni and Pankaj were selected as Miss and Mr Evening. The event commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp and Saraswati Vandana. College Principal Dr Mahendra Baghi blessed the students and wished them success in their future endeavours. Vice Principal Rajiv Gupta, Dr Rajkumar, Dr Deepa, and Dr Balrishi were also present on the occasion. The ceremony featured a variety of musical and dance performances. Students captivated the audience with classical singing, instrumental recitals, and group songs. The highlight of the event was a heartfelt segment titled "Yadon Ka Safar" (A Journey of Memories), where final-year students reminisced about their college days and shared their cherished moments. Senior students expressed gratitude towards their teachers and juniors, with many overcome by emotion as they delivered their farewell speeches. The event concluded with a vote of thanks and a communal meal. It proved to be a memorable day for the departing batch and served as an inspiration for the juniors.

Ensure proper use of government funds for beneficiary-centric development: MP Jindal

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL: Member of Parliament Naveen Jindal emphasized the importance of judicious utilization of government funds to ensure that the benefits of various schemes reach the rightful beneficiaries. He also stressed that there should be no compromise on the quality of work and that critical development projects must be prioritized. Presiding over a meeting of the District Development, Coordination, and Monitoring Committee at the mini secretariat auditorium, Jindal interacted with district officials and reviewed the implementation of 41 government schemes. The meeting was attended by Pundri MLA Satpal Jamba, BJP District President Jyoti Saini, Deputy Commissioner Preeti, and several senior officers. MP Jindal said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, developmental work is being carried out consistently for the benefit of the public. He stated that infrastructure sectors such as education, healthcare, and roads are vital to the nation's progress and should receive special attention from the respective departments. He urged that schemes like MGNREGA be implemented



efficiently to provide both employment and quality work. Jindal also directed the agriculture department to promote organic farming over traditional methods and to create market linkages for farmers. He called for proper management of crop residue and insisted that beneficiaries of the PM Awas Yojana, both urban and rural, should receive rightful support. He instructed the health department to continue awareness campaigns to improve the district's sex ratio and ensure eligible citizens benefit from the Ayushman Bharat scheme. He further proposed the creation of plans to enhance skill development among students and instructed the electricity department to educate villages not yet part of the 'Jagmug' scheme about its advantages. He emphasized the importance of solid waste management and cleanliness under the municipal bodies and showed photos of poor road conditions in Kithana, Rajound, M a t o o r , and Kharkan—directing immediate repairs. The MP conducted a detailed review of schemes such as PMGSY, the MP Local Area Development Scheme, the PM Adarsh Gram Yojana, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana, MGNREGA, Swachh Bharat Mission, Women and Child Development initiatives, and more. DC Preeti assured the MP of inter-departmental cooperation and timely action on the issues raised. On the occasion, Jindal honored BDPO Guhla, Samita, with a certificate of appreciation and the national flag for clearing the UPSC exam.

Bains visits to nangal dam, vows to block water release to Haryana

SUMER GARG
CHANDIGARH: Punjab education, information & Public relations minister, Harjot Singh Bains and Deputy Speaker of Punjab Vidhan Sabha, Jai Krishan Singh Rouri, visited Nangal Dam to ensure that Punjab's water won't go to Haryana. They also met the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) workers, safeguarding the dam around the clock, besides taking updates from officials on the current situation. Notably, Mr Bains visited the dam for the 2nd day in a row. While addressing the media, Bains asserted that the Punjab Government won't share a single drop of Punjab's water with Haryana or any other state. He accused the BJP-led Centre of plotting against Punjab's economy and praised the Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann's strong stance against BBMB's move to loot the water of Punjab. The all-party meeting and special Assembly session demonstrate the state government's commitment to safeguarding Punjab's interests, he added. The minister stated that under Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann's leadership, AAP workers are safeguarding Punjab's interests like soldiers. He further informed that the officials posted at BBMB's Nangal Dam and Nakkian, have been



instructed to prevent any excess water from being released to any other states. Mr Bains criticised the Centre's decision to allocate 8,500 cusecs of extra water to Haryana, saying it was a blatant betrayal with Punjab. Mr Bains while emphasising Punjab's reliance on agriculture and the crucial role of water in sustaining crops amid depleting groundwater levels said, "Water is our lifeline, and we'll fiercely protect it. Despite Bhakra Dam being in our region and canals originating from here, our villages lack access to water. With paddy season approaching, sharing our water with other states is unthinkable. The Centre has consistently discriminated against Punjab, and now BJP-ruled states are following the suit".

Tribute ceremony for Lt. Vinay Narwal to be held on May 4 in Karnal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: A tribute ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 4, in memory of Lieutenant Vinay Narwal, a resident of Sector-7, Karnal, who lost his life in a recent terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalagam, Kashmir. The solemn gathering will take place at Dr. Mangalsen Auditorium from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM to pray for the departed soul and honour his sacrifice. Lt. Vinay Narwal was martyred in the terrorist attack that occurred on April 22. His untimely demise has left the community and the nation mourning the loss of a brave son of India. Various social organisations, along with government and administrative bodies, have expressed their solidarity with the bereaved family during this difficult time. To ensure smooth arrangements during the tribute, parking facilities have been arranged at Karnal Club, Minar Road, and the BDPO office premises. The police department has also implemented strict security and traffic management measures at the venue to facilitate the gathering.

A colorful "Pool Party" at Mata Gujri Public Senior Secondary School Dhanaula



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA DEHATI: Chairman Bikramjit Singh Walia recently organized a colorful "Pool Party" at Mata Gujri Public Senior Secondary School Dhanaula. This party was specially organized for the children from nursery to fourth class, so that they could enjoy the arrival of summer season and

entertainment. During the party, the children wore colorful swimming costumes and played games in the pool. They looked very happy while splashing in the water, having fun and playing water games with each other. Along with this, various food and drink items were also kept near the pool for the children. The teachers of the school also participated in this event with full enthusiasm and took care of the children. There was also an arrangement of dancing and singing along with music, which made the whole atmosphere happy. School Principal Varundeep Kaur Wallia said that such events are very beneficial for the psychological development of children.

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HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
"NOTICE INVITING TENDER"

Online bids on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Reckong Peo on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh in electronic tendering system in two covers for the under mentioned work from the contractor/firms enlisted with Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Vibhag in appropriate class.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost/	Earnest Money	Cost of form	Time
1.	Flood Protection Work/Channelization of Kotangtee as a remedial measure to safeguard settlements/sliding in tehsil Kalpa Distt.Kinnaur/HP	18/18944/-	18/190/-	Rs. 5000/-	18 months

1. Tender documents and other instructions can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal <http://hptenders.gov.in> by the firms/individual registered on the website which is free of cost.
2. As the bids are to be submitted online are required to be encrypted and digitally signed, the bidders are advised to obtain Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from suitable vendors or from any authorized agency at the earliest.

3. KEY DATES:-

1. Date of online publication	30/4/2025 upto 5:00 PM
2. Downloading of e-tender documents	01/05/2025 at 10.00 AM 12/05/2025 upto 5:00PM
3. Date of submission of e-tendering	01/05/2025 at 10.00 AM 12/05/2025 upto 5:00PM
4. Submission of earnest money deposit and cost form through online mode (e-payment)	Upto 12/05/2025 5:00 PM
5. Date of opening bid	13/05/2025 at 11.00AM

Cover-1 Eligibility criteria
Cover-2 Financial Bid

CONDITIONS:-

- The e-tender documents shall be uploaded online in 2 (two) covers:-
i) Cover-1 shall contain scanned copies of "eligibility information"
ii) Cover-2 shall contain "Financial Bid" on the prescribed form.

DPR-HP-0426/2025-2026

AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED
(A SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANK)
Regd. Office: 19-A, Dhuleshwar Garden, Ajmer Road, Jaipur - 302001 (CIN:L36911RJ1996PLC011381)

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

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

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Mortgagee/Guarantor / Loan A/c No.	13(2) Notice Date & Amount	Description of Mortgaged Property	Date of Possession Taken
(A/c No.) L9001060831890826 & L9001060125354992 Heera Lal (Borrower), Parwinder Pal (Co-Borrower)	14-Feb-25 Rs. 1022855/- Rs. Ten Lac Twenty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Five Only & Rs. 2303744/- Rs. Twenty Three Lac Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Four Only 10-Feb-25	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures PROPERTY SITUATED AT: KHASRA NO. 167/116 MIN (1-18), 25 MIN (2-12), KHATA NO- 457/1543, NEWKHATA NO- 838/2618, SARDULGARH, DIST- MANSARA, PUNJAB Admeasuring 2 KANAL 05 MARLA	29-Apr-25
(A/c No.) L9001060839466729 Bhupinder Singh (Borrower), Sukhdeep Kaur (Co-Borrower)	15-Feb-25 Rs. 483660/- Rs. Four Lac Eighty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty only 10-Feb-25	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures PROPERTY SITUATED-Rect No 1898 Killa No 1 4-17, Khatwa No 877-1, Khatoni No 1101/1, Plot Of Sukhdeep, Village Abohar-II, Fazilka, Punjab Admeasuring 44.16 Square Yard	30-Apr-25
(A/c No.) L9001060833803411 Randhir Singh (Borrower), Smt. Ranjit Kaur (Co-Borrower), Balwinder Singh (Co-Borrower)	03-Feb-25 Rs. 333590/- Rs. Three Lac Thirty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Only 28-Jan-25	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property SITUATED AT- Khatwa/Khatoni No.903/1843, Khasra Nos.155//18/2/3(0-7) & 19/1/4(0-3) Pieces(Kitte)-2, H B No- 218, VIII- Lalru, Th- Derabassi, Dist- Sas Nagar Mohali, Punjab Admeasuring 3 Biswa 7 Biswai, East: HOUSE OF JEET SINGH, West: DHARMGARH ROAD, North: RASTA, South: NARINDAR SINGH	02-May-25

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

Place: PUNJAB **Date: 03 May 2025** **Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited**

Trident Group Reaffirms Green Commitment with Earth Week 2025 Initiatives

KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA: Reinforcing its steadfast commitment to Sustainability, Trident Group, one of India's leading conglomerates and global textile manufacturers, celebrated Earth Week with a series of impactful sustainability and community-driven initiatives across its locations. Employees participated actively in green office practices and internal competitions. These efforts underscore the Group's culture of embedding sustainability not just in policy, but in everyday action. Trident's culture of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) seamlessly merges with its ethos of Individual Social Responsibility (ISR), as demonstrated by the overwhelming employee participation in this campaign. At Sanghera, Trident's manufacturing facility in Punjab, many activities were organized on the sidelines of "Earth Week" celebrations in the plant.

IndusInd Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE OF E -AUCTION OF GOLD

It is hereby informed that the below mentioned borrowers & other availed Gold loan facility from IndusInd Bank Limited. Due to failure in repayment of the Loan and breach of the terms & condition of the agreement. The Gold pledged against these loans is now scheduled for an open public auction. The respective auction proceed / bid amount will be credited to their/borrowers respective Loan account(s) and Linked Loan Accounts.

The Gold pledged will be auctioned on an "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS AND WHATEVER THERE IS" basis. Interested bidders intending to participate in the auction are required to adhere to the terms & condition outlined on IndusInd Bank's website www.indusind.com and those of approved auction service provider.

The auction will be conducted through IndusInd Bank's approved service provider C1 India Pvt Ltd, via their web portal <https://www.bankeuctions.com>. Bid Documents, Declaration, General Terms and Conditions, these are available for reference on IndusInd Bank's website i.e. <https://www.indusind.com> and website of service provider i.e. <https://www.bankeuctions.com>.

The Authorized officer reserves the right at his sole discretion to amend or vary any of the terms and condition of sale.

GL A/c No	Customer Name	Branch	Branch Contact No.	Gold Weight in Grams
70400998571	Simranpreet Kaur	Patiala	9868900448	58.3

Last Date of Submission of Bid : 07.05.2025 by 05.00 PM from the date of this notice.
Date of auction is 08.05.2025 from 11.00 AM
The Borrowers retain the option to repay the full loan outstanding before the commencement of the auction. In doing so they may reclaim the pledged gold as per the terms and conditions of IndusInd Bank Ltd.
Date: 04.05.2025
Place: Patiala **Authorised Officer IndusInd Bank Ltd.**

Form No. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)]

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-III
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT-3)
1st Floor, SCO 33-34-35, Sector-47 A, Chandigarh
(Additional space allotted on 3rd & 4th Floor also)

DEMAND NOTICE
(THROUGH PUBLICATION)
(NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF THE DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1983 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961)
RC/643/2023 19.12.2024

AXIS BANK LIMITED
VERSUS
M/S X-CITE ELECTRONICS

To
(CD 1) M/S X-CITE ELECTRONICS THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR, SCO NO. 479-480, SECTOR-33C, CHANDIGARH;
(CD 2) JASWINDER SINGH SON OF SHRI INDER SINGH PROPRIETOR M/S X-CITE ELECTRONICS, R/O HOUSE NO. 2127, FIRST FLOOR, SECTOR-45C, CHANDIGARH.
(CD 3) KAWALJEET KAUR WIFE OF SHRI JAWINDER SINGH R/O HOUSE NO. 2127, FIRST FLOOR SECTOR 45C, CHANDIGARH.

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT 3) in OA/3019/2018 an amount of Rs 5468240.37 (Rupees Fifty Four Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Forty And Paise Thirty Seven Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 9.00% Simple Interest Yearly w.a.f. 04.12.2016 till realization and cost of Rs. 57005 (Rupees Fifty Seven Thousands Five Only) has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

- You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
- Whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way, therefore this notice is given by this Tribunal on 06.05.2025, at 10.30 AM.
- You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.
- In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due. Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 19.12.2024.

Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL CHANDIGARH (DRT-3)

NEWS BRIEFS

INLD to submit memorandum over water crisis on Monday: Rita

JAIBEER SINGH BARARA: INLD Women's Wing District President Rita Kesari announced that under the leadership of Prakash Bharti, the Indian National Lok Dal will undertake a march from the party office to the Deputy Commissioner's office in Ambala on Monday, May 5.

The march aims to submit a memorandum addressed to the Chief Minister, demanding the immediate release of Haryana's rightful share of water. Kesari claimed that the reduction in Haryana's water supply is a politically motivated decision, even as several districts in the state are facing a severe water shortage. She accused the Punjab government of indulging in politics during this critical time rather than acting on humanitarian grounds. Rita Kesari urged the central government to take control of water distribution from the Bhakra Dam to ensure that parched lands in Haryana and Rajasthan receive adequate water.

Truth, honesty, positivity and purity are the Foundation's core values: Arora

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 3 -

The Anti-Corruption Foundation of India held a seminar for top leaders and new family members, chaired by National Supremo Narendra Arora and International Chairman Pawan Sharma.

Addressing the gathering, Narendra Arora stated that the foundation has been actively spreading awareness against corruption for the past eight years. Members and office-bearers from various states are leading awareness campaigns across districts, promoting the message of living life with truthfulness and integrity.

He emphasized that the foundation is committed to the values of truth, honesty, positivity, and purity, and is fulfilling its national service objectives through these principles. Arora also shared that team leaders who make remarkable contributions to anti-corruption awareness are honoured with awards.

On this occasion, the Top Leader Award was presented to Khurshid Alam, Renu Sharma, N.D. Goyal, Sudarshan Kansal, Richhpal Singh, Priyanka Rajeev Goyal, Deepa Khanna, Sumit Lalit, Vinod Kumar,



Shashi Sharma, Inspector Satpal Singh, Sushma Panwar, Vikramjeet Singh, Pooja Goyal, Akhilesh Sharma, Ayush Khanna, Gulfan, Nazreen, Suresh, Nishu Raghav, Shehzad Singh, Sanjeev Kumar, Amit

Kumar, and others. Prominent attendees included Rakesh Kaul, Pradhan Shyam Kapoor, Nitin Goyal, Gunjan Bhatnagar, Sanjay Bhatnagar and many more.

Mass blood donation camp on 5th May on the occasion of Union Minister Manohar Lal's birthday: Jagmohan Anand

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 3

Jagmohan Anand announced that a large-scale blood donation camp will be organized on 5th May to mark the birthday of Union Minister for Energy, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Manohar Lal.

The camp will be held at the local Sanatan Dharma Temple on Kunjpur Road from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. He appealed to the public to actively participate in the camp and contribute to society. He emphasized that blood do-



nation is a great act of charity, as one unit of blood donated can save the life of

an individual. Anand further explained that regular blood donation helps reduce the risk of heart disease and plays a vital role in ensuring a steady supply of blood in blood banks, making it available for those in need. He encouraged everyone to donate blood as it not only helps others but also rejuvenates the body with new energy. He urged people to participate in the blood donation camp on 5th May to honor Union Minister Manohar Lal's birthday and contribute their valuable part in saving lives.

Massive blood donation camp to be held in Nilokheri on Manohar Lal's birthday: Bhagwan Das Kabirpanthi

PRADEEP MEHTA

NILOKHERI: Nilokheri MLA Bhagwan Das Kabirpanthi announced that a massive blood donation camp will be organized in Nilokheri on May 5 to mark the birthday of Union Minister for Power, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Manohar Lal. The camp will be held at the local Punjabi Dharamshala from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kabirpanthi urged people to participate enthusiastically in the noble cause and contribute to society. "Blood donation is the greatest donation. A single unit of blood can save a life," he said.

He also emphasized that regular blood donation can help reduce the risk of heart diseases and maintain a healthy supply of blood in blood banks. "Donating blood not only helps others but also revitalizes the donor's own body," he added. The MLA appealed to all residents to actively participate in the event and make it a grand success in honor of the Union Minister's birthday.



Hry Kashyap Rajput Sabha invites public to State-Level Maharishi Kashyap Jayanti celebration in Ladwa

MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: Shamlal Kashyap, the Halka President of the Haryana Kashyap Rajput Sabha from Indri, extended a warm invitation to residents of various villages for the upcoming state-level Maharishi Kashyap Jayanti celebration to be held in Ladwa on May 23. Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini will grace the occasion as the chief guest, while Chief Whip of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha, Ramkumar Kashyap, will preside over the event. As part of the promotional drive, Shamlal Kashyap visited Bunan Kheri village and personally invited families to attend the celebration.

The Future of Sustainable Luxury Arrives in Zirakpur with the Grand Opening of The Orchid Hotel Chandigarh

ZIRAKPUR: Nestled in the heart of Zirakpur, a new landmark in sustainable luxury is set to redefine hospitality as The Orchid Hotel Chandigarh will officially open its doors on May 3rd, 2025. Seamlessly blending modern sophistication with eco-conscious design, the hotel offers an unparalleled experience where indulgence meets responsibility.

Strategically positioned at a key convergence point, The Orchid Chandigarh ensures effortless connectivity to major destinations while creating a vibrant hub for business, leisure, and entertainment. With 122 elegantly designed rooms, global dining, premium recreational facilities, and versatile event spaces, the hotel embodies the perfect fusion of comfort, elegance, and sustainability.



Speaking at the grand opening, Dr. Vithal V. Kamat, Executive Chairman and Managing Director of Kamat Hotels Group Limited, remarked, "At The Orchid, sustainability is not just a concept but a way of life. Our Chandigarh property is a step forward in our mission to offer world-class hospitality while preserving nature. From energy-efficient practices to eco-friendly architecture, every detail reflects our dedication to responsible luxury." Echoing this vision, Vishal Kamat, Executive Director of Kamat Hotels India Ltd, shared, "The Orchid brand has always been synonymous with eco-friendly hospitality, and The Orchid Chandigarh is a testament to our commitment to sustainability and luxury."

Holistic knowledge key to reaching new heights in life: Dr Surinder Kaur

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 3

DAV Girls College organized a Parents-Teacher Meet under the joint chairmanship of Acting Principal Dr Surinder Kaur and Head of the English Department and programme convener Dr Rita Singh. Career psychologist and counsellor Gurmeet Kaur was the keynote speaker.

Dr Surinder Kaur emphasized the importance of Parents-Teacher meetings in addressing the concerns of students. She noted that rapid technological advancements are influencing students, which makes it crucial for both teachers and parents to ensure responsible usage. She urged students to openly share their thoughts with their parents and encouraged parents to be empathetic to their children's emotions.

Highlighting the college's efforts beyond academics, Dr Kaur stated that students are provided with opportunities to participate in sports, cultural programmes, and yoga and meditation sessions during free periods. She also spoke about the significant roles parents and teachers play under the new education policy and reiterated that holistic knowledge is essential for students to achieve success in life. She encouraged



students to become empowered to contribute to the creation of an empowered society.

Gurmeet Kaur addressed the growing emotional stress among students due to excessive social media use, which often leads to feelings of inferiority. She advised parents to build stronger emotional connections with their children, spend quality time with them, and guide them in striking a balance with technology. She also encouraged parents to give children the freedom to make independent decisions.

Dr Shalini Chhabra, Head of the Psy-

chology Department, said that both parents and teachers have a vital role in a child's life. In today's modern environment, it is important for parents to spend at least some time daily with their children and stay informed about what their children are learning in college.

The event was also attended by Dr Anita Maudgil, Dr Meenakshi Saini, Dr Neeta Dwivedi, Dr Gursharan Kaur, Dr Nitasha, Dr Deepika Ghai, Parmesh Kumar, and Ajinder Pal Singh, Deputy Chief of the Harkishan Study Circle.

HSGPC stands firmly with Haryana and will get water that is Haryana's right - Jagdish Singh Jhinda

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 3

While talking to the media, former president and current member of Haryana Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee Jagdish Singh Jhinda said that Haryana Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee stands firmly with the Sikhs of Haryana and Haryana for the interests of Haryana because Punjab had earlier looted the Gurudwaras of Haryana. The Sikhs of Haryana had to struggle a lot to save the Gurudwaras of Haryana from being looted by Punjab, after which the Gurudwaras of Haryana were freed from Punjab and Haryana Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee came into existence, after which there was a lot of improvement in the Gurudwaras of Haryana and religious propagation took place. Now the elections of Haryana Committee have been held and the Sikh community of Haryana has elected and sent its



representatives. Soon the maintenance of the Gurudwaras of Haryana will be in the hands of the representatives elected by the Sikhs of Haryana and this will lead to large-scale religious propaganda in Haryana. Jagdish Singh Jhinda said that now the people of Punjab want to make Haryana barren by looting the water of Haryana. We are residents of Haryana.

It was Punjab who separated us. This was not our demand but the people of Punjab had demanded a Punjabi state and after the formation of the Punjabi state, they separated us from ourselves but did not give us our rights. We had to struggle to get our rights, after which we struggled and formed a separate committee of the Gurudwaras of Haryana to get our rights. After this, the Sikhs of Haryana took the management of the Gurudwaras of Haryana in their hands. Now the people of Punjab are stealing our water and do not want to give us water. The Sikhs of Haryana will not tolerate this blow, we will strongly oppose it. We stand with Haryana. Wherever we are needed, we will be at the forefront and fight. He said that even if we have to struggle, we will be at the forefront and will take our rights from Punjab. While replying to Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, he said that Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann says that I am married in Haryana.

Painting contest honours young artists on Ahilyabai Holkar's 300th birth anniversary

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, MAY 3 -

Sanskar Bharti, Kurukshetra, held a grand award ceremony to mark the tercentenary celebrations of the revered social reformer Mata Ahilyabai Holkar. The event, honouring the winners of a painting competition, was held at the Shri Gulzarilal Nanda Memorial, located near Brahma Sarovar, Eastern Ghat, Kurukshetra.

The chief guest of the ceremony, Shri Jai Singh Pal, Chairman of the Haryana Vikram Nomadic Caste Development Board, felicitated the winning students with prizes. Shri Parminder Singh Bath, Manager of Kids Planet School, graced the event as the guest of honour, lending prestige to the occasion.

The competition saw enthusiastic participation from around 120 students represent-



ing 12 schools. Talented students from Kids Planet School, Sector 3—Tavisha, Prabhgun, Jagrit, Lavish, Mamat, Navya, Sambhav, Yuvi, Zeena, and Aarav — were specially recognised for their artistic excellence. Their preparation was guided by dedicated art teacher Mandeep Kaur.

Principal Sunita Rani of Kids Planet School expressed pride in the students' achievement, emphasising that such creative events nurture imagination, confidence, and a

healthy competitive spirit. She extended best wishes to all participants for their future endeavours.

During the ceremony, both Principal Sunita Rani and Art Teacher Mandeep Kaur were presented with mementoes in recognition of their valuable contributions. The school community and parents shared in the pride of the students' success and warmly appreciated Sanskar Bharti's efforts in promoting cultural and artistic expression among children.

Speaking about his association with the brand, Shah Rukh Khan said, "Cleanliness begins with small but meaningful actions. I am proud to partner with Harpic, a brand that has championed hygiene and dignity in Indian homes for decades. I have great respect for the unsung heroes — homemakers — whose dedication ensures the health and happiness of families. They deserve the best. With Harpic Hai Na, every home can count on superior hygiene plus cleaning action, and lasting freshness — delivered in just five minutes. Much like the reassurance one seeks in life's important moments, Harpic Hai Na stands as a dependable partner in every household." To mark the beginning of this iconic partnership, Harpic will be releasing a new TVC featuring Shah Rukh Khan, "Harpic Hai Na", which brings forth the superiority of Harpic Toilet Cleaner, to deliver 10X better cleaning, powerful disinfection in 5-minutes, and long-lasting fragrance.



Amazon Business unveils exciting deals for business customers as the Great Summer Sale goes live

CHANDIGARH: Amazon Business has revealed the deals and offers that are now live during the Great Summer Sale, offering substantial savings opportunities for business customers nationwide. The sale features discounts of up to 70% on over 2 lakh unique products across a wide selection including laptops, tablets, headphones, ACs, coolers, fans, office furniture, kitchen appliances, and industrial supplies from top brands like Green Soul, boAt, JBL, Daikin, Bosch, HP, Samsung and Symphony. "The Amazon Business Great Summer Sale offers incredible deals that significantly unlock cost savings for our business customers," Mitranjan Bhaduri, Director — Amazon Business, said. "Combined with Amazon Business' everyday advantages of the widest catalogue of products, tools and analytics to simplify procurement, discounts on bulk orders, and delivery to all serviceable pin-codes nationwide, this sale allows businesses of all sizes to make smart procurement decisions while optimizing their budgets."

Harpic Welcomes Shah Rukh Khan as Brand Ambassador

CHANDIGARH: 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, Harpic has played a vital role in empowering families across urban and rural India and offers a powerful, effective and reliable cleaning solution. Its partnership with Shah Rukh Khan marks a new milestone in its journey to inspire dignity, care, and better hygiene in every Indian household.

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Volkswagen India to open pre-bookings for the iconic Golf GTI

CHANDIGARH: Volkswagen India is proud to announce that pre-bookings for the legendary Volkswagen Golf GTI will commence from the 5th of May 2025. With the latest generation Golf GTI Mk 8.5, Indian enthusiasts will have access to the globally celebrated carline for the very first time through a limited allocation. With its rich motorsport heritage, timeless design language, and exhilarating performance, the Golf GTI is more than just a car — it's a symbol of dynamic driving, and iconic appeal. The Golf GTI is available as a Fully built unit (FBU) offering customers an opportunity to experience the true GTI DNA in its purest form. Commenting on the announcement, Mr. Ashish Gupta, Brand Director, Volkswagen India, said, "The Golf GTI is revered as one of the most iconic cars globally, and we are truly proud to offer customers in India the opportunity to own a piece of Volkswagen's performance legacy. It's a car that blends everyday usability with turbocharged driving experience — perfect for discerning enthusiasts who appreciate precision engineering designed to deliver thrilling performance. It's an embodiment of German Engineering at its finest. Key highlights of the Golf GTI Mk 8.5: - 265 PS of power and 370 Nm of torque - 0-100 Km/h in 5.9 seconds Pre-bookings for the Volkswagen Golf GTI will open on 5th of May 2025 exclusively on Volkswagen India's official website (www.volkswagen.co.in) for a limited duration."



CMF Phone 2 Pro sale starts 5 May; Available for as low as 16,999

CHANDIGARH: CMF, the sub-brand of London-based technology company Nothing, has today announced the open sales for CMF Phone 2 Pro across Flipkart, Flipkart Minutes, Vijay Sales, Croma and all leading retail stores in India, starting 5 May, 12 noon onwards. As a special introductory offer on day 1, Phone 2 Pro will be available for as low as ₹16,999 (including all offers). CMF by Nothing launched the Phone 2 Pro globally on April 28, 2025, 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. The slimmest and lightest smartphone Nothing has ever designed. At 7.8 mm, weighing just 185 g, CMF Phone 2 Pro is nearly weightless - 5% thinner than CMF Phone 1. It comes in an elegant body with an aluminum camera surround — evolved from the first-generation design — and features stainless steel screws for an authentic Nothing feel that unveils the craft behind it. Plus, increased water durability with IP54 - CMF Phone 1 was IP52. CMF Phone 2 Pro features an advanced three-camera system, complete with a 50 MP main camera with the largest sensor in its segment and 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.



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