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NEWS BRIEFS

Maoists set ablaze eight vehicles in Latehar

LATEHAR: Maoists torched eight vehicles of a mineral survey company late Saturday night in the Chandwa police station area of Latehar district in Jharkhand, police said. According to police sources, the armed Maoists arrived at the site where CMPDI, a mineral survey company, was conducting a coal survey in the Torisot village under Chakla panchayat. The Maoists opened fire and set ablaze two drilling machines, two cars, two pickups, and two trucks. Upon receiving information about the incident, a police team led by Deputy Superintendent of Police Vinod Ravani, under the supervision of Latehar Superintendent of Police Kumar Gaurav, reached the site and initiated an investigation. The police have sealed off the area and launched a search operation to apprehend the Maoists involved in the attack.

BAP MLA detained in Jaipur on charges of corruption

JAIPUR: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) of Rajasthan on Sunday detained Bharat Adivasi Party (BAP) MLA Jaikrishn Patel in a corruption case, officials said on Sunday. A team of the ACB went to the MLA's quarters in Jyoti Nagar after a complaint that demanded a bribe. He was detained and brought to the ACB headquarters for questioning. ACB Director General Ravi Prakash Mehreda will divulge further details in a press conference in the evening, they added.

33 pvt schools fined for compelling students to buy books from specific sellers

SAMBHAL: The district administration has fined 33 private schools Rs 1 lakh each for allegedly compelling students to purchase textbooks from specific sellers and using textbooks from private publishers, in violation of state regulations. According to an official statement issued by District Magistrate Rajendra Pensiya on Sunday, an investigation was conducted into the textbooks being used in schools affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and the Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE). The probe found that 33 schools were either using textbooks from private publishers or forcing students to buy books.

Padma Shri awardee, Yoga Guru Swami Sivananda passes away at 129 in Varanasi

AGENCY VARANASI, MAY 4
Renowned yoga guru and Padma Shri awardee Swami Sivananda Saraswati, revered for his ascetic lifestyle and spiritual wisdom, passed away on Sunday at the age of 129 years in Varanasi. Devotees, followers, and residents paid their final respects to the centenarian, who was celebrated not only for his mastery of yoga but also for his lifelong service to the underprivileged. Swami Sivananda, who was honoured with the Padma Shri in 2022 for his contribution to yoga and humanitarian work, was known for his simplicity, discipline, and devotion. Locals recall that he lived independently, performed his own chores, and continued practicing yoga even at 129 years of age. Neighbour and devotee Dharmendra Singh Tinku, speaking to ANI, said, "Swami Sivananda Baba lived for 129 years. We had been



seeing him since 1998. He was a great soul who treated everyone equally. At 129, he did yoga that even people of our age cannot do." "Babaji would greet everyone without discrimination. He was never dependent on anyone and lived a life of simplicity and discipline," he added. Another devotee, Parimal Mukherjee, who had been associated with Swami Sivananda for six years, spoke of the transformation the spiritual leader brought to his life.

PM Modi meets IAF Chief amid India-Pak tension



AGENCY NEW DELHI, MAY 4

Air Chief Marshal AP Singh today met Prime Minister Narendra Modi amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan over the Pahalgam terror attack, which killed 26 people on April 22, sources said. The engagement with the Air Force chief came less than 24 hours after a separate meeting between the Prime Minister and Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, the Chief of the Naval Staff. The Prime Minister had met Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi last week.

While an official readout of the meeting was not released to the media, it is being seen as part of ongoing deliberations over a response to the April 22 attack, in which gunmen opened fire on a group of tourists in Pahalgam. All those killed were civilians, many of them tourists from various states across India, visiting the picturesque region in south Kashmir during the spring season. The attack marked one of the deadliest strikes on civilians in Kashmir in recent years and has triggered calls for retributive action against Pakistan, which India accuses of providing support to terror

Indian Army receives new supplies of Russian air defence missiles

NEW DELHI: In a major boost for its capabilities amid tensions with Pakistan over the Pahalgam attack, the Indian Army has received new supplies of the Russian-origin Igla-S missiles. The Very Short Range Air Defence Systems (VSHORADS) are an important part of the air defence protection of the Indian Army, and the new supplies of the Igla-S missiles have been received as part of a contract inked under the emergency procurement powers given by the Centre to the forces. The new supplies of the Igla-S air defence missiles have been received by the Indian Army a couple of weeks ago and are being provided to the forward formations for taking care of the threat from enemy fighter aircraft, choppers and drones on the borders, defence sources told. The contract worth around Rs 260 crore is expected to boost the strength of the air defence troops in the forward areas especially on the western sector, they said.

groups to carry out cross-border attacks.

Prime Minister Modi, in a high-level meeting held earlier this week, gave clear directions to the defence leadership that the Indian armed forces have "complete operational freedom" to decide the nature, targets, and timing of the country's response to the attack. Present at that earlier meeting were Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, and the heads of the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Army vehicle plunges into gorge in Ramban, three soldiers killed

RAMBAN/JAMMU: Three Army personnel were killed when their vehicle skidded off the road and plunged into a 700-feet deep gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district on Sunday, officials said. The army truck was part of a convoy moving from Jammu to Srinagar along national highway 44.

India cuts Chenab water flow through Baglihar dam: Report

NEW DELHI: Days after placing the Indus Waters Treaty into abeyance to punish Pakistan over the Pahalgam terror attack, India has curtailed the flow of water through the Baglihar Dam on the Chenab River and is planning similar measures at the Kishanganga Dam on the Jhelum River, a news agency reported, citing a source. India has taken several punitive measures against Pakistan following the cold-blooded killings of 26 people – mostly tourists – in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam on April 22, including downgrading diplomatic ties, banning Pakistani ships from Indian ports and stopping imports.



Pakistan had objected to India's suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty, declaring that any attempt to stop waters flowing into the country would be deemed an act of war. The source familiar with the matter told the news agency these hydroelectric dams – Baglihar in Ramban in Jammu and Kishanganga in north Kashmir – offer India the ability to regulate the timing of water releases. The Baglihar Dam has been a longstanding point of contention between the two neighbours, with Pakistan having sought World Bank arbitration in the past. The Kishanganga Dam has faced legal and diplomatic scrutiny, especially regarding its impact on the Neelum River, a tributary of the Jhelum.

Portals of Badrinath Dham reopen after six months



BADRINATH : The sacred portals of Badrinath Dham were reopened for devotees on Sunday morning after remaining closed for six months, marking a spiritual moment for pilgrims and Uttarakhand. Dharmadhikari of Badrinath Dham, Radha Krishna Thapliyal, described the occasion as deeply significant. "Today is an important day because people wait for six months to pray in the temple. First prayers are offered for the well-being of everyone, then the pious portals of the Lord are opened. Uttarakhand Chief Minister prayed for the well-being of the state. Prime Minister and Uttarakhand CM perform 'poojan' here on behalf of the nation," he said. He urged those unable to attend in person to offer their prayers mentally. "Those who are not able to come should worship God in their minds. The 'Shringar' will done today itself, and darshan will be allowed throughout the day, keeping the huge crowd in consideration," he added. A large number of devotees gathered at the temple to witness the ceremonial reopening. Expressing their emotions, one devotee said, "I felt amazing after 'darshan'. The administration is taking full care... my mind has become peaceful."

Air India suspends Tel Aviv flights till May 6 after Houthi missile strike

NEW DELHI: Air India has suspended flights to Israel's capital Tel Aviv for the next two days following the Houthi rebels' missile attack at the Ben Gurion airport this morning. A flight from Delhi to Tel Aviv was diverted to Abu Dhabi after the incident, the airlines said in a statement. Air India has also assured that those with valid tickets will be offered a waiver or an option to reschedule. The decision, Air India said, has been taken to ensure the safety of passengers and staff. "Air India flight AI139 from Delhi to Tel Aviv of 4 May 2025 was diverted to Abu Dhabi after an incident at Ben Gurion airport this morning. The flight has landed normally in Abu Dhabi and will soon return to Delhi. Consequently, our operations to and from Tel Aviv will remain suspended with immediate effect till 6 May 2025, to ensure the safety of our customers and staff. Our staff on ground is assisting customers and helping them with alternative arrangements," the airline said in a statement. "Customers booked on our flights with valid tickets between 3 and 6 May 2025 will be offered a one-time waiver on rescheduling or full refunds for cancellation. We would like to reiterate that at Air India, the safety of our customers and crew remains top priority," it added.

On the
302nd Birth Anniversary
of
MAHARAJA JASSA SINGH RAMGARHIA

Punjab Government
led by
Chief Minister S. BHAGWANT SINGH MANN
pays respects
to the **Legendary Sikh Warrior.**

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S. BHAGWANT SINGH MANN
Chief Minister, Punjab

Department of Information and Public Relations, Punjab.

CHANDIGARH

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025

ਮੈਂ ਰਣਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਬਾਸੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਕੁਲਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ: ਜੀਰਗੜ ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਸੰਗਰੂਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ, ਨੇ ਆਪਣਾ ਨਾਮ ਬਦਲ ਕੇ ਰਣਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਕੋ ਲਿਆ ਹੈ।

63372

ਮੈਂ ਜਸਵੀਰ ਕੌਰ ਵਾਸੀ ਮਹਿਰਾਜ ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਨਾਬਾਲਗ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਕੇ ਅਨੀਨੂਰਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਤੋਂ ਅਭਿਨੂਰਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਕੋ ਲਿਆ ਹੈ।

63372

I, Rekha Mahajan w/o Sh. Man Mohan Raj R/O H.No.27, Second Floor, Shubh Angan, Sector-40, Nizaampur Road, Near Canara Bank, Panipat declare that Rekha Bhardwaj and Rekha Mahajan both names are same person and mine. All please note

100046

I, Man Mohan Raj S/O Sh. Rajinder Singh Pandit R/O H.No.27, Second Floor, Shubh Angan, Sector-40, Nizaampur Road, Near Canara Bank, Panipat declare that Man Mohan Raj Bhardwaj and Man Mohan Raj both names are same person and mine. All please note

100046

I am Dhaunchak Tarsem Singh son of Bachan Singh, Aadhaar No: 6804-7160-5475, a resident of village Shergarh alias Shihan Singh Wala, Post Office Dudian, Tehsil and Police Station Moonak, District Sangrur. I inform everyone that from today my real name is Tarsem Singh son of Bachan Singh, please raled'ts note.

524478

I, hitherto known as JUGSEER SINGH S/O DARSHAN SINGH, Resident Of KOTHE SARSE WALE, MUKTSAR ROAD, KOTKAPURA, DISTT. FARIDKOT, PUNJAB-151204 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as JAGSEER SINGH

900014

I, S Maheswari is legally wedded spouse of K Anbazhagan, Unit 339 Regt, C/o 56 APO Presently residing at Vill-6.67 C Veerapalli, Post Office- Veapal Natham, Teh-Tirupattur, Distt- Vellore, State- Tamil Nadu, have changed my Name from S Maheswari to Maheswari Anbazhagan vide /Affidavit date 01 May 2025 attested by Notary Jalandhar.

524473

I Hem Raj son of Nirmal Dass R/o Village Kasampur, PO Kukar Pind, Distt Jalandhar, PIN-144024 My daughter name wrongly entered as Manpreet in her School Record. Her correct name is Manpreet Kaur

778934

I Zale Singh Father of No 4205081X Sep Mukesh Kumar R/o Raipur, Nangal Shahbazpur, Bawal Rewari, Haryana- 123501 My name wrongly entered as Jile Singh in my son service record. My Correct name is Zale Singh

778934

I Santosh Mother of No 4205081X Sep Mukesh Kumar R/o Raipur, Nangal Shahbazpur, Bawal Rewari, Haryana- 123501 My name wrongly entered as Santosh Devi in my son service record. My Correct name is Santosh

778934

I MADHURI YADAV wife of No. JC-706054K SUB/NA AJIT KUMAR YADAV Unit 2009 FIELD HOSPITAL C/o 56 APO My name wrongly entered as MADHURI KUMARI in my husband service record. My Correct name is MADHURI YADAV

778934

I Suresh Kumar S/O Late Sh. Om Prakash aged 58 Years R/O house no. 4241, Maloya Colony, Maloya Chandigarh, do hereby Disown my Son Sameer Jhanjotra from our all moveable/ immovable properties situated at Chandigarh or anywhere of India. He is out of my control. If anybody deal with him will do so at own cost/ Responsibility. I and my family shall not be responsible for their any deeds.

10004

It is for general information that I, Sukhpreet Kaur W/o Gursewak Singh, resident of Village Bangal, Tehsil Abohar, Distt. Fazilka (Punjab) declares that the name of mine has been wrongly written as Sukhpreet in the 10th certificate of my son, Parminder Singh. The actual name of mine is Sukhpreet Kaur, which may be amended accordingly.

63372

I, Khushmir Kaur W/o Kulvir Singh R/o Patti Manne Ki Vpo. Bara Pind Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar declare that I known by two names Khushmir Kaur alias Sukhwinder Kaur both names are mine and same and the one person.

63372

I Udhm Singh Sivia S/o Iqbal Singh R/o Near Wireles Tower, Nandgarh, Distt Bathinda declare that want to adopt my daughter Harnadar Kaur Sivia whose DOB is 09.09.2012, if anyone wants to adopt. Contact me Mob No. 7589030007

100078

I No 15440369N Sep JAVED AKHTAR MOLLA Unit Military Hospital, Jalandhar Cantt My father name wrongly entered as SHAMSUDOHA MOLLA in my service record. His correct name is SAMSODOHA MOLLA

778934

I Gurbakhsh Kaur W/o Kashmir Singh R/o Village Kane, PO Pandori Phangore, Sham Chaursi, Dist Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144105 have changed my name from Gurbakhsh Kaur to Gurbaksh Kaur

778934

I Lovepreet Kaur Heer W/o Lakhwinder Singh R/o Khalwan Distt Tarn Taran have changed my name to Lovepreet Kaur.

72737

I Khushwinder Singh S/o Joginder Singh R/o H No 221 E - Block Ranjit Avenue Amritsar Have Change My Name From Khushwinder Singh To Khushvinder Singh

72737

I Ajaydeep Singh S/O Paramjeet Singh Resident Of Village Jallewala Distt Tarn Taran Punjab India Have Changed My Name From Ajaydeep Singh To My Given Name Is Ajaydeep And My Surname Is Singh.

72737

I, Jaswinder Singh S/o Karnail Singh R/O Bhindi Aulakh Kalan, Tehsil Lopoke, Distt Amritsar declare that I have changed my daughter's name from Sharanjeet Kaur to Sharanjit Kaur and HER DOB From 22-08-2008 to 26-01-2009.

72737

I Jasbeer Singh S/O Baldev Singh R/O Thathian Mahantan Distt Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name To Jasbir Singh.

72737

I Arzoo Sharma W/o Shivam Sharma R/o H. no. 100 New Diamond Colony, Batala, Gurdaspur have changed my name Arzoo Sharma to Aarzoo Sharma..

72737

I Sourabh S/o Satish Kumar Jain, # 04890, Opposite street no -5 ,back side bus stand mini secretariat road, Bathinda have changed my name Sourabh to Sourabh Jain

524479

I Sukhdev Singh S/O Ranjit Singh Residence #31362, St No 10/4, Paras Ram Nagar Bathinda Have Changed My Name Sukhdev Singh to Sukhdev Singh Dhiman.

524479

I, Papalpreet s/o Bakshish Singh r/o 6 New Ujala Nagar, Basti Sheikh, Jalandhar have changed my name from Papalpreet to Papalpreet Singh, and Singh is my surname

900026

I, Bhawanjit Kaur W/ O Kuldeep Singh Vpo Mohie Distt Ludhiana I Have Changed My Name Bhawanjit Kaur To Bhawanjeet Kaur . Please Note.

50008

I harinderpal kaur mander w/o sarbjit Singh r/o Tagore basti sunam distt. sangrur have changed my name is harinderpal kaur

50008

I manpreet Singh mander s/o sarbjit Singh mander r/o Tagore basti sunam distt. sangrur have changed my name is manpreet Singh

50008

I sarbjit Singh mander s/o major Singh r/o Qila hakimian distt. sangrur have changed my name is sarbjit Singh

50008

I, Kanta Rani W/o Harjinder Kumar R/o VPO Kot Ranjha, Tehsil Nawanshahr, Distt. SBS Nagar have changed the name my minor son Prabhjot to Prabhjot Singh.

63372

I, Gursharndeeep D/o Hem Raj and W/o Harpreet Kumar R/o VPO Talwandi Fattu Tehsil Banga Distt. SBS Nagar- 144507, Punjab, have changed my name from Gursharndeeep To Gursharndeeep Kaur.

63372

I, Pooja D/O Kashmir Chand R/O Vill Bhagal Kalan Po Karyam Teh Nawanshahr Distt Sbs Nagar Have Changed My Name From Pooja To Pooja Manak.

63372

I Himani Kaur C/O Anes Singh R/O Vill Nurpur Jattan Teh. Garhshankar ,Distt Hoshiarpur . I Have Changed My Name From Himani To Kaur Himani As A Given Name And Kaur As Surname.

63372

I, Sukhdev S/o Surinder Kumar R/o Vpo. Langroya Teh-Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar, Pb, India, have changed my name from Sukhdev to Sukhdev Tangri.

63372

I, Sukhwinder Singh Dhanda S/O Surjit Singh R/O Rupalon (Ludhiana) Changed My Name Sukhwinder Singh.

63372

I, Jasvir Kaur Dhanda W/O Sukhwinder Singh R/O Rupalon (Ludhiana) Changed My Name Jasvir Kaur.

63372

I, Rajwant Kaur Dhanda W/O Sukhdev Singh R/O Rupalon (Ludhiana) Changed My Name Rajwant Kaur.

63372

I Sandeep Singh Samra S/O Buta Singh R/O Wazidke Kalan (Barnala) Chej My Name Sandeep Singh.

63372

I, Seema Kumari W/O Pankaj Sood R/O Near Video Office, Doraha, Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name to Seema Sood.

63372

I, Gurpreet Kaur W/O Ranvir Singh Vpo Bhagouran, Tehsil Nawanshahr Dist. Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Punjab Have Changed My Name As Kaur Gurpreet.

63372

I, Dfr Sarabjit Singh (Retd) Army No 15478303F VPO Simbal Majara Teh. Balachaur District S.B.S. Nagar (Punjab) have changed the name Of My minor daughter Loveleen to Loveleen Bhalla.

63372

I, Dfr Sarabjit Singh (Retd) Army No 15478303F, VPO Simbal Majara Teh Balachaur District S.B.S. Nagar (Punjab) have changed the name Of My minor daughter Yogita to Yogita Bhalla.

63372

I, Ragubir Singh S/o Sagli Ram Singh Vpo. Raipur Dabba , Tehsil. Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar, have changed My Name Ragubir Singh to Raghvir Singh.

63372

I Gurmukh Singh Thind S/o Harchand Singh Village Bourhai Khurd (Asdullapur), Distt Malerkotla have changed my Name Gurmukh Singh.

63372

I Ranjit Kaur Thind W/o Gurmukh Singh Village Bourhai Khurd (Asdullapur), Distt Malerkotla have changed my Name Ranjit Kaur.

63372

I Gurjashanpreet Kaur Thind D/o Gurmukh Singh Village Bourhai Khurd (Asdullapur), Distt Malerkotla have changed my Name Gurjashanpreet Kaur.

63372

I, Gaganjeet Kaur Bains W/o Parmjit Singh Bains R/o Vill. Sakohan, P.o Galwati, Teh Nabha, Distt. Patiala, Punjab-147201 have changed my name Gaganjeet Kaur Bains to Gaganjeet Kaur.

63372

I, Baljit Kaur W/o Manvir Singh Dhillon R/o Dhillon Niwas H.No. 272 Near New Dana Mandi Doraha Distt. Ludhiana, Pb-141421 have changed my name to Baljit Kaur Dhillon.

63372

I, Ichhawar Singh Grewal S/O. Avtar Singh R/O. Vpo Nangal Khurd Tehsil Raikot, Distt Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Ichhawar Singh.

63372

I, Davinder Singh S/o Ajaib Singh R/o Vill: Latala Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name to Devinder Singh.

63372

I Sukhdev Singh S/o Jagjit Singh Badesha R/o Village Gobindgarh P.O Jugiana Distt. Ludhiana have changed my Name Badhesha Sukhdev Singh.

63372

I Karamjit Kaur W/o Sukhdev Singh Badesha R/O Village Gobindgarh P.O Jugiana Distt. Ludhiana have changed my Name Badhesha Karamjit Kaur.

63372

I Gurjot Singh S/o Sukhdev Singh Badesha R/o Village Gobindgarh P.O Jugiana Distt. Ludhiana have changed my Name Badhesha Gurjot Singh.

63372

I, Raghvir Singh S/o Tarsem Singh R/o Vpo. Lasara Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar my given name is Raghvir and surname is Singh.

63372

I, Poonam S/o Kallu R/o Noomahal Road Moh Ravidass Pura Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Phoolan.

63372

I, Shivam S/o Ashok Kumar R/o H.No. B-8/198 Radha Swami Colony Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Shivam Arora.

63372

I, Ashi alias Asha Rani W/o Satpal R/o Vill: Bhullar Po. Bilga Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Asha Rani.

63372

I Raghav S/O Som Nath Village Bharomazara Po Dosanjh Khurd Distt Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar Punjab Have Change My Name Raghav Sunda.

63372

I, Maninderpal Singh S/o Paramjeet Singh R/o Vill: Akalgarh Teh-Nabha Distt. Patiala have changed my name from Maninderpal Singh Dhaliwal to Maninderpal Singh.

63372

I, Kiranpreet Kaur Johal W/o Jagdev Singh R/o Patti Dalla Vpo. Rama Teh-Nihal Singh Wala Distt. Moga have changed my name to Kiranpreet Kaur.

63372

I Sital Jain S/o Amar Nath Jain R/o H.No 06 opp Sham Rock School Golf Link Colony Hambran Road Ludhiana have changed my name to Sheetal Kumar.

63372

I, Sehna Mahey S/o Harmesh Lal R/o VPO. Kot Ranjha, Tehsil Nawanshahr, Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab, India have changed my name Sehna to Sehna Mahey.

63372

I Vijay Pal Singh R/O H.No 4695, Gali No.3, Nai Basti, Bathinda Have Changed My Minor Dasham To Dasham Singh.

63372

I Baldev Singh Alias Modan Singh Sidhu S/O Bhajan Singh R/O Mehraj Distt Bathinda Have Two Name Of One Person.

63372

I Munish Goyal S/O Sh. Parveen Kumar R/O Gandhi Nagar, Rampura Phul Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Munish Kumar.

63372

I Jagsir Singh S/O Major Singh R/O Village Ganga Tehsil & Distt Bathinda Have Change To His Name Jagseer Singh.

63372

I, Surinder Kumar S/o Om Parkash R/o Daudhar Sharki Distt. Moga have changed my name to Surinder Kumar Bansal.

63372

I, Sukhjiwan Singh Dhaliwal S/O Nazar Singh R/O House No. 1633, New Dashmesh Nagar, Moga (Pb) I Have Changed My Name To Sukhjiwan Singh.

63372

I, Himanhu S/O Rajesh Kumar R/O House No. 256, Agwar Sivia, Moga (Pb) I Have Changed My Name To Rajesh Kumar.

63372

I, Satwinder Gurmukh Singh S/o Gurmukh Singh R/o 109 Near Ahmedgarh Vill: Jhamat Teh - Payal Ludhiana have changed my name to Satwinder Singh.

63372

I Lakhwinder Kaur W/o Sh. Malak Singh Singh R/o 282,11 Near Govt. School VPO Danauli Tehsil Assandh Distt Karnal I declare that i have changed my name from Lakhvinder Kaur to Lakhwinder Kaur.

63372

I, Asha Rani alias Kushla Rani W/o Rajiv Kumar R/o #144, Bajigar Basti, Nabha, Distt Patiala 147201 is one and the same person known by both names.

63372

I, Subhash Chander S/o Ved Prakash Dhawan, R/o H.No. 381/42, Adarsh Nagar, Jalandhar, Punjab-144001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Subhash Chander Dhawan.

63372

I, Gurjit Singh S/O Balvinder Singh Dhanoa, R/o H.No. 1487, St No 9, Phase 2, Shaheed Karnail Singh Nagar, Pakhowal Road, Basant Avenue, Ludhiana, Punjab- 141013, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Gurjit Singh Dhanoa.

63372

I, Gurloveleen Singh S/O Karmjeet Singh, R/o Sidhu Patti, Tehsil Dhuri, Pedni Kalan, Sangrur, Punnewal, Punjab- 148034, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Gurloveleen Singh Sidhu.

63372

I, Anmoldeep Kaur D/o Malkit Singh R/o Near B a b a J o d h S i n g h Gurdawara Sahib Ranian Po. Ranian Distt. Moga have changed my name to Anmoldeep Kaur Dhaliwal.

63372

I Amarjit singh S/o Kuldeep Singh ,Vill Farid Sarai, P/o Bara Jodh Singh , Tehsil Sultanpur Iodhi ,Distt Kapurthala Have changed my name to Singh Amarjit

63372

I Tirath Singh S/o Tara Singh R/o Village & P O : Sherpur Dona , Tehsil: Sultanpur Lodhi , Distt: Kapurthala Declare That My Given Name is Tirath And Suriname is Singh. Please note.

63372

I, Sukhjiwan Singh Dhaliwal S/O Nazar Singh R/O House No. 1633, New Dashmesh Nagar, Moga (Pb) I Have Changed My Name To Sukhjiwan Singh.

63372

I, Himanhu S/O Rajesh Kumar R/O House No. 256, Agwar Sivia, Moga (Pb) I Have Changed My Name To Himanshu Dhingra.

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I, Khushmir Kaur W/o Kulvir Singh R/o Patti Manne Ki Vpo. Bara Pind Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar declare that I known by two names Khushmir Kaur alias Sukhwinder Kaur both names are mine and same and the one person.

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I Udhm Singh Sivia S/o Iqbal Singh R/o Near Wireles Tower, Nandgarh, Distt Bathinda declare that want to adopt my daughter Harnadar Kaur Sivia whose DOB is 09.09.2012, if anyone wants to adopt. Contact me Mob No. 7589030007

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The original sale deed bearing Wasika No. 1287 Dated 19-07-2017 in the name of Sh. Rajan Attri S/o Rai Chand Attri and previous original sale deed bearing Wasika No. 1055 dated 23-05-2012 in favour of Sh. Gautam Chopra S/o Vardinder Chopra of the land measuring 0K-8-1/2M comprised in Khata No. 305/357, Khasra No. 34/16, 17/1, 24/2, 25 as per copy of jamabandi Year 2019-2020 situated at Khanna Khurd Tehsil Khanna, Distt Ludhiana are lost now this property is owned by Sh. Tarun Sharma S/o Suresh Sharma and Smt. Sonia W/o Tarun Sharma both purchased this property from sh. Davinder Singh S/o Harnek Singh and Gurpreet Singh S/o Kesar Singh Vide Wasika No. 2024-25/107/1/764 dated 15-05-2024. Now Sh. Tarun Sharma and Smt. Sonia applying for Housing loan in SBI Khanna. DDR is also lodged against the lost sale deeds bearing No. 581990/2025 dated 24-03-2025. If any body has claim, encumbrance on the said lost deeds/ property then he/she contact SBI Khanna or Sh. Harjinder Singh Advocate Chamber No. 34 Civil Courts Khanna (Ldh.) within 15 day from the date of publication. After given time will not entertain any objection. Sd/- Harjinder Singh, Advocate

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Agarwal Sewa Samiti adopts 45 children for education



KOTKAPURA (SURINDER DAMDAMI): Social service organization Agarwal Sewa Samiti Kotkapura has so far adopted 45 children belonging to needy Agarwal families of the city for education under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign for the year 2025-26 and their school admission and full year fees have been paid. Committee head Sheetal Goyal and vice chairman Om Prakash Goyal said that this project has been running by their organization for the last several years, the aim of which is that no child of the Agarwal community should be deprived of education due to financial reasons. Like last year, this year also this project is being run successfully and so far 45 children studying in 7 schools of the city have been adopted for education, whose annual fees have been paid.

NEWS BRIEF

Awareness seminar organized at DCM School under the war against drugs



SURINDER DAMDAMI KOTKAPURA: Under the efforts of the management committee and principal Mrs. Meenakshi Sharma, a special seminar was organized at the renowned educational institution of the area, DCM International School, to fight the special campaign 'War against Drugs' launched by the Punjab Government for complete eradication of drugs. On this occasion, with the support of Bhupinder Singh DP, various activities were organized against drugs to make the students aware. First of all, speech competitions related to drugs were organized. After this, posters, painting competitions were made, which showed the ill effects of drugs. During this, the students of class V presented the choreography, 'Tainu Put Chitta Kha Gaya' in a very beautiful manner. The school's prepared drama troupe, through street plays, shed light on this worrying topic by telling about the diseases caused by drugs and emphasized the importance of preventing drugs. On this occasion, the students vowed that they will share information about the dangerous diseases caused by drugs with the youth around them and will provide full support to the Punjab government in making Punjab drug-free in the coming time. On this occasion, the principal of the school, Meenakshi Sharma, told the students about the ill effects of drugs and said that humans are busy earning money all their lives.

Poonam Khanna performs recitation of Sri Sundarkand



VERMA GURDASPUR: Poonam Khanna, President of Hinduva Insaanait Dharma Bharat, hosted a recitation of Sri Sundarkand at her residence. This marked the second consecutive week she organized such a religious gathering, following a recitation of Sri Hanuman Chalisa. The Sri Ramayan Mitra Mandali, featuring Gaurav Bhanot, Dheeraj, Amit Kumar, Varindra Prabhakar, Manoj Ghehdar, and a Bhajan Mandali, were special guests who led the devotional singing of Sri Hanuman. Following the Sundarkand recitation, attendees participated in the Aarti of Sri Hanuman Ji. Among those present to offer their respects were BJP Women's Wing President Kulwinder Kaur Goraya, along with Amit Mahajan, Dimple Verma, and several other individuals.

Punjab Chandigarh Journalists Union unit Kotkapura holds spl meeting



SURINDER DAMDAMI KOTKAPURA: A special meeting of Punjab Chandigarh Journalists Union unit Kotkapura was held under the leadership of President Harpreet Singh Chana. During the meeting, after discussing the successful seminar dedicated to 'Maal Boli Punjab' held recently, further work was discussed. When General Secretary Mohar Singh Gill asked for suggestions regarding the inclusion of new members and conducting literary and social work including journalism in the future, Chairman Gurinder Singh Mehndiratta along with Tarsem Channa, Hukam Chand BA, Chaman Garg Rink, Meghraj Sharma, Dr. Bhavit Goyal, Chandraj Garg, Surinder Damdami, Dr. Ranjit Singh Sidhu, Happy Chawla, Malkit Singh, Manwar Sharma and Amandeep Singh Gulati submitted their suggestions.

River waters not "dispute but loot" against Punjab: Sukhbir Singh Badal to PM

ANIL VERMA BATHINDA: Shiromani Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal said that the issue of water of Punjab's rivers is not a dispute but a case of "brazen loot against the people of the patriotic border state". The Akali chief "cautioned" the country that not removing the reasons of alienation of Punjabis can push us back towards the conditions that afflicted us all for over two decades. Justice is the best guarantee for peace and communal harmony in the country. Mr Badal today wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi requesting him to end the reasons that have caused so much avoidable misery in the past. "Removing the reasons of (Punjab's just grievances) and preventing the recurrence of the painful past needs to be a national priority. On river waters issue, the only way to achieve that is to ensure justice to my state on exactly the principles applied in interstate disputes all over the country. Punjabis demand no favours; they only seek only justice." "said Mr Badal. Badal lashed out against the Punjab Chief Minister saying that his and his party's repeated promises to "irrigate every field in Haryana and Rajasthan with Punjab's river waters" weakens Punjab's genuine case that it has not a single drop of water to spare. The Chief Minister is playing with fire with his duplicity not realising the gravity of the issue.

ECI to soon launch single-point app for stakeholders: Sabin C

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, MAY 4



In a major initiative, the Election Commission of India is developing a new user-friendly digital interface for the electors and its other stakeholders such as the election officials, political parties and the civil society. The new one-stop platform, ECINET, will integrate and reorient over 40 of ECI's existing mobile and web applications.

Punjab Chief Electoral Officer, Sabin C said that ECINET will have an aesthetic User Interface (UI) and a simplified User Experience (UX) by providing a singular platform for all electoral-related activities. This move is also designed to alleviate the burden of the users for downloading and navigating multiple Apps and remembering different logins. The platform was envisaged by the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC)

of India Gyanesh Kumar during the Conference of Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) held in March 2025, in the presence of Election Commissioners Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Dr. Vivek Joshi.

ECINET will also enable users to access relevant electoral data on their desktops or smartphones. To ensure that data is as accurate as pos-

sible, the data on ECINET will be entered solely by the authorized ECI official. Entry by the concerned official would ensure that the data made available to the stakeholders is as accurate as possible. However, in case of any conflict, the primary data as duly filled in statutory forms will prevail.

ECINET will subsume existing Apps like the Voter Helpline App, Voter Turnout App, CVIGIL, Suvidha 2.0, ESMS, Saksham and KYC App which together have clocked over 5.5 crore downloads. ECINET is expected to benefit nearly 100 crore electors and the entire electoral machinery comprising over 10.5 lakh Booth Level Officers (BLOs), around 15 Lakh Booth Level Agents (BLAs) appointed by Political Parties, nearly 45 Lakh Polling Officials, 15,597 Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs), 4,123 EROs and

767 District Election Officers (DEOs) across the country.

ECINET has already reached an advanced stage of development and rigorous trials are being conducted to ensure smooth functionality, ease of use, and robust cybersecurity measures. It is being developed after an elaborate consultative exercise involving 36 CEOs of all the States/UTs, 767 DEOs and 4,123 EROs of their States/UTs and after reviewing 76 publications comprising 9,000 pages of the electoral framework, instructions and handbooks issued by ECI from time to time.

The data provided through ECINET will be strictly aligned within the legal framework established by the Representation of People Act 1950, 1951, Registration of Electoral Rules, 1960 Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 and instructions issued by ECI from time to time.

Arora lays the foundation of new 30 beds CHC at Longowal

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, MAY 4



The cabinet minister to GoP, Mr Aman Arora today, laid the foundation of the new building of the 30 beds community health center (CHC) to be built at a cost of about Rs 11 crore in Longowal today. After this, Mr Arora also started the construction of roads in Longowal city at a cost of Rs 38.23 lakh and road construction work at a cost of Rs 79.86 lakh.

While talking to reporters on the occasion, he said that while development works are going on in the whole of Punjab, the Sunam assembly constituency will not be left behind. He said that with the commencement of the new hospital building, a big demand of the people of the Longowal area is going to be fulfilled today. He informed that these hospitals and other development works will be completed in the next one and a half years, which will benefit the resi-

dents a lot. This hospital will have all the facilities like an updated hospital.

When asked about the shortage of doctors and staff in government hospitals, he said that the tragedy of Punjab has been that previous governments never paid attention to hospitals and schools. No recruitment has been made for a long time, but now the Punjab government led by Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann is opening new hospitals, while doctors and paramedical staff are also being recruited on a large scale. He assured that when this hospital starts, the

entire staff and all facilities will be available here. He informed that more than 56 thousand youths have been given jobs by the Punjab government in the last three years. When asked about the issue of water, Mr. Aman Arora made it clear that Punjab does not have even a single drop of excess water to give it to any other state. Regarding deploying Police on Bhakra Dam (BBMB), he said that the Punjab Police will not go away until the water rights of Punjab are reserved. He said that if needed, they will not hesitate to sit there themselves.

Need for unity to protect mother tongue Punjabi: Dr. Kathuria Preparations underway for World Punjabi Conference in Canada



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA DEHATI, MAY 4

World Punjabi Sabha Canada Founder Chairman Dr. Dalbir Singh Kathuria has said that to protect mother tongue Punjabi, it is not enough to talk only but every Punjabi will have to make efforts at his own level.

During a press conference here today, he said that in most homes or educational institutions, instead of speaking in Punjabi, people feel proud to speak in Hindi or English, whereas in Tamil Nadu, Ma-

harashtra, Kerala, Odisha and many other states, people there feel proud to respect their mother tongue.

Dr. Kathuria said that the World Punjabi Sabha organizes three World Punjabi Conferences every year, one of which is held in Brampton, Canada, which was held on June 20,21,22 this year, in which writers from different countries participate.

In response to a question, he admitted that most parents feel proud to speak Hindi to their children instead of Punjabi.

MKM Public School organizes annual function

SHARANJEE
PATHANKOT, MAY 4

MKM Public School was organized the annual function under the chairmanship of Principal Gaurav Kumar.

In which the chief guests were Shri Shri 108 Swami Gurdeep Giri Maharaj Chairman of Jagat Giri Trust and MLA Indora Malinder Rajan, while the special guests were Dr. Soma Atri, President Kewal Krishan, Dr. Krishan Kumar SKR Hospital Pathankot, Principal Utkrish College Preeti S Kapoor. First of all, the chief guests were welcomed by the NCC and Drill students.

The program began with the lighting of the lamp by the chief guest Swami Gurdeep Giri Maharaj, Principal and MLA Malinder Rajan. After this, a welcome song was sung by the students. Af-



ter this, bouquets of flowers and turbans were presented to the guests. Various cultural programs were presented in the event. During the program, stage directors Shivani Sharma and Satpal performed well. On the occasion Raj Kumar Corporation, Yadvindra KK, Prem Singh, Subhash Kala, Deshraj Bagga, Dalbir Sarangal, Advocate Karan, Gagandeep, Mangal Singh, Gopal Attri etc. were present. During the function, Principal Gaurav Kumar presented the annual report of the school's achieve-

ments, basic achievements and activities.

The chief guest of the program, Swami Gurdeep Giri Maharaj, while praising the program presented by the children, said that the hard work done by the students with honesty in life always helps them achieve success. At the end, the chief guest and special guests of the program distributed certificates to the winners of various competitions. The children who topped the class and their parents were called on stage and honored.

Dignity of students paramount, prompt action taken: Bains

SUMER GARG
CHANDIGARH, MAY 4



According to the directions of Punjab school education minister, Harjot Singh Bains, the In-charge of Government senior secondary school, Goindwal Sahib in Tarn Taran district has been suspended with immediate effect after students were reportedly forced to serve snacks during a function at the school.

While highlighting the importance of maintaining a safe and respectful environment in the schools, Mr Bains stated that such misconduct is totally unacceptable and a swift action has been taken against Gurpartap Singh, Punjab lecturer-cum-school incharge, for gross indiscipline and negligence. During the suspension period, the headquarters of the lecturer will be the office of the district education office (senior

secondary), Tarn Taran. The Minister stressed that the dignity and respect of students is non-negotiable, while categorically stating that such misconduct will not be tolerated under any circumstances. He also asked the other educators to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and responsibility, ensuring such incidents are not repeated in future, besides fostering a culture of respect and accountability in government schools.

RBU student Sneha wins Miss India Next Classic Queen title



LK BANSAL
MOHALI, MAY 4

Sneha, a student of BA Semester 4th from the University School of Social Sciences and Education, brought honour to Rayat Bahra University by winning the prestigious Miss India Next Classic Queen 2025 title.

Chancellor Gurvinder Singh Bahra congratulated Sneha and praised her remarkable achievement. Dr In-

derpreet Kaur, Dean of the University School of Social Sciences and Education, lauded her dedication and extended best wishes for her future endeavours. She said this proud moment reflects the University's strong commitment to the holistic development of its students, showcasing that Rayat Bahra University not only emphasises on academic excellence but also nurtures talent and personal growth in diverse fields.

Scholarship distribution to 500 girls by Gauri Shankar Sewa Samiti Founder Sanjeev Malhan is commendable step: Avinash



VERMA
GURDASPUR, MAY 4

Taking a significant step in the field of social service, Gauri Shankar Sewa Samiti (Regd.), inspired by National Saint Acharya Shri Sanjay Muni, Bhagat Kunal Ji, and Jathedar Sardar Seva Singh Sekhwan Ji, organized a grand event under the campaign "Mera Desh Mera Parivar, Betiyan, Padhein Desh Badhein" where scholarships were distributed to 500 meritorious girl students.

The event was held under the leadership of the committee's founder Sanjeev Malhan, with the main objective of pro-

moting girls' education and making them self-reliant. The scholarships were distributed to girls from various schools who do not receive government assistance for their education. BJP National Vice President Shri Avinash Rai Khanna and AAP Punjab General Secretary Shri Jagrup Singh Sekhwan were present as chief guests. Other special guests included Rajesh Gupta, Surinder Mahajan, Sunil Mahajan, Rajeev Mahajan Kala, Ranjit Singh Ramgarhia, Inderjeet Singh, Harsh Tarnach, Jaswant Baj, Jatin Mahajan, Ashish Mahajan, Contractor Amarjit Singh, Sunil Kapoor, Vishal Pathania etc.

Punjab Assembly must resolve to disband BBMB

RAWEL BHINDER.
PATIALA, MAY 4



'Lok-Raj' and 'Jago Punjab' have urged Speaker and Punjab Assembly to "Pitch for, disbanding BBMB," and for taking over "complete control" of Dams, as "riparian" state, which are built on Punjab Rivers, but "unlawfully and unconstitutionally" kept under control of 'BBMB,' a management board with non riparian states as dictating members.

Both Public Forums, demanded that Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) should be disbanded with immediate effect, as it has "become a partisan body" working against the riparian state of Punjab, whose right over rivers' water should have been protected by it.

Abandoning Punjab, BBMB has stood with non-riparian states. The role played

by the BBMB in recent weeks clearly indicates that it is a poor manager of waters.

Because of its inapt handling, such a huge controversy has been created. The reported claim of the BBMB that it is owner of Nangal, a Punjab town where Nangal headworks are located over Sutlej river, is akin to rubbing the salt on the wounds of Punjab.

The Punjab cadre senior officer, posted as per Punjab quote, at the Bhakra Nangal were transferred and threatened by the BBMB top brass

shows that Punjab could never expect justice from it, because it is polarised against Punjab. Punjab Assembly at its special session on Monday must discuss the role played by the BBMB in recent days and urge for its disbanding.

The constitution of the BBMB itself is illegal. How non-riparian Delhi have become members of the BBMB? It is an absolutely non-riparian state. It gets water for drinking purposes courtesy Punjab. Secondly, it purchases water from Himachal Pardesh's share.

Region 10 conference held under leadership of Chairperson MJF Lion Dr. Jatinder Pal Singh Sehdev



TILAK RAJ
MOHALI, MAY 4

An excellent Region 10 Conference of Lions Club District 321-F was successfully organized under the dynamic leadership of Region Chairperson MJF Lion Dr. Jatinder Pal Singh Sehdev and his dedicated region team. The conference witnessed enthusiastic participation of club leaders, members, and dignitaries, making it a grand success.

The Chief Guest for the event was Lion Ravinder Sagger, who graced the occasion with his presence. The Guests of Honour included Lion Gurcharan Singh Kalra (IPDG), PMJF Lion Amritpal Singh

Jandu (VDG 1), and MJF Lion Ajay Goyal (VDG 2). In addition, all the Past District Governors (PDGs) of District 321-F attended as Special Guests, further enhancing the prestige of the event.

The function was chaired by Lion Satish Jagota, who addressed the gathering and eloquently spoke on the values and significance of Lionism, motivating the members towards greater service initiatives.

Region Chairperson Dr. Jatinder Pal Singh Sehdev presided over the conference and presented a detailed Region Report, highlighting the achievements, service activities.

Property worth crores illegally made by 5 drug peddlers seized in Lakhnapal: ACP

PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, MAY 4

Taking forward the war against drugs launched by the Punjab government under the leadership of Police Commissioner Jalandhar Dhanpreet Kaur and Deputy Commissioner of Police Manpreet Singh Dhillon, ACP Cantt Babandeep Singh today carried out a major operation in Lakhnapal village, a famous village for drug smuggling, and seized illegal properties worth crores of rupees made by five drug smugglers.

According to Babandeep Singh, the properties of many other such smugglers are also being identified and action will be taken against other smugglers soon. Giving detailed information, he said that Hardeep Singh alias Deepa son of Sarabjit Singh, against whom seven NDPS cases are registered, has 14 marla land worth Rs 7 lakh 30,882 and a two-storey house worth Rs 41 lakh 40,450, Kuldeep Chand alias



Deepa son of Darshan along with his wife Nirmal Kaur alias Nimmo, against whom eight cases are registered, has a plot of 14 marla worth Rs 12 lakh 60 thousand and a house worth Rs 60 lakh 89,400, Pradeep Kumar alias Deepa son of Rajneesh, against whom four cases are registered, has a house of five and a half marla worth Rs 33 lakh 69,900, Jasvir Kaur alias Joga wife of Jaswant Singh, against whom

five cases are registered, has a house worth Rs 37 lakh 53 thousand and Manjit Kaur alias Baljinder Kaur alias A house of five marlas worth Rs 39,87,450 belonging to Santokh Singh's wife, who has five cases registered against her, has been seized. Babandeep Singh said that a total of Rs 2 crore 48 lakh 18 thousand 705 worth of illegal assets made from drug business have been seized as per the government order.

MCM trains aspiring entrepreneurs in 'Raising Capital and Managing Finance for Start-ups'



CHANDIGARH, MAY 4

The Institution Innovation Council (IIC) and Postgraduate Department of Commerce at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised a 3-day workshop on 'Raising Capital and Managing Finance for Start-ups'.

The aim of the workshop was to equip participants with necessary knowledge and skills to navigate the financial challenges of start-ups. The workshop featured engaging sessions by distinguished speakers including Mr. Hirdesh Madan, Founder

and Managing Director, Hitbullseye, Mr. Kamaljeet Singh, Founder and CEO, Profrain Mentors and Profituristic.com, and Mr. Joginder Singh Bhutani, Ex AGM and Financial Literacy Counsellor, SBI Regional Office, Chandigarh.

Hirdesh shared his entrepreneurial journey and spoke about the importance of ethics, resilience, and adaptability in business. He elaborated on different funding stages, including bootstrapping, seed financing, and angel investment, explaining how businesses progress through various rounds of investment.

TALWANDI SABO (ISHWAR GARG): Akal University celebrated its 4th Convocation Ceremony on 4th May 2025. The event was held in the Campus and garnered widespread participation from students, faculty, and esteemed guests. With preparations meticulously underway for several days prior, the convocation buzzed with anticipation and excitement, making it a memorable affair for all involved. The esteemed presence of the President of Kalgidhar Trust and Chancellor of Akal University (Dr.) Baba Devinder Singh added a significant charm to the ceremony. Dr. Charan Singh, CEO and Founder Director of EGROW Foundation and former Executive Chairman of Punjab and Sindh Bank, attended the convocation as the Chief Guest. Commencing with the musical rendition of Gurbani, the convocation ceremony began with the permission of the Chancellor. Following the welcome speech, Prof. Gurmail Singh, the Vice Chancellor of Akal University.



CHANDIGARH, MAY 4

CM pats Punjab police for arresting two spies



Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Sunday patted the Punjab Police for setting another benchmark of effective Policing by arresting traitors involved in spying.

In a statement, the Chief Minister said that it is a big achievement of the Punjab Police who has foiled this anti-national activity aimed at jeopardizing unity, integrity and sovereignty of the country. He said that Punjab Police has done a commendable job by foiling this conspiracy

guarding the borders of the country.

The Chief Minister said that safeguarding the borders of the country is our moral duty and we are discharging it zealously. He said that Punjab has always remained sword arm of the country and state will continue to uphold this glorious tradition. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that valiant and vigilant Punjab Police is upholding its rich legacy by foiling all such attempts aimed at breaching the safety and security of country.

In view of bad weather, DC directs proper arrangements for tarpaulins at grain markets

JALANDHAR (JS SODHI): Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government is ensuring smooth wheat procurement in mandis (grain markets), while also making solid arrangements for the convenience of farmers and labourers.

The government has also issued directives to make all necessary arrangements in view of the bad weather. Reaffirming the Punjab Government's commitment to protecting the crops of farmers from damage due to adverse weather, the Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal instructed concerned officials to ensure proper arrangements such as tarpaulins in all district mandis to protect wheat from getting wet. He said that since the weather has been inclement in recent days, necessary preparations should be made promptly. He warned that any negligence would not be tolerated.



AAP questions Congress's double standards on Punjab's water issues

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, MAY 4

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Senior Spokesperson and Member of Parliament Malvinder Singh Kang today strongly condemned the central government and Haryana for conspiring to deprive Punjab of its rightful share of water. Addressing a press conference alongside AAP Spokespersons Gagandeep Singh and Ranjit Singh, Kang accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of continuing the historical injustice initiated by Congress against Punjab.

"Both BJP and Congress have a long-standing history of robbing Punjab of its water rights. Today, Randeep Surjewala, a senior Congress leader, accused AAP and BJP of colluding on water issues, but the truth is the exact opposite. Congress laid the foundation of exploiting Punjab's water, and BJP is now taking it further," said Kang.

Kang called out Congress for its duality, highlighting the contradictory stances of Punjab and Haryana Con-



gress leaders. "Surjewala must first clarify whether the Punjab Congress is correct or the Haryana Congress. During the all-party meeting in Punjab, Congress leaders supported CM Bhagwant Mann's stand that Punjab would not tolerate any coercion regarding its share of water. However, today, Surjewala has attempted to justify Haryana's mismanagement and water overconsumption while accusing Punjab of wrongdoing."

Kang also pointed to historical injustices by Congress governments, from Indira

Gandhi's era to the laying of the foundation stone of the SYL canal by Punjab Congress Chief Ministers. "Congress's legacy is built on weakening Punjab's rights, and BJP has only accelerated this agenda," Kang remarked.

Kang praised Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann for his proactive measures to protect Punjab's water rights and improve irrigation infrastructure. "Under previous governments, Punjab's irrigation capacity through canal system stood at 25%. Today, it has risen to over 60% due to

significant development under CM Mann's leadership. For decades, Punjab's groundwater was over-exploited, pushing many areas into the dark zone. This government has reversed that trend," said Kang.

He noted that while Punjab has been judicious with its water use, saving 11% of its allocated share, Haryana has already consumed 130% of its allocation. Kang criticized Haryana's mismanagement and urged the Haryana Congress to hold BJP-led Government accountable instead of targeting Punjab.

Gobind School student Harnoor Sharma excels in her 10th result



BALWINDER AZAD
BHADAUR, MAY 4

In the 10th result announced by the ICSC Board, Gobind International Public School Bhadaur's 10th student Harnoor Sharma, daughter of Yogesh Sharma, excelled in her results by scoring 95.6 marks and secured the first position from Gobind School.

Gobind International Public School Chairman Darshan Singh Gill and Principal P.K. Thakur, besides Ranju Sharma, Ranjana Sharma, Sangeeta Sharma, Advocate Kirat Singla, Nitan Singla, besides the entire staff and management committee of the school were present.

Chairman Darshan Singh Gill and Principal P.K. Thakur said that the school will always be proud of such talented students and we hope that in the coming time these students will brighten the name of the area by touching more heights.

On this occasion, Chairman Darshan Singh Gill, Principal P. K. Thakur, M. D. Harpreet Singh Gill, Master Mangat Rai, C.P. Sir, Joseph Sir, besides Ranju Sharma, Ranjana Sharma, Sangeeta Sharma, Advocate Kirat Singla, Nitan Singla, besides the entire staff and management committee of the school were present.

Investiture ceremony organized at Sant Atar Singh Akal Academy



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA DEHATI, MAY 4

Sant Atar Singh Akal Academy, Mastuana Sahib organized the Investiture Ceremony for the academic year 2025-26 on 03-05-2025, in this ceremony, new Student Council members were appointed and they were assigned responsibilities and leadership roles. Students, teachers, principal attended this ceremony organized at the school.

The ceremony began with Shabad singing. After this, the students were honored. The leaders of the Student Council

took an oath to uphold the principles of the school and work for the betterment of the school. Lovekaran Singh was appointed as Head Boy, Neelpreet Kaur as Head Girl, Sehjit Singh as Deputy Head Boy, Simarpreet Kaur as Deputy Head Girl, Captain and Vice Captain of Sahibzada Ajit Singh House Anupinder Kaur and Kamalpreet Kaur, Captain and Vice Captain of Sahibzada Juhar Singh House Ramanjit Kaur and Gurmahinder Kaur, Captain and Vice Captain of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh House Khushpreet Kaur and

Jaiveer Singh, Captain and Vice Captain of Sahibzada Fateh Singh House Prabhjot Kaur and Neeshupreet Kaur were appointed.

Principal Mr. Vijay Palaha congratulated the newly elected leaders and stressed on the importance of leadership, discipline and responsibility. Head Boy Lovekaran Singh and Head Girl Neelpreet Kaur in their vote of thanks assured of disciplined leadership. The school management committee and staff also extended their heartfelt wishes to the newly elected students' council leaders.

Desh Bhagat Global School NCC Navy cadets excel at annual training camp



AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAY 4

The NCC Navy cadets of Desh Bhagat Global School (DBGS) successfully completed the Annual Training Camp, held at the NCC Training Academy in Ropar from April 18 to April 27, 2025.

The camp was organized by 1 PB NU Naya Nangal and led by Commanding Officer Captain Harjit Singh Deola. A contingent of 11 Junior Wing (JW) and 6 Junior Division (JD) cadets, along with Care Taker Officer Ms. Ravneet Kaur, participated in the camp with great enthusiasm. The cadets engaged in a diverse range of activities including sports competitions, cultural events, parade drills, weapon training, firing and shooting

exercises, naval orientation, ship modelling, and personality development programs. They also benefited from instructional lectures delivered by NCC officials. DBGS cadets made their mark by securing second position as Ranveer Division. Notably, Sehajdeep Kaur and Kamalpreet Singh won first positions in the firing competition, while the DBGS cadet team clinched first place in the volleyball match. School Principal Ms. Indu Sharma congratulated the cadets for their outstanding performance and discipline during the camp. Chairman Dr. Zora Singh and General Secretary Dr. Tajinder Kaur also lauded their achievements and encouraged them to continue participating in such enriching experiences in the future.

Labour Day celebrated at St. Xavier's School Rampura Phul



RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA): St. Xavier's School, Rampura Phul resonated with appreciation and energy during Utsav-e-Shramik Celebrating the Spirit of Labour a heartfelt tribute to the unsung heroes whose tireless efforts sustain the institution.

The celebration opened with a thoughtful introduction underscoring the significance of May Day and the indispensable role of supporting staff in shaping society. A soulful singing performance followed by a powerful dance beautifully depicted the dignity of labour.

Blending wellness with rhythm, students delivered a spirited Yoga and Aerobics performance, reflecting the harmony of mind and body. A joyful cake-cutting ceremony added a sweet touch, symbolising unity and gratitude.

An engaging game session kept spirits high, leading into inspiring addresses by Rev. Fr. Andre Fernandes, the Manager, and Rev. Fr. Eulalio Fernandes, the esteemed Principal. A special moment of the day was the heartfelt felicitation of Mr. Ranjit, honouring his years of steadfast service.

Kirti Kisan Union submits memorandum to Barindar Goyal regarding River water issue

GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA
LEHRAGAGA, MAY 4

Under the leadership of Kirti Kisan Union, local leaders of the union have submitted a memorandum to Water Resources Minister Barindar Goyal, XEN (Retd.) IB, in the name of the state government regarding River water issue and other farmers' demands, demanding that the issue of Punjab's water should be resolved in a special session of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha against the decision of Bhakra Beas Management Board to immediately provide additional water to Haryana.

Stressing on the need to resolve the issue of Punjab's water, they said that the Dam Safety Act is the basis for the decision of Bhakra Beas Man-



agement Board to provide additional water to Haryana through unilateral coercion, which targets the rights of the states. Therefore, a resolution to repeal this act should be passed in the special session. He said The issue of river waters should be resolved according to the internationally accepted riparian principles.

The river flowing from the Sharda river should be used to meet the water needs

of Haryana, Delhi, Rajasthan and western Uttar Pradesh. For this, a concrete suggestion should be presented demanding the construction of the Sharda-Yamuna Link Canal project.

The Central Government should provide a special financial package of two lakh crores to Punjab for the conservation and use of the water flowing vain from the Ravi river to Pakistan.

Akali Dal Sutanter will hold protest dharna against MC on May 8: Saholi



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, MAY 4

An important meeting was held at the Moti Bagh office under the leadership of the National President of Akali Dal Sutanter Paramjit Singh Saholi. On this occasion, National President Paramjit Singh Saholi issued a statement to the press and said that the meeting was called the previous day, in which it was decided that a dharna would be held against the Municipal Council on Monday, May 5, regarding the is-

su of the stone road. In which the workers were to protest against the administration and the government by carrying black flags, because this road was being made interlocking but it was left incomplete. There is no arrangement of lights on this road, due to darkness at night, incidents of looting are carried out by drug addicts and thieves. He said that a large number of devotees come to the Guru Ghar on that road to have darshan, they also have to face difficulties.

Spl advisory issued to prevent heatstroke: Avoid going out unnecessarily in afternoon: Dr. Aditi Salaria

VERMA
GURDASPUR, MAY 4

Civil Surgeon of Pathankot, Dr. Aditi Salaria, has issued a special advisory to help people protect themselves from the intense heat and heatwave.

She informed that temperatures are expected to rise significantly in the coming days, making it essential to take precautions against heat exposure. She stated that the effects of heat and heatwave are more severe on certain groups including senior citizens aged 65 and above, infants and small children, pregnant women, laborers, farmers or those working under direct sunlight, the homeless, people living on roadsides or footpaths, individu-



als suffering from mental or physical illnesses—especially those with heart disease or high blood pressure—those who are overweight, and people who perform intense physical activities or exercise outdoors, such as athletes. Dr. Salaria explained that the

rise in temperature can lead to dehydration, dizziness, and even unconsciousness due to heatstroke. She highlighted common symptoms including excessive sweating, dizziness, fatigue, headaches, and nausea. In such cases, medical advice should be sought immediately.

She also advised keeping windows and doors shut during the day, consuming seasonal fruits and vegetables, avoiding walking barefoot outdoors, and always carrying water when stepping out in the sun. Dr. Salaria added that the health department is taking all necessary measures to safeguard the public from heat-related illnesses and urged people to cooperate and remain vigilant during the summer season. The advisory includes the following precautions: Drink plenty of water throughout the day, even if you are not thirsty. Consume fluids like ORS (Oral Rehydration Solution), buttermilk, lemon water, lassi, and fruit juices. Wear light-colored, loose-fitting cotton clothes. Use a cap or umbrella when going out in the sun, and wear sunglasses to protect your eyes.

Avoid going out in direct sunlight between 12 PM and 3 PM. Refrain from heavy physical activity during hot and humid conditions. Avoid dehydrating beverages such as alcohol, tea, and coffee. Do not eat stale or leftover food. Seek immediate medical help if you feel unwell.

'Yudh Nashian Virudh' campaign gains momentum as entire state uniting against menace of drugs: Cheema

RAWEL BHINDER
PATIALA, MAY 4

Punjab Finance Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema announced that the state government's 'Yudh Nashian Virudh' campaign has reached a decisive stage, with the entire state uniting against the menace of drugs. Along with Health Minister Dr. Balbir Singh, the Finance Minister held a crucial meeting with members of Village Defense Committees and Ward Defense Committees in Patiala.

Addressing the event, the ministers emphasized that the Punjab government, led by Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, has taken a zero-tolerance stance against drugs, breaking the backbone of drug smugglers. In contrast, previous governments had allegedly nurtured drug smug-



glers. The Finance Minister administered an oath against drugs to a large gathering, calling upon the people to make the 'Yudh Nashian Virudh' people's movement a success and make Punjab the country's first drug-free state.

Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema highlighted the government's commitment to eradicating drugs, stating that anyone involved in drug trafficking will not be spared, regardless of their position or affiliation. He attributed the spread of drugs in Punjab to previous governments, saying that the Akali-BJP government sowed the seeds of drugs,

while the Congress government watered this plant. However, the Aam Aadmi Party government has taken steps to uproot this menace. Finance Minister Cheema lauded Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann's firm stance on the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) issue, recognizing him as the true protector of Punjab's waters. He contrasted this with the actions of former Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh, who he stated had offered 'silver hoe' to then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to start digging of the Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal.

NEWS BRIEF

Delegation of residents of Rampura Phul colony meets EO



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL: A delegation of office bearers and members (residents, plot holders) of Royal Green City Welfare Society near Maur Chowk Rampura Phul met the Executive Officer of the local Municipal Council, Rajnish Kumar. They informed the EO about the violation of Punjab Apartment and Properties Act 1995 and Real Estate Regulation (RERA) Act 2016 and other irregularities by the promoters/developers/partners of Royal Green City Colony, near Maur Chowk Rampura Phul. The delegation informed the EO it was also told how the laws are being grossly violated by the promoters/developers/partners of the colony by not providing the alleged basic essential facilities to the plot holders as per the laws and rules of the Punjab Government.

Drug-free village will be honored with Rs 1 lakh: Sond



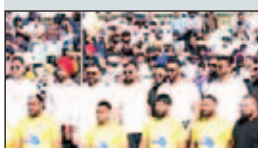
BIKRAMJEET SAHOTA
FATEHGARH SAHIB: The Punjab Government has been run a campaign against drugs so that can be drug addicted to Punjab. The village who will be addicted completely intoxicated, the village will be given a reward of Rs. 1 lakh. It was expressed by Panchayat Development Minister Taranpreet Singh Sond in a private college near the village Adampur. He said that the previous governments have not been given to the fact that Punjab was caused by the youth of Punjab. The Punjab government is fully committed to save Punjab's youth, under the war drugs. He said that the Punjab government has been set aside by the Punjab government, while honoring Rs. 2000, while the time of the past government government was not known. Hon'ble Chief Minister Bha Bhavut Mann announced that the very proud allowance will be found in the time since the new search has been beautiful. The land of the Punjab is the earth of Gurus, here will not flow to the sixth rivers of the land. Let us all make this campaign a successful and make Punjab colored to Punjab.

No mercy to be shown to drug smugglers: District Police Chief



VERMA
BATALA: In a determined move against drug trafficking, Batala Police executed the demolition of an illegal structure owned by drug smuggler Navsharan Das alias Kaka in Qadian amidst persistent rainfall. This action, part of the 'War on Drugs' initiative spearheaded by the Chief Minister of Punjab, underscores the district police's commitment to eradicating drug-related crime. SSP Suhail Qasim Mir reiterated that drug smugglers will face severe consequences, pointing to Das's extensive criminal record and the significant progress made by Batala Police in recent months, including numerous arrests and the attachment of substantial assets.

Sweet memories left behind by 3rd International Kabaddi Cup



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHARPUR: The 3rd International Kabaddi Cup, held on April 26 in Perth, Australia, left behind sweet and beautiful memories. Dedicated to Mata Surinder Kaur, this event featured the largest prize money yet, with a top prize of \$31,000. Organized by the Gladiator Sports Club Perth, teams from six countries—Pakistan, India, Australia, New Zealand, the USA, and England—participated in the event. Club manager Swam Singh shared that the first prize was \$31,000, the second was \$25,000, and each participating team received \$21,000 as a reward. Special arrangements were made for women spectators, and entertainment was provided by a live DJ. Extensive arrangements were in place for traffic, parking, and security, while the large crowd created an electrifying atmosphere under beautiful weather conditions. The tournament began with the blessings of the Almighty, and all matches were engaging and competitive. Players like Sheelu and Jeevan won hearts with their outstanding performances. Their display of skill inspired the audience throughout the event. Prof. Dr. Amrik Singh stated that international-level facilities, including accommodation, food, and medical aid, were provided to the players.

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: A spokesperson of the State Government today here informed that in continuation to the Department's earlier notification dated 27th September, 2018, the Government of Himachal Pradesh has enhanced the monthly financial assistance being provided to ex-servicemen and their widows. As per the new order, the rate of financial assistance has been increased from Rs. 3,000 per month to Rs. 5,000 per month with effect from 1st April, 2025. This enhanced assistance would be applicable to ex-servicemen and their widows who are above 60 years of age and are not receiving any kind of pension from the State or Central Government.

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NEWS BRIEF

371 Vehicles challaned by District Police Una for violating traffic rules

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA: According to police sources 371 Vehicles were challaned by the District Police Una for violating traffic rules on Saturday yesterday. Out of which, challans of 186 vehicles were settled on the spot and a fine of Rs 1,44,200 was collected. 16 persons challaned for smoking in public place and fine of RS 1,900 was collected. And 2 Vehicles Challaned by District Police Una in illegal mining case and a fine of RS 20,000 was collected from them.

CM expresses grief over death of cloudburst victim

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has expressed grief over the death of a person in a cloudburst incident that took place in Dondra Nala near Cheil village in Chamba district. He prayed to the Almighty to grant peace to the departed soul and extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. The Chamba district administration has provided an interim relief of Rs. 25,000 to the affected family. Approximately 150 sheep and goats were swept away in the floods. The Chief Minister stated that the government stands with the affected families and would extend all possible assistance to them.

Road to Himalaya - Shimla chapter concludes successfully



DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: The Shimla qualifier of the popular MTB Shimla series, aptly titled Road to Himalaya - Shimla Chapter, culminated this Sunday with thrilling energy and enthusiastic participation. This edition is one of 12 city qualifiers being held across India, offering winners an all-expense-paid entry to the prestigious MTB Shimla 2025, scheduled from May 16 to 18. Held across four competitive categories, the event saw 45 riders battling for a coveted spot at the grand finale.

Hailstorm and thundershowers lash Himachal, mercury drops sharply

AGENCY SHIMLA, MAY 4

Himachal Pradesh witnessed a sharp shift from the ongoing heatwave as widespread thundershowers, hailstorms, and strong winds lashed several parts of the state, disrupting normal life and bringing down temperatures significantly.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), hailstorms and thundershowers affected districts like Shimla, Kangra, Chamba, and Kullu, reducing visibility and causing inconvenience to residents and tourists alike. The State Disaster Management Authority also issued an advisory as gusty winds touched speeds of 50 kmph in Reckong Peo and 46 kmph in Hamirpur and Bilaspur.



Nagrota Suriyan in Kangra recorded the highest rainfall at 25 mm, followed closely by Narkanda (24.8 mm), Bharmaur (22 mm), Sujanpur Tira (21.6 mm), Mandi (20.4 mm), Rohru (20 mm), and Gohar (19 mm). Other locations like Hamirpur, Shillaroo, Chamba, Manali, and Dehra Gopipur also received between 11 mm and 18.5 mm of rainfall. Kotgarh was hit by a hailstorm. Minimum temperatures of Shimla 13.9 degrees, Bhuntar 14.4, Kalpa 6,

Dharamshala 12.7, Una 18.8, Nahan 17.7, Keylong 4.8, Solan 14.4, Manali 10.3, Kangra 16.6, Mandi 16.9, Bilaspur 19.7, Hamirpur 17, Chamba 15.9 and Dalhousie 10.2, Jubberhatti 16.2, Kufri 8.9, Narakanda 5.9, Kasauli 15.6. The IMD has issued a Yellow Alert for isolated thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds (30-40 kmph) in Shimla, Kangra, and Chamba districts until May 5. There is also a likelihood of light snowfall in isolated parts of Lahaul-Spiti, Kinnaur, and Kullu.

Residents have been advised to avoid outdoor activities, unplug electronic appliances, and seek safe shelter away from trees and metallic structures. Farmers and livestock owners have also been urged to move animals to safer locations.

Ambedkar wanted equality, but Congress spread virus of vote bank politics: Nanda

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, MAY 4

BJP state media in-charge Karn Nanda participated in the Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Samman Sampark Abhiyan in Bainmore Ward. He was accompanied by State Treasurer Kamal Sood, former councillor Anoop Vaidya, and Rajesh Sharma. During the campaign, BJP workers reached out to 24 households in the ward. Speaking to the media, Karn Nanda said the Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Samman Sampark Abhiyan is being conducted across the state. Under this campaign, Leader of the Opposition Jairam Thakur participated in Mandi, BJP State President Dr. Rajeev Bindal in Nahan, State Organization General Secretary Siddharthan in Shimla Rural, Dr. Rajeev



Bhardwaj in Nurpur, Suresh Kashyap in Pachhad, Vipin Parmar in Sulah, Trilok Jamwal in Bilaspur, Randhir Sharma in Naina Devi, Satpal Satti in Una, Rakesh Jamwal in Sundernagar, and State General Secretary Bihari Lal Sharma in Rohru. In total, over 2,000 BJP workers contacted more than 10,000 households across the state. Nanda stated that the Congress has always disrespected Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar. While Ambedkar was the guardian of the Constitution, Congress became its destroyer. Ambedkar aimed to bring equality, but Congress spread the virus of vote bank politics. He further added that the Congress party, which is now demanding a memorial for former Prime Minister the late Dr. Manmohan Singh, should introspect on how it treated one of India's most progressive Prime Ministers, the late P.V. Narasimha Rao, after his demise.

1363 Candidates appear for NEET UG in Bilaspur, exam held peacefully under tight surveillance

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY BILASPUR, MAY 4

The National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET UG) was conducted smoothly and transparently across Bilaspur district on Saturday, marking a successful and incident-free examination day for medical aspirants. Out of the 1390 registered candidates, 1363 appeared for the exam, while 27 remained absent. The examination was held from 2:00 PM to 5:20 PM at five designated centers — PM Shri GBSSS Bilaspur, Bal Pathshala Bilaspur, Navodaya Vidyalaya Kothipura, Kanya Pathshala Ghumarwin, and PM Shri GBSSS Ghumarwin. All centers operated under strict CCTV surveillance to ensure fairness and security throughout the exam duration. Detailed attendance from each centre revealed high participation rates: • PM Shri GBSSS Ghumarwin: 237 out of 240 • Navodaya Vidyalaya Kothipura: 258 out of 264 • Government Girls School Bilaspur: 257 out of 264 • Kanya Pathshala Ghumarwin: 234 out of 238 • PM Shri GBSSS Bilaspur: 377 out of 384. In preparation, candidates had received admit cards and examination



guidelines well in advance via email and the official portal. At all locations, logistical arrangements, seating protocols, and security checks were carefully managed. Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar personally visited multiple exam centers during a surprise inspection to review the conduct of the exam. He assessed the security measures, real-time CCTV monitoring, and administrative setup, while instructing officials to ensure zero compromise in examination integrity.

Sandeep Sankhyan slams BJP's leadership crisis, calls it party in despair

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY BILASPUR: Congress Media Coordinator and HRTC Purchase Committee Member Sandeep Sankhyan, launched a sharp attack on the BJP, terming the party as fractured and directionless. He said while the Leader of Opposition is entangled in failed grand alliances, the BJP state leadership is busy saving their chairs instead of addressing real issues. Sankhyan strongly criticized Bilaspur BJP's remarks over the appointment of Harsh Mahajan as permanent member of AIIMS Bilaspur, stating they reflect nothing but frustration. "Whether it is MP Anurag Thakur or MLA Randhir Sharma, their politics today revolves around mere survival," he remarked. Taking a dig at the BJP's national leadership, Sankhyan claimed that even after repeated proposals, the party is unable to finalize a consensus candidate for its national presidency, with 18 states still functioning without a state president. He alleged that this lack of internal unity highlights the party's deep-rooted identity crisis. Referring to the BJP's failed Operation Lotus in Himachal Pradesh, Sankhyan said the party is venting its frustration by making baseless allegations against the Congress. He further added that BJP should introspect, especially when senior leader and former minister Dhawaala has openly raised a banner of revolt by forming a front against the party's own state leadership. In his closing remarks, Sankhyan said, "Those living in glass houses must refrain from throwing stones." His statement reflects growing political heat as state elections draw closer.



State level meeting of Himachal Pradesh Fencing Association concludes at Kaloha in Kangra



AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB: The state level meeting of Himachal Pradesh Fencing Association was organized at Himsagar Hotel in Kaloha of Kangra district. The meeting was chaired by the state president of the association Shadi Lal Goswami. In the meeting, there was an in-depth discussion on organizing the national level competition of the junior (U-20) category. Along with this, an annual calendar was also prepared for organizing district level and national level competitions this year. On this occasion, the patron of the association, Mr. S.K. Parashar, District Hamirpur President Sandeep Kumar, District Una President Harsh Sharma, District Kangra President Aman Guldia, Kangra District General Secretary Swarn Singh Rajput, Pradeep Shukla, Ashok, Rajesh from Solan and Parvinder Sharma from Kangra along with many other dignitaries were present. This information was provided by Mr. Atul Thakur, General Secretary, Himachal Pradesh Fencing Association.

Revenue Lok Adalats initiative achieves success in redressing grievances of people

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, MAY 4

The State Government's focused initiative to address revenue related grievances of people through the systematic organization of Revenue Lok Adalats is yielding encouraging results. A total of 3,25,926 pending revenue cases have been successfully disposed off between October, 2023 and March, 2025 in the State, marking a new chapter in responsive governance and citizen-centric services delivery.

A Government spokesperson informed that this remarkable achievement includes the resolution of 2,75,004 mutation cases, 16,258 partition cases, 27,404 demarcation cases and 7,260 correction cases. This initiative represents the

first concerted and comprehensive campaign in the history of the State aimed at resolving revenue matters through dedicated Lok Adalats held at the grassroots level. The spokesperson further stated that the Revenue Lok Adalats have significantly eased the burden on the common citizens by eliminating the need for repeated visits to government offices for solving the routine matters. This citizen-friendly approach has been instrumental in restoring efficiency in the delivery of revenue services.

He said: "Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has consistently emphasized the importance of leveraging digital platforms for the delivery of public services." In line with this vision, revenue officers

have been instructed to increasingly adopt digital tools and workflows to facilitate online access to essential services, aiming to create a governance ecosystem that is transparent, accountable and technologically empowered.

Under the Chief Minister's guidance, the first Revenue Lok Adalat was organised in October, 2023. Since then, the initiative has been institutionalized as a regular mechanism for resolving pending revenue cases, with a strong emphasis on accessibility and timely justice at the tehsil and sub-tehsil levels.

He said that the overwhelming success of the Revenue Lok Adalats reaffirms the Government's resolve to make governance more efficient, participatory and inclusive.

Unseasonal hailstorm devastates crops in Suliali, Nurpur; farmers urge government aid

SANJEEV MAHAJAN NURPUR, MAY 4

Heavy rain and a sudden hailstorm late last night wreaked havoc on standing crops in Suliali area of Nurpur, causing extensive damage to wheat, mustard, and mango orchards. The hailstorm, which began around midnight, brought down ripe grains and unripe mangoes, dashing the hopes of farmers who had already been battling delayed sowing due to earlier erratic weather.

Farmers from the affected area voiced their distress and appealed to the government for immediate assistance. Ex-serviceman and farmer Sunil said, "Despite our hard work, the hailstorm has shattered our wheat crops. The grains have fallen to the ground, and it's unlikely we'll recover



anything. We request the government to support us during this crisis." Balwant Singh, another local farmer, echoed the concern, stating that mustard and wheat crops have been completely destroyed. "The mustard plants are no longer even fit for harvesting. Mango trees have also been hit hard," he said. Satpal, whose mango orchards were affected, expressed worry about further rainfall. "If it rains

again, we will lose everything. The mangoes have been severely damaged already." Vijay Pathania, a veteran orchardist, said, "The hailstones were unusually large, and they destroyed almost 90% of the mango yield overnight. Only about ten percent of the fruit remains. I urge Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu to visit the orchards in Kangra district and assess the damage firsthand.

District athletic meet begins in Hamirpur; "Sports ensure holistic growth," says Dr. Pushendra

RAJNEESH SHARMA HAMIRPUR, MAY 4

The two-day Hamirpur District Athletic Championship commenced on Sunday at the athletic track of Government Degree College, Anu, under the aegis of the District Athletic Association. Senior Congress leader Dr. Pushendra Verma inaugurated the event, where he was welcomed by Association President Pankaj Bhartiya and Secretary Sandeep Dadwal. Hundreds of young athletes from across the district are participating in this district-level athletic meet. In his address, Dr. Pushendra Verma



congratulated the District Athletic Association for its consistent efforts over the years to foster a love for sports among children. He emphasized that such events are vital for shaping a stronger future for India.

He highlighted the transformative power of sports, noting that it not only offers financial rewards but also provides athletes the opportunity to bring pride to

the state and the nation. He applauded the state government's initiative of awarding Rs. 5 crore to gold medalists in the Olympics and Asian Games, Rs. 3 crore for silver medalists, and Rs. 2 crore for bronze medalists. He also pointed out the reservation of special seats in government jobs for sports persons, aimed at encouraging youth to pursue sports actively.

Nation demands retaliation after Pahalgam attack; Retired army officer backs government's tough stance

JOGINDER DEV ARYA BANGANA, MAY 4

In the wake of the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, a wave of outrage has swept across the country. Citizens and retired armed forces personnel alike are calling for decisive action against those responsible. Retired Army Colonel Dharmendra Singh Patial voiced strong support for the Indian government's approach and lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision to grant the Indian Army a "free hand" in dealing with Pakistan.

"This is a historic and courageous step," he said. Colonel Patial stressed that the Indian Army has consistently responded strongly to provocations from Pakistan, and the time has come to deliver a lesson so severe that it deters future acts of terrorism. "This time, not only the government but the opposition too is united in demanding decisive action. This is India's moment — it's now or never," he asserted. He emphasized that all 1.4 billion citizens of the country stand firmly behind the Prime Minister and the government. "Every citizen and every soldier is seething with anger. We may be retired, but our blood still boils for the nation. If the need arises, thousands of us ex-servicemen are ready to pick up arms again," he declared.

Free eye check-up camp organised by Himotkarsh at Una

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, MAY 4

Himotkarsh Sahitya, Sanskriti evam Jan Kalyan Parishad organised a free eye checkup camp on Saturday at the Senior Citizens' Hall in MC Park, Una. Over two dozen individuals availed themselves of eye examinations and received free medicines during the camp. The medical team from Eyes Hospital, Dhussara, included ophthalmologist Dr. Anil Kumar Kakde, clerk Dharmendra Kumar, and OT technician Ajay Kumar, who extended their services during the camp. Dr. Kakde, while examining the



patients, pointed out a rise in vision-related problems since 2016. He attributed this trend to the increasing usage of mobile phones and television, especially among children and youth. He advised those experiencing vision issues to consult specialists and emphasized the importance of consuming leafy vegetables

and fruits for better eye health. Highlighting common age-related issues such as cataracts and glaucoma, he noted that these significantly affect both near and distant vision. He recommended washing eyes with fresh water every morning and urged parents to protect children from excessive mobile gaming.



Madan Lal, PCS, Hon'ble Civil Judge (Senior Division) CJM -cum- Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Barnala, held a meeting with the lawyers of the Lead Bank Manager, Insurance Company regarding National Lok Adalat.

NEWS BRIEF

Manohar Lal's birthday will be celebrated as day of service, culture and dedication on May 5

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: BJP District President Praveen Lathar said that on May 5, the birthday of Union Energy and Urban Development Cabinet Minister and former Chief Minister



Manohar Lal Khattar would be celebrated with great reverence and service. On this auspicious occasion of the saintly form in Haryana politics and his life dedicated to public service, the Bharatiya Janata Party was organizing special programs related to service and culture. He said that a havan yagna would be organized at Shradhdhanand Ashram at 7 am. After that, a havan will be performed at Shri Krishna Gausshala, Gausshala Road at 8 am. After this, a special 'blood donation camp' dedicated to social welfare will be organized at Shri Sanatan Dharma Mandir, Kunjapura Road at 9 am. It is all together celebrate the birthday of Manohar Lal ji in the form of service, culture and dedication.

Punjab police seize 1 kg Opium, nab 2 smugglers in Moga



JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA
MOGA: Under the campaign launched by the DGP Punjab against drug smuggling, under the direction of Ajay Gandhi SSP Moga and under the supervision of Mr. Bal Krishan Singla, SP (I) Moga, police station Kot Ise Khan got a big success when ASI Parvinder Singh Chowki Incharge Daulewala along with his fellow employees arrested 02 alleged drug smugglers with 01 kg of opium and a Thar vehicle without number plate. ASI Parvinder Singh in-charge Daulewala along with his fellow officers stopped a car without a number plate and asked the names and addresses of 02 youths sitting in it. The driver gave his name as Mandeep Singh alias Mani, son of Harvinder Singh, resident of Surghuti.

Bhopal sexual assault case: Police intensify search for sixth accused

AGENCY BHOPAL, MAY 4

Bhopal Police have intensified their investigation into a disturbing case of alleged sexual assault and blackmail of multiple female students, announcing a reward for anyone providing information on the sixth accused who is still at large, officials said on Sunday.

While five accused, including the main perpetrator Farhan, have already been arrested, multiple Special Investigation Teams (SITs) have been formed to probe the case, they said.

According to officials, the police are coordinating with a team from the National Commission for Women (NCW), which



arrived in Bhopal on Saturday to assess the situation, speak with the victims, and ensure their protection.

"A team from the National Commission for Women has come from Delhi. We are coordinating with them. SITs have also been formed in the case. Except for one accused, all

others have been arrested. A reward has been announced for the sixth accused, and separate SITs are working on his arrest," Nidhi Saxena, said while speaking to ANI. The NCW took suo motu cognizance of the case on Saturday, May 3. The Chairperson of NCW, Vijaya Rahatkar constituted a three-member Inquiry Committee

KULDEEP SOOD

BARNALA: National Legal Services Authority, New Delhi and Punjab State Legal Services Authority, SAS Nagar are organizing National Lok Adalat on May 10, 2025 under the guidelines. In National Lok Adalat, disputes are resolved with mutual consent of two parties. These views were expressed by Honorable District and Sessions Judge -cum- Chairman, District

Legal Services Authority, Barnala Mr. B.B.S. Teji. He said that in National Lok Adalat, 138 NI Act, bank recovery cases, labor cases, forest department cases, electricity, water, sewerage, water supply, house tax etc. are also resolved with mutual consent. He said that National Lok Adalat will be held on 10.05.2025 at District Courts Barnala. Under the directions of District and Sessions Judge, Barnala, Shri

Assembly speaker Harvinder Kalyan pays tributes to Lt. Vinay Narwal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 4

Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan has said that the damage caused by the murder of Lieutenant Vinay Narwal was incomplete but the central and state government and society were always with his family. Mr Vinay had the passion to do something for the country. He said this while he was speaking at the tribute meeting of Vinay Narwal held at Dr. Mangalsen Auditorium here on Sunday. Earlier, he paid homage to the portrait of Vinay Narwal. He said that today was a moment of sorrow when all the brave sons have gathered to pay tribute to Vinay Narwal. This was an emotional moment when the eyes of the entire country were moist. The incident had shocked the whole society, humanity and nation. Assembly Speaker



Harvinder Kalyan said that the life of brave son Vinay was starting, he had to go much further. Vinay had the passion to do something for the country, but in this incident, many people of the country including Vinay became prey to terrorism. He said that Vinay was very courageous. If there was something in Vinay's hands at that time, he would definitely have answered in such a way that would show what valor was. He said that in this hour of grief, Vinay's wife Himanshi has also shown a lot of bravery. Today the whole society and government were with this family. He said that Vinay's sister also expressed his expression of mind with emotion today. In reality, if every person kept himself in that place, then it was shaken. Family members were handling each other with full courage. All will stay with this family in the same way in future.

Fit India Sundays on cycle campaign against obesity: VC KUK

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, MAY 4

Dean, Students' Welfare Kurukshetra University, Nodal Officer- Ugc Fit India Mission organised Fit India-Sundays on Cycle Campaign on 4th May 2025. Fit India Sundays on Cycle is a nationwide fitness movement launched in December 2024 by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The initiative promotes cycling as a sustainable, inclusive, and an eco-friendly form of exercise with numerous health benefits. Vice Chancellor, Kurukshetra University Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva flagged off this cycle campaign organised for volunteers of all the teaching departments of Kurukshetra University. On this occasion, Prof. Sachdeva said that Fit



India Sundays on Cycle Campaign inspires a healthy and active lifestyle. Prof Sachdeva added that cycling as a form of exercise enhances heart health, uplifts mental well-being, and plays a crucial role in addressing the growing issue of youth obesity. It's an easy yet impactful path to staying fit.

Deputy Director Public Relations Dr Jimmy Sharma informed that this cycle campaign started from the KU

Vice Chancellor's residence, went through KU University Market and ended at Dean, Students' Welfare office. On this occasion, KU Registrar Dr. Virender Pal, Dean, Students' Welfare, Prof. AR Chaudhri, Prof. Dinesh Rana, Prof. Amit Ludri, Prof. Sushila Chauhan, Prof. Jasbir Dhandra, Prof. Chandrakant, Prof. Deepak Rai Babbar, Dr. Anand Kumar, Dr. Rajratan, Dr. Sukhwinder Singh, Dr. Pooja, OSD to VC Pawan Rohila were present.

PM-Kisan 20th Installment: eKYC, Aadhaar and land seeding mandatory, says DC

KULDEEP SOOD

BARNALA: Deputy Commissioner Barnala Mr. T. Benith said that the Pradhan Mantri Samman Nidhi Yojana was launched by the Government of India on 19 February 2019. Under this scheme, a total amount of Rs. 6000 is deposited in their bank accounts three times a year after every four months. The total number of eligible beneficiaries related to Barnala district is 63,890, out of which 80% (51301) of Barnala district has completed eKYC in the case of eKYC and 20% (12,589) are pending. To avail the benefits of the scheme, farmers can go to their nearest agriculture office or their common service center and get it done. He said that similarly, 12583 cases of land seeding related to Barnala district are pending, and to complete their details in this regard, farmers should submit photocopies of their and their family's Aadhaar cards and the Fard related to their land to the nearest agriculture office. He said that about 4987 beneficiaries related to Barnala district whose Aadhaar card is not linked to their bank account should get their Aadhaar card linked to their bank account as soon as possible or they can open their account in their nearest post office. He said that farmers should complete all the work related to their documents so that under the Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana started by the Government of India, the money received for agricultural work like fertilizers, seeds and medicines etc. throughout the year is credited to their accounts. Chief Agriculture Officer Barnala Dr. Jagsir Singh said that special campaigns are being conducted by assigning duties to the farmers as officers and employees of the department and special camps are also being organized in the villages for eKYC and land seeding.



Retirement and memorial ceremony of Madam Rupinderjit Kaur organized at Govt School Badbar



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: A ceremony was organized at Government Senior Secondary School Badbar to give a warm farewell to the retired Math teacher Madam Rupinderjit Kaur, in which Mr. Harmel Singh Retired Manager, Mother Niranjan Kaur Burn, Deputy District Education Officer Niranjan Awarde Dr. Barjinderpal Singh, Charanjit Kaur, School Incharge Harvinder Kaur Government Senior Secondary School Kotduna, J.E. Karamjit Singh, Jobanjit Singh Burn, Kuldeep Kaur Former Superintendent DC Office, School Management Committee Badbar specially arrived, on this occasion, Dr. Barjinderpal Singh gave a letter of honor on behalf of the department from the District Education Office Barnala, speaking on this occasion, he said that these occasions are very important in life, retirement gives inspiration to grow for a new task. He said that teachers who are hardworking and do good work always get full respect from their parents, students and society. He said that Rupinderjit Kaur has always worked for the welfare of the students, for which he is proud.

Ma Jawala Akhand Jyoti 2000km Yatra reaches KU campus



DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA: Ma Jwala Devi's Akhand Jyoti Shakti Yatra from Jwala Mukhi Shaktipeeth, Himachal Pradesh received a warm welcome by the Registrar KUK Dr Virender Pal, Dean Students' Welfare Prof AR Chaudhri, Dr. Sunil Bharti, Prof. Sushila Chauhan, Prof. Amit Ludri, Prof. Atul Rasika, Prof. Sunita, Dr. Meera Chaudhary, Dr. Sukhwinder, VC's OSD Pawan Rohila, Assistant Registrar Dr. Jitendra Jangra and other officials of the university. On this occasion, KU Registrar Dr. Virender Pal said that this Bhakti-Shakti Yatra is a symbol of spirituality and social harmony. Dr Virender Pal further said that according to the Sanatan tradition, this divine flame is also the basis of spirituality, social harmony, Sanatan consciousness, power and energy. KU Dean Students' Welfare Prof. AR Chaudhri said that this Divya Bhakti-Shakti Yatra will travel about 2000 km from Jwala Ji Temple in Himachal Pradesh and will conclude at Pashupatinath Ghurel in Madhya Pradesh. Prof Chaudhri further said that this Yatra will pass through 8 states and in the temples coming on the way, devotees and seekers will have a divine experience of spiritual progress and social harmony by seeing the holy flame of Ma Jawla, bhajan, kirtan, satsang. The responsibility of managing the darshan of this divine flame was taken by Dr. Sunil Bharti of the Law Department.

MP Arora gets warm welcome at Tagore Nagar, promises swift civic action

SHARMA LUDHIANA, MAY 4

Rajya Sabha MP Sanjeev Arora received a warm reception from residents of Tagore Nagar (Block-A) during a breakfast meeting held at Krishna Park this morning. Madan Goel, Secretary of the Tagore Nagar Welfare Society (Block-A), expressed gratitude to Arora for addressing most of their civic issues on the spot. Concerns related to park beautification, traffic management, car parking, drainage and sewer cleaning, tree trimming, electrical safety, and garbage disposal were raised. Arora immediately contacted relevant officials, including the Municipal Commissioner of Ludhiana, via phone, and discussed all the issues in detail. The officials assured



swift action. Municipal Councillor Bittu Bhullar highlighted Arora's achievements over the past three years, remarking, "MP Arora is one of us and will always stand with us." He added that Arora's hands-on approach and refusal to make empty promises set him apart from traditional politicians. "He creates an instant impact," Bhullar emphasized.

Local industrialist Roop Lal Jain recounted how industrial issues on Bahadur-Ke Road were resolved within days of being brought to Arora's attention. He praised Arora's leadership, stating that the entire Tagore Nagar family stands firmly behind him as the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate for the Ludhiana (West) Assembly constituency.

Barnala Sports and Social Welfare Club unanimously elects Vinod Sharma as president

KARANPREET KARAN BARNALA, MAY 4

Barnala Sports and Social Welfare Club (Regd.), Barnala unanimously elected Vinod Sharma as president for the next two years. Giving information, the club's PRO Rajinder Bansal said that a meeting of Barnala Sports and Social Welfare Club (Regd.), Barnala was held at Barnala Club. The accounts of the annual function organized by the club were presented in the meeting. Rajwinder Singh and Dinesh Singh were honored for collecting more funds for the annual function. The meeting appreciated the work done by the former president of the club, Ram Pal Singla, during his tenure and he was also honored. After which Chairman Subhash Mittal took the name of Vinod Sharma for the post of president, which was approved by all the



members present in the meeting with applause. All the members welcomed the former president and the newly appointed president by garlanding them. On this occasion, the newly appointed president Vinod Sharma said that he will work harder than ever for the progress of the club and in the coming time, he will take all the members along and implement small and big projects through the club. The club also gave Vinod Sharma the right to form its own executive. While forming his team, Vinod Sharma said that Ram Pal Singla will be the

Chief Patron, Suresh Kumar will be the Patron, Subhash Chand Mittal will be the Chairman, Vimal Sharma and Rajwinder Singh will be the Vice Chairman, Rakesh Singla will be the Senior Vice President, Sheetal Kumar, Ravi Jindal and Rajinder Kumar will be the Vice President, Harish Bansal will be the General Secretary, Sanjeev Sharma will be the Joint Secretary, Dinesh Singla will be the Treasurer, Rajinder Rimpay will be the PRO, Kunal Goyal, Sanjeev Bansal and Sewak Singh Bham will be the Executive Members.

Administration takes over land for Ludhiana-Ropar Highway project

DEEPAK KUMAR MACHHIWARA, MAY 4

At 4 am on Sunday morning, the Machhiwara area turned into a police cantonment. At first, it was not clear under which campaign this police force was called for. Police and fire brigade vehicles of various districts were roaming in the Machhiwara area. After some time, it was learnt that the map prepared for the Ludhiana Ropar Highway Project and the land of all the villages included in the project was taken over by the administration on Sunday. JCB machines were moving on the lands of the villages of Kumkalan and Machhiwara. Under the Ludhiana Ropar Highway Project, those lands



were officially occupied. Giving information to the journalists on this occasion, SDM Samrula Rajneesh Arora said that he has taken possession of the vacant lands only, whereas the fields in which the crop was standing, will be taken over only after the harvesting of the crop. He also informed that in some villages, farmers have also obtained stay orders from the court. Therefore, no action of any

kind will be taken there either. He told that there was a little protest by some farmers but later the matter calmed down and in a very correct manner, the lands of Machhiwara and the adjoining villages have been taken over by baha. He said that the farmers have supported the administration and without any hindrance, they have taken possession of the lands in many villages today.

Govt College of Education Chandigarh hosts value-added course for future educators

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, MAY 4

A transformative 30-hour Value Added Course on 'Building Skills for Career Readiness and Life Skills' concluded successfully at the Government College of Education, Sector 20-D, Chandigarh. Conducted from April 28 to May 3, 2025, the course was conceptualized by Dr. Ravneet Chawla, Associate Professor and Placement In-charge, under the visionary leadership of Principal Dr. Sapna Nanda. Designed to equip aspiring educators with both professional and personal competencies, the course saw active participation and successful completion by 80 students. On Day 1, Mrs. Kavita Chatterjee Das shared practical strategies on



classroom management, followed by Col. Aparjeet Nakai (Retd.), who emphasized self-worth and personal growth. Ms. Indu Aggarwal from 'TalentGro Global' addressed the alignment of NEP 2020 with NIPUN BHARAT, and Mr. Sanjay Aggarwal inspired participants to embrace resilience, emotional intelligence, and a service mindset. Day 2 featured Prof.

Adarsh Kohli, who explored adolescent challenges and the importance of teacher availability to heal and be the unconditional cushion. Col. IPS Dhaliwal (Retd) highlighted career opportunities in the armed forces and aviation, while Dr. Prabhjot Malhi discussed child psychology and early intervention, introducing the "Five R's" for child development.

Poster making contest held at Smt Kesari Devi Lohia Jairam Public School on Mata Ahilyabai Holkar jayanti



HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA: Inspired by Brahmawaroop Brahmachari, the supreme head of Shri Jayaram institutions operating across the country and chairman of Shri Jayaram Shikshan Sansthan, students of Smt. Kesari Devi Lohia Jayaram Public School and New Jayaram Sainik School participated in the poster making competition on Mata Ahilyabai Holkar Trishati Janam Jayanti organized by Sanskar Bharti. In this competition, about 120 students made posters depicting various aspects of her life. In this competition, Swastik, a student of class 10th, was awarded a gold medal, a memento and a cash prize of Rs 1500 while Samar, Naitik, Roop Preet, Kanika, Rhythm and Pratyaksh were given participation certificates and medals. A prize distribution program was organized at Shri Gulzarilal Nanda Memorial. In which the chief guest was Jaipal Singh, chairman of Haryana Pradesh Vimukta Ghatumto Jati Vikas Board. Principal Anju Agarwal congratulated the winners on reaching Smt. Kesari Devi Lohia Jayaram Public School.

NEWS BRIEFS

Speaker seeks report from DC on dispute with lawyers

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNALThe Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan has taken cognizance of the dispute that arose between the Gharanda administration and the lawyers two days ago. The Assembly Speaker has sought complete information from the Deputy Commissioner Kamal about the dispute with the lawyers in Gharanda. It may be noted that after the formation of Gharanda sub-division, a few years ago, it was announced to open a judicial court in Gharanda, which was inaugurated last week. After the court was opened, the lawyers started the construction of their chambers etc. in the SDM office premises, which was stopped by the administration considering it to be illegal construction. When the dispute arose, the lawyers also informed the Speaker of Haryana Assembly Harvinder Kalyan.

Govt sets up state task force to eliminate malnutrition and anaemia

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, MAY 4

The sixth meeting of the State Convergence Committee under Haryana's POSHAN Abhiyaan was held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Sh. Anurag Rastogi. A key decision taken during the meeting was the constitution of a State Task Force to monitor and coordinate programmes aimed at eliminating malnutrition and anaemia among women and children across the state.

The task force will include representatives from the Health, AYUSH, Education, and Women and Child Development departments and will be headed by the Additional Chief Secretary, Women and Child Development Department. The Task Force will meet fortnightly to ensure effective implementation and monitoring of all interventions.

After the meeting, the Additional Chief Secretary of the Women and Child Development and Health and Family Welfare Departments, Sh. Sudhir Rajpal stated that the Poshan Abhiyaan is being implemented with a focus on ground-level monitoring. This includes the establishment of Poshan Panchayats at the village level.

To strengthen village-level interventions, sub-committees comprising

10-15 women are being formed under Gram Panchayats. These committees will meet monthly to monitor Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), conduct social audits of food quality, perform spot checks at Anganwadi centres, and participate in village health programmes. Under the National Suposhit Panchayat Abhiyan, Gram



Panchayats will also be encouraged to coordinate efforts to reduce malnutrition.

To improve dietary diversity, a plan has been developed to create Poshan Vatikas (nutrition gardens) at Anganwadi centres, schools, panchayat lands, and community spaces. The Horticulture and AYUSH Departments will provide plants, seeds (including medicinal plants), and technical assistance. The Horticulture Department will also plant fruit-bearing trees along roadsides.

Under the Jal Shakti Abhiyaan, the Public Health Engineering Department is working to provide universal water connections to all Anganwadi centres. Sh. Rajpal urged Panchayats to actively support maintenance and minor repairs of these centres. Officials from the Panchayati Raj Department assured that each Panchayat would allocate up to Rs 25,000 per Anganwadi centre for such repairs.

To improve transparency and efficiency in ration distribution, the Poshan Tracker App has been integrated with a facial recognition system, ensuring that benefits are received only by genuine beneficiaries.

The Mukhyamantri Dudh Uphaar Yojana has also been strengthened through the launch of an online Management Information System (MIS) to monitor the supply and demand of fortified milk for children and pregnant or lactating mothers. Additionally, the Food and Supplies Department has been directed to explore the possibility of making it mandatory to fortify rice, wheat, and mustard oil sold in the state, as a further step to combat nutritional deficiencies. A Comprehensive Convergence Action Plan for 2025-26 has been submitted to the Ministry of Women and Child Development, outlining cross-departmental strategies to achieve targeted nutrition goals.

Idol of Yamuna Mata installed in temple

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, MAY 4

Chaugawan, Hansu Majra The ritual of Pran Pratistha of the idol of Yamuna was duly completed in the Yamuna Ghat and the idol of Yamuna Maiyya was installed. In the early morning itself, a large number of local villagers started arriving as devotees on the banks of Yamuna. Before installing the idol of Yamuna Maa in the temple, a havan was organized on the banks of Yamuna and Maha Aarti of Mata Yamuna was performed. On this occasion, a bhandaar was also given in which all the villagers from the surrounding villages participated and took the prasad. On Saturday, a procession of idol of Mata Yamuna was also tak-



en out in Hansu Majra and Chaugawan villages. On the call of Pandit Rajesh Shandilya, Rakesh Gautam and Gaurav Gautam, this Pran Pratistha program was successfully organized. He told that Yamuna Mata is a holy

river and everyone worships it as a mother. Yamuna Maiyya fulfills everyone's wishes. This temple of Yamuna Mata has been built on the banks of Yamuna with the cooperation of Chaugawan and Hansu Majra villages.

Preparations in full swing to celebrate Manohar Lal's birthday

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 4

Preparations are in full swing to celebrate the birthday of the top man of Haryana politics, former Chief Minister and Union Minister of Energy and Urban Housing, Manohar Lal, with great pomp. On his birthday, while blood donation camps are being organised, his birthday will be celebrated in the form of old age worship at the old age home located at Nirmal Dham. Subhash Chandra, Executive Vice Chairman of Swachh Bharat Mission Haryana, the organiser of this programme, told the media that the saint of Indian politics and Union Minister Manohar Lal, who ushered in a new era in Haryana politics, has left an indelible mark not only



in Haryana but in the politics of the country. He has set an excellent example of service in politics in front of others by working day and night for the service, security and welfare of the people.

He has proved that politics can also be done with honesty and ethics. Unshakable and determined Manohar Lal is truly the iron man of Haryana politics who never bowed down to corruption, dishonesty and hooliganism. In view of his sacrifice and dedication for the common people, it has been decided to celebrate his birthday as Vridha Pujan. Such saintly leaders are rarely seen in politics. He said that on his birthday, the program will be started with a havan yagya in the old age home located in Nirmal Dham Ashram. After this, Vridha Pujan will be done.

Shandilya gets threat from Pakistan, 'We will shoot you in the head'

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

AMBALA: National President of Anti Terrorist Front India Veeresh Shandilya was threatened by a Pakistani terrorist to-day, saying that 'we will shoot you in the head' and the Pakistani terrorist who threatened him from a Pakistani number also abused him, about which Veeresh Shandilya has given a written complaint to Haryana ADGP CID, Ambala IG, Ambala SP and local police officials. Shandilya, while talking to journalists today, said that Pakistani terrorist organisations and Khalistanis are constantly threatening to kill him because he is speaking against Pakistani terrorist organisations like Lashkar-e-Taiba and after the Pahalgam incident, has been continuously running a campaign against Pakistani terrorist organisations, due to which Pakistani terrorists also want to kill him.

Shandilya said that to suppress my voice and to spread fear among people, Pakistani terrorists can get me killed with the help of their sleeper cells sitting in India. Veeresh Shandilya said that he received a threatening message on his mobile from a Pakistani number that they will shoot you in the head. Veeresh Shandilya said that for 25 years he has been fighting a legal and ground battle against terrorist organizations like Babbar Khalsa along with Pakistani terrorist organisations and Khalistani movement and has started a mass movement against anti-national forces through Anti Terrorist Front India. He said that two dozen cases have been registered against Pakistani terrorists and Khalistanis for killing him, which are registered both in Ambala and Punjab. He said that the police have arrested some Khalistanis who threatened to kill him.

Duty of social organisations to help financially in marriage of needy: Hardeep Rana

CHAMAN LAL KARNAL, MAY 4

Manavta Janshakti Foundation, while doing a noble deed, took the responsibility of Kanyadan in the marriage of a needy daughter. The founder of the foundation Hardeep Rana and his team said that in the form of Kanyadan of the daughter of a needy family, the organisation provided financial help to the family by giving utensils, clothes, gift items, wardrobe and money as shagun. He told that there is no earning members in the daughter's family. The father has passed away and the mother is also taking care of the family by doing hard labour. In such a situation, it is the duty of social organizations to help financially in the marriage of the daughter of such needy families. Hardeep Rana said that his organisation has already provided financial support to the children of many needy people and for this, every member of the organization supports.

He said that parents wish that their daughter's marriage should be done with pomp and show but sometimes the finan-



cial conditions are such that they become an obstacle in fulfilling this dream. Our organisation does such noble work to fulfill the dreams of such parents and children. The main objective of the organization is to do social work and economic uplift of the society. By participating

in such noble work, the soul feels immense peace. On this occasion, Subhash Sharma, Gulab Poswal, Sanjana Gautam, Sujita Mann, Shashi Bhaskar, Seema Paswan, Anjali Garg, Sandeep Mann, Arun and many other officials were present.

Maharaja Agrasen Dwar will not only enhance beauty of Barara but will also promote and propagate teachings and policies of Maharaja Agrasen: Aseem Goyal



JAIBEER RANA THAMBER

BARARA: Haryana Pradesh Vaishya Maha Sammelan and Maharaja Agrasen Vaishya Seva Samiti organized Bhoomi Pujan and foundation stone laying program for the construction of Maharaja Agrasen Dwar. On this occasion, the chief guest was former minister Aseem Goyal along with former minister Santosh Chauhan Sarwan, former MLA Halka Mullana Rajbir Singh Barara, BJP District President Mandeep Rana, District President Vikas Singla said that all the people of Barara and surrounding villages of society came to today's program and enhanced beauty of program. District General Secretary Ajay Garg said that children of DAV School Barara presented a cultural program which was very beautiful. All guests were welcomed by Halka Mullana Pradhan Vijender Bansal, Barada Pradhan Anurag Agarwal, District Treasurer Sandeep Garg Barada, General Secretary Pavit Singla, District Vice-President Pawan Gupta. Stage was beautifully managed by Halka General Secretary Naresh Garg and Niti Jain. Santosh Chauhan Sarwan in her speech promoted policies of Maharaja Agrasen. Chief guest Aseem Goyal told about Agra Vansh Foundation Day which will be celebrated for first time after about 5100 years on 22 May in New Delhi and appealed to all colleagues to reach in maximum numbers. He said that Maharaja Agrasen Dwar to be built in Barada will not only enhance the beauty of Barada but will also promote and propagate teachings and policies of Maharaja Agrasen ji. Vijay Gupta, Sunil Jain, Suraj Bhan Mittal, Vijay Goyal, Rahul Garg played an important role in making program successful.

Meeting of Pal Gadaria Samaj organized in Arjun Nagar Dharamshala

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 4

A meeting of Pal Gadaria Samaj was organized in Arjun Nagar Dharamshala Yamunanagar which was chaired by Ompal Kalsaura. Special guidance was received from Shamsar Barthal, Chairman of Pal Gadaria Dharamshala, Jai Singh Chairman, Ompal, Ramesh Nahoni, Mahinder Sarpanch. All members present in meeting called for active participation in state level Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Jayanti being celebrated in Pipli of district Kurukshetra on 31st May and Ompal said that all the old temples and stepwells in country were built by Devi Ahilyabai Holkar. Devi Ahilyabai Holkar was a worshipper of Lord Shiva. Devi Ahilyabai Holkar became queen of Indore and worked as a ruler who loved justice. She fought many



battles against Mughals and became a widow at a young age. Even after that she struggled and ruled Indore after death of her husband and it is a matter of pride for us that we are her descendants. Pal Gadaria community celebrates Devi Ahilyabai Holkar's birth anniversary with great pomp on May 31 across the country. Chief Minister Naib Saini, is

arriving at the grain market of Pipli on Saturday, 31 May at 10 am. All members of the community were present on this occasion and everyone said that people from every village will come to this program. We will organize programs in every village, door to door and will invite people to Devi Ahilyabai Holkar's birth anniversary.

Gurukul Kurukshetra hosts colourful display of creativity and patriotism

HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA, MAY 4

Gurukul Kurukshetra came alive with vibrant hues and youthful enthusiasm as school organised a Painting, Poster Making and Slogan Writing Competition, aimed at encouraging artistic expression and social awareness among students. Event was conducted under visionary leadership of Director Mr. Parveen Kumar and Principal Subey Pratap, with seamless coordination by Activity Incharge Mr. Sunil Ahuja. Each class group was given a unique topic to reflect their age group and creative potential. Students of Classes 6 and 7 engaged in a colourful and imaginative Mask Making activity, displaying an array of cultural and fantasy-themed designs. Classes 8

to 10 worked on the powerful theme "Proud to be an Indian", presenting visually compelling artworks and slogans that echoed patriotism and national pride. Senior-most



students of Class 12 were challenged with sophisticated theme of Still Life where their detailed compositions and use of colour reflected maturity and technical skill. Competition saw enthusiastic participation, with students ex-

pressing their ideas through a blend of creativity, craftsmanship, and conviction. Entries were judged based on creativity, relevance to theme and presentation. Director

Parveen Kumar applauded students' talent and was happy to see creativity of them. Event concluded on a note of pride and inspiration, reinforcing Gurukul Kurukshetra's commitment to holistic education.

Blood donation camp in village Budhiya held

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR:

Police Chamkaur Singh spokesperson said that working under guidance of Superintendent of Police Surendra Singh Bhauria, a blood donation camp was organized at Higher Secondary School Budhiya on 4th May 2025 with joint cooperation of Sanatan Raksha Manch and Shri Bhagwati Art Club Kheda Mandir Budhiya. 60 units were collected through Raktveers and general public was made aware about harm caused by drugs. Police station manager Nar Singh participated as chief guest in this blood donation camp. Chief guest Nar Singh said that social organizations and youth should do blood donation camps and other social work and the youth should stay away from drugs and focus on sports. By donating blood, three lives can be saved and blood donor also remains healthy. Every person



must donate blood once every three months so that patients get blood on time. Youth participated enthusiastically in this blood donation camp. He made common people present in program aware about harm caused by drugs and said that if any person in your village consumes drugs or sells drugs, then immediately in-

form police about it. He said that if any person in village takes or gives stolen goods, then also immediately inform police about it. He said that to curb criminals involved in drug smuggling, common people should inform police about it. Name of informer will be kept secret. He said that common people can play an important

role in making district drug free by giving information against those selling drugs in their area. Police station manager appealed to people that blood donation camps should be organized in every village to make people aware about blood donation and against drugs so that Haryana can become drug free.

MLA Jagmohan Anand read out condolence message of CM Naib Singh Saini

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 4

In condolence meeting of Lieutenant Vinay Narwal organized at Dr. Mangalsen Auditorium in Karnal, local MLA Jagmohan Anand read out condolence message of Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini. In message sent by Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, it was said that news of martyrdom of Lieutenant Vinay Narwal in terrorist attack in Pahalgam is extremely sad and heart-breaking. Martyr Lieutenant Vinay Narwal, who sacrificed his life, will always be unforgettable for everyone. His martyrdom is an irreparable loss not only for armed forces but for entire nation. With his martyrdom, country has lost a brave, courageous and dutiful officer



which can never be compensated. My condolences are with bereaved family in this difficult time. He pays tribute to martyr Lieutenant Vinay Narwal. We pray to God to give departed soul a place in his feet and give Narwal family and relatives strength to bear grief.

Anand said that he pays tribute and floral tribute to departed soul on behalf of people of Karnal, Union Minister Manohar Lal and himself. May God give strength to Narwal family to bear this grief. Condolence message of Navy Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi and Lok Sabha

Speaker Om Birla was also read out. Vinay's sister Sriшти shared old childhood memories with her brother. Also recited a poem in memory of Vinay. She thanked people who attended condolence meeting for supporting her in this hour of grief. Haryana Assembly Speaker Shri Harvinder Kalyan, As-sandh M.L.A. Yogendra Rana, DC Uttam Singh, SP Gangaram Poonia, Gajendra Phogat, SDM Anubhav Mehta, Captain Amit Puri, Captain Shobhit Agarwal from Naval Headquarters, Lieutenant Priya, Naval Officer, Vinay's father Rajesh Narwal, mother Asha Devi, grandfather Hawa Singh, Vinay's wife Himanshi, Vinay's sister Sriшти, Himanshi's father Sunil Swami, Poonam, Mahesh Yadav and other dignitaries were present.

Exercise can boost brain health

Editorial

A resilient style

One hundred years ago, a sprawling international exhibition was staged in Paris. It was intended to dazzle visitors with all that was new in architecture and design and to establish France as the unassailable arbiter of taste in the Western world. But the style that emerged from L'Exposition Internationale des Arts Décoratifs spread far beyond the Western world. Broadly termed as 'Art Deco', this style is defined by bold geometry, rich colours, and lavish ornamentation — much of this was a reaction to the grimness of the First World War, which had just ended. Blending influences from Cubism, Futurism, Bauhaus, and ancient Egyptian, Aztec, and African art, Art Deco exuded aesthetics through sleek symmetry made possible by the emergence of machines.

Calcuttans should be intimately familiar with this architectural style. Even those unaware of what Art Deco is and its history would have seen houses in Calcutta featuring typical Art Deco elements: gracefully curved, semi-circular balconies; tall, vertical bands of glazed panes illuminating stairwells; distinctive, port-hole-style windows evocative of ocean liners; and the celebrated sunrise motif elegantly worked into metal grilles and entrance gates. In colonial cities and provinces like Calcutta and Bom-bay, Art Deco emerged as a rejection of British neoclassicism that dominated urban architecture. In Calcutta, for instance, the first Art Deco building was the Metro Cinema, which was emblematic of the aspirations of a burgeoning Bengali middle class. In Bombay, too, Art Deco came to denote a bon vivant lifestyle that drew heavily from Western modernism.

That was the past. What about the present? Unlike in Calcutta, where conservators are struggling to preserve the city's Art Deco heritage, the movement seems to be making a comeback globally with no less than Elon Musk professing his love for it. What should be of interest though is the line of thought that is critical of Art Deco's aesthetics for being a ruse. Historians have long held that Art Deco's glitzy distraction is meant to deflect attention from periods of turmoil. The movement, tellingly, flourished during the inter-War decades. Its re-embrace in this day and age is significant as the present chapter in global history can undoubtedly be described as an era of war.

And what about the future of this dazzling, albeit controversial, architectural style? The biggest challenge that Art Deco faces in the 21st century concerns sustainability.

A group of clinical researchers from the Brain Health Center at Providence Saint John's Health Center at Pacific Neuroscience Institute participated in an international study that found an intriguing correlation between regular exercise and improved brain health.

Journal of Alzheimer's Disease published a study detailing the research, "Exercise-Related Physical Activity Relates to Brain Volumes in 10,125 Individuals," which demonstrates that physical activity is associated with larger brain regions crucial for memory and learning.

The study looked at MRI brain scans from 10,125 people done at Prenuvo imaging centers, a key collaborator in the research.

It found those who regularly engaged in physical activities such as walking, running or sports had larger brain volumes in key areas.

This includes the gray matter, which helps with processing information, and the white matter, which connects different brain regions, as well as the hippocampus, important for memory.

Cyrus A. Raji, M.D., the lead researcher, explains the findings in simple terms: "Our research supports earlier studies that show being physically active is good for your brain. Exercise not only lowers the risk of dementia but also helps in maintaining brain size, which is crucial as we age."

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Study co-author Somayeh Meysami, M.D., assistant professor of neurosciences at Saint John's Cancer Institute and the Pacific Brain Health Center noted, "Our research links regular physical activity to larger brain volumes, suggesting neuroprotective benefits. This large sample study furthers our understanding of lifestyle factors in brain health and dementia prevention."



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A Lancet Study in 2020 found about a dozen modifiable risk factors increase risk for Alzheimer's disease, including physical activ-

ity. This work builds upon previous work by this group, linking caloric burn from leisure activities to improved brain structure.

"This study demonstrates the influence of exercise on brain health imaging and when added to other studies on the role of diet, stress reduction and social connection offer the proven benefits of drug-free modifiable factors in substantially reducing Alzheimer's disease," said George Perry, Editor-in-Chief of Journal of Alzheimer's Disease. "With comprehensive imaging scans, our study underscores the interconnected synergy between the body and the brain."

It echoes the knowledge of past generations, showcasing that increased physical activity is a predictor of a healthier aging brain," said Dr. Attariwala, senior author of this paper.

Literature & Health

India's economy is in good shape despite challenging global environment

Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) Dr V Anantha Nageswaran expressed confidence in the economy's resilience and said India's economy is in good shape despite the challenging global environment.

Speaking at an event at Ashoka University on Saturday, India's CEA Nageswaran also said that the current economic indicators show that the Indian economy is progressing well.

Nageswaran highlighted the need for India to maintain macroeconomic stability while pursuing innovation-led, inclusive growth strategies. He stressed the need for targeted investments in human capital, technology, infrastructure, and continued structural reforms. "India's economy is in good shape de-



spite challenging global environment. While the final number for FY25 will be available in May, current indicators suggest we are progressing well," he added.

In his address, Nageswaran also highlighted top priority areas, including energy affordability and energy transition; employment generation and artificial intelligence; the share of income

accruing to capital and labour owners; education and skilling; the rise of manufacturing and SME; and food security and private sector capital formation. India is poised to lead the global economy again, with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) projecting it to remain the fastest-growing major economy over the next two years. According to the April 2025 edition of the IMF's World Economic Outlook, India's economy is expected to grow by 6.2 per cent in 2025 and 6.3 per cent in 2026, maintaining a solid lead over global and regional peers. Suman Bery, Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, in his keynote address during the event, emphasised India's long-term vision of becoming a developed, high-income society by 2047.

"Safety First: Making the school commute secure for every child"

Creating a safer journey from home to school and back

Every morning, innumerable students set out from their homes to begin their school day, whether by walking, cycling, traveling by bus, or being dropped off by vehicle by parents. The journey to and from school must be made as safe as the learning environment itself. Though the increasing number of road-related incidents involving school children highlights the urgent need for greater awareness and stricter safety practices. Safety during these daily commutes is not just a parental concern, it is a shared responsibility involving schools, transport authorities, and the wider community.

Children walking to school should always use footpaths and pedestrian crossings, remain alert, and avoid distractions such as mobile phones or headphones. If cycling, they must wear helmets, obey traffic rules, and use proper hand signals when turning. For those traveling by school buses, safety begins at the bus stop.

Students should wait at a safe distance from the road, board in a calm and orderly manner, and stay seated during the ride. When getting off, it is vital to cross the road in front of the bus, never behind it.



Drivers near school zones must reduce speed, avoid overtaking, and remain vigilant for sudden pedestrian movements. School premises should have designated drop-off and pick-up zones, supervised by trained personnel to ensure smooth and safe movement. Educational institutions are increasingly incorporating road safety awareness sessions and drills into their routines, helping students become more conscious of their surroundings and responsible in their behavior.

Creating a safe journey from home to school and back is not just about rule, it's about building habits, infrastructure, and community support that prioritize children's well-being. Every safe arrival is a step toward a brighter, more secure future.

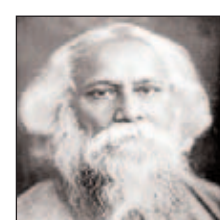
In addition to following safety practices, having access to the right emergency contact numbers can make a critical difference in urgent situations. Whether a child gets lost, faces a medical emergency, or witnesses unsafe behavior on the road, knowing whom to call can ensure timely help and prevent serious consequences. Children should be taught how and when to use key helpline numbers. Parents are encouraged to write these numbers in school diaries and review them regularly with their children. Including a list of verified helplines in school notices, ID cards, or transport logs can also empower both students and caregivers to act swiftly when needed.

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POEM

The Last Bargain

Come and hire me," I cried, while in the morning I was walking on the stone-paved road. Sword in hand, the King came in his chariot. He held my hand and said, "I will hire you with my power." But his power counted for nought, and he went away in his chariot.



Rabindranath Tagore

In the heat of the midday the houses stood with shut doors. I wandered along the crooked lane. An old man came out with his bag of gold. He pondered and said, "I will hire you with my money." He weighed his coins one by

one, but I turned away. It was evening. The garden hedge was all aflower. The fair maid came out and said, "I will hire you with a smile."

Her smile paled and melted into tears, and she went back alone into the dark.

Rabindranath Tagore

AI governance crucial for accountability and risk mitigation

Adopting robust AI governance frameworks is essential to ensure accountability and manage potential risks associated with artificial intelligence, according to the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

In its latest guidebook on AI adoption, released recently, CII emphasised that responsible AI use not only mitigates adverse impacts but also builds trust among stakeholders.

AI governance refers to the framework, policies, practices, and standards that guide the ethical, responsible, and accountable use of artificial intelligence (AI) within organisations.

The guidebook adds that the goal of AI governance is to ensure that AI is ethical, transparent, safe, reliable, responsible, fair, and compliant with legal and regulatory standards.

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systems and their outcomes. With the increasing integration of AI into various aspects of business, AI Governance has become a critical business imperative to minimise the potential harms, risks and mis-

use of AI (such as privacy breach, bias, security threat) while ensuring that the organisation reaps maximum benefits of AI, the Industry body added.

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need to implement processes to identify and mitigate biases and risks associated with the use of AI in various aspects of business. AI requires careful governance to fully leverage its capabilities while miti-

gating the risks and challenges it presents, CII said.

The Guidebook underlines that as AI continues to transform industries and business environments, Board members play a crucial role in steering organisations towards responsible and ethical AI adoption.

"Through thoughtful governance, executive Boards can guide their organisations in harnessing benefits of AI while safeguarding stakeholder trust and maintaining compliance with emerging regulations," the CII added in the guidebook.

It emphasises on criticality of establishing and upholding clear and enduring values for maintaining accountability in use of AI within business operations.

"By addressing both the opportunities and risks, Boards can navigate the complex AI landscape, ensuring sustainable, responsible, and value-driven innovation," it added.

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA: On 307th birth anniversary of Nawab Jassa Singh Ahluwalia, dignitaries of Ahluwalia Walia community celebrated his birthday by garlanding his statue. Head of Ahluwalia Sabha, Narendra Walia said that Baba Jassa Singh



Ahluwalia's birth anniversary on 3rd May is an inspirational day and we should celebrate this day as a golden day. He said that celebrating birthday of ancestors is a day of memories of past as well as an opportunity to express gratitude for their contribution to society. Values given by them

inspire us to discharge our responsibilities towards nation and society. Patrons of Ahluwalia Sabha, Rajendra Walia, Virendra Walia, Pradeep Walia, Surendra Walia, Praveen Walia, Vijendra Walia, Pradeep Rosha, Anirudh Walia, Satish Walia, Jagdish Walia, Subhash Walia.

NEWS BRIEF

Now Rahul Gandhi must expel Kamal Nath and Tytler from party: Paramjit Singh Gill

VERMA GURDASPUR: Congress MP and former president Rahul Gandhi's acceptance that mistakes were made by the Congress government during the 1980s clearly shows that the Congress mentality has always been to divide and rule the country. This is why the Congress has now lost its mass base across the nation,

said Paramjit Singh Gill, National Vice President of the Himalaya Parivar Organization and senior leader of the Gurdaspur Lok Sabha constituency, while speaking to the media. He stated that Congress is making such statements now in an attempt to save its political standing, but its leaders are not sincere about their words. He questioned Rahul Gandhi directly, saying that if you admit the Congress made mistakes in the 1980s, then those accused of the Sikh genocide—Jagdish Tytler and Kamal Nath—must be immediately expelled from the party.



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CM Dhama performs Mahabhishek Puja in PM Modi's name as Badrinath Dham portals open

AGENCY CHAMOLI, MAY 4

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama performed the first Mahabhishek Puja in the name of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday and prayed for the happiness and prosperity of the country and the state, as the portals of Badrinath Dham were opened for devotees, officials said. "Today is an important day because people wait six months to pray in the temple... First prayers are offered for everyone's well-being... Then the pious portals of the Lord are opened... Uttarakhand Chief Minister prayed for the well-being of the state... This has been happening over the last several years. As Lord Badri is the 'Ishta Dev' of the nation, the first puja will be offered on behalf of the Prime Minister and then to the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand," said Badrinath Dham's Dharmadhikari, Radha Krishna Thapliyal, explaining the relevance of puja. On the occasion, Chief Minister Dhama offered prayers at various temples in the complex, including the Lakshmi



Temple, Ganesh Temple, and the Adi Guru Shankaracharya Gaddi. Around 15,000 devotees from across India and abroad were present to witness the ceremonial reopening. The Chief Minister greeted the pilgrims and also took feedback on travel

arrangements. He said that the state government has made efforts at every level to ensure a safe and well-organised Char Dham Yatra and to provide adequate facilities for the devotees. He also appealed to all devotees visiting Devbhoomi

Uttarakhand to fully cooperate in maintaining a clean and green Chardham Yatra. CM Dhama took a detailed review of the Badrinath Dham master plan from Chamoli District Magistrate Sandeep Tiwari and inspected the ongoing construction work near the temple premises. He directed the District Magistrate to complete the master plan on time and with quality. Expressing satisfaction over the travel arrangements in Badrinath Dham, he directed the District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police to make foolproof arrangements for passenger facilities and security. He also enquired about the preparations for the Hemkund Sahib Yatra from the District Magistrate and was directed to arrange passenger facilities soon. He also took updates about the construction work of the bridge under construction in the Alaknanda river at Govindghat, and subsequently, the District Magistrate was ordered to inspect the construction work and complete it with quality before the Yatra.

No martyr status or job assurances yet for Lt. Vinay Narwal's family, says Viresh Shandilya

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 4

In a solemn tribute held in Karnal for Lt. Vinay Narwal, the Indian Navy officer martyred in the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Anti-Terrorist Front India National President Viresh Shandilya expressed deep anguish over the government's inaction in formally recognising the officer as a martyr. Addressing the gathering, Shandilya criticised the fact that no official declaration of martyr status has yet been made for Lt. Narwal. He further lamented that no communication has been provided regarding an HCS-level job for the martyr's sister, nor any employment assurance for his wife in the Indian Navy. Shandilya also noted that during the traditional 'rasm pagri' ceremony, the family was not presented with any financial assistance from the government. "This delay is disheartening and unjust to the family of a soldier who laid down his life for the nation," he said. He assured the bereaved family of complete support from the Anti-Terrorist Front India and vowed to meet both central and state



government officials to ensure that all necessary help and benefits are extended to them without further delay. Shandilya urged Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini to expedite the provision of all due benefits to the martyr's family, including the official conferment of martyr status. Concluding his address, he appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take decisive action against Pakistan, emphasising that the entire nation stands with its brave soldiers and that such cowardly terrorist attacks must be met with a strong response.

Say yes to life and no to drugs: SP Aastha Modi



SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL: Kaithal Police have been running a special campaign against drug abuse as per the instructions of SP Aastha Modi. Under this campaign, the district police was encouraging the youth through sports activities to keep them away from drugs and connected themselves with sports. The team of ASI Omprakash, HC Sunil Kumar, included in the drug awareness team, has been going from village to village and making the public aware. SP Aastha Modi said that through this campaign, the aim of the police was to make the public aware of the evils of drug abuse and to bring the drug addicted youth to the mainstream of society.

Sanitation in shambles, water filled in streets, anger among villagers



MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: Due to lack of cleaning of drains and streets in village Syed Chhapra, streets of village are filled with water, making it difficult for people to pass through street, mosquitoes, corn have started breeding in village, there is a fear of spread of disease in village. Villagers Raza Abbas, Murslin, Gurbachan, Vikram Verma and Rambhajan told that the drains and streets are not being cleaned in village for a long time due to which children are not going to Urdu school and their studies are also getting hampered. Situation is such that village is not being cleaned for many months. Safai Karamcharis appointed by Panchayat do cleaning as per their own wish. When villagers ask them to do cleaning, they do not reply and do not even clean village.

Subhash Chandra appointed President of Haryana Numberdar Association, Ladwa Block



VIJAY KAUSHIK

LADWA: Subhash Chandra has been unanimously elected as the president of the Haryana Numberdar Association for the Ladwa block during a meeting held at the PWD Rest House under the chairmanship of Jangsher Ban. The meeting was convened to discuss the pressing concerns of numberdars and to form a new working committee. The session was moderated by Rajkumar Dhanora. Speaking at the meeting, the association's state spokesperson emphasized that the position of numberdar is not an elected one but rather an appointed role. He called on all numberdars to unite under one banner to collectively advocate for their long-pending demands. The spokesperson urged the Haryana government to address these issues to enable numberdars to perform their duties efficiently. Subhash Chandra expressed gratitude for the confidence placed in him and pledged to work with integrity and dedication. He assured all numberdars that he would actively raise their concerns before Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and strive to get their demands fulfilled.

Every home should have a brave child like Lieutenant Vinay Narwal: Suman Saini



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Haryana Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini's wife and Haryana State Child Welfare Council's Vice President Suman Saini reached Lieutenant Vinay Narwal's tribute meeting today. She paid tribute by laying flowers on Vinay's photo and remembered him. She said that salute to Vinay's parents, who gave birth to a brave son. Salute to Vinay's wife Himanshi too, who was with Vinay at time of incident and sat there for so long. She said that this is an emotional moment for everyone. Every home should have a brave child like Vinay Narwal. She said that in this hour of grief, whole of Haryana stands with Vinay Narwal's family. Her prayer is that God should give Vinay Narwal a place in his feet.

Journalists honoured on International Press Day in St. Paul Divine School Taraori



KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI: International Press Day was celebrated in St. Paul Divine School, Tarawadi on Sunday. This day is dedicated to honoring the freedom of journalism, the right to expression and the role of the media. Its purpose is to highlight the importance of a free press and draw attention to the safety of journalists. This day is considered as a symbol of freedom of information and strengthening democracy across the world. On this occasion, the Principal of St. Paul Divine School, Preeti Gupta, told the children what was the importance of media in their lives. She said that this day reminded them that the press was the backbone of democracy and how important it was to give the right information on time. A journalist and media were the bridges that connect them and the public to the truth. This day was an opportunity to honor all those journalists who worked to bring out the truth with honesty and fearlessness. No matter how many difficulties they have to face for that. Principal Preeti Gupta said that only a fearless pen can change society. The pen that fought against injustice was the greatest power.

Parent orientation marks beginning of new academic session at Little Millennium Pre-School



HANS RAJ

KURUKSHETRA: Little Millennium Pre-School hosted a vibrant Parent Orientation Programme today to mark the commencement of the new academic session, aiming to strengthen the partnership between parents and educators for the holistic development of children. More than 60 enthusiastic parents participated in the event. The school management and faculty extended a warm welcome and provided a comprehensive introduction to the school's teaching methodology, curriculum, and activity-based learning approach. Little Millennium, a leading early childhood education chain in India, is renowned for its cutting-edge learning labs, safe and colorful classrooms, and skill-based teacher training programs. With its micro-level classroom structure, the institution ensures personalized attention and support for every child. The event began with a warm welcome by Bhavana and Ishika. Academic Manager Renu Punia emphasized the significance of early childhood education and the pivotal role of parents in nurturing a child's mental, social, and emotional growth.

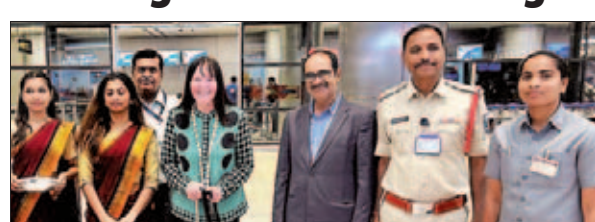
Pb stands firm on water rights: Tarunpreet Singh Sond praises CM Mann's resolve



RADHE SHYAM SHARMA

MORINDA: Lauding Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann for his assertive stance on the state's water issues, Cabinet Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond said, "I have never seen a Chief Minister who has stood up so firmly to the Centre for the rights of his people." The minister made these remarks during an informal interaction at Khural Motors, Morinda, where he met his close associate Parvinder Singh Sonu Khural and others following the unveiling ceremony of Maharaja Jassa Singh Ramgarhia's statue. Tarunpreet Singh Sond emphasized that the entire Punjab Cabinet stands united behind the Chief Minister on the issue of protecting Punjab's water. He also highlighted Mann's determined push to eradicate drugs from the state, noting that police officials have been given a deadline of May 31 to ensure visible results. "Post this deadline, if drugs are still found in any area, the local SSP and SHO will be held accountable," he asserted. The minister urged the youth to stay away from drugs and encouraged those already struggling with addiction to enroll in the government's free de-addiction centres for treatment.

Miss World 2025 to Spotlight Telangana on Global Stage



BUREAU

HYDERABAD: In a historic move to elevate Telangana's global image, the 72nd edition of the Miss World 2025 competition will be hosted in Hyderabad from May 10 to 31 under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Sri Revanth Reddy. The state government has made extensive arrangements to ensure the grand success of the event, using it as a strategic platform to showcase Telangana's rich culture, heritage, and development to the world. With the slogan "The World looks at Telangana!", the event will see participation from contestants representing around 120 countries. The competition is not only a celebration of global beauty and talent but also a gateway to highlight Telangana's strengths in spiritual, medical, and safe tourism, aiming to attract global investments and boost the state's brand image.

Journalists honoured on Press Freedom Day at Brahma Kumaris Centre



PRADEEP MEHTA NILOKHERI: On the occasion of Press Freedom Day, a special event was organised at the Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya campus to recognise the contributions of media professionals. The event was chaired by BK Sangeeta, Director of the centre, while BJP District Vice President Rajbir Sharma attended as the chief guest. During the event, BK Sangeeta honoured local journalists with mementoes as a token of appreciation for their continued dedication to truthful and impartial reporting. She praised journalists for their unwavering commitment despite the numerous challenges they face, stating, "The services rendered by journalists can never be forgotten. They understand their responsibilities towards the nation and fulfil them with integrity." BK Sangeeta also expressed gratitude to the press for their consistent support to the institution over the years. In response, senior journalist Mulik Raj Ahuja thanked the Brahma Kumaris and BK Sangeeta on behalf of the media fraternity, appreciating the gesture of honour and encouragement. Chief guest Rajbir Sharma extended his best wishes to journalists on the occasion and acknowledged their pivotal role in upholding democracy.

Kho-kho and cricket matches organized at Apollo International School, Dadapur Khurd



KAMAL SHARMA

TARARORI: Inter-house Kho-Kho competitions and cricket match was held in Apollo International School Dadapur Khurd. At the beginning of the match, the children of both the teams were introduced and welcomed. Champion team won the toss in cricket match. Children of both the teams of the school, Team Achiever and Team Champion, participated enthusiastically. Participants from class 8th to 12th also participated. Angad of class 9th was chosen as the Man of the Match and Likhith Chaudhary was chosen as the Best Bowler. Team Champion won the cricket match. Aarav from Team Champion was the Man of the Match among the participants from class 6th to 7th. Plaksha was the winner of the team among the girls from class 7th to 12th. Team Achiever was the winner in the Kho-Kho match group from class 3rd to 5th. Naman from Team Achiever was the best runner in the Kho-Kho match and Tejas from Champion team was the best runner. Mr. Varun and Mukesh Sharma were the coaches of the teams. The match was very thrilling. Principal Rajni Sharma congratulated the winning team and while telling the children about the importance of sports, she said that sports helped in their social and mental development.

Many areas of Punjab declared danger zones, where will we get water from: Nihal Singh Bhullar



JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA

MOGA: On the issue of water in Punjab, Shiromani Akali Dal Badal Circle Mehna President and Senior Akali Leader Halka Dhamkot Former Sarpanch Nihal Singh Bhullar Talwandi Bhaganriah while talking to the media at his office said that when our Punjab is not getting enough water for its own livelihood, then during such a time there is no question of giving water to Haryana. On this occasion, Sarpanch Gurdev Singh Bhole Fatehgarh Panjur, Baldev Singh Mehron, Sarabjit Singh Moga, Bittu Talwandi Bhangerian etc. were present with him. On this occasion, Nihal Singh Bhullar said that due to shortage of water for sowing in Punjab, many areas have been declared as danger zones. On this occasion, Circle President Nihal Singh Bhullar said that there is an Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab which does not stand by any of its statements. If the Punjab government had repealed the Dam Safety Act, Punjab would not have had to see these days. He demanded that the water issue be resolved under the accepted international principles and the laws of the country. He said that Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has 94 MLAs and he claims himself to be the Chief Minister of three crore people.

'One Nation One Election' necessary for national interest: Rosie Malik



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: A meeting was organised under the chairmanship of BJP District President Praveen Lathar in BJP District Office Karnal to discuss the issue of building consensus of the general public in one country one election, in which all the workers present were guided by Rosie Malik, in-charge of One Nation One Election Kurukshetra Department which includes Karnal, Kurukshetra, Kaithal and Panipat districts. In-charge Rosie Malik told all present to inform everyone about the benefits of one country one election. She said that this will not only save the treasury but will also curb black money. She said that often development work gets hindered during elections because the code of conduct comes into force in the states at the time of elections and it remains in force till the results are released. In such a situation, it delays development projects. This will not happen in one country-one election. She said that during elections, various government employees including the force are deployed on duty across the country. This also disrupts their government work. In such a situation, such a requirement will be there only once a year and this will save resources.

PANIPAT : Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd., a leading building materials Company in India, announced its unaudited financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2025. With 25 MMTPA of combined installed capacity, Nuvoco Vistas Corp. Ltd. is the 5th largest cement group in India and amongst the leading cement players in East India. The Company is on track to achieve 31 MMTPA cement capacity by Q3 FY27 post NCLT approving the Resolution Plan for acquisition of Vadraj Cement Limited (VCL). The Company achieved a consolidated cement sales volume of 5.7 MMT in Q4 FY25, with full-year volume reaching 19.4 MMT. Consolidated revenue from operations grew 4% YoY to Rs. 3,042 Cr. in Q4, bringing FY25 revenue to Rs. 10,357 Cr. The Company also reported its highest-ever quarterly consolidated EBITDA of Rs. 556 Cr. in Q4 FY25, with full-year EBITDA at Rs. 1,391 Cr. Furthermore, the Company stayed committed to its deleveraging agenda reducing its net debt by Rs. 390 Cr. YoY to Rs. 3,640 Cr.

NEWS BRIEF

CMF Phone 2 Pro sale starts 5 May; Available for as low as Rs 16,999
A misar : 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.

Surging gold ETFs fuel q1 demand

Chandigarh : The World Gold Council's Q1 2025 Gold Demand Trends report reveals total quarterly gold demand (including OTC) was 1,206t, a 1% increase year-on-year, in a record high price environment, in which gold surpassed US\$3,000/oz. The gold ETF revival fuelled a more-than doubling of total investment demand to 552t, a 170% year-on-year increase and the highest since Q1 2022. ETF inflows accelerated around the world, totalling 226t in the first quarter as price momentum and tariff policy uncertainty drove investors to gold as a safe haven. Total bar and coin demand increased 3% y/y, remaining elevated at 325t during Q1, spurred by a surge of retail investment in China, which posted its second-highest quarter on record. Eastern investors drove much of the global demand for bar and coin, offsetting Western weakness as appetite in the US dropped 22% year-on-year, alongside a modest 12t recovery in Europe, but from a very low base in the same quarter last year.

Clinker unit loading halted at Darlaghat Cement Plant, truck drivers protest over poor facilities

BHN: Operations at the clinker unit of Gujjarat Ambuja's Darlaghat Cement Industry have been disrupted for the past two to three days, leading to severe difficulties for truck drivers waiting to load material. The halt in loading has not only stalled vehicle movement but also left drivers without basic food and water arrangements. Frustrated by the ongoing situation, the drivers staged a protest at the company gate, temporarily blocking the entrance to voice their discontent. They allege that despite repeated appeals, their concerns continue to be ignored by the management. As of now, the company has not issued any official response, and no dialogue has taken place between the protesting drivers and plant authorities.

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

A misar/Ludhiana, 4 May : 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, A/Cs, 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." Business customers to receive up to INR 9,999 in cashback on each of their pre-paid orders from eligible product categories, for up to three separate purchases during the Great Summer Sale. Customers can discover exciting products on Amazon Business with popular deals from sellers, and can also save up to 28% with a GST invoice.

Suresh K. Nair elected as new president of Kerala Samajam

Chandigarh, Suresh K. Nair was elected the new President of Kerala Samajam, Chandigarh at its 50th Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at Chema Bhavan, Sector 30 on Sunday. The landmark event marked five decades of cultural contribution, community engagement and social unity, drawing active participation from a large number of members. The AGM featured key agenda items including the Secretary's Annual Report, approval of audited financial statements and election of the Executive Committee for the financial year 2025-26. Joining Mr. Nair on the newly elected committee are Mr. Vattathi Benedict Nicus as Vice President, Mr. Mani K. Nair as Secretary, and Mr. R. Sreekumar as Treasurer. In his inaugural address, Suresh K. Nair emphasized the importance of collaboration, transparency and member-driven initiatives. Outgoing President Shri Aravindkshan Pillai, who will soon relocate to Kerala, expressed heartfelt thanks to the community for their steadfast support.

Bains visits Nangal Dam 4th day in a row to keep tabs on Punjab's rights



SUMER GARG CHANDIGARH: While standing at the forefront to safeguard Punjab's interests, Punjab education and information minister, Harjot Singh Bains today made a visit to Bhakra Dam at Nangal consecutively for the fourth day to ensure no and excess water release to Haryana. After assessing the situation, Bains emphasised that water is crucial for Punjab's economy, which heavily relies on agriculture. He reaffirmed that the Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab government is standing firm on the decision taken regarding water. "We are closely monitoring the situation. Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has already visited Nangal Dam, and also called a special Punjab Vidhan Sabha session tomorrow (May 5) to address the issue", he added. The Punjab government is steadfast in fighting for farmers' rights and we won't let the BJP-led Centre and other states violate our rights. Our Aam Aadmi Party workers have been vigilantly guarding Nangal Dam. With paddy sowing season approaching, our farmers need water, and we can't afford to spare any extra water for any other state", the Minister made it clear. He also enquired from officials about water release from Nangal Dam, while assuring the people

HSGPC member Jagdish Singh Jhinda hits at Punjab chief minister on stoppage of water to Haryana

KARNAL- MAY 4 (SHIV KUMAR SHARMA)- Former President and current member of Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee, Jagdish Singh Jhinda, in his statement said that Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee stood strongly with the interests of Haryana. He said that Punjab had earlier looted the Gurudwaras of Haryana. The Sikhs of Haryana had to fight a lot to save the Gurudwaras of Haryana from being looted by Punjab. After which the Gurudwaras of Haryana were freed from Punjab and the Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee came into existence! Jagdish Singh Jhinda said that now the people of Punjab wanted to make Haryana barren by looting its water!. We were residents of Haryana. It was Punjab that separated us, said he. This was not our demand, but the people of Punjab had demanded a Punjab province and after the formation of the Punjabi province, they separated us from themselves

but did not give us our rights. He said that now the people of Punjab were stopping their water and did not want to give them water. The Sikhs of Haryana will not tolerate this blow, we will strongly oppose it. We stand with Haryana. Even if we have to struggle, we will be at the forefront and fight for our rights and take our rights from Punjab!

While replying to Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, he said that the Chief Minister of Punjab says that he is married in Haryana. Haryana is my in-laws' house, Haryana's daughter is married in Punjab. Therefore, he has a relationship with the people of Haryana and a relationship with Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, but the people of Haryana did not even drink water at their daughter's house! But the Chief Minister of Haryana was asking for water from Punjab.

LPU Hosts 17th Montrose Runway Fashion Week to Support Girl Child & Promote Inclusivity

JALANDHAR (J S SODHI): Lovely Professional University (LPU) hosted the 17th edition of Montrose Runway Fashion Week, transforming its campus into a celebration of fashion with purpose. Held in collaboration with Montrose Foundation and Beti Foundation, the event raised funds for the upliftment of girl children and underprivileged communities. Over 50 models, mostly LPU students, walked the ramp in creations by renowned designers including Sadiq Raza (Kuwait), Ravi Rajoria, Anushka Montrose, Ravi Jassal, and Vikas Chavan. LPU students contributed as models, coordinators, and stylists, gaining hands-on experience. Heartfelt performances by specially-abled artists stole the spotlight, earning a standing ovation and underscoring the theme of inclusivity. Chief Guest Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal, MP (Rajya Sabha) and Founder Chancellor of LPU, lauded the initiative, saying, "This event bridges education and purposeful action." Powered by World Designing Forum and co-sponsored by Jockey, the show was conceptualised by Vishal Montrose and team, showcasing LPU's commitment to nurturing creativity with conscience.



'Naveen Avsar Kisan Mela aims to transform agriculture sector': MP Naveen Jindal



SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL: Member of Parliament Naveen Jindal on Saturday launched the official poster of the upcoming Naveen Avsar Kisan Mela, set to take place from May 9 to 11 at Kurukshetra University. The event is being organized with the support of IRMA-ICID and the Naveen Jindal Foundation, with a vision to introduce farmers to modern agricultural technologies and enhance their income. The poster launch ceremony was attended by BJP District President Jyoti Saini, Pundri MLA Satpal Jamba, Deputy Commissioner Preeti Singh, and senior administrative officials. Speaking on the occasion, MP Jindal said that the fair would serve as a knowledge-sharing platform and a gateway for farmers to adopt innovative and scientific methods of farming. "This event is a major step toward revolutionizing agriculture. I urge all farmers and local residents to participate actively and benefit from it," he said. The Kisan Mela will showcase advanced agricultural tools,

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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, while the 16 MP front camera is ready to snap your sharpest selfies.

Amit Pal's blazing 94 powers team 103 to domine at Gully Cricket Tournament



CHANDIGARH, A scintillating knock of 94 runs off just 31 balls by Amit Pal lit up the Gully Cricket Tournament being organised by the UT Cricket Association in association with Chandigarh Police as Team No. 103 cruised to a commanding 102-run victory over Team No. 110 played at GMHS Sector 29-A on Sunday. Batting first, Team 103 piled up a massive total of 152/5. In reply, Team 110 faltered at mere 50 against a disciplined bowling attack led by Raj (4/7). In other matches held on Sunday, Team No. 205 beat Team No. 186 by eight wickets, while Team No. 143 secured a close three-run win over Team No. 134. Team No. 224 outplayed Team No. 212 by 25 runs, and Team No. 158 defeated Team No. 147 by eight wickets. Team No. 84 beat Team No. 94 by six wickets, Team No. 166 registered an eight-wicket win over Team No. 172, and Team No. 237 overwhelmed Team No. 231 by 55 runs. Team No. 241 outclassed Team No. 252 by six wickets, and in another close contest, Team No. 58 edged past Team No. 60 by 14 runs.

Kashyap tours villages to invite people for Kashyap jayanti celebrations

PRITI SAINI SADHAURA: To make the state level Kashyap Jayanti celebrations to be held in Ladwa on May 23 a success, Chief Whip and MLA Indri Ramkumar Kashyap visited dozens of villages and invited the people of the society to attend the rally. He visited Araiyawa, Chuhadpurkala, Kutlup, Mandhar, Panjpur, Jagadhari, Telipura villages and called upon the people of the society to celebrate Kashyap Jayanti. MLA Indri Ramkumar Kashyap said that to make the state level Kashyap Jayanti celebrations a success, people of all communities should bring awareness in the society and sing the hymns of the sages and saints of their society on the day of Jayanti. He also gave necessary guidelines to the executive and workers for the state level Jayanti to be held in Ladwa and appealed for cooperation from the people of the society. He said that Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini will be present as the chief guest in the state level Kashyap Jayanti to be held in Ladwa and a memorandum will be given to the Chief Minister regarding the participation of the society in politics. He justified the caste census. The people of the society assured him to make the state level Kashyap Jayanti to be held in Ladwa a success and said that the people of the society will participate in this programme in large numbers. He said that about 5 lakh people of the society will participate in this state level Kashyap Jayanti celebration. On this occasion, Rohtas, Geeta Ram Sarpanch Chuharpur Kala, Rajkumar Tuglapur, Advocate Gulab Singh Kashyap, Baljinder Kashyap, Sulekh Chand Kashyap, Balbir Kashyap, Media Spokesperson Ramkishan Kashyap etc. were present.



Swarnaprashan Camp benefiting 200 Children held at Dhanwantry Hospital



CHANDIGARH: A special Swarnaprashan camp was organized at Shree Dhanwantry College and Hospital, Sector 46 wherein 200 children between newborn to 16 years received the traditional Ayurvedic immunization. The camp was conducted under the supervision of Dr Vinod Barwal, (Head, Pediatrician Department) and his team. Swarnaprashan is an ancient Ayurvedic immunization rite traditionally performed on Pushya Nakshatra. It involves administering a unique formulation made with purified gold (Suvarna Bhasma) combined with selected herbs, ghee, and honey. It helps in boosting immunity and disease resistance, improving memory, focus and intelligence. Principal Dr. Sumit Shrivastava, emphasized the importance of reviving such time-tested Ayurvedic practices and expressed the institution's commitment to preventive healthcare.

ExxonMobil launches new Mobil 1™ campaign featuring Hrithik Roshan

GURUGRAM: ExxonMobil Lubricants Pvt. Ltd., an affiliate of ExxonMobil in India, has unveiled a new commercial under its ongoing 'Unforgettable Journeys' campaign, showcasing Mobil 1™, the world's leading synthetic engine oil brand. The latest ad features Bollywood superstar Hrithik Roshan, marking a powerful collaboration that highlights shared values of performance, ambition, and excellence. For the first time ever, Hrithik appears on-screen alongside his father, renowned filmmaker Rakesh Roshan, making the commercial a significant moment in Indian cinema and brand storytelling. Celebrating Hrithik's 25 years in the film industry, the campaign draws a compelling parallel between his iconic journey and the aspirations of a rising India—a nation of dreamers and doers. Mobil 1™ mirrors this spirit with its cutting-edge technology and unmatched engine performance, delivering reliability under all conditions. The brand positions itself as an enabler of freedom, performance, and trust—qualities that align with Hrithik's own career and India's growth narrative. Charlene Pereira, Managing Director, ExxonMobil Lubricants Pvt. Ltd., stated: "Mobil 1™ has been tested in the harshest conditions—on roads, tracks, and in labs—and continues to prove its durability."

Narayan Seva Sansthan gave a self-confident and self-dependent life to more than 350 disabled people of Delhi

New Delhi: Narayan Seva Sansthan's Narayan Limb and Calipers Fitting Camp was organized in Rohini. In the camp, more than 350 disabled people of Delhi were fitted with upper-lower and multiple artificial limbs and calipers. On this occasion, Delhi Government's Social Welfare Minister Ravindra Indraj Singh and special guests Usha Kanti Mehta, Praveen Kohli, family will be realized. He assured the institute of all kinds of help. He also praised the years of service of the institute's founder Kailash Manav and President Prashant Agarwal. He also congratulated the Divyangs who benefited from the camp and started a new life by walking on their own feet. The camp started with lighting of lamps. 15 social workers were given the highest award of Narayan Seva. President Prashant Agarwal said that a camp was organized in Delhi on February 16 to provide help to the Divyangs near their homes. More than 500 patients came in which 351 Divyangs were selected for Narayan Limbs and Calipers. Who are getting the gift of a new life today. In the ceremony, the Divyangs paraded wearing artificial limbs. The institute doctors gave training to the Divyangs to walk and also gave information about the maintenance of limbs. While giving the report of the camp, he said that in Delhi, a large number of Divyangs were sent off to their homes by the institute after making them wear Narayan Limbs of German technology. All of them had become unable to walk after losing their hands and legs in an accident years ago. Due to which their life had almost stopped. The institute's 80-member team provided services. Director Vandana Agarwal thanked the guests. During this time, all the guests visited, heard the patients' problems and learned the fitting process from the doctor. The benefited disabled were given training and also played basketball and football.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Introduces Exclusive Edition of Innova HyCross

KARNAL / HISAR : Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) announced the launch of the Exclusive Edition of the InnovaHyCross available in the ZX(O) grade. Building upon the remarkable success of the InnovaHyCross, this new rendition offers distinguished styling and enhanced cabin experience. Trusted by over a lakh customers across the country, the InnovaHyCross continues to impress with its exceptional spirit of glamor and efficiency. Crafted to make every journey as distinctive as the individual behind the wheel, the Innova HyCross Exclusive Edition of ZX(O) will be available from May 2025 through July 2025, in two colors-Super White and Pearl White, in limited quantity. Speaking on the introduction, Mr. Varinder Wadhwa, Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business, Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said that the InnovaHyCross has consistently garnered strong customer appreciation for its proportions & poise of an SUV with the spaciousness of an MPV, and we are truly humbled for their continued trust placed in the brand. Today, we are delighted to launch the InnovaHyCross Exclusive Edition in ZX(O), thoughtfully crafted to meet the evolving aspirations of our discerning customers. This special variant embodies Toyota's commitment to exclusivity and elevated customer experience. With this introduction, we aim to offer enhanced value and added convenience features, while continuing to build on the strengths of the versatile Innova HyCross - perfect for families wanting a car that can deliver a seamless, fatigue-free drive.

Sabalenka beats spirited Gauff to win Madrid Open



MADRID, MAY 4 (UNI) Aryna Sabalenka overcame a spirited fightback from Coco Gauff to claim her third Madrid Open title with a thrilling 6-3 7-6 (7-3) win. World number one Sabalenka dominated the opening set but squandered a championship point in a fluctuating second set as Gauff forced a tie-break on Saturday.

There was still little to separate them as Gauff recovered from 3-0 to make it 3-3 but a double fault gave 26-year-old Sabalenka the victory.

Both came into the final confidently, with Belarusian Sabalenka as the world's best and Gauff coming off the back of her stunning semi-final win over Iga Swiatek.

Sabalenka made a flying start, which included 17 points won in a row, but Gauff's brave recovery saw her take a 5-

3 lead in the second set, the BBC reported.

The 21-year-old American then saved six break points to thwart Sabalenka's comeback after she had made it 5-5.

But Sabalenka held her nerve under pressure in her sixth final of 2025 so far, adding the Madrid title to her wins in Brisbane and Miami.

Her previous wins in Madrid came in 2021 and 2023 and she was runner-up to Swiatek in 2024. She ties with Czech player Petra Kvitova (2011, 2015, 2018) for the most wins in the tournament.

"Congratulations to Coco. I am so happy to see you back playing your best tennis," Sabalenka said.

"You are such a fighter and I love playing against you.

"With my team, we have been through a lot together so thank you to them."

KKR One-Run thriller against RR in Last-Ball

AGENCY KOLKATA : A magnificent fighting 95 from skipper Riyan Parag went in vain as defending champions Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) held their nerves to deny Rajasthan Royals (RR) a win, leaving them one run short at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Sunday.

Chasing 207 runs, RR was 71/5, but a 92-run stand between Parag and Shimron Hetmyer and fireworks from Shubham Dubey and Jofra Archer almost took them home, until the pair failed to complete a double on the final ball to push the match into a Super Over.

KKR is at sixth spot with five wins and five losses, giving them 10 points and keeping their defence alive. RR is at eighth, with three wins and nine losses, giving them six points.

During the run-chase of 207 runs, RR found themselves at backfoot after a young Vaibhav Suryavanshi, lost his wicket to Vaibhav Arora for just four runs after dispatching him for a boundary and Kunal Singh Rathore was caught by Andre Russell at mid-on on a Moeen Ali delivery. RR was 8/2 in 15



overs. Skipper Riyan Parag and Yashasvi Jaiswal took to attack against the pace pair of Vaibhav and Harshit Rana, with both hitting a six each against Vaibhav and then Parag dismantling Rana with twofours and a six.

Jaiswal was dealing in fours, collecting two of them against Varun Chakravarthy

in the next over and ending the powerplay with a hat-trick of fours against Rana. RR was 50-up in 5.2 overs. At the end of six overs, RR was 59/2, with Jaiswal (32*) and Parag (22*) unbeaten.

Moeen put an end to a 58-run partnership between the duo, with Rinku Singh taking a fine diving catch to remove Jaiswal for 34 in 21 balls, with

five fours and a six. RR is 66/3 in seven overs.

In the eighth over, Chakravarthy shifted the game in KKR's favour, removing Dhruv Jurel and Wanindu Hasaranga for ducks. RR was 71/5 in 7.5 overs.

At the end of 10 overs, RR was 82/5, with Parag (34*) and Shimron Hetmyer (8*) unbeaten.

Parag and Hetmyer collected boundaries in later overs, bringing RR to 100-run mark in 11.5 overs.

Moeen was taken down brilliantly by Parag in the 13th over, what was a game-turning match for RR. Parag launched him for five sixes, bringing up his first fifty in 27 balls, with five fours and three sixes.

At the end of 15 overs, RR was at 155/5, with Hetmyer (28*) and Parag (86*) unbeaten.

The partnership was broken by Harshit as a fine catch by Narine removed Hetmyer for 29 in 23 balls, with a four and six. After the breaking of this 92-run stand, RR was 163/6 in 15.5 overs.

Riyan's wonderful effort came to an end with Harshit getting his wicket, with a fine catch from Vaibhav. He was gone for 95 in 45 balls, with six fours and eight sixes. RR was 173/7 in 17.4 overs.

Jofra Archer and Shubham Dubey continued the chase, with 22 runs needed in the final over. Dubey smashed Vaibhav for six, four, six, but failed to complete the two runs on the final over to take the game to the final over.

"I enjoy my fielding, probably more than my batting": KKR batter Rinku Singh



AGENCY KOLKATA: Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) batter Rinku Singh highlighted the importance of saving a boundary on a fast outfield. He emphasized his fielding role, expressing enjoyment and a preference for it over batting. He acknowledged Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) all-rounder Andre Russell's crucial runs and the perfect situation he faced in the final overs. "It was important to save that (18.2) boundary. This is one of the quickest outfields in India. It is my role to

do well in the outfield. I like to take the responsibility. I enjoy my fielding, probably more than my batting. Russell scored some crucial runs, but he hasn't been among the runs this season. I had to play in the last 2 overs, it was the perfect situation for me, the stage was set. Our team is playing well, we need to keep enjoying going forward. We are taking one game at a time, not thinking too much of the future," Rinku Singh said in the post-match presentation. Rinku made a valuable 19

runs in six balls, that powered KKR to post 200+, he saved certain boundaries while fielding, which eventually won KKR the match.

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IPL: Rejuvenated DC aim to return to winning ways in away clash against SRH

AGENCY HYDERABAD: Back from a short break, the rejuvenated Delhi Capitals are geared up to take on the Sunrisers Hyderabad in their 11th match of IPL 2025 at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium in Hyderabad on Monday.

Delhi Capitals have won six and lost four in 10 matches thus far in the campaign and are placed fifth in the points table, with 12 points.

Addressing the media in the pre-match press conference, batter Karun Nair reflected, "It's about winning moments in the game. We've been doing that really well in most of the games that we've played, and are sitting in a decent position. But having said that, we need to go out there and play with a lot of freedom."

"We've had a bit of a break just to have a reset. So we've



had time as a team to go back to the things that we were doing well. It's about peaking at the right time," he added. Asked about the playoffs qualifying scenario and plans for the upcoming matches, the 33-year-old batter said, "Every time we go out there, we look to win. So we would like to win tomorrow and keep going further in the tournament. The talk (in the dressing room) is only about what we can control and what we can improve on. What we can control is how we play and we win our games. We can't keep looking behind us or in front of us."

Spinners shine brighter in IPL 2025 compared to last season



AGENCY NEW DELHI: Spin bowlers have had a much bigger impact in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 than they did in 2024, as per ESPNcricinfo.

After 50 matches this season, spinners had taken 220 wickets at an average of 30.02. At the same stage last year, they had only picked up 154 wickets, with a much higher average of nearly 37.

Veteran spinner Piyush Chawla, who is still the third-

highest wicket-taker in IPL history with 192 wickets (behind Yuzvendra Chahal and Bhuvneshwar Kumar), believes that the hot weather across India has played a major role in this shift.

"Any bowler wants to bowl with the dry ball. And you can't really predict where it's going to be (dew or otherwise) and where it's not going to be," he said as quoted from ESPNcricinfo.

"If you see the weather

also this year, generally... I'm coming from Delhi, and in February you don't have your fans on; but this year, your fans were on in February. That means it's getting hotter and Delhi is already touching almost 45 degrees (Celsius)," he said on ESPNcricinfo's Time Out show.

"So all the venues where it's hot, the pitches are dry. No matter how much you roll it, how much you water it, eventually it gets dry, and it helps the spinners," he added.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION
EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE FOR REGISTRATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN e-TENDERING PROCESS FOR ALLOTMENT OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSES OF INDIAN MADE FOREIGN LIQUOR, IMPORTED FOREIGN LIQUOR, BEER, WINE AND COUNTRY LIQUOR (L-2/L-14A) FOR THE YEAR 2025-26 IN U.T., CHANDIGARH.

This is for the information of General Public that the process of online registration of persons to participate in the e-tendering process for allotment of liquor vends for the year 2025-26 in U.T., Chandigarh, will commence from 05.05.2025.

All willing persons may visit the official website of the department i.e. www.etdut.aov.in/exciseonline for information/ to know the procedure and those who intend to participate in the e-tendering may get themselves registered at <https://etenders.chd.nic.in>. It is further, informed that all prospective bidders will have to get themselves registered for e-tendering on the Chandigarh Administration's e-tender website i.e. <https://etenders.chd.nic.in>.

A helpdesk has also been set up in the office of the Assistant Excise & Taxation Commissioner, U.T., Chandigarh for providing assistance to the participants for e-tendering.

Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Union Territory, Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF EXCISE & TAXATION
NOTICE for inviting e-tenders for allotment of licences for Retailsale Vends (L-2/L-14A) from the general public for the year 2025-26 in U.T. Chandigarh

1 It is hereby notified for the information of general public that e-tenders are invited for the grant of 21 retail sale i.e. L-2/L-14A licences in the form of licensing units for the Excise Policy, 2025-26 (commencing from 1st April, 2025 to 31st March 2026). Each Licensing Unit will comprise L-2/L-14A (Indian Made Foreign Liquor, Imported Foreign Liquor and Country Liquor) under one roof.

2. The Retailsale vends shall be allotted to the highest eligible bidder, quoting equal to or above the reserve price of the licensing unit. In case of more than one bid quoting the same highest price is received, the allotment shall be determined by draw of lots among the bidders quoting the same highest price.

3. All willing participants may visit the official website of the department i.e. www.etdut.aov.in/exciseonline for information/ to know the procedure. The detailed procedure for e-tenders and submission of participation fee and earnest money, in accordance with the Excise Policy 2025-26, is available on the official website of the department i.e. www.etdut.gov.in/exciseonline as well as in the Excise Office of the Department.

4. In order to submit e-bids, every prospective bidder is required to get himself registered at <https://etenders.chd.nic.in>.

5. The terms & conditions and the detailed List mentioning localities/sectors of Licensing Units Code, permissible no. of vends/ retail sale outlet, quota and reserve price can be downloaded from the official website of the Excise & Taxation Department i.e. www.etdut.gov.in/exciseonline from "Public Notices" section.

6. All licenses shall be granted subject to the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 (as applicable to U.T., Chandigarh) and the Rules framed there-under and the Excise Policy for the year 2025-26. The Excise Policy for the year 2025-26 is available on the official website of the Department www.etdut.aov.in/exciseonline.

7 E-tenders will be available at <https://etenders.chd.nic.in> on 05.05.2025 at 10:00AM and the bidders may start to submit their bids from 05.05.2025 (10:00AM). Schedule of dates for allotment of liquor vends: -

Starting date and time for bid submission	From 05 th May 2025 (10:00 am)
Closing date and time for bid submission	Till 07 th May, 2025 (upto 01:00 pm) 07 th May, 2025 (02:00 pm onwards)
Opening of Technical e-bids	07 th May, 2025 (04:00 pm onwards) at Conference Hall, Excise and Taxation Department, U.T., Sector-17, Chandigarh.
Opening of Financial e-bids	

Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Union Territory, Chandigarh

Shah Rukh Khan arrives in New York ahead of his Met Gala 2025 debut

The highly anticipated Met Gala 2025 is almost here, and superstar Shah Rukh Khan has officially landed in New York ahead of his first-ever appearance at the iconic fashion event. Videos and photos of the actor's arrival at the airport have quickly gone viral on social media, as fans and onlookers caught a glimpse of the global superstar.

In a refreshing departure from his usual entourage-filled arrivals, Shah Rukh Khan was seen walking through the airport terminal with his manager, Pooja Dadlani.

Dressed casually in a white T-shirt layered under a grey jacket, paired with blue denim jeans, Shah Rukh Khan kept his look relaxed yet stylish.

Although the actor's participation in the Met Gala 2025 has not yet been officially confirmed, all signs point to his attendance at this year's event, marking a significant milestone in his career.

The Met Gala 2025 is scheduled to take place on May 5 at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

The event's theme, 'Superfine: Tailoring Black Style,' will explore the relationship between fashion and Black culture.

The theme is tied to an upcoming exhibit at the Met Museum of the same name.

Notably, the co-chairs for this year's gala include a dynamic mix of individuals from various creative industries, including singer and fashion designer Pharrell Williams, actor Colman Domingo, rapper ASAP Rocky, and British racecar driver Lewis Hamilton.

As the event draws closer, all eyes are on Shah Rukh Khan and his much-awaited red carpet debut at one of the world's most exclusive fashion events.



Sanjay Dutt posts throwback childhood pic with mother Nargis Dutt in emotional post

Actor Sanjay Dutt took a trip down memory lane as he remembered his late mother, the legendary actress Nargis Dutt, on her death anniversary.

The actor, on Saturday, took to his Instagram account to share a post, paying tribute to his mother with a touching message and a few rare black-and-white family photos.

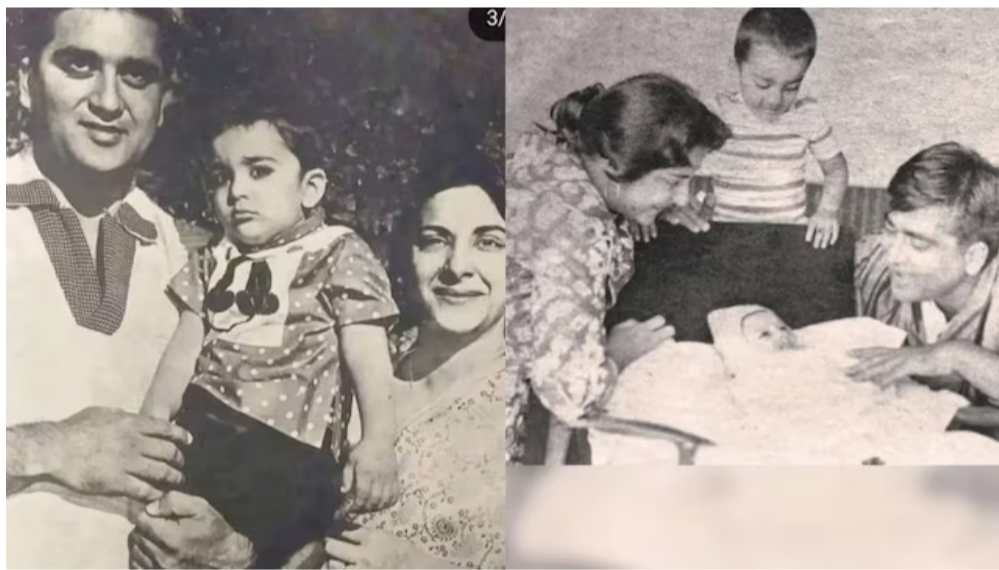
The pictures showed some special moments from Sanjay Dutt's childhood with his parents, Nargis and Sunil Dutt.

In one of the photos, a young Sanjay is seen peeking into a cradle while his smiling parents look on. Another photo shows Nargis Dutt holding a book and smiling warmly, while the third captures a happy family moment with Sanjay as a toddler standing between his parents.

"You may not be here, but your love never left. Miss you everyday Maa," Sanjay wrote in the caption.

In the early '80s, Nargis was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and she died on May 3, 1981.

Nargis and actor Sunil Dutt fell in love after a fire broke out on the sets of their 1957 film 'Mother India' and he reportedly rescued her. They were said to have come



closer while recuperating from the injuries. The couple tied the knot on March 11, 1958.

Her best-known role was that of Radha in the Academy Award-nominated Mother India (1957), a performance that won her the Filmfare Award for Best Actress. She would appear infrequently in films during the 1960s. Some of her films of this period include the drama Raat Aur Din

(1967), for which she received the inaugural National Film Award for Best Actress.

Along with her husband, Nargis formed the Ajanta Arts Culture Troupe, which hired several leading actors and singers of the time and held stage shows in border areas. The award for Best Feature Film on National Integration in the Annual Film Awards ceremony is called the Nargis Dutt

Award in her honour. In the early 1970s, Nargis became the first patron of The Spastic Society of India and her subsequent work with the organisation brought her recognition as a social worker and later a Rajya Sabha nomination in 1980. Nargis Dutt was the second actor, the first being Prithvi Raj Kapoor, to be nominated, and she was in Rajya Sabha for two years, 1980 and 1981.

After winning hearts for 500+ episodes, Kaise Mujhe Tum Mil Gaye soon to wrap up



CHANDIGARH: Zee TV's much-loved show Kaise Mujhe Tum Mil Gaye has completed an impressive 500+ episodes—a testament to the unwavering love and support from its loyal audience. Over the past one and a half years, the compelling journey of Amruta (Sriti Jha) and Virat (Arijit Taneja) has resonated deeply with viewers. Their love story—shaped by a strong emotional bond and countless trials—captivated audiences and proved that love triumphs against all odds. The layered narrative showcased how love always wins against all odds, with Babita (Kishori Shahane) being against the union at the start, Virat himself believing women are gold diggers and characters like Priyanka (Pratiksha Honmukhe), Manvi (Akanksha Chamola) and Abir (Pulkit Bangia) trying to come in the way of the love story.

Over the course of the show, a vibrant ensemble of characters were introduced, brought to life by talented actors such as Kishori Shahane, Hemangi Kavi, Pratiksha Honmukhe, Pulkit Bangia, Akanksha Chamola among others, adding to the show's appeal. Kaise Mujhe Tum Mil Gaye will soon conclude with a heartwarming climax that promises a happy ending for Amruta and Virat's romance.

Sharing her thoughts on her journey as Amruta, Sriti Jha shared, "Kaise Mujhe Tum Mil Gaye has been a journey of 500 episodes filled with love, laughter, and unforgettable memories. I might be able to be mature a bit later and say that it is what it is. Right now, it just breaks my heart to say good bye. Mukta Dhond and her team of writers have etched an exemplary story and many exemplary characters. My favourite thing is that Amruta Bhavani Chitnis continues to use her maiden name even after marriage. Virat Singh Ahuja has emerged as the greenest of flags. Bhavani Chitnis is a businesswoman. Babita Ahuja has found compassion in her heart without having to compromise on being feisty. We have continuously fought against odds. It's a credit to her and the team to have kept their morale high and continue to write and create despite the odds being against. Immensely grateful for the audience to have supported us. Your love has given us strength always. Thank you to everyone for the love, aapke bina yahaan tak nahai pohoch paate!"

"I'm playing an anti-hero for the first time", says Namik Paul as he joins the cast of Zee TV's Kumkum Bhagya

CHANDIGARH: Zee TV's iconic show Kumkum Bhagya continues to delve into the evolving love story of Prarthana (Pranali Rathod) and Raunak (Akshay Dev Bindra), ushering in a new era filled with emotional turmoil, layered characters, and gripping narratives. Following the much-celebrated return of beloved characters from Kundali Bhagya, Preeta (Shradha Arya) and Karan (Shakti Anand), the show now introduces another powerful addition to its ensemble—popular television actor Namik Paul, who joins the cast as Shivansh Randhava. He is a man whose intensity and inner conflict are set to shake up the world of Kumkum Bhagya like never before.



Shivansh is a sharp, disciplined businessman who lives by perfection and the values instilled in him by his Bua Maa. Calm and emotionally guarded, he rarely lets anything shake his focus, until a clash with Smita Zaveri (Gurdeep Punj) turns his world upside down. Her sudden presence in his life leaves him deeply unsettled, triggering a burning desire for revenge. Once principled and composed, he is driven by anger, ushering in a gripping new chapter in the show. Essaying this intense and emotionally charged role is popular actor Namik Paul, who is stepping in as the anti-hero.

Namik Paul said, "I'm thrilled to be joining a legacy show like Kumkum Bhagya, which has been a fan favorite for years. What makes this experience even more special is that it marks the first time I'm playing an anti-hero. As an actor, it's both exciting and challenging to tap into a character who isn't outright evil but is emotionally damaged and driven by pain. Shivansh is a good man at heart, but circumstances, pushed him down a darker path. Portraying that shift in his personality, while keeping him real and relatable, will be creatively fulfilling."

Two Crews. One Stage. Infinite Passion. Watch Hai Junoon - Dream. Dare. Dominate Trailer on JioHotstar

CHANDIGARH: Get ready to groove and gasp as JioHotstar drops the much-awaited trailer of Hai Junoon - Dream. Dare. Dominate, a high-octane drama where rivalries are fierce, dreams are bigger, and only one crew can take home the GOAT's trophy. Directed by Abhishek Sharma and produced by Jio Creative Labs, the series is created by Aditya Bhat and stars an exciting ensemble cast including Jacqueline Fernandez, Neil Nitin Mukesh, Boman Irani, Sumeedh Mudgalkar, Siddharth Nigam, Priyank Sharma among many other fresh talents.



Set in the vibrant and competitive halls of Anderson's College in Mumbai, the series dives deep into the electric world of dance and music battles. Meet Sebi (Sumeedh Mudgalkar), the underdog who forms a rebellious crew called The Misfits which is guided by the driven Jacqueline Fernandez to take on the elite Supersonics, led by the legacy-driven Gagan Ahuja (Neil Nitin Mukesh).

With pride, identity, and dreams on the line, who will dominate the stage when these titans clash? Neil Nitin Mukesh, who plays the character of Gagan Ahuja said, "As someone who has grown up around music and cinema, I've always believed in the power of great sound to be an integral part of our storytelling. But what Hai Junoon offers is something truly unique — a full-blown musical universe, an experience like never before in the Web world. With 40 incredible tracks, it's not just the biggest album of the year, it's a movement. Every song pushes the narrative forward and adds depth to the characters blending seamlessly into its screenplay. Being part of a GRAND SHOW like this — where music is not a forced attraction, but the very heartbeat of the story — has been creatively exhilarating. It's the kind of Show that reminds you why you fell in love with cinema in the first place." Jacqueline Fernandez, who plays Pearl Saldhana said, "Pearl is a fascinating character, glamorous and assertive on the outside, yet deeply vulnerable underneath. To portray her authentically, I had to unlearn a lot of my trained dance instincts and adapt to a rawer, emotionally-driven style of performance. That journey was tough, but also liberating. The physicality, the emotional depth, the narrative arc, it all demanded a part of me I hadn't tapped into before. Collaborating with such a passionate team made the process incredibly fulfilling. I truly believe JioHotstar is ushering in a new age of bold and fresh storytelling, and I'm proud to be part of this exciting era."

Actors share their favorite summertime food from their hometown!

CHANDIGARH: As the temperatures soar and the sun shines brighter, summer brings with it a wave of nostalgia, especially when it comes to food. From cooling treats to hydrating delights, this season is all about refreshing indulgences that bring back memories of carefree childhood days. &TV artists also share their most cherished summer food memories rooted in their hometowns. These include Smita Sable (Dhaniya in Bheema), Yogesh Tripathi (Daroga Happu Singh in Hattu Ki Ultan Paltan), and Vidisha Srivastava (Anita Bhabi in Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai). Smita Sable aka Dhaniya from Bheema shares, "Summer was never complete without aamras. As a child, I would eagerly wait for mango season just to relish this sweet, pulpy treat. My grandmother used to serve chilled aamras with hot panhe, that divine combination instantly lifted everyone's spirit despite the scorching heat. I still make aamras at home, and now my son loves it just as much. Another summer staple I fondly remember is kairi panhe, a refreshing raw mango drink made with jaggery and cardamom. After school or a long day of playing outdoors, it



mother's kitchen."

Yogesh Tripathi aka Daroga Hattu Singh in Hattu Ki Ultan Paltan shares, "Summers in UP meant sattu ka sharbat. It was not just a drink; it was a saviour in the blistering heat. Served in steel glasses straight from the fridge, it was my mother's traditional way of keeping us hydrated. Made of roasted chickpea flour (sattu) with chilled water, a pinch of salt, lemon juice, roasted cumin powder, and a bit of black salt. Another favourite was an aam panna, made from boiled raw mango pulp blended with cumin and black salt, both tangy and soothing. And I cannot forget Dahi Wada, a classic UP summer dish.

Selena Gomez opens up about dating before meeting Benny Blanco

Selena Gomez has shared details about her dating life before meeting her fiancé, Benny Blanco.

In a recent podcast interview, Gomez revealed that she had a few "s---ty dates" before finding a connection with Blanco, as per E! News.

The 32-year-old artist admitted that she had not liked anyone in a long time and had been alone for about five years, with the exception of a few unfulfilling dates. However, things changed when she met Blanco, and she finally felt a connection. Gomez and Blanco have both shared their perspectives on their first date, and while they did not initially expect to develop feelings for each other, they eventually realized their connection.

Blanco, 37, said that he felt comfortable and excited around Gomez, and he knew she was the one when they started hanging out more. Blanco described his experience with Gomez, and said, "Every day I was with her I was so excited for what was going to happen, yet so at ease with everything... I was like, 'Wow, I really truly met my soulmate,'" as quoted by E! News.



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