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NEWS BRIEFS

6 dead as helicopter crashes in Uttarakhand

DEHRADUN : At least six people were killed and several others injured when a helicopter carrying pilgrims to the holy shrine of Gangotri Dham crashed in Uttarakhand on Thursday morning, an official said. There were seven people on board, including the pilot. While six bodies have been recovered, one passenger is safe. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has expressed grief over the accident. State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) Commandant Arpan Yaduvanshi said a helicopter crash was reported in Gangnani area at around 8:50 am. A team led by chief constable Naveen Kumar was immediately dispatched from post Bhatwadi.

India neutralises Pak missiles aimed at 15 cities, destroys Air Defence System in Lahore

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, MAY 8

Pakistan's attempts late last night and early this morning to escalate tension by targeting Indian military installations in the northern and western parts of the country - including Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, and Gujarat - have been negated, the government said Thursday.

The government said Indian forces responded by targeting and neutralising Pakistani Air Defence Radars and systems in several locations, including Lahore, in response to Pak attempts to attack multiple locations, including Srinagar, Pathankot, Amritsar, Ludhiana, and Chandigarh.

Indian forces' response, the government underlined this afternoon, was "in the same domain (and) with the same intensity" as



the attacks launched by Pakistan.

Pak forces used drones and missiles that were disabled by India's air defence systems.

Debris from the destroyed drones and missiles is being collected, the government said, and will add to the volume of evidence sup-

porting India's charges that Pakistan, or the Pak deep state, supports cross-border terrorism targeting India, whether by financial funding or military training.

Attempted military action against India comes a day after Indian armed forces' carried out pre-

cision strikes at four terrorist camps in Pak and five in Pak-occupied Kashmir, or PoK.

Operation Sindoor, as the strikes were codenamed, spanned a 25-minute period that began Wednesday morning at 1.05 am and included a barrage of 24 munitions - from HAMMER smart bombs to SCALP missiles - that destroyed terrorist groups' HQs and training camps.

Sindoor was in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack; four terrorists from The Resistance Front, a proxy of the Lashkar-e-Taiba, killed 26 people, many of whom were civilians, at the Baisaran Valley, a tourist hotspot less than 70 km from J&K capital Srinagar. In a press briefing Wednesday afternoon the Army and Air Force said the targets had been chosen based on credible intelligence, and that its action was "focused, measured.

Pakistani missiles intercepted in Jammu, blackout across city

JAMMU: Pakistan, shortly after its foiled attempt to target 15 Indian cities, fired missiles and drones at Jammu. Loud explosions were heard from the city followed by clamour of sirens and a blackout. The attack is still on. Cellphone service is down.

Cellphone videos sent by locals show lights streaking across the sky, indicating interception of the missiles and drones by the Air Defence System of the Indian armed forces.

Kupwara, a town more than 300 km away, and Pathankot experienced a similar situation. Blackout was declared in Gurudaspur, a nearby town in Punjab. Heavy shelling is already in progress at the International Border at Samba, Akhnour,



PM stresses on alertness, operational preparedness



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In the wake of 'Operation Sindoor', Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a high-level meeting with secretaries of various ministries on Thursday and called for continued alertness and clear communication, while reaffirming the government's commitment to national security and operational preparedness.

The issues discussed during the meeting included strengthening of civil defence mechanisms, efforts to counter misinformation and fake news, and ensuring the security of critical infrastructure, a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said.

Govt orders complete 'blackout' in Gurudaspur

GURDASPUR: The Government of India and the Punjab Government have issued directives under the Civil Defence Act, 1968, to enforce a complete blackout in the Gurudaspur district from 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM, effective from May 8, 2025, until further orders. The statement released reads, "Due to a sensitive environment on the Indo-Pak border, guidelines of the Government of India and the Government of Punjab. According to this, further orders will be issued from 08.05.2025 to deal with the emergency situation under the Civil Defense Act 1968. From 9.00 pm to 5.00 am the next day, there will be complete 'black out' in district Gurudaspur.

Gates of Baglihar, Salam Dams opened

NEW DELHI: The central government opened two gates at the Baglihar Hydroelectric Power Project in Ramban and three gates at the Salal Dam in Reasi. This reportedly aimed at managing rising water levels triggered by heavy rainfall in the region and also to manage dam pressure. The development comes just days after the Chenab's water levels had dropped sharply, following the government's decision to restrict the river's flow.

Ministries were also advised to maintain close coordination with state authorities and ground-level institutions, it said.

The high-level meeting, which included secretaries of various Ministries and departments of the government of India, reviewed national preparedness and inter-ministerial coordination in light of recent developments concerning national security.

PM Modi stressed the need for seamless coordination among ministries and agencies to uphold operational continuity and institutional resilience, the statement said.

Schools shut across six border districts in Pb

CHANDIGARH: Amid soaring tension between India and Pakistan, all schools in six border districts of Punjab remained shut on Thursday, officials said. The schools were closed in Ferozepur, Pathankot, Fazilka, Amritsar, Gurudaspur and Tarn Taran districts, they said. Tensions escalated after Indian armed forces early Wednesday carried out missile strikes on nine terror targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), including the Jaish-e-Mohammad stronghold of Bahawalpur and Lashkar-e-Taiba's base in Muridke, in retaliation for the April 22 terror attack in Kashmir's Pahalgam.

Rawalpindi cricket stadium destroyed

RAWALPINDI: Pakistani media is claiming that hours before a Pakistan Super League (PSL) match, a drone crashed near the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium. This comes amid heightened tensions between India and Pakistan. Now viral on social media, the video raises concerns over the safety around the event. It must be noted that Pakistan has always been an unsafe destination for sporting events. In 2009, Sri Lanka national cricket team came under attack.

Punjab Government should not politicize water issue: Haryana CM

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini today issued a strong response to the stance taken by the Punjab Government on the ongoing water dispute. He said that the Aam Aadmi Party-led government in Punjab neither respects the Constitution nor the country's constitutional institutions. He added that the Punjab Government has disregarded the decision of the Punjab and Haryana High Court regarding the water issue, which he termed unfortunate.

BBMB tried to release water to Haryana without Punjab's consent : says CM Mann

CHANDIGARH: Amid the ongoing water-sharing dispute between Haryana and Punjab, Chief Minister of Punjab Bhagwant Singh on Thursday accused the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) chairman of releasing water to Haryana without the government's consent and said that the BJP is taking "anti-Punjab decisions."

"BBMB is being used against Punjab to forcefully loot the water of Punjab. This morning, the BBMB chairman tried to release water to Haryana without Punjab's consent. We will not tolerate coercion of any kind. On one side, there is an atmosphere of war in the country; on the other side, the BJP is trying to rob the waters of Punjab by taking anti-Punjab decisions. We also know how to protect borders and also know how to protect our water," Punjab Chief Minister said, addressing media persons in Rupnagar.



On the
485th Birth Anniversary
of
MAHARANA PRATAP JI

Punjab Government
led by
Chief Minister
S. BHAGWANT SINGH MANN
pays respects
to the Legendary Warrior and King of Mewar.

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Chief Minister, Punjab

Department of Information & Public Relations, Punjab.

Orders issued for complete ban on firing of fireworks within the limits of Pathankot district

SHARANJEET PATHANKOT, MAY 8

As per the orders issued by the Government of India and the Government of Punjab, mock drills are being conducted under the Civil Defence Act, 1968 to deal with any kind of emergency situation in various districts of Punjab. While it has been commonly observed that fireworks, which include bombs, firecrackers, and Chinese crackers, are being used extensively by the general public during weddings, happy celebrations and religious festivals. The noise of such firecrackers creates fear among the general public, which leads to the fear of deteriorating law and order situation. Aditya Uppal, District Magistrate, Pathankot, has issued an order exercising his powers, completely banning the use of fireworks by the general public at any time within the limits of Pathankot district, except during weddings, happy occasions, religious festivals. He said that these orders will remain in force from 08.05.2025 till further orders.

Jag Janani day celebrated with enthusiasm at Angels World School, Morinda

SAJEEV TEJAL MORINDA : Angels World School, Morinda, celebrated Jag Janani Day with great enthusiasm and devotion. The event aimed to honour the love, sacrifice, and strength of mothers, recognizing them as the first teachers and guiding lights in a child's life. Principal Deepika Sharma shared that mothers of students from Kindergarten to Grade II were specially invited for the celebration. Students presented heartfelt performances including songs and dances, expressing their love and gratitude. Various fun games and activities were also organized to entertain the mothers and make the day memorable. The school campus resonated with joy and warmth as mothers felt honoured and appreciated. The event strengthened the bond between students, parents, and the school, highlighting the value of parental involvement in early education.

Naib Tehsildar Karamjit Singh takes charge in Dhariwal

VERMA GURDASPUR: As per the transfers made by the Punjab government, Karamjit Singh Naib Tehsildar has taken charge in the sub-tehsil Dhariwal. Addressing his staff on this occasion, the newly appointed Naib Tehsildar said that registrations of unauthorized colonies will not be done without the instructions of the government. For the registration, every person should submit their documents along with the NOC specified by the Punjab government. He said that the general public will not be allowed to face any kind of problem. On this occasion, Sandeep Kumar Clerk, Gurhvir Singh Kalsi Clerk, Harpreet Singh Kanungo, Harjinder Singh, Harmandeep Singh, Simratpal Singh Patwar, Pardeep Singh Supervisor, Jagir Singh and Rahul Kumar Sathi were present.

DA has made all arrangements to deal with any crisis situation: DC

JS GILL FARIDKOT: Deputy Commissioner Madam Poonamdeep Kaur and SSP Dr. Pragya Jain today held a meeting with various response teams formed from all departments including the police administration at the district level to deal with emergency situations .On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner Madam Poonamdeep Kaur said that the district administration, police administration is fully prepared to deal with any crisis situation and response teams based on police and civil administration, civil defense have been formed at district, sub-division, block and village levels so that the entire district residents can be informed in case of any crisis. She said that at present the situation is under control and there is no need for anyone to panic . She said that a control room has been established at the district level to provide any kind of information to the people, apart from this, a district level control room has also been established by the police . She said that apart from this, the district residents can contact the concerned SDM, DSP civil and police officials at the sub-division level to give or receive any kind of information. She said that the response teams will remain alert 24 hours and in case of any untoward incident, they will issue a high alert to the entire district.

CM blasts Centre, BBMB over water issue: ‘Punjab fighting enemies within and beyond’

BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR, MAY 8

Asserting that the state is fighting twin battles one against Pakistan to safeguard our borders and other against the Union government and Haryana government to protect the snatching of our waters, the Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Thursday felled the nefarious design of Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) to steal the waters of state.

Leading from the front the Chief Minister himself staged a sit in at Nangal to ensure that the BBMB Chairman cannot divert the waters of the state to Haryana. He said that if Punjabis can protect the borders of the state then they are capable enough to save it water also. “It is shameful that the BJP led Union government is playing dirty games over the waters of the state in this crisis when



the country is supposed to fight the enemy in unison with each other”, said Bhagwant Singh Mann.

The Chief Minister said that today when in the entire country sirens are being blown for blackout as a part of strategy of battle against Pakistan, the BJP is playing petty politics with Punjab. He said that it is really shameful that BJP is searching for an opportunity in the hour of crisis (Apda mein Avsar) to harm interests of the state. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that Punjab will never allow the nefarious plans of the BJP to succeed and not even a single drop of water will be shared with any other state.

The Chief Minister said that BJP and its allies are in haste for stealing the water from the state whereas Haryana has been using 4000 cusec for the entire year. He said that the BJP should tell that whether Punjab should

will be fought politically and legally. He said that the BBMB Chairman has tried to illegally loot the water of the state which is highly condemnable. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that any such move will not be tolerated and the state government will oppose it tooth and nail.

The Chief Minister categorically said that if the state is capable of protecting the borders of the country, it can save the waters of Punjab too. He said that Punjab has a glorious history of making supreme sacrifices to protect the 532 kilometres long border with Pakistan. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that today also Punjabis are at the forefront giving a befitting reply to the Pakistani Army and no stone will be left unturned for it. The Chief Minister said that Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) was originally established to manage the waters of the Sutlej and Beas rivers.

DC appeals to citizens for responsible purchasing



JS SODHI JALANDHAR, MAY 8

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal has appealed to citizens to make purchases with restraint and thoughtfulness. He urged people not to indulge in panic buying. He assured that, as per the directions of the Punjab Government, the district administration stands firmly with the people to handle any kind of emergency situation.

Dr. Aggarwal emphasized that there is no need for people to panic or fear. He said that during emergencies, the Punjab Government ensures all forms of support and assistance to the public. He assured that the Jalandhar administration is fully prepared to deal with any such situation. The Deputy Commissioner made it clear that hoarding of essential

commodities or any other items will not be tolerated. He stated that anyone found guilty of hoarding or black marketing will face strict legal action. He also directed the DFSC to maintain strict vigilance against hoarding and to prepare a list of those purchasing in bulk with ill intent, to be shared with the administration. Additionally, Dr. Aggarwal appealed to citizens to take future mock drills seriously. He informed that such drills will be conducted for a short period. During blackout drills, lights and traffic signals will be turned off. He urged residents to switch off inverters and generators at home or ensure no light escapes through windows or doors. Unnecessary travel should be avoided, and any vehicles on roads should stop at the side with their lights off.

Plot holders appeal to DC Bathinda regarding irregularities in Royal Green City Rampura



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL, MAY, 8

A delegation of plot holders' society, aggrieved by the irregularities of the promoters/colonizers of Royal Green City Colony, near Maur Chak, registered with Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) and passed by Municipal Council, Rampura Phul, met Deputy Commissioner Bathinda Sokat Ahmed Pare. He was apprised of the violations of Punjab Apartments and Properties (PA-PRA) Act, 1995 and Real Estate Regulation (RERA) Act, 2016 by the promoters/developers/partners of Royal Green City Colony, wrongly showing a common street outside the colony as the colony

and getting the colony pass and other irregularities. He also informed how the government laws have been violated by the colonizers by not providing any documents related to the plots to the plot holders despite repeated demands and by making changes in the pass layout plan (map) without taking the necessary consent of the plot holders.

D.C. It was also requested to the Deputy Commissioner that they are very much distressed and disturbed due to the non-provision of basic essential facilities to the plot holders by the promoters/developers/partners of RERA registered colonies as per the laws and rules of the Punjab Government.

Desh Bhagat University pays patriotic tribute to armed forces through "Jai Hind – Nation First" event



AJAY MALHOTRA FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAY 8

In a proud and patriotic celebration, Desh Bhagat University commemorated the resounding success of Operation Sindoor with a vibrant campus-wide event themed "Jai Hind – Nation First."

The event honored the courage, strategy, and sacrifice of the Indian Armed Forces, resonating with a deep sense of national pride. The celebrations began with a solemn flag hoisting ceremony, led by Hon'ble Chancellor Dr. Zora Singh, Pro-Chancellor Dr. Tajinder Kaur, Dr Virinder Singh adviser to Chancellor and Vice

Chancellor Dr. Harsh Sadawarti, followed by the national anthem. A spirited “Jai Hind March” saw students, faculty, and staff unite in chanting slogans like "Operation Sindoor – Bharat Ka Jawab Nahin!" and "Desh Bhagat salutes our heroes!" A poignant moment of the event was the heartfelt tribute to Sardar Lal Singh Ji, father of Dr. Zora Singh and a valiant freedom fighter in Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's Azad Hind Fauj. His contributions were honored with the Tamra Patra by the Government of India in 1972. His legacy continues to inspire the university's unwavering dedication to patriotism and service. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Zora Singh stated that Desh Bhagat University was born from the spirit of patriotism. The slogan "Jai Hind" is not occasional here—it is our daily greeting and guiding principle.

Dr. Harsh Sadawarti added that Every DBU student carries forward the legacy of freedom fighters and the courage of our armed forces. Our mission is nation-building in every sense. To continue the patriotic spirit, the university announced upcoming activities including an essay competition, a defence webinar with ex-army officers, and a blood donation camp in collaboration with the Army.

Chairman Anil Thakur holds meeting with various traders, builders and industrialists of Bathinda

ANIL VERMA BATHINDA, MAY 8

In continuation to the ‘Aap Di Sarkar Aap De Duar’ campaign of the Punjab Government led by Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, Punjab State Traders Commission (Excise and Taxation Department) Chairman Anil Thakur today held a meeting with the traders, builders and industrialists of Bathinda district and listened to their problems. During meeting Chairman Sh. Neel Garg were present.

Chairman Anil Thakur, while taking a meeting on excise and GST matters at the District Complex meeting hall in bathinda today, discussed the issues of various traders, builders and industrialists and asked the Excise and State GST Department to create



smooth coordination between the department and the business community to increase tax revenue.

He said that the Punjab Government led by S. Bhagwant Singh Mann has increased the GST tax revenue of the state by 62 percent. Similarly, the excise revenue has been increased by 63 percent. He said that the OTS scheme implemented by the government for one-time settlement of arrears under the traditional VAT system has benefited

70311 dealers, under which they have got a benefit of Rs 867 crore in arrears.

Addressing various businessmen and industrialists on this occasion, Chairman Anil Thakur said that the Punjab Government will make every possible effort to resolve the legitimate problems/demands being faced by them. Chairman Anil Thakur asked the officers of State GST and Excise Wing to take appropriate steps to remove the loopholes in tax collection.

Vice Entertainment to organised film and music award show on May 10



NABHA (RAKESH JINDAL): There is always some such program in the state city of Nabha, which is discussed on the lips of every Punjab. Whether that program is musical or social work, whether it is big or small, it leaves its mark. The land of Nabha has always had this honor, but unlike all these programs, for the first time in Nabha, a very big program, the Film and Music Award Show, is going to be held on May 10, 2025. This program is being organized by Voice Entertainment and Motia Group Nabha with the support of the entire team of producer, director Ajay Sahota. A total of 60 personalities will be awarded in this award show. In which 25 film artists and 25 famous faces from the music world and 10 social works will be honored, this award show will include famous faces from the film world and the music world who will be given awards by Voice Entertainment and Metiaz Nabha, including film artists Amritpal Billa, Shakhwinder Chahal, Parkash Gadhu, Raj Dhaliwal, Sania Pannu, Gurchet Chitrakar, Dilawar Sidhu, Rajwinder Samrala etc.

Angels World School celebrates Mother's Day with Joyful tributes to motherhood

RADHE SHYAM SHARMA MORINDA, MAY 8

Angels World School celebrated Mother's Day with great enthusiasm, honouring the selfless love and care of mothers through a series of heartfelt activities. The Junior Wing invited mothers of students from Kindergarten to Class II for a special celebration on the school campus. The Senior Wing organized a special morning assembly dedicated to mothers, where students presented soulful songs, poetry recitations, and graceful dances, all expressing gratitude and affection towards their mothers. Every class participated in creative activities, with students making handmade greeting cards, paper flower bouquets, purses, and jewellery as gifts for their mothers. Addressing the gathering, School Director U.S.



Dhillon said, “Worshipping one's mother is akin to worshipping God.” He highlighted the invaluable role mothers play in shaping lives and emphasized their divine presence in every child's life. Principal Deepika Sharma encouraged students to honour their mothers not just on one day, but every day. She reminded them that a mother is the embodiment of divine love and deserves constant appreciation. She also urged students to actively participate in such events to foster creativity and emotional expression.

Hoshiarpur mandi to undergo transformation; dev works worth Rs 5 crore to be undertaken: Chabbewal

HOSHIARPUR DALJEET AJNOHA, MAY 8

Dr. Raj Kumar Chabbewal, Member of Parliament from the Hoshiarpur Lok Sabha constituency, stated that under the plan to modernize the Hoshiarpur mandi (market), development works worth ₹5 crore will be carried out. Addressing a special meeting with officials of the Mandi Board and commission agents in the presence of MLA Brahm Shankar Jimpa, he informed that this amount will be spent on improving the mandi's basic infrastructure, enhancing movement facilities, and streamlining overall management.

Dr. Chabbewal said that a concrete road will be constructed in the mandi, which will ease the transportation of



crops and other goods. He further mentioned that considering the current condition of the existing toilets in the mandi, they will also be renovated to ensure farmers and traders do not face any inconvenience. He emphasized that Hoshiarpur mandi will be developed into one of the most modern and well-equipped mandis in Punjab, and the government remains committed to protecting the interests

of both farmers and traders. Sharing his thoughts, MLA Brahm Shankar Jimpa said that separate sheds will be constructed in the mandi for products like potatoes and onions, which will lead to better storage arrangements and benefit commission agents. He said this demand had been raised by the agents for a long time and is now being fulfilled.

The MLA affirmed that the Punjab government is fully committed to improving the basic amenities of the mandi. On this occasion, Municipal Corporation Mayor Surinder Kumar Chhinda, Mandi Committee Chairman Jaspal Singh Chechi, Hoshiarpur Central Cooperative Bank Chairman Vikram Sharma Bobby, and other officials were also present.

CM's Yogshala will empower individuals to overcome addiction

SUMER GARG SANGRUR, MAY 8



Under the Punjab government's 'Yudh Nashiyan Virudh' campaign, yoga is being utilized to empower individuals struggling with addiction. The 'CM's Yoga Initiative' aims to mentally and physically strengthen those seeking to overcome substance abuse.

At the de-addiction and rehabilitation center located at the civil hospital in Sangrur, morning and evening yoga sessions are being conducted. Yoga instructor, Mandep Singh is training around 12 individuals daily in techniques such as relaxation, meditation, micro-exercises, laughter therapy, clapping, yogic postures and pranayama. These activities help patients reduce stress and improve their overall well-being.

District coordinator, Nirmal Singh stated that this initiative aims to give a new lease on life to those struggling with addiction, empowering them to become self-reliant and confident. Individuals seeking to overcome addiction are enthusiastically participating in this program and progressing towards a normal life. The Punjab government's 'Yudh Nashiyan Virudh' campaign has led to significant efforts to address substance abuse in the state. The initiative includes various components, such as de-addiction centers, rehabilitation programs, and community outreach initiatives. He said that regular yoga sessions are conducted at de-addiction centers to help individuals manage stress and improve their physical and mental well-being. The initiative takes a holistic approach to address addiction, focusing on physical, mental, and emotional well-being. The program aims to empower individuals to overcome addiction and become self-reliant and confident. The initiative encourages community support and participation in the rehabilitation process.

NEWS BRIEF

This is new India, it attacks from within: Chaitanya Sharma

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: BJP leader and former MLA Chaitanya Sharma said on the Indian Army's air strike on Pakistan, "This is the new India, which no longer only warns, but also enters inside and gives a befitting reply to the enemies." He also said that today India has got such a skilled and firm leadership that has the ability to take out every eye that raises its eyes on the country.

Former MLA Sharma praised the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said that now governments do not tie the hands of the army, but they have been given complete freedom in every decision. Today the country's army is protecting the borders with full strength and confidence. He emotionally said, "Today the country comes first - then states, parties and everything else." He said that at this time every citizen of India, every child, every youth, every old person - everyone is standing shoulder to shoulder with the Indian Army and the government. This feeling of patriotism is the identity of our new India. Chaitanya Sharma said that India no longer tolerates, India now responds - and that too with full force. The countrymen can today say with pride that their leadership is strong, the army is vigilant, and the public is united.

40 patients examined in health check-up camp



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: A health camp was organized by the MP Mobile Health Team in Salana village of Rajpura Jaswa Gram Panchayat of Amb for the health and blood test of the people. Dr. Shashank Kaushal and his team conducted health check-up of 40 people and conducted blood test and uric acid test of seven patients. During the health camp, general health check-up and blood test of the elderly, women and children were done free of cost. The team provided treatment advice and also distributed medicines to the patients free of cost.

World Red Cross Day observed at Health Minister's residence



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: On the occasion of "World Red Cross Day", members of the Himachal Pradesh State Red Cross Society, Red Cross Hospital Welfare Section, school children, Red Cross staff, and volunteers presented the Red Cross flag to Health Minister and Chairman of the Himachal Pradesh State Red Cross Managing Committee, Dr. (Col.) Dhani Ram Shandil at his residence in Shimla today. This year, the theme of "World Red Cross Day" is "Keeping Humanity Alive", which stresses the importance of empathy and compassion in humanitarian efforts. Students from Government Senior Secondary School, Portmore and Sambhota Tibetan School, Chotta Shimla participated and together with the members of the Hospital Welfare Section took out a rally to raise public awareness about the Red Cross.

HPNLU Shimla hosts AI writing workshop on grammarly for students



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Himachal Pradesh National Law University, under the leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Priti Saxena, Vice-Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh National Law University (HPNLU), Shimla, organized a training session on Grammarly - AI-Based Writing Assistance Tool on Thursday at the University campus. The session was conducted by a certified trainer from Grammarly Inc., aimed at familiarizing students with the effective use of AI-driven tools to enhance academic and professional writing. The training provided insights into the practical applications of Grammarly in improving grammar, clarity, engagement, and overall writing proficiency. The session witnessed enthusiastic participation from students at both Undergraduate and Postgraduate students, who benefited from the hands-on demonstration and interactive guidance provided during the workshop.

Guv reopens Red Cross Laboratory and inaugurates Open-Air Gym in Hamirpur

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 8

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla said that Operation Sindoor launched under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has emerged as a symbol of immense national pride. Addressing a state-level event on the occasion of International Red Cross Day at the Mini Secretariat in Hamirpur, today, the Governor said that the entire nation salutes the Indian Armed Forces for its decisive and precise action.

"The Indian Army has given a befitting reply to the terrorists responsible for the recent brutal killings of innocent civilians," he said. "We are proud of our Armed Forces. It is commendable that the Indian Army executed this operation with precision, targeting terrorist hideouts across the border without causing harm to innocent civilians in Pakistan." Governor said that the Operation Sindoor was more than just a military strike. It represented India's sovereignty, strategic



strength and unyielding resolve against terrorism. "It was a moment of pride for the entire nation," he added. Extending greetings on International Red Cross Day, the Governor said the Red Cross is an institution dedicated to humanitarian service. He said that its legacy of selfless service and commitment has earned it worldwide recognition. "This day reminds us all to uphold the spirit of its services," he said.

Shiv Pratap Shukla said that the Red Cross Society in

Himachal Pradesh was actively engaged in various initiatives aimed at uplifting the underprivileged. He called upon citizens to support the Red Cross and contributes to humanitarian causes. He expressed satisfaction over the reopening of the Red Cross Laboratory in the district, which would greatly benefit those in need. He also appreciated the efforts of the district administration in expanding the activities of the Red Cross. Earlier, the Governor flagged off

a rally organized by the District Red Cross Society from the Circuit House Complex. Students from various educational institutions participated in the rally. The rally was organized to spread messages of environmental conservation and drug de-addiction. Lady Governor and Chairperson of the State Red Cross Hospital Welfare Section, Janaki Shukla was also present on the occasion. Later, the Governor reopened the Red Cross Laboratory at Dr. Radhakrishnan Government Medical College and Hospital. He also launched a blood donation camp and inaugurated an open-air gym installed at the Mini Secretariat complex. On this occasion, the Governor paid floral tributes at the statues of Shaheed Captain Mridul and Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. The Governor also distributed artificial limbs to specially-abled individuals and honored achievers in the fields of sports, arts and other disciplines. He conducted a referral draw and announced the winners.

Contribute generously towards Red Cross fund: CM Sukhu



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 8

A group of children and Red Cross Volunteers called on Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh here today, on the occasion of World Red Cross Day-2025 and affixed Red Cross stickers. The Chief Minister also contributed towards the Red Cross fund and urged the people to contribute generously towards it.





He said that on this occasion we honour the selfless spirit of humanitarian service that the Red

funds allocated under various central and state government schemes.

Major discrepancies were found in wage payments under MGNREGA, including fake labour payments and reporting of works that existed only on paper.

Cross Volunteers represent. He said, "Let us take a moment to recognize and appreciate the tireless efforts of Red Cross Volunteers and workers around the world, those who rush to the frontlines of crisis, deliver aid in times of disasters, and bring hope where it is needed the most."

Deputy Chief Whip Kewal Singh Pathania, Secretary to Chief Minister Rakesh Kanwar, Councillors of Municipal Corporation Shimla and members of H.P Red Cross Society were also present on the occasion.

SUMMER SPECIAL TRAINS-2025													
In order to clear extra rush of passengers Railways have decided to run the following Summer Special Trains as per schedule given below:-													
LIST OF SUMMER SPECIAL TRAINS ORIGINATING/TERMINATING IN NORTHERN RAILWAY													
Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Fre-quency	Day	Period						
04088	New Delhi	15:50	Patna Jn	08:40	Daily		upto 10.07.2025	Weekly		Fri	07.02.2025 till further advice		
04087	Patna Jn	12:00	New Delhi	04:40			upto 11.07.2025			Sat	08.02.2025 till further advice		
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04022	New Delhi	14:00	Gorakhpur	05:00	Weekly	Fri	09.05.25 to 11.07.25	Bi-weekly		Wed	upto 25.06.2025		
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04081	New Delhi	23:45	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:40	Tri-weekly	Mon, Wed, Sat	upto 12.07.2025	Weekly		Sun	upto 29.06.2025		
04082	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	21:20	New Delhi	09:30		Tue, Thu, Sun	upto 13.07.2025			Mon	upto 30.06.2025		
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04011	Darbhanga Jn	22:00	Delhi Jn	22:40		Wed, Sat	upto 12.07.2025			Mon	upto 28.07.2025		
04024	Delhi Jn	19:30	Varanasi Jn	09:45	Tri-weekly	Mon,Thu,Sat	upto 10.07.2025	6 Days a week	Exc-Sun	upto 30.06.2025			
04023	Varanasi Jn	18:35	Delhi Jn	08:50		Tue, Fri, Sun	upto 11.07.2025			Exc-Mon	upto 01.07.2025		
04026	Delhi Jn	23:05	Raxaul Jn	19:00	Weekly	Thu	upto 10.07.2025	5 Days a week	Except Thu, Sat	upto 30.06.2025			
04025	Raxaul Jn	22:00	Delhi Jn	17:45		Fri	09.05.25 to 11.07.25			Except Sat, Mon	upto 02.07.2025		
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04017	Muzaffarpur Jn	07:30	Anand Vihar (T)	06:00		Fri	upto 30.05.2025			Except Fri	upto 01.07.2025		
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04095	Jaynagar	17:00	Anand Vihar (T)	19:55		Tue, Fri	upto 11.07.2025			Fri	upto 27.06.2025		
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04030	Anand Vihar (T)	09:00	Muzaffarpur Jn	04:30	Bi-weekly	Tue, Sat	upto 17.05.2025	Weekly	Mon	upto 30.06.2025			
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04208	New Delhi	20:20	Lucknow Jn	06:00		Mon	upto 07.07.2025			Thu, Sun	upto 29.06.2025		
04213	Ayodhya Cantt	18:20	Anand Vihar (T)	06:00	Tri-weekly	Sun,Tue,Thu	upto 10.07.2025	Weekly	Wed	14.05.25 to 16.07.25			
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04217	Varanasi Jn	06:25	Lucknow Jn	11:45	Daily		upto 30.06.2025	Weekly	Mon	19.05.25 to 14.07.25			
04218	Lucknow Jn	16:30	Varanasi Jn	21:50			upto 30.06.2025			Wed	21.05.25 to 16.07.25		
04219	Shahganj Jn	22:35	Ayodhya Dham Jn	01:40	Daily		upto 10.07.2025	Weekly	Mon	24.02.2025 till further advice			
04220	Ayodhya Dham Jn	02:10	Shahganj Jn	04:40			upto 10.07.2025			Thu	27.02.2025 till further advice		
02270	Lucknow Jn	14:15	Chhapra	21:30	Six day a week	Except Tuesday	upto 11.07.2025	Weekly	Fri	27.02.2025 till further advice			
02269	Chhapra	23:00	Lucknow Jn	06:30			upto 11.07.2025			Sat	28.02.2025 till further advice		
04604	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	18:15	Varanasi Jn	19:00	Weekly	Sun	upto 06.07.2025	Weekly	Sat	28.02.2025 till further advice			
04603	Varanasi Jn	05:30	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	11:25		Tue	upto 08.07.2025			Sun	29.02.2025 till further advice		
04206	Varanasi Jn	14:50	Chandigarh	07:45	Weekly	Sat	upto 05.07.2025	Weekly	Sat	28.02.2025 till further advice			
04205	Chandigarh	09:30	Varanasi Jn	01:20		Sun	upto 06.07.2025			Sun	29.02.2025 till further advice		
04518	Bhatinda Jn	20:50	Varanasi Jn	17:30	Bi-weekly	Mon, Fri	upto 11.07.2025	Weekly	Sun	29.02.2025 till further advice			
04517	Varanasi Jn	20:40	Bhatinda Jn	17:00		Tue, Sat	upto 12.07.2025			Tue	01.07.2025 till further advice		
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04504	Chandigarh	23:35	Patna Jn	22:10	Weekly	Thu	upto 29.05.2025	Bi-weekly	Fri, Sun	upto 29.06.2025			
04503	Patna Jn	22:45	Chandigarh	23:10		Fri	upto 30.05.2025			Sat, Mon	upto 30.06.2025		
04302	Yog N Rishikesh	15:20	Muzaffarpur Jn	13:00	Weekly	Tue	upto 15.07.2025	Bi-weekly	Tue, Fri	upto 27.06.2025			
04301	Muzaffarpur Jn	15:00	Yog N Rishikesh	14:20		Wed	upto 16.07.2025			Wed, Sat	upto 28.06.2025		
04606	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	21:30	Guwahati	19:10	Weekly	Fri	upto 30.05.2025	Bi-weekly	Thu, Sun	upto 29.06.2025			
04605	Guwahati	23:20	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	20:45		Mon	upto 02.06.2025			Fri, Mon	upto 30.06.2025		
04610	Jammu Tawi	06:20	Varanasi Jn	05:10	Weekly	Thu	upto 09.07.2025	Weekly	Wed	upto 25.06.2025			
04609	Varanasi Jn	09:00	Jammu Tawi	07:45		Fri	09.05.25 to 10.07.25			Thu	upto 26.06.2025		
04304	Yog N Rishikesh	15:20	Gorakhpur	06:20	Weekly	Sat	10.05.25 to 12.07.25	Weekly					
04303	Gorakhpur	09:00	Yog N Rishikesh	00:55		Sun	11.05.25 to 13.07.25						
04602	Firozpur Cantt Jn	15:10	Patna Jn	18:00	Bi-weekly	Wed, Sat	upto 12.07.2025	Weekly	Tue	upto 27.05.2025			
04601	Patna Jn	20:50	Firozpur Cantt Jn	23:55		Thu, Sun	upto 13.07.2025			Wed	upto 28.05.2025		
04608	Amritsar Jn	20:10	Darbhanga Jn	02:30	Weekly	Fri	09.05.25 to 11.07.25	Weekly	Wed	upto 25.06.2025			
04607	Darbhanga Jn	04:00	Amritsar Jn	10:30		Sun	11.05.25 to 13.07.25			Thu	upto 26.06.2025		
04212	Sultanpur Jn	04:00	Lokmanya Tilak	14:00	Weekly	Mon	upto 23.06.2025	Weekly	Tue	upto 27.05.2025			
04211	Lokmanya Tilak	16:35	Sultanpur Jn	23:00		Tue	upto 24.06.2025			Thu	upto 29.05.2025		
03255	Patna Jn	22:20	Anand Vihar (T)	18:35	Bi-weekly	Sun, Thu	02.01.2025 till further advise	For any kind of information such as arrival/departure timings and stoppages enroute etc., passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or may visit Indian Railways website https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or NTES App.		NORTHERN RAILWAY visit us at: www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in			
03256	Anand Vihar (T)	23:30	Patna Jn	18:35		Mon, Fri	03.01.2025 till further advise						
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RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL: As per the instructions of Haryana State Legal Services Authority (SLSA) and District Legal Services Authority Kaithal National Lok Adalat will be held in the judicial campus on May 10 under the supervision of Chairman and District and



Sessions Judge Subhash Maihala. On the occasion

Help desks were set up by the District Legal Services Authority regarding the National Lok Adalat in the court premises through which people were provided information. Kanwal Kumar, Secretary and Chief Judicial Magistrate, District Legal Services Authority said that

Lok Adalat was a court in which cases (disputes) were being settled with the mutual consent of the parties and neither party would win nor defeat. The sense of affection, harmony and bondage arises on both sides. The specialty of Lok Adalat is that it is a source of quick and cheap justice.

NEWS BRIEF

Dental check-up camp held at Garden Valley International School, Bhattian



DEEPAK KUMAR MACHHIWARA: A dental checkup camp was organized at Garden valley international school on May 07,2025. The camp was conducted by a team of dental experts from Sushant Dental Clinic Machhiwara . The program began with the lighting of the lamp. Over 500 students underwent dental checkups and were provided with guidance on maintaining good oral health. The camp aimed to promote awareness about the importance of dental hygiene among school children." Respected Principal Dr. Harpreet Kaur inaugurated the event by making the students aware about dental and oral health. As a token of appreciation, our esteemed guests were honored with a symbolic gesture - a plant, which represents growth, harmony, and the blossoming of new relationships.

Updation of documents in Aadhaar is free up to June 15: DC

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: Deputy Commissioner Partha Gupta said that the Unique Identification Authority of India has made a provision to update the documents in Aadhaar. He said that according to the provision, the Aadhaar holder can update their subsidiary documents in Aadhaar by submitting a certificate of identification

proofs and addresses at least once on completion of the Aadhaar, so that the continuous accuracy of their information can be ensured in the central identity data repository. Apart from this, he informed that UIDAI was free till June 14, 2025 to update the documents in the Aadhaar card through the portal. Deputy Commissioner Partha Gupta has requested all the district residents to go to their nearest Aadhaar updation center soon and make sure to get their Aadhaar documents updated free by June 14, 2025.

Fresh LoC firing forces villagers in J-K's Akhnoor to relocate

AGENCY AKHNOOR, MAY 8

Families living near the Line of Control (LoC) in the Akhnoor sector have been forced to leave their homes once again due to ongoing cross-border firing and to take shelter at safer places. Ajit Singh, a resident of Palatnagarh village located just 200 metres from the Pakistan border, recalled past experiences. "Bullets have hit our homes. In 2016, seven walls of my house were damaged. The government gave us 4.5 acres of land, and we built new homes with their help," he said. "When firing starts, people leave the village. Once it stops, they return to



the farm. Even animals get scared," he said. Singh said they were recently advised to evacuate. "Yesterday, we met the B.L.O. They told us to leave immediately. We walked until we saw a vehicle and spent the night here with our children," he said, referring to their current temporary shelter. He recalled being displaced

during the Kargil war in 1999. "We were sent to camps then. Later, we were told this place would be safe. Now, five or six families from my village stay here," Singh said more than 20 people, including six families, took shelter last night. "It was cold at first but better now," he added. The local administration

is monitoring the situation and has arranged for temporary relief for the displaced families.

Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said that 13 civilians had lost their lives in Poonch while a total of 59 people, 44 of them in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir sustained injuries due to ceasefire violations by Pakistan along the Line of Control (LoC).

The intense shelling by the Pakistani army along the LoC came in retaliation for the May 7 'Operation Sindoor' in which India's armed forces targeted a total of nine terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

Pakistan has been resorting to unprovoked

small arms ceasefire since the night of April 25-26.

After 'Operation Sindoor', the Pakistan Army continued its series of ceasefire violations by targeting civilian areas in the border areas of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday. Officials said the shelling caused panic among villagers and damaged several houses. Shelling by Pakistan damaged civilian infrastructure, shattered window panes and cracked walls. Residents in border villages in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri returned to their homes on Thursday morning after they were forced to flee their homes in panic, seeking safety in the wake of the intense shelling by Pakistan.

Revolutionary Center and Lok Morcha Punjab hold discussion and protest in Barnala



KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, MAY 8

Revolutionary organizations Lok Morcha Punjab and Revolutionary Center Punjab held a massive gathering and protest in Barnala against the use of the Pahalgam incident for communal political purposes and against the unjust war waged by the Indian government against Pakistan in the name of revenge. Addressing the gathering, Lok Morcha Punjab State Secretary Jagmel Singh said that despite the solidarity shown by all communities against this incident, it is being used for communal divisions across

the country. It is already being used to mobilize against the minority Muslim and Kashmiri communities, who are already victims of discrimination. The purpose of such mobilization is to deepen divisions among the people, erode their unity and prevent them from turning into an effective force against the anti-people policies of the government. Mukhtiar Singh Poohla, leader of the Revolutionary Center Punjab, discussed the ongoing imperialist plunder in the country with the reference to facts and figures, which is being covered under the guise of this warlike passion and blind patriotism.

MP sports competition commendable initiative to encourage sportsmanship: Sanjay Bhatia

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 8

Former Karnal Lok Sabha MP Sanjay Bhatia reviewed all the arrangements and preparations to make the MP Sports Competition ceremony a grand show at Karna Stadium in Karnal.

On this occasion, besides Karnal BJP District President Praveen Lathar, Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand, Nilokheri MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi and Mayor Renubala were also present.

Gupta, former district president Brij Gupta, representative Kavinder Rana and Karnal SDM Anubhav Mehta were also present. Former MP Sanjay Bhatia said that this was a commendable initiative towards encouraging the spirit of sports and providing



a platform to young talents.

He said that the country's successful Prime Minister Narendra Modi thought that such MP sports competitions should be organized every year. As per the Prime Minister's thinking, in the first year of such competition, such games were chosen which are played on the village soil. He said that this year they have chosen Kabaddi and Kho Kho for this but in future other games will also be included in these

competitions.

Giving further information, he said that the MP Sports Competition was inaugurated on May 5 from Panipat and it will conclude on May 11 at Karna Stadium in Karnal. In this competition, the winning teams will get Rs 51000 as first prize, the team coming second will get Rs 31000 and the teams coming third will get Rs 21000 in cash and the players of all the teams will also be given medals, shields and T-shirts.

Jan Sahayog Mangalpur Sanstha observes death anniversary of social worker late Master Khajan Singh



DALBIR MALIK

KURUKSHETRA: Jan Sahayog Mangalpur Sanstha observed the death anniversary of late Master Khajan Singh by offering flowers in a program organized by the organization in Government Senior Secondary School Mangalpur on Thursday. The program was presided over by Master Narendra. The stage was conducted by the Principal of the school. The founder of the organization, Master Jitendra said in his statement that the organization has been formed only for emergency health services for Mangalpur village, in which the Gram Panchayat Mangalpur, other social organizations of the village and all the villagers cooperate. The purpose of celebrating father's death anniversary in the school was to increase respect for parents, elders, school and teachers among the children studying in the school. We all should celebrate all our happiness, sorrow, Teej, festival, birthday, wedding anniversary, death anniversary in the school. On this occasion, Ayurvedic cough medicine was distributed to the children studying in the school and their families. Smriti Sinha and pen were given to all the teachers as a mark of respect. Cricket kit was distributed to the cricket team of the school. Dresses were given to the sanitation workers and watchmen of the village.

Inauguration ceremony of DSB International School will be held on May 10



HANS RAJ

KURUKSHETRA: In various states of the country, education, health, spirituality, propagation of Sanskrit language, protecting Indian culture and values, the preservation of Indian culture and rites, the priority of Shri Jairam institutions the inspiration of his revered Guru Brahmaj Devendra Swaroop Brahmachari, Seth Navrang Rai Lohiya Jayam Vidyalaya in Kurukshetra, with the inspiration of his revered Guru Brahmaj Brahmachari, with his revered Guru Brahmin Swaroop Brahmachari. Lohia Jairam Women Polytechnic, Jairam Women B. Ed. College, Mrs. Kesari Devi Lohia Jairam Public School and Jairam Sainik School have now been established in Nivasi, Kurukshetra, after successful operations. Rajesh Singla, media in -charge of Shri Jairam institutions, said that the inauguration ceremony of DSB International School will be held on May 10. Haryana Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini will be the chief guest at the inauguration ceremony of DSB International School while the ceremony will be presided over by Acharya Mahamandaleshwar Awadheshanand Giri. He said that many trustees of Shri Jairam institutions from abroad will also attend the ceremony organized in the ceremony of Brahmaswaroop Brahmachari.

From Punjab to Istanbul: Amber inspires young readers with ‘Ela, the Flying Alligator’

CHET RAM RATTAN NAWANSHAHR: Amber, an inspiring Indian talent hailing from the quaint town of Rahon in Nawanshahr, Punjab, has made headlines for his remarkable achievement as a children's author in Istanbul, Turkey. An alumnus of Kirpal Sagar Academy, one of the premier institutions in Punjab, Amber has transitioned from his roots in India to garner international recognition with the launch of his debut book Ela, the Flying Alligator. This delightful piece of children's literature, co-written with his close friend Nikhil, is released in May 2025 in Istanbul Turkey. Amber's engagement with children's education has seamlessly translated into his storytelling. Over the years, he developed close ties to young learners while teaching in Nihan inci Forest School, Istanbul. These experiences have shaped the development of Ela, the Flying Alligator—a heartwarming story about courage, perseverance, and the power of dreaming big. Amber explains, “The story of Ela is about dreaming big and never giving up. Even if others doubt you or you doubt yourself, your dreams are worth chasing.” These words reflect not only the theme of the book but also Amber's own life journey. From the serene landscape of Nawanshahr, imbued with Indian culture and values, he ventured into the world beyond, eventually establishing his identity as a dedicated educator and a storyteller.



Voluntary blood donation camp organised on Maharana Pratap Jayanti

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 8

On the eve of Maharana Pratap Jayanti, a voluntary blood donation camp was organized in the premises of SD Senior Secondary School. This camp was organized by Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, who has donated blood 175 times and platelets 85 times, is a recipient of the President's Police Medal, National Gold Medal winner, Shatkaveer Diamond blood donor and environmental guard. This was his 541st voluntary blood donation camp. Social worker and former BJP Mandal President Sunil Gupta came as the chief guest in the camp while the school's Principal Renu Gupta presided over the camp. Ram Bhajan Verma, head of Maidh Kshatriya Sunar Sabha, Vinod Kumar Verma, director of Chahat Karaoke, retired Registrar of



Kurukshetra University Davinder Sachdeva, social worker Randhir Rana and star blood donor Naresh Mehta were present as special guests in the camp. Chief guest Sunil Gupta and Principal Renu Gupta, who was presiding over the camp, encouraged the blood donors by giving them badges. Principal Renu Gupta herself donated blood and said that this is a virtuous act. Chief guest Sunil Gupta said that blood donation not only saves precious lives but also makes a

person healthy. Camp coordinator Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma thanked everyone and said that Maharana Pratap is a symbol of Indian culture, freedom and bravery, which is an example for the whole world. His courage and sacrifice always infuse a new energy. In the camp chaired by Dr. Sanjay Verma, Regional Blood Transfusion Officer of Civil Hospital Karnal, 4 women, 1 student Mohit and many other youth donated blood.

Youth Red Cross empowering young hearts for humanity: VC KUK

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, MAY 8

Youth Red Cross of Kurukshetra University celebrated World Red Cross Day on 08.05.2025 in Senate Hall, KUK. The Chief Guest of the event, Vice Chancellor, Kurukshetra University Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva said that the Youth Red Cross is empowering young hearts for the welfare of humanity. Prof Sachdeva added that the Youth Red Cross Society stands on three guiding principles—nurturing health to safeguard lives, extending compassionate service to those in need, and fostering friendship to build bridges of goodwill across borders. These values shape young minds, inspiring selfless action and a spirit of unity. The Youth Red Cross Society of Kurukshetra



University, along with its affiliated colleges, is making its invaluable contribution in social welfare. Prof. Sachdeva further said that Red Cross was the first institution that was created to take care of soldiers injured in war.

This is the only institution in the world that has received the Nobel Peace Prize three times. Humanity's strength lies in its ability to act with sensitivity and compassion. Volunteers from Kurukshetra University

displayed remarkable dedication, selflessly delivering food and essential supplies to flood victims during the Covid crisis and the devastating floods that followed. Dean, Students' Welfare Prof. A.R. Chaudhri, in his address, inspired the volunteers to work for the upliftment of humanity. Prof Chaudhri added that the upliftment of humanity lies in compassion, unity, and the relentless pursuit of justice, ensuring that every individual thrives with dignity and hope.

Awareness programme on ‘Entrepreneurship and Startup’

SANJEEV TEJPAL MOHALI, MAY 8

A workshop cum awareness programme on “Entrepreneurship and Startup” was organised by University School of Agriculture Sciences, Rayat Bahra University. The programme was for the benefit of students and faculty members aimed at fostering innovation and entrepreneurial spirit. Dr Amita Mahajan, Head, University School of Agriculture Sciences, welcomed the dignitaries and resource persons for delivering key note address and invited Pro-Vice -Chancellor Dr Chander Parkash, of Rayat Bahra University to deliver the



inaugural address. The Pro-Vice Chancellor talked about the importance the workshop which is need of the hour to develop entrepreneurial skills among students especially the agri-entrepreneurship which can be helpful to the economy by increasing employment opportunities in the rural sector, prevents rural to urban migration and helps in development of agro-based industries. Dr Jasgurpreet Singh, Director, Entrepreneurship, spoke about

entrepreneurship skills and startup essential for the agriculture graduates to start their own entrepreneur especially agri-entrepreneur with respect to different opportunities available in agriculture sector. The session concluded with a question and answer session, where Pro-Vice-Chancellor Dr Chander Parkash addressed students' queries and shared motivational insights drawn from his vast academic and professional experience.

Free dental check-up camp organised at New Happy Public School, Sudhail

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNA NAGAR, MAY 8

A free dental check-up camp was successfully organized at New Happy Public School, Sudhail under the aegis of DAV Dental College. The camp focused on examining students' oral health, and those with dental issues were given proper consultation and care instructions. The dental team from DAV Dental College included Dr. Sumit Singh Bhatia, Dr. Deepti, Dr. Tanya, Dr. Disha Puri, Dr. Prateek Bhalla, Dr. Ayushi, Dr. Vidhu Sharma, and Dr. Kanika. The entire camp was conducted under the able guidance of Dr. I.K. Pandit, Principal, DAV College. The doctors educated the students about



common dental problems, especially tooth decay, and shared effective preventive measures.

They emphasized the importance of brushing twice a day — before breakfast and after dinner — and demonstrated the correct brushing techniques. In addition, they explained the right way to eat and shared healthy food alternatives.

Students were advised to consume a balanced diet and were also informed about the harmful effects of junk food on both overall and dental health. Chairman Mr. G.S. Sharma addressed the students, saying, "Health is our greatest wealth. We must always remain conscious of our well-being and consult doctors regularly for preventive care."

72-Bed government old age home opens in Barnala, registrations now open



KARANPREET KARAN

BARNALA: Deputy Commissioner Barnala T. Benith said that the Director Social Security Women and Child Development Department Punjab, Chandigarh has built a 72-bed government old age home for the accommodation of elderly people in need at Khattar Patti Tapa, District Barnala, where 8 elderly people are staying. He said that any elderly people in need who want to stay in the old age home can get their registration done at the Tehsil Complex, near Sewa Kendra, Handiya Road, Office of District Social Security Officer, Barnala or the office of Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) related to their block. The Deputy Commissioner also informed that the elderly who will stay in the old age home will be provided with rooms, health and medical services, food and drink, clothes, security and maintenance, library and other modern facilities free of cost. For registration, the name of the concerned elderly, father's name, current residence, mobile number, Aadhar card number etc. are required.

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Cyber Rahagiri initiative raises awareness on online fraud in Karnal

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: In line with directives from the Additional Director General of Police, Cyber Haryana, Panchkula, a Cyber Rahagiri awareness session was organized at the Women's Police Station and Cyber Crime Police Station in Karnal. The initiative aimed to educate the public about the rising threat of cybercrime and how to stay protected. Inspector Sanjay Kumar, in-charge of the Cyber Crime Police Station, along with his associate Lovkesh, addressed attendees and emphasized that cybercrime is a serious issue that requires public vigilance. They pointed out that WhatsApp frauds are currently among the most common cyber threats. They advised users to take three essential steps to secure their WhatsApp accounts: enable two-step verification, disable auto-media download in settings, and silence calls from unknown numbers. Following these measures, they said, can greatly reduce the risk of account hacking. The officers further warned against fraudulent calls or messages that lure victims with promises of high stock market returns etc.

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MAY 8

Haryana Health and Family Welfare Minister Arti Singh Rao said keeping in mind the current tense situation with Pakistan and the situation arising from the point of view of national security, the state government has decided to impose a ban on the leave of all officers and employees working in the Health Department with immediate effect.

She clarified that this decision has been taken to ensure continuity, efficiency and quick response of health services in the state. The Health Minister said in this hour of crisis, the health system of the state should remain fully active so that any emergency can be dealt with and necessary medical facilities can be made available to the general public immediately.

Under this, instructions have been issued to all Civil Surgeons and Chief Medical Officers of Haryana that they should not allow any leave to their subordinate employees, whether it is casual or pre-approved, till further orders. All officers/employees have been directed to ensure that no



hospitals and health centers and strengthen all necessary arrangements.

person leaves the district headquarters and remains present at their workplace. If any officer or employee is required to take leave in extreme circumstances, then it will be mandatory to obtain prior permission from the Director General, Health Services, Haryana. No employee will be allowed to go on leave without prior permission.

The Health Minister said we all have to work in unity at this time. The Health Department is the backbone of the state and it is most important for it to remain active in a situation like war or emergency. She appealed to all health workers to perform their duties with full loyalty, dedication and service spirit and avoid any kind of laxity. She also assured that all necessary resources and support will be provided by the government so that there is no hindrance in health services. She directed the officials to review the preparations of all

Bio-AgTech World Congress organised in collaboration with Garden University Karnal



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAY 8

The US organisation Global BioAg Linkages jointly with Maharana Pratap Garden University Karnal and Council of Agricultural Research (ICRA) organized BioAg Congress and Expo 2025 at Leela Ambience Convention Hotel, Shahdara New Delhi. More than 50 countries participated in the event. Its purpose was to brainstorm on bioagriculture in the world so that various options can be made available in global issues like sustainable farming and climate change. Vice Chancellor of Maharana Pratap Garden University Karnal, Prof. Suresh Malhotra said that crops are being produced in many countries of the world, but promoting the production and availability of chemical-free safe agricultural products has become necessary for the protection of health and environment. In the production of various ag-

ricultural crops, it has become necessary to promote and develop effective techniques like bio pesticide, bio control medium and bio stimulant through research in various methods of bio agriculture.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Malhotra said that organic farming is being done in 72 million hectares all over the world, out of which 3 million hectares area is in India. There is an urgent need to pay attention to meet the increasing demand of bio agriculture inputs and the way to work together with many developed research centers of the world has opened through BioAgTech World Congress. He said that famous scientists of the world gave lectures on new research done in the world. While giving a lecture about various research related to bio agriculture developed by MHU Karnal, the Vice Chancellor said that it has become necessary to adopt

these techniques developed according to the agricultural climate of Haryana in the field of horticulture so that safe fruits and vegetables can be easily available to the consumers. Vice Chancellor Prof. Malhotra said that former MP Suresh Prabhu participated in the program as the chief guest.

Roger, CEO of Global BioAg, while giving a presentation on the bio agriculture scenario in the world said that it is an emerging topic for safe farming, the platform worked to bring together various participants, in which participants from research, education, industry, policy and progressive farmers came together on one platform and shared their views. The main attraction of the BioAg Congress and Expo 2025 was a large exhibition, in which more than 20 countries from all over the world displayed bio agriculture products.

SP holds security meeting with trade association and jewellers in Yamunanagar

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: In a bid to bolster the safety of local businesses, Superintendent of Police Surender Singh Bhouria convened a security meeting on Thursday with members of the district's trade association and jewellery shop owners at his office.

Providing details, police spokesperson Chamakour Singh said the meeting focused on enhancing security for traders and jewellers in the district. SP Bhouria emphasized that the safety of life and property is a top priority for the police and urged all shopkeepers and jewellery store owners to install high-quality CCTV cameras. He instructed that the cameras should be fully functional, regularly checked, and promptly repaired if damaged, with a minimum one-month footage backup maintained. He further advised that the cameras be strategically placed to clearly capture vehicle number plates outside the shops. "CCTV surveillance, operational round the clock, helps deter crime and is crucial in investigations," said Bhouria. The SP added that Dial 112 services and police patrol vehicles regularly monitor markets. He urged shop owners to immediately report any suspicious activity or individuals to the police. Every employee and shopkeeper should keep contact details of their nearest police station or outpost handy, he said. During the meeting, traders and jewellers also requested the issuance of arms licenses, to which SP Bhouria responded with a positive assurance, promising appropriate solutions.



At 57, Rajiv Ohri creates record by cycling 40,075 km

MEGH RAJ LUTHRA
KARNAL, MAY 8

Rajiv Ohri of Karnal has created a record by cycling 40,075 km at the age of 57, which is equivalent to circling the earth. No one has done this feat in Karnal till now. Many organisations of Karnal have honoured him for this achievement. It took him three and a half years in 1297 rides to complete this target. He got passionate about cycling when the then SP Pan-kaj Nain formed the Royal Cycle Club in Karnal in the year 2016. Karnal was filled with passion for cycling at that time. Since then his cycling journey has started. At the end of the year 2021, he resigned from the post of Development Officer in Life Insurance Corporation of India and decided to do something big and set a target that he will now do regular cycling.



The cycling record equal to the circumnavigation of the earth was automatically created. Rajiv Ohri tells that

when he started cycling, he was suffering from BP, sugar, obesity and many other diseases. His weight was 82 kg,

today he weighs 65 kg and he has also stopped taking all medicines. He gave a message to the youth that they should do cycling, swimming, running or any exercise for their health so that they always remain healthy. Ambala Range IG Pankaj Nain has specially sent a congratulatory message. Awareness campaigns were conducted at many places

Rajiv Ohri, along with his colleagues DSO Satyavir Singh, Anoop Bhardwaj, Dilbagh Narwal, Karanvir Singh, Ravikant Snehi, Lavkesh Dhawan, Vishant-Nishant, Megh Raj Luthra, Jaswinder Jassi and Surinder Bhalla, also conducted awareness campaigns for cycling. This cycle journey was conducted in Punjab, Chandigarh, Himachal, Kalesar, Yamunanagar and many cities.

Officers should ensure they work on zero pendency: Kapil Kumar



YAGYA DUTT SHASHTRI
PEHOWA:

Sub-Divisional Officer Civil Kapil Kumar held a meeting of Revenue Department officers and Patwaris in his office on Thursday. In the meeting, he gave special instructions to the officers and Patwaris and said that the pending works of the common people should be resolved soon so that they do not have to visit the offices again and again. SDM Kapil Kumar reviewed the pending works of the public with the officers and Patwaris of the Revenue Department in the meeting. On this occasion, the Patwaris of the concerned area submitted their reports to the SDM. He said that all the Kanungos and Patwaris should complete their work according to their duty with speed and impartiality. Officers should ensure that they work on zero pendency by resolving the pending cases in a systematic and timely manner. Special care should be taken that the common people do not face any kind of problem or trouble. On this occasion, he said that the Patwari who have pending works like mutation and recovery, stamp duty and other works should complete them soon. Registry work, marriage registration, pending work on CM window, complaints received in Samadhan camps should be resolved quickly. The SDM said that under Act 111, any family whose land is divided should be resolved through family agreement instead of a court case. He instructed all the officers and Patwaris to do the work of the common people easily and be polite in their behavior with them and work according to the rules. Naib Tehsildar Ismailabad Sagar Mal, all Kanungos and Patwaris were present in the meeting.

Tagore Jayanti celebrated with great enthusiasm



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Today, on the occasion of Tagore Jayanti, the school paid tribute to Nobel Prize winner Guru Rabindra Nath Tagore in the school premises of Tagore Bal Niketan C. School, Karnal. On this occasion, a colorful programme was organised by the students. The students recited Anandaloke prayer song, poem and gave a speech on Guru Rabindra Nath Tagore on the stage. The school's Principal Dr. Rajan Lamba gave information and said that on this occasion the students formed the new executive body (School Development Board) for the new session. On this occasion, the selected students were sworn in as President, Vice President, Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl, Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Game Captain Boy, Game Captain Girl and other selected students. On this occasion, the school's administrator Mr. Karan Raheja, all the teachers and students were present.

Health check-up, CPR awareness, blood donation camp held on World Red Cross Day

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAY 8

Red Cross Secretary Kulbir Malik said that World Red Cross Day was celebrated on Thursday under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner and District Red Cross President Uttam Singh. On this occasion, Red Cross organised a health check-up camp, CPR awareness camp, rally on the theme of World Red Cross 'In Favor of Humanity' and a blood donation camp. Kulbir Malik said that the program of celebrating Red Cross Day programme was started by offering flowers to Sir Jean Henry Dunant. Sir Jean Henry Dunant, the founder of World Red Cross, was born on 8 May 1828 in Geneva Switzerland, his birthday is celebrated every year as World Red Cross Day all over the world. On this occasion, a health checkup

camp was organized by the District Red Cross today in which 60 persons were checked and they were also provided refreshments by the Red Cross. In a CPR aware-



ness camp, about 100 people were made aware by giving them CPR training and a rally was taken out on the theme of World Red Cross 'In Favor of Humanity'. He said that on this occasion a blood donation camp was also organized

in the Red Cross office in which 44 youths registered for blood donation. In the blood donation camp, not only the volunteers but also the Red Cross staff and women donated blood, in which he and Rajpal Chaudhary donated blood for the 36th time, Vijay for the 5th time and Sapna for the second time and gave an awareness message to the youth about blood donation. Blood was collected by the team under the leadership of Dr. Sanjay Verma, in-charge Blood Bank Civil Hospital Karnal. In this series, the Red Cross provided wheelchairs and artificial limbs to 3 disabled people. Red Cross volunteers and employees played an important role in making the World Red Cross Day programme a success.

Inter School Karate Championship organised at New Happy Public School, Bilaspur

PRITI SAINI
BILASPUR, MAY 8

An inter School Karate Championship organised at New Happy Public School, Bilaspur. Around 250 students from 10 different schools of Yamuna Nagar and Ambala districts participated in the event. The championship showcased the dedication and skill of the young Karatekians as they competed in various categories which showcased discipline, concentration and proficiency of the martial art. The atmosphere was full of excitement as the participants showcased their techniques and sportsmanship. The event was graced by the presence of eminent guests including the Chief Guest Ramesh Thaska, Chairman, Zila Parishad who applauded the participants for their dedication and emphasised the importance of sports in overall development. The distinguished guests also included



Paramjit Singh, a respected social worker, Gurjit Kaur, Member, Zila Parishad, and Deborah Morgan Department of Education, Tasmania Australia, Su-shil Sharma Technical Director Haryana Sanjeev Kumar Secretary United Karate Association Yamuna Nagar and Rajesh, Karate Coach who encouraged the young athletes and appreciated their efforts. Monika Kashyap, Principal, New Happy Public School, Bilaspur expressed her happiness on host-

ing the championship and highlighted the school's commitment towards promoting sportsmanship and healthy competition. The successful conclusion of the Inter-School Karate Championship at New Happy Public School not only provided a platform for the young talents to showcase their abilities but also promoted a spirit of brotherhood and healthy competition among the participating schools.

Oath taking ceremony organized at Shaheed Udham Singh Government College

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: On the occasion of World Red Cross Day, an oath taking ceremony was organized by Red Cross unit of college at Shaheed Udham Singh Government College, Matak Majri. The aim of program was to encourage the spirit of service, health and friendship among the students. It began by paying tribute to Sir Henry Dunant, founder of the Red Cross, who was born on 8 May 1828. Outlining the seven core principles of the Red Cross Movement — humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity and universality — e students were sworn in to remain dedicated to these values. Addressing students, Principal of the college, Dr. Mahendra Singh Baggi said, "The aim of the Red Cross is selfless service, which makes the youth realize their responsibilities towards the society." He appealed to students to actively participate in activities like disaster management, first aid and blood donation. The theme of World Red Cross Day this year is "I Give with Joy, and the Joy I Give is a Reward", which shows that the joy inherent in service is the greatest reward. These activities promoted awareness and enthusiasm for social service among students. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Red Cross Coordinator Dr. Rita Arora.



Seminar held on the subject of one country - one election

MANMOHAN SHARMA
HANSI, MAY 8

MLA Vinod Bhayana said that for the continuous development of the nation, elections should be held only once in the country. He was addressing the seminar held on the subject of one country - one election in the Swami Ganesha Nand Auditorium of the local SD Mahila Mahavidyalaya on Thursday. He said that due to repeated elections, the development of the nation gets hampered and people also have to face many kinds of problems. In such a situation, elections should be held only once in the country. By holding elections once, money and time are saved. The time and money saved by holding elections once in the country will be spent in the development of the nation. As a result of which more facilities will be available to the people and our country India will



a milestone in making the country a developed nation. Once elections are held in the country, the pace of development will get further accelerated.

Arya Samaj School Managing Committee President and prominent social

worker Ved Prakash Narang said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dreamed of a developed India. To fulfill it, one country one election system should be started again. Everyone should come forward for this work. Ashok Kanojia, Praveen Bansal, Monica Jagda, Jagdish Bhatia's college principal Suresh Gupta put forward their views and advocated one country and election. Jagdish Bhatia said that there should be no ban on contesting elections from two places and there should be a provision to take expenses from all the candidates. Doing this will save money. The principal informed about Rs 1 crore for the construction of the new building of the college. Chief speaker MLA Vinod Bhayana said that the demand letter will be presented in front of Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini in the Hansi Vikas Rally on May 11.

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Editorial

Maternal penalty

The 'motherhood penalty' — wherein women earn less after having children— is a well-known global issue with serious implications for career growth, family finances, and gender equality. In India, this penalty is especially pronounced. Research on 'motherhood penalty' remains limited even though studies and personal experiences paint a grim reality. Many women exit the workforce after childbirth; those who return often encounter career stagnation, reduced wages, and restricted opportunities. An estimate by IWWAGE of Krea University showed a sharp decline in female labour force participation in salaried jobs for both rural and urban India in 2017-18 and in 2023-24. Childcare and household chores were cited as the main reasons for this trend.

Our research, along with Anirban Mukherjee from the University of Calcutta, draws on data from the India Human Development Survey (2004-05 and 2011-12) and confirms that the 'motherhood penalty' remains a persistent issue. Our findings reveal that working mothers continue to face challenges regardless of age, education, job type, family structure, or financial status. However, the severity of this penalty varies across professions and family dynamics.

One of the most eye-opening insights from our research concerns the economic toll of an unplanned pregnancy. If a woman has one more child than what she intended, her wages drop by 2.9% and the likelihood of employment falls by 8%. This effect is more pronounced outside the southern states where an unintended birth results in a 5% wage decline and a 1.2% lower chance of finding a job. These challenges affect both full-time and part-time workers, underscoring the deep-rooted barriers that mothers face in the workforce. Compared to Western Europe and the United States of America, where the motherhood wage penalty ranges from 3% to 16%, India's challenge is unique: many women permanently drop out of the workforce after becoming mothers.

Real-life experiences highlight how this penalty plays out. Zeba, a graphic designer based in Calcutta, saw her freelance work dry up when she started working from home to care for her child. While mothers face setbacks, fathers often experience the opposite — known as the 'fatherhood bonus'. Sourav, an IT professional in Calcutta, got a raise and more responsibilities after his son was born. Meanwhile, working women get passed over for promotions or nudged into less demanding roles after maternity leave.

Pakistan’s propaganda machine on overdrive

Following India's decisive strike under 'Operation Sindoor', Pakistan has been trying to mount a full-blown disinformation offensive – a desperate attempt to shift the focus with a barrage of lies and digital theatrics.

In reponse to a focused and effective military operation by the Indian Armed Forces targeting terror sites, Pro-Pakistan social media handles and even influential political figures are deliberately spreading fake news, fabricating stories of miraculous military victories and heroic retaliation that simply do not exist.

In a blatant effort to hijack the narrative and distract from the reality on the ground, Pakistan's state-affiliated accounts have turned to their familiar playbook: recycling outdated images, misrepresenting old videos, and inventing completely fabricated claims. Their goal is clear – to flood the information space with falsehoods so quickly and overwhelmingly that it becomes difficult to separate fact from fiction. This is not just misinformation; it is a calculated, coordinated campaign designed to distort reality, mislead the public, and manipulate perceptions across the region.

One of the most prominent examples is a viral image falsely claiming that the Pakistan Army had shot down an Indian Rafale jet near Bahawalpur. The image, however, was debunked by PIB Fact Check, which confirmed that it was actually from a MiG-21 crash in Moga, Punjab, in 2021 – entirely unrelated to current events.

Another brazen piece of misinformation surfaced in the form of a video falsely claiming that the Indian Army raised a white flag and surrendered at Chora Post. This fabricated narrative was amplified by Pakistan's Minister Attaullah Tarar, who publicly endorsed the claim without a shred of evidence. By lending official weight to an unverified and clearly false story, Tarar not only misled his own citizens but also actively contributed to the propaganda campaign.

Unrelated footage passed off as combat evidence- In another misleading post, a video was circulated with the claim that the Pakistan Air Force targeted the Srinagar airbase. A fact-check unit of the Central government has debunked the claim circulating on social media. In reality, this footage was traced back to sectarian clashes in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan, that occurred in early 2024. The video had no connection to Kashmir or any recent airstrike.

A separate rumor claimed that Pakistan destroyed an Indian Brigade Headquarters, a claim that has no basis in fact and has been entirely fabricated, according to defense sources.

Additionally, another old image -- this time of a MiG-29 crash in Barmer, Rajasthan, from September 2024 -- was recirculated by pro-Pakistan social media handles to imply recent Indian Air Force losses, which did not occur.

Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif was on Tuesday exposed on International TV. While appearing on a CNN interview

the CNN Anchor asked Asif, "You say Pakistan shot down 5 Indian jets. Where's the evidence?" A stumped Khwaja Asif replied, "It's all over social media,"

The Anchor replied, "I'm sorry we didn't ask you here to talk about social media content."

A Defence Minister citing social media content to back unverified claims shows that the Pakistan's rank and file has relied on fake news to push its case.

Khawaja Asif also made a baseless claim that Indian soldiers were captured during the recent military strikes, a statement that was later debunked and retracted.

Literature & Health

Trump says 145pc tariffs on China are here to stay for now

US President Donald Trump on Wednesday said that the 145 per cent tariffs on most imports from China will remain in place "for now," even as US and Chinese officials prepare for trade talks in Switzerland this week.

Speaking during the swearing-in ceremony of David Perdue as the new US Ambassador to China, Trump said the US was no longer facing massive trade losses as it once did.

"We were losing a trillion dollars a year, now we're not losing anything. That's the way I look at it," Trump said when asked about the upcoming talks.

When asked in the Oval Office whether he would consider reducing the tariffs to bring China back to the negotiating table, Trump simply replied, "No." He also rejected China's claim that the US had initiated this week's round of trade talks. "They said we initiated? Well, I think they ought to go back and study their files," he added. According to CNN, US stock markets dropped slightly after Trump's comments and have continued to decline since the official announcement of the tariff decision. Trade between the world's two largest economies has largely stalled since the tariff war began in March.

However, this week's meeting between top US and Chinese trade officials marks the first round of formal talks since then, CNN reported. Meanwhile, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said that the outcome of the trade talks could have a significant impact on the US economy.

UNGA President urges India, Pakistan to exercise maximum restraint

UNGA President Philomen Yang on Thursday expressed concern over the "escalating hostilities" between India and Pakistan and called on both nations to exercise maximum restraint and an immediate de-escalation.

He reiterated his condemnation of all terrorist attacks and attacks conducted against civilians and civilian infrastructure. He called "dialogue and diplomatic solutions" the only way to resolve differences and achieve long-lasting peace.

In a statement shared on X, Yang stated, "I am deeply concerned about the escalating hostilities between India and Pakistan. I call for both sides to exercise maximum restraint and for an immediate de-escalation."

"I reiterate my condemnation of all terrorist attacks and attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure. I firmly believe that dialogue and diplomatic solutions in line with the UN Charter and international law are the only ways to resolve differences and achieve lasting peace and stability," he added. His statement comes after Indian Armed Forces targeted terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) under 'Operation Sindoor' on Wednesday in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack.

The strikes, conducted between 1:05 am and 1:30 am early on Wednesday, were a coordinated effort by the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force, targeting nine terror camps across Pakistan and PoJK based on credible intelligence.

Addressing a press briefing in Delhi on Wednesday, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, Colonel Sofiya Qureshi and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh outlined the objectives of the operation and provided details on destroyed terrorist camps.

POEM

The Source

The sleep that flits on baby's eyes-does anybody know from where it comes? Yes, there is a rumour that it has its dwelling where, in the fairy village among shadows of the forest dimly lit with glow-worms, there hang two shy buds of enchantment. From there it comes to kiss baby's eyes. The smile that flickers on baby's lips when he sleeps-does anybody know where it was born? Yes, there is a rumour that a young pale beam of a crescent moon touched the edge of a vanishing autumn cloud, and there the smile was first born in the dream of a dew washed morning-the smile that flickers on baby's lips when he sleeps.

The sweet, soft freshness hat blooms on baby's limbs-does anybody know where it was hidden so long? Yes, when the mother was a young girl it lay pervading her heart in tender and silent mystery of love-the sweet, soft freshness that has bloomed on baby's limbs.

Rabindranath Tagore

Kalma was demanded, Fatihah is being recited now

On April 22 in Pahalgam, Pakistan-sponsored terrorists brutally gunned down twenty-six Hindu male tourists in front of their families simply because they couldn't recite the Kalma when asked to. The massacre has sent shockwaves across the nation, leaving India trembling with grief and seething with anger.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, speaking on behalf of 1.4 billion Indians, vowed that these terrorists would be hunted down from every corner of the earth—no matter how deep they hide—and be punished in an unimaginable manner.

And Modi is known for following through. True to his word, on the midnight of May 7, he orchestrated the destruction of nine terrorist camps in Pakistan. According to government sources, around a hundred terrorists were eliminated in the operation, including fourteen from the family of dreaded terrorist leader Masood Azhar. The man once declared the world's most dangerous terrorist by the United Nations broke down in tears upon hearing the news—lamenting why he wasn't killed along with his family, wondering what was left to live for.

Masood Azhar, who shed no tears when innocents were massacred around the world at his

behest, now weeps and prays for death. And to that, India says: Ameen. But we promise—we won't even come to recite the Fatihah for you. Before you go to meet your seventy-two virgins,

answer this: where were these tears when you orchestrated the killings of hundreds of innocent men, women, and children across the globe? Why didn't their suffering torment you? Know this—the agony you're now in is the result of the curses of those very families you destroyed.

Pakistan has always tried to project itself as a victim of terrorism and pleads for international aid. But its own defence minister and Bilawal Bhutto recently exposed the truth—admitting publicly that Pakistan nurtured terrorism within its borders. They even tried to shift the blame, saying they did it under pressure from the US and the UK. But Operation Sindoor, executed by India, has confirmed beyond doubt Pakistan's role in fostering terror.

If Pakistan was innocent, why were the bodies of the slain terrorists wrapped in the national flag after Operation Sindoor? Why did their army, police, and politicians offer them final salutes? The answer is clear—Pakistan not only harbours terrorists but glorifies them. The world now has undeniable proof that Pakistan is a terrorist state—the very cradle of terrorism.

As the saying goes, you reap what you sow. Today, India's Defence Minister has made it

clear in an all-party meeting that Operation Sindoor isn't over yet. And Pakistan is already reeling. Since morning, explosions and gunfire have shaken Lahore, Rawalpindi, Islamabad, and Quetta. Their air defense systems have been destroyed. Some say the Balochistan Liberation Army and Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan are behind the attacks—but regardless of who's responsible, Pakistan is now trapped in the consequences of its own actions, with no way out in sight. What happens next to Pakistan is known only to God.

India, however, remains a tolerant nation. If Pakistan wishes to avoid the wrath of Operation Sindoor and seeks peace in the region, it must accept its fault—acknowledge that it fostered terrorism, caused deaths in India and across the world, and sincerely apologize.

It must vow never to support terrorists again, dismantle all terror camps, and hand over those responsible for attacks in India—most notably Hafiz Saeed, Asad Mazhar, and Dawood Ibrahim.

If Pakistan fails to act, India will ensure the complete eradication of these terrorists, their hideouts, and their backers—and only then will there be peace.

By : Rakesh Sharma

NEWS BRIEF

Cyclist dies in car-cycle collision

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: A cyclist died in Handiaya town after a collision with a car. According to information, Shamsher Singh (60) son of Fauja Singh of village Ghunnas, who had come from village Ghunnas to do night duty in a factory in Handiaya, was hit by a car in front of Y.S. Public School. The car was dragged, due to which he died on the spot. The Handiaya police post and the Handiaya Road Safety Force, who reached the spot, smoothened the traffic. Sahil Goyal Barnala said that the information about this accident was given at the Police Control Room Barnala and the car was chased, but the car driver ran towards Sangrur due to high speed. The car's number was PB. 03 BC 2133. He said that before the accident, the bullet motorcycle riders were bursting crackers, so the car driver started looking around, when this accident happened. ASI of Handiaya police post Gurmial Singh said that the body has been kept in the mortuary of the civil hospital and appropriate action has been initiated.

Meeting held for quick settlement of revenue court cases in Karnal division

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: A review meeting of revenue court related cases was organized in Karnal division office on Thursday under the chairmanship of Karnal divisional commissioner Shri Rajiv Ratan. Tehsildars and Naib Tehsildars of district Karnal, Kaithal and Panipat were present in the meeting. Divisional commissioner Shri Rajiv Ratan directed all Tehsildars and Naib Tehsildars to settle the pending revenue court cases in their respective courts on priority basis as soon as possible. He directed Tehsildars and Naib Tehsildars to review the cases pending for the last two years. He directed the officers to inform the office by fixing the monthly progress report of the court cases of their respective courts and the day and time of operation of the revenue court, so that the general public does not face any problem. Divisional commissioner directed the concerned officers that the reader appointed in any revenue court should not be transferred before 6 months.



Heavy loss in business made CBI officer's son a deed writer

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Dinesh Bansal, Karnal's most experienced deed writer, who has been working as a Basika Niwas in Karnal for the last 43 years, has seen the changes in the last five decades. Earlier he started working under a tree. Today he sits in an AC room. His colleagues work on laptops along with computer tablets. Earlier he used to write deeds by hand. Till now he has written more than 45 thousand registries. Till now he has prepared twenty DD writers. Dinesh Bansal's entry into this field was no less than a fortuitous event. Dinesh Bansal has seen the time when deed writers used to write Vyanama, Rehnama and Deed by hand. Dinesh Bansal's childhood was spent in royalty. His father Shri Jai Bhagwan Bansal was a DSP in CBI. His family lived in Delhi at that time. His father was the security officer of the country's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. He was an intelligence officer with important security of the country. He took voluntary retirement from CBI in 1968. After that he came to Karnal and opened a commission agent's shop in the market. After that he also set up a rice mill. But every business suffered losses. After that the family faced a livelihood crisis. After graduation, Dinesh Bansal started working as a stamp bander in the tehsil. After that he passed the deed writer's exam and started working as a deed writer. Dinesh Bansal told that he has seen the changes in Karnal.



International Red Cross Day celebrated at Bhagwan Parshuram College



HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: International Red Cross Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and reverence at Bhagwan Parshuram College, Kurukshetra today. Dr. Saurabh Trikha, Red Cross Counselor of the college, said that this day is celebrated every year on 8 May to commemorate birthday of Sir Jean Henry Dunant, the founder of the Red Cross. Purpose of this event, which started in 1948, is to encourage humanity, impartiality and service spirit. Dr. Trikha told during program that after seeing serious condition of the injured soldiers during Battle of 'Selpherino' in 1859, Jean Henry Dunant realized that there is a need for such organizations which can provide immediate assistance while remaining neutral in event of war and disaster. Red Cross was established with this inspiration.Dr. Saurabh Trikha said that Youth Red Cross is a humanitarian service initiative, which inspires youth for social service, emergency assistance and moral values. Its purpose is to develop spirit of service, cooperation and goodwill in the youth. Red Cross volunteers are always ready to work in national interest. During program, all students took an oath to serve country.

'Operation Sindoor' strikes terror at its root, says Shanty Bajaj

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI: Social worker and former municipal councillor Shanty Bajaj lauded India's decisive response to the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, describing 'Operation Sindoor' as a powerful blow to terrorism. He stated that the Indian Air Force's



midnight airstrike on nine terrorist hideouts in Pakistan has sent shockwaves across the border and filled the Indian public with pride and relief. Bajaj welcomed the military action and praised the Indian government and armed forces for their resolve. He emphasized that strict action must

also be taken against those who provide shelter to terrorists. "It is essential to completely eliminate terrorism from its roots," he said. "The entire nation stands united with our forces in this mission." He further noted that after the Pahalgam terror attack, the country had been anxiously waiting for a strong retaliation. "These acts of terror will not be tolerated.

Uttarakhand CM Dhami meets Nitin Gadkari, disccusses infrastructure projects of state

AGENCY
 NEW DELHI, MAY 8

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Thursday met with Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi and discussed various issues related to important road and infrastructure projects of state.

The Chief Minister requested for early reimbursement of the remaining Rs 367.69 crore under the Central Road Infrastructure Fund to the state government and approval of the proposed Rishikesh bypass project. The Chief Minister also urged for notification of the state road from Biharigarh to Roshanabad and the road from Kathgodam to Pancheshwar as National Highway and approval of the proposed elevated road over Bindal and Rispana rivers as a loop of NH-07. CM Dhami requested for approval of funds for the upgradation of 20 roads of 508 km length connected to mythological temples under the Manaskhand project and to



reimburse the additional expenditure after re-alignment of NH-109. He also requested for approval for other necessary works including additional assistance of Rs110 crore for the Metro corridor along with the proposed elevated road on NH-07. The Chief Minister thanked the Union Minister for giving positive assurance for all the projects. Earlier in the day, CM Dhami met Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupendra Yadav and

requested approval for crucial projects aimed at strengthening the state's infrastructure and addressing environmental challenges. During the meeting, CM Dhami sought environmental clearance and the transfer of forest land for the 120MV Sirkari Bhyol Rupasiyabagh Hydroelectric Project on the Gauriganga River. This project is vital for the state's energy needs and development. The Chief Minister also requested approval from the National Wildlife Board

(NBWL) for a ropeway project from Triveni Ghat, Rishikesh to Neelkanth Mahadev Temple. He further urged the Union Minister to support the revival of Chaurasi Kutiya (Beatles Ashram), a significant cultural and tourism landmark. In addition, CM Dhami sought special financial assistance of Rs 404 crore from the Central Government under the CAMPA (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority) scheme. This funding is needed to address the recurring forest fire incidents in the state and bolster the state's environmental management. Expressing his gratitude for the Union Minister's support, CM Dhami emphasized that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the state government is balancing ecological conservation with economic development. He conveyed that these initiatives would not only enhance infrastructure but also provide much-needed relief to the common people.

Satish Garg becomes head of Sector-13 Market Association, Avni Gupta cashier



DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: Sector-13 Market Association election was held in which Satish Garg councillor won the post of head. Annappurna Kitchen operator Avni Gupta said that in the election of Sector-13 Market Association, 2 people contested the post of head in which Satish Garg councillor got 33 votes while Satish Ladi got 8 votes. Avni Gupta said that the rest of the executive has been formed by the general committee. Deputy head Ramesh Garg, secretary Munish Goyal, joint secretary Shyam Lal Saini and social worker Avni Gupta have been made the cashier.

NIILM University students gain industrial exposure at NCL Industries- Bison Panel in Paonta Sahib



SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL: A group of 41 students from NIILM University, Kaithal, pursuing B.Tech, BCA, MCA, and M.Tech programmes, visited NCL Industries – Bison Panel in Paonta Sahib on May 2, 2025, as part of an educational industrial tour. The visit aimed to provide students with practical exposure to real-world industrial processes and modern manufacturing technologies. The tour was conducted under the guidance of Faculty Convenor Er. Komal Garg, Er. Bhawna Rathi, and Dr. Vikrant. Faculty members Ms. Anjali and Mr. Ompal Gupta also accompanied the students and extended their support throughout the visit. During the industrial tour, students explored various departments of the company and gained firsthand knowledge of panel manufacturing processes, quality control operations, and current industry practices.

SBI Life holds painting competition

HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: SBI LIFE organized a painting competition today at Nivedita Public School, Kurukshetra. This program was organized in presence of Rajesh Kumar, Senior Manager, SBI LIFE, Mukesh Kaushik, Manager, SBI LIFE, Surendra Kashyap, Manager, SBI LIFE. Students from class 3 to class 8 participated in this competition. The main objective of this competition was to know the life goals of the children. SBI LIFE gave many pictures related to the goals of the children in this painting competition. It included pictures of police, doctor, engineer, teacher, pilot etc. Children had to fill golden colors in any one of those pictures according to their life goal. Children participated enthusiastically in this competition and brought their life goals in golden colors and enjoyed a lot. In this competition, Monika Shakya of class VII got first, Hazel of class VI got second, Yashvi of class V got third and Angel of class VIII got consolation prize by Rajesh Kumar, Senior Manager, SBI LIFE. While addressing children, Director of school Meva Ram Kashyap said that such competitions give us an opportunity to recognize and develop our inner talent. Participation in it increases our confidence and we also get into habit of working hard.



15-Year-Old girl dies by suicide in Chhoti Baradari; probe underway



PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR: In Chhoti Baradari area under police station 7, a 15-year-old girl committed suicide by hanging herself under suspicious circumstances on Wednesday night. The name of the deceased is Shobha. The police has taken the body in custody and kept it in the civil hospital for postmortem and has started the investigation. Investigating officer of police station 7, Satinder Singh, said that he received the information at the control room at around 9:30 pm. The reason for the suicide is not yet known. When he made enquiries around, he came to know that the girl was upset for the last two-three days but she did not tell anyone about her problem. He has taken the body in custody and kept it in the civil hospital for postmortem. The family is not in a condition to give a statement.

Fateh Academy of Martial Arts shines at Third District Karate Championship with 13 Medals



GURDARSHAN SINGH PRINCE
BEAS: The Third District Karate Championship 2025, organized by the Karate-Do Association of Amritsar at Hindu College, witnessed an impressive performance by the team from Fateh Academy of Martial Arts, Beas. A total of 20 players from the academy participated, returning with a medal tally of 5 gold, 4 silver, and 4 bronze medals. Coach Dhalvinder Singh of the academy shared that Lavnoor Mahi, Kiranpreet Kaur, Parleen Kaur, Harkirat Kaur, and Nimratpreet Kaur clinched gold medals for their outstanding skills and performance. Meanwhile, Vanshpreet Singh, Jai Deep Singh, Seeratjot Kaur, and Simranjeet Kaur earned silver medals. Bronze medals were awarded to Mannatveer Singh, Gurnoor Singh, Parleen Kaur, Sargunpreet Kaur, and Satinderbir Singh. Coach Singh praised the athletes for excelling in their respective age and weight categories, bringing pride not only to the academy but also to their parents and the Beas region.

Two illegal colonies demolished in presence of heavy police deployment



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: A major action has been taken by the District Planning Department. Yellow paw was carried out by the department on two illegal colonies being built in Muradgarh of Indri in the presence of heavy police force. Roads built in these colonies were demolished with help of JCB. Roads were broken in a colony being built on about four acres on village Muradgarh road. For the first time, demolition action has been taken by the department on this colony. On the other hand, another colony being built on about one acre at Muradgarh turn was also demolished by the department.ATP Mohit said that action has been taken on two illegal colonies in Indri on Birwar. Action has been taken in these colonies earlier also. He appealed to the people not to buy a house or shop plot in illegal colonies. Buy a plot only in an approved colony. People should not get lured by colonizers and buy a plot or shop in illegal colonies.

Regular grievance hearings in Ladwa twice a week on CM's orders: Mahender Singh



VIJAY KAUSHIK
 LADWA, MAY 8

In a bid to resolve public grievances locally and avoid unnecessary travel to Chandigarh, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has decided to hold open grievance hearings in Ladwa every Tuesday and Friday. This announcement was made by Mahender Singh, OSD to the Chief Minister, during a public durbar held at the PWD Rest House in Ladwa on Thursday. Mahender Singh informed that every Tuesday, Suman Saini, Vice Chairperson of the Haryana Child Welfare Council, will be present in Ladwa to hear public concerns, while he himself will address issues on

Fridays. Additionally, Kailash Saini, in charge of the CM Office, will continue to meet people daily to address their problems. Speaking at the gathering, Mahender Singh emphasized that with Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini now responsible for the entire state, it was not feasible for him to individually address local grievances in Chandigarh. Therefore, to save time and resources for the people of the Ladwa constituency, these local grievance redressal camps will now be held twice weekly. During the durbar, various residents of the Ladwa assembly constituency submitted their complaints, some of which were resolved on the spot via phone calls.

Gurpreet Singh Dhillon takes charge as District Revenue Officer



KULJEET SINGH HONEY
TARN TARAN: Gurpreet Singh Dhillon took charge of the District Revenue Officer Tarn Taran Today. Gurpreet Singh Dhillon is serving as Tehsildar in Tehsil Complex Tarn Taran, where Now he has been given the additional charge of District Revenue Officer by the government order. On this occasion, DRO Gurpreet Singh Dhillon said that he will fulfill his responsibility with full dedication. He said that people should not face any kind of difficulty related to the revenue department. On this occasion, Tejinder Singh RC, Bikramjit Singh Khehra RC, Gurdev Singh, Amandeep Singh, Sunil Kumar. etc. were present.

Two drug smugglers arrested



GOGI KMAALPURIYA
RAIKOT: As part of the campaign launched to arrest drug smugglers under the supervision of DSP Raikot Harjinder Singh, police post Jalaldiwal under police station Sadar Raikot has arrested two drug smugglers along with heroin, drug money and a Swift car. Giving information in this regard, police station in-charge Kulvinder Singh said that the police party including ASI Lakhvir Singh, in-charge of police post Jalaldiwal, were present at the Main Chowk Jalaldiwal during the blockade, when a social worker informed that Labh Singh, son of Charanjit Singh, resident of Johlan police station Sadar Raikot, and Ram Singh, son of Malkit Singh, resident of Nihaluwal police station Mehal Kalan, who are engaged in selling heroin, and that even today Labh Singh and Ram Singh are standing in the crematorium of village Jalaldiwal in Swift Desire car number PB 01-2100 to sell heroin. If the raid is conducted now, the said persons can be arrested along with heroin. On which they raided along with the police party and arrested Labh Singh and Ram Singh along with 25 grams of heroin, drug money worth Rs. 1 lakh 7 thousand and Swift Desire car and a case has been registered at Police Station Sadar Raikot.

Modi govt and Indian army take revenge for Pahalgam terror attack through Operation Sindoor: Kewal Singh Dhillon

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: The central BJP government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and our country's army have taken revenge for the killing of innocent Indians in Pahalgam by launching Operation Sindoor. This was revealed by Punjab BJP's State Core Committee Member Kewal Singh Dhillon in a press statement. He said that Pakistan had killed 26 people of our country with great cowardice in Pahalgam. After which the entire country was continuously looking at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and the entire BJP government and was expecting revenge for it. On which the Central Government has completely responded and has eliminated the terrorists by going to their country by launching Operation Sindoor. Due to which the entire country is very proud of the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and our brave army. He said that our army is capable of confronting the enemy country from all sides. If Pakistan attacks in any other way, it will give a befitting reply. Kewal Dhillon also described the incident of Pakistan attacking Gurdwara Sahib in Poonch area as very unfortunate. He said that targeting innocent people and the religious place of Sikhs in this way is a very condemnable act. He expresses his sympathy to the families of the Sikhs killed in this attack. The Government of India stands with the families of the victims.



Sattva Sukun Posts 74.5% Q4 Profit Jump, Unveils ₹48 Cr Rights Issue

Chandigarh, May 8:- Sattva Sukun Lifecare Limited, a leading manufacturer of aroma and home dcor products, has announced its financial results for the Fourth Quarter and Twelve Months ended 31st March 2025. The company's Net Profit increased by 74.5% to Rs84.22 Lakhs as compared to Rs48.19 Lakhs in the corresponding period last year. Revenue from Operations for the Quarter ended 31st March 2025 increased by 6% to Rs105.16 Lakhs as compared to Rs99.23 Lakhs in the corresponding period last year. For the Twelve months ended 31st March 2025, the company's Net Profit increased by 108.9% to Rs248.94 Lakhs as compared to Rs119.04 Lakhs in the corresponding period last year. Revenue from Operations for the Twelve Months ended 31st March 2025 increased by 48.1% to Rs526.30 Lakhs as compared to Rs355.33 Lakhs in the corresponding period last year.

Samsung Set to Unveil Galaxy S25 Edge Globally on May 13

CHANDIGARH: Over the last decade, smartphones have undergone a remarkable transformation—becoming more powerful and intelligent than ever before. As the advent of mobile AI has raised the bar for what these devices can achieve, so have our expectations for peak performance. Integrating AI has fundamentally reshaped mobile experiences, turning smartphones from convenient tools into indispensable companions for connection, creativity and productivity. As our reliance on these devices grows, so do our expectations for them to be portable and lightweight without sacrificing power and innovation.

Titan World celebrates Mother's Day with a bespoke perfume-making experience across their stores nationwide

JALANDHAR: Scent has a powerful way of evoking memory, and for many, the fragrance of a mother remains one of the most comforting and enduring. This Mother's Day, Titan World invites you to honour that cherished bond with a gift she'll always remember, a perfume as timeless as her love. Celebrate that enduring bond through a thoughtfully curated in-store experience. On the 10th and 11th of May, over 163 Titan World stores across India will host a bespoke perfume-making activity, designed to help customers create memorable moments with the most cherished women in their lives - their mothers.

Tata Motors Inaugurates Advanced Vehicle Scrapping Facility in Kolkata

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, today launched their registered vehicle scrapping facility (RVSF) in Kolkata. This marks the launch of the company's eighth RVSF across the country. Named 'Re.Wi.Re - Recycle with Respect,' this cutting-edge facility is designed to sustainably and safely dismantle up to 21,000 end-of-life vehicles annually. The RVSF will be operated by Tata Motors' partner, Sellalade Synergies India Pvt. Ltd, and is equipped to handle the scrapping of passenger and commercial vehicles, along with two-wheelers and three-wheelers, across all brands.

Samsung Unveils Vision AI for Neo QLED, OLED, QLED and The Frame TVs

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today announced the launch of its ultra-premium 2025 models of Neo QLED 8K, Neo QLED 4K, OLED, QLED TVs and The Frame lineup, bringing the revolutionary Samsung Vision AI technology to Indian consumers. At the heart of this launch is the new Samsung Vision AI that delivers an unparalleled home entertainment experience with next-generation AI capabilities. Staying true to its commitment to innovation, Samsung's latest range redefines how users interact with screens, turning them into intelligent companions that enrich everyday living.

Mangoes, matches, and mega savings: Stack your Summer basket with Amazon Fresh

Ludhiana - As the sun shines brighter, let your cart—and your savings—blossom with the best of the season's delights. Whether you're stocking up on the juiciest, farm-fresh mangoes or prepping for IPL match parties with your favorite snacks, Amazon Fresh delivers the ultimate seasonal savings straight to your doorstep—fast, reliable, and with the convenience of slotted delivery, with delivery as fast as 2 hours. With weekly Super Value Days, live every Friday to Sunday, customers can enjoy great deals and value offers, ensuring big savings on grocery needs. Indulge in the season's sweetest delights with Amazon Fresh's specially curated Mango Mania Store and enjoy big savings on 10+ mango varieties, desserts, candies, drinks and more. Sourced directly from 260+ trusted farmers, these mangoes are safely ripened, carbide-free, and undergo a 4-step quality check Sponsored by Coca Cola and Heritage, the Cricket Ready Store on Amazon Fresh offers a dedicated snacking destination for every match day, offering a wide range of chips, beverages, ready-to-eat treats, and more; delivering flavours and savings right to your doorstep. Customers can enjoy up to 40% off on top brands like Kwality Walls, Nescafé, Real, Coca cola, Milky Mist, Pluck, Lays and more across a wide range of summer essentials, along with a flat 50% off on ice creams. Unlock extra savings and convenience using Amazon Pay.

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ICAI National President CA Nanda lauds India's economic resilience amid Indo-Pak Tensions, No rescheduling of CA exams

CHANDIGARH: Charanjot Singh Nanda, the newly elected National President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) during his maiden visit to Chandigarh after resuming his office expressed strong confidence in the resilience and stability of the Indian economy.

Addressing the members during a session organized by the ICAI, Chandigarh branch at Hotel Shivalikview, Nanda lauded the country's robust economic fundamentals, stating that India is well-equipped to navigate any potential crisis arising from the ongoing Indo-Pak tensions. He emphasized that sound fiscal management, strengthened institutions, and sustained economic reforms have positioned the nation to absorb external shocks without compromising its long-term growth trajectory. Reaffirming ICAI's commitment to national service, he also highlighted the critical role Chartered Accountants play in safeguarding economic stability during challenging time.

Reassuring students and stakeholders alike, President Nanda made it unequivocally clear that there will be no change in the schedule of the upcoming



Chartered Accountancy examinations. He stated that the ICAI is fully prepared to conduct the exams as planned, with all necessary precautions in place to ensure the safety and convenience of candidates.

He also emphasized that there is absolutely no need to panic or resort to hoarding. India's supply chains and financial systems are stable, and the government is fully prepared to manage the situation. Meanwhile, during the session

he also highlight ICAI's strategic roadmap aligned with the Government of India's vision of making India a developed nation by 2047. In his address, CA Nanda emphasized the pivotal role of youth, capital markets, and financial literacy in driving India's economic transformation toward becoming a \$5-trillion economy.

ICAI's initiatives, including new certificate courses and financial literacy drives in

Xiaomi India launches Xiaomi QLED FX Pro and 4K FX series with Fire TV built-in

Amritsar : Xiaomi India, a global technology leader, continues to elevate its commitment to seamlessly integrate into daily routines while delivering features—bringing smarter, faster, and more cinematic content experiences to Indian homes. Commenting on the launch, Anuj Sharma, Chief Marketing Officer, Xiaomi India said, "At Xiaomi India, we understand that great visuals and sound are important for an exceptional home entertainment experience. Designed to enhance your viewing experience, the latest QLED TV FX Pro and 4K TV FX series with Fire TV built-in. Together with Xiaomi, we look forward to delivering premium home entertainment experiences to customers. With Fire TV built-in, customers can enjoy access to a vast selection of streaming apps and experiences via Alexa without interrupting their viewing experience. These TVs c and voice-first innovations that make streaming smoother, quicker, lag-free and with a plethora of content choices for our customers."

District schools closed for two days, DEO issues letter

Ludhiana, (Sharma) - In view of the increasing signs of war between India and Pakistan, District Administration it has decided to keep close schools in Ludhiana district for two days on May 9 and 10. Deputy

Commissioner Himanshu Jain has issued orders in this regard. After which the District Education Officer (DEO) has issued a letter to all the block primary Education Officers and asked them to convey this information to the students

and parents. On the other hand, parents were already worried about sending their children to school due to the news coming continuously on various news channels today.

Assistant Engineer inspects Nyangal Panchayat Bhawan, orders immediate rectifications

NURPUR(SANJEEV MAHAJAN): Assistant Engineer Aman Rihaliya from the Department of Panchayati Raj and Rural Development conducted an inspection of the Nyangal Gram Panchayat Bhawan. During the visit, he identified a few minor issues and directed that they be rectified without delay. He also emphasized the need to complete the building at the earliest. Present during the inspection were Panchayat Pradhan Chuni Lal, Vice-Pradhan Thakur Sandeep Singh Samkadiya, Junior Engineer Sushil Dhiman, Technical Assistant Amrik Singh, and contractors Shashi Pal and Gagan Rana.



SSP urged the public not to fall prey to rumors

SANGRUR(SUMER GARG): To maintain a sense of security among the public, Sangrur Police conducted routine checking across the district. During this checking, it was observed that the public is fully alert and cooperating with the administration. SSP, Sangrur, Sartaj Singh Chahal said that the district Police are always committed to ensuring the safety of the people. He urged the public not to fall prey to rumors and assured that the state's atmosphere is completely peaceful. The police are keeping a close watch on all activities and situations. To prevent the spread of rumors in Sangrur district, two control rooms have been set up, deputy commissioner's office, 01672-234128 (24x7) & SSP's office, 8054545100 and 8054545200. Apart from this, the 112 helpline number can also be contacted. SSP Chahal also warned against spreading misinformation and inflammatory messages on social media, urging citizens to avoid forwarding unverified messages that could spread panic and disrupt social harmony. The district's cyber cell has been put on alert to monitor and prevent the spread of rumors.



LG electronics India limited begins construction of its third manufacturing plant in India



CHANDIGARH : LG Electronics India Ltd. (LGEIL) announced the commencement of construction of its new manufacturing facility in Sri City, Andhra Pradesh today at a ceremony graced by the presence of Shri Nara Lokesh, Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology, Electronics and Communications, Real Time Governance and Human Resources Development, Government of Andhra Pradesh. The new plant is expected to commence operations by the end of 2026. Strategically located in Sri City's industrial area, the new manufacturing facility will enhance LGEIL's production capacity and also enable local employment in the region. The new facility will be LG Electronics' third plant in India. The other two plants are located in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh and Pune, Maharashtra. This investment underscores India's potential as a critical hub within LG Electronics' global supply chain. The government of Andhra Pradesh has provided 247 acres of land at Sri City to LGEIL for the new plant that is expected to generate around 1495 direct jobs. LGEIL's investment in this facility will be to the tune of US\$ 600 million (INR 5001 crores) over a period of four years and brings with it the potential to bring ancillaries to the region, thereby creating an ecosystem for white goods manufacturing in the State of Andhra Pradesh. The new plant at Sri City is expected to localize production further and meet the growing demand for LG products throughout India. It will also strengthen LGEIL's supply chain in South India, while helping expedite access to LG products for consumers in the region. The facility will manufacture a diverse range of products, including AC compressors, refrigerators, washing machines and air conditioners. In addition to the presence of Shri Nara Lokesh, the ceremony was attended by other senior government functionaries along with senior LG Electronics executives from South Korea, including Lyu Jae-cheol, president of the LG Home Appliance Solution Company; James Lee, president of the LG Eco Solution Company and Hong Ju Jeon, managing director of LGEIL.

UTCA Invites top dignitaries as tournament enters pre quarterfinals



CHANDIGARH UT Cricket Association President Sanjay Tandon met Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini today to extend a warm invitation for the Gully Cricket Season 3 closing ceremony, scheduled on May 11 at Tiranga Urban Park, Sector 17. Meanwhile, UTCA Secretary Devinder Sharma invited UT Chief Secretary Rajiv Sharma to grace the event as chief guest. Meanwhile, the tournament entered the pre-quarterfinal stage with ten exciting matches played on Thursday. Team 205 defeated Team 241 by 41 runs, Team 45 edged past Team 2 by 4 runs, and Team 187 beat Team 143 by 4 wickets. Team 119 won against Team 84 by 8 wickets, Team 392 defeated Team 422 by 16 runs, and Team 311 overcame Team 284 by 2 wickets. Team 343 outclassed Team 369 by 86 runs, Team 473 beat Team 497 by 9 runs, Team 1 got the better of Team 13 by 11 runs, and Team 20 secured a 38-run win over Team 27.

World Red Cross Day Celebrated with Compassion and Commitment in Bilaspur



BILASPUR(AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY) The Indian Red Cross Society, District Branch Bilaspur, marked World Red Cross Day with warmth and dignity in Gram Panchayat Dharatoh in Bilaspur district. Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the District Red Cross Society, Rahul Kumar, graced the occasion as Chief Guest, accompanied by ADC Omkar Thakur. A key highlight of the celebration was an assessment camp organized for Divyangjan and elderly individuals, where 60 beneficiaries were registered for assistive devices.

The heartfelt moment of the day was the felicitation of body donors Mr. and Mrs. Rashmi Mahajan, honored with a memento and shawl for their extraordinary contribution to humanity. A blood donation camp saw active participation, with 13 units of blood collected. Outstanding Raketeers—Sushil Pundir, Rakesh Pathak, Vipin Chandel, Vijayraj Upadhyay, and Palwinder Singh—were recognized for their repeated selfless contributions. ALIMCO team members and also appreciated for their services in remote areas.

CT Institute of Technology & Research honoured with Excellence in Technology and Research Award at Zee's "Real Heroes" event

JALANDHAR (J S SODHI): CT Institute of Technology & Research, a leading institution under the CT Group of Institutions, North Campus,

institute was awarded the Excellence in Technology and Research Award at the prestigious Real Heroes event organised by Zee Punjab Haryana Himachal. The award ceremony was graced by several distinguished guests, including Raj Kumar Chabbewal (Member of Parliament, Hoshiarpur), Vineet Dhir (Mayor, Jalandhar), Deepak Bali (Advisor, Punjab Tourism & Cultural Affairs Department), and Mohinder Bhagat (Cabinet Minister, Punjab). Dr. Anurag Sharma, Campus Director, received the award on behalf of the institute, making it a proud moment for the entire CT Group. This honour highlights the institute's strong dedication to encouraging innovation, supporting research-based education, and promoting technological excellence.



Maqsud, has been recognised for its exceptional contributions in the field of technology and academic research. The

All major events postponed amid national security concerns: MLA Yogender Rana

ASSANDH(KARNAL(SHIV KUMAR SHARMA)) In light of the current national security situation, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has postponed all major public events, including the upcoming state-level Maharana Pratap Jayanti celebration scheduled for May 9 in Salwan village, Karnal district. The announcement was made by Assandh MLA Yogender Rana while speaking to the media at the event site in Salwan's grain market.

Rana said that the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, which claimed the lives of innocent Indian citizens, has been strongly avenged by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Indian armed forces through targeted strikes on terrorist hideouts in Pakistan. He noted that due to the prevailing tensions between India and Pakistan, and in the interest of national security, the government has decided to put all major events on hold.

Urging the public to celebrate Maharana Pratap Jayanti in their own homes, villages, and cities, Rana emphasized, "The nation comes first. This is our collective duty. Every man, woman, youth, and child stands firmly with the country and our Prime Minister."

Responding to a query, the MLA acknowledged that he had personally invited residents from across the constituency to attend the event, and many had committed to participating. "While I understand the inconvenience this may cause, I assure everyone that we will celebrate Maharana Pratap Jayanti again, with greater enthusiasm and spirit. For now, our foremost duty is to stand united with the nation," he said.

Jindal Stainless announces financial results for quarter and financial year ended March 31, 2025

HISAR: The Board of Directors of Jindal Stainless Limited (JSL) announced the financial results for the quarter and financial year ended on March 31, 2025. The company recorded sales at 23,73,070 tonnes, a jump of 9% over FY24. On a standalone basis, net revenue rose by 5% YoY, at INR 40,182 crore. In FY25, EBITDA was recorded at INR 3,905 crore, down by 3% over last year, and PAT at INR 2,711 crore, showcasing a growth of 7% YoY. Backed by continued and strong domestic demand, sales volume in Q4FY25 grew to the highest-ever 6,42,641 tonnes, up by 13% on a YoY basis. While the net standalone revenue rose by 13% to INR 10,786 crore, EBITDA also increased by 8% compared to Q4FY24. However, PAT registered an impressive growth of 94% over last year. In FY25, the domestic demand for stainless steel grew. The government's efforts to promote stainless steel usage along India's 7,500 km coastline enhanced market awareness and encouraged material substitution. Stainless steel continued to gain traction in the logistics sector, with growing applications in electric vehicles, trailers, and containers—many of which are already in active use, with further projects in development. The automotive, railway coach, metro, white goods, and pipes and tubes sectors saw double-digit growth, while the speciality grade segment also recorded stable growth. Furthermore, critical sectors, such as process, hydrogen, and nuclear industries, demonstrated significant growth potential in FY25, opening up new avenues for business development. Commenting on the performance of the company, Managing Director, Jindal Stainless, Mr Abhyuday Jindal, said, "The past financial year has been a defining chapter in our mission to bolster our leadership in the domestic market and ensure our supply chain excellence. The early commissioning of our NPI facility in Indonesia, the full acquisition of Chromeni Steels to enhance the proportion of our cold rolled products, and our strategic investment in Mixchange have all strengthened our value chain from end to end, ensuring raw material security, product diversification.

Livasa Hospital, Mohali hosts press conference on "Thalassemia Major: Recent Developments & Future Options"

CHANDIGARH: On the occasion of World Thalassemia Day, Livasa Hospital, Mohali, held a press conference titled 'Thalassemia Major: recent development and future alternatives', to raise awareness of Thalassemia - a serious genetic blood disorder - and highlighted recent advances and future opportunities in its leadership. The conference was addressed by Dr. Mukesh Chawla, Senior Consultant in Haematology and Bone Marrow Transplantation, and Dr. Anmol Sidhu, Consultant Paediatrician, who continued the important need for timely



diagnosis, extensive care and social training to compete more effectively with the disease. In addressing contemporary treatment methodologies, Dr. Mukesh Chawla, Senior Consultant in Haematology and Bone Marrow Transplantation, remarked, "The treatment landscape for Thalassemia has evolved significantly in recent years." The mainstay of current therapy includes lifelong blood transfusions to manage anaemia, alongside iron chelation therapy to prevent iron overload. However, bone marrow transplantation remains the only curative treatment currently available, although it is constrained by donor availability and cost. He also underscored the future potential of gene therapy, stating, "Recent advancements in gene editing and gene therapy offer promising avenues for a long-term cure. These therapies aim to rectify the faulty gene at the core of the disease, and ongoing global trials demonstrate encouraging results.

Axis Max Life Insurance unveiled the findings of the seventh edition of its flagship survey

AMRITSAR: Axis Max Life Insurance Ltd. unveiled the findings of the seventh edition of its flagship survey - India Protection Quotient survey (IPQ) conducted in partnership with Kantar, the world's leading marketing data and analytics company. Tapping 6,360 households across 25 Indian cities, the survey has been uncovering urban India's pulse on financial protection. Axis Max Life is launching the India Protection Quotient 7.0 under the unified narrative of 'Bharosa Talks' that will spotlight India's evolving financial and protection mindset. Through this platform, Axis Max Life aims to amplify real voices across demographics—urban, rural, salaried, gig workers, and retirees—offering authentic insights into how India views protection, planning, and long-term security. As financial anxieties shift over time and aspirations evolve, Bharosa Talks will serve as a critical pulse for industry, regulators, and policymakers to understand emerging consumer priorities. As per IPQ 7.0, urban India's Protection Quotient has climbed to 48, up from 35 in 2019, marking continued progress in the country's financial preparedness. Life insurance ownership has reached an all-time high, with 78% of urban Indians owning one or more policies, while the Knowledge Index has improved to 63 up by two points, indicating increased awareness and understanding of life insurance. Prashant Tripathy, CEO and Managing Director, Axis Max Life Insurance said that India Protection Quotient, as part of 'Bharosa Talks' has evolved into a powerful barometer of India's financial resilience, acting as a catalyst for driving India's protection narrative forward. This year's record Protection Quotient, alongside all-time high life insurance ownership, reflects a decisive shift in consumer priorities - from cost sensitivity to genuine protection needs. Yet, the widening gender gap in financial security calls for deeper, more inclusive interventions.

BCCI celebrates Rohit Sharma's legacy

Mumbai, May 8 (UNI) From flamboyant middle-order hopeful to one of India's most formidable Test openers, Rohit Sharma's red-ball journey has been a tale of reinvention, resilience, and quiet dominance.

As he announces his retirement from Test and T20I cricket, the man who once struggled for consistency in whites walks away as a symbol of adaptability and leadership — leaving behind not just 4,301 Test runs, but a legacy that redefined what it means to succeed late, and succeed big.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Thursday extended its heartfelt congratulations to Rohit Sharma for a "stellar and inspirational" Test career. While he steps away from the longest and shortest formats of the game, he will continue to serve Indian cricket in One-Day Internationals.

Rohit's transformation is



one of modern cricket's most compelling success stories. After debuting in 2013, he spent years in and out of the Test squad, battling perceptions that he was only a white-ball specialist. That changed decisively in 2019, when he was promoted to the top of the order. What followed was a purple

patch that included centuries at home, a masterclass in England, and gritty performances in Australia—all delivered with a blend of classical technique and attacking flair.

Over 67 Tests, Rohit amassed 4,301 runs at an average of 40.57, including 12 centuries and a career-best 212.

But his legacy stretches far beyond numbers. He brought poise to the crease, purpose to the innings, and patience to his approach—a blend that helped India stabilise their top order during a critical transition phase.

As the 35th captain of the Indian Test team, Rohit led

India in 24 matches, securing 12 victories. His tenure, marked by injuries and rebuilding phases, was a study in composure and clarity. Under his leadership, India's red-ball squad evolved with a renewed sense of belief, depth, and tactical discipline.

"Mr Rohit Sharma's impact on Indian cricket transcends records and statistics," said BCCI President Roger Binny. "He brought a sense of calm and assurance to the team—both as a player and as a captain. His ability to stay composed under pressure and to consistently put the team's needs above his own made him a truly special player and leader." BCCI Honorary Secretary Devajit Saikia echoed those sentiments: "Rohit Sharma has been a towering figure in India's Test journey—a captain who placed the team above all else, and a player who personified the values of discipline, humility, and excellence.

In-form RCB eye fifth win against slumping LSG

Lucknow, May 8 (UNI) High-flying Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), buoyed by a four-match winning streak and Virat Kohli's red-hot form, will look to tighten their grip on an IPL 2025 playoff berth. They take on a struggling Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) side battling a three-match losing slump, in the 59th league encounter at Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Stadium here on Friday.

RCB have been in imperious touch with the bat, led by Kohli's

sublime consistency — the former India skipper has notched up four consecutive fifties. With strong support from the likes of Jacob Bethell, Tim David, and the explosive Romario Shepherd, the visitors boast a deep and dangerous batting lineup.

RCB currently hold a slight edge in win probability, according to projections, and will be eyeing their fifth straight victory to surge ahead in the points table. A win on Friday could potentially take them to

the top of the standings, further boosting their playoff aspirations.

In contrast, LSG's campaign has lost steam in recent weeks. After a promising mid-season surge, the hosts have slumped to three consecutive defeats. Their bowling attack has failed to contain opposition batsmen, conceding over 200 runs in successive matches, while their star-studded batting order has lacked consistency.

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB))						
The Executive Engineer, Shimla Division No-III, HPPWD, Shimla-3 on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the percentage rate bids, in electronic tendering system, from the eligible class of contractors registered with H.P.PWD, for the work as detailed in the table:						
Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost in Rs.	Starting date of downloading Bid	EMD	Cost of Tender	Time Allowed
1	Construction of 16 No Servant / P.S.O quarters at Annadale view at Chaura Maidan Shimla H.P. (SH - Building portion, W.S & S.I. rain water harvesting tank, site development & Electrical Installation etc.).	Rs. 2,98,83,729.00	08-05-2025	Rs. 597675.00	Rs.5000.00	One Year
2	A/R & M/O to various residential quarters under Brock-Hurst Section at H.P. Secretariat Chhota Shimla (SH - Repair of kitchen, w.c. bath, cupboard work painting work in flat No. 2 Brock-Hurst Shimla-2).	Rs. 804516.00	08-05-2025	Rs. 16100.00	Rs.350.00	One Month
The bidders are advised to note other details, of tenders from the department website www.htenders.gov.in . The Executive Engineer reserves the right to accept/reject any tender/application without assigning any reason.						
DPR-HP-0492/2025-2026			HIM SUCHANA AWAM JAN SAMPARK			

Axis Bank Ltd., Retail Asset Centre, 2nd Floor, Property # 7-E, Municipal 3903/1442/16, Malhar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana - 141001.
Registered Office: "Tripathi" - 3rd Floor Opp. Samartheswar Temple, Near Law Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad - 380006

APPENDIX IV [RULE-8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 23-Dec-2024 calling upon Mr. Bhagat Singh s/o Sudeshan Singh, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 2,729,343/- (Rs. Twenty seven lacs twenty nine thousand three hundred and forty three Only) due as on 17.12.2024 together with further unapplied interest and cost thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) above said having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 7th day of May 2025.

The Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower (s)/ Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s) above said in particular and the Public in General is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the Axis Bank Ltd., for an amount of Rs. 2,729,343/- (Rs. Twenty seven lacs twenty nine thousand three hundred and forty three Only) due as on 17.12.2024 together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate of interest till the date of payment & expenses thereon.

The Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the Residential Flat No. 2502, Ground Floor, measuring 00 Kanal 1-1/4 Marla (1/3 Share of 112.5 Sq. Yards) bearing Khewat/Khatoni No. 64/68 comprised under Kharsa No. 8/26/17-17, Kita 01, land measuring 17 Kanal 17 Marla, share to the extent of 15/4284 share i.e. 00 Kanal 1-1/4 Marla, Situated at Gilco Valley, Extension-5, Village Santelmajra, Hadbast No. 186, Tehsil Kharar and District S.A.S. Nagar Mohali, Punjab, Boundaries (As per Documents): East: NA, West: NA, North: NA, South: NA.

Date : 7th-May-2025

Place: Kharar

(Authorised Officer)

Axis Bank Limited

Retail Asset Center - 2nd and 3rd Floor, Property No. 7-E, Malhar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana - 141001.
Corporate Office: "Axis House", C-2, Wadia International Centre, Pandurang Butikar Marg, Work, Mumbai - 400025
Registered Office: "Tripathi", 3rd Floor Opp. Samartheswar Temple Law Garden, Ellisbridge Ahmedabad - 380006

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is, As is What is" and whatever there is" on 29-May-2025, for recovery Rs. 5,08,51,215/- (Rupees Five Crore Eight Lakh Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred Fifteen Only) as of 09-Sep-22 together with unapplied interest and other charges till the date of actual payment due to the secured creditor from 1. Mr. Rahul Arora S/o Mr. Prem Nath Arora 2) Mrs. Bindu Nalwa w/o Mr. Rahul Arora. Please refer the appended auction schedule for necessary details:-

KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES (IF ANY) NIL

RESERVE PRICE (IN RS.) Rs. 4,31,50,250/- (Rupees Four Crore Thirty One Lakh Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Only)

EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (IN RS.) Rs. 43,15,025/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakh Fifteen Thousand Twenty Five Only) through DD/PO in favor of Axis Bank Ltd., payable at Ludhiana

BID INCREMENTAL AMOUNT Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only)

LAST DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS / TENDER WITH EMD Till 28-May-2025 latest by 05:00 P.M. at Axis Bank Ltd. Retail Asset Centre, 2nd and 3rd Floor, Property No. 7-E, Malhar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana - 141001 addressed to Sandeep Baweja

DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR PUBLIC E-AUCTION On 29-May-2025, between 11:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon, with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each at web portal <https://www.bankauctions.com> e-auction tender documents containing e-auction bid form, declaration etc., are available in the website of the Service Provider as mentioned above.

SCHEDULE - DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

All that Part And Parcel of The Commercial Property Showroom No. L.G-F-3 & 4 Having Mc No B-19-8933 Measuring 79.66 Sq. Yds. (3124 Sq. Ft.) Situated At Vaika Kunal Tower, Mall Road, Malhar Road, Telsal And District Ludhiana Registered in The Name of Mr. Rahul Arora S/o Mr. Prem Nath Arora vide Sale Deed Having Document No. 20/19-20/1961/18675 Dated 22-July-2019 And Sale Deed Having Document No. 20/19-20/1061/10154 Dated 24-July-2019, Boundaries (As Per Sale Deeds), East: Open Space, West: The Mall Road, North: Woodland Showroom, South: Raymond Showroom

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the secured creditor's website i.e. <https://www.axisbank.com/auction-retail> and the Bank's approved service provider M/S C1 India Private Limited at their web portal <https://www.bankauctions.com>

The auction will be conducted online through the Bank's approved service provider M/s C1 India Private Limited at their web portal <https://www.bankauctions.com>

For any other assistance, the intending bidders may contact Sandeep Baweja, Mobile: No. 8650705569. Authorized officer of the Bank during office hours from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Date: 09/05/2025, Place: Ludhiana

Yours faithfully For Axis Bank Ltd. (Authorized Officer)

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-Auction Notice

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt for and on behalf of President of India invites bids through E-Auction on IREPS website for allotment of contracts at Railway Stations of Ambala Division of Northern Railway

Sr. No.	Auction Catalogue No.	Description	Lot Start Date Time
1	UMB- Parking0925	Comprehensive parking lot of total area 1536 sqm. at Dhuri Railway Station.	14.05.2025 12:00
2	UMB- Parking09A25	Comprehensive parking lot of total area 2262.47 sqm. at Bathinda Railway Station. (2nd Entry)	17.05.2025 12:00

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AXIS BANK LTD - SIRSA (HR)
Plot No. 17339 and 340 Sangwan Nursing Home Complex, Sangwan Chowk, Dewali Road, Sirsa - 125056 Ambank Sirsa - 5820100997

Public Notice for Auction

This public notice is given that the commodity comprising of (Rice) is to be auctioned on 15th May-25. The commodities are pledged to the Bank and are stored at a warehouse situated at (GURBEER SINGH GODOWN NO 2) RAJADISTI FATEHABAD.

Borrower Name: BABA GURMUKH SINGH JILICE MILL

Warehouse Name: GURBEER SINGH GODOWN NO ZVILLAGE LAMBA NEAR GURUDWARA TEHSIL RAJADISTI FATEHABAD/129551

COMMODITY NAME	COMMODITY VARIETY	OSNOOFBAGS	OS QUANTITY	RESERVE PRICE
RICE	1401 SELLA- NORTH WEST	6350	6316	20172509.62

Submit the BID application at Axis Bank Plot No 17339 and 340 Sangwan Nursing Home Complex, Sangwan Chowk Dewali Road, Sirsa - 125056 on the working day before 15th May-25 between 10AM to 5 PM.

The interested buyers may contact the bank for obtaining samples of the commodities. The last date of submission of bids to the Bank in sealed covers is 15th day from the date of advertisement).

Date: 09.05.2025
Place: Sirsa

Sd/- Authorized Officer,
Axis Bank Ltd.

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
(A Chandigarh Administration Undertaking)
8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9-D, CHANDIGARH

PUBLIC NOTICE

Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh

Subject: Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 1756-1 (First Floor of LIG Category in Sec-29-B, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of SMT.KAMLESH W/O SH.JEET SINGH from the name of allottee/transferee SH.RAJESH PANT S/O SH HARSPATI SHASTRI.

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned the Dwelling Unit No. 1756-1 (First Floor of LIG Category in Sec-29-B, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee SH.RAJESH PANT S/O SH.HARSPATI SHASTRI. Now, SH.RAJESH PANT S/O SH.HARSPATI SHASTRI has sold the above said dwelling unit to SMT.KAMLESH W/O SH.JEET SINGH vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh 02.04.2025. SMT.KAMLESH W/O SH.JEET SINGH has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in her name on the basis of sale deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s)

SECRETARY
CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD,
CHANDIGARH

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
(A Chandigarh Administration Undertaking)
8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9-D, CHANDIGARH

PUBLIC NOTICE

Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh

Subject: Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 3012-2 (Second Floor) of HIG-II Category in Sector 44-D, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of SH.VIJAY BINDU S/O SH.KEWAL KRISHAN SHARMA from the name of allottee/transferee DR.TARUNDEEP KAUR D/O SH.DALJINDER SINGH VIRDI.

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that the Dwelling Unit No. 3012-2 (Second Floor) of HIG-II Category in Sector 44-D, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee DR.TARUNDEEP KAUR D/O SH.DALJINDER SINGH VIRDI. Now, DR.TARUNDEEP KAUR D/O SH.DALJINDER SINGH VIRDI has sold the above said dwelling unit to SH.VIJAY BINDU S/O SH.KEWAL KRISHAN SHARMA vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh on 25.02.2025. SH.VIJAY BINDU S/O SH.KEWAL KRISHAN SHARMA has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in his name on the basis of sale deed

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s)

SECRETARY
CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD,
CHANDIGARH

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
(A Chandigarh Administration Undertaking)
8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9-D, CHANDIGARH

PUBLIC NOTICE

SH. MUKESH KUMAR ARORA S/O SH.MOHAN LAL ARORA R/O House No.3548 Sector 46-C, CHANDIGARH has approached to the Chandigarh Housing Board for the issuance of Duplicate copy of TRANSFER LETTER NO.4492 DATED 22.03.2024 in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 3548 Sector 46-C, Chandigarh due to loss of this document. There has also furnished application P.S.34 serial No.206769 LAR NO.2025/014706 registered with CHANDIGARH Police on dated 06.05.2025 regarding the loss of above said document. Any person having any objection, against the issuance of Duplicate copy of TRANSFER LETTER NO.4492 DATED 22.03.2024 in respect of Dwelling Unit he/she should file the objection before the undersigned in writing within 15 days from the publication of this notice, failing which the documents shall be issued Further, in case original documents as mentioned above are found by anyone, the same should be submitted in the above noted Police Station or in the office of the undersigned.

SECRETARY
CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD,
CHANDIGARH

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
(A Chandigarh Administration Undertaking)
8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9-D, CHANDIGARH

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Mutation/Transfer of Ownership in respect of D.U. No. 1130-1 of LIG Category Sector 29-B, Chandigarh in the names of SH.TRIBHUWAN S/O LATE SH.HARI LAL & SH.RAMESH KUMAR S/O LATE SH.HARI LAL from the name of allottee/Transfree SH.HARI LAL S/O SH.JAI SHREE on the basis of Registered WILL.

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that SH.TRIBHUWAN S/O LATE SH.HARI LAL & SH.RAMESH KUMAR S/O LATE SH.HARI LAL has applied after death of its allottee/transferee i.e SH.HARI LAL S/O SH.JAI SHREE to the Chandigarh Housing Board for the transfer of dwelling unit No. 1130-1 of LIG Category Sector 29-B, Chandigarh in his name. SH.HARI LAL S/O SH.JAI SHREE who expired on 19.02.2019 at CHANDIGARH and left behind a WILL in favour of which was registered with Sub-Registrar CHANDIGARH dated 23.02.2018 his favour They have further stated that the WILL of the deceased allottee/transferee is the last WILL executed by his which has neither superseded nor cancelled till the death of the deceased

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimants.

Secretary
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
(A Chandigarh Administration Undertaking)
8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9-D, CHANDIGARH

PUBLIC NOTICE

Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh

Subject: Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 1155 of HIG(L) Category in Sector 43-B, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale deed in the name of SH.DUSHYANT TYAGI S/O LATE SH.SHYAM SUNDER TYAGI & SMT.SHOBHNA TYAGI W/O SH.DUSHYANT TYAGI from the name of allottee/transferee SMT.SUSHEELA DEVI W/O SH.JAGJEET SINGH.

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that the Dwelling Unit No. 1155 of HIG(L) Category in Sector 43-B, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee SMT.SUSHEELA DEVI W/O SH.JAGJEET SINGH. Now, SMT. SUSHEELA DEVI W/O SH.JAGJEET SINGH has sold the above said dwelling unit to SH.DUSHYANT TYAGI S/O LATE SH.SHYAM SUNDER TYAGI & SMT.SHOBHNA TYAGI W/O SH.DUSHYANT TYAGI vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh on 02.05.2025. SH.DUSHYANT TYAGI S/O LATE SH.SHYAM SUNDER TYAGI & SMT.SHOBHNA TYAGI W/O SH. DUSHYANT TYAGI has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in their names on the basis of Sale Deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s)

SECRETARY
CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD,
CHANDIGARH

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
(A Chandigarh Administration Undertaking)
8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9-D, CHANDIGARH

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Mutation/Transfer of Allotment/Registration in respect of D.U. No. 3267 of LIG Category in Dhanas, Chandigarh in the name of SH. BANT SINGH DEEP S/O SH. SARWAN SINGH on the basis of probated orders of Registered WILL issued by Hon'ble Court of SH.S.K. AGGARWAL ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE, CHANDIGARH, vide Probate case No.0044 of 27.10.2007, Computer I.D. No.36014C0233102007 and date of decision 03.11.2008 and the same has been issued probate on 03/11/2008.

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that SH. BANT SINGH DEEP S/O SH. SARWAN SINGH has applied for transfer of dwelling unit No. 3267 of LIG Category in Dhanas, Chandigarh in his name stating that the allottee SH. LACHHAMAN SINGH S/O LATE SH. PRITAM SINGH has expired on dated 13/12/1997 at Village Rurki, Tehsil Kharar, Distt. Ropar, Punjab and had left behind Registered Will dated 30.11.1988 in respect of above said Dwelling Unit in his favour. He has submitted the copy of Orders passed by the Hon'ble Court of SH. S.K. AGGARWAL ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE, CHANDIGARH, wherein WILL was probated on 03/11/2008 declaring SH. BANT SINGH DEEP S/O SH. SARWANSINGH as beneficiary of the Registered WILL dated 30.11.1988

If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing along with valid documentary proof to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimants.

Secretary
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

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

APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE

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

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor/ Guarantor / Loan A/c No.	13(12) Notice Date & Amount	Description of Mortgaged Property	Date of Possession Taken
[A/c No.] L9001060135723925 Aman Dalry (Borrower), Balbir (Co - Borrower), Raminwas (Co -Borrower), Aman (Co-Borrower)	17-Aug-24 Rs. 776651/- Rs. Seven Lac Seventy-Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-One Only 13-Aug-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures A Property measuring 0 Kanal, 14.88 Marla i.e. 450 Sq. Yards being 5/12 share in land measuring 2 Kanal, 4 Marla, Kharsa No.105/16/12/0-9, 212/0-9, 326/0-8, 511/0-18) Khewat No.364 Khatoni No.395, Mutation No 3597,Vide Jamabandi 2020-21, Owned by Ram Niwas vide Transfer Deed No. 1660 dated 30-05-2023 registered in the office Sub-Registrar Narwana Distt. Jind. Village- Frain Plot/Kalan, Narwana Jind, Distt-Jind, Haryana Admeasuring 450 Sq.yards	03-May-25
[A/c No.] L9001060124103114 Sumit Lohan (Borrower), Ramesh (Co - Borrower), Smt. Nando (Co -Borrower)	14-Aug-24 Rs. 1320407/- Rs. Thirteen Lac Twenty Thousand Four Hundred Seven Only 13-Aug-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures A Property / House measuring 84 Sq.Yards i.e. 2 Marla 8 Sarsai share in land measuring 11 Kanal 19 Marla, comprised in Khewat no. 762, Khatoni No.954,Kharsa No. 246, Killa no. 26 (11-19). Situated At-Ram Nagar Bhatnagar Colony Residential And Commercial Jind, Haryana. Owned by Ramesh vide Transfer deed 6031/1 dated 3-10-2019 registered in the office Sub - Registrar Jind vide Mutation No. 22541. Admeasuring 84 Sq. Yards	06-May-25
[A/c No.] L9001060131425437 Jatnin Dairy Farm (Borrower), Smt.Priyanka (Co -Borrower), Sunil Kumar (Co -Borrower)	16-Aug-24 Rs. 620265/- Rs. Six Lac Twenty Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Five Only 13-Aug-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Kharsa No 97/15/4 0-14 And 376 3-1, Khewat No 348/381, Bala I Near Mandir, Vill- Surbara Uchana, Th- Narwana, Dist- Jind, Haryana Admeasuring 252 Sqyd	06-May-25
[A/c No.] L9001060129779182 Naresh Milk Bhot Through It's Proprietor Naresh Kumar (Borrower), Naresh Kumar (Co-Borrower), Smt.Jyoti Devi (Co-Borrower)	11-Oct-24 Rs. 630783/- Rs. Six Lac Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Three Only 10-Oct-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Measuring 153.593 Sq. Mtr. At-A Residential House Situated At Village- Bibipur, Tehsil & District - Jind And The Same Under Lal Dora Of Village Bibipur Vide Plot/House U.I.D. No. 60122NBMMIS00R0511A, Village- Bibipur, Tehsil & District - Jind Haryana Is Owned & Possessed By The Applicant Through A Certificate/Deed Of Title/Ownership No. 7309 Dated 16-09-2021 Registered With Sub-Registrar Jind, District- Jind And The Same Outside Of M.C. Area. Admeasuring 153.593 Sq.Mtr	06-May-25
[A/c No.] L9001060130772202 Guru Kirpa Motor Garage (Borrower), Smt.Kuldeep Kaur (Co-Borrower), Dilbag Singh (Co-Borrower)	12-Sep-24 Rs. 1106699/- Rs. Eleven Lac Six Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Nine Only 10-Sep-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At-Plot/House U.I.D. No. 059320ES2M252XLR0294 Vasika No.2637 dated 17-07-2021, Vill,Bilona, Tehsil- Assandh, Dist- Karnal, Haryana Admeasuring 299.93 Square Metre	06-May-25

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

Place: Haryana Date: 08 May 2025 Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited

Diljit Dosanjh collaborates with international rapper Jackson Wang for ‘Buck’ song

With his musical talent, Punjabi singer Diljit Dosanjh has truly made his mark on the global map. Recently, he debuted at Hollywood's biggest event Met Gala, honouring his Punjabi roots. And now, on Wednesday, he announced his collaboration with popular Chinese rapper



Jackson Wang. Jackson Wang shared a teaser of their upcoming track, ‘Buck’. Diljit also reposted on his Instagram Story. The track will be out on May 9. Meanwhile, Diljit is being lauded for his Met Gala look. He made a grand and historic debut, becoming the first Indian turban-wearing man to attend the iconic event. Diljit honoured his Sikh roots on a global platform by wearing a turban (a symbol of Sikh identity), a kurta, and a tehsat (a long tunic and draped bottoms). Dressed in a majestic Punjabi-inspired traditional outfit, Dosanjh paid tribute to his Punjabi heritage while making a bold fashion statement on one of the world's most-watched red carpets.

Nimrat Kaur reflects on her theatre roots and career milestones

Actress Nimrat Kaur, known for her roles in films like ‘Lunchbox’ and the series ‘Kull,’ recently shared her journey and experiences with students at the Actor Prepares School in Mumbai.

During a conversation with ANI, Kaur opened up about her early days in theatre, her breakthrough roles, and what drives her passion for acting.

Kaur, who arrived in Mumbai in 2004 with dreams of making it big, initially found herself drawn to modelling and ad films. “I thought I would make a lot of money from modelling and get some experience in front of the camera,” she said.

However, it didn’t take long before she realised that acting required much more than just reading lines.

“I started with music videos, then moved on to ads. But soon enough, I understood that acting is a completely different ball game. Playing a character, feeling it, and embodying it—that’s what I wanted to learn,” Kaur said.

Her exposure to theatre came when she began attending plays around Mumbai, which led her to pursue a more structured path in acting.

Kaur’s first big break in theatre came with Thespo, a youth theatre forum, where she won the Best Actress award. She went on to perform in numerous plays at renowned venues like Prithvi Theatre, NCPA Experimental, and more.

Kaur’s theatre journey took her to cities across India, including Calcutta, Pune, Delhi, and Bangalore.

“Whatever I have learned today, I owe it all to theatre,” she said, emphasising how those early experiences shaped her as an artist.

One of the pivotal moments in Kaur’s career came with her breakthrough role in ‘The Lunchbox’ (2013), where she played the leading lady opposite Irrfan Khan.

Reflecting on how she landed the role, she credited the late casting director Seher Latif, who believed in her potential.

“I was doing plays when Seher Latif showed some of my performances to Ritesh Batra, the director of The Lunchbox. I didn’t even have to audition for it,” Kaur recalled with gratitude.

She described getting the role as a “blessing” and a turning point in her career.

“The way The Lunchbox came to me felt like destiny. It was such a big gift. I feel like God had a hand in this,” she added, still in awe of the life-changing opportunity that came her way.

Currently, Kaur is earning praise for her role as Rani Indrani Rai Singh in the period drama series ‘Kull’, which was recently released on Jio Hotstar.

The series explores the dynamics of a royal family, and Kaur’s character is filled with emotional depth and complexity.

“Rani Indrani is a princess on the outside, but inside, she’s struggling with complicated family relationships, especially with her younger brother,” she said.

The role includes a hauntingly poignant moment where Kaur’s character sings a Ra-



jasthani folk lullaby, a scene that Kaur describes as “painful and haunting.”

“It’s a lullaby she used to sing to her younger brother as a child. It’s a deep part of the character, and it’s woven into the show in a very emotional way,” Kaur shared.

When asked about the best compliment she has ever received, Kaur shared, “My mother called me after watching the show. She was completely stunned by my performance and said, ‘I couldn’t believe this could happen.’ Her words meant the world to me.”

She further mentioned that the positive feedback from audiences has been overwhelming, especially in the series’ intense

climax. “People have been coming up to me, almost shocked by the depth of the character. That’s the kind of response you hope for as an actor,” she said.

Nimrat Kaur’s recent visit to Actor Prepares, the acting school led by Anupam Kher, was an emotional experience for the actress.

“I feel so good to be here. When I arrived in Mumbai, I had the same dreams and hopes as these students,” she said.

She expressed admiration for the students’ commitment and enthusiasm, especially their hard work on a two-and-a-half-hour play that they had created themselves.

‘The White Lotus’ star Meghann Fahy to lead thriller ‘Banquet’

The White Lotus’ fame Meghann Fahy will lead supernatural thriller Banquet from The Platform filmmaker Galder Gaztelu-Urrutia.

Fahy, who recently starred in Universal thriller Drop, is set to play Jenny Cochrane, a woman whose perfect life is shattered by the return of her estranged son, which reawakens a terrifying secret buried in her bloodline, as per Deadline.

The film is based on an “original screenplay from writer Sam Steiner (Fingernails), with Lewis Taylor producing for Film Transmission, and James Harris for Tea Shop Productions (Fall).”

David Yates (Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Parts 1 & 2) will executive-produce under his banner Wychwood Media alongside Florian Zeller (The Father) and Federica Sainte-Rose for Blue Morning Pictures. XYZ is gearing up to begin production in October in the UK.

Spanish filmmaker Gaztelu-Urrutia’s first feature, The Platform won awards at TIFF, Sitges and the Spanish Academy of Motion Pictures (the Goyas), as per Deadline.

It garnered 56 million views in its first month, putting it in the all-time top ten most watched films on the streamer at the time.



Non-Stop Entertainment on &TV This Week!

This week, on &TV’s Bheema, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, and Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, get ready for the unexpected! While surprises await at every turn, one thing you can always count on is non-stop entertainment.

In a powerful new chapter, Bheema (Tejaswini Singh) vows to reclaim her lost respect as the Agua by tackling real issues the villagers face. With determination and empathy, she starts solving their problems individually, slowly regaining their trust. But her growing influence threatens the old power structures. When Kalika Singh (Mayank Mishra) and his men set fire to her hut, something unexpected happens as the villagers, once divided by caste, come together in her support. Refusing to be silenced, Bheema stands before the village, questioning their complicity in the face of injustice. Her bold accusations shake the foundations of caste-based oppression. While Kailasha Bua (Neeta Mohindra) and Kalika Singh mock and deny her claims, Bheema’s fearless defiance ignites courage in others. Driven by her mother Dhaniya’s unwavering support and a vision of Babasaheb Ambedkar, Bheema uncovers deep-rooted corruption in the ration system. As she rises with a symbolic scale of justice in hand, Bindhya, feeling increasingly sidelined, begins to sabotage her efforts, causing friction and emotional turmoil. In a surprising twist, Kailasha Bua welcomes Bheema with flowers. The tension escalates as Kailasha tries to win back the villagers, reminding them of her past help. For a moment, the villagers waver, but Bheema stands her ground. With the sarcastic Vishambhar (Vikram Dwivedi) exposing Kailasha Bua’s performative generosity, Bheema prepares for a bold public reckoning. She gathers the villagers and unveils a blackboard listing the ration



data, revealing the truth behind Kailasha’s so-called charity. In a dramatic confrontation, Bheema respectfully yet powerfully exposes the exploitation, forcing the village to see the harsh realities they have long ignored.

Awdheshiya (Urmila Sharma) stuns the family by showing up all decked up. Eyes meet, and questions swirl. Has she patched things up with Gabbar (Saheb Das Manikpuri)? Is she headed to meet him again? But the mystery deepens when Happu (Yogesh Tripathi) and Beni (Vishwanath Chatterjee), while relishing chhole-kulche, spot Gabbar lying unconscious in a nalla! If Sasurji is here, then where is Awdheshiya? The Commissioner (Kishore Bhanushali) later reveals that Gabbar’s wife had left him for a Baba, but now he has someone new and wonderful in her life. Meanwhile, Happu and Beni grow increasingly suspicious of Awdheshiya’s story after a dodgy explanation. They inform Rajesh (Geetanjali Mishra), who refuses to believe a word unless they bring proof. Determined,



the duo trails Awdheshiya the next day and spots her in a garden with none other than the Commissioner! They rush back to Rajesh, but she remains unconvinced as the proof is still missing. In an attempt to intervene, Katori Amma (Himani Shivpuri) and Happu bring Gabbar home, but Awdheshiya sternly sends him back. Rajesh remains firm with no evidence and no accusations. The next day, Happu and Beni succeed in recording a video, but their phone gets stolen before they can show it to her. Rajesh gives them another earful. Soon, Happu and Beni hatch a clever plan, and they get the Commissioner drunk and secretly record his confession. When they finally show the video to Rajesh, she is stunned. Just then, Awdheshiya announces her birthday and wants to invite friends. Rajesh agrees, but with one strict condition that the Commissioner must not attend. Happu and Beni go all out to stop him by making fake phone calls, even sending Manohar (Nitin Jadhav) disguised as a woman! But nothing

works. The party kicks off, and both Gabbar and the Commissioner arrive. The duo tries multiple times to reveal the truth in front of Awdheshiya, but all efforts backfire. Then comes the final twist—Awdheshiya announces she is leaving for a European trip! Rajesh is left speechless. She immediately calls Gabbar, who confronts Awdheshiya angrily. What will happen next?

Vibhuti Narayan Mishra (Aasif Sheikh) feels dejected and frustrated by the constant taunts and criticism from everyone around him. Just when his patience begins to wear thin, he crosses paths with a writer who suggests a creative outlet: instead of reacting with anger, why not channel those emotions into writing? Intrigued, Vibhuti begins jotting down all the taunts and insults he receives in a secret diary — cleverly disguising names just enough to pass them off as fiction. When questioned, he simply claims he is working on a novel! Meanwhile, Manmohan Tiwari (Rohitashv Gour) is dealing with Ammaji’s (Soma Rathod) foul mood after an intense argument. To cheer her up, the residents of Modern Colony organise a lively party in her honour. Elsewhere, Tika (Vai-bhav Mathur) and Tilla (Salim Zaidi) are bitten by the social media bug and attempt to shoot a viral reel. They rope in a beggar for authenticity, but the reel keeps failing — either the donor or the beggar is never fully in frame, leading to comical results. Back at the Mishras, curiosity around Vibhuti’s “novel” grows. Anita (Vidisha Srivastava), eager to uncover what is inside the diary, plots with Chacha (Anup Upadhyay) to send Vibhuti out of the house. But just as Anita is about to read it, Angoori (Shubhangi Atre) walks in, spots the diary, and sneaks it away herself, equally intrigued.

Global delegates praise ‘Shaunki Sardar’ at Delhi press conference ahead of Worldwide Release on May 16



NEW DELHI: The upcoming Punjabi film Shaunki Sardar received high praise at a grand press conference held in Delhi, where international diplomats and media came together to celebrate the film’s powerful message. Representatives from several nations—including H.E. Mr. Mariano Agustin Caucino, Ambassador of the Argentine Republic; H.E. Mr. Antonio Maria De Jesus Dos Santos, Charge d’Affaires of the Embassy of Timor-Leste; Mr. Deogratius J. Dotto, Head of Chancery for the High Commission of Tanzania; Colonel Mr. Edison Kalyo Napyo, Defence Advisor of Papua New Guinea; Mr. Basem Hellis, Counsellor, Embassy of the State of Palestine; Mr. Abdirisak Seid Nur, Commercial Attaché, Embassy of Somalia; and Mr. Ayushman Pandey from the Media Department of the Embassy of Israel—attended the event and lauded the film.

Shaunki Sardar stars Punjabi music and film icons Babbu Maan and Guru Randhawa, along with powerhouse performers Guggu Gill, Nimrit Kaur Dhaliwal, Hashneen Chauhan, and Sunita Dhir. The film is directed by Dheeraj Kedar-nath Rattan and produced by Ishaan Kapoor, Shah Jandiali, Dharminder Batouli, and Harjot Singh. The film is being produced under the banner of Zee Studios, Boss Musica Records Pvt Ltd in association with 751 Films.

With its gripping narrative, rooted in Punjabi culture and valor, the film aims to inspire audiences across the globe. The presence of such a diverse panel of international dignitaries at the launch highlights the film’s broad appeal and cultural significance. Shaunki Sardar is set to release worldwide on May 16, 2025.

Our artisans and designers are the best in the world : Janhvi Kapoor



Bollywood actress Janhvi Kapoor has called out the trolls for criticising the Indian participation at Met Gala 2025. In a pointed Instagram comment on Diet Sabya’s post, she celebrated the global spotlight now shining on Indian artisans and designers.

“It was high time. Our artisans and designers are the best in the world. They deserve the spotlight on a global stage like the Met. As do our icons.” Janhvi wrote, emphasizing the significance of Indian representation at such prestigious events. She added, “Shouldn’t we be happy we’re finally getting our due instead of salty about how seeing our own people on this platform is making it seem a little less aspirational? Might I say our garments were amongst the most spectacular. Amusing how we’re being almost classist towards ourselves, clearly colonial trauma hasn’t left us.” Janhvi also highlighted the rich heritage of Indian craftsmanship.

She wrote, “For decades, the work of our artisans has been exported from our country and put on global platforms without credit. For decades, they have borrowed our fabrics, our embroidery, our textiles, our jewellery and presented it as a creation of which they are the rightful owners.”

“I’m glad our people are finally getting the chance to represent so much of our work and heritage. If anything, the sense of pride I felt seeing our artists and garments at the Met made whole affair seem even more magical,” Janhvi concluded.

The 2025 Met Gala witnessed a significant Indian presence, with Shah Rukh Khan creating history by becoming the first Indian male actor to attend. Kiara Advani revealed her baby bump for the first time as she debuted on Met Gala red carpet.

Diljit Dosanjh honoured his Sikh roots at Met Gala, garnering appreciation from the audience. Priyanka Chopra also marked a stunning presence at Met Gala 2025.

Simiran Kaur Dhadli’s Track ‘Gandassi’ Released

LUDHIANA : Simiran Kaur Dhadli, known as the Woman King by her fiercely loyal fan-base, drops her latest track, ‘Gandassi,’ a soul stirring ode of love, valour, and unwavering spirit. Simiran, known for her razor-sharp lyrics and unapologetic voice in the Punjabi music scene, delivers a track that blends poetic intensity with grounded desi fierceness.

Performed, written, and composed by Simiran Kaur Dhadli and produced by Kaymcee; Gandassi captures the magnetic presence of a man who stands up for what’s right, not with noise, but with a quiet strength that commands attention. The track paints a portrait of love rooted in deep admiration, not just for his power, but for the values he upholds. With every line, Simiran brings raw and riveting emotion, turning this song into more than a ballad; it becomes a statement.

Speaking about the inspiration behind Gandassi, Simiran shares, “This song is about strength with softness, the kind of man who doesn’t need to roar to lead, and the kind of love that isn’t loud but devoted. It’s a tribute to the men who protect, respect, and quietly rebel for the right reasons. I can’t wait for the listeners to enjoy the track and to celebrate love.”

With Gandassi, Simiran Kaur Dhadli continues to define her own lane, one where tradition meets resistance, and love isn’t just felt, it’s fought for.



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