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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Two nabbed in Pb for leaking sensitive information to Pak

**CHANDIGARH:** In a significant breakthrough, Punjab police have apprehended two individuals for their alleged involvement in espionage activities linked to a Pakistani official posted at the High Commission, New Delhi, the state's top cop said on Sunday. Taking to X, state police Director General Gaurav Yadav said acting on credible intelligence, one suspect was arrested for leaking sensitive information regarding Indian Army movements to a Pakistan-based handler. Based on disclosures made during interrogation, a second conduit was also identified and taken into custody. DGP Yadav said preliminary investigation revealed that the two accused had been receiving payments through online transactions in exchange for classified information.

# We do not need mediation on Kashmir issue: India

Team will be sent to UNSC with evidence highlighting Pak's complicity

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, MAY 11

India has refused to accept any third party mediation on Kashmir, the sources said on Sunday. The Ministry of foreign affairs sources said that no other country would be allowed to mediate on Kashmir. The sources said that India will also send a team to UN to show all the documented proof that Pakistan has direct links with terrorists. Earlier US President Donald Trump on Sunday welcomed the cessation of hostilities between India and Pakistan saying that millions of people could have died if the peace had not been worked out. The US President was making a reference to a potential nuclear fallout from the two nations. In a post on Truth Social, the US President said, "I am very proud of the strong and unwaveringly powerful leadership of India and Pakistan for having the strength, wisdom, and fortitude to fully know and understand that it was time to stop the current aggression that could have led to the death and destruction of so many, and so much. Millions of good and innocent people could have died! Your legacy is greatly enhanced by your brave actions." Trump continued to hold on to the



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claim that the US had helped broker peace and offered to mediate for a solution on Kashmir. "I am proud that the USA was able to help you arrive at this historic and heroic decision. While not even discussed, I am going to increase trade, substantially, with both of these great Nations. Additionally, I will work with you both to see if, after a "thousand years," a solution can be arrived at concerning Kashmir. God Bless the leadership of India and Pakistan on a job well done!!!" India has time and again rejected any third-party intervention on the issue of Jammu and Kashmir and has unequivocally expressed that the region is an integral part of India.

## Over 100 terrorists including high-value targets killed in May 7 strikes: DGMO

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NEW DELHI, MAY 11

Over 100 terrorists, including high-value targets such as Yusuf Azhar, Abdul Malik Rauf and Mudassir Ahmed, were eliminated during Operation Sindoor on May 7, the Indian military said on Sunday.

Nine terror targets were identified after careful deliberations and they were hit using precision weapons, Director General of Military Operations Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai said at a media briefing.

He said the Pakistan Army is reported to have lost 35 to 40 personnel between May 7 and 10 in the military offensives between the two sides.

The Pakistan Army lost nearly 35 to 40 personnel between May 7-10, when India launched retaliatory counterstrikes in response to the deadly terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, said the Director Gen-



eral Of Military Operations (DGMO) Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai at a special press briefing on Saturday.

The Army underlined that the aim was to target terrorists and their infrastructure and not Pakistani civilians or military establishments.

"Our aim on the 7th of May was to target terrorists and their infrastructure, not any other infrastructure, especially not Pakistani civilian or military establishments, and we achieved this with precision. However, on the evening of 7th May, we were subjected to a wave of Pakistani unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and small drones, which targeted both our civilian and military areas. They were successfully intercepted. While three drones managed to land, they caused minimal damage," said the Army.

### PM Modi's strong directions to armed forces on Pak's cross-border firing

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given clear directions to armed forces to respond to cross-border firing and shelling with full force, saying "Wahan se goli chalegi, toh yahan se gola," sources said on Sunday. They said the Operation Sindoor is far from over, and India will respond with bombs to every Pakistani bullet fired from across the Line of Control (LoC).

## Centre using BBMB to interfere in state's water rights: Punjab CM

BUREAU  
CHANDIGARH, MAY 11

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Sunday accused the Central government of using Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) officials to seize Punjab's water, pledging to stop the move during his visit to Nangal. In a post on X, Mann said, "BBMB is not stopping its dirty deeds at the behest of the BJP government at the centre. While Punjab is firmly standing against Pakistan on its border, the BJP government at the Centre is once again going to rob Punjab's water through BBMB officials." He added, "I will not let this happen. I will reach Nangal in a short while and stop their conspiracy from being completed." Mann accused the central authorities of exploiting administrative mechanisms like BBMB to bypass state control and infringe upon Punjab's water rights. Meanwhile, on Saturday, Mann announced that the state will provide additional water from its quota to Rajasthan to support the Indian Army deployed along the border.

In an official post on X, CM Mann asserted that when it comes to national interest, "Punjab never backs down," and affirmed that the water of Punjab—and even its blood—is available for the nation's brave soldiers. This fresh development comes amid the ongoing water-sharing dispute between Punjab and Haryana as Rajasthan sought additional water from Punjab's quota to meet the needs of army personnel stationed on the border. Responding promptly, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann assured that the state would supply the requested water, emphasising Punjab's unwavering commitment to national security and the armed forces.



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## BrahMos a message of our armed forces' strength, says Rajnath

**LUCKNOW:** BrahMos is not just a weapon but a "message of strength" of India's armed forces, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Sunday at the inauguration of the largest integration and testing facility of the supersonic cruise missile system.

"India is now one of the most powerful nations in the world. We are constantly increasing our strength, and I believe that the facility centre that is being inaugurated today will help in further strengthening India's power," he said while virtually addressing the event from Delhi.

"BrahMos is one of the world's fastest, supersonic cruise missiles. BrahMos is not just a weapon, but it is a message in itself. A message of the strength of our armed forces. A message of our deterrence towards the enemy. A message of our commitment to safeguarding our borders," Singh said.



## India gifts 15 electric vehicles to Nepal

**KATHMANDU:** India gifted 15 electric vehicles to Nepal on Sunday to facilitate the organisation of 'Sagarmatha Sambad' (mountain dialogue). The Nepal government is hosting Sagarmatha Sambad in Kathmandu from May 16-18 on the theme 'Climate Change, Mountains and the Future of Humanity'. Indian Ambassador to Nepal Naveen Srivastava presented 15 electric vehicles to Nepal's Foreign Minister Arzu Rana Deuba at a function held at Foreign Affairs Ministry, according to a press release issued by the ministry.



On the  
**315<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
of

# SIRHIND FATEH DIWAS

Punjab Government

led by

Chief Minister

S. Bhagwant Singh Mann

pays respects to

Legendary Sikh General

## BABA BANDA SINGH BAHADUR JI

Sirhind Fateh Diwas symbolizes the historic conquest of Sirhind that ended Mughal tyranny in Punjab thus avenging the martyrdom of younger Sahibzadas and Mother of Dasmesh Pita SRI GURU GOBIND SINGH JI.



Join Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann's  
official WhatsApp channel



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

Department of Information and Public Relations, Punjab.

## Life limping back to normalcy along LoC as ceasefire holds

UNI  
SRINAGAR, MAY 11

Life is slowly limping back to normal in border areas of Kashmir, as no firing was reported from any sector along the Line of Control (LoC) for the first time in over a fortnight on Sunday.

India and Pakistan agreed to a ceasefire on Saturday evening, bringing an end to days of intense cross-border shelling that had forced thousands of residents to flee to safer areas.

Several villages along the LoC in Baramulla and Kupwara districts bore the maximum brunt.

Officials confirmed that there were no reports of ceasefire violations along the 350-kilometre-long LoC in the Kashmir region, which passes through the districts of Baramulla, Kupwara and Bandipora.

In Uri, residents have begun returning to their homes, and shops in the main town.



"After four days, the market has opened up here. While peace has returned, people are still scared. Hopefully, this calm continues," said Irshad Ahmed, a resident of Uri who had migrated to Baramulla town three days ago due to the shelling.

He said several houses were damaged and life has changed during the past fortnight of violence. Another resident, Manzoor Ahmed from Gingal, said children suffered the worst psychological trauma during the hostilities.



Jaisalmer administration issues guidelines on drone ban, suspicious objects

**JAISALMER** : The Jaisalmer district administration issued strict guidelines for the people as part of security protocols on Sunday. These included informing people about the discovery of suspicious objects or items such as ammunition and prohibiting drones. This comes amid fresh tensions with Pakistan after ceasefire violations on Saturday, just hours after both countries agreed to stop all firing and military action on land, in the air and sea. Red streaks were seen and explosions heard as India's air defence intercepted Pakistani drones. Loud explosions were heard in Srinagar. A complete blackout was enforced in Pathankot and Ferozepur in Punjab and Jaisalmer and Barmer in Rajasthan. In light of this development, the Jaisalmer district administration issued instructions to the public. The District Administration and District Police have appealed to the general public and media that if suspicious objects or items such as ammunition are found, then the name of the location must not be made public. The instructions said that if anyone discovers suspicious objects or items such as ammunition, they should immediately inform the Police Control Room and not go near them, or take pictures/videos. "The possibility of explosive material in the said suspicious object/ammunition objects cannot be ruled out, which can pose a complete threat to life and property. Therefore, maintain complete distance. The general public should maintain a distance of 100 meters from the suspicious object. Police will secure the suspicious objects/ammunition by cordoning them and will get them disposed of by establishing coordination with various security agencies," read the instructions. "The general public should not panic and remain patient. The district police will take immediate action and ensure security. The district police are ready to protect the general public. Police are monitoring social media.

CM Nayab Singh Saini meets newly elected members of Hry Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee in Chandigarh



**CHANDIGARH:** A delegation of the Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (HSGPC) met Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini at his residence here today. On this occasion, the Chief Minister congratulated the newly elected members of the committee and said this is a historic moment for the Sikh community. For the first time after the formation of the present government for the third time, the elections of HSGPC have been conducted peacefully. This committee will play an important role in the operation and management of Sikh gurdwaras in the state. It is noteworthy that earlier, 40 members of the committee were elected. Now, 9 other members have been unanimously chosen, many of whom came to meet the Chief Minister today. During the meeting, the Chief Minister expressed hope that the delegation will do the work of 'Guru Ghar' with transparency and selflessness. The Chief Minister assured that the state government will provide all possible support to the committee so that it can work in the interest of the society and establish a unique identity for itself. The Chief Minister said whatever work will be done for the Sikh community through this committee will become a source of inspiration for the coming generations. The delegation also put forward some suggestions related to the Sikh community before the Chief Minister, to which the Chief Minister responded positively and promised to fulfil them. Speaking on the issue of water, the Chief Minister said Punjab and Haryana are bound by the bond of brotherhood. We are all one. The Mann government of Punjab should not do politics on an issue like water. The water on which Haryana has a right should be given to it. He said there should be equal distribution of water in accordance with the teachings of the Gurus, so that everyone can get its benefit. Senior representatives of the Sikh community, namely Sh. Jagdish Singh Jhinda, Sh. Baljit Singh Daduwal, Sh. Gulab Singh Munak, along with Political Secretary to the Chief Minister, Sh. Tarun Bhandari, and several other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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match in the whole world. He said the university administration will have to ensure that the students of the university get the benefit of their skills. Employment opportunities to the students who pass out from here must be ensured. He said India has been the world leader in the past and will remain the world leader again. India's ideology is the best in the world. Hinduism is not a religion but a way of life. After this, Sh. Mahipal Dhandha along with the Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. Shree Prakash Singh visited the stalls and took information on the displayed art works. Impressed by the artistic skills of the students, the minister appreciated their skills, attitude and professional thinking. On this occasion, 18 students were awarded prizes for their outstanding performance in the exhibition.

J-K LG Manoj Sinha visits hospital to meet injured victims of Pakistan shelling

**JAMMU:** Jammu and Kashmir LG Manoj Sinha visited the Government Medical College Hospital in Jammu today to inquire about the health status of individuals from Jammu, Rajouri, and Poonch who sustained injuries as a result of unprovoked shelling from Pakistan. A team of doctors briefed the Lieutenant Governor on the health condition of the injured and the medical procedures being followed. The Lieutenant Governor directed the Hospital Administration to ensure the best possible medical care and treatment. He prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured and assured the affected families of all possible assistance. On Saturday, India said that Pakistan violated the understanding reached between DGMOs of the two countries earlier in the day on the stoppage of firing and military action and that the Indian Army is retaliating and dealing with the border intrusions. At a special briefing, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri called it a breach of the understanding arrived at earlier on Saturday and said that India takes "very serious note of these violations". India called upon Pakistan to take appropriate steps to address these violations and deal with the situation with seriousness and responsibility. "For the last few hours, there have been repeated violations of the understanding arrived at earlier this evening between the Directors General of Military Operations of India and Pakistan.

Talented youth of country will play an important role in making India a developed nation: Dhandha



**CHANDIGARH:** Haryana Education Minister Sh. Mahipal Dhandha has said that the talented youth of the country will play an important role in realizing the dream of Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi to make India a developed nation by the year 2047. Sh. Mahipal Dhandha was addressing the students and staff as the chief guest at the annual art exhibition award ceremony of Dada Lakhmi Chand State University of Performing and Visual Arts, Rohtak today. He said the students of the university have presented every subject in the art exhibition in detail. A wonderful exhibition has been presented here, on the basis of which it can be said that India will become a developed nation. He said the university has been named after a great personality like Dada Lakhmi Chand, who has no

Bharat Vikas Parishad is great ocean of human values: Subhash Gupta



**KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI:** The oath taking ceremony of the office bearers was organised by Bharat Vikas Parishad branch Taraori at Mayur Hotel. Subhash Gupta, head of Anaj Mandi Arthiya Association and Garg Rice Industries CMD Santosh Gupta attended the programme as chief guests. They started the program by lighting the lamp along with the dignitaries. The newly appointed president of Bharat Vikas Parishad branch Taraori, Yogesh Mridha took oath of responsibility along with his team. Many types of competitions were also organized among the children under the program by the council. In which the children participated enthusiastically. On this occasion, the members of the old executive were

given farewell with respect. Also, Secretary Rakesh Hans administered the oath to the newly inducted responsibilities in the Executive Committee 2025-26. These included Patron Brijmohan Garg and Pankaj Goyal, President Yogesh Mridha, Secretary Rakesh Hans, Finance Secretary Deepak Goyal, Women's Participation Kajal Goyal, Sanskar Pramukh Vijay Singla, Sampark Pramukh Sanjay Anand, Environment Pramukh PK. Bhardwaj, Service Pramukh Ganesh Bansal. Arhatiya Association President Subhash Gupta said that Bharat Vikas Parishad is a great ocean of human values. The development of society is at its centre. Social worker Santosh Gupta said that Bharat Vikas Parishad organises programmes keeping in mind every section of the society.

Uttarakhand CM Dhami inaugurates the Harbansh Kapoor Memorial Community Hall

**AGENCY DEHRADUN** : Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated the Harbansh Kapoor Memorial Community Hall on Sunday, as detailed in a press release, during a program organised near the Cantonment Board Office in Garhi Cantt. The hall was constructed at a cost of Rs12.51 crore. The Chief Minister paid tribute to the late Harbansh Kapoor and said, "His entire life was dedicated to the service, development, and public welfare of the state and Dehradun. He gave priority to public service throughout his life. With his behaviour, he made a special place

in the heart of every citizen." Furthermore, the CM Dhami said that the community building, constructed by



MDDA (Mussoorie Dehradun Development Authority), is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities. The

community hall will meet the needs of the area's people and become a major centre of social events for the surrounding areas. The press release further stated that CM Dhami directed the MDDA to create an SOP for operating the community building. He said such a system should be created so that this community building can be easily available to the general public at a reasonable rate. Referring to the valour of the country's army, the Chief Minister said, "The Army has forced Pakistan to kneel with its indomitable courage, valour and strategy.

Police conducts awareness meeting on online frauds and border tensions



**JAIBEER RANA THAMBER BARARA:** Following the directives of senior officers, the Barara Police on Sunday organised an awareness meeting to alert the public about the growing threat of online frauds and the tense situation along the India-Pakistan border. The meeting, led by SHO Pramod Kumar and Outpost In-

charge Vishw Bandhu, saw participation from local citizens, social activists, and notable figures from the Barara area. Addressing the gathering, SHO Pramod Kumar highlighted the alarming rise in cybercrimes in today's digital era. He cautioned the public against sharing personal or

banking information—such as OTPs, account numbers, PAN, or Aadhaar details—over calls or messages from unknown numbers. He explained that fraudsters often impersonate bank officials or government employees to deceive unsuspecting individuals. He urged citizens to remain vigilant and immediately report any such suspicious activity to the police. Outpost In-charge Vishw Bandhu also addressed the group, discussing the current tensions along the India-Pakistan border. He emphasized that national security is paramount and that every citizen must contribute to maintaining peace and harmony in society. He warned against spreading or believing in rumours, advising people to rely only on official sources for verified information.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Paramjit Lal s/o Mehar Chand, village Degham Tehsil Garhshankar District Hoshiarpur declare that my wife Bimla Rani and my daughter's Sneha Rani, Nisha Rani, Muskan Rani, Gurleen, all are out of my control. So, I disown them from my all movable and immovable property. Anybody deals with them at his own risk. I am not responsible for their any illact.

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I, Reena Kumari (Aadhar No 3482 3561 6067) W/o Parmod R/o Village Bahri (Part), Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra declared, my son Pratham (Aadhar No 3482 3561 6067) is out of my control and involved in some illgal and irresponsible activities, I disown him all my movable and immovable properties. In future, if anyone deals with him is responsible for its own. Me and my family are not responsible for his dealings and work.

50008

I, Jaswinder Kaur D/o Master Mohan Singh & Divorcee of Gurmail Singh now R/o Patti Bhullar Vill: Buttar Kalan Teh & Distt. Moga declare that my son Jagdeep Singh is out of my control. So I, disown with him from my moveable/immoveable property. If anybody dealing with him at his/her own risk.

63372

I, Satpal Singh S/O Gurcharn Singh R/O H. No.91, Vill Chand Pur Bela, Po. Kotla Power House, Teh Anandpur Sahib, Distt Rupnagar, Punjab-140116, Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Son Adarsh Kumar, Aged 14 Yrs And He Shall Hereafter Be Known As Adarsh Singh. It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection.

63372

I Hitherto Known As Jinderpal S/O Sarban, R/O Vpo Surajmal Kotla, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab-144703, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Harjinder. It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection.

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I Jagpreet singh S/O S.Mannmohan singh R/O#1531, Phase 3b2 Mohali,SAS Nagar, Punjab have changed my name from Jagpreet singh Grewal to Jagpreet Singh All concerned note please

491263

I , Rakesh Sharma S/o Om Parkash Sharma R/o Hno. 453/11 , Dhand Road , Adarsh Nagar, Kaithal (haryana) Have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name From Divya To Divya Sharma (aadhar No. 265617671028). Please Known Her As Purvi Sharma In Future. Concerned Please Note.

84451

I Sareeta Thakur w/o Sanjeev kumar Permanent resident address Vill Richkra PO KOTLA Teh&dist. Solan 173212 Himachal pradesh & present address Defance apartment K Aria Dhakoli Zirakpur have changed my name from SAREETA THAKUR to SARITA THAKUR.vide affidavit dated 03/03/2025

60013

I Sonia W/o Arun Kumar R/o H/No.947,Rose Garden,Dil Bagh Nagar Extension, Jalandhar-144002 have changed my name Sonia Chitkara to Sonia.All please note.

72737

I Surjit Singh S/o Lakhveer Singh R/o Hamirgarh (BTI) Have Changed My Name As Surjit Singh Sidhu.

100071

I, Raju S/O Gangu Ram R/O Talwandi Bhai Distt Ferozepur have changed my name to Raju Ram.

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I Sukhjeet Singh S/O Sukhwinder Singh v. Noorpur, PO Sarhal qazian, Teh. Banga Distt. SBS Nagar 144502 (Pb.) have changed my name to Sukhjeet Singh clair.

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I, Gurjant Singh S/o Nirmal Singh R/o Vill: Khanpur Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib have changed my name to Dharminder Singh.

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I, Sukhveer Kaur W/o Hardeep Singh R/o Vpo. Ghaloti Teh- Dharamkot (Moga) have changed my name to Sukhvir Kaur.

63372

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

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I Harmesh Lal S/o Darshan Ram R/o Dariapur, Po. Rahon Teh-Nawanshahr, Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name Harmesh Lal to Lal Harmesh.

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I Mohammad Haroon S/o Abdul Lateef R/o Tubell Colony, Qila Rehmatgarh Teh Malerkotla Dist Malerkotla have changed my name to Mohd Haroon.

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I Jaswinder Singh S/o Malkit Singh R/o Vpo. Bharta Khurd, Teh. Nawanshahr, Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab-144518 have changed the name of my minor daughter Prabhdeep Kaur aged 10 years And she shall hereafter be known as Paramdeep Kaur.

63372

I, Sonu Goyal W/o Gurdit Bansal R/O Punnu News Paper Street H.NO. 181, W.No. 3, Mandi Dabwali (125104) Haryana, have changed my name from Sonu Goyal to Sonu Bansal.

63372

I Mohinder Kaur Bahia W/O Gurdev Singh R/O Shri Bala Ji Enclave, Barnala Road, Rampura Phul Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Mohinder Kaur.

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I, Army No. 3206250K, rank Havaladar Himmat S/o Ramkumar, R/o Village Balu, Tehsil Kalayat, District Kaithal declare that In my army record my wife name is written as Seema Devi, which is wrong. My wife correct name is Seema, which should be corrected in my army records.

100039

I Dharminder Singh Saggu S/o Pritam Singh R/o H:No 3588 Agwar Ladhai Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Dhaminder Singh.

63372

I, Manjeet Kaur D/o Jeet Ram R/o Jaja Bypass Railway Fatak, Darapur Road, Umar Tanda, Teh- Dasuya, Hoshiarpur, Punjab, 144204 changed my name from Aayat Ansari to Manjeet Kaur.

63372

I, Ishaan Singh S/o Narinder Pal Singh Mann Ro Vpo Ajitwal, Tehsil Moga, Distt Moga, Punjab, India have Changed My Name to Ishaan Singh Mann.

63372

I, Amanat D/o Rajinder Kumar R/o Vill: Pandori Po. Kot Maira Teh- Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my minor daughter name from Amanat to Amanat Dhimann.

63372

I, Jai Deep Singh C/o Amarjit Singh R/o H.No. 122 Vpo. Kala Bala Po. Kala Bala Distt. Gurdaspur have changed my name to Jaideep Singh.

63372

I, Manju W/o Amit Singh R/o Village Kheri Simbal Wali , Sub. Tehsil Rajound Distt Kaithal (haryana) Have Changed My Name From Manju To Manju Devi. Concerned Please Note.

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Dr. Prikshit Mittal, specialist in various diseases, will now provide services at community Health Center Dhanaula

**BALWINDER AZAD**  
**BARNALA DEHATI** : Dr. Prikshit Mittal (M.B.B.S., M.D. Medicine), a specialist in various diseases, will now be offering his services at the Community Health Center in Dhanaula. According to



information, Dr. Mittal has previously served at AIIMS Hospital, Bathinda, during which he successfully treated numerous patients suffering from heart diseases, paralysis, arthritis, jaundice, liver disorders, and more. While sharing this update with the press, Dr. Mittal mentioned that patients suffering from heart diseases, paralysis, arthritis, kidney disorders, stomach ailments, neurological disorders, jaundice, and general medicine-related conditions can now consult him. He further added that in case of any emergency, people can contact him anytime at 98962-09838.

It is noteworthy that residents of Mandi Dhanaula earlier had to travel to Patiala, Ludhiana, or Chandigarh for the treatment of serious illnesses related to the heart, liver, kidneys, and other conditions. However, with the arrival of specialist Dr. Prikshit Mittal, the local population is expected to feel significant relief. Speaking on this matter, Arun Kumar Bansal (President of Aggarwal Sabha), Rakesh Mittal (Vice President), Raman Verma (President of the Traders Association), Jeevan Bansal (Chairman of the Gausahala Committee), councilors Rajneesh Kaul and Ajay Garg, former Municipal Council President Surjeet Sita, Jatinder Sonu (President of Shri Aadishakti Ramila Club), social worker Dharminder Neetu, Vinod Kumar, and Abhishek Goel expressed happiness and said that the presence of a specialist doctor for serious illnesses at Dhanaula Hospital will greatly benefit the local community.

## Sandhwan extends mother's Day greetings



**SURINDER DAMDAMI**  
**KOTKAPURA**: Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kulvir Singh Sandhwan today greeted the people of Punjab on the auspicious occasion of World Mother's Day and paid homage to the greatness of mothers. He said that mothers have been given the status of God in Guru Granth Sahib and we all should respect and honor our mothers. Speaker Sandhwan met his mother at her home in village Sandhwan and took blessings by touching her feet. He said that a mother is always the embodiment of morality, tolerance and sincere love. He appealed to the people to remember the invaluable contribution of their mothers and always perform the rituals of giving them respect and love. He said that this day is a golden opportunity to remember the unwavering love and sacrifice of mothers in our lives.

## Schools will remain closed in Pathankot district today: DC

**BUREAU**  
**PATHANKOT**: Deputy Commissioner Pathankot Aditya Uppal informed that the situation is currently peaceful due to the ceasefire between India and Pakistan, but despite this, the administration is taking full vigil for the safety of the common people.



He said that lights should be voluntarily turned off in the district at 8 pm today, do not step out of the house without any reason, remain completely alert and calm inside the house and follow the instructions given by the district administration. He said that if there is any change in the situation, new instructions will be issued. He said that keeping in mind the safety of children, schools in Pathankot district will remain closed tomorrow, May 12. He said that he thanked everyone for following the instructions given by the administration and for their cooperation.

## Roadways buses to ply in border Districts

**SHARMA**  
**LUDHIANA** : After the ceasefire between India and Pakistan, the situation in Punjab is now becoming calm and bus services will continue to run to the districts of Punjab touches to international Indo-Pak border in the evening time, which include Gurdaspur, Amritsar, Ferozepur, Fazilka, Pathankot. Late in the evening, Ludhiana Depot GM Navraj Batish informed that the government had to take a decision after looking at the situation, currently there has been no new order on bus service in these districts, so the bus service will continue to these districts.



## Normalcy restored in Chandigarh as all restrictions lifted: DC issues advisory

CHANDIGARH: With all restrictions officially withdrawn as of yesterday, normalcy has returned across Chandigarh, said Chandigarh DC Nishant Kumar Yadav. Shops, markets, and other commercial establishments are now permitted to operate as per regular timings and guidelines observed on normal days. Citizens have been advised to refrain from spreading false information or rumors that could disrupt public peace. "We thank residents for their cooperation and continued support," the DC's statement concluded.

## Representatives of various organizations led by Arun Sood meet Chandigarh Administrator

SHASHI PAL JAIN  
CHANDIGARH, MAY 11

Today, a delegation of various organizations led by former BJP President Shri Arun Sood presented their problems before Chandigarh Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria.

Arun Sood and the delegation discussed in detail with Chandigarh Administrator Shri Gulab Chand Kataria on issues such as smooth running of private primary and secondary schools located in villages, job security of contract and outsourcing employees, merging 17 lower division clerks working in the electricity department into common cadre, problems of Ola-Uber cab driver union, congratulations to nominated councilor on becoming director of Chandigarh Cooperative Bank, etc. Gulab Chand Kataria assured quick action on the problems of the delegation. Apart from Shri Arun Sood, the delegation that came



to meet the Chandigarh Administrator included Satinder Singh Sidhu, Bipin Sher Singh, Balwinder Singh, Nishant, Sumit Chhabra, etc. Chairman of All Contractual Employees Union India Regd., UT, Chandigarh thanked

Chandigarh Administrator Shri Gulab Chand Kataria for the discussion held on the demand of job security of contract and outsourcing employees working in Chandigarh Administration and Municipal Corporation. Various rep-

resentatives thanked former BJP President Shri Arun Sood, who always strives to solve the problems of the public, for arranging a meeting with Chandigarh Administrator to resolve their respective problems.

## Bains says, educational institutions to reopen from today

SUMER GARG  
CHANDIGARH, MAY 11

Punjab education minister, Harjot Singh Bains today informed that all educational institutions, including schools, colleges and universities, will reopen from May 12 onwards. He added that if any University has already revised its examination schedule, those exams will proceed as per revised schedule. "The deputy commissioners in border districts have been authorised to decide whether to open or close schools, based on local circumstances", Bains added.

He also directed the educational institutions to strictly adhere to safety protocols and guidelines issued by the government. While reaffirming the Punjab Government's unwavering commitment to education and student welfare, the minister said that the



reopening of educational institutions aims to ensure educational continuity and minimise disruptions, now that normalcy has returned.

Meanwhile, Mr Bains while expressing pride and solidarity, said, "We are immensely proud of our brave armed forces."

Their dedication inspires us all. The state government remains committed to providing a safe and conducive learning environment for students to thrive".

## CU Punjab inspires youth with spirit of national unity, patriotism, and nation-building through message of 'Nation First'

ANIL VERMA  
BATHINDA, MAY 11

The Central University of Punjab, under the leadership of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari and in line with directives from the Ministry of Education, organized a special programme on Saturday as part of the "Campaign to Support the Nation First".

The event aimed to reinforce the values of national unity, patriotism, and nation-building among the youth through the inspiring message of 'Nation First'. The campaign was initiated by Dr. Vinit Joshi, IAS, Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Government of India. The programme held at CU Punjab was dedicated to expressing solidarity with the brave soldiers of the Indian Armed Forces who remain steadfast in defending the na-



tion's borders. As part of the programme, a Tiranga Rally was organized within the university campus to honour the Indian Army. Students, faculty members, staff, and residents of Ghudda village enthusiastically participated in the rally, chanting patriotic slogans like Vande Mataram, Jai Hind, and Bharat Mata Ki Jai. On this occasion, the university community, led by Registrar Dr. Vijay Sharma and Dean In-charge Academics Prof. R.K. Wusurika, saluted the courage and valour of Indian soldiers. They also lauded the swift and deci-

sive response to the recent Palaham terror attack through Operation Sindoor, and expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for his visionary leadership in ensuring national security.

In his written address, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Raghavendra Prasad Tiwari stated that in times of crisis, our greatest strength lies in unity, positive thinking, and purposeful action. He affirmed that the CU Punjab community stands firmly with the armed forces, which has demonstrated "unparalleled bravery."

## Youth Akali Dal pays tribute to Sri Guru Amardas Ji with 'Dastaran Da Langar' at Ghanaur



CHANDIGARH, MAY 11

In a heartfelt tribute to the Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Amardas Ji, the Youth Akali Dal today organized a special 'Dastaran Da Langar' under its ongoing 'Meri Dastaar Meri Shaan' campaign at Gurdwara Shri Nathana Sahib, Jand Mangoli, Ghanaur. The historic gurdwara, blessed by the 22 visits of Guru Sahib himself, became the spiritual and cultural center of this unique celebration. The camp was organized by the Youth Akali Dal Halka Ghanaur team and saw participation from hundreds of

children, youth, and devotees who came forward to have turbans respectfully tied for free by sewadars of the Youth Akali Dal. Youth Akali Dal President Sarabjeet Singh Jhinjer stated, "This initiative is not just about tying turbans — it is about reconnecting with our roots, our values, and the identity bestowed upon us by our Gurus." The event commenced with a soulful Ardas led by BabaINDER Singh Ji Kar Sewa Wale and Baba Amrik Singh Ji Hira Bagh Wale, invoking blessings and remembering the profound contributions of Guru Amardas Ji to Sikhi.

## Satguru Kabir Sahib echoed message of brotherhood to humanity: Mohinder Bhagat

CHANDIGARH, MAY 11

Bhagat Kabir Sahib Ji preached a universal message of brotherhood, transcending all barriers of caste, creed and discrimination, while championing equality for the welfare of humanity. These views were expressed by Cabinet Minister Mohinder Bhagat while addressing the gathering at Satguru Bhagat Kabir Sahib Dham, Bharatgarh, during the state-level function commemorating the 627th Birth Anniversary (Pargat Diwas) of Bhagat Kabir Ji.

The Cabinet Minister stated that Bhagat Kabir Ji profoundly influenced the Bhakti Movement through his writings, leaving a lasting impact on Sikhism and other religions. He said that Bhagat Kabir Ji's teachings highlighted the unity of all religions and promote the welfare of humanity. The Minister added that Kabir Ji was a



fearless voice against communal discrimination, guiding India's spiritual and social ideology toward harmony.

The Cabinet Minister commended the Satguru Kabir Samaj Sabha Bharatgarh (Rupnagar), Kabir Panth Maha Sabha Punjab, Kabir Panth Maha Sabha Bharat and all committee members for their efforts in uniting Kabir Panthis through such events. He also announced a grant of 25 lakh to the organization. The occasion was graced by divine kirtan performed by Giani

Kanwar Harmander Singh, Nishkam Sewa (Kirtani Jatha) and Dhadi Jatha Bhai Gurdev Singh Ghona. On this occasion, Cabinet Minister Mohinder Bhagat was accorded a warm welcome upon his arrival at the event, where he was also presented with a Guard of Honour by the District Administration. The event witnessed the esteemed presence of Rajinder Singh Kodai, President of Kabir Panth Mahasabha Bharat; Ram Sarup, General Secretary; Darshan Singh, Vice President; Amrik Singh, Se-

nior Meet President; Jatinder Singh Kodai and Paramjit Singh, Treasurers; Rajinder Singh Dher, Field Secretary; Kulwant Singh, Vice President; Ram Kumar, Committee Member; Sukhbir Singh Kodai, Member; Rajiv Parmar, General Secretary of Kabir Panth Mahasabha Bharat; Ganpat Rai, Vice President; and Rajinder Singh, President of the Chandigarh Unit of Kabir Panth Mahasabha. Others present included Sham Lal, Daya Ram, President of Himachal Pradesh Unit; Keval Singh; along with numerous office bearers, committee members of Kabir Panthi organizations, and local residents in large numbers. On this occasion, Baba Gurjant Singh Head of Gurdwara Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib (Ninth Patshahi), Bharatgarh, S.P. Arvind Meena, D.S.P. Jasandeep Singh Mann, Gurdev Singh, Tilak Raj etc.

## Over 5 lakh MTs of wheat procured in Jalandhar due to robust arrangements by government

PARAMJIT SINGH  
JALANDHAR, MAY 11

The wheat procurement season is progressing smoothly in the district. Due to the efficient leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann and the robust arrangements made by the Punjab Government, more than 5 lakh metric tonnes of wheat have been procured in an organized manner so far.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal, while sharing more details, stated that this year there has been a bumper wheat yield and a total of 5,07,656 metric tonnes of wheat has arrived in the district's mandis (grain markets), out of which 5,07,612 metric tonnes have already been procured.

Sharing information regarding procurement by various agencies, Dr. Aggarwal said that Punjab has procured 1,65,845 metric tonnes, Markfed 1,37,181 metric



tonnes, Punsup 1,15,135 metric tonnes, Punjab State Warehousing Corporation 56,941 metric tonnes, FCI 27,618 metric tonnes, and private traders have procured 4,892 metric tonnes of wheat.

He said the Punjab Government has ensured a payment of Rs. 1,209 crore to the farmers of the district for the procured crop, and the lifting of the crop has also been carried out swiftly. The Deputy Commissioner informed

that, keeping in view the bumper wheat production and the Punjab Government's instructions for smooth and efficient procurement, 23 temporary mandis have been set up in addition to 79 permanent mandis in the district.

Adequate arrangements have been ensured for the convenience of farmers and laborers in these mandis. He directed officials to accelerate the lifting process.

## Maninder Singh Saini unanimously elected President of Press Club Zirakpur (Regd.) 8004



VICKY BHABAT  
ZIRAKPUR, MAY 11

Maninder Singh Saini was unanimously elected President of Press Club Zirakpur. Earlier, Gurpal Singh was given a respectful farewell on completion of one year, after which the old committee was dissolved and a new committee was elected.

First of all, Maninder Singh Saini was elected President, Rajesh Garg General Secretary and Sukhwinder Singh Sukhi Cashier and they were given the right to choose their committee. All these elections were held under the supervision of Chief Patron Som Nath

Sharma and Chief Advisor Balwinder Vicky Bhabat. The remaining members are Somnath Sharma Chief Patron, Rajesh Garg General Secretary, Vicky Bhabat Chief Advisor, Sandeep Sharma Patron, Gurpal Singh Chairman, B.S. Pannu was elected Senior Vice President, Kapil Nagpal Vice President, Sandeep Bawa Deputy Cashier, Ram Kumar Vice President, Major Ali Secretary, IH Khan Secretary, Ram Dhiman Legal Advisor, Avtar Dhiman Member, Tarandeep Singh Member, Sukhwinder Singh Sukha Member, Geetansh Gautam Member, Karamchand Bunty Member.

## Lehragaga's filthy ditch drain becomes promenade for public : Goyal

SUMER GARG  
SANGRU, MAY 11

The 'Ditch drain,' which runs through Lehragaga city and was long infamous for filth and ugliness, is now being transformed into a public promenade. The Cabinet Minister to GOP, Mr. Barinder Kumar Goyal while speaking to the media during the inspection of the construction work said that the work is nearing completion and will soon be dedicated to the public.

He stated that the drain passed through the heart of Lehragaga, and people living along its banks faced pitiable conditions. In fact, many houses were built over the drain itself and were in a dilapidated state. Due to the surrounding filth, there was a constant risk of accidents. The long-standing demand from the public for attention to be given to this issue.

Goyal explained that now two pipes, each 4.5 feet wide,



have been installed in the drain to ensure smooth water flow. Initially, this was a Rs 15 Cr project, but due to departmental integrity, it was tendered at Rs 12 crore, resulting in a saving of Rs 3 crore for the state's people.

The project began about a month ago, is progressing rapidly toward completion and the public is very pleased with the progress. Even during recent rains, there were no water stagnation issues. The 3-kilometer-long and 32-foot-wide drain is being paved with 15-foot-wide interlocking tiles and grills will be installed along the sides, along

with modern grass and plants. He added that the area, once avoided by everyone, is now being developed into a scenic walkway. To maintain it, three employees will be appointed.

Local residents expressed that in the past 40 years, not a single rupee had been spent on this drain, nor had anyone come to inspect it. Now, however, people are coming here regularly for morning and evening walks.

The Cabinet Minister assured that rainwater would no longer be allowed to accumulate in slum areas and would be directed into the drain.

He said that under the capable leadership of Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab government is committed to the development of both villages and cities. He emphasized that no effort would be spared in beautifying and developing the city.

## Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadaur celebrates World Mother's Day

BALWINDER AZAD  
BHADOUR, MAY 11

Mother's Day was celebrated on May 11, 2025 at Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadaur, the premier institution of the area, which is functioning under the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee and is recognized by Punjab University and All India Council for Technical Education.

As per the guidelines of the college principal, Professor Malvinder Singh, the day was celebrated virtually for the college students under the leadership of Dr. Vandana Sukhija, Program Officer of the college's Red Ribbon Club and Prof. Jaspreet Singh, Program Officer of N. S. S. A meeting session was organized with Padma Shri Awardee Smt. Phulbsan Bai Yadav by Habbul Community. In which the college staff and students also participated virtually. Phulbsan's life is

completely dedicated to women. During the session, he shared his own story and said how he has overcome poverty in his life and by rising above these difficulties, he has made his life meaningful. At present, he is associated with about 8 lakh women of Chhattisgarh and is helping them directly or indirectly in providing employment.

On this occasion, Dr. Vandana Sukhija shared her views and said that even in today's tense environment, two women, Sophia Qureshi and Byomika Singh, are fighting on our borders and protecting the country, while women like Phulbsan are also trying to show the way to other women. On the occasion of Mother's Day, College Principal Professor Malvinder Singh gave a message to the students that a person should never give up in his life and should always be ready to face difficulties.



NEWS BRIEF

Kannu Gurjar gang fired 3 bullets at Fateh gang's henchman Neeraj who died

**PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR:** Members of Kannu Gurjar gang came on a bike on Gulab Devi Road and openly fired at Neeraj Kumar alias Tinu, associated with Fateh gang. Tinu was hit by three bullets in this incident. Tinu was hit by two bullets in the stomach and one in the leg in this attack. He was admitted to the hospital in a serious condition. He died during treatment. The police are conducting raids to arrest the accused, but the accused are absconding. According to information, there was an old enmity between Kannu Gurjar and Fateh gang. On Saturday, this enmity took a violent turn. Kannu Gurjar's friend Akash opened fire targeting Tinu. Chaos broke out at the spot after the attack.

Punjabis always stand as shield of country: Sandhwan

**SURINDER DAMDAMI KOTKAPURA:** After the tense situation in India-Pakistan relations for the past few days, after the ceasefire between the two countries, Speaker Punjab Vidhan Sabha Kulter Singh Sandhwan prayed for the well-being of all and thanked God at Kotkapura.

In his address on this occasion, Speaker Kulter Singh Sandhwan said that the situation has improved with the ceasefire and the tension between the two countries has reduced. He said that the Punjab government and the people of Punjab were ready to face the critical situation by forgetting all differences, which is a matter of great pride. On this occasion, he prayed for the welfare of all and asked the people to maintain courage. On this occasion, MLA Jaito Amolak Singh said that Punjabis have shown great patriotism by not losing heart despite the differences that have arisen in India-Pakistan relations in the past. He said that it is a matter of great pride that Punjabis always stand shoulder to shoulder with each other in times of sorrow and do not lose heart. On this occasion, Chairman District Planning Board Sukhjith Singh Dhillwan, Chairman Market Committee Kotkapura Gurmeet Singh Arewala, Sukhwant Singh Pakka District President Aam Aadmi Party, Manjit Singh Dhillon, Simarjit Singh M. C. Gurmeet Singh Gill besides the residents of the constituency were present.

Farmers worried as untimely rain damaged cotton crop

**KULWINDER KARWAL SARDULGARH:** This time, the rains in the first week of May have caused heavy losses to cotton farmers. As soon as the farmers sowed their cotton crop, the rains caused the crop to rot, and many farmers' crops were damaged for the second time in a row. Giving information in this regard, Baljit Pal Singh, a farmer from village Jhanda Kalan, said that this time the frequent rains in the first week of May have caused huge losses to the cotton farmers. Sowing done using expensive seeds, fertilizers and diesel fuel has been damaged due to rain, which has resulted in farmers wasting their money and also delaying sowing. The farmer spends about four thousand rupees on sowing one acre, and there is no crop insurance facility from the government.

BJP leader Manoranjan Kalia hails armed forces

**PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR:** There is now a ceasefire between India and Pakistan. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said that there was a conversation between the DGMOs of both the countries at 3.35 pm today. It was decided in this that from 5 pm today, both the countries will immediately stop attacks on air, water and land. With this, there is a ceasefire between the two countries. Misri said that on May 12, the officials of both the countries will discuss the further strategy. Regarding the ceasefire, former minister Manoranjan Kalia said that there is a ceasefire for 72 hours. During this time, India has given the message to Pakistan. He said that some time ago a strike was done in Balakot. After this, this time PM Modi had said that the Indian Army will enter the house and kill and by destroying the terrorist camps in Pakistan, he fulfilled the promise of entering the house and killing. At the same time, 14 people of Masood Azhar's family were killed in this attack. Kalia said that India had been saying for a long time that Pakistan is creating terrorists, the proof of which has come out in front of everyone today. In which Masood Azhar was given the Guard of Honor. and his family was given martyrdom by the Pakistan Army. Martyrdom of

# CM Mann vows to block BJP's sinister plan to steal Punjab's waters

MANJINDER BHATIA NANGAL, MAY 11

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Sunday vowed to thwart any attempt of the BJP led centre government to meet out step motherly treatment with Punjab by snatching the waters of the state through the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB). The Chief Minister, who reached here to protest against move of BBMB to release water, said that it is unfortunate that on one hand Punjab is bravely confronting the enemy on the international borders and on the other hand the BJP government at centre is playing dirty games to deprive state of its waters. He said that Punjab is on high vigil as Punjab Police and the state is helping the Army to safeguard the 532 kilometer border along with Pakistan. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that on the other hand BJP is resorting to such tantrums which is highly un-



fortunate adding that this should be avoided in this hour of grave crisis. The Chief Minister said that the Punjab government is committed to protect the border and even the waters of the state for which no stone will be left unturned by the Punjab government. He said that amidst escalation at the border when the drones are visible at the dams, the BJP is forcing us to stage protests at the highly sen-

sitive zones amidst war. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that BJP is checking the patience of the state government and is forcing us to take severe action to save our precious waters. The Chief Minister also questioned the silence of the Kisan Unions over this issue adding that they have not even issued a single statement in this regard. He said that they are merely running their shops by staging road and rail blockades on frivolous is-

ssues but are mum over this major issue concerning the state. Bhagwant Singh Mann quipped that the farmers are not here because AC equipped trolleys are not here and they have to protest under the sun, which they can no longer afford. The Chief Minister said that the state government does not need the help of these Kisan Unions as it is self sufficient to safeguard the interests of Punjab and its people. He said that

the BJP government through the BBMB officers is trying to rob the waters of the state, which is completely intolerable adding that this is a grave injustice and Punjab will vehemently fight against it. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that this will not be allowed at any cost and the state government will foil all such attempts aimed at stealing the water of Punjab. The Chief Minister warned BJP and BBMB that any such attempt by them can create a major law and order problem in the state adding that both of them will be responsible for this major loss. He categorically said that there is no order by the Punjab and Haryana High court to release the water from the state but BJP is illegally trying to snatch waters from Punjab. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the Rajasthan government had sought more water from the quota of Punjab as the Military deployed at the Rajasthan border needed additional water.

## Pakistan violated ceasefire: Dr. Deepak Jyoti

AJAY MALHOTRA FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAY 11

Hours after India and Pakistan reached an understanding on stopping military actions, Pakistan has repeatedly violated the ceasefire agreement arrived at on Saturday (May 10, 2025) and that the Indian armed forces are giving an "adequate and appropriate" response to the attacks. These views were expressed by senior BJP leader from Bassi Pathana constituency Dr. Deepak Jyoti while talking to the media. Dr. Deepak Jyoti said that last late night media briefing by our Foreign Secretary Mr. Misri called upon Pakistan to take appropriate steps to address these violations and deal with the situation with "seriousness and responsibility". She said that this is a breach of the understanding which arrived earlier today. The armed forces



are giving an adequate and appropriate response to these violations and the Modi government takes very serious note of these violations. Dr. Deepak Jyoti had accused Pakistan of spreading a disinformation campaign and trying to foment communal discord in India by targeting Sikh holy places in Pakistan as well as in Punjab and Jammu. Dr. Deepak Jyoti said that since the beginning of Operation Sindoor on May 7, several international stakeholders have reached out to India and Pakistan calling for de-escalation, but India has officially maintained that the two sides had not severed diplomatic contacts as both countries continued to host each other's diplomatic missions despite escalating military clashes. Dr. Deepak Jyoti said that the Modi Narinder Modi's message to the enemies is loud and clear, New India has no patience for terrorism.

## MLA Budh Ram hands over cheques of Rs 5 lakhs to panchayat of 5 villages elected unanimously



NARESH GOYAL MANSA, MAY 11

MLA of Budhlada Budh Ram today handed over cheques of Rs five lac to each five panchayats of the villages that had elected panchayats in their villages unanimously. Speaking on this occasion, Budh Ram stated that before last panchayat elections in Punjab, Chief minister Bhagwant Singh Mann had announced that the vil-

lages which would elect their panchayats unanimously would be given rupee five lac for carrying out development works in their villages. He added that honouring his commitment, Chief minister has sent cheques of rupee twenty five lac for those five villages in which panchayats had been elected unanimously. Sarpanches of those five villages- Dariapur, Ramgarh, Jalbhara, Gurney Khurd and Achanak today received

cheques of rupee five lac each from Budhlada MLA at a function organised in Budhlada. Budhlada MLA told that the panchayats can carry out development works of their choice with this amount. Meanwhile, president of District panchayats union Rajinder Singh Gobindpura has thanked the AAP government for boosting morale of the unanimously elected panchayats.

## Public advisory: Take precautions to protect yourself from extreme heat and heatwave

VERMA GURDASPUR, MAY 11

In light of the rising temperatures and scorching heat, the Health Department and local doctors have advised the public to remain cautious and adopt necessary preventive measures.

This advisory was issued by Dr. Vijay Thapa, Dr. Nitin Mahajan, Dr. Gurkhabash Chaudhary, and Dr. Munish Kundra. They noted that as May progresses, temperatures are expected to rise further, increasing the risk of heatstroke and heat-related illnesses. People are strongly advised to avoid stepping outdoors between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., especially unless absolutely necessary. The doctors explained that exposure to direct sunlight during peak hours can



lead to conditions like heatstroke, dehydration, dizziness, headaches, and vomiting. To avoid such risks, individuals must cover their heads with a cloth or cap when outdoors, wear sunglasses, and opt for light cotton clothing. It is essential to stay hydrated by consuming plenty of water and fluids such as lemon water, buttermilk, and coconut water. They further emphasized that extreme heat poses a greater risk to children, elderly individuals, preg-

nant women, and those suffering from heart disease or high blood pressure. These groups must be given special attention and care during this season. The Health Department urges all citizens to remain vigilant and take proactive steps to protect themselves and their families from the harmful effects of heat. In case of symptoms like excessive sweating, fainting, nausea, or weakness, people should seek medical help immediately from the nearest health center.

## 'MP Arora delivers concrete outcomes' meeting hosted by industrialists



LUDHIANA (SHARMA): Rajya Sabha MP and AAP candidate from Ludhiana (West), Sanjeev Arora, has announced to take up the issue of ambulance availability with the Deputy Commissioner, emphasising the need to station ambulances at all major public places in the city—including the District Courts Complex and Mini Secretariat. Speaking at a breakfast meeting hosted by industrialist Neeraj Satija at his residence in Model Town on Sunday, Arora said, "This step will ensure timely availability of ambulance services to patients in need. Ambulance response time must be minimised to ensure prompt medical intervention, as every minute can make the difference between life and death." Arora's response came after Tarunjit Singh Takkar raised a concern regarding a recent incident where a person suffered a sudden cardiac arrest at the court complex around 2 p.m. two days ago. Due to the unavailability of an ambulance, the individual was taken to the hospital after more than an hour—by which time he was declared brought dead.

## Govt approves upgradation of Chapparchiri Khurd to Chapparchiri Kalan road



LK BANSAL MOHALI, MAY 11

The Punjab Government, led by Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, has granted administrative approval for the upgradation of the Chapparchiri Khurd to Chapparchiri Kalan road, a vital approach to the historic Chapparchiri site. Expressing his appreciation to the Chief Minister for fulfilling a long-standing demand, MLA SAS Nagar Kulwant Singh stated that the road serves as a crucial parallel route to the Kharar-Landra road. With the commencement of renovation work, the road will help alleviate traffic congestion on the Kharar-Landra corridor too. The project entails upgrading the 18-foot-wide road, spanning 2.05 km, at a cost of Rs 377.45 lakh. The

scope of work includes the installation of 80 mm interlocking pavers and a five-year maintenance provision amounting to Rs 8.52 lakh. According to the MLA, the road has been in need of repairs since 2018 and endures heavy traffic due to its strategic connection from Mohali to the Kharar-Landra road. As a temporary measure, in anticipation of the Fateh March scheduled for tomorrow, immediate non-bituminous patchwork has been commenced by PWD to facilitate commuters, added MLA. The repair work shall be completed by today evening. MLA Kulwant Singh further assured that several other link roads in the area will also undergo renovation and repair in the coming days, reinforcing the government's commitment to infrastructure development.

## BJP committed to National Security and Integrity: NRI Leader Gagan Vidhu

VERMA GURDASPUR, MAY 11

Senior BJP leader NRI Gagan Vidhu emphasized that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has always prioritized the nation's security and integrity above all else. Speaking to media persons, Vidhu praised the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, stating that under his governance, India's global image has significantly strengthened, and the country now enjoys growing support and respect from the international community. "Prime Minister Modi has not only enhanced India's stature globally but also made it clear that national security is non-negotiable," Vidhu said. "The decisive steps taken against terrorism and anti-national elements have sent a strong message across the world." Highlighting BJP's unwavering stand against terrorism, Vidhu said that

both the party and its workers stand firmly behind the armed forces and the government in the fight against terrorism. "We are shoulder-to-shoulder with our brave soldiers and security personnel. Every BJP worker is ready to offer any assistance necessary to support our forces and protect the nation," he added. Vidhu also praised the strategic diplomatic policies adopted by the Modi government, which have led to enhanced cooperation with several countries. "Today, India is being recognized as a powerful and responsible global player. Our firm and clear foreign policy have earned us admiration and support from countries across the globe," he said. The NRI leader concluded by reiterating the BJP's commitment to maintaining the sovereignty and unity of India.



## Woman among two held for leaking information to Pakistan High Commission

MALERKOTLA, MAY 11

In a significant breakthrough amidst the ongoing drive to Punjab a safe and secure state as per the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Malerkotla Police apprehended two individuals including a 31-years-old woman for their alleged involvement in espionage activities linked to an official posted at the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Sunday. Those arrested have been identified as Guzala and Yameen Mohamad, both residents of Malerkotla. Police teams have also recovered two mobile phones from their possession. The development came days after Amritsar Rural Police arrested two persons, identified as

Falaksher Masih and Suraj Masih, for their alleged role in leaking sensitive information and photographs of Army Cantonment areas and Air Bases to Pakistan's intelligence agency. DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary investigation has revealed that the arrested accused persons had been receiving payments through online transactions in exchange for sharing classified information. They were in frequent contact with the handler and were involved in channeling funds to other local operatives as per his instructions, he said. The DGP said that this operation marks a significant step in dismantling cross-border espionage networks and reinforces our commitment to national security.



his own blood, and the doctors proceeded to collect it for the operation. During this humanitarian gesture, he also assured the family of full support and even shared his personal phone number, saying: "If you need anything, anytime—don't hesitate to call me. I will be there immediately." This is not an isolated incident—it reflects the dedicated policy of the Punjab Government to support people in border regions in every way possible. In recent days, under the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann,

several cabinet ministers have visited sensitive border districts such as Gurdaspur, Pathankot, Fazilka, Amritsar, and Tarn Taran to meet with local citizens, farmers, and military families. These visits include not just reviewing the security situation but also delivering relief materials, healthcare support, and psychological aid. Cabinet Ministers Harpal Cheema and Kuldeep Dhaliwal recently met with soldiers and their families stationed along the border, expressing solidarity.

## Shardhanjali Sabha held in honour of Shriman Nirmal Singh Dhillon at Dev Samaj Bhavan, Chandigarh

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, MAY 11

A solemn and heartfelt Shardhanjali Sabha (memorial prayer meeting) was held on Sunday, May 11, at Dev Samaj Bhavan, Sector 36, Chandigarh, in revered memory of Shriman Nirmal Singh Ji Dhillon, Chairman of Dev Samaj College of Education and Secretary of The Dev Samaj. The gathering witnessed a wide array of distinguished guests from religious, educational, judicial, civil, police, and social sectors. High-ranking officials from multiple states, including members of the judiciary and civil services, were also present to pay homage to the departed soul. A deeply emotional tribute was paid by Dr. Agnese Dhillon, the daughter of Shriman Nirmal Singh Ji Dhillon and the



present Secretary of Dev Samaj. She fondly recalled her father's extraordinary contributions to the mission of Most Worshipful Bhagwan Dev Atma, and his unwavering commitment to value-based education, moral upliftment, and human welfare. Speaking on behalf of the entire Dev Samaj fraternity and its institutions, she expressed profound gratitude and reverence for his lifelong dedication. Shriman Nirmal Singh Ji Dhillon carried forward the sacred legacy of Bhagwan Dev Atma, the founder of Dev Samaj

(established in 1887). He passionately upheld Dev Samaj's core principle of fostering harmonious relationships across the four kingdoms—inanimate, plant, animal, and human—while promoting altruistic values like compassion, reverence, and gratitude. As Secretary of Dev Samaj, he provided visionary leadership to 22 educational institutions across India. Under his guidance, Dev Samaj College of Education, Chandigarh, emerged as a pioneer in women's education. It became the first institution in North In-

dia to receive recognition from NCTE in 1997 and achieved a Four-Star rating from NAAC in 2002. In its second and third accreditation cycles (2010 and 2017), the college earned prestigious 'A' grades. Additionally, under his chairmanship, Dev Samaj College for Women, Chandigarh was awarded an A+ grade, and Dev Samaj College, Ferozepur, received an A grade, marking significant milestones in academic excellence. The Shardhanjali Sabha was graced by many eminent personalities, including: Leader of Opposition, Punjab Shri Pratap Singh Bajwa, BJP leader Shri Fateh Jang Singh Bajwa, Honorary Secretary of Khalsa College and University Shri Rajinder Mohan Singh Chhina, Vice Chancellor of Khalsa University, Amritsar, Dr. Mehal Singh, Director etc.

CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA AMRITSAR, MAY 11

As part of the Punjab Government's commitment to provide every possible assistance to citizens and families of security personnel in border areas, Cabinet Minister Harbhajan Singh ETO today not only extended emotional support to victims of the recent Poonch attack, but also personally donated blood for their treatment at Amandeep Hospital, Amritsar. When the minister visited the hospital to inquire about the condition of S. Gurmeet Singh and his son Rajvansh Singh, the doctors informed him that Rajvansh was scheduled for surgery the next morning and there was an urgent need for blood. Without hesitation, Minister ETO immediately offered to donate







**VERMA GURDASPUR:** Amid ongoing border tensions between India and Pakistan, a significant meeting took place between Jawahar Bal Manch's District Chief Coordinator Satish Jatt Pamma and former MLA Joginder Pal. The two leaders discussed the current



situation in border areas and preparations for the upcoming Zila Parishad and Block Samiti elections. In recent days,

increased drone activity and cross-border shelling from Pakistan had escalated tensions along the international border. However, the Indian armed forces successfully intercepted and neutralized enemy drones using their air defense systems, earning nationwide praise for their

swift and efficient response. During the meeting, Satish Jatt Pamma emphasized that once the ceasefire is in place, political activity in the region will intensify. He highlighted that the Zila Parishad and Block Samiti have been dissolved for quite some time, and elections are due.

NEWS BRIEF

**Advocate Pradyuman Singh voices concern over rising drug abuse among youth in Himachal**

**ANIL KUMAR HAMIRPUR:** Expressing grave concern over the increasing prevalence of drug abuse among youth in Himachal Pradesh, Advocate Pradyuman Singh, Legal Advisor of Himachal Pradesh, described the issue as a major social crisis that can no longer be ignored. He warned that substance abuse is destroying not only individual lives but also families and communities. Singh pointed out that drugs have now penetrated even the remotest villages and schools, marking a deeply alarming trend. "Addiction is not just a personal downfall; it is the collapse of a family's hopes and society's future," he said. Calling on the state government and district administrations to take urgent action, Singh recommended regular anti-drug awareness campaigns in all schools and colleges, strict legal measures against drug peddlers, and the establishment of free counselling camps and helplines in rural areas.

**KS Convent School organises program on Mother's Day**



**HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA:** A cultural program was organized on Mother's Day at KS Convent School located on Pehowa Road on Sunday. In the program, the students participated in specially organized activities along with their mothers. The program was started by lighting the lamp by school manager Gurinder Singh Ghai, Principal Radha Gupta and Education Consultant Chetna Saluja. On Mother's Day, students presented the spirit of sacrifice and renunciation of mothers through a drama. The drama of the students received a lot of praise. The mothers also participated in fireless cooking, rap walk, singing and dancing activities.

# Operation Sindoor symbol of India's political, social and military willpower: Rajnath Singh

AGENCY  
LUCKNOW, MAY 11

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday praised Operation Sindoor, asserting that the Indian armed forces have delivered a decisive blow to anti-India elements inside Pakistan. Rajnath Singh virtually inaugurated BrahMos Aerospace Integration and Testing Facility in Lucknow. Speaking at the event, Singh described Operation Sindoor as a testament to India's political will, military strength, and zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism. "Today, India is one of the most powerful nations in the world. We are constantly increasing our strength. Those who were against India and the terrorist organizations that attacked



our country and devastated many families, the Indian armed forces have brought them to justice through Operation Sindoor. The entire nation is today saluting the bravery of the Indian forces," Rajnath Singh said. "Operation Sindoor is not just a military action, but a symbol of India's political, social, and military willpower.

This operation is a demonstration of India's firm resolve and military strength against terrorism," he emphasized. The Defence Minister highlighted that the Operation has shown that whenever India takes action against terrorism, even territory across the border will no longer be safe for terrorists and their masters. "The Indian

forces launched Operation Sindoor with the objective of destroying the terrorist infrastructure present in Pakistan. We never targeted their ordinary citizens. But Pakistan not only targeted Indian civilian areas, it also attempted attacks on Temples and Gurudwaras. In response, the Indian forces displayed courage and restraint, and struck at various other locations in Pakistan, giving a fitting reply," Rajnath Singh said. "We did not limit our actions to military posts near the border, the echo of India's military action was heard as far as Rawalpindi, where the headquarters of the Pakistani Army is located. The whole world saw what happens to those who attempt terrorist attacks in India, after the Uri attack, our forces carried out a surgical strike inside Pakistan.

After Pulwama, there was an airstrike on Balakot, and now after the Pahalgam incident, the world has witnessed India conducting multiple strikes inside Pakistan," Rajnath Singh asserted. He further said that following a zero-tolerance policy against terrorism, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made it clear that this is a "New India" where it will take effective action against terrorism both within and across the border. India launched Operation Sindoor on May 7 in reply to the ghastly terror attack in Pahalgam on April 22 that claimed the lives of 26 people. India had struck nine terror sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. Pakistan sought to up the ante with a series of unprovoked escalations using artillery guns and drones.

## MP Naveen Jindal committed to farmers' welfare: Tejinder Singh Goldy



**DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, MAY 11**

The valedictory ceremony of the Kisan Mela, jointly organised by the Naveen Jindal Foundation and IRMA ICID, was held with great enthusiasm on the campus of Kurukshetra University today. Speaking at the event, Tejinder Singh Goldy described Member of Parliament Naveen Jindal as a dedicated and socially committed leader, inspired by the legacy of his father, the late Shri O.P. Jindal. He highlighted Jindal's consistent efforts toward the welfare of farmers, stating that their empowerment remains a key focus of his initiatives. Kailash Saini, Officer-in-

Charge at the Chief Minister's Office, praised the MP's commitment to promoting natural farming, calling it a commendable and future-shaping step that would prove to be a milestone in the agricultural sector. The event saw participation from agricultural experts, members of the Naveen Jindal team, progressive farmers, young entrepreneurs from start-ups, women from self-help groups, volunteers, and various dignitaries. During the closing ceremony, progressive farmers, SHG members, and innovative start-up representatives were felicitated with appreciation certificates for their contributions.

## Mahakali Mahakaleshwar Siddha Peeth Temple holds bhandara for Kuldevi

KAMAL SHARMA  
TARAORI, MAY 11

Shri Mahakali Mahakaleshwar Siddha Peeth Temple organised a huge feast for the Kuldevi. Pandit Shivdutt Sharma sent off a group of devotees for Mata Bala Sundari Temple, Tarawadi, May 11 (Kamal Sharma). Shri Mahakali Mahakaleshwar Siddha Peeth Temple Taraori organised a huge feast and bhajan kirtan in Mata Bala Sundari Temple for the welfare of the world. Hundreds of devotees participated in it. A group of more than 100 devotees from Tarawadi temple complex also reached Mata Bala Sundari Temple in Hathira village for the darshan of Kuldevi. Bhajan kirtan was started by the women bhajan group in the temple premises. In which women added



charm to the atmosphere by singing religious bhajans. Industrialists and dignitaries who arrived from Taraori city started the feast by offering bhog to the mother. In which thousands of people took the prasad. Pandit Shivdatt Sharma broke a coconut and sent off the group of devotees who reached Hathira temple from Taraori in the morning. The devotees reached the temple premises singing bhajans all the way. The

entire pandal echoed with the chants of Maa. Giving information, Acharya Pandit Shubham Shastri of Shri Mahakali Mahakaleshwar Siddha Peeth temple said that with the help of many industrialists and dignitaries of the city, a huge bhandara was organized on Kuldevi by Shri Mahakali Mahakaleshwar Siddha Peeth temple premises in which thousands of devotees took the prasad.

## Sudarshan Chaudhary and Vinay Rawal elected unopposed in Ropar Chemists' Association polls



**RADHE SHYAM MORINDA:** A meeting was convened in Morinda to facilitate the nomination process for the election of the President and General Secretary of the Ropar Druggist and Chemist Association (Regd.). The event saw active participation from members of various local chemist associations. During the meeting, Harsh Kohli, President of the Morinda Chemists' Association, was appointed as the Returning Officer, while Sanjay Malhotra, President of the Ropar City unit, was named Assistant Returning Officer. Incumbent President Sudarshan Chaudhary submitted his nomination papers once again for the post of President. Meanwhile, Vinay Rawal filed his nomination for the position of General Secretary. After the nomination process concluded, Returning Officer Harsh Kohli announced that only one nomination had been received for each post. Consequently, both candidates were declared elected unopposed — Sudarshan Chaudhary as President and Vinay Rawal as General Secretary — with unanimous support.

## Mother's Day celebrated with enthusiasm at Shri Mahavir Jain Public School



**HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA:** Shri Mahavir Jain Public School, Kurukshetra, celebrated Mother's Day with great enthusiasm and joy, organising a range of engaging competitions for students and their mothers. The events included Ramp Walk with Mom, Dance with Mom, Emotional Letter to Mom, Speech Competition, and Card Making Contest. Students participated actively, expressing heartfelt emotions and gratitude towards their mothers through creative performances and expressions. Mothers present at the event also joined their children in dance performances, offering glimpses of their affection and the emotional depth of their busy routines. The heartfelt moments moved everyone present in the Atma Jain Hall. Vice Principal Pooja Sharma engaged the mothers in an interactive Q&A session to explore and appreciate their thoughts and feelings. Principal Manjula Goyal, in her address, highlighted the significance of a mother's role, saying, "The word 'mother' encompasses the entire universe. A mother's love is unconditional, and she is the foundation not just of the family but of society as a whole. Mother's Day should not be confined to a single day but should be celebrated every day."

## Asthma awareness key to prevention and treatment: Dr. Ashish Aneja

**DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA:** Medical Officer (Administrator) and RSSDI member Dr. Ashish Aneja has emphasized the importance of public awareness in combating asthma, a chronic respiratory disease that can affect people of all age groups. Speaking on the occasion of World Asthma Day, he explained that the day is observed globally every May to raise awareness about asthma, its symptoms, timely treatment, and to dispel common misconceptions surrounding the condition. Dr. Aneja said that asthma is a serious lung disorder caused by inflammation and tightening of muscles around the airways, making breathing difficult for patients. "During an asthma attack, the airway lining swells, and the muscles around it constrict, reducing airflow and leading to breathing distress," he explained. The theme for World Asthma Day 2025 is "Make Inhaled Treatments Accessible for All." Dr. Aneja stressed that the objective behind this theme is to ensure that essential inhalation medications reach every patient who needs them, regardless of location or socioeconomic background. He noted that asthma can be triggered by various allergens or irritants such as cold weather, air pollution, chemicals in food, physical exertion, pollen, respiratory infections like the common cold, intense emotions, tobacco smoke, and even occupational hazards. In some cases, these triggers can lead to what is known as occupational asthma. Dr. Aneja highlighted that asthma attacks can last from a few minutes to several days and may begin suddenly or develop gradually.



## Weekly satsang organised in Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan

PRITI SAINI  
SADHAURA, MAY 11

Weekly satsang was organised in Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan Ashram located in Bilaspur during which Sadhvi Suman Bharti Ji explained the importance of faith in the life of a seeker and said that faith is the best feeling of the soul which is capable of realising the formless form of God and seeing the formless in the real form. Only a devoted heart is entitled to receive Brahma Gyan because Brahma Gyan is the best treasure of this universe and to hold it, it is necessary to have a vessel in the form of a devoted heart. Further, Sadhvi Ji explained in detail that when a curious soul comes to the shelter of a Brahma-devoted saint, then the Guru provides the



solution to his queries. The Guru removes all the sorrows and pains of the soul that comes to the shelter with a yearning heart, through his grace. A seeker of meaning gets all the desired desires just by coming to his shelter. But when a knowledgeable devotee comes to the shelter of the Guru with a devoted heart, then the Guru makes such a prudent seeker his expression and frees him from the cycle of birth and death forever. Then there is

no difference between such a devoted soul and the Supreme Soul because when faith appears in the heart, then it completely destroys all the sufferings and disorders of the mind from life and provides divinity to the seeker. When the seeker continuously meditates on Brahma Gyan while walking on the path shown by the Guru, then many types of situations come in his life, but those situations are overcome.

## Value-based education gives direction to life: Shashi Bala

R.K. KASHYAP  
CHHACHHRAULI, MAY 11

An in-house training seminar on value-based education was organised for teachers at B.S. Senior Secondary School, Salempur Khadar, under the guidelines of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), New Delhi. Master trainer Kapil Batra, who conducted the seminar, emphasised that the objective of value education in schools is to nurture moral values, social responsibility, empathy, honesty, compassion, and tolerance among students. He noted that in light of the growing moral decline in society, education must not remain confined to academics alone, but should also serve as a tool for holistic personality



development. Value education, he said, will not only help students become responsible citizens but also make them more accountable to their families, society, and nation. On the occasion, Principal Shashi Bala urged all teachers to incorporate value education through regular workshops, storytelling sessions, and behaviour-based teaching methods alongside the academic curriculum. School Management

Committee Chairman Prem Pal Saini observed that today's fast-paced and stressful lifestyle is eroding the strength, depth, and ethics of human relationships. He stressed the need for a creative and compassionate life inspired by universal well-being and harmony. "To build such a progressive and prosperous way of living, we must adopt high ideals and values and pass them on to the next generation," he said.

## Ex-Servicemen hail ceasefire, reject war as solution

KULDEEP SOOD  
BARNALA, MAY 11

Today, the meeting of the Ex-Servicemen Wing was held at the local rest house under the joint chairmanship of Captain Vikram Singh and Subedar Saudagar Singh Hamirdi. State President Inz Gurjinder Singh Sidhu specially attended this information. Warrant Officer Shamsher Singh Sekhon and Subedar Dhanna Singh Dhaura jointly issued this information. Addressing the meeting, Sidhu said that our forces, Army, Navy and Air Force are ready to face every attack. This is one of the big reasons why for the last three days, the brave forces of India have given a befitting



reply to every attack of the enemy and our forces are capable of giving a befitting reply in the future as well. Sidhu congratulated the people of the country for the ceasefire and said that wars are not a meaningful solution to any problem, issues should be resolved only through dialogue. He praised some media workers who risked their lives to provide the people with the latest information

about this war from the borders of the country but also expressed regret that some media workers even published false and misleading news from their homes to increase the TRP of their channels. Sidhu appealed to the ex-servicemen to support the administration in every difficult situation, especially to provide information about the people who are in trouble.

## District Red Cross Society imparts first aid training to Civil Defence volunteers

KULDEEP SOOD  
BARNALA, MAY 11

In view of the current situation, the District Administration Barnala through the Red Cross Society imparted first aid training to about 100 Civil Defence wardens, volunteers and city councilors at Shanti Hall here. Deputy Commissioner Barnala Mr. T. Benith said that in view of the current situation, where the Civil Defence volunteers have been given training on first aid, they have been told about making people aware of the necessary precautions during blackouts, about making authentic and accurate information reach the people and about sharing the information of those



spreading rumours and misinformation with the administration. He said that during the current situation, Civil Defence has a very important role. If any person gets first aid on time, then precious lives can be saved. He said that the Civil Defence team was also told to verify the authentic information and share it with the general public. The Civil

Defense Wardens were told to share the instructions issued by the government or district administration from time to time after confirming them at the control room so that people can get the correct information on time and avoid rumors and misinformation. The training on first aid was given by Master Trainer Ashish Pal from Red Cross.

## Monthly meeting of Chhachhrauli Press Club held



**PRITI SAINI SADHAURA:** A monthly meeting of Press Club Chhachhrauli was held at Vishram Grih Tajewala. The meeting was chaired by the club's patron Raghuveer Rana. In the meeting, there was also a discussion about strengthening the organization and getting help from the government. In which there was also a discussion about meeting the top officials and leaders of the government soon. In the meeting, the club's head Nawab Khan Azad said that through the club, talks will be held with government leaders and officials regarding the problems of journalists so that it is easy to strengthen the organisation and get government help. He appealed to everyone that all the colleagues should cooperate in the club with unity so that the club can be taken forward. On the occasion, the club's patron Raghuveer Singh Rana, head Nawab Khan Azad, club in-charge Ravindra Chauhan, general secretary Ramkishan Kashyap, treasurer, Kaushik Khan, Sunil Sharma Vicky, Vice President Parvez Khan and other colleagues were present.







Editorial

Noises off

The residents' association's WhatsApp group was alive with information about mock drills and blackouts. This was gleaned from notices sent to condominiums in distant Gurgaon so it was general rather than actionable knowledge, but the pervasive sense that the war might be coming to a neighbourhood near us made it useful as a kind of forewarning. Someone noted ruefully that modern flats in Delhi were so expansively glazed with French windows that blacking them out in the old-fashioned way with paper was nearly impossible.

Sixty years ago, it had been easier to make the small panes in the windows of our sarkari house in Pandara Park opaque. Black chart paper cut into eight-inch squares and pasted on the glass did the job. The top halves of the headlights of our fat Austin A35 were painted black. Civil defence moved quickly in government neighbourhoods; before that seventeen-day war ended, deep, diagonal trenches were dug in the garden and we rehearsed dropping into them when the sirens went.

Some things never change. Boxed newspaper comparisons of Indian and Pakistani military hardware reminded me of similar reports in The Statesman in '65. People like me who couldn't tell one end of a fighter plane from another till a week ago have learnt that Pakistan's Chinese-made J-10 and India's French-made Rafale are both 4.5 generation jet fighters and that their relative performance is of consuming interest to militaries and defence contractors across the world. The dispute about whether J-10s did in fact shoot down Rafales matters not just to Indians and Pakistanis but also to ghoulish experts in war and the business of war the world over.

As a child, I feverishly compared the relative merits of Pakistan's F-86 Sabres and F-104 Starfighters with our Gnats, Vampires and Mystères. Now it's F-16s and J-10s versus Rafales and Mirages but the difference is that I'm not eight years old. The mental age of desi newspapers hasn't changed though. They are, every last one, completely on message, in lockstep with the narrative of the State.

In the bad old days, in '65 and then in '71, the electronic media, namely radio and television (the little of it that there was in the form of Doordarshan), were owned by the State. Journalists dreamt wistfully of a time when the airwaves might pass into private ownership and a diversity of reportage and opinion might bloom.

AI's data privacy, security risks

Despite the benefits, financial planners expressed reservations regarding the use of artificial intelligence (AI), with 47 per cent citing data privacy and cybersecurity concerns, according to a report by FPSB India, the Indian subsidiary of the Financial Planning Standards Board. The report titled "How AI is Reshaping the Financial Planning Profession" further highlighted that about 42 per cent of financial companies' top executives are still concerned about the accuracy and reliability of AI outputs.

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port to stay on track to achieve their life goals," added FPSB CEO Dante De Gori, CFP.

The report further added that

crease access to financial planning for underserved populations.

The nonprofit standards-setting body for the global financial planning profession further observed that about 49 per cent of top executives of the financial planning firms expressed a need for professional development to improve their data analysis and interpretation skills.

Over a third (36 per cent) believe both the public and the financial planning profession will greatly benefit from general education.

Literature & Health

India reports significant progress in maternal and child health



tality during the pandemic years. Beyond the context of excess mortality, India has made remarkable strides in improving key maternal and child health indicators, as highlighted by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. According to the Sample Registration System (SRS) Report 2021, the country's Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) saw a significant

reduction, dropping from 130 per lakh live births in 2014-16 to 93 in 2019-21.

This decline of 37 points demonstrates a substantial improvement, moving India closer to the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target of reducing MMR to 70 per lakh live births by 2030. Eight states, including Kerala, Maharashtra, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh, have already achieved the SDG target. Child mortality indicators have also shown a consistent downward trend.

The Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) declined from 39 per 1,000 live births in 2014 to 27 per 1,000 live births in 2021. Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) fell from 26 per 1,000 live births in 2014 to 19 per 1,000 live births in 2021.

Bangladesh interim government bans Awami League



Bangladesh interim government on Saturday has taken a decision to ban Awami League, the oldest political party in the country. Bangladesh interim government bans Awami League. The press release further clarified that the decision was made to safeguard national security and sovereignty.

"The Advisory Council meeting discussed the need to protect the country's security and sovereignty, the security of the leaders and activists of the July Movement, and the protection of the plaintiffs and witnesses of the International Crimes Tribunal until the trial of the Bangladesh Awami League and its leaders is completed. A decision has been taken to ban all activities of the Awami League,

including in cyberspace, under the Anti-Terrorism Act," the statement said.

Several political parties and groups in Bangladesh, including the National Citizens Party (NCP), Jamaat-e-Islami and others, are protesting by surrounding the residence of Muhammad Yunus, the Chief Adviser to the interim government, demanding a ban on the Awami League. Awami

League President and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was ousted from power in a mass uprising on August 5 last year. She is currently in exile. After Sheikh Hasina's fall, an interim government was formed under the leadership of Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus. Almost all Awami League leaders and workers are currently in hiding.

POEM

"Mother's Day Special"

Mother! O loving mother! How could I put you in words?  
Even your reprimand echoes like the chirping of birds.  
Worthy of worship, for being benevolent and benign.  
Deserves reverence, acceptance and respect sublime.  
Full of goodness, peak of compassion.  
Deals solemnly with every aggression.  
Adorable figure, Paradise at her feet.  
A heart so pure, a soul so sweet.  
String of sacrifices, saga of her life.  
Majestically manages every strife.  
Embodiment of unconditional love, selfless devotion.  
Her nurturing touch comforts fluctuating emotions.  
Unwavering support, a pillar of strength.  
Unshakable faith, unfathomable love, her invaluable wealth.  
Always be grateful for her tireless and selfless services.  
Always be indebted to her for compromising choices.

By:- Harpreet kaur Barnala

Ceasefire after Pahalgam attack: A strategic pause or tactical error?

The sudden announcement of a ceasefire between India and Pakistan following weeks of escalating tensions has stirred deep public emotion and debate. Many, stunned by the development, are trying to decipher the rationale behind this move—especially after the gruesome Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 27 Hindu pilgrims.

Reflecting on history, the author draws parallels to Chanakya's wisdom—"destroy your enemy completely, or they will return stronger"—and Lord Krishna's prediction that diplomacy with the unrighteous would fail. These historical lenses are used to frame the ceasefire as a possible strategic maneuver rather than an act of surrender.

The piece contends that while India's opposition parties are likening the situation to the 1971 war that birthed Bangladesh, they fail to recognise the



stark differences. Bangladesh's secession was rooted in an indigenous liberation movement with India's support. In contrast, Pakistan continues to be accused of systematically nurturing terror net-

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Referencing past governments, the article criticises the 1972 Simla Agreement for surrendering strategic advantage and the 2008 UPA government's "inaction"

following the 26/11 attacks. In contrast, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is credited for promptly authorising "Operation Sindoor" to avenge the recent Pahalgam killings, demonstrating swift military resolve.

The piece lauds the operation's scale—claiming over 200 terrorists were neutralised, key Pakistani airbases were targeted, and India's S-400 system effectively repelled drone and missile attacks. According to the author, this projected India's military superiority to the world and reinforced its intent to eliminate terrorism without destabilising the region. On the economic front, the article argues that a prolonged war could derail India's trajectory toward becoming the third-largest global economy. It suggests that global investors, wary of instability, might shift back to China. Hence, the ceasefire, while temporary, is seen as a

move to maintain India's growth momentum while keeping military pressure intact.

China and Pakistan's reactions post-ceasefire—particularly China's alignment with Pakistan—are highlighted as indicators of geopolitical positioning. Despite this, the author asserts that Pakistan dared not reject the ceasefire outright, fearing existential consequences if hostilities continued.

Finally, the article recommends that India attach strict conditions to the ceasefire: any future terror act must be deemed an act of war, Pakistan must dismantle remaining terror infrastructure, and extradite key terrorists like Hafiz Saeed, Masood Azhar, and Dawood Ibrahim. Until terrorism is rooted out, India should maintain economic and diplomatic pressure, with "Operation Sindoor" ready to resume at any time.















Tanvi The Great: Karan Tacker to portray armyman in Anupam Kher’s directorial



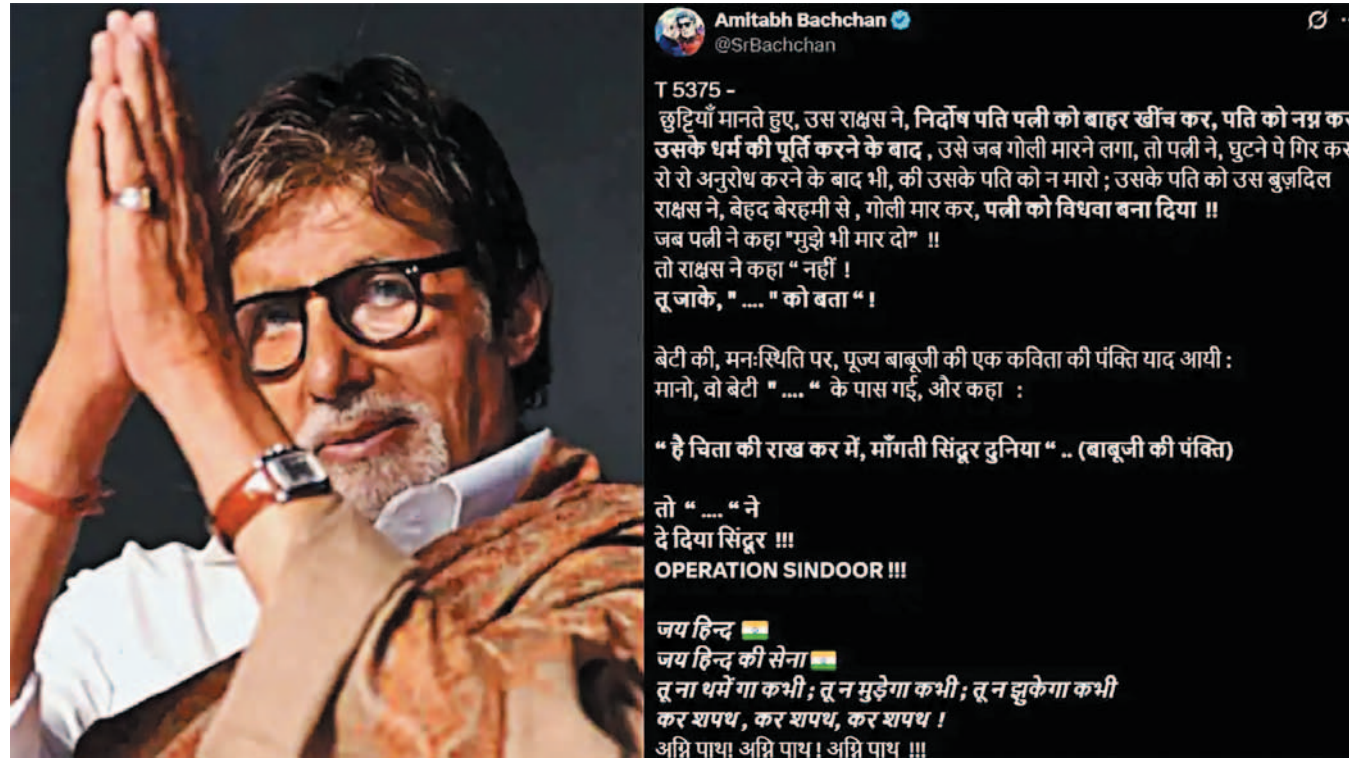
The Bihar Chapter’ actor Karan Tacker is all set to be a part of Anupam Kher’s directorial Tanvi The Great. This marks Tacker’s debut on the big screen after years of working in television and on streaming platforms. Kher released the film’s poster on Tacker’s birthday. The poster shows him as Captain Samar Raina, an Indian Army soldier. Along with the poster, Kher added a caption praising Tacker’s performance: “ACTORS OF TANVI THE GREAT: Happy Birthday Karan! When I watched #NeerajPandey’s ‘Special Ops’, I was deeply impressed by the presence and performance of #KaranTacker. #Khaki The Bihar Chapter was equally impressive! Karan has this unique ability to make his performances look effortless while still carrying the weight of a seasoned actor. The role he plays in #TanviTheGreat has these requirements! He carries the Indian Army uniform and the responsibilities that come along with it with finesse, dignity, and majestic grace. You will love him in TTG! Thank you, Karan, for your love, dedication, and BRILLIANCE! Happy Birthday once again, my friend. Jai Ho and Jai Hind! “

Saru - A tale of dreams and resilience of a village girl in a big city

CHANDIGARH : What happens when a village girl dares to dream beyond the boundaries that have been set for her by society? When her roots try to hold her back, but her ambition pushes her to fly? Zee TV, known for its compelling storytelling, is all set to unveil a new fiction show - Saru - that will leave you deeply inspired. Following the journey of Saru - a determined young woman from Khares village in Rajasthan, viewers will embark on a quest along with her as she fights for her dreams of higher education in a society where such aspirations are often stifled. With limited opportunities in her hometown and a mother hesitant to let her step out, Saru’s move to Mumbai for college marks the beginning of a transformative chapter—one filled with emotional upheavals, challenges, and personal growth. Produced by Shashi Sumeet Productions Pvt. Ltd, Saru premieres on 12th May 2025 and will air every day at 7:30 PM on Zee TV, taking viewers from the heart of rural Rajasthan to the bustling city life of Mumbai.

Mohak Matkar makes her debut as the lead, portraying Saru—a meticulous, confident, and independent young woman deeply rooted in her values. While righteous and bold, she is still vulnerable at her core and never backs down from a challenge. She is a Kabaddi champion with an unshakable dream of becoming a district commissioner, striving to build a better future for herself. Adding a layer of conflict and unpredictability to Saru’s journey is Anika, portrayed by

“Hai Chita ki raakh kar me, maangti sindoor duniya...”: Amitabh Bachchan salutes Indian army



Bollywood veteran Amitabh Bachchan has expressed profound admiration for the Indian Army’s valour following the recent Pahalgam terror attack and the military’s retaliatory Operation Sindoor. Speaking publicly for the first time on the matter, Bachchan shared an emotionally charged message on social media just hours after India and Pakistan formally announced a ceasefire. Bachchan had refrained from commenting immediately after the gruesome attack in Pahalgam, where terrorists targeted innocent tourists. However, on Sunday morning, he posted a heartfelt tribute that not only condemned the brutality but also honoured the Indian forces for their decisive response. In a heartfelt post on X, the legendary actor described the horrific scene in Pahalgam, writing, “While celebrating the holidays, that monster dragged the innocent couple outside, stripped the husband naked, and after fulfilling his duty, started shooting

him,” adding, “Even after the wife fell on her knees and cried and requested not to kill her husband, that cowardly monster shot her husband very ruthlessly, making the wife a widow.” a moment of literary poignancy, Bachchan reflected on the emotional toll through a reference to a line from a poem by his late father, renowned poet Harivansh Rai Bachchan. “Hai Chita ki raakh kar me, maangti sindoor duniya,” (“There are ashes of the funeral pyre, the world is asking for vermilion.”) He continued, invoking the name of the Indian army’s recent operation, “De diya sindoor, (“I gave you the vermilion!”) OPERATION SINDOOR!!!” Bachchan concluded his message with an impassioned salute to the nation’s defenders and the iconic lines of his poet father, “Jai Hind Jai Hind’s Army too na thamen ga kabhee; too na mudega kabhee; too na jhukega kabhee, kar shapath , kar shapath, kar shapath. Agni Path! Agni Path! Agni Path! (You will never stop; you will never turn back; you

will never bow down. Take an oath, take an oath, take an oath! Agni Path! Agni Path! Agni Path!!!”) On Saturday, India officially accused Pakistan of violating a ceasefire agreement that had only been hours old. At a special press briefing, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri noted, “There have been repeated violations of the understanding reached between the Directors General of Military Operations of the two countries. India takes very serious note of these violations.” The Indian Army has been instructed to respond decisively to any further cross-border aggression. “Our forces are giving an appropriate and proportionate response. We call upon Pakistan to address these violations with utmost seriousness,” Misri emphasised. Operation Sindoor, which followed the brutal Pahalgam attack, targeted multiple terror infrastructure points across the border, aiming to dismantle those responsible for harbouring and supporting such acts of violence.

“IMF better keep track of where their money goes...”: Raveena Tandon

With the IMF Board clearing loan to Pakistan amid its tensions with India which have been sparked by Islamabad’s support to cross-border terrorism, actor Raveena Tandon has said that IMF should “keep better keep track of where their money goes”. “The #IMF had better keep track of where their money goes. The big powers may have sanctioned this loan to get their earlier loans paid back, or so that more ammunition is bought, or whatever. But now, and never again, should Bharat bleed,” she said in a post on Instagram. Raveena also referred to the cessation of hostilities understanding between India and Pakistan and said if India is hit again due to Pakistan’s support to cross-border terrorism, there will be hell to pay. “If this is true, then it’s a welcome decision. #ceasefire. But make no mistake, the day India bleeds again due to #statesponsoredterrorism, it will be an act of war, and then there will be hell to pay,” she said. India said on Saturday that Pakistan has violated the understanding reached between DGMOs of the two countries earlier in the day on stoppage of firing and military action and that the Indian Army is retaliating and dealing with this border intrusion. At a special briefing,



Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said this is a breach of the understanding arrived at earlier today and India takes “very serious note of these violations”. India called upon Pakistan to take appropriate steps to address these violations and deal with the situation with seriousness and responsibility. Misri said India’s Armed Forces have been given instructions to deal strongly with any instances of repetition of the violations of the border along the International Border as well as the Line of Control. “For the last few hours, there have been repeated violations of

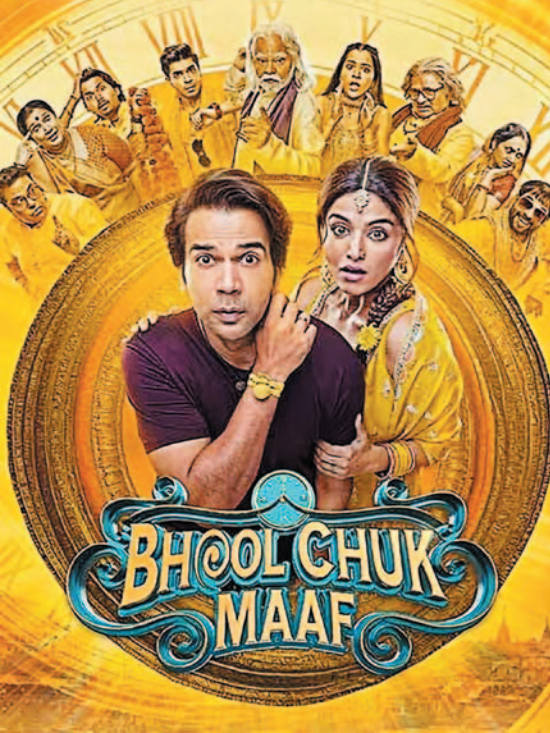
the understanding arrived at earlier this evening between the Directors General of Military Operations of India and Pakistan. This is a breach of the understanding arrived at earlier today. The armed forces are giving an adequate and appropriate response to these violations and we take very very serious note of these violations,” Misri said. “We call upon Pakistan to take appropriate steps to address these violations and deal with the situation with seriousness and responsibility. The armed forces are maintaining a strong vigil on the situation. They have been given instructions to deal strongly with any instances of repetition of the violations of the border along the International Border as well as the Line of Control,” he added. Earlier in the day, Foreign Secretary Misri told the media that Pakistan’s Director General of Military Operations contacted his Indian counterpart. “Pakistan’s Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) called Indian DGMO at 15:35 hours earlier this afternoon. It was agreed between them that both sides would stop all firing and military action on land and in the air and sea with effect from 1700 hours Indian Standard Time,” he said. “Today, instructions have been given on both sides to give effect to this understanding.

Harshvardhan Rana refuses Sanam Teri Kasam 2 with Pakistani actress Mawra Hocane



Actor Harshvardhan Rana, who starred in the 2016 film Sanam Teri Kasam alongside Pakistani actress Mawra Hocane, has announced that he will not be a part of its upcoming sequel if there is “any possibility of the previous cast being repeated.” This comes amid the ongoing tensions between India and Pakistan. Taking to his Instagram Stories, Rana wrote, “While I am grateful for the experience, as things stand and after reading the direct comments made about my country, I have made the decision to respectfully decline being a part of Sanam Teri Kasam Part 2 if there is any possibility of the previous cast being repeated.” another post, he also shared a screenshot of a news article that mentioned Mawra’s alleged remarks concerning India’s response to terrorism. He strongly criticized those comments, saying he cannot ignore such statements, regardless of professional opportunities. “I respect all artists and humans from this country, that country, Kenya, and even Mars, but derogatory remarks about my country by anyone are unpardonable. I’m okay with losing followers on Instagram, but I won’t allow anyone to trample on my pride and upbringing. Standing by your country is good, but disrespectful, hate-filled remarks about another country are not,” he added. India said on Saturday that Pakistan has violated the understanding reached between DGMOs of the two countries earlier in the day on stoppage of firing and military action and that the Indian Army is retaliating and dealing with this border intrusion. At a special briefing, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said this is a breach of the understanding arrived at earlier today and India takes “very serious note of these violations.” India called upon Pakistan to take appropriate steps to address these violations and deal with the situation with seriousness and responsibility. Misri said India’s Armed Forces have been given instructions to deal strongly with any instances of repetition of the violations of the border along the International Border as well as the Line of Control. “For the last few hours, there have been repeated violations of the understanding arrived at earlier this evening between the Directors General of Military Operations of India and Pakistan. This is a breach of the understanding arrived at earlier today. The armed forces are giving an adequate and appropriate response to these violations and we take very very serious note of these violations,” Misri said. “We call upon Pakistan to take appropriate steps to address these violations and deal with the situation with seriousness and responsibility. The armed forces are maintaining a strong vigil on the situation.

No OTT release for Bhool Chuk Maaf till next hearing



The Bombay High Court on Saturday granted an ad-interim injunction halting Maddock Films from releasing ‘Bhool Chuk Maaf’ on OTT platforms before completing the agreed 8-week theatrical run with PVR Inox. The decision comes after PVR Inox approached the court following Maddock Films’ announcement that the movie would skip its theatrical release due to “heightened security drills across the nation” and go straight to Amazon Prime Video on May 16. The announcement came just a day before the film’s scheduled theatrical release on May 9. “In light of recent events and the heightened security drills across the nation, we at Maddock Films and Amazon MGM Studios have decided to bring our family entertainer, Bhool Chuk Maaf, directly to your homes on May 16—only on Prime Video, worldwide,” the production house said in a social media statement. Soon after, PVR Inox approached the court, demanding that the film be released in theatres first. It stated that the last-minute change was a clear breach of their contract, which was signed on May 6, 2025. They also pointed out that the agreement included an 8-week window before the movie could be streamed online. Bhool Chuk Maaf, directed and written by Karan Sharma, features Rajkumar Rao and Wamiqa Gabbi together on screen for the first time. The next hearing is scheduled for June 16.

Kichcha Sudeepa pens letter to PM Modi, lauds ‘Operation Sindoor’

Actor Kichcha Sudeepa lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s leadership and praised the successful execution of Operation Sindoor, calling it “not just a response, but a statement.” Sudeep, in a letter to Modi, expressed his admiration for the Prime Minister’s strong stance and the Indian defense forces’ actions following the May 2 terror attack in Pahalgam, which claimed 26 lives. Operation Sindoor, launched on the intervening night of May 7-8, struck nine terror sites inside Pakistan. “Today, I write to you not just as a grateful son, but as a proud Indian. As the nation salutes the triumph of Operation Sindoor, I write to you with deep admiration. It was not just a response; it was a statement—a bold, decisive message to the world that Bharat does not flinch, Bharat does not forget, and Bharat always rises,” read a part of his letter. Praising the discipline and courage shown by the armed forces under Modi’s leadership, the actor added, “Under your leadership, our defense forces have demonstrated unmatched precision, discipline, and bravery. Their success is our pride. We stand united as ONE PEOPLE, ONE VOICE, ONE NATION. Jai Hind. Jai Karnataka. Jai Bharat.” Meanwhile, on Saturday, amid escalating cross-border tensions between India and Pakistan, US President Donald Trump announced that both nations had agreed to a “full and immediate ceasefire.” Sharing a post on social media platform Truth Social, Trump wrote, “After a long night of talks mediated by the United States.



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