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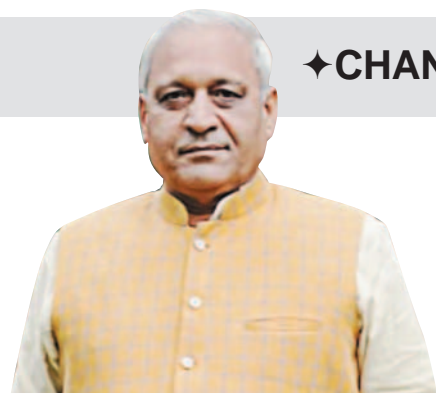
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FOLLOWING ZERO  
TOLERANCE  
POLICY AGAINST  
CORRUPTION**  
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**AIRPORTS REOPEN IN  
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**'RRR' GETS GRAND  
SCREENING AT LONDON'S  
ROYAL ALBERT HALL**

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Chandigarh, Amritsar airports reopen for civilian flights

**UNI CHANDIGARH:** Chandigarh's Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport and Amritsar's Sri Guru Ramdas Jee International Airport reopened on Monday for civilian/commercial flights, official sources said. Airports, shut down after India's 'Operation Sindoor', have been reopened after a ceasefire between India and Pakistan was announced a couple of days back. Deputy Commissioner, Mohali announced on social media X: "Chandigarh airport is now open for normal civil flight operations with immediate effect as per information conveyed by CEO CHIAL. Earlier, the Airports Authority of India had announced that 32 airports were now available for civil aircraft operations with immediate effect."

### Gold tanks Rs 3,400 to Rs 96,550/10 g

**NEW DELHI:** Gold prices tanked sharply by Rs 3,400 to Rs 96,550 per 10 grams in the national capital on Monday as traders shifted from safe-haven buying after the US declared a 90-day pause on tariff against Chinese imports. According to the All India Sarafa Association, the precious metal of 99.5 per cent purity plunged Rs 3,400 to Rs 96,100 per 10 grams on Monday. This marks the steepest fall in 10 months since gold prices plunged Rs 3,350 on July 23, 2024. Gold of 99.9 and 99.5 per cent purity had settled at Rs 99,950 and Rs 99,500 per 10 grams on Saturday.

# Future talks with Pakistan only on Pok, terror: Modi

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, MAY 12

India will brook no discussion with Pakistan on the Jammu and Kashmir issue except to demand the return of Pak-occupied Kashmir, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Monday night in his first address to the nation since a ceasefire halted the nearly 100-hour military conflict with Pakistan.

In his speech the Prime Minister hailed the bravery of the Indian armed forces and lamented the barbarity of the



training centres... they never thought India would strike them. But when Indian missiles and drones hit Pakistan, the foundation of these terrorist groups was shaken... they wiped sindoor off our sisters... we wiped out their centres."

This military operation, the PM said, put terrorist forces worldwide on alert and set out the "new normal" in their evil world. "... if they attack India, we will respond... and strike the roots of terrorism."

attack in Pahalgam. Mr Modi grieved for the 26 killed in the attack, many of whom were civilians, and said the terrorists' viciousness warranted "strong action" against those responsible.

"On May 7 the world saw this resolution turn into action. We struck their

There was talk that Pak attached 'conditions' to the ceasefire, including the re-activation of the Indus Waters Treaty India suspended as part of non-military post-Pahalgam measures.

## Operation Sindoor Is India's Policy Against Terror

**NEW DELHI:** Operation Sindoor that smashed terror infrastructure in Pakistan was not just an operation but a doctrinal change and a policy against terror, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said today in a televised address, his first since India launched cruise missiles at terror facilities in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK).

## India will not tolerate any "nuclear blackmail

**NEW DELHI:** Asserting that India will not tolerate any "nuclear blackmail", Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said that operations against Pakistan have only been kept in abeyance and the future will depend on their behaviour. In his first address to the nation after Operation Sindoor, Modi said while Pakistan pleaded with India to stop the military offensive, New Delhi considered it only after they promised to stop their misadventure. The Prime Minister termed the Pahalgam attack as the most "barbaric face of terrorism" saying it was personal pain for him but the enemy has now realised the consequences of removing "sindoor" from the forehead of our women.

## Punjab challenges court order on water release

BUREAU  
CHANDIGARH, MAY 12:

The Punjab Government has filed a review petition in court challenging the May 6 order regarding water release, terming it incorrect and based on misleading information presented before the hon'ble court.

Giving further details, the official spokesperson said, the Punjab Government informed in the petition that the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) is attempting to illegally divert Punjab's water to Haryana at the behest of the BJP-led Central Government. The Punjab Government has raised serious concerns over the proce-



dural irregularities and misrepresentation of facts that led to the disputed court order. The Government has clarified that attempts were made to mislead the court by incorrectly portraying the May 2 meeting as a formal decision-making forum. The Punjab Government in-

formed that no official minutes of the meeting were ever provided to state authorities. Only a press note was circulated, which cannot be considered an official record of decisions made. How can an order be implemented when no formal decision was made in the first place?," questioned the state government, saying that the BBMB has overstepped its authority by attempting to release water to Haryana without completing the required legal process. The Punjab Government highlighted that even the union Government failed to produce official minutes of the May 2 meeting when directed by the court, instead presenting only what they termed a "discussion record."

# Our fight is against terrorists, not with Pakistan Military: Air Marshal

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, MAY 12

Air Marshal AK Bharti stated on Monday that the purpose of Operation Sindoor was to target terrorists, and not to engage with the Pakistan Military or Pakistani civilians. Addressing a press briefing, Air Marshal Bharti said, "Our fight is with the terrorists, our fight is not with the Pakistan Military or Pakistani civilians, so that is very clear. We are very clear in our targeting." Air Marshal emphasised that the Indian Armed Forces showcased their effectiveness through precise strikes during Opera-



tion Sindoor."Our counter systems and trained air defence operators are fully capable, and our nation's indigenous capability has proven its effectiveness. It has been demonstrated that no matter what kind of technology

emerges, we are prepared to counter it. There is no need for excessive words, you have seen with your own eyes the consequences we have delivered," he stated. Highlighting the evolving nature of modern warfare, Air Marshal AK Bharti stated that future conflicts would differ drastically from previous engagements and stressed the importance of staying ahead of adversaries in an ever-changing battlefield. "This was a different kind of warfare and is bound to happen. God forbid, but if we fight another war, that would be completely different from this one. It is a cat-and-mouse game, and we need to

## India confirms downing Pakistani Mirage Jet

**NEW DELHI:** India today confirmed that a Pakistani Mirage fighter jet was brought down during Operation Sindoor. Wreckage of a Pakistani Mirage could be seen in a video shared by the Indian Army. At a high-level press briefing in New Delhi, senior commanders from the Indian Army, Air Force, and Navy provided a comprehensive account of Operation Sindoor, launched on May 7 in retaliation for a deadly terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam on April 22 that killed 26 people. Indian intelligence services have linked the attack to the Pakistan-based terrorist group Lashkar-e-Taiba, and to elements within Pakistan's military establishment. The briefing was jointly led by Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai, Director General Air Operations Air Vice Marshal AK Bharti, and Director General of Naval Operations Vice Admiral AN Pramod. "Our battle-proven systems stood the test of time and take them head-on. Another highlight has been the stellar performance of the indigenous air defence system, the Akash system. Putting together and operationalising the potent AD environment has been possible only because of budgetary and policy support from the government of India in the last decade," Air Vice Marshal AK Bharti said at the briefing.

# 32 airports closed due to India-Pak standoff set to reopen

AGENCY  
MUMBAI, MAY 12

Civil aviation authorities have decided to reopen 32 airports that were shut for civil flight operations following last week's armed conflict between India and Pakistan, official sources said on Monday. A formal announcement regarding the resumption of operations at these airports is expected to be announced soon, the sources added.



# Sharp rally in markets makes investors richer by Rs 16.15 lakh cr

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, MAY 12

Dalal Street investors became richer by Rs 16.15 lakh crore on Monday as markets skyrocketed nearly 4 per cent, after India and Pakistan announced reaching an understanding to stop all firings and military actions on land, air and sea.

Also, a trade agreement between the US and China added to the markets' optimism.

After starting the trade on an optimistic note, the 30-share BSE benchmark gauge Sensex further jumped 2,975.43 points or 3.74 per cent to settle at 82,429.90. During the day, it rallied 3,041.5 points or 3.82 per cent to a high of 82,495.97.

"The ceasefire between India and Pakistan has paved the way for a sharp rally in the market," Do-



mestic macros like expectations of high GDP growth and revival of earnings growth in FY26 and declining inflation and interest rates augur well for the resumption of a rally in the market," Vijayakumar added. A sustained buying by the foreign institutional investors is also a prime mover of today's rally, he add-

ed. Amidst the jump in the broader indices, companies operating in the pharma space have, however, taken a relative hit. The pharma stocks took cues from the news that US President Donald Trump will sign an executive order later in the day, intending to bring down the cost of prescription medicines by 30-80 per cent. Nifty pharma index closed at 0.15 per cent higher while other sectoral indices jumped 2-4 per cent. Pharma sector stocks in the Indian stock market showed strong resilience despite initial pressure due to the anticipated executive order by Trump aimed at cutting prescription drug prices in the US. "Pharma stocks may come under near-term pressure from President Trump's latest announcement regarding reducing prices of drugs in the US," Vijayakumar noted.

# 17 new born girls named 'Sindoor' in UP after Indian Army's Military Op

AGENCY  
KUSHINAGAR, MAY 12

Inspired by Operation Sindoor, India's military action against Pakistan to avenge the Pahalgam terror attack last month, 17 newborn girls here have been named Sindoor by their families.

"As many as 17 newborn girls born in a span of two days - on May 10 and 11 - in Kushinagar Medical College have been named Sindoor by their family members," Principal Dr RK Shahi told a news agency on Monday.

Twenty-six people, mostly



tourists, were killed and several injured when terrorists opened fire at Baisaran meadow near the popular tourist town of Pahalgam

in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on April 22. Indian Army launched Operation Sindoor on May 7 to destroy nine terror infrastructures in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir in retaliation to the Pahalgam terror attack. All subsequent retaliations to Pakistani offensives were carried out under the moniker Operation Sindoor. Hailing Indian armed forces for "giving a befitting reply to Pakistan", Kushinagar resident Archana Shahi who recently gave birth to a baby girl, said she named her daughter after the military operation.

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# Virat Kohli announces test retirement, says it's not easy but feels right

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, MAY 12:

India's batting talisman Virat Kohli on Monday announced his retirement from Test cricket, ending a spectacular run in the format which celebrated him as its saviour at a time when T20 cricket took centre-stage globally.

The 36-year-old Kohli, who admitted that it wasn't an easy call to make, turned up in 123 Tests for India, scoring 9230 runs with 30 hundreds at an average of 46.85. He will now only play in ODIs,



having already retired from T20 Internationals last year.

"I'm walking away with a heart full of gratitude - for the game, for the people I shared the field with, and for every single person who made me feel seen along the way," Kohli announced on his instagram page, putting an end to incessant speculation about his future in the format. "It's been 14 years since I first wore the baggy blue in Test cricket.

Honestly, I never imagined the journey this format would take me on. It's tested me, shaped me, and taught me lessons I'll carry for life," he added. The megastar's last Test assignment was a largely underwhelming tour of Australia in which he managed just one hundred. He ends his career well short of the 10,000 run mark, which was at one stage considered a formality. The right-hander nonetheless signs off as a giant of the format with seven double hundreds, the highest for an Indian and well ahead of the iconic duo of Sunil Gavaskar (4), Sachin Tendulkar (6), Virender Sehwag (6) and Rahul Dravid (5).



COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF Sh. Gurntarap Singh  
Additional Principal Judge Family Court,  
Ludhiana  
**NEHA VOHRA**  
Vs.  
**NIKHIL VOHRA**  
CNR No. PBLD01-029286-2023  
Next Date:- 05-06-2025

Detail of offence:-

NOTICE TO:  
NIKHIL VOHRA  
FATHER:- SH. CHARANJIT SINGH  
VOHRA, R/O-H.NO. 396, CHITTA  
MANDIR ROAD, NEAR CHAWLA  
NURSING HOME, YAMUNANAGAR,  
HARYANA, LUDHIANA, PUNJAB

In above titled case, the accused could  
not be served. It is ordered that accused  
should appear in person or through  
counsel on 05-06-2025 at 10.00 a.m.

For details login to  
[https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?mod=detail\\_notice&district=mogacourt](https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?mod=detail_notice&district=mogacourt)

Additional Principal Judge  
Family Court, Ludhiana  
Dated, this day of 26-04-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Devinder Singh S/o Avtar Singh  
R/o Marauli Kalan Distt.  
Rupnagar-140101 Punjab, India,  
that my name in all my documents  
is Devinder Singh. That on my  
son's Passport my name has been  
written as Davinder Singh Mann  
which is incorrect. my correct  
name is Devinder Singh.

63372  
I, NO 3003149-P Rank CHM,  
Name Rajkumar Singh Sikarwar  
of (Unit) 21 Rajput C/O 56 APO,  
Residing at Khandoli, Kok Singh  
Ka Pura, Joura, District Morena,  
State Madhya Pradesh 476001,  
Hereby declare that I have  
changed my son's name from  
Kaushal Singh To Kaushal  
Sikarwar. Due to wrongly entered  
in my service record. Both names  
pertain to one and the same  
person. Vide Affidavit No. IN-  
PB33481806807869X Dated  
09/05/2025 Attested by Notary  
Public (Govt. Of India) kindly  
correct it.

63372  
I, Maha Devi, is legally Mother of  
No. 3003149-P Rank CHM, Name  
Rajkumar Singh Sikarwar, of  
(Unit) 21 Rajput C/O 56 APO,  
Residing at Khandoli, Kok Singh  
Ka Pura, Joura, Distt. Morena,  
State Madhya Pradesh 476001,  
Hereby declare that I have  
changed my name from Maha  
Devi To Indira and my date of birth  
From 01/07/1963 To 01/01/1969.  
Due to wrongly entered in my  
son's service record. Both names  
and Dob pertains to one and the  
same person. Vide Affidavit No.  
IN-PB33482797888120X Dated  
09/05/2025 Attested by Notary  
Public (Govt. Of India) Kindly  
Correct it.

63372  
I, Gurwinder Kaur (UID No.  
378187208163) W/o. Baljit Singh  
R/o. H.No. 3169/1, Near Guru Teg  
Bahadar Gurudwara, Moti Nagar,  
Ludhiana, Punjab-141010 do  
hereby declare that my name is  
Gurwinder Kaur and also known  
by Gurvinder Kaur. That  
Gurwinder Kaur and Gurvinder  
Kaur both names are mine and of  
one & same person.

63372  
I, Baljit Singh (UID No.  
585753198925) S/o. Rajbalinder  
Singh R/o. H.No. 3169/1, Near  
Guru Teg Bahadar Gurudwara,  
Moti Nagar, Ludhiana, Punjab-  
141010 do hereby declare that my  
name is Baljit Singh and also  
known by Baljeet Singh. That  
Baljit Singh and Baljeet Singh  
both names are mine and of one &  
same person.

63372  
I, Hardeep Kaur, (Adhar Card No  
2902 9602 1928) W/o Harjit  
Singh, R/o Village Dhoul Khurd  
Tehsil Payal, Distt Ludhiana,  
inform that in the school records of  
my minor daughter Auneet Kaur,  
my name is written as Hardip  
Kaur, whereas my real name is  
Hardeep Kaur.

63372

Form No. INC-26

[Pursuant to rule 30 of the Companies  
(Incorporation) Rules, 2014]

Advertisement to be published in the  
newspaper for change of registered office of  
the company from one state to another Before  
the Central Government Northern Region

In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13  
of the Companies Act, 2013 and clause (4) of  
sub-rule (5) of rule 30 of the Companies  
(Incorporation) Rules, 2014  
and

In the matter of EVERYSUNRISE  
INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE LIMITED  
CIN NO: U46498PB2024 PTC060558  
Registered Office: H.No 127/B/1 Sunny,  
Enclave Sector 125 Kharar, Kharar  
(Rupnagar), Rupnagar, Kharar, Punjab,  
India, 140301, Petitioner

Notice is hereby given to the General Public  
that the company proposes to make  
application to the Central Government under  
section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013  
seeking confirmation of alteration of the  
Memorandum of Association of the  
Company in terms of the special resolution  
passed at the Extra ordinary general meeting  
held on Saturday, 19 April, 2025 to enable the  
company to change its Registered office from  
Kharar, in the State of Punjab to "Kolkata in  
the State of West Bengal".

Any person whose interest is likely to be  
affected by the proposed change of the  
registered office of the company may deliver  
either on the MCA-21 portal  
([www.mca.gov.in](http://www.mca.gov.in)) by filing investor  
complaint form or cause to be delivered or  
sent by registered post of his/her objections  
supported by an affidavit stating the nature of  
his/her interest and grounds of opposition to  
the Regional Director at the address B-2  
Wing, 2nd floor, Pt. Deendayal Aiyodhya  
Bhawan, 2nd floor, CGO Complex, New  
Delhi - 110003 within fourteen days of the  
date of publication of this notice with a copy  
to the applicant company with a copy of the  
applicant company at its registered office at  
the address mentioned below:

EVERYSUNRISE INTERNATIONAL  
PRIVATE LIMITED

H. No 127/B/1 Sunny, Enclave Sector 125  
Kharar, Kharar (Rupnagar), Rupnagar,  
Kharar, Punjab, India, 140301  
For and on behalf of the Applicant  
EVERYSUNRISE INTERNATIONAL  
PRIVATE LIMITED  
Sd/- ARCHANA SHARMA Director  
(DIN: 10327912)  
Date: 06.05.2025  
Place: Kharar

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Jaswant Kaur, wife of late Balbir  
Singh, resident of village Ishakh,  
Tehsil Pehowa, District  
Kurukshetra, Haryana, hereby  
declare that my son Ravinder  
Singh and his wife Charanjit Singh  
are beyond my control and  
therefore I hereby evict them from  
my movable and immovable land  
property which I have purchased  
or inherited. The person who  
deals with them will be held  
responsible.

989666  
I Gurbachan Singh (Aadhar Card  
Number 7258 4799 6447) Son of  
Sh. Piara Lal Residence of, 73,  
Ward No 5, Bhagwan Nagar  
Colony, Pipli, Kurukshetra declare  
that my Son Ashok Kumar and his  
wife Rubi are out of my control and  
I disown him all my movable and  
immovable Properties. In future ,  
if any one deals with him are  
responsible for its own, we are not  
responsible for their further  
delings and behaviour.

50008  
I, Muhammad Akhtar S/o Tufail  
Muhammad, Village Rohira,  
Tehsil Ahmedgarh, District  
Malerkotla, declare that I have  
disown my son Muhammad Yasin  
and daughter-in-law Nasreen  
from all my movable and  
immovable properties as they are  
beyond my control. Anyone who  
has dealings with them will be  
responsible for their actions.

63372  
I, Sardool Singh, So Rabhhir  
Singh, R/o Kharouri village, Tehsil  
and District Fatehgarh Sahib,  
is stating that due to my boy  
Jagdeep Singh and daughter in  
law Manpreet Kaur being  
unavailable, they are evicting  
them from their movable  
immovable property, and anyone  
dealing with them will be  
personally responsible.

63372  
I, Mohd Suleman S/o Fazal Din  
R/o Iqbal Colony, Backside bus  
stand, Malerkotla, near Abad Rajee  
da Bagh, Subhan Hospital,  
Malerkotla, District Malerkotla,  
declare that my son Ajmal  
Suleman is beyond my control.  
Therefore, I disinherit my son from  
all my movable and immovable  
property. Anyone who deals with  
or has any dealings with this will  
be held personally responsible.

63372  
I, Gurdarshan Singh R/o Lal Singh  
R/o Vill: Morkarima Sub Teh-  
Mullanpur Dakhan Distt. Ludhiana  
declare that my son Gurinder  
Singh and his wife Amandeep  
Kaur is out of my control. So I  
disown with them from my  
moveable/immovable property. If  
anybody dealing with them at  
his/her own risk.

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I Sukhjinder Singh S/o Jasvir  
Singh R/o Village Sarai Kham,  
Po Gill Seowal Teh. Nakodar  
Dt. Jalandhar Punjab-  
144701. Declare That  
Name Of My Minor Son  
Wrongly Passport Written  
As Shamsheer Singh  
Dhaliwal The Actual Name  
Of My Son Is Samsher  
Singh Dhaliwal concerned  
note.

989666  
I , Manju W/o Amit Singh  
R/o Village Kheri Simbal  
Wali , Sub. Tehsil Rajmoud  
Distt Kaithal (haryana)  
Have Changed My Name  
From Manju To Manju Devi.  
Concerned Please Note.

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Before the Central Government Northern  
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CAPITAL VENTURES PVT. LTD.  
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Wing, 2nd floor, Pt. Deendayal Aiyodhya  
Bhawan, 2nd floor, CGO Complex, New  
Delhi - 11003 within fourteen days of the  
date of publication of this notice with a copy  
to the applicant company with a copy of the  
applicant company at its registe red office at  
the address mentioned below:

EVERYSUNSHINE CAPITAL  
VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED  
No 127/B/1 Sunny, Enclave Sector 125,  
Kharar (Rupnagar), Rupnagar, Kharar,  
Punjab, India, 140301  
For and on behalf of the Applicant  
EVERYSUNSHINE CAPITAL  
VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED  
Sd/- ARCHANA SHARMA Director  
(DIN: 10327912)  
Date: 10/05/2025  
Place: Kharar

PUBLIC NOTICE

ਮੈਂ ਜੱਥ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁਤਰ ਧੀ ਧਰਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਗਾਂਢ  
ਸਗਲਾ ਰੋਡੀਅਨ ਰਹਿਸੀਲ ਇਨ੍ਹੀ ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਕਰਨਾਲਾ ਕਾ  
ਰਹਨੇ ਵਾਲਾ ਹੂੰ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਕਰਨਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ  
ਪੁਤਰ ਦਿਲਬਾਗ ਆਰ ਅਸ਼ਕੀ ਪਲੀ ਕਾਜਲ ਦੀਓਂ  
ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਨੇ ਸੁਨਨੇ ਸੇ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ ਮੈਂ ਅਪਨੇ ਪੁਤਰ  
ਦਿਲਬਾਗ ਕਾ ਪੁਤਰਬੁਧ ਕਾਜਲ ਕੋ ਅਪਨੀ ਰਮਮਾ  
ਚਲ ਕਾ ਅਚਲ ਸਮੱਪਤਿ ਸੇ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਨਾ ਹੂੰ ।  
ਭਾਵਿਧਿ ਮੈਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਸੇ ਕਿਸੀ ਧਰਮ ਕਾ ਕੋਈ ਲੇਨਾ ਦੇਨਾ  
ਕਰੇਗਾ ਯਾ ਕਿਸੀ ਭੀ ਧਰਮ ਕਾ ਲਭਾਏਂ ਭਗਤ  
ਕਰੇਗਾ ਤੋ ਅਸਕੇ ਲਿਯੇ ਵਹੇ ਸਵਯੰ ਭਿਯੋਵਾਰ  
ਹੋਗਾ ਇਸਮੇਂ ਮੇਰੀ ਕਾ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਕੇ ਕਿਸੀ ਅਨਯ  
ਸਦਯਕ ਕੋਈ ਭਿਯੋਵਾਰੀ ਨਹੀ ਹੋਗੀ ।

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Mr Jagjit Singh Holder of Indian  
Passport No. W1143291 and Miss  
Sandeep Kaur Holder of Indian  
Passport No. P3631338 intend getting  
married at the Embassy of India,  
Athens under the Foreign Marriage  
Act, 1969 of India. Objection, If Any,  
may be conveyed to the Embassy of  
India, Athens within 30 Days.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Ravi Yadav, son of Shri Satyanarayan, son of Shri  
Bhola Ram, son of Shri Mahanag, community Ahir resident  
of Mohalla Gadda (Purani Manjhi), Narnaul, Tehsil Narnaul,  
District Mahendragarh (Haryana), hereby state that my  
grandfather Bhola Ram, son of Shri Mahanag, passed  
away on 18.09.2001. Whose death certificate number is  
270. My grandmother Kalavati Devi wife of Shri Bhola Ram  
died on 03.06.2012. Whose death certificate registration  
number is 168. It is that she has an heir Satyanarayan. Who  
died on 24.11.2022. Whose registration number is  
0811031500000101532022. The legitimate heirs of  
my father are as follows: 1. Gyan Singh Yadav son of Late  
Shri Satyanarayan, 2. Rishu Yadav son of Late Shri  
Satyanarayan 3. Ravi Yadav son of Late Shri Satyanarayan  
4. Smt. Munni Devi wife (widow) of Late Shri Satyanarayan.  
That apart from the above mentioned heirs, late Shri  
Satyanarayan has no legitimate/legal heir or successor. If  
any person has any objection regarding the above  
mentioned persons, he can lodge objection within 30 days in  
Narnaul Panchayat and Tehsil Office Narnaul.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ਖੇਤੀ ਸੰਦਾਂ ਦੀ ਬੋਲੀ  
ਦੀ ਕੋਟ ਸ਼ਮੀਰ ਬਹੁਮੰਤ ਦੀ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ  
ਖੇਤੀਬਾੜੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਸਭਾ ਲਿਮਿਟਡ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਬਠਿੰਡਾ  
ਹਰ ਅਮ ਤੇ ਖਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ  
ਦੀ ਕੋਟ ਸ਼ਮੀਰ ਬਹੁਮੰਤ ਦੀ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਖੇਤੀਬਾੜੀ  
ਸੇਵਾ ਸਭਾ ਲਿਮਿਟਡ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਹੇਠ  
ਲਿਖੇ ਸੰਦਾਂ:-  
1. ਜੀਵੇ ਭਵਿੱਲ,  
2. ਰੋਟਾਵੇਟਰ 8 ਡੂੰਟ,  
3. ਰੋਪੀ ਸੀਡਰ 10 ਟਾਈਲ,  
4. ਚੰਪਰ, 5. ਰੋਟਾਵੇਟਰ 7 ਡੂੰਟ,  
6. ਰੋਪੀ ਸੀਡਰ 10 ਟਾਈਲ,  
7. ਰੋਪੀ ਸੀਡਰ 10 ਟਾਈਲ  
ਦੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਸਭਾ ਦੇ ਮੁੱਖ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿਖੇ 20 ਮਈ ਨੂੰ  
ਸਮਾਂ 10:30 ਵਜੇ ਰਾਖੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਬੋਲੀ ਦੇਣ  
ਦੇ ਚਾਲਵਾਨ ਮੌਜੂਦ ਸਿਰ ਪਹੁੰਚ ਸਵੇਰੇ ਹਨ, ਸ਼ਰਤਾਂ  
ਮੌਜੂਦ ਪਰ ਹੀ ਦੱਸੀਆਂ ਜਾਣਗੀਆਂ।  
ਵਧੇਰੇ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਲਈ  
ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ:- ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ 72698-40000  
ਮਤੇ ਸਕੱਤਰ 98761-44802

I Sikander Basra S/o Kartar  
Basra Vill. Bhagatpur, Tehsil  
Batala, (Gurdaspur) Declare that  
In my Passport my name is  
written Sikandar Basra and my  
Vill. Name is VPO Ghoman  
Bhagatpur is wrongly recorded.  
But my correct name is Sikander  
Basra and Village name is VPO  
Ghoman Bhagatpur.

63372  
I, hitherto known as Abhishek  
S/o Amarjit, Mohalla Ravidass  
Pura, Nurmahal, Po. Nurmahal,  
Teh. Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar  
, Punjab, Pin code-  
144039, have changed my  
name and shall hereafter be  
known As Abhishek Sunder.

63372  
I, Harmail Singh Nijjar S/o  
Ranjit Singh, Vill. Bambianwali,  
Po. Kukar Pind, Teh. Jalandhar-  
I, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab,  
Pincode-144024, have  
changed the name of my minor  
son namely Amrit Pal Singh  
aged 15 year and he shall  
hereafter be known as Amrit  
Pal Singh Nijjar.

63372  
I, Harmail Singh Nijjar S/o  
Ranjit Singh, Vill. Bambianwali,  
Po. Kukar Pind, Teh. Jalandhar-  
I, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab,  
Pincode-144024, have  
changed the name of my minor  
daughter namely Jasdeep  
Kaur aged 17 year and she  
shall hereafter be known as  
Jasdeep Kaur Nijjar.

63372  
I, Malkit Singh S/o Santokh  
Singh R/o #46 S.S. City Near  
Sidhu Restaurant Shamsheer  
Nagar Sirhind Teh & Distt.  
Fatehgarh Sahib have  
changed my name to Malkit  
Singh Saroya.

63372  
I Hitherto Known as Rahul S/O  
Rashpal VPO Kotli Than Singh,  
Tehsil Jalandhar District  
Jalandhar (Punjab) Pin code  
144101, Have Changed My  
Name and Shall Hereafter Be  
Known as Rahul Chumber.

63372  
I, Kesar Babu Chauhan S/o  
Kishan Chand R/o #14963  
St.No. 3 W.No. 1 Near NFL  
Township Gobind Nagar  
Bathinda have changed my  
name to Kesar Babu.

63372  
I, Nareesh Kumar Garg S/o  
Dewan Chand Garg R/o 40Ft  
Road Namdev Marg Corner  
Bhatti Road Bathinda have  
changed my name to Nareesh  
Garg.

63372  
I, Manisha Kaur D/o Gurjeet  
Singh R/o Ghataron  
Teh. Nawanshahr, Distt. SBS  
Nagar have changed my name  
from Manisha to Manisha

63372  
I, Kulwinder Kaur W/o  
Gurcharan Singh R/o Defence  
Bandh Aman Colony Near Jot  
Ata Chakkhi Sirhind Distt.  
Fatehgarh Sahib have  
changed my name to Kulwinder

63372  
I, Kulwinder Singh S/o Lal  
Singh R/o House No. 1, W.No.  
12, Shahi Sports College  
road, Samrala, Tehsil  
Samrala, Distt. Ludhiana have  
changed the name of my  
minor son from Gurmaan  
Singh Gaibay to Gurmaan  
Singh.

63372  
I, Avtar Singh S/o Sohan  
Singh R/o Raiya Wali Khuh,  
Vpo. Ranian, Moga (Pb), I  
Have Changed My Name To  
Singh Avtar.

63372  
I Hitherto Known as Gurdev  
Singh S/O Charan Singh  
Village Shamshabad .PO Kot  
Badal Khan, Tehsil Phillaur  
District Jalandhar (Punjab)  
144039, have changed my  
name and shall hereafter be  
known as Dev Singh.

63372

I Jasvir Kaur Gill W/o Avtar  
Singh R/o Koir Singh Wala,  
Teh. Phul, Distt. Bathinda have  
the Changed My name Jasvir  
Kaur Gill to Jasvir Kaur.

63372  
I, hitherto known as Abhishek  
S/o Amarjit, Mohalla Ravidass  
Pura, Nurmahal, Po. Nurmahal,  
Teh. Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar  
, Punjab, Pin code-  
144039, have changed my  
name and shall hereafter be  
known As Abhishek Sunder.

63372  
I, Harmail Singh Nijjar S/o  
Ranjit Singh, Vill. Bambianwali,  
Po. Kukar Pind, Teh. Jalandhar-  
I, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab,  
Pincode-144024, have  
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son namely Amrit Pal Singh  
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hereafter be known as Amrit  
Pal Singh Nijjar.

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Ranjit Singh, Vill. Bambianwali,  
Po. Kukar Pind, Teh. Jalandhar-  
I, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab,  
Pincode-144024, have  
changed the name of my minor  
daughter namely Jasdeep  
Kaur aged 17 year and she  
shall hereafter be known as  
Jasdeep Kaur Nijjar.

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I, Malkit Singh S/o Santokh  
Singh R/o #46 S.S. City Near  
Sidhu Restaurant Shamsheer  
Nagar Sirhind Teh & Distt.  
Fatehgarh Sahib have  
changed my name to Malkit  
Singh Saroya.

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Rashpal VPO Kotli Than Singh,  
Tehsil Jalandhar District  
Jalandhar (Punjab) Pin code  
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Singh R/o Ghataron  
Teh. Nawanshahr, Distt. SBS  
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from Manisha to Manisha

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Gurcharan Singh R/o Defence  
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I, Kulwinder Singh S/o Lal  
Singh R/o House No. 1, W.No.  
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road, Samrala, Tehsil  
Samrala, Distt. Ludhiana have  
changed the name of my  
minor son from Gurmaan  
Singh Gaibay to Gurmaan  
Singh.

63372  
I, Avtar Singh S/o Sohan  
Singh R/o Raiya Wali Khuh,  
Vpo. Ranian, Moga (Pb), I  
Have Changed My Name To  
Singh Avtar.

63372  
I Hitherto Known as Gurdev  
Singh S/O Charan Singh  
Village Shamshabad .PO Kot  
Badal Khan, Tehsil Phillaur  
District Jalandhar (Punjab)  
144039, have changed my  
name and shall hereafter be  
known as Dev Singh.

63372  
I, hitherto known as Asha W/o  
Avtar Chand, residing at  
Village Dhina Colony, Post  
Office Cantt., Jalandhar-144005  
Punjab, India have changed my  
name and shall hereafter be  
known as Ranjana Rani.

63372

I Radha W/o Rajinder Kumar  
R/o Mohalla Arora Rasta,  
Sultanpur Lodhi, Distt:  
Kapurthala Declare that my  
Daughter name Nidhia and  
Nidhia Nidhia is one and same  
person.

63372  
I Jyoti D/O Baljeet Singh House  
No-335/3/1. Street-No-8 Ward  
No 12 Jiwan Nagar Jagraon  
(Ludhiana) Pin 14026  
Changed My Name Jyoti Kaur.

63372  
I Kaljeet Kaur Dhanoa W/O  
Supinderjit Singh Village  
Gharuan Teh Kharar District S  
A S Nagar (Mohali) Have  
Changed My Name To Kaljeet  
Kaur.

63372  
I Manjit Kaur w/o Karamjeet  
Singh Diwana colony  
Amargarh Distt Malerkotla have  
changed my name to Gurmeet  
Kaur.

63372  
I Karamjit Singh s/o Kaka  
Singh Diwana Colony  
Amargarh Distt Malerkotla have  
changed my name to  
Karamjeet Singh.

63372  
I, Ranjodh Singh Pandher S/o  
Jang Singh R/o Village Kalahar  
Tehsil Payal District Ludhiana  
Have Changed My Name To  
Ranjodh Singh.

63372  
I, Harjit Kaur Pandher W/o  
Ranjodh Singh R/o Vill-Kalahar  
Tehsil Payal District Ludhiana  
Have Changed My Name To  
Harjit Kaur.

63372  
I, Anju W/O Parmod Kumar  
R/O # Mcb-Z-5-05546, St. No-  
10/5, Guru Gobind Singh  
Nagar , Bathinda (Punjab)  
151001, Have Changed My  
Name To Anju Garg.

63372  
I Amrinder Singh S/O Jaspal  
Singh R/O Rampura Distt  
Bathinda Have Changed My  
Name To Amrinder Singh  
Sidhu.

63372  
I Jagga Singh S/O Narain  
Singh R/O Rampura Phul Distt  
Bathinda Have Changed My  
Name To Jagsir Singh.

63372  
I Satinder Pal Singh S/o Manjit  
Singh R/o H.No 197B, Ward No  
47, Model Town Extension  
Town Ludhiana have changed  
name My Minor Daughter  
Maira Kaur Makkar Malhi to  
Maira Kaur.

63372  
I Rozy D/o Satnam Singh R/o  
H.No 68 Vpo Boparai Kalan  
Distt Ludhiana have changed  
my name to Rozy Suan.

63372  
I Manpreet Kaur Sandhu W/o  
Kulwinder Singh R/o Vpo  
Lakha Tehsil Jagraon Distt  
Ludhiana have changed my  
name to Manpreet Kaur.

63372  
I Neha W/o Karan Sandhu R/o  
St: 04 Daljit Singh Nagar,  
Rajguru Nagar Ferozpur Road  
Ludhiana have changed name  
to Neha Sandhu. After  
Marriage.

63372  
I, Hardeep Singh S/o Lal Singh  
Vill. Bulapur, Teh. & Distt.  
Malerkotla, have changed my  
name to Hardeep Singh Hari.

63372  
I Parminder Kaur W/o Aman  
Jassal R/o H.No.B-1/910 Ram  
Nagar Jalandhar 144001 Punjab,  
India have changed my name  
from Parminder Kaur to Kaur  
Parminder. Parminder is a given  
name and Kaur is a surname.

63372

I hitherto known as Asha W/o  
Avtar Chand, residing at  
Village Dhina Colony, Post  
Office Cantt., Jalandhar-144005  
Punjab, India have changed my  
name and shall hereafter be  
known as Ranjana Rani.

63372  
I hitherto known as Kuljit Kaur  
Takher W/o Harminder Pal Singh,  
residing at Madho Jhanda, P.O.  
Saidowal, Distt. Kapurthala-  
144620, Punjab, India have  
changed my name and shall  
hereafter be known as Kuljit Kaur.

63372  
I hitherto known as Tarwinder  
Singh S/o Gurbachan Singh R/o  
Vpo. Bazidpur, Teh. Nawanshahr,  
Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab-  
144518 have changed my name  
and shall hereafter be known as  
Singh Tarwinder.

63372  
I Nareesh Kumar S/O Sh Jeet  
Ram R/O House No 68 Adarsh  
Colony Ward No 15 Assandh  
Distt Karnal I Declare That I Have  
Changed My Name From Nareesh  
To Nareesh Kumar.

63372  
I, Razia W/o Kuber Pahwa R/o  
253 R model town, Jalandhar,  
Punjab have changed my name  
from Razia to Razia Sehdev  
Pahwa, after marriage.

63372  
I, Amandeep S/o Sukhdev Singh  
R/o Gursian Piran, Distt.  
Jalandhar, Punjab, India declare  
that I have changed the name of  
my minor son from Khushpreet to  
Kushpreet Singh.

63372  
I, Jatinder S/o Sukhdev Singh  
R/o Gursian Piran, Distt.  
Jalandhar, Punjab, India declare  
that I have changed the



NEWS BRIEF

First Aid training camp organized at Red Cross Bhawan



**JS GILL**  
**JAITU:** Red Cross Society Faridkot organized a first aid training camp at Red Cross Bhawan on the directions of Deputy Commissioner-cum-President Indian Red Cross Society Faridkot Madam Poonamdeep Kaur. Giving information in this regard, Secretary Red Cross Mandep Singh said that 30 trainees participated in this training camp. He said that in this training camp, the basic objectives of first aid, CPR, stopping blood flow, fainting, heat stroke, bone fractures, bites of poisonous animals, injuries and proper first aid to patients were given by First Aid Lecturer Shri Rajiv Malik. He invited as many interested youths as possible to register.

CM's Yogshala scheme proves to be blessing for people: Sekhwan



**VERMA GURDASPUR:** The CM Yogshala initiative by the Punjab Government is emerging as a major step towards promoting free yoga education among the citizens of the state. Under this scheme, a team of certified yoga instructors has been deployed to bring yoga to every household, turning it into a public movement. The primary objective is to improve the physical and mental well-being of citizens by highlighting the importance of yoga and meditation. Providing details about the Yogshala scheme, Advocate Jagrup Singh Sekhwan, Chairman of the District Planning Committee, Gurdaspur, stated that the scheme is significantly increasing interest in yoga among the people of Gurdaspur district. He said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the government is actively working for the welfare of its people. Through the Yogshala initiative, hundreds of residents are benefiting from free yoga classes conducted in 124 centers across Gurdaspur.

Residents of Bugga Khurd village honored Chanderswar Singh Mohi for visiting village



**RAKESH JINDAL**  
**NABHA:** Social worker and former SC, Commission Chairman Chanderseshwar Singh Mohi was given special honors by Kulwant Singh and the villagers of Bugga Khurd upon reaching village Bugga Khurd. On this occasion, Chanderseshwar Singh Mohi thanked the villagers for giving him so much love and respect and assured him that whenever the villagers give him an opportunity to do any kind of service, he will cooperate with them shoulder to shoulder. Mohi said that Nabha constituency is my own family and I will always be indebted to the love given by the people of my constituency. On this occasion, former Mahila Block Chief Kuljit Kaur, former Block Chief Surinder Singh, former Sarpanch Nirmal Singh, current Panchayat member Harjinder Singh, Kuljit Kaur Sikander Singh etc. were present.

Mother's Day celebrated at Mata Gujri Public Senior Secondary School



**BALWINDER AZAD**  
**BARNALA DEHTI:** Mother's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Mata Gujri Public Senior Secondary School under the leadership of the school chairman, Dr. Bikramjeet Singh Walia. A special, colorful event was organized to celebrate Mother's Day. In this event, students participated in various activities expressing their feelings for their mothers. The children performed songs, poems, speeches, and plays dedicated to the greatness of mothers and their unparalleled love. Some students performed emotional plays based on their mothers' lives, touching the hearts of the audience. The school principal, Dr. Varundeep Kaur Walia, and the teaching staff shared their thoughts on the role of mothers and their contributions. Specially made posters, cards, and artworks dedicated to mothers were also displayed. Children brought photographs of their mothers along with them. Avtar Singh Gogi Bhatthal mentioned that this event was very emotional and inspiring, through which the children expressed their love, respect, and admiration for their mothers.

# Major enforcement drive in moter market

## Sector 13: MCC issues 145 challans

R N KHERA  
CHANDIGARH, MAY 12

In a strong move towards maintaining public order and clearing encroachments, the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh today carried out a major enforcement drive in Manimajra (Sector 13), resulting in the issuance of 145 challans.

The drive was conducted under the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana and the supervision of MC Commissioner Sh. Amit Kumar, IAS, led by Joint Commissioner Sh. Sumeet Sihag and Superintendent, Sh. Sunil Dutt accompanied by other enforcement Inspectors and support-ing staff.

Starting early in the morning at 6 AM, the drive continued till 2 PM, with support from a well-coordinated task force comprising 12 trucks, 1 JCB, 2 Hydra cranes, and 8 enforcement personnel.



The Chandigarh Police were also deputed to assist in ensuring law and order during the operation. The entire operation was peaceful and was

fully documented through videography for official records and transparency. Of-fenders were served warn-ings, and the Commissioner,

Municipal Corporation has clearly stated that any repeat violations will lead to strict legal action as per the provi-sions of the Municipal Act.

Bhoomi Pujan performed for 1101-Kund Atirudra Mahayagya Near Shri Siddheshwar Shiva Temple



DALJEET AJNOHA  
HOSHIARPUR, MAY 12

With the divine blessings of Brahmaleen Swami Basant-giri Ji Maharaj, a Bhoomi Pu-jan ceremony was performed today by Swami Udaygiri Ji Maharaj near Shri Siddhesh-war Shiva Temple, Bassi Gu-lam Hussain, Hoshiarpur. This sacred ceremony marks the commencement of prepa-rations for the 1101-Kund Atirudra Mahayagya, an event of immense spiritual significance.

Gracing the occasion as the chief guest, Swami Vish-wanand Ji Maharaj, spiritual

head of Shri Kaleshwar Ma-hadev Tirth Kshetra, high-lighted the rarity and spiri-tual potency of the Atirudra Ma-hayagya. "Such Yagyas are extremely rare in the world and participating in them be-stows immense spiritual mer-it," he said.

He further elaborated that in Vedic tradition, deities receive offerings through the sacred fire and, pleased with the devotion, bless the partic-ipants. He emphasized the timeless significance of Yagyas, which have been practiced since ancient times for spiritual purification and universal harmony.

'Yudh Nashiyan Virudh' campaign to reach every household in Patiala District: Jagdeep Singh Jagga

RAKESH JINDAL  
PATIALA, MAY 12

Deputy Mayor of Patiala and Malwa East Zone Coordinator of the Anti-Drug Front, Jagdeep Singh Jagga, chaired a meeting today with constituency in-charges and co-ordinators of Patiala district. He reiterated that the 'Yudh Nashiyan Virudh' campaign, launched under the lead-ership of Chief Minister Bhag-want Singh Mann, will be ex-panded to every household to ensure the complete eradica-tion of drugs from Punjab.

The meeting was attend-ed by Gurwinder Happy, in-charge of the urban con-stituency, and Yadavinder Goldy, in-charge of the rural constituency, along with their respective teams. Addressing the gathering, Jagga stated that the Aam Aadmi Party's primary goal is to turn the



anti-drug initiative into a peo-ple-powered movement, and encouraging results are al-ready visible on the ground.

He instructed the in-charges and coordinators to intensify awareness efforts, encourage affected individu-als to seek de-addiction treat-ment, and report drug traf-ficking to law enforcement agencies. He emphasized that the Punjab Government has established robust de-addic-tion facilities, and the current focus must be on motivating drug users to take the first step toward recovery. This, he

Tree plantation drive organized at JTPL City, Kharar — "A meaningful step towards Green Punjab"



SHASHI PAL JAIN  
KHARAR, MAY 12

A grand tree plantation drive was organized under the ban-ner of Environmental Protection Activity at JTPL City, Kharar, Mohali. The ob-jective of this campaign was to create a cleaner, greener, and healthier environment, en-suring a better life for future generations.

During the drive, over 100 different types of plants, including several medicinal species, were planted. Local residents and volunteers par-

ticipated enthusiastically and worked alongside the Envi-ronmental Protection Activi-ty team to make the event a success. The program was conducted under the lead-ership of District Coordinator Mr. Amit Kalra, with active participation from renowned environmentalists Dr. Pradeep Sharma, Dr. Ajay Gandhi, Mr. Brijmohan Joshi, Dr. Shiv Kaushal, Dr. Jitendra Narayan, Kamal-preet Singh and other team members. The Environmen-tal Protection Activity team expressed special gratitude to

Mr. Nitin Chauhan and Engi-neer Manmohan Tejpal of Go-drej & Boyce Manufacturing Company Limited, Mohali, for ensuring the availability of plants and their significant contribution to the Green Punjab Mission. Local resi-dents appreciated the initia-tive and expressed a desire for similar tree plantation drives to be organized in the future as well. This campaign proved that when society comes together, impactful re-sults can be achieved in the direction of environmental conservation.

MY Bharat invites youth to enrol as civil defence volunteers

SHASHI PAL JAIN  
MOHALI, MAY 12

MY Bharat, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, is ac-tively mobilising youth across the country to enrol as MY Bharat Civil Defence Volunteers. This nationwide call is part of a concerted ef-fort to empower young citi-zens to take up vital roles in national cause, particularly during emergencies and cri-sis.

Divulging the details, Isha Gupta, District Youth Officer, NYK said that the ini-tiative is aimed to build a well-trained, responsive, and resilient volunteer force that can compliment civil admin-istration in times of natural disasters, accidents, public emergencies, and other un-foreseen situations. In view of the current scenario and emerging security concerns,

there is an urgent and grow-ing need to establish a robust, community-based response mechanism. Civil Defence Volunteers play a critical role in this regard by sup-porting local authorities through a wide range of serv-ices.

These include rescue and evacuation operations, first aid and emergency care, traf-fic management, crowd con-trol, public safety, and assist-ing in disaster response and rehabilitation efforts.

The importance of a pre-pared and trained civilian force is greater than ever be-fore, and MY Bharat is com-mitted to contributing to this national mission. MY Bharat, therefore, appeals to its dynamic network of youth volunteers—and all other en-thusiastic young citizens—to step forward and register as MY Bharat Civil Defence Volunteers.

Rayat Bahra Nursing College hosts training on 'Accessibility of EBSCO e-Resources'



HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): Rayat Bahra Nursing College recently hosted a specialized training session on 'Access-ibility of EBSCO e-Resources', organized by Baba Farid Uni-versity. The session aimed to enhance awareness and effective usage of EBSCO's digital academic tools among students and fac-ulty. Ritesh Kumar, EBSCO Incharge, conducted the training and provided detailed guidance on how to access and utilize EB-SCO e-resources for academic research and study.

He emphasized the value of these resources in improving the quality of education and fostering a research-oriented learning environment. The event saw the enthusiastic participation of a large number of students and faculty members from various nursing colleges. Dr. Meenakshi Chand, Principal of Rayat Bahra Nursing College, praised the initiative, stating, "This ses-sion was informative, inspiring, and immensely beneficial for students, educators, and researchers." In addition to Rayat Bahra Nursing College, representatives from Public Khalsa Col-lege for Women, Kandhala Jatt, Gurseva College of Nursing, Nasrala; Mother Mary Institute of Nursing, Nasrala; Shri Guru Ramdas College of Nursing, Hoshiarpur; S.T. College of Nursing & Medical Sciences, Hoshiarpur; and Swami Parmanand College of Nursing, Mukerian also participated in the session.

176 Nirankari devotees and citizens donate blood in Kharar



SHASHI PAL JAIN  
KHARAR, MAY 12

Nirankari Satguru Mata Sudiksa Ji Maharaj is inspir-ing the world today to live for each other. This can be seen in the blood donation camps be-ing organized continuously by the Nirankari Mission for the last several years.

Under this series, keeping in mind the current situation in the country, a blood dona-tion camp was organized at Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhawan, Daun Majra, Kharar. The blood donation camp was inaugurated by Shri O. P. Nirankari, Zonal In-charge, Chandigarh Zone, in

the presence of the Regional Director and officers.

On this occasion, Shri O. P. Nirankari said that in this charitable campaign that started in 1986, about 14 lakh units of blood have been do-nated in more than 9 thou-sand blood donation camps for the service of humanity so far and these charitable serv-ices will continue in future also.

On this occasion, Branch Kharar Head M.S. Jolly, Mr. O.P. Nirankari, Zonal In-charge, Chandigarh Zone, Karnail Singh Regional Di-rector thanked all the blood donors who came from the surrounding areas.

Police busts showroom owner's plot to shoot himself to get security under guise of ransom

VERMA  
BATALA, MAY 12

While Batala Police is already showing good performance in curbing the illegal activities of criminal professionals, it has also achieved great success in tracing a unique type of in-cident committed by such cri-minal professionals and arrest-ing the main accused.

Shri Suhail Qasim Mir, SSP Batala, informed during the press conference held to-day that on 29th April 2025, the owner of Fashion London Showroom, Varinder Singh alias Vicky, son of Narinder Singh, resident of New Top City Colony, Batala, was called by a gangster named Dharma Sandhu demanding a ransom of Rs 50 lakhs and on not pay-ing the ransom amount, un-known motorcyclists opened fire on him, on which, on the statement of the above owner Varinder Singh alias Vicky, case No. 70 dated 30.04.2025 Crime 308(2), 351, 125 BNS, 25-



54-59 Arms Act was registered at Police Station City Batala.

He said that in this regard, under the able leadership of Gurbartap Singh Sahota, SP Investigation Batala, Sanjeev Kumar, DSP City Batala, In-spector Sukhraj Singh, In-charge CIA Batala and other police teams were deployed to trace this incident, during which the investigation has been successful in tracing and arresting the gang that fired shots at the above showroom. He said that from the investi-gation of the above arrested ac-

cused, it was found that Ran-jodh Singh alias Jodha son of Pargat Singh resident of Joda Singha police station, Qila Lal Singh Hall, England is related to Varinder Singh alias Vicky, owner of Fashion London Showroom Batala. Varinder Singh consulted Ranjodh Singh Jodha to get police secu-rity. Ranjodh Singh then spoke to his friend Vishaldeep Singh son of Gurmee Singh re-sident of Bhinder police station, Khilchian, who is sitting in Canada. Which Vishaldeep, Ranjodh Singh.

Rajput community in Morinda commemorates 485th birth anniversary of Maharana Pratap

RADHE SHYAM SHARMA  
MORINDA, MAY 12

The Rajput community of Morinda and surrounding ar-eas came together in large num-bers at Maharana Pratap Chowk to celebrate the 485th birth anniversary of Veer Shi-romani Maharana Pratap with great reverence.

The statue of Maharana Pratap was beautifully adorned with flowers and draped with the traditional Ra-jputana turban. A national flag was hoisted, and floral tributes were paid by community mem-bers.

The gathering, organized by the Maharana Pratap Rajput Sabha, Morinda, witnessed participation from Morinda, Chamkaur Sahib, and nearby regions. During the commemo-rative event, various digni-taries and representatives paid homage to the legendary war-rior and extended greetings to citizens on this proud occasion. A prayer was offered for peace and harmony in the nation, re-membering Maharana Prat-



ap's unmatched courage and sacrifice. Prominent attendees included Harkesh Rana (Presi-dent, Rajput Sabha Morinda), Netar Pal Singh Rana (Chair-man, Market Committee Morinda), Bhushan Rana, Jas-pal Singh Rana, Ranbir Singh Rana, Dr. Sita Ram Rana (Presi-dent, Doctor Association), San-jeey Sood (Secretary, BJP Lo-cal Body Cell), Sukhpreet Chadha, Rajesh Bhatia (Presi-dent, BJP Morinda), Rajesh Khanna, along with members of Rajput Sabhas from Chamkaur Sahib, Kurali, Khizrabad, and the host Sabha from Morinda.

Punjab govt sets new standards for agricultural education

SUMER GARG  
CHANDIGARH, MAY 12

In a significant step towards bringing uniformity and boosting agricultural educa-tion, Punjab Government has given a go-ahead to adopt ICAR Model Act, 2023 (Re-vised) for B.Sc (Hons.) agri-culture in the state.

This decision was taken in a meeting of Punjab State Council for Agricultural Educa-tion (PSCAE), chaired by Dr. Basant Garg, Chairperson PSCAE -cum- administrative secretary agriculture and farmers welfare department, Punjab.

Dr. Garg informed that a detailed discussion on im-plementing the ICAR Model Act 2023 (Revised) for B.Sc (Hons.) Agriculture in Punjab led to a unanimous decision to adopt the Act. He said that the re-vised minimum standards for B.Sc (Hons.) Agriculture (per 120 students/ a unit) include 35 faculty members, 43 sup-



porting staff, and specific land requirements: 37.5 acres of to-tal land area, with 19 acres (within a 7-KMs radius) dedi-cated to farm area, which can be owned or leased for 33 years, or a combination of 10 acres owned and 9 acres leased land for 10 years. Addi-tionally, the program re-quires 13 laboratories equipped according to ICAR specifications. With this deci-sion, the Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab Government has ful-filled a long-standing demand

of the joint association of col-leges, Punjab, he added.

Previously, the B.Sc (Hons.) Agriculture pro-gram's minimum standards for 60 students included 35 faculty members, 28 support-ing staff, 40 acres of agricul-tural land, and 12 ICAR-pre-scribed laboratories.

According to Dr. Basant Garg, PSCAE was set up by the Punjab Govt to oversee agricultural education in the government and private insti-tutions. Till date, 16 colleges and universities have ob-tained PSCAE accreditation for their B.Sc (Hons.) Agricul-ture program by fulfilling the required standards.

Besides others, Vice Chancellor of Punjab Agricul-tural University (PAU), Ludhiana, Dr. Satbir Singh Gosal, Agriculture Commissioner, Punjab Ms. Babita; Dean Col-leges of Agriculture (PAU) Dr. CS Aulakh and ADO (PSCAE) Jaideep Singh were present on the occasion.

Deputy Commissioner reviews flood preparedness measures in Patiala District



RAWEL BHINDER  
PATIALA, MAY 12

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Preeti Yadav today convened a high-level meeting to re-view the flood preparedness measures in Patiala district ahead of the monsoon season. She directed all SDMs to con-duct on-ground inspections of vulnerable and critical points along Ghaggar, Tangri, Markanda, Vadi Nadi, Chotti Nadi, Jhambo Choa, Sirhind Choa, and other drains, and assess the status of ongoing and required flood protection works.

Dr. Preeti Yadav empha-sized the need to identify and monitor areas that were af-fected during the previous

year's floods. She instructed the Drainage and Rural De-velopment Departments to begin immediate procure-ment of empty sandbags, iron wiring nets, and bamboo fencing materials, which can be used on an urgent basis to plug any potential breaches during high-flow events.

She directed the Drainage Department to ensure that all flood protection works are completed in a time-bound manner and that vulnerable areas are regular-ly monitored.

The Health and Animal Husbandry Departments were asked to keep Quick Re-sponse Teams (QRTs) and Animal Rescue Teams (ARTs) on standby.



NEWS BRIEF

Health dept creates awareness against dengue, malaria and drugs



**KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA**  
**RAMPURA PHUL:** As per the orders of Health Minister Punjab Dr. Balbir Singh, as per the directions of Acting Civil Surgeon Bathinda, District Health Officer Dr. Usha Goyal and Senior Medical Officer Bhagta Bhai Ka Dr. Seema Gupta, health information was given to children at Government Senior Secondary School Dhapali, St. Soldier Public School Dhapali and Elementary School Dhapali. On this occasion, Multipurpose Health Supervisor Balbir Singh Sandhu Kalan said that dengue, malaria, chicken pox, Zika virus diseases are caused by mosquitoes, therefore prevention of mosquitoes is very important. Apart from this, the children were made aware of the bad effects of drugs on the body along with keeping them away from drugs. The children were also made aware about hand, foot and mouth disease. On this occasion, multipurpose health workers Baldev Singh Karamjit Kaur, Shamandeep Kaur, CHO Sarabjit Kaur were also present. On this occasion, the school principals Jaswinder Singh, Surjit Singh Bawa and Harjinder Singh and all the staff appreciated the information provided by the health department.

Food safety team collects 6 food samples

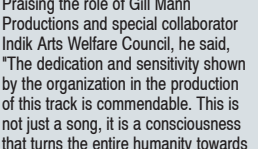


**PARAMJIT SINGH**  
**JALANDHAR:** The Food Safety Team led by Assistant Commissioner Food Dr. Harjot Pal Singh, which also included Food Safety Officer Mukul Gill, today conducted an inspection campaign at various places at Ladowali Road, Model House, Shaheed Udharn Singh Nagar and collected 6 samples of food and drink. Giving more information in this regard, Assistant Commissioner Food Dr. Harjot Pal Singh said that on the instructions of Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal, with the aim of ensuring clean and quality food for the residents of the district, samples of roasted barfi, prepared pulses and tea, juice, spices and fruits etc. were taken by the Food Safety Department team today. He said that these samples are being sent to the laboratory for further examination.

Bhola Yama's song "Hind V/S Pak" becomes voice of peace, justice and brotherhood: Sandhu

**SURINDER DAMDAMI**  
**KOTKAPURA:** International artist Bai Bhola Yama, who has made his mark on the stage of Punjabi folk music, is once again in the news globally. His new track "Hind V/S Pak" is not just a musical composition, but a message that promotes peace, humanity and cooperation and dialogue between nations. The above words were expressed by Gurcharan Singh Sandhu, Honorary Advisor Indak Arts Welfare Council Punjab. Praising the role of Gill Mann Productions and special collaborator Indik Arts Welfare Council, he said, "The dedication and sensitivity shown by the organization in the production of this track is commendable. This is not just a song, it is a consciousness that turns the entire humanity towards love instead of hatred." "Hind Vs Pak" is receiving a tremendous response on YouTube and other digital platforms.

Mock drill conducted by 3 Punjab girls battalion NCC Ludhiana



**SACHIN MOUDGILL**  
**LUDHIANA:** Mock Drill on preparedness regarding retaliatory attack against Pakistan on account of Pahalgam attack was Conducted by 3 PB G BN across 01 Educational Institutes. In a major initiative to enhance disaster preparedness and awareness among youth, the 3 PB G BN NCC conducted a comprehensive mock drill across 01 school under its jurisdiction. The event witnessed active participation from CO, PI staff, GCI, ANO, NCC cadets and students all coming together to understand and rehearse emergency response protocols. The mock drill was aimed at educating young minds about effective response mechanisms during natural and man-made disasters. The exercise was carried out through various interactive mediums including banners, PowerPoint presentations, live demonstrations, videos, and informative charts. These tools helped provide visual and practical understanding of the procedures to be followed in emergency situations. The staff from the unit visited the participating institutions, closely monitoring the activities and encouraging students and staff. Their presence served to motivate the cadets and reinforce the importance of readiness and discipline in such critical scenarios.

# Govt to enroll 1,000 more doctors in state soon: Dr Balbir Singh

GAURAV GOEL  
DERABASSI, MAY 12

Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Balbir Singh announced that the Bhagwant Singh Mann-led Punjab Government will soon recruit 1,000 additional doctors in state-run hospitals to address the shortage of medical professionals. The recruitment process has already commenced, he added.

During a surprise inspection of hospitals in Derabassi, Lalru, and Zirakpur (Dhakoli) on Monday, Dr Balbir Singh interacted with patients and visitors to gauge their experience with the existing healthcare facilities. He also inquired about the waiting times for obtaining OPD slips.

Dr Balbir Singh emphasized that the Punjab Government is committed to delivering quality healthcare services in government hospitals, which include free lab tests and medicines. He added that medical specialists in Medicine, Surgery, Gynecology and Pediatrics are available in



most sub-divisional hospitals and Community Health Centers (CHCs). To further enhance specialized care, Eye, ENT and Dermatology specialists will be assigned on a weekly roster basis at facilities with vacant positions.

The Minister noted that the Community Health Center in Lalru has adequate infra-

structure, and additional staff will be appointed to optimize services. At the Sub-Divisional Hospital in Derabassi, while staffing levels are sufficient, there is a shortage of space that will be addressed in due course. In Zirakpur, he highlighted the availability of laparoscopic surgery services alongside other medical treat-

ments. Addressing the shortage of nursing staff, Dr. Balbir Singh assured that the government is actively working to fill these vacancies. He reiterated that the Punjab Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, has made significant strides in enhancing the public healthcare system by

ensuring the availability of free medicines and lab testing facilities. The Minister stated that his visits aim to assess the ground realities by directly interacting with the public while also providing necessary directives to the medical and paramedical staff to maintain a high standard of patient care.

## Mohinder Bhagat inaugurates Fire Station in Jalandhar



JS SODHI  
JALANDHAR, MAY 12

Punjab Horticulture, Freedom Fighters and Defence Services Welfare Minister Mohinder Bhagat today inaugurated a new fire station at the local Sports and Surgical Complex in Jalandhar, constructed at a cost of approximately Rs 1.29 crore. The inauguration ceremony began with the recitation of Sri Sukhmani Sahib. On this occasion, Mayor Vineet Dhir, District Planning Committee Chairman Amritpal Singh and Municipal Commissioner Gautam Jain were also present.

Expressing his gratitude to Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Cabinet Minister said that with the support of the Punjab Government, this project will assist in timely control of fire

incidents. Highlighting the significance of the facility, Mr. Bhagat said the area is known for its sports, surgical, leather, and rubber industries and having a fire station here will ensure a prompt response in case of any fire-related emergencies.

The Cabinet Minister informed that the fire station is equipped with a total of four vehicles: one with a capacity of 12,000 litres, two of 6,000 litres each and one rescue tender.

Additionally, an underground water storage tank with a capacity of 1 lakh litres has been constructed, supported by a 20-horsepower motor. Bhagat emphasized that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government is making continuous efforts for the development of the state.

## International Nurses Day celebrated at Rana Hospital, Sirhind



AJAY MALHOTRA  
FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAY 12

Rana Hospital Sirhind celebrated International Nurses Day with great enthusiasm and heartfelt gratitude towards the nursing staff who form the backbone of the healthcare system.

The celebration began with a cake-cutting ceremony in honor of the nurses, acknowledging their unwavering dedication, compassion, and round-the-clock service to patients. The event saw the participation of the entire nursing team including Amandeep, Poonam, Sarbjit, Manju, Daljeet, Harjeet, Jaspreet, Gurpreet, Beant, and Anil Verma, who were felicitated for their valuable

contributions. On this special occasion, Dr. Deepika Suri, MD of Rana Hospital, shared a heartfelt message with the nursing team: "Nurses are the silent warriors of healthcare— healing with care, serving with heart, and standing strong even in the toughest times. On this International Nurses Day, I extend my deepest respect and gratitude to our entire nursing team. Your hard work, dedication, and the compassion you show every day make a true difference in the lives of our patients. You are the pride of Rana Hospital."

The celebration not only recognized the nurses for their invaluable role but also reinforced the spirit of unity, teamwork.

## Budhlada MLA Budh Ram seeks probe into accusations levelled against him by Budhlada MC chief



NARESH GOYAL  
MANSA, MAY 12

Terming the accusation levelled against him by the Budhlada MC Chief Sukhpal Singh as "totally baseless" MLA of Budhlada Principal Budh Ram today tendered a written compliant to SSP Mansa to probe the matter and bring the fact to light. Speaking at a press conference in the Mandi Board guest house here today, Budh Ram stated that the charges levelled against him by Budhlada's MC chief Sukhpal Singh are "absolutely baseless and

meaningless". MLA of Budhlada claimed that the fact is that Sukhpal Singh was involved in "anti-party" activities, hence, he (MLA) parted ways with him. "However, Sukhpal later inacted a drama and went underground. After a few days, he appeared in Chandigarh and gave a statement against him in which Sukhpal claimed that Budhlada MLA was "seeking money" from him," said Budhlada MLA while addressing media persons here today. Budh Ram asserted that Sujhpal was doing all this at the behest of some of

his (MLA's) rivals and was out to tarnish his image in the public. Budhlada's MLA told that he is having very "neat and clean image" in public and he or any of his supporters have never demanded even a penny from anyone till date. But Sukhpal is playing in the hands of his political rivals and was out to tarnish his image. Budh Ram also released a copy of the complaint that he has tendered to Mansa SSP, seeking probe into the alleged accusations levelled against him by Sukhpal Singh and bring the fact to the fore.

## Sharp Brains organizes exciting competitions at district level event



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA  
RAMPURA PHUL, MAY 12

On the occasion of Mother's Day, Sharp Brains Education Institute organized a district level event at the local Peter's Club. In which, apart from Rampura Phul, a large number of mothers and children from Bathinda, Bhucho, Bhagta and Nathana participated and showed their talent. During the mothers' competitions, Kiran Bala and Sukhvir Kaur won 3 prizes each, Rama Dhangra won 2 prizes. Director of Sharp Brains Ranjeet Goyal welcomed the guests and gave information about the various competitions. In the mothers'

speech competition, Kiran Bala won first, Rita Singla won second, Sukhvir Kaur won third and Anu won special award. In the letter writing competition, Neetu Rani won first, Dr. Anita Grover won second and Amandeep Kaur won third place. In the poetry and song competition, Kiran Bala won first, Rama Dhangra won second and Sukhvir Kaur won third place. In the quiz competition, Rama Dhangra won first, Sukhvir Kaur won second and Santosh Devi won third place. In the dance competition, the pair of Ritu Garg and Dr. Bhanu Priya won first place, the pair of Monika Singla.

## Punjab govt takes strict action: Show cause notice issued to Amritsar Municipal Commissioner

GAURAV GOEL  
CHANDIGARH, MAY 12

Punjab Government has issued a show cause notice to the Amritsar Municipal Commissioner for dereliction of duty. Local Government Minister Dr. Ravjot Singh informed that persistent complaints about Amritsar city's sanitation had been received over the past few months.

He said that the concerned official had demonstrated significant negligence in performing his duties, necessitating to proceed this action. The official has been instructed to submit a detailed response within 24 hours, he added. Dr. Ravjot Singh said, "We have received numerous complaints from citizens and media regarding sanitation in Amritsar, which cannot be

He said that the concerned official had demonstrated significant negligence in performing his duties, necessitating to proceed this action. The official has been instructed to submit a detailed response within 24 hours, he added. Dr. Ravjot Singh said, "We have received numerous complaints from citizens.

overlooked." "Taking the matter seriously, a show cause notice has been issued to the Amritsar Municipal Corporation Commissioner, with clear instructions to respond within 24 hours," he added.

The Cabinet Minister said that Amritsar is a sacred city requiring special attention to cleanliness. He directed all the officials across Punjab to

ensure exceptional sanitation arrangements to protect people from potential diseases. With the approaching summer season, he stressed, the critical need for comprehensive city cleaning to prevent ailments like malaria, dengue and other hygiene-related health risks. Dr. Ravjot Singh clarified that the Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann led government will not tolerate any negligence or casual approach from any official or employee, affirming that the government is committed to providing robust and efficient administration to the people of Punjab and is determined to implement this vision with strict adherence. The Cabinet Minister made it unequivocally clear that no laxity will be tolerated during duty hours.

## Pakistani balloon found in Karoli village, taken into custody by army



PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): Another incident has come to light from the Indo-Pak border area of Pathankot. In Karoli village of the district, people saw a strange Pakistani balloon, which was immediately taken into custody by the army. This incident took place in the morning when some residents of the village were out for a walk.

The sight of the balloon created a sensation in the village and within a short time a crowd of people gathered. As soon as the incident was reported, an army team immediately reached the spot and took possession of the balloon. The army has started investigating this balloon. Local residents said that they were walking in the morning like every day, when they saw a colorful balloon in the air. The biggest thing was that there was something written on the balloon in Urdu language. One resident said that we did not have time to understand, but we have full trust in the army. When police officials were spoken to in this matter, they said that considering the situation in the area, this incident is sensitive but there is no need for people to panic.

## Complete ban on flying drones in Hoshiarpur district

DALJEET AJNOHA  
HOSHIARPUR, MAY 12

District Magistrate Ashika Jain, exercising the powers vested in her under Section 163 of the Indian Civil Protection Code, 2023, has issued orders imposing a complete ban on flying drones within the limits of Hoshiarpur district.

This order has been passed unilaterally keeping in mind the current situation and the Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur will be responsible for implementing this order within the limits of the district. This order will not be applicable to law enforcement agencies such as police, paramilitary, air force and other security agencies. The orders issued state that as per the orders received from the Ministry of



Aviation, Government of India, 'mock drills' are being conducted under the Civil Defence Act 1968 to deal with any kind of emergency situation in various districts of Punjab. It has been brought to our notice that the attack can also be carried out through drones and the general public flying drones can create an atmosphere of fear among the public, which is likely to lead to deterioration of the law and order situation. This order will remain in force till further orders.

## QRT formed in district Sangrur to handle emergencies: ADM

SUMER GARG  
SANGRUR, MAY 12

Despite the easing of tensions between India and Pakistan, the safety of the people remains a priority and to promptly handle any emergency situation, Quick Response Teams (QRT) have been formed in Sangrur district. Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs) have been appointed as the nodal officers for these teams in their respective subdivisions.

While sharing this information, Amit Bamby, Additional Deputy Commissioner-cum- Additional District Magistrate (ADM), stated that these teams will respond immediately upon receiving a message from the emergency control room (ECR), Sangrur. The SDMs will establish shift-wise backup teams to ensure



24x7 operations. These teams will reach the incident site immediately, cordon off the area, and act according to the prescribed guidelines, informing the Deputy Commissioner and the Senior Superintendent of Police, Sangrur.

The Civil Surgeon, Sangrur, will assign a minimum of two ambulances per team in 12-hour shifts, ensuring 24x7 availability. These ambulances will reach the designated location within five minutes of receiving a message.

## High-level meeting by DC regarding Urban Estate Railway Crossing



JALANDHAR (PARAMJIT SINGH): Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal held a high-level meeting today with officials from the Municipal Corporation, Railways, and Police Commissionerate. During the meeting, Dr. Aggarwal strictly directed the Municipal Corporation to thoroughly examine the underpass project at Urban Estate Railway Crossing C-7 and submit a report within the next two days regarding compliance with construction standards.

As several shortcomings have been identified in this project, the Deputy Commissioner instructed railway officials that the railway crossing should remain closed until these flaws are rectified so that relief can be provided to local residents. He emphasized that the work was neither completed within the stipulated time nor in accordance with the given guidelines, and therefore, the Railways must immediately submit a separate report regarding this matter. The Deputy Commissioner also instructed the Municipal Corporation to get the flaws rectified by ensuring the railway crossing remains closed.

## Ludhiana Rural police arrest ATM fraudster with 79 cards from 17 banks

SUKH NAHAR  
JAGRAON, MAY 12

Under its campaign against bootleggers being carried out under the guidance of SSP Dr. Ankur Gupta, district Ludhiana Rural police arrested a person for committing fraud of lakhs of rupees with innocent people via ATMs.

Giving detailed information about this, DSP Varinder Singh Khosa said that the accused named Sumit Kumar son of Surinder Kumar resident of Ludhiana for committing fraud with innocent people using their ATM cards. "The accused would target innocent people and would manipulate them into knowing their ATM passwords and swap their cards with another in order to commit fraud of lakhs of rupees. Police filed FIR 81 under section 303(2),



317(4), 318(4), 319 (2), 111 of BNS and arrested the accused," he added.

DSP further said that police team recovered 79 ATM cards from him belonging to 17 different banks including 13 from HDFC, 15 from PNB, 13 from SBI, 8 from Axis bank, 3 from uco bank, 2 from I.C.I.C.I, 3 from bank of Baroda, 4 from bank of India, Union Bank (3), IDBI Bank (2), Canara Bank (3), AB small finance bank (2), Punjab Gramin Bank (1), JDK

Bank (2), cooperative bank (1), capital small finance bank (1), Punjab and Sindh Bank (2), Indian Bank (1). "Further investigation in this case is being carried out as more revelations are highly probable as he has confessed to executive such frauds in other areas of Punjab as well," Khosa further said.

He urged civilians to contact him or SHO Dakha in case they have fallen victim to fraud so that the recovery could be made.



NEWS BRIEF

Man dies after drowning in swimming pool

**AVINASH CHAUHAN**  
**AMB:** A 31-year-old youth Ajay Kumar, son of Sohanlal, a resident of Ghumarwin Bilaspur, died due to drowning in the swimming pool of Ward No. 9 of Village Panchayat Kutheda Khairla of Sub-Division Amb. For information, the youth was working in the Electricity Department Amb and had gone to take a bath in the swimming pool on a holiday. He was taken to Amb Hospital Amb by the people but the doctor declared him dead. Confirming the case, DSP Amb Vasudha Sud said that the body has been sent to District Hospital Una for post-mortem.

DC directs temple trust staff to pay attention to cleanliness



**BALKRISHAN PRASHAR CHAMBA:** Apart from the comforts of the devotees visiting the famous and ancient Shri Laxmi Narayan Temple of Chamba, special attention should be paid to the cleanliness on the temple premises. Deputy Commissioner Mukesh Repaswal gave these instructions to the concerned departmental officers while presiding over a meeting organized by Shri Laxmi Narayan Temple Trust here today. He said that special attention should be paid to the fact that only traditional disposable plates should be used in the 'bhandaras' (community kitchen/langar) organized in the temple premises and the bhandara organizers should also pay special attention to the cleanliness on the temple premises. In the meeting, in view of the convenience of the devotees and visitors, detailed discussions were held on various aspects such as repair and maintenance of toilets in the temple premises, repair of solar water panel system installed in the temple premises, re-examination of the rent of the temple shops and Chaturbhuj Dharamshala (sara), besides arranging parking near the temple and increasing the income of the temple trust.

Airports reopen in Himachal after 5 days; regular flights to resume soon

AGENCY SHIMLA, MAY 12

After a five-day suspension due to heightened security under Operation Sindoor, flight operations are set to resume at all three airports in Himachal Pradesh Shimla (Jubbarhatti), Kullu-Manali (Bhuntar), and Kangra (Gaggal) from tomorrow, following the announcement of a ceasefire.

The first flight, operated by Alliance Air, will take off from Delhi at 6:10 am and is scheduled to land at Jubbarhatti Airport in Shimla at 7:25 am, marking the official reopening of air services in the state.

The same aircraft will then depart from Shimla to Amritsar at 7:45 am and reach Amritsar at 8:45 am. After a brief halt, the return flight from Amritsar to



Shimla will take off at 9:05 am and land back at Jubbarhatti at 10:05 am. Finally, the flight will leave for Delhi at 10:30 am and reach the national capital by 11:40 am, completing a full circuit in a single morning.

Airlines and airport staff are gearing up to ensure a smooth restart of services. Security arrangements

remain tight, and the newly introduced protocols, including secondary baggage checks and earlier check-in deadlines, will continue to be in effect. The reopening of Shimla, Bhuntar, and Gaggal airports is expected to bring relief to travellers, tourists, and businesses that depend heavily on air connectivity, especially during the summer

tourist season.

The Airports Authority of India has urged passengers to reach airports well in advance and stay updated with their airlines for any last-minute changes. Normal flight schedules for other routes from Bhuntar and Gaggal are also expected to resume gradually over the next few days.

CM urges to adopt teachings of Lord Buddha in daily life

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, MAY 12

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu participated in a programme organized on the occasion of Buddha Purnima at Sambhota Tibetan School here today. Extending his greetings on the auspicious occasion of Vaishakh Purnima and Lord Buddha's birth anniversary, the Chief Minister appealed all to imbibe the teachings of Lord Buddha in their lives to make a vibrant society. He said, "Lord Buddha gave us the mantra 'Appa Deepo Bhava', which means 'Be your own light'. This was the essence of self-reliance and continues to guide us in our journey towards building a self-reliant India."

He said that Lord Buddha's teachings are as relevant today as they were in ancient times. "In an age marked by violence,



intolerance and distrust, Buddha's message offers a path of peace, compassion and tolerance. These were not mere teachings but a way of life," he said.

The Chief Minister said that Lord Buddha was born, attained enlightenment and achieved 'Mahaparinirvana' on this very day. This convergence of three great events makes this day sacred and deeply significant.

He said that Lord Buddha's life was a source of inspiration that teaches us compassion, peace and

humanity. "In today's world, where material pursuits often lead to stress and imbalance, Buddha's message shows us the path to peace, harmony and true happiness." Sharing a personal connection, the Chief Minister reminisced about his childhood memories associated with the school. "I served as a Municipal Councillor in Shimla for 10 years. Many of my friends studied here and we often played cricket here during winter vacations," he shared.

Pathania distributes relief to disaster-affected sheep herders

BALKRISHAN PRASHAR DALHOUSIE, MAY 12

HP Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania today met with the sheep herder families affected by the recent cloudburst incident in Chelli village of Raipur gram panchayat in Bhattiyat assembly constituency of Chamba district and assured them all possible help from the state government. During his visit, the Speaker also distributed relief amount through cheques to 10 affected families. More than fifty sheep were died due to flashflood in a cloudburst recently and a shepherd was died. He also consoled the family members of one deceased shepherd and gave courage to them with sympathy. On the occasion, Kuldeep Singh Pathania also listened to the problems of the people and solved most of



them on the spot. On the demand of the local people, he directed the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti to take necessary action for the reconstruction of the main source of the drinking water scheme which was damaged due to heavy floods. In addition to this, he also instructed the local panchayat representatives to make the

connecting roads and streets of Chelli village concrete. Pathania also gave necessary guidelines to the concerned departmental officers for the upgradation work of the link road constructed by the Rural Development Department for Darmadi village to Gagahar village and bringing it under the Public Works Department.

Sudden ceasefire sparks national outcry: Sandeep questions foreign influence on India's sovereignty

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY

**BILASPUR:** In a sharply worded statement to the press, HRTC Purchase Committee Director and Congress Media Coordinator Sandeep Sankhyan has launched a scathing attack on the central government over its abrupt declaration of ceasefire, alleging foreign interference in India's internal decision-making. Sankhyan expressed serious concern over the timing and motivation behind the ceasefire following the retaliatory strikes by the Indian Army after the Pahalgam terror attack. He questioned the rationale of halting military action when the country and its opposition were united in support of the army's offensive. He condemned the central government for what he termed as "a betrayal of national pride" and "subordination to foreign pressure." Referring to a tweet from US President Trump that allegedly preceded the ceasefire, Sankhyan remarked, "Has India's foreign policy and military strategy now been outsourced to Washington?" He drew comparisons with the 1971 war led by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, stating that India then acted on its own terms, dividing Pakistan and upholding its sovereignty. He challenged the government to answer why no demands were made to Pakistan to hand over the terrorists responsible for the massacre of 26 innocent Indians in Pahalgam. "Why was the opposition not taken into confidence before the sudden halt?" he asked, alleging that the ceasefire appears more as a diplomatic compromise than a strategic victory.



Nation stands united against terrorism, says Pratibha Singh

DINESH AGARWAL

**SHIMLA:** Himachal Pradesh Congress President and former MP Pratibha Singh stated that the entire nation is united with the central government in its stand against terrorism. She emphasized that the government must not succumb to any external pressure in its fight against terrorism, particularly concerning Pakistan. Speaking to the media, Pratibha Singh urged the Centre to convene a special session of Parliament to brief the nation about the current ceasefire situation and the recent developments with Pakistan. She said the government should heed the call of Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, who have demanded a comprehensive parliamentary discussion on the matter.



Condemning the recent brutal killing of innocent civilians in Pahalgam by Pakistan-sponsored terrorists, Singh called for a decisive and fitting retaliation. "The culprits must not be spared at any cost," she asserted, adding that the country expects the government to adopt a strong stance against terrorism. She also paid tribute to the brave soldiers who have laid down their lives fighting terrorism and stressed the importance of honoring their supreme sacrifice.

Himachal apple growers demand ban on Turkish imports over support to Pak

AGENCY SHIMLA, MAY 12

Amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, apple growers in Himachal Pradesh have called for a complete ban on imports from Turkey, accusing it of siding with Pakistan during the recent border escalation.

The demand has found resonance among political leaders and citizens alike, gaining traction as a matter of national sentiment and economic concern.

Harish Chauhan, President of the Himachal Pradesh Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Producers Association, said that Turkey's growing export of apples to India has adversely impacted the domestic market, leading to unfair prices for Himachal's apple



growers. "Turkey has betrayed India by openly supporting Pakistan. In such a situation, trade agreements with it should be reviewed immediately, and imports of apples and other goods should be banned," Chauhan asserted. Echoing the sentiment, Congress national spokesperson and MLA from Theog, Kuldeep Singh Rathore, said, "India extended a helping hand during Turkey's crisis by

launching 'Operation Dost' following the devastating earthquake. "We sent NDRF teams, drones, and essential supplies. But instead of showing gratitude, Turkey has provided military support to Pakistan. This is a betrayal." Rathore called for an immediate review of all trade ties with Turkey and urged citizens to boycott Turkish products and tourism.

Three days Manali Expo-2025 concludes

ASHISH SHARMA KULLU, MAY 12

The event was organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, State Government and CSE. To promote tourism in Himachal Pradesh, Manali Expo- 2025 was organized for the first time in Devlok located in Baragra of tourist city Manali which concludes. Deputy Commissioner Kullu Torul S Ravish was the chief guest of the concluding function of Manali Expo . As many as 35 big brands of the country have also participated in this Manali Expo and the facilities being provided by those companies in the field of tourism across the country. Information about that is also being given to the local tourism businessmen and tourists here.

Manali Expo 2025



organized in the tourist city of Manali in Himachal Pradesh, whose main objective was to promote tourism in Himachal Pradesh, promote green revolution by the state government and other topics. Deputy Commissioner Kullu Torul S Ravish attended the last day of Manali Expo.

During this, she also observed various exhibitions set up at the Manali Expo. During this, Deputy Commissioner

Kullu said that for the first time in Manali, Manali Expo was organized by Click Manali. Its main objective is to promote good tourism in the tourist city of Manali as well as other areas of Himachal. She said that various exhibitions have also been set up in this expo. She said that tourism in Himachal Pradesh will be promoted through Manali Expo. Apart from this, facilities are provided to tourists by big companies.

Operation Sindoor lauded, widow support programme approved at Himotkarsh Council meet

KISHORI LAL BAINS

**UNA:** The Himotkarsh Sahitya Sanskriti evam Jan Kalyan Parishad held a meeting of its state executive committee on Sunday at the council headquarters in Una, under the chairmanship of state president Jatindra Kanwar. The council strongly condemned the cowardly terrorist attack in Pahalgam, which claimed the lives of innocent tourists. It expressed firm support for the Government of India's robust response through Operation Sindoor, aimed at destroying terror bases in Pakistan, and praised the Indian Army's bravery and valor during the mission. The council paid homage to the Indian soldiers who laid down their lives in the operation and also expressed grief over the civilians killed in Pakistani firing in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district. A resolution was passed to posthumously honour Subedar Major Pawan Kumar, a martyr from Shahpur, Himachal Pradesh, with the Captain Amol Kalia Memorial Himotkarsh National Unity and Gallantry Award at the council's 54th annual function, where his family will receive the award. The council also approved the selection of 67 women under the 2025-26 Himotkarsh Amodani Widow Welfare Scheme, through which each beneficiary will receive a monthly ration worth Rs 750 for one year. On May 25, a programme will be held at Suhida Palace, Una, where rations worth Rs 1,50,750 will be distributed for the first three months. National saint Baba Bal Ji Maharaj is scheduled to bless the event. Additional decisions included educational assistance of Rs 20,643 for three meritorious students to complete their studies, monthly aid of Rs 2,000 for two needy families and Rs 1,000 for another as medical support.

Mandal BJP Daulatpur Chowk and Gagret perform Havan Yagna in memory of martyrs and for prosperity of India

AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB, MAY 12

Daulatpur Chowk and Gagret Mandals of Bharatiya Janata Party organized a Havan Yagna and prayer meeting for the safety of Indian Army soldiers, peace of the souls of the martyrs and prosperity of the country. This religious event was duly conducted by Daulatpur Chowk Mandal in Siddh Baba Moni Mandir, Ghanari and by Gagret Mandal in Shri Ram Mandir, Andaura. Mandal President Ajay Thakur and Nitin Thakur said that the purpose of the program was to show respect to the soldiers, pay tribute to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the country and wish for peace and prosperity in India. On this occasion,



Daulatpur Chowk Mandal General Secretary Rajiv Kaku and Vikas Dadwal, Vice President Tarsem Lal (Simmi) and Vishal Sharma, Secretary Ashok Parmar, Chandra Mohan, Hardev Parashar, Gurdayal Thakur, Manoj Kapoor, Ganesh Kumar, Tarsem Chaudhary, Dinesh Jariyal, Manoj Kumar and Abhay Bhatia were also

present. While On behalf of Gagret Mandal, General Secretary Atul Sharma and Pankaj Koondel, Office Secretary Tarsem Lal and many other BJP workers were present. On this occasion, the divisional officials said that the Bharatiya Janata Party always has respect and reverence for the army and martyrs of the country.

Government committed to provide affordable electricity to farmers

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, MAY 12

A spokesperson of the State Government today here informed that the present state government was fully committed to provide electricity to farmers at affordable rates. He said that electricity would be made available to farmers at the concessional rate of only Rs.1 per unit. To facilitate this, the State Government would bear a subsidy of Rs. 4.04 per unit, for which the official notification has also been issued.

The spokesperson further informed that due to a slight delay in the issuance of the notification, some farmers may have received electricity bills at temporarily increased rates. However, he assured that any excess amount collected would be duly adjusted in upcoming bills, thereby providing relief to the farmers. He said that the present State Government places the highest priority on the welfare of farmers and was taking all necessary and effective steps in this direction.

**Notification issued for Rs. 4.04 per unit subsidy for Farmers**

Buddha's teachings inspire life of morality and peace: Karn Nanda

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, MAY 12

BJP Media In-Charge Karn Nanda participated in a Buddha Purnima event held at the Tibetan School in Chhota Shimla, extending heartfelt greetings and best wishes to all attendees.

Speaking on the occasion, Nanda said, "On the auspicious day of Buddha Purnima, I extend my greetings to the people of the state and to followers of Lord Buddha across the world. Mahatma Buddha, a symbol of compassion, gave us the eternal message of non-violence, love, and empathy, which forms the cornerstone of human



welfare."

Nanda highlighted that Lord Buddha's ideals of equality, harmony, and justice continue to strengthen society's faith in universal human values. "His teachings inspire us to lead a life based on morality and virtue. Let us embrace the teachings of Buddha and contribute to building a

peaceful, harmonious, and progressive India by practicing righteousness in our lives," she added.

Addressing the press, Nanda said that under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, a "New India" has emerged—an India that has responded firmly to terrorism emanating from across the border.



NEWS BRIEF

Anamjyot Kaur assumes office as SDM Nawanshahr



**CHETRAM RATTAN NAWANSHAHR:** A 2016-batch Punjab Civil Services Officer Anamjyot Kaur on Monday took over charge as Sub Divisional Magistrate Nawanshahr. While assuming the charge, SDM Anamjyot Kaur said that delivery of citizen services in stipulated time frame would be her priority besides resolving issues amicably in larger public interest. Pertinently, Anamjyot Kaur has earlier served as SDM Jaito, SDM Khadoor Sahib, Estate Officer Amritsar Development Authority and Deputy Director Local Government.

Gursewak Singh of Jatindera Greenfield School national champion for 2nd time

**GOGI KMAALPURIYA RAIKOT:** Jatindera Greenfield School, Gurusar Sudhar is a famous educational institution in Ludhiana district, which is always ready for the holistic development of its students. Students here topped the national level in sports. Under this, Gursewak Singh, a student of class 12 of the school, from 5 to 7 May 2025, in the Khelo India Youth Games 25 held in Patna, the capital of Bihar. Punjab participated in the Gaika event single stick competition and won the gold medal. Gursewak Singh won the gold medal for the second consecutive time and brightened the name of Punjab. Due to which the name of his, his parents, his school, his village and Punjab was illuminated. The President of the School, Dr. H.S. Dhaliwal, Managing Director Dr. Manpreet Kaur Dhaliwal, Principal Mr. Chander Shekhar and all the staff congratulated him and his parents on this magnificent success. They inspired him to work hard in the future and wished him to shine his name around the world.

Karnal International School's Senior Coordinator Tanuj Verma conferred prestigious Silver Zone Educational Excellence Award



**CHAMANLAL KARNAL:** Karnal International School is proud to announce that its Senior Coordinator, Mr.Tanuj Verma, has been conferred with the Silver Zone Educational Excellence Award 2024-25. In an impressive award ceremony held at Dr. Ambedkar International Center, New Delhi Mr. Tanuj Verma was conferred with the award comprising a trophy and a certificate. This international event saw participation from 28 countries, with hundreds of nominations received. Only 14 coordinators were selected for this coveted recognition, and Mr. Tanuj Verma is one of the distinguished awardees bringing immense pride to the school and the Karnal education fraternity. The Chairman of Karnal International School, Colonel Arun Datta extended his heartfelt congratulations to Verma and appreciated his relentless dedication and commitment to academic excellence. The School Director, Parkash Joshi, also conveyed his best wishes and lauded Verma for this remarkable achievement.

Youth Sports Welfare Board will give full support to District Wushu Association of Kapurthala in championship: Rajiv Walia

**DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, MAY 12**

A special meeting of the Youth Sports Welfare Board was organized at Fighter Sports Kartarpur Road, Kapurthala. In this meeting, Rajiv Walia, President of Youth Sports Welfare Board and District Wushu Association of Kapurthala, informed that the 27th State Level (Boys-Girls) Wushu Championship is going to be held in Kapurthala on 30, 31 May and 1 June 2025. He said that all the members of the Youth Sports Welfare Board gave their full support in this championship and made the championship a success. After consultation with all the members, he prepared the organizer committee of District Wushu Association of

Life returns to normal in Barmer and Jaisalmer after India-Pakistan border tensions

**AGENCY JAISALMER, MAY 12**

Two days after India and Pakistan came to an understanding on the cessation of hostilities, life slowly returns to normal in the border villages. These villages especially in JK had borne the brunt of unprovoked firing from across the border. Morning visuals from Barmer market showed shops open and people going about their day, with life returning to normal after recent tensions along the India-Pakistan border. In Jaisalmer, a local resident said, "Everything is normal. The market is open, there are no issues during the day. Shops close around 7:30 pm. Our livelihood is not affected." in Barmer and Jaisalmer are relieved as daily



life goes back to normal. Local businesses are running as usual, and residents hope the situation stays peaceful. The tension had peaked early Saturday morning when a missile from Pakistan landed in an agricultural field in Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan. Security forces successfully defused the missile without any casualties or damage to property.The

unexploded missile was discovered by locals, who immediately alerted the authorities.

The missile reportedly fell around 4:30 AM in a field belonging to Puran Singh Bhati, the former chairman of the Land Development Bank in Jaisalmer.According to Bhati, he heard three loud explosions."The farm where the missile fell yesterday

MD Shahnawaz appointed International Chief in-charge of Anti Corruption Foundation of India

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 12**

National Supremo of Anti Corruption Foundation of India Narendra Arora, while expanding the international team, appointed young social worker of Uttar Pradesh MD Shahnawaz Abbasi as the International Chief In charge, Vigilance and Crime Cell of the Foundation. Abbasi was earlier active in the national team and was working as a national officer. Keeping in view his excellent work in the field of corruption eradication, he has been promoted as an international officer. National Supremo Narendra Arora handed over the appointment letter to MD Shahnawaz Abbasi and administered the oath to work for corruption eradication awareness while staying within the dignity of the post. On this occasion, MD Shahnawaz Abbasi said that he would take the objectives of corruption eradication awareness of the Foundation to the people while staying within the dignity of his post and would expand his team. He said that he would play a special role in the charity project of the Foundation. On this occasion, Narendra Arora said that MD Shahnawaz Abbasi was a famous young social worker of



Shamli district of Uttar Pradesh who has been doing social service for many years. He said that Anti Corruption Foundation of India was working for awareness against corruption across the country. The foundation's team is located in all the states of the country. Through the Corruption Free India campaign, the foundation has been organizing speech, slogan, drawing, essay etc. competitions on the topic of Corruption Free India in educational institutions, signature campaigns and through the Satyanshtha Shapath Abhiyan, people were administered the oath of integrity and they were made to fill the forms of the oath of integrity.

Brother and sister who went to harvest crop drown in river

**ARVIND PATHAK SULTANPUR LODHI:** Very sad news has been received from the village Ahli Kalan of the tehsil. Here, a brother and sister who had gone to harvest the crop suddenly drowned in the Beas river. Giving information family members



Indrajit, Vikram Kumar said that Pappu and Ashu were working in the fields on the

banks of the Beas river along with all the family members. When they reached the river bank to wash hands and face or drink water while returning home, suddenly their feet slipped, due to which both the brother and sister drowned while trying to

save each other. The brother's body has been recovered by the Kabirpur police station and it has been kept in the mortuary of Civil Hospital Sultanpur Lodhi. The deceased has been identified as Pappu (35) son of Joginder Pal resident of Sultanpur Rural.

Pb govt ensures free medicines at all govt hospitals and dispensaries: Dr. Balbir Singh



**RAKESH JINDAL PATIALA, MAY 12**

Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Balbir Singh today reaffirmed the government's commitment to delivering quality healthcare, stating that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, free medicines are now available at all government hospitals, dispensaries, and wellness centres across the state.

During a surprise visit to the Community Health Centre in Ghanour, Loh Simbli Wellness Centre, and

the local rural dispensary, Dr. Balbir Singh reviewed the condition of healthcare services in these remote areas and directly engaged with patients to understand their experiences.

He expressed satisfaction over the positive feedback and growing trust among people in the public healthcare system. The Minister informed that, alongside free medicines, diagnostic services have been initiated for patients, and that in the next phase, specialist care will be brought closer to people's homes.

World Nursing Day celebrated in DR Jain Neurocare and Multispecialty Hospital



**HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA:** World Nursing Day was celebrated in a very dignified and inspiring atmosphere at D R Jain Neurocare and Multispecialty Hospital, Kurukshetra on Monday. On this special occasion, tribute was paid to Florence Nightingale, the symbol of nursing service. Present as the keynote speaker, the Director and Chief Neuro Surgeon of the hospital, Dr. Himanshu Jain, while addressing the nursing staff said, "Nurses are the true protectors of the lifeline. They are not only an integral part of the medical process, but are also the strong foundation of the self-confidence and mental health of the patients." Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ruchi Jain said, "This celebration of World Nursing Day is not only a way to honor the nursing community but also to highlight their invaluable contribution to healthcare through their service and dedication." Nurses are not just a profession but a living embodiment of service, compassion and humanity. Their affectionate touch, patience and unwavering dedication bring a ray of hope to countless lives.

Legal Literacy Club organises lecture on cyber crimes and traffic rules



**YAGYADUTT SHASTRI PEHOWA:** Cybercrime and traffic rules were discussed in an important lecture organized by the Legal Literacy Club at DAV College. The lecture was started by college Principal Dr Surendra Sharma, who explained to the students about the cybercrime and traffic rules. Retired Inspector Roshan Lal and Sub Inspector Sher Singh attended the program as chief guests. Roshan Lal made the students aware about cyber crime and cyber fraud and gave information about 1930 cyber fraud Helpline number. Sub Inspector Sher Singh encouraged the students to follow traffic rules and told them about important traffic rules. This lecture was organized under the guidance of Dr. Deepika, Convener of Legal Literacy Club. During this, Dr Anuj Kumar, Chairman of Economics Department and Dr. Jyoti, Dr. Neha, Prof. Amandeep, Prof. Muskan and Prof. Monica from Commerce Department were also present. The aim of this lecture was to make students aware about cyber crime and traffic rules and motivated them to become safe and responsible citizens.

Educators and staff elevate university excellence: VC KUK

**DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, MAY 12**

A heartfelt farewell party was organised by Kurukshetra University administration to honour one teacher and six non-teaching employees for their years of dedication and service. The event recognized their invaluable contributions to academic excellence and institutional growth. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva said that educators and staff play a vital role in the elevation of the university success.

Prof Sachdeva expressed gratitude for the retirees' commitment, highlighting the lasting impact they have left on students and the institution. Prof Sachdeva added that the retiring staff have been the backbone of the university, ensuring smooth operations and fostering a supportive



environment. Their dedication and service leave a lasting impact on the institution and its community. The ceremony included speeches, tokens of appreciation, and warm recollections shared by the colleagues and retiring teacher and staff. Deputy Director, Public Relations, Dr Jimmy Sharma informed that among those who retired include Prof. Dalip Kumar from Law Department, Superintendent Vinod Kumar and Superintendent Balbir Singh from Conduct Branch, Proof Reader Harish Gaur from Centre of Distance and Online Education, Assistant Shashi

Bala and Assistant Krishna Gopal from Examination Branch-3 and Driver Sanjeev Kapoor from Sports Department. On this occasion, Registrar Dr. Virender Pal, Prof. Preeti Jain, Prof. Dinesh Singh Rana, Prof. Manjula Chaudhary, KUTA Acting President Prof. Deepak Rai Babbar, Director, Public Relations, Prof. Maha Singh Poonia, Controller, Examinations Dr. Anakeshwar Prakash, Ajmer Singh, KUNTEA General Secretary Ravinder Tomar, Munish Khurana, Vikas and family members of retired employees were present.

Common people will get HAFED, Vita products under one roof: Dr. Arvind Sharma

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA SONIPAT, MAY 12**

Cooperative, Prison, Election, Heritage and Tourism Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma said that quality products of HAFED and Vita would soon be available under one roof in the state. For this, Dairy Federation and HAFED will jointly set up a model parlor. This will make a wide range of world-class products available to the general public. As per the announcement of Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, 350 new Vita booths will be set up in the state this year.

On Monday, Dr Arvind Sharma and his wife Dr Rita Sharma reached Kami Road in Sonipat and inaugurated the Vita Booth set up by Shyam Mahila Self Help Group. Cooperative Minister Dr Arvind Sharma said that the self-help groups were



coming forward for the Vita Booth showed that the government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini was providing ample opportunities. Union Cooperative Minister Amit Shah was moving forward on the resolution of connecting every family of the country with cooperation. In the same sequence, the Haryana government has also allocated

58.8 per cent more budget to the Cooperative Department in the current financial year. He said that the Dairy Federation would move ahead with the target of collecting 15 per cent more milk in the state this year. At the same time, the additional allocation of Rs 70 crore for milk producers under the Chief Minister Dudh Protsahan Yojana would an encouraging step.

Malwa Sahitya Sabha Barnala organises literary event, discussion on Sukhwinder Baliyan's novel 'Mandi Rahim Khan'

**KARANPREET KARAN BARNALA, MAY 12**

Malwa Sahitya Sabha Barnala organized a literary event at the local Punjab ITI. In this event, a discussion was held on novelist Sukhwinder Singh Baliyan's novel 'Mandi Rahim Khan'. While reading the pamphlet on the novel, Dr. Rampal Singh Shahpuri said that the novel 'Mandi Rahim Khan' is a beautiful narrative of the hardworking nature of the Malwa people and the idea of finding life through struggle. This novel presents a realistic glimpse of the ancient rural life of Malwa. Sabha President Dr. Sampuran Singh Tallevalia said that although Sukhwinder Singh Baliyan's novel starts from the narrative of the nineteenth century, it also exposes the vile practices of caste and communal forces that



continue even in the present day. The mental pains and upheavals of the partition of the country have also been well presented. Story writer Paramjit Mann said that even today the mentality of the people is the same as it was during the partition. He said that this novel becomes an eyewitness to the tragic conditions of the people of both countries, Pakistan and India, especially of the people of the Upstream Punjab and the Downstream Punjab. Apart

from these, Teja Singh Tilak, Jugraj Dhaula, Kanwarjit Bhattal, editor of 'Kalakar', Darshan Singh Guru, Dr. Bhupinder Singh Bedi, Jagtar Singh Kattu, Hakam Singh Rooreke, and Dr. Amandeep Singh Tallevalia etc. presented their views on this novel. In the subsequent poets' court, Jangir Singh Dilbar, Raghvir Singh Gill Kattu, Ram Singh Bihla, Sukhwinder Singh Sneh, Sukhdev Singh Aulakh, Rajinder Shunki, Sudarshan Gudu, Mandeep Shayar.

SSUM agitated over 'marking fee' by BIS, urge to frame industry friendly policies

**SUMER GARG NEW DELHI:**

The entrepreneurs, who are involved in the manufacturing of stainless steel utensils sector are agitated over the introduction of marking fee at the rate of 25 paise per kilogram by the bureau of indian standards (BIS) in the recent past as they claim that it would approve fatal for the industry concern. A section of entrepreneurs speaking on the condition of anonymity claimed that this move has been done by BIS to deal a death blow to the stainless steel utensils manufacturer. They said that first it was conveyed that the marking fee would be at the rate of rs 2.50 per kilogram. Later on it was clarified that the marking fee would be charged at the rate of 25 paise per kilogram. They asserted that any concept of charging marking fee over the stainless steel utensils manufacturers (SSUM) would initiate an era of destruction for the industry especially the 'Laghu Udyog'. The industry sources argue that the stainless steel utensil standard under IS 14756 is highly technical and open to varied interpretations. With many manufacturers operating from small premises, lacking formal education, having no access to in-house labs or trained compliance officers, the standard is not just hard to follow, it is nearly impossible to implement in its current form.





NEWS BRIEFS

CJM Iram Hasan inspects safe house, takes stock of facilities



**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:** Under the guidance of District and Sessions Judge and District Legal Services Authority Chairman Ajay Kumar Sharda, Chief Judicial Magistrate and District Legal Services Authority Secretary Iram Hasan inspected the Safe House Karnal on Monday. She talked to 8 couples living in the safe house. During this, she inspected the facilities being provided in the safe house and provided necessary guidance.

Internship awareness workshop organised at Indira Gandhi National College, Ladwa

**VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA :** An internship awareness workshop was organized by the Commerce Department at Indira Gandhi National College, Ladwa on Monday. This workshop was organized to inform the students about the internship program under the National Education Policy (NEP 2020) and to prepare them for their future professional life. The workshop was chaired by college principal Dr. Kushal Pal. Dr. Rupesh Gaur (Internship Coordinator) was especially present on this occasion. Addressing the workshop, Principal Dr. Kushal Pal said that under the National Education Policy 2020, internship has been made mandatory in higher education, so that students can get practical experience. He informed that Kurukshetra University has also included internship in its courses on line with NEP and the aim of this workshop was to make students aware of this initiative. Addressing the students, Dr. Sandeep Bansal said that the internship would be of four to six weeks duration. Through this, students will get an opportunity to understand the real-life work style which will increase their confidence, skills and career options. Internship Coordinator Dr. Rupesh Gaur gave detailed information about the internship process, necessary documents, report writing, evaluation criteria etc. He also resolved the queries of the students. Sunita Rani and Dr. Neeti Goyal said in their address that the faculty of the college was always with the students and would continue to provide them guidance.



SMS Memorial school students undertake educational tour

**KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI, MAY 12**  
Students of SMS Memorial Public School Taraori went on an educational tour. The students of the school were taken to NDRI, Karnal on an educational tour under the leadership of Principal Dr. Vibha Kaushik, where they were informed about how they can become self-reliant by studying all the trades in the Industrial Training Centre and getting training through the Industrial Training Center. School manager Gursharan Grewal said that the students got to learn a lot from the educational tour. There, a short film was shown to the children. The staff gave information about dairy farming. The students were made aware about the animal farm, different breeds of cows. Information was given about the products made



from milk. Under the supervision of the teachers, the students thoroughly enjoyed the dishes made from milk. Principal of the school, Dr. Vibha Kaushik said that it helps students connect the knowledge learned in the classroom to the real world. This deepens their understanding which makes education more effective and enjoyable. It contributes to the intellectual, mental, and physical development of students, helping students develop important academic skills like research, analysis, and presentation. The main objective of this educational tour was to provide practical knowledge from the real world to the students and to provide more information about the dairy industry. Staff members and children were present on this occasion.

20 challans issued for setting up hawkers in non-vending zones, fine of Rs. 10,000 imposed: Dr. Vaishali Sharma

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 12**

5 main roads have been made no vending zones by Municipal Corporation Karnal with aim of reducing congestion on main roads of city and streamlining traffic. For this, various teams of cleaning branch are continuously visiting the no vending zones in the city. Under this, 20 challans have been issued and a fine of Rs. 10,000 has been imposed for setting up hawkers on the roads. This information was given by Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dr. Vaishali Sharma on Monday. These roads are no vending zone - He informed that the roads from Maharaja Agrasen Chowk to Shrimad Bhagwad Geeta Dwar, Ambedkar Chowk to Lok Nirman Vishram Grih, Old Committee Chowk to Ranbir Hoo-



da Chowk (Karn Canal culvert), ITI Chowk to Sector-9 culvert and Maharana Pratap Chowk to Tau Devi Lal Chowk are included. He informed that the above roads are inspected daily by the concerned sanitation inspector and Swachh Bharat Mission team regarding no vending zone. If anyone is found

setting up a hawker on these roads, he is immediately removed from there. Despite repeated requests, if anyone sets up a hawker, then along with challaning him, his goods are also confiscated. He informed that this decision has been taken keeping in view the convenience of the general public. No hawker

will be allowed to set up his stall on the side of above roads, on the footpath or on the track. Along with this, shopkeepers have also been strictly instructed to keep their goods inside the shop. He clarified that if any shopkeeper or hawker violates these orders, action will be taken against him.

Negligence in development works will not be tolerated: Mayor Bahamani

**RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 12**

Under the Divya Nagar scheme, beautification work is being done on three roads in the city. On Monday, Mayor Suman Bahamani along with the officials reached to inspect the beautification work of Jagadhri Workshop Road. Here she had received a complaint about low quality bricks being used in the boundary of the trees. Mayor Bahamani got the new boundary around the tree built on the roadside demolished in front of her and took samples from it and sent them to the lab to check the quality of the bricks. The Mayor instructed the officials to stop this work till the report comes from the lab. He said that any kind of negligence in the city development work will not be tolerated. There will be no com-

Widening work on Kachhwa road weaken roots of many trees

**MEGH RAJ KARNAL, MAY 12**

While widening the road from the railway over bridge to the western Yamuna canal on Kachhwa Road, the roots of dozens of trees have been cut and trees left to fall. The Public Works Department is constructing platforms around these trees but not the municipal corporation. In the recent heavy rains, the soil of the roots of these trees was also swept away. Earlier, there was a footpath on one side of this road which was two feet above the road. On this footpath, dozens of saplings were planted years ago by the Municipal Corporation and the Forest Department which have now grown up and became trees. A month ago, the



road has been widened by laying interlocking tiles. The footpath has been given way. The roots of the trees have come out. These trees can fall anytime in if there was heavy rain or storm. Jagdish Narang, Rakesh Sethi and Varun Gulati of Ramnagar say that they have asked for platforms to be built around the trees to provide them strength many times. It was very important to build platforms around these trees so that the trees planted for environmental protection can be saved so that the trees did not fall. "The work of making platforms around the trees is to be done by the corporation. The Public Works Department will soon write a letter to the corporation," say they.

Operation Sindoor example of military strategy of new India, symbol of valor and determination: Madan Chauhan

**RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 12**

Former Mayor and former state president of OBC Morcha Haryana, Madan Chauhan said that the recently concluded Operation Sindoor is a historic achievement in the military history of India, which not only foiled the evil intentions of Pakistan, but also forced it to demand a ceasefire, embarrassing it at the international level. This operation is a living proof of power, discipline and unwav-



ering courage of Indian Army. He said that this is the same India which no longer merely reacts, but strikes at the roots of the enemy. This India no longer merely protects borders, but if necessary, penetrates enemy's hideouts and takes decisive action. Operation Sindoor is identity of this new India - fast, clear and result-oriented. Madan Chauhan stressed that India no longer considers every terrorist attack or provocation on the border as a mere "internal security" issue, but sees it as

an act of war. This is the reason why India no longer remains silent like before, but now every attack is responded to with swift, targeted and publicly visible results. Operation Sindoor is the latest example of this. He said that Pakistan was constantly engaged in spreading tension on border and encouraging terrorist activities, but the Indian Army responded with restraint and prudence. The targeted and decisive actions taken under Operation Sindoor shook Pakistan's military capabilities and forced it to kneel before India. Madan Chauhan praised the unparalleled valor of the Indian forces.

No greater virtuous act than bathing in Ganges at Har Ki Pauri: Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi

**KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI, MAY 12**

On occasion of Vaishakh Purnima, a group of more than 300 devotees from Tarawadi Grain Market Arhatiya Association left for Ganga Snan at Har Ki Pauri in Haridwar from Tarawadi Grain Market. The group was flagged off by MLA of the constituency Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi. This group was led by Mandi Association Pradhan Subhash Gupta. On the occasion of Purnima, more than 300 Arhatiyas, social workers, employees and journalists were made to bathe in the Ganges in Haridwar by the Arhatiya Association Tarawadi. Pradhan Subhash Gupta said that all the devotees were accommodated in the Agrawal Dharamshala of Haridwar by Galaxy Basmati Rice. All the devotees took a bath in the Ganges. It is noteworthy that for the



first time more than 300 devotees from Tarawadi Grain Market took a holy dip in the Ganga in Haridwar. This pilgrimage brought enthusiasm among all the commission agents. During the pilgrimage, the devotees took a holy dip in the Ganga at Har Ki Pauri

and also visited important sites. The devotees in group prayed collectively before journey and prayed for its success. Before sending off group of commission agents and representatives of social organizations, MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi said that such events are very

important in society, because such events not only increase brotherhood but also bring unity. He said that this effort of commission agents association Tarawadi is very commendable. Taking such a large number of 300 people together is a very pious act.

Ranbir Gangwa approves development works worth Rs 23.75 cr

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 12**

Haryana's Public Works and Public Health Engineering Minister Ranbir Gangwa said that there should not be any kind of shortage in development works, which cannot be done development work, the concerned public representatives should inform about this so that new works can be approved. Minister Ranbir Gangwa was speaking in the District Development and Monitoring Committee meeting at Vikas Sadan set up in the local Panchayat Bhawan on Monday. He was giving necessary guidelines to the officials. On reaching the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh welcomed the minister with a bouquet. In the meeting, the minister approved development works worth Rs 23 crore 75 lakh for the financial year 2025-26 and said do not let the D-Plan money lapse. He told the officials that the government has no shortage of money, special attention should be paid to the quality of development works.

Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh informed the minister that during the last financial year, 377 development works were approved under D-Plan in the district, out of which 335



development works have been completed and the remaining works will also be completed soon. He assured that the amount received for development works under D-Plan, those development works will be completed within the stipulated time frame. Assandh MLA Yogendra Rana, Nilokheri MLA Bhagwan Das Kabirpanthi, Karnal Municipal Corporation Mayor Renu Bala Gupta, BJP District President Praveen Lathar, MP representative Kavinder Rana, Assandh Municipal Council Chairperson Sunita Ardana, Nagar Palika Indri Chairperson Rakesh and from the administration, Zila Parishad CEO Gaurav Kumar, SDM Karnal Anubhav Mehta, SDM Assandh Rahul, Indri SDM Ashok Munjal, Project Officer Rajendra Kumar and other officials were present.

Dates for registration and CET exam will be announced soon: HSSC



**RK KASHYAP PRATAP NAGAR:** Dates for registration and examinations for Common Eligibility Test in Haryana will be announced soon. All preparations have been completed by the commission for this. This was said by Amar Singh Nandgarh, member of Haryana Staff Selection Commission, during a visit to the area. Along with this, he advised the children to prepare hard and diligently for the preparation of competitive examinations. He said that the BJP government of Haryana has given an opportunity to lakhs of youth to do government jobs without any expense and without slips. And there is a determination for this in the future too. He urged the children present during his visit to Aruiyawala, Pratap Nagar, Kutipur, Chuaharpurkala, Nandgarh, Sabhapur, Kaeshwar, Taje Wala to prepare hard and diligently for competitive examinations and also said that in competitive examinations, keep information about the general knowledge of Haryana and constantly take the help of newspapers, TV channels and internet for current affairs. On this occasion, Tejpal Jaiampur, Banarasi Das, Gurmee Bhud Khund, Satbir Singh Khadri, Saurabh Jagadhari, Vansh, Devichand, Rishipal, Harshit, Vaishali, Komal, Nidhi, Priyanka, Geeta, Harpreet, Lakshya etc. were also present..

Bhandara organised along with Satyanarayan Katha on every full moon day in Vishnu Bhagwan Temple

**MANMOHAN SHARMA HANSI:** Ancient Vishnu Bhagwan Temple Trust located in Chau-pata Bazaar organized the story of Lord Satyanarayan in temple premises on holy full moon day. Social worker and director of EREGANTO MOBILITY LLP Harsh Mittal along with his wife Preeti Mittal were present as main hosts in Katha. After Puja was conducted by priest of Vishnu Bhagwan Temple, Purushottam Joshi, narrator Pandit Kailash Joshi narrated story of Lord Satyanarayan and first of all told the essence of the story and said that any work done with truth, faith and devotion is always fruitful. If a person commits a mistake, but repents with a true heart and worships God, then God forgives him. Mention of Lord Satyanarayan Katha is found in Skanda Purana. In Skanda Purana, Lord Vishnu has told the importance of this fast to Narada. It is believed that whoever listens to this fast and story with devotion, considering truth as God, gets the desired result. Happiness, peace and prosperity comes in the house.



promise with quality. Under the Divya Nagar scheme, the Municipal Corporation is beautifying three main roads of the city at a cost of seven crore 19 lakhs. The beautification work of all three roads is in progress. Under the scheme, the Municipal Corporation is beautifying Gymkhana Club Road at a cost of about Rs 2.25 crore, Workshop Road from Shaheed

Bhagat Singh Chowk to Maharana Pratap Chowk at a cost of Rs 3.78 crore and Govindpuri Road from Madhu Chowk to Kanhaiya Sahib Chowk at a cost of Rs 81 lakh. On Monday, Mayor Suman Bahamani reached near Mahila Thana on Workshop Road along with ATP Ashish Chhachhiya, Corporation Engineer Muneshwar Bhardwaj, JE Ajay and others. Here,

work is being done to make a circular boundary to give the shape of pots to the trees standing on the roadside. Mayor Suman Bahamani inspected the bricks and construction material here. The Mayor himself inspected the bricks of the boundary under construction. To check the quality, the Mayor got the boundary of the trees broken by the workers in front of him and collected samples of the bricks used in it. These samples will be sent to the lab by the Corporation for testing. If the lab report does not find the bricks of high quality, action will be taken against the agency and this work will be done by another agency. He gave strict instructions to the officers to inspect the development works being done by the Municipal Corporation. Wherever the quality of construction material does not seem to be good, get it checked.



Editorial

Work ahead

This year's United Nations' Human Development Report — an annual evaluation of the social and the economic development of countries — has indicated a worrying trend. According to HDR 2025, the global progress in human development is currently experiencing an unprecedented slowdown. India has made minimal progress, climbing three spots on the Human Development Index from its 2022 score, to rank 130 out of 193 countries. India's improved performance in three key sectors — health, education and standard of living — is believed to be behind this improvement. While India's life expectancy rose from 58.6 years in 1990 to 72 years in 2023 — the highest ever recorded — the average years of schooling have registered an increase as well — from 8.2 in 1990 to 13 in 2023. Further, the gross national income per capita surged over four-fold in the span of these 35 years. These gains, coming on the back of three deadly years of the pandemic, are laudable. Significantly, several flagship welfare programmes, such as the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and the Right To Education Act, have been attributed as the drivers of development. These programmes must be further fortified and not weakened by starving them of funds or changes in rules.

The progress made must not deflect attention from the challenges that persist. India still ranks at the bottom third on the HDI. Its value, 0.685, is the same as that of Bangladesh and lower than that of its other neighbours, Sri Lanka and Bhutan. Rising inequality is another impediment to progress. The report shows that income and gender disparity have pulled down India's HDI score by 30.7%. This massive loss can derail the government's vision of making Bharat viksit in the true sense of the term. Measures to strive for an equitable society, supplemented by gender-inclusive policies that will not only increase women's participation but also ensure that they remain in the workforce, along with further improvements in public health and education, hold the key.

Taliban bans chess in Afghanistan over religious concerns

The Taliban has banned chess in Afghanistan due to religious concerns, continuing its opposition to various forms of entertainment and sports, Khaama Press reported. As per reports, the decision was taken due to "religious considerations" and restrictions announced by the Taliban's Ministry of Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice. The decision places chess-related activities on hold indefinitely in Afghanistan. Officials from the Taliban-led Ministry of Sports confirmed the suspension of chess activities on May 11, stating that the sport will remain banned in the nation until suitable responses are found regarding religious concerns. As per reports, no activities related to chess would be allowed to resume without addressing these issues. Taliban's Ministry of Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice has also dissolved the Afghanistan Chess Federation, terming the game "haram" (forbidden) as per the interpretation of the Islamic law, Khaama Press reported.

The decision follows a growing trend of restrictions imposed by the Taliban on cultural, social and sporting events in Afghanistan since it seized power. Before the Taliban's announcement regarding the ban, several chess players and enthusiasts reportedly requested permission and financial support from the Taliban-led Ministry of Sports to continue their activities. However, the Taliban announced the ban, further complicating their efforts to play the game. Chess, once considered an intellectual sport in Afghanistan, has enjoyed a resurgence in recent years, with the national federation operating under the Taliban-led Ministry of Sports, Khaama Press reported. The Taliban's recent stance, citing Islamic legal interpretations, demonstrated their broader strategy to restrict cultural and recreational activities in Afghanistan.



The ban on playing chess demonstrates the Taliban's increasing restrictions on freedoms in Afghanistan. The Taliban has also imposed several restrictions on women in Afghanistan. It remains to be seen how long these policies will last or whether the international community will be able to pressurise the Taliban to reverse their decisions. Earlier in February, the Taliban announced that students from March 22 will have to wear the new Taliban-issued uniform.

The decision was published on February 27. According to the notice, students in classes 1st to 9th must wear a blue shirt, pants, and a white hat. Stu-

dents in classes 10th to 12th must wear a white shirt, pants and a headscarf or turban, Khaama Press reported. Previously, Taliban leader Hibatullah Akhundzada signed a nine-point decree stating that all public and private school uniforms would include a shirt, pants, turban, and white hat. The bill did not include the details regarding uniforms for female teachers or students. The colour of the uniform for female students is black. Since seizing power in Afghanistan, the Taliban has banned girls from pursuing studies in schools above sixth class and closed the doors of universities and medical educational centres to them.

Literature & Health

Ukraine President agrees meeting with Putin this week

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said he is prepared to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin this week, shortly after US President Donald Trump urged him to "immediately" accept the Russian leader's offer to hold peace talks in Turkey, CNN reported. After meeting in Kyiv on Saturday,

Ukraine's major European allies gave Russia an ultimatum: agree to an unconditional 30-day ceasefire in Ukraine by Monday or face "massive" new sanctions. Trump supported the initiative, Germany's new chancellor Friedrich Merz said. In a late-night address, Putin did not acknowledge the ultimatum. Ignoring the ceasefire offer, he instead proposed holding "direct



talks" with Ukraine in Turkey on Thursday - something not seen since the early weeks of Moscow's full-scale invasion in 2022, as per CNN. Ukraine's allies spent Sunday stressing that there could be no further talks before Putin agrees to an unconditional ceasefire.

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But Trump undermined the efforts to put pressure on Putin, saying that Ukraine should "immediately" agree to meet with Russian officials on Thursday, CNN reported.

HAVE THE MEETING, NOW!!!!" Trump wrote on Truth Social.

China, US agreed to establish economic and trade consultation mechanism

Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng has said that China and the US have reached a series of major consensus and agreed to establish an economic and trade consultation mechanism. He described the high-level meeting between China and the US in Switzerland's Geneva on economic and trade affairs as "candid and constructive."

He said that China and the US should adopt a practical attitude to solving problems, conduct candid dialogues and equal consultations, manage differences, explore cooperation potential, and strengthen cooperation to push for new development in economic and trade relations between the two nations, according to the statement shared by the



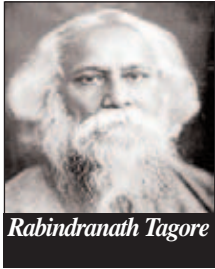
Chinese Embassy in the US on X. In a post on X, Chinese Embassy in US stated, "Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng: The #China-#US high-level meeting on economic and trade affairs were in-depth, candid and constructive. The two sides have reached a series of major consensus and have also agreed to establish an economic and trade consultation mechanism. China is

ready to work with the United States to actively implement the consensus reached by the two heads of state during their phone call on Jan. 17." "The two sides should follow a practical attitude for solving problems, carry out candid dialogues and equal consultations, manage differences, explore cooperation potential, extend the list of cooperation list.

POEM

The Unheeded Pageant

Ah, who was it coloured that little frock,  
my child, and covered your sweet  
limbs with that little red tunic?  
You have come out in the morning to play in  
the courtyard,  
tottering and tumbling as you run.  
But who was it coloured that little frock, my  
child?



What is it makes you  
laugh, my little life-bud?  
Mother smiles at you  
standing on the threshold.  
She claps her hands and  
her bracelets jingle, and  
you dance  
with your bamboo stick in  
your hand like a tiny little shepherd.  
But what is it makes you laugh, my little life-  
bud?  
O beggar, what do you bed for, clinging to  
your mother's neck  
with both your hands?

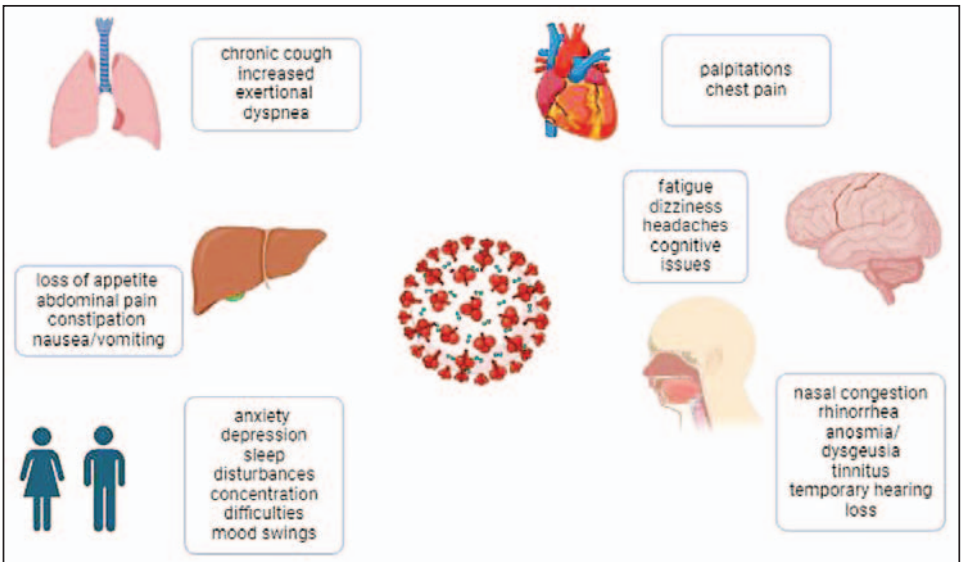
Rabindranath Tagore

Study finds how obesity linked to long Covid

People with excess weight are more likely to experience long-term neurological and mental health symptoms after Covid-19, including headache, vertigo, smell and taste disorders, sleep disturbance, and depression.

This research is done by Edith Cowan University (ECU) Centre of Precision Health visiting PhD scholar Debora Barbosa Ronca. "We anticipated some level of association between excess weight and post-Covid-19 symptoms based on prior evidence linking obesity with worse Covid-19 long-term outcomes. What stood out was the consistency of findings across a wide range of neurological and neuropsychiatric symptoms - including memory problems, depression, sleep disturbances, and sensory impairments.

While we did not perform subgroup analyses by ethnicity, the inclusion of studies from 23 different countries suggests the global relevance of our findings," said Ronca. Excess weight has been associated with



the development of long Covid or Post-Covid-19 condition, as proposed by the World Health Organization. While the mechanics behind the negative association be-

tween excess weight and long Covid is yet to be confirmed, Ronca noted that it could be linked to an exaggerated inflammatory response predisposed by excess fatty tissue in

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the body. Moreover, fat tissue helps the SARS-CoV-2 virus enter the body and may store the virus, allowing it to spread. Some studies have shown that long Covid symp-

ptoms could persist for 12 months or longer, necessitating the need for long-term medical interventions.

"These symptoms of long Covid can significantly impact quality of life and may linger for months. As we face overlapping public health challenges in the post-pandemic era, such as long Covid, mental health issues, and rising rates of obesity, it's essential to develop personalised and multidisciplinary care strategies to better support affected individuals," shared Ronca.

"Physicians and healthcare professionals should be aware that individuals with excess weight may be at higher risk of experiencing long-term neurological and mental health symptoms following Covid-19. This population may require closer monitoring and multidisciplinary care approaches. Integrating concomitant weight management, mental health support, and rehabilitation into post-Covids care plans could improve patient outcomes."



NEWS BRIEF

Tilak Ram elected as President of Arya Samaj Barnala for second time



**KULDEEP SOOD**  
**BARNALA:** The election of Arya Samaj Barnala was held. On this occasion, the election process started under the supervision of Bharat Modi ji, when Rajmahinder Singh presented the name of Tilak Ram for the presidency. All the members present unanimously raised their hands and sealed Tilak Ram's second term as the president. Kuldeep Joshi was elected as the secretary and Bharat Indu Gupta as the treasurer. On this occasion, Sanjeev Shourie, Kewal Jindal, Pradeep Kumar, Basant Goyal, Vinod Shourie, Paramjit Bhardwaj, Ram Kumar Sobti, Ram Chandra Arya, Gaurav Arya, Charanjit Sharma, Rajesh Gandhi, Davinder Chadha, Rajni Larnala, Shri Chand Verma, Vijay Arya, sister Tripta Bansal etc. were also present.

# MP Arora and Minister Bhagat lay foundation stone of Mohalla Clinic

SHARMA  
LUDHIANA, MAY 12

Rajya Sabha MP Sanjeev Arora, along with Punjab Cabinet Minister Mohinder Bhagat, laid the foundation stone of a Rs.25 lakh Mohalla Clinic near Middha Chowk on Monday.

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony, MP Arora directed the concerned officials to expedite the construction and ensure that the clinic becomes operational within a month. He noted that establishing a Mohalla Clinic in the area had been a long-pending demand, especially since a significant portion of the local population belongs to the labour class.

Arora informed that residents had recently approached him, citing their inability to afford expensive treatments at private clinics and hospitals. Following this,



he discussed the issue with Civil Surgeon Dr. Ramandeep Kaur, and it was decided to set up a Mohalla Clinic for the larger benefit of the local community.

Highlighting the broader vision, Arora said that Mohalla Clinics, an initiative by the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government under the leadership of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, represent a

transformative step toward accessible and affordable primary healthcare. These clinics are modeled after the successful implementation in Delhi under former Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. Arora, who is the AAP candidate from Ludhiana (West) for the upcoming assembly bypoll, presented his three-year performance report and appealed to the voters for their support. He

pledged to work "four times harder" if elected.

Minister Mohinder Bhagat praised Arora for bringing tremendous development to the city over the past three years. He appealed to the public to ensure Arora's resounding victory in the bypoll, calling him a dynamic and development-oriented leader.

Civil Surgeon Dr. Ramandeep Kaur was also present.

Later, Arora alongwith Punjab Minister Mohinder Bhagat laid foundation stones of two gates one each dedicated to Bhagat Kabir and Bhagwan Valmiki at Jawahar Nagar Camp here on Monday.

Among others, councilor Kapil Kumar Sonu, Kimti Bhagat, Raj Kumar, Khaira, Sham Lal Bhagat, Raj Kumar, Ashok Kumar, Tilak Raj and Ravi Bhagat were present.

# Govt following zero- tolerance policy against corruption: Ranbir Gangwa

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
KARNAL, MAY 12

Haryana's Minister for Public Health Engineering and Public Works (Buildings and Roads), Ranbir Singh Gangwa, emphasized that the state government is firmly adhering to a zero-tolerance policy against corruption. He stated that under the leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, non-stop development work is being carried out rapidly, and those indulging in corruption will not be spared under any circumstances.

Speaking during a meeting of the District Public Relations and Grievance Redressal Committee held at the local Panchayat Bhawan, the minister urged officers and employees to resolve public grievances within a fixed timeframe and on a priority basis. He stressed that no citizen should be harassed unnecessarily. During the meeting, a complaint regarding the misuse of a fake



BPL card by a resident of Ramnagar, Maninder Singh, to fraudulently obtain ration, was discussed. The issue was raised by Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand. Taking serious note of the complaint, Minister Gangwa ordered a thorough probe by senior officials and directed the Deputy Commissioner to get the matter investigated by the SDM. He also instructed that a show-cause notice be issued to the DFSO for not attending the meeting. Of the 15 complaints heard during the session, five were resolved on the spot, while the remaining ten were kept pending for further investigation and reports to be presented in the next

meeting. Responding to Rekha from Moonak village regarding delay in insurance scheme benefits, the minister directed the concerned bank and LIC to settle the matter within a week or face action. Similarly, in the case of Ramesh Chandra of Santdi village, who complained about an 11,000-volt line passing over his house, Gangwa expressed dissatisfaction with the current report and ordered a reinvestigation by a team comprising the SDM Indri and two committee members. In the case of Bharpai from Gondar village, the minister directed the BDPO to facilitate the registration and possession of her plot.

## Parveen Agarwal new President of Karnal Hardware and Manufacturers Association



**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
**KARNAL:** A meeting of the Karnal Hardware and Manufacturers Association was held at Hotel Jewels. On this occasion, all the members paid tribute to Lieutenant Vinay Naswal and others who were martyred in Pahalgam village. After this, a new president was elected. In this post, Parveen Agarwal was declared the head for 2025-26. Vipin Ahuja, who was the head in the year 2024-25, gave information about the work done by him. All the members discussed his work. All the members welcomed and congratulated Parveen Agarwal. In his first address, Parveen said that he will fulfill the responsibility given to him by the people with the expectation of the same. Neeraj Aneja was made the secretary and Roshan Kansal was made the cashier. On this occasion, Sanjay Madan, Darshan Madan, Anurag Khanna, Rajinder Chhabra, Surinder Arya, Deepak Vohra, Meva Singh, Kanwal Preet Singh, Anil Jain Aman, Raju Garg, Vikram Manik, Anil Bhatia were also present.

## 5-day civil defence training camp held in MLN College

RAHUL KOHLI  
YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 12

Under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Parth Gupta, the district administration started a five-day training camp at MLN College Yamuna Nagar to provide civil defense training to the volunteers those could work with the district administration in emergency situations. This program was inaugurated by Nagar Adhis Piyush Gupta. On this occasion, addressing all the volunteers present, Nagar Adhis Piyush Gupta said that with the objective of creating awareness about rescue operations during any disaster, the district



administration was organizing a five-day training camp for volunteers so that they can voluntarily come forward and be a part of this camp and their help can be taken whenever needed. He said that when the siren sounds intermittently, it should be considered an air raid warning and when the siren sounds continuously

buzzing for two minutes, it should be assumed that there was no danger now. He said that during any disaster, every minute was very important. Today they have to take training of the instructions and precautions that were being given to them through mock drills by the concerned teams and also inspired others for this.

## Team of Crime Branch Yamunanagar arrests main supplier of Ganja

RAHUL KOHLI  
YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 12

The team of Crime Branch-1 of Yamuna Nagar district arrested the main supplier of 4 kg 148 grams of Ganja recovered a few days ago. Giving information, police spokesperson Chamkaur Singh said that under the guidance of Superintendent of Police Surendra Singh Bhauria, the district police have been continuously taking strict action against drug smugglers and curbing drug trafficking. Working in this regard, the team of Crime Branch-1 has succeeded in arresting the main supplier of 4 kg 148 grams of Ganja flower recovered recently. A case was registered against the accused under the NDPS Act and he was presented in the court. The accused was sent to judicial custody by the court. In charge Virendra Walia told that on April 5, his team, on the basis of a secret information have arrested Umesh Kumar son Tikam Mahato, resident of Badhi Majra, near Industrial Area Sabji Mandi,



with 4 kg 148 grams of ganja flower leaves. He was taken on seven-day police remand. During the remand, the accused told that he had brought this narcotic substance from Manish Kumar son of Rajkumar, resident of Rampur Shyam Chand village of Vaishali district of Bihar. The police team swung into immediate action and arrested the accused Manish Kumar from Hajipur Railway Station, Vaishali.

## Maharaja Agrasen Senior Public School celebrates Mother's Day with cultural performances



**HANS RAJ**  
**KURUKSHETRA:** Mother's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Maharaja Agrasen Senior Public School, located at Moti Chowk and operating under the aegis of Shri Vaishya Aggarwal Panchayat. Students of the school expressed their deep respect and love for mothers through short skits and dance performances that highlighted the essence of motherhood. President of the Shri Vaishya Aggarwal Panchayat, Satyaprakash Gupta, along with other executive members, extended warm Mother's Day greetings to all present. Speaking on the occasion, Principal Ruchika Bansal emphasized the invaluable role of mothers in a child's life. "The word 'mother' encompasses the entire universe," she said, inspiring students to cherish and respect their mothers. School Administrator Vikas Bansal highlighted the unmatched love, sacrifice, and dedication of mothers, saying that no comparison can ever be made to a mother's unconditional care. The event witnessed full participation from students and teachers alike, making it a heartfelt tribute to mothers.

## Agrawal Vaishya Samaj Haryana honours Savitri Jindal with 'Matri Samman' on Mother's Day



**HANS RAJ**  
**KURUKSHETRA:** On the occasion of Mother's Day, the Agrawal Vaishya Samaj Haryana honoured India's richest woman and mother of Kurukshetra MP Naveen Jindal, Savitri Jindal, with the 'Matri Samman' for her exemplary role as a guiding force in both family and society. Rajesh Singla, the state general secretary of the organisation, said the society has annually dedicated this day to recognising mothers who embody Indian cultural values, and this year, the honour was bestowed upon Savitri Jindal. He described her as a living example of motherhood and leadership who has not only guided her family but also made significant contributions to the nation's economy and development. Singla added, "In Indian culture, the mother is the ultimate guide of humanity. Savitri Jindal has always considered the people of Kurukshetra as her extended family and has worked tirelessly for their welfare."

## Moga Police conducted search operation in district to check drug-affected areas



**JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA**  
**MOGA:** As per the directions of Honorable Shri Gaurav Yadav, DGP Punjab, Shri Ashnavi Kapoor, Faridkot Range, Punjab Police is conducting a special cordon and search operation (CASO) campaign under the leadership of Shri Ajay Gandhi, IPS, SSP Moga ji under the campaign "War on Drugs" to prevent drugs and control the bad elements of the society. Under this campaign, a search operation was conducted at the drug hotspots and other suspicious places of Moga district from 06:00 AM to 10:00 AM today. During this operation, 01 DSP, 01 Inspector/SO and 45 (NGO and EPO) (total 48 police personnel) formed different teams and checked in Nihal Singh Wala city, Himmatpura village, Bilaspur, Patto Hira Singh of Nihal Singh Wala police station. During the checking, searches were conducted at the houses of 24 suspects and their suspicious places.

## Dr Randhir Singh promoted to post of Professor

**CHAMANLAL**  
**KARNAL:** Dr. Randhir Singh, Head of the Post Graduate Hindi Department of Dayal Singh College, Karnal, has been promoted from Associate Professor to Professor since 2016. This promotion has been given to him after he was selected by Selection Committee at Kurukshetra University and approved by Higher Education Department. College staff members congratulated and wished him.Dr. Randhir Singh is the first Professor to be promoted from Associate Professor to Professor in aided colleges of Karnal. This promotion has been done on basis of remarkable contribution in teaching and research work. He started teaching at Dayal Singh College in 1996 after obtaining PhD degree on the profound and serious subject like philosophy and mysticism in words of Saint Garibdas from Kurukshetra University. Since 2009, as Associate Professor and Head of Department, along with teaching work, he has successfully discharged responsibilities of coordinator in many national and international seminars.Along with teaching, Dr Randhir Singh has made notable contributions in the field of research as well. He has guided the research of 8 students for Ph.D. and 25 students for M.Phil degree. Along with presenting 48 research papers and delivering lectures as an invited speaker in national and international seminars, he has published 42 research papers in many national and international reputed research journals. Two books have also been published in which emphasis has been given on preservation and promotion of Hindi language and Indian culture and inspiration towards Hindi language teaching has been given.

## BVM International School organises special activity 'Popping Hearts for Mom' by the Art Club to celebrate Mother's Day



**KARANPREET KARAN**  
**BARNALA:** To celebrate Mother's Day, a special activity called 'Popping Hearts for Mom' was organized by the Art Club at BVM International School. Under this activity, the children of the Art Club prepared beautiful pop-up cards for their mothers. Using colorful papers, shiny decorative items and attractive designs, the children expressed their feelings in a very creative way. Children expressed their gratitude and love towards their mothers through embossed hearts, flowers, and beautiful messages on the cards. The enthusiasm of the children in this creative work was worth seeing. Children said that their mother is the most important inspiration in their life and this card is a small symbol of love and respect towards her. Through this activity, children not only learned art skills but also learned to express their feelings in a creative way.

## SKM to hold peace march against warring forces on May 14



**JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA**  
**MOGA:** Meeting of the skm District Moga under the leadership of District President Narinder Singh Bukkanwala National Kisan Union. The meeting was held at the district office of BKU Lakhawal. BKU Lakhawal President Bhupinder Singh Daulatpura, Balour Singh Ghal Kalan BKU Ekta Ugrahan, Surat Singh Comrade Dharamkot Kul Hind Kisan Sabha, Sukha Singh Virk District President BKU Punjab, Pargat Singh Safuwala District President Kirti Kisan Union, Kuljit Singh Raunta BKU Tote Wala were specially present. During the meeting, it was said that keeping in mind the prevailing situation in India, the United Kisan Morcha will hold a peace march against the warring forces on May 14 from Moga Grain Market to the Deputy Commissioner's Office. The stage of the United Kisan Morcha will be held in Grain Market Moga. The program was drawn up and duties of different organizations were assigned. At this time, Balkaran Singh Dhillon, Surat Singh Brahm, Vice President Punjab, Gurmail Singh Drolu, Lakhwinder Singh Rowli, Gurnek Singh Daulatpura Niwan, Harmail Singh Fauji, state leaders Gurbachan Singh Channuwala, Bahadur Singh Bukkanwala, Kulwant Singh Cheema, state leaders Mandarjit Singh Manavan, Jasmal Singh KKKU, Hardial Singh, Dilbagh Singh Happy Bhullar, etc. were present.

## Loan fraud victims meet SSP Barnala



**KULDEEP SOOD**  
**BARNALA:** Demanding legal action against the fraudsters who cheated the poor families of Tapa town and adjoining villages of lakhs of rupees in the name of giving loans and cheated them by taking blank bank checks, the victims under the leadership of Bhagwant Singh Samao today submitted a memorandum to SSP Barnala. Karamjit Kaur and Jaswinder Kaur, who are among the victims, said that Harpreet Singh Sher, son of Dalvir Singh, opened an office in shop number 148 of Aarthiya Raju Maur of Tapa Mandi and made an announcement through a speaker to get quick loans at low interest for building houses, buying vehicles, and running shops in Tapa city and nearby villages. The victims said that they and all others, along with Aadhar card, PAN card, took 3 bank account checks from each loan taker and took Rs 5000 to Rs 15 thousand in the name of file expenses and promised to clear the loans of all the needy people within 15 to 20 days, and allegedly cheated hundreds of people of lakhs of rupees.

## Team Einstein Army performs brilliantly in Pratap Public School



**KAMAL SHARMA**  
**TARAORI:** The Science quiz competition Battle of the Brain was organised for students of class 9th to 12th in Pratap Public School Taraori. The objective of this competition was to develop scientific thinking, logical ability and team spirit in the students. A total of 4 teams participated in the competition, out of which the best team reached the final round and displayed its talent. Sneha, Shubham, Tanisha, Siddhi, Tejaswi Singh participated in Team Einstein Army, Riya, Sandhya, Pratham Goyal, Bhanu Pratap, Mokshi participated in Team The Chem Catalyst. Apart from this, Harsha, Aniket, Ghanshyam, Bani, Saksham participated in Team Atom Smash, Deepanshi, Saksham, Vansh Garg, Tanvi, Vani participated in Team Photon Warriors. Various interesting rounds of quiz like Fastest Finger First, World of Science, Discovery of Astrology, Famous Scientists and their Inventions, etc. not only tested the knowledge of the students but also brought out their confidence and spirit of cooperation. Team Einstein Army performed brilliantly and won first place. Their team spirit, quick thinking and scientific understanding were commendable.



India can strengthen exports in sectors that remain insulated from US-China trade: FIEO

New Delhi : As the US and China agreed to reduce tariffs on each other's goods, India can use this as leverage to strengthen exports in sectors that remain relatively insulated from US-China trade, SC Rathnan, President of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), said. According to Rathnan, India could focus on Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs), gems and jewellery, engineering goods, organic chemicals, and IT-enabled services. The Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) said it closely monitors global trade developments that affect Indian trade interests. The US and China have arrived at an agreement that they will withdraw their previously announced reciprocal tariffs and counter tariffs for an initial period of 90 days.

Hyatt Announces Signing of Grand Hyatt Indore

CHANDIGARH: Hyatt today announced the signing of a management agreement for Grand Hyatt Indore, a landmark luxury development, with Krivish Hospitality Private Limited. The hotel will be developed on an emerging 11.5-acre site and marks a significant milestone in Hyatt's continued expansion of its portfolio in high-growth markets, bringing the Grand Hyatt brand to the vibrant city of Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India. Strategically located in one of India's fastest-growing cities, Grand Hyatt Indore will feature 250 well-appointed rooms and suites, five signature food and beverage concepts, and an expansive meetings and events space spanning over 53,000 square feet (5,000 square meters), including a grand 27,986-square-foot (2,600-square-meter) ballroom.

Godrej Vikhroli Cucina and Chef Amrita Raichand celebrate timeless maternal wisdom

Chandigarh : In the warmth of the kitchen, among simmering spices and familiar smells, lies a silent legacy. One that mothers across generations have passed down in quiet gestures & whispered lessons. This Mother's Day, Godrej Yummiez, in collaboration with Godrej Vikhroli Cucina, the culinary owned media property of Godrej Industries Group, launches a poignant short film featuring Chef Amrita Raichand, spotlighting the enduring power of a mother's advice. "Lessons from her kitchen" captures Chef Amrita cooking up a plate of Godrej Yummiez Chicken Kababs, but this is not just a recipe video and what simmers is more than just food. It's a cookbook for life, not the kind that's scribbled in diaries or taught in schools, but the kind that's passed down from heart to hand, pan to plate, generation to generation. "At Godrej Vikhroli Cucina, we've always believed that food is more than just what's on the plate, it's a cauldron for stories, culture, and values. At a time when conversations around lived childhood experiences are reshaping how we view parenting, this film is a reminder that amidst all that needs unlearning, some wisdom still stands the test of time. Because in the long run, mother always knows best", said Sujit Patil, Chief Communication Officer, Godrej Industries Group.Speaking about the campaign, Anushree Deewan, Head of Marketing & Innovation, Godrej Foods Ltd., shared, "The kitchen has always been more than just a place where meals are prepared—it is where values are shared, memories are made, often in the simplest of gestures. Whether it was the early morning dabba lovingly packed by our moms or the late-night snack waiting after a long day, their quiet presence made everything easier. Today, through innovation at Godrej Foods Ltd, we strive to honour that spirit, making everyday meals convenient and full of care—so mothers across the nation.

Energy-Efficient ACs Can Help Reduce Monthly Electricity Bills

Chandigarh : As summer temperatures soar and cooling becomes a daily necessity, air conditioners (ACs) have found a place in homes, offices, hospitals, shops, and educational institutions across India. Once seen as a luxury, ACs are now a critical part of staying comfortable during long, hot months. Increased AC usage can often lead to higher electricity bills but choosing the right kind of AC can help manage this cost without compromising on comfort. One of the most effective ways to reduce electricity bills during the summer is by choosing a more energy-efficient air conditioner. The Bureau of Energy Efficiency's (BEE) Star Labelling system is a simple tool for identifying high-efficiency models. A 5-star AC offers significantly better performance compared to a 1-star model, consuming much less electricity for the same cooling output. In fact, switching from a 1-star to a 5-star AC can result in savings of ₹10,000 to ₹14,000 per year on electricity bills, assuming 8 hours of usage a day for 275 days in a year. These savings can quickly offset the slightly higher upfront cost of a 5-star AC. Recognising growing climate concerns, BEE has announced a revision in the Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS), which will come into effect in 2026. As per the upcoming changes, today's 5-star ACs will be reclassified as 4-star models, which will raise the efficiency bar by 12%. This aligns with the India Cooling Action Plan, which seeks to provide sustainable cooling and thermal comfort for all and aims to push manufacturers toward developing even more energy-efficient appliances. The difference lies not just in the star ratings but also in the technology and materials used in manufacturing and internal components.

Tally Solutions Launches TallyPrime 6.0

Amritsar: Tally Solutions Pvt Ltd, India's leading business automation software provider, introduces its latest release, TallyPrime 6.0, designed to simplify financial operations for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and make it seamless via Connected Banking experience. This advanced upgrade revolutionizes bank reconciliation, banking automation, and financial management for businesses and accountants. Building on its expertise in delivering connected services such as e-invoicing, e-way bill generation, and GST compliance, Tally takes another significant step towards empowering SMEs with integrated banking capabilities. This new release reinforces Tally's commitment to connecting businesses with their ecosystems and enabling them to operate with unparalleled simplicity. Keeping with its vision of making the business network seamless TallyPrime's Connected Banking feature takes integration to the next level by bringing banks inside Tally. Unifying accounting and banking into a single system, with secure login and real-time connectivity through partnerships with Axis Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank.

UTCA hosts blood donation camp to support soldiers and national relief efforts



CHANDIGARH : In an expression of solidarity and service to the nation, the UT Cricket Association (UTCA) organised a blood donation camp at the Sector 16 Cricket Stadium, Chandigarh on Monday. The camp was held with a dual purpose to strengthen the national blood reserves and to support ongoing relief efforts amid rising border tension. The initiative was conducted in light of the postponement of Gully Cricket and decided to organize a blood donation camp in collaboration with the Blood Bank, PGIMER and the Department of Blood Transfusion, GH-16. The camp witnessed overwhelming participation from not just cricketers and cricket administrators but also enthusiastic citizens from various walks of life which resulted in the collection of 305 units of blood. The donors were felicitated with certificates and tokens of gesture.

The Governor of Punjab and UT Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria graced the occasion and interacted with the donors to boost their morale. He lauded that at a time when our brave soldiers stand guard at the nation's borders, every citizen has a duty to serve in their own way. Blood donation is one such act of patriotism that can save lives and bring strength to our medical response. He also announced that several more such camps will be organised across the city on May 15, reinforcing the mission to promote voluntary blood donation as a civic duty. While thanking the donors on the behalf of the Indian Defence line, UTCA President Sanjay Tandon said, "As a sports body, we believe our responsibility extends beyond the field. This blood donation drive is a humble yet powerful way of standing with our armed forces and fellow citizens during these challenging times. It is our tribute to the spirit of Bharat."

LPU Launches Cutting-Edge AI and Robotics Programs to Meet Global Tech Demand



J S SODHI JALANDHAR : Lovely Professional University (LPU), Jalandhar, has opened admissions for its next-gen B.Tech. and MBA programs focused on Artificial Intelligence (AI), Robotics, Machine Learning (ML), and Fintech, aligning with the surging demand for tech-skilled professionals. The new B.Tech. offerings include specializations like Robotics and AI, Applied AI, and AI & Data Analytics (in collaboration with global AI firm Quantiphi). Postgraduate options include MBAs in Data Science and AI, and Fintech and AI, combining management with deep tech. Backed by LPU's "EduRevolution" initiative and industry-aligned labs, these programs emphasize skill-building over rote learning. Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal, MP and Founder Chancellor, stated these programs aim to create future-ready leaders. The university recently witnessed record placements, with students Sri Vishnu and Betiredy Naga Vamsi Reddy securing packages of ₹2.5 crore and ₹1.03 crore, respectively. Admissions are open on LPU's official website.

The Godrej Foundation co-launches the Global Access to Talent from India (GATI) Foundation

CHANDIGARH : The Global Access to Talent from India (GATI) Foundation announced the launch at an event graced by Shri. Dr. S. Jaishankar, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India, as the Chief Guest. Shri. Jayant Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State for Education, attended as the Guest of Honour. Incubated by The Convergence Foundation, Manish Sabharwal, and Godrej Foundation, GATI is a non-profit Foundation dedicated to building structured, ethical, and circular pathways for global talent mobility. This mission gains urgency amid projections that high-income economies will face a labour shortage of 45-50 million skilled and semi-skilled workers by 2030. With a vision to position India as a global hub for skilled talent, GATI Foundation aims to foster collaboration between governments, businesses, and nonprofits to unlock opportunities for Indian workers in international labour markets. The launch event brought together foreign ambassadors, senior government officials, leading industry representatives, and think tanks to deliberate on key themes such as government-to-government partnerships, ethical recruitment practices, and industry-led solutions for global skills mobility. Omar Momin, CEO, Godrej Foundation, said, "In a world where the same person can earn up to ten times more by simply crossing a border, promoting global labour mobility is not just smart economics—it's transformative development. With high-income countries facing a shortfall of nearly 50 million workers by 2030, GATI can look to build ethical, circular, and well-regulated migration pathways that unlock a triple win: filling critical skill gaps, fueling prosperity at home, and offering individuals a dignified path to opportunity."

Fortis Hospital, Ludhiana Acknowledged the Invaluable Contribution of Nursing Staff on International Nurses Day



SHARMA LUDHIANA : On the occasion of International Nurses Day, Fortis Hospital Ludhiana extended heartfelt appreciation for the dedication, professionalism, and compassionate care shown by its nursing staff. Aligned with this year's global theme — "Our Nurses – Our Future: Caring for Nurses Strengthens Economies" — Fortis reiterated its commitment to the holistic well-being, recognition, and advancement of nursing professionals. To acknowledge the unwavering efforts of its nurses, Fortis Hospital recognized them for their exemplary service through awards, including the prestigious "Nightingle Award," which honored exceptional dedication to patient care. Beyond recognition, Fortis Hospital continued to invest significantly in its nursing workforce through structured training programs, leadership development initiatives, and opportunities to enhance clinical skills. These initiatives were designed to foster continuous learning and growth, thereby strengthening the overall healthcare delivery system.

AI presents new opportunities for data and analytic officers: Gartner

NEW DELHI : A survey conducted by audit and consultancy firm Gartner found that 70 per cent of chief data and analytics officers (CDAOs) have the primary responsibility for building the AI strategy and operating model for the organisation they work for. The audit and consultancy firm surveyed 504 data and analytics executive leaders worldwide for its CDAO Agenda Survey for 2025, which ran from September through November 2024. "2025 is a critical year for CDAOs, as AI presents a new opportunity for them to establish their rank in AI leadership," said Sarah James, Sr Director Analyst at Gartner, during the Gartner Data and Analytics Summit taking place this week in London. "CDAOs' exposure across the organization, combined with their AI-ready data expertise, positions them uniquely to lead, guide and challenge their respective organizations to successfully deliver value from AI. This is making the CDAO's role pivotal to AI success. No other role has the opportunity to make the necessary connections and be at the center of the D&A and AI coalition of the willing," said.

Surinder Verma Appointed Advisor by Working Journalists of India

Chandigarh: Surinder Verma has been appointed as the Advisor for Chandigarh, Punjab, and Himachal Pradesh by Narinder Bhandari, National General Secretary of the Working Journalists of India. The announcement was made during an online meeting held on May 9, which was attended by representatives from all three regions. It is noteworthy that Mr. Verma previously served as the Public Relations Officer in the Food Corporation of India. After his retirement, he transitioned into journalism and launched the newspaper Namaste Readers Alert along with two magazines — Investors Update and Consumers Power. All publications were officially registered with the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI) in New Delhi. In later years, Mr. Verma shifted his focus from print to digital media, establishing two news websites and YouTube channels: Mirror365.com (registered in 2016) and Chandigarhtoday.org (registered in 2018). Both platforms have gained significant recognition in the journalistic community. Over the years, he has held several prestigious positions, including: National Deputy President, National Media Confederation (NMC) National Vice President, Indian Federation of Small and Medium Newspapers (IFSMN) Advisor, Rashtriya Patrakar Mahasangh (RPMs) He has also received multiple state and national awards for his contributions to the field of journalism. Prominent attendees at the meeting included Dr. Vinod Sharma (Convener, Chandigarh) and Veena Pathak (Convener, Himachal Pradesh). Other distinguished members present were Prem Vij, Parveen Kumar, and Sushil Kumar, among others. The meeting was presided over by Sanjay Upadhyay and moderated by Sanjay Saxena. All members present agreed to initiate a membership drive in the coming weeks.



Sufi Magic Under the Stars: Heer Walia Mesmerizes Delhi at Bonne Foi 65

NEW DELHI: Under a velvet sky strewn with stars, music and mysticism entwined at Bonne Foi 65 in East of Kailash, where celebrated Sufi songstress Heer Walia delivered a transcendent live performance that left Delhi breathless. Eminent singer from the Sufi world, Heer Walia, performing under the stars at Bonne Foi 65, East of KailashThe rooftop oasis, already renowned for its chic ambiance and gourmet offerings, transformed into a sanctuary of sound and spirit this past Saturday night. As the city's skyline shimmered in the distance, Walia's haunting vocals soared above the din of daily life, weaving together the poetry of Bulleh Shah, the ecstasy of Amir Khusrau, and her own hypnotic interpretations of folk traditions passed down through generations. Every verse was a prayer, every note a thread in a rich tapestry of emotion that held the audience captive. From her first breath to the final chord, Walia didn't just perform—she invoked. The crowd—an eclectic mix of date-night duos, music connoisseurs, curious foodies, and spiritual seekers—sat spellbound, swaying in rhythm, many mouthing lyrics, some with closed eyes and hearts wide open. "I came for dinner and stayed for divinity," said Ananya Mehta, echoing the sentiments of many who left the evening transformed. "It felt less like a concert and more like a communion." The venue rose to the occasion with grace. Dimmed, golden lighting cast a warm glow across elegant tables adorned with Mediterranean platters, Indian-fusion masterpieces, and desserts decadent enough to tempt the most disciplined. Signature cocktails—infused with herbs, spices, and a touch of alchemy—flowed as effortlessly as the music. Co-owners of renowned club Bonne Foi 65 Amit Bishnoi and Anvee Yadav with Sufi sensation Heer Walia celebrating the Sufi NightSpeaking on the recent Sufi night featuring Heer Walia, Amit Bishnoi, Co-Founder and Creative Director of Club Bonne Foi 65, said: "Our vision has always been to create a space where culture thrives and connections deepen. Heer Walia's performance brought that vision to life—it was pure magic." Anvee Yadav, Co-Founder and Experience Curator at Bonne Foi 65, added: "To see people come together, not just to dine but to feel something deeper through music, is what Bonne Foi is all about. Nights like these remind us why we started this journey—to celebrate art, soul, and togetherness."



Hungama OTT unveiled its rebranding and a binge-worthy lineup of 24 shows for 2025

Chandigarh: Hungama OTT is all set to level up your streaming experience! At an exclusive success party held on 05th May 2025 at Luuma House, Juhu, the platform ushered in a bold new chapter with its rebranding—from

ning also marked the big reveal of Hungama OTT's power-packed 2025 content slate, featuring 24 originals that span edge-of-your-seat thrillers, juicy dramas, bold romances, and genre-bending formats. The event was graced by a host of renowned celebrities, including Monalisa, Amruta Khanvilkar, Divya Agarwal, Tina Dutta, Gulki Joshi, Yukti Kapoor, and Akanksha Puri, who added glamour and star power to the occasion. Since its major showcase in September 2024, Hungama OTT has been on a winning streak with fan-favourite shows like Flight Attendant, Checkmate, Personal Trainer, Red Room, Pyramid, Pati Patni aur Padosan, Hasratein 2, and Khadaan making waves across the country. Now, Hungama OTT is doubling down with an exciting new lineup that includes Mona Ki Monohar Kahaniyaan, Judwa Jaal, Rose Garden, Chakravuyh, Badass Begum, Blind Game, Balance Show, Hungama Hone Do, Shaadi Ki Uss Raat, Takshika, Girl Scams, Room Service, Bollywood Murder, Hasratein Season 3, and Ratri Ke Yatri Season 3. Whether you're into thrillers that keep you guessing, intense love stories, or something completely out of the box, there's something for everyone. The upgraded Hungama OTT app offers a smoother, smarter, and more personalized viewing experience—making it easier than ever to stream what you love, whenever you want.

Hungama to Hungama OTT. As part of this exciting transformation, it also introduced an upgraded Hungama OTT app, offering fans a more immersive and user-friendly way to enjoy their favourite shows on smart TVs and connected devices. The eve-

PGIMER Successfully Performs Deceased Donor Liver Transplant on Mohali Patient

CHANDIGARH: PGIMER Chandigarh recently accomplished a successful deceased donor liver transplant (DDLT) on a 50-year-old male patient from Mohali, who was suffering from decompensated chronic liver disease. The transplant surgery took place on April 20, 2025, and was performed by the Department of GI Surgery, HPB and Liver Transplantation, led by Prof. TD. Yadav and Dr. Harjeet Singh. The patient has since been discharged in stable condition. The success of the transplant was attributed to a collaborative, multidisciplinary team effort, which included Prof Ajay Duseja and Dr. Madhumita Premkumar from the Department of Hepatology, and anaesthesiologists Dr. Kamal Kajal and Dr. Ashish. The administrative support by prof Vipin Kaushal and the team played a crucial role in the success of the program. The contribution of the residents was also crucial to the operation's success. Special thanks were given to Prof. Vivek Lal, Director of PGIMER, for his continuous support and encouragement. The department remains dedicated to providing high-quality care in liver and complex GI Surgeries.

Kidney Transplant 101: Who Needs It, When, and Why

Patiala: Kidney disease is fast becoming a silent epidemic, and every year, many people are diagnosed with end-stage kidney disease (ESKD), and this number continues to rise due to factors like diabetes, hypertension, unhealthy lifestyles, and late diagnosis. Dr. Nitin Kumar, Consultant-Nephrology at Manipal Hospital Patiala, explains that early detection and timely intervention can significantly improve outcomes for patients at risk of kidney failure. For those with severe kidney failure, a kidney transplant can be a life-saving procedure. It is a surgical procedure in which a healthy kidney from a living or deceased donor is placed into a person whose kidneys are no longer functioning properly. The new kidney takes over the work of filtering waste and excess fluids from the blood. Who needs it? A transplant is usually recommended for people with chronic kidney disease (CKD Stage 5) or end-stage renal disease (ESRD), when kidney function drops below 10-15% and the body can no longer eliminate waste effectively. When should you consider it?

Kidney function is declining steadily and reaches stage 4 or 5 CKD. Dialysis has become necessary and is significantly affecting lifestyle. Blood test results show persistently high levels of waste in the body. There are frequent complications from dialysis (e.g., infections, fluid overload). Why should you choose it? Improved quality of life: A kidney transplant helps patients regain strength, reduce fatigue, and enjoy a more active, fulfilling lifestyle. Better life: Patients who undergo a transplant tend to live significantly better than those who remain on dialysis. Fewer dietary restrictions: Unlike dialysis patients who must follow strict fluid and food limits, transplant recipients enjoy more freedom in their healthy diet. More flexibility: With a functioning kidney, patients are less tied to hospitals and machines, allowing them to return to work, travel, and lead normal lives.

Truecaller launches AI-powered Message IDs

CHANDIGARH - Truecaller, the leading global communications platform, just rolled out a game-changing solution: AI-powered Message IDs. And it's not just another tech update—it's a leap toward smarter, stress-free communication. Now live in India and 30 other countries, Message IDs are here to decode the chaos. Using advanced artificial intelligence and Large Language Models (LLMs), this new feature scans your SMS inbox right on your device (yes, your data stays private), and instantly identifies important business messages. From bank alerts and OTPs to delivery updates, flight itineraries, and payment reminders—Message IDs catch the signals in the noise. They summarize key details, highlight what matters, and help you take action quickly. This isn't just for Premium users or English speakers. Whether you're in Mumbai or Miami, whether your messages are in Hindi, Swahili, or Spanish—Truecaller's Message IDs are designed for you. Just give the app two simple permissions—Read SMS and Display Over Other Apps—and voila, you're set. Get real-time notifications for critical updates and skip the clutter without lifting a finger. John Joseph, Product Director, Insights at Truecaller sums it up perfectly: "With the integration of AI in Message IDs for both premium and non-premium users, we're providing people with a smarter, more secure way to manage their important SMS messages."



CT Public School Pays Heartfelt Tribute to Indian Armed Forces



JALANDHAR (J S SODHI): CT Public School organized a special event titled "Salute to Indian Defense Forces by CTPIANS" to honour the bravery and commitment of India's defence personnel. Amid rising regional tensions, the initiative aimed to instill values of discipline, sacrifice, and national service among students. Through reflective performances and symbolic uniforms, students expressed their admiration for the armed forces and gained a deeper understanding of their role in safeguarding the nation. Principal Dr. Saroj Chauhan praised the initiative as a valuable lesson in patriotism, while Vice Principal Sukhdeep Kaur and Headmistress Arshdeep Ghuman applauded the students' sincerity and participation.

Škoda drives luxury forward with the new generation Kodiaq 4x4; Deliveries begin across India today

CHANDIGARH / LUDHIANA: Škoda Auto India, celebrating 25 years in India and 130 years globally, has commenced customer deliveries of the all-new Škoda Kodiaq. Customers across the country can experience the luxury 4x4 SUV from today. The all-new, second generation Kodiaq represents the pinnacle of Škoda's craftsmanship and technological excellence, while combining elegant European design with off-road capabilities and seven-seat versatility. With the launch of the flagship, all-new Kodiaq, Škoda Auto further strengthens its portfolio in India, with the recently launched Kylaq and the much loved Kushaq completing the trinity of SUV's in it's lineup. Ashish Gupta, Brand Director, Škoda Auto India shares, "The all-new Kodiaq is the perfect embodiment of precision engineering combined with unparalleled luxury, seven-seat versatility, and 4x4 abilities. The response since its unveil has been extremely encouraging, and we're pleased to begin customer deliveries across the country starting today. Having recently taken on the role of Brand Director for Škoda Auto India, this new-gen Kodiaq marks an important milestone for me and the team, as we shape the next phase of our growth journey in India." Luxury that leads : The all-new Škoda Kodiaq combines a powerful, turbocharged 2.0 TSI engine and a seven-speed DSG, offering seven-seat versatility, 4x4 capabilities and a fuel efficiency of 14.86 km/l as rated by ARAI. It features a 32.77-cm infotainment display, segment-first intuitive Smart Dials, Ergo massage seats, a 13-speaker Canton sound system, panoramic sunroof, and 9 airbags.



Love Mix-Up and Wedding Rituals Unfold in "Nava Mod"



In the latest twists of the hit show Nava Mod, emotional drama and heartfelt confusion take center stage. In the previous episode, Ridhi discovers a heartfelt letter from Nipun but mistakenly believes it was written by Angad. Meanwhile, Myra and Gunjan add to the mix-up by writing a love letter to Angad on behalf of Ridhi. In today's episode, viewers witness a beautiful cultural moment as Ridhi's "Chooda Vadhuna" ceremony is performed with full traditional fervor. However, emotions run high when Angad receives a love letter and assumes Ridhi is finally expressing her true feelings for him. Will this mistaken identity lead to a romantic breakthrough or spark new misunderstandings? Can Ridhi clear the air before things go too far? And what role will Roohi play as secrets begin to unravel? Don't miss the gripping twists in "Nava Mod" every Mon- Sat at 7:30 pm, only on Zee Punjabi! Zee Punjabi is available on all MSOs and DTH platforms like Fastway, Airtel DTH, Tata Play DTH, Dish TV, d2H and others.



## Kohli's Test legacy draws tributes across cricketing world

NEW DELHI, MAY 12 (UNI) Tributes poured in from across the cricketing fraternity on Monday following Virat Kohli's announcement of his retirement from Test cricket, marking the end of a stellar chapter in Indian cricket history. Jay Shah, Secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), led the tributes, stating, "Congratulations @imVkohli on a stellar Test career. Thank you for championing the purest format during the rise of T20 cricket and setting an extraordinary example in discipline, fitness, and commitment. Your speech at the Lord's said it all – you played Tests with heart, grit, and pride." Kohli's long-time teammate Cheteshwar Pujara called it an "honour" to share the crease with him. "Your passion for the format was inspiring...and it was an honour to share the crease with you over the years, in the heat of many-a-battle, grinding it out for the country!" Pujara posted on X. Suresh Raina lauded Kohli's passion and leadership, calling him a "legend" whose legacy would live on, while Wasim Jaffer remarked that "Test cricket was never boring with Virat in. His presence alone brought millions of eyeballs." Former India allrounder Irfan Pathan highlighted Kohli's transformative impact on Indian cricket: "As captain, you didn't just win matches, you changed mindsets. You made fitness, aggression, and pride in whites the new standard."

Cricket analyst Aakash Chopra wrote that numbers alone could not define Kohli's Test legacy, while Harbhajan Singh said, "Your batting in whites is special — not just in numbers, but in intent, intensity, and inspiration." Noted commentator Harsha Bhogle expressed a personal wish: "I would have liked to see #ViratKohli go out of Test cricket before a packed stadium. But... he told a generation weaned on T20 cricket that Test cricket is cool and aspirational." The BCCI, in a formal post, called it the end of an era: "Thank you, Virat Kohli! An era ends in Test cricket but the legacy will continue FOREVER!" Among international voices, AB de Villiers called Kohli "a true legend" and Alan Wilkins recalled watching him lead India to the U-19 World Cup title in 2008, saying, "He showed us that Test cricket was to be treasured." Kohli retires with over 8,500 Test runs, 29 centuries, and a reign as captain that saw India rise to the top of the ICC Test rankings, including a historic series win in Australia.

### VASTU HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION LTD

Unit 203 & 204, 2nd Floor, "A" Wing, Navbharat Estate, Zakaria Bunder Road, Sewri (West), Mumbai 400015, Maharashtra.  
CIN No.: U65922MH2005PLC272501

#### POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred to him under section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice calling upon the borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in their respective notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on the date mentioned below.

The borrower and guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Limited Branch for an amount mentioned as below and interest thereon, costs etc.

S/N	Name of Borrower, Co-Borrower and LAN No.	Date & Amount of Demand Notice	Description of Property	Date & Type of Possession
1	Sunita Singh, Ajay, MLP000000186098	16-Nov-24 Rs.952232 on 14-Nov-24	Property Unique ID No. 63706W00M0S3970R302A, Village Panchayat Badalo, Block Badali, Tehsil and District Palwal, Haryana, 121102, Area Measuring 242 Sq. Yds. North-Vacant Plot, South-Rasta, East-Gali, West-Plot of Jaiveer	Symbolic Possession Taken on 07-May-25
2	Neeraj Soni, Dharmendra, Deepmala Kumari, Sakuntla, HL0000000141937	12-Dec-24 Rs.160354 on 09-Dec-24	Property adm 05 Marlas i.e.150 sq.yds., Comprised in Khewat/Khata No. 452/467, Mustail no.25, Killa No. 15/2 (5-4), 5/3 (0-16) Totalling 06 Kanal out of which its area adm 5/120th share i.e. 05 Marlas i.e.150 sq. yds., Situated at Mauja-Khori Kalan, Tauru, Tehsil-Tauru, District-Nuh, Haryana-122105 North-Road 11 Feet Wide, South-House of Pappu, East-House of Jaggi Sarpanch, West-House of Raman Devi	Physical Possession Taken on 08-May-25

Date : 13.05.2025  
Place Palwal, Nuh

Authorised officer  
Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Ltd

### Kogta Financial (India) Limited

CIN No. U67120RJ1996PLC01406, Corporate Office: S-1 Copalbari, Near Ajmer Pulia, Opp. Metro Pillar No. 143, Jaipur - 302001, Rajasthan, India | Tel.: +91 141 6767067, Registered Office: Kogta House, Azad Mohalla, Bijnagar - 305624, Rajasthan, India | Email: info@kogta.in | www.kogta.in

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the Kogta Financial (India) Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notices, and calling upon to pay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. Details are given as under-

Customer Name	Description of the Immovable Property	13(2) Notice Date : 27.12.2024
MR. SUNIL JAT S/O MR. PRITAM SINGH (Applicant/Mortgagor) M/S DHULL R.O PLANT AND BALAJI BUILDING MATERIAL THROUGH PROPRIETOR MR SUNIL, MRS. SANTOSH W/O MR. PRITAM SINGH (Co-Applicant), MR. SANDEEP SINGH S/O MR. PRITAM SINGH (Guarantor) Loan Account No. 0000133838	ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF LAND AND BUILDING WITH ALL RIGHT APPERTAINING TO IT, BEARING PLOT NO./UNIT KHEWAT NO. 251 KHATONI NO. 292, KITTAS 4 MEASURING 332.75 SQUARE YARDS-0K-11M, BEING 1194 SHARE IN LAND MEASURING 04K-14M KITTAS 4 GAIR MUMKIN SITUATED AT VILLAGE BADSIKRI-KALAN, TEHSIL KALAYAT DISTRICT KATHAL, HARYANA OWNED VIDE REGD. SALE DEED NO.2631 DATED 10.05.2018 ENTERED IN THE OFFICE OF JOINT SUB REGISTRAR KALAYAT, KATHAL MUTATION NO. 4056 AND JAMABANDI OF BADSIKRI KALAN FOR THE YEAR 2014-15, OWNED BY MR. SUNIL S/O PRITAM. ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF LAND AND BUILDING WITH ALL RIGHT APPERTAINING TO IT BEARING PLOT NO./UNIT KHEWAT NO. 251 KHATONI NO. 292, KITTAS 4 MEASURING 210 SQUARE YARDS-0K-07M, BEING 794 SHARE IN LAND MEASURING 04K-14M KITTAS 4 GAIR MUMKIN SITUATED AT VILLAGE BADSIKRI-KALAN, TEHSIL KALAYAT DISTRICT KATHAL, HARYANA, OWNED VIDE REGD. TRANSFER DEED NO.1655/1 DATED 28.09.2018 ENTERED IN THE OFFICE OF JOINT SUB REGISTRAR KALAYAT KATHAL MUTATION NO. 4085 AND JAMABANDI OF BADSIKRI KALAN FOR THE YEAR 2014-15, OWNED BY MR. SUNIL S/O PRITAM. MORTGAGED PROPERTY BOUNDED AS UNDER:- EAST - ROAD 370' WEST - GALI 370' NORTH - H/O JAGDISH 440' SOUTH-OTHER PLOT 440'	Notice Amt.: Rs. 2000147/- Possession Date: 09-May-2025 Location: Kathal (Haryana) Possession Type: Symbolic
MR. DEEPAK CHAND SINGH S/O MR. CHAND SINGH (Applicant) M/S YASH SELECTION THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR MR. DEEPAK CHAND SINGH, MRS. SUNITA CHAND SINGH W/O MR. CHAND SINGH (Co-Applicant/Mortgagor), MR. CHAND HIRA LAL SINGH S/O MR. HIRA LAL SINGH (Co-Applicant) Loan Account No. 0000179446	ALL THAT STREET AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY SITUATED AT VILLAGE BHAINSVAS KHURD, TEHSIL GOHANA, DISTT. SONIPAT, HARYANA, AS PER THE FARAD JAMABANDI FOR THE YEAR 2017-2018 AND VIDE TRANSFER DEED NO. 6004 DATED 23-12-2021 AND MUTATION NO. 4152, MEASURING 0 KANAL 06 MARLAS (180 SQ. YARDS) SIZE 37X44 SQ. FT. I.E. 3245 SHARE OF LAND MEASURING 24 KITTAS 10 MARLAS COMPRISED IN KHEWAT NO. 511, KHATONI NO. 575 TO 576, BEARING KHASRA NO. 35/13/23 (2-1) 14/25-16) 17/11(3-7) 18/11(1-13) 63/4/3 (6-18)5/3(4-15). CHAND SINGH S/O HEERALAL TRANSFERRED PROPERTY OF LAND MEASURING 0 KANAL 06 MARLA IN HIS WIFE SUNITA VIDE TRANSFER DEED NO. 6004 DATED 23-12-2021 AND MUTATION NO. 4152 REGISTERED BEFORE THE SUB REGISTRAR GOHANA, SONIPAT, HARYANA AT BOOK NO.1, ZILD NO. 3, PAGE NO.133.5, ADD. BOOK NO.1, ZILD NO. 41, PAGE NO. 70 TO 72. PROPERTY OWNED BY SUNITA W/O CHAND SINGH. MORTGAGED PROPERTY BOUNDED AS UNDER:- EAST - ROAD 370' WEST - GALI 370' NORTH - H/O JAGDISH 440' SOUTH-OTHER PLOT 440'	13(2) Notice Date : 26.12.2024 Notice Amt.: Rs. 2013571/- Possession Date: 12-May-2025 Location: SONIPAT Possession Type: Symbolic

The borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on above mentioned dates. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to charge of the Kogta Financial (India) Limited for an amount of notices mentioned above and interest thereon together with expenses and charges etc. less amount paid, if any. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 12-05-2025  
Authorised Officer, Kogta Financial (India) Limited

**AXIS BANK**  
Retail Asset Center: "2nd and 3rd Floor, Property No. 7-E, Malhar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana - 141001"  
Corporate Office: "Axis House", C-2, Wadia International Centre, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai - 400025  
Registered Office: "Inshul", 3rd Floor Opp. Samaratheshwar Temple Law Garden, Ellisbridge Ahmedabad - 380009

**E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**  
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(4) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002.  
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is" on 29-May-2025, for recovery of Rs.11,83,793/- (Rupees Eleven Lacs Eighty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Three Only) (as of 10-Apr-23) together with unpaid interest and other charges till the date of actual payment due to the secured creditor from 1. Mr. Ravi Verma S/o Sehdev Verma 2/ Mrs. Meenu Verma W/o Sehdev Verma. Please refer the appended auction schedule for necessary details:-

KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES ( IF ANY )	NIL
RESERVE PRICE (IN RS.)	Rs. 8,16,480/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Only)
EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (IN RS.)	Rs.81,648/- (Rupees Eighty One Thousand Six Hundred Forty Eight Only) through DD/PO in favor of Axis bank Ltd. payable at Ludhiana
BID INCREMENTAL AMOUNT	Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)
LAST DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS / TENDER WITH EMD	Till 28-May-2025 latest by 05:00 P.M. at Axis Bank Ltd. Retail Asset Centre, "2nd and 3rd Floor, Property No. 7-E, Malhar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana- 141001" addressed to Sandeep Bajwa
DATE, TIME, AND VENUE FOR PUBLIC E-AUCTION	On 29-May-2025, between 11:00 A.M and 12:00 Noon, with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each at web portal <a href="https://www.banksauctions.com">https://www.banksauctions.com</a> e-auction tender documents containing e-auction bid form, declaration etc., are available in the website of the Service Provider as mentioned above.

**SCHEDULE – DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**  
All that part and parcel of the Residential Property/ House built upon portion of Plot No-10-11, measuring 02-Marla- 36 Sq. Ft. comprised in Khata No. 1149/1225, 1149/1226, 1150/1227, Khaska No. 588, 589, 600, 602, 601, 597/1 as per Jamabandi for the year 2015-2016 Hududast No. 308 situated at Abad Grent Avenue, Basal Shikah, Tehsil & District Jalandhar registered in the name of Smt. Meenu Verma W/o Sehdev Verma, vide Sale Deed having document No. 2021-22/187/1/1174 dated 30-Apr-2021. Boundaries (As per Documents) East: Others, West: Road-12', North: Plot No.9, South: Remaining portion of Plot No.10-11.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the secured creditor's website i.e. <https://www.axisbank.com/auction-retail> and the Bank's approved service provider M/S C1 India Private Limited at their web portal <https://www.banksauctions.com>. The auction will be conducted online through the Bank's approved service provider M/s.C1 India Private Limited at their web portal <https://www.banksauctions.com>. For any other assistance, the intending bidders may contact Sandeep Bajwa, Mobile. No. 9920195598 Authorized officer of the Bank during office hours from 10 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Date: 13.05.2025. Place: Jalandhar

Yours faithfully For Axis Bank Ltd.  
(Authorized Officer)

Loan No	Customer Name	Date Of Loan	Overdue Amount ₹	Branch Name
44119237	Arjun Singh Gill	19-01-2024	21699	Faridabad
52073320	Mahipal Singh	20-07-2024	35555	Faridabad
55136752	Devesh Bhadana	23-09-2024	46396	Faridabad
57751635	Kavita Devi	14-11-2024	10348	Faridabad
57475359	Nitin So Raju	08-11-2024	12258	Faridabad
44321512	Sunita Devi	27-01-2024	18615	Kurukshetra
51230438	Jaswant Singh	01-07-2024	17175	Kurukshetra
55459868	Rohit So Surennder	01-10-2024	6775	Panipat
50973526	Anil Kumar	24-06-2024	39546	Chandigarh-Sector 21
50337275	Parminder Singh	07-06-2024	29414	Ludhiana Mall Road-Relationship
51011686	Mangal Ram	25-06-2024	16445	Ludhiana-Sunder Nagar
54424730	Manju Bhupinder Pal	06-09-2024	6582	Patiala

The auction shall be conducted on an "AS IS WHERE" and "AS IS WHAT IT" basis and the Company is not making and shall not make any representation or warranties as regards the quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold ornaments. It shall be the sole and absolute responsibility of the potential purchaser to verify, examine and satisfy themselves about the quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold ornaments prior to placing their bid and for such purpose it shall be open to potential purchasers to examine, at their sole cost and expense, and at the address set out herein above, the gold ornaments whether with or without expert advice 45 minutes prior to the time stipulated for the conduct of the auction. All the bid shall be subjected to such minimum reserve price as the company may deem fit to fix in this regards. The auction process and sale (if any) pursuant to such auction shall be subjected to such further terms and condition as the company may at sole discretion deem fit to impose.

If the borrower(s) mentioned above pays the amount due to the Company in terms of the loan agreement in his individual loan account in full before the auction as mentioned above, the pledged ornaments securing the said loan may be withdrawn from the said auction without further notice. Please note that it is the absolute discretionary power of the undersigned authorized officer of the company, either to postpone or to cancel the auction proceeding without prior notice and without assigning any reason thereof and to reject any or all the bids or offer without assigning any reason for the same.

Place : Haryana and Punjab  
Date : 13-05-2025  
Authorised Officer  
(HDB Financial Ltd)

### RELIANCE Assets Reconstruction Company Limited

Registered Office: 11<sup>th</sup> Floor North Side, R-Tech Park, Nirlon Knowledge Park, Off. Western Express Highway, Goregaon (East), Mumbai - 400063.

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION SALE OF SECURED ASSETS**  
Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. (RARAC), a Trustee of "RARAC 052 (IB Retail) Trust" is an assignee and a secured creditor of below mentioned borrower by virtue of Assignment Agreement dated 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018 executed with The Indian Bank. The undersigned in exercise of powers conferred under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 hereby give notice to public in general that the below mentioned property shall be sold by way of "online e-auction" for recovery of dues. The properties shall be sold strictly on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "NO RECOURSE" basis apart from other terms mentioned below.

Name of Borrower/Guarantors	Outstanding dues as on dt. 05.05.2025	Possession
1. M/s Palak Telecom, (Borrower) At. - H. No. 184, WNO 7, near Government Primary School, Bhadroya Road, Pathankot-145001 2. Mr Sushil Kumar, (Proprietor & Mortgager) At. - H. No. 266-B, Ambedkar Nagar, Bhadgore Road, Pathankot, Punjab - 145001 3. Mrs Komal Kumar, (Guarantor) At. - H. No. 266-B, Ambedkar Nagar, Bhadgore Road, Pathankot, Punjab - 145001	Rs. 32,10,559.47/- (Rupees Thirty-Two Lakhs Ten Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Nine and Paise Forty-Five Only)	This property is in physical possession of Reliance ARC Ltd
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY	RESERVE PRICE	EMD AMOUNT
All that Piece and Parcel of the Commercial Property admeasuring 1.60 Marla (Approximately 435 Square Feet), located at Ram Sharnam Colony, Dalhousie Road, Village Bhadroya, Bast No. 333, Tehsil Pathankot, Khewat No. 55, Khatoni No. 130, Khaska No. 9R/28/2/8 (3-3), 28/2/9 (3B-12), 28/2/10 (8-5) and owned by Mr. Sushil Kumar.	Rs.20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)	Rs.2,00,000/- (Two Lakhs Only)

**DETAILS OF AUCTION EVENTS**  
Inspection Date of Property: 14.05.2025 from 11.00 A.M. to 12.00 P.M. • Last date for bid submission: 28.05.2025  
Date of E-auction: 29.05.2025 between 12:00 P.M. to 01:00 P.M. (with extension of 5 minutes each)

- TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE**
- The property shall not be sold below the reserve price, and sale is subject to the confirmation by Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (RARAC) as secured creditor. The properties shall be sold strictly on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "NO RECOURSE".
  - E-auction will be held through RARAC's approved service provider M/s ARCA EMART PRIVATE LIMITED and E-auction tender documents containing online e-auction bid form along with General Terms and Conditions of online e-auction sale are available in websites: www.rarcl.com intending bidders may download relevant documents.
  - The intending bidders are required to have a valid email id as the participation ID and password by e-auction agency shall be communicated at their e-mail id only.
  - Bidder has to mandatorily give undertaking under Section 29A of Indian Bankruptcy Code, 2016.
  - Intending bidders have to submit their BID in the prescribed form with EMD remittance details along with self-attested KYC documents (PAN, AADHAR card etc) and the same shall be submitted to Authorized Officer of Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (RARAC) at 11<sup>th</sup> floor, North Side, R Tech Park, Opp. WE Highway, Goregaon (East), Mumbai - 400063 and by email to Narendra.rshukla@relianceada.com and himanshu.yadav@relianceada.com after which the participation ID and password shall be communicated at their email only. Last date of submission of Bid Form is on 28.05.2025. The bid form or EMD received late for any reason whatsoever will not be entertained. Bid without EMD and Bid below the reserve price shall be rejected summarily.
  - Neither RARAC nor the service provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure on the part of the bidder on account of network disruptions. Toward off such incidents, bidders are advised to make all necessary arrangements such as alternative power back-ups etc.
  - Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT fund transfer to Current Account No: 040211010000004, Name of the Bank: Union Bank of India, Branch: Mumbai, Name of the Beneficiary: "Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Limited", IFSC Code: UBIN0590070. Please note that the Cheque/Demand Draft shall not be accepted towards EMD.
  - The Bids below reserve price and/or without EMD amount shall not be accepted. Bidders may improve their further bid amount in multiple of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only). In case sole bidder, bidder has to improve his bid minimum by one incremental compulsory.
  - The successful bidder shall pay 25% of the bid amount/sale price (including earnest money already paid) immediately after declaration of successful bidder. The successful bidder shall deposit balance 75% of the bid amount/sale price within 15 days from declaration of successful bidder.
  - If successful bidder fails to deposit sale price as stated above, all deposits including EMD shall deemed to be forfeited without any further notice. However, extension of further reasonable period for making payment of balance 75% may be allowed and shall be at the sole discretion of Authorized Officer.
  - The EMD amount of unsuccessful bidders will be returned without interest, after the closure of the E-auction sale proceedings.
  - The particulars given by the Authorized officer are stated to the best of his knowledge, belief and records. Authorized officer shall not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission etc.
  - The undersigned Authorized Officer has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone/cancel the sale or modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice or assigning any reasons.
  - The bidders should make discreet enquiries as regards charges/encumbrances on the property and should satisfy themselves about the title, extent, quality of the property before submitting their bid. No claim of whatsoever nature regarding charges, encumbrances over the property and any other matter etc., shall be entertained after submission of the online bid.
  - Any arrears, dues, taxes, charges whether statutory or otherwise including stamp duty/registration fees on sale of property shall be borne by the purchaser only.
  - For further details, contact Mr. Akshaay Rao, Senior Vice President-Legal, Mobile No.9136763354 and Mr. Narendra Shukla, AVP-Resolution, Mobile No-9321339065 and Mr. Himanshu Yadav, Legal, Mobile No. 9892049543 of Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. at above mentioned address.
  - The sale certificate shall be issued after receipt of entire sale consideration and confirmation of sale by secured creditor. The sale certificate shall be issued in the name of the successful bidder. No request for change of name in the sale certificate other than the person who submitted the bid/participated in the e-auction will be entertained.

**THIS NOTICE WILL ALSO SERVE AS STATUTORY 15 DAYS NOTICE TO THE BORROWER/GUARANTORS/ MORTGAGOR UNDER SARFAESI ACT AND RULES MADE THEREUNDER.**

Place: Gurdaspur  
Date: 13.05.2025

Authorized Officer  
For Reliance Asset Reconstruction Co. Ltd.,



Vijay Sethupathi  
starrer 'Ace' trailer  
out now



The trailer for the Vijay Sethupathi and Rukmini Vasanth starrer 'Ace' is finally out. The trailer, shared by actor Sivakarthikeyan on X, gives fans a sneak peek into what looks like an exciting entertainer. Along with the trailer, the actor wrote a caption that read, "Happy to release the trailer of dear @VijaySethuOff's #ACE. Wishing the entire team great success. The ending was a sweet surprise for me." The three-minute trailer introduces viewers to Vijay Sethupathi's character, 'Bold' Kannan, who arrives in Malaysia after cutting ties with his past. Viewers also get to see Yogi Babu and Rukmini Vasanth playing key roles in the film. The trailer ends with a funny moment where Yogi Babu looks at a sketch and says it resembles Sivakarthikeyan. Take a look at the trailer

# Tom Cruise surprises fans in London as he stands on the roof of BFI IMAX



Hollywood star Tom Cruise never leaves a chance to wow his fans with his action avatar. Past weekend, he visited London to receive the honorary BFI Fellowship. Ahead of the honour, the "Mission: Impossible" actor was photographed on the roof of one of the city's most iconic buildings, BFI IMAX, as per Deadline. Tom Cruise's "Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning" will hit the theatres on May 23.

Before that, Cruise's film will be screened at Cannes. The movie will play Out of Competition on May 14 with Cruise, director Christopher McQuarrie, and the cast walking the famous red carpet. Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning sees Cruise reunite with McQuarrie from a screenplay he wrote with Erik Jendresen. Cruise stars with Hayley Atwell, Ving Rhames, Simon Pegg, Esai Morales, Pom Klementieff, Henry Czerny, Mariela Garri-

ga, and Angela Bassett. In the movie, Cruise's character Ethan Hunt must face his most dangerous enemy yet in the form of an AI known as the Entity. It rounds out the plot set up in the previous film, with Hunt now in possession of the key necessary to defeat the Entity. Before he can do that, he must collect his team to find the sunken Russian submarine that houses the source code needed to destroy the technology.

## 'RRR' gets grand screening at London's Royal Albert Hall



'RRR', which starred actors NTR Jr. and Ram Charan, had a special screening at the Royal Albert Hall in London on Sunday, May 11. The event also featured a live orchestra performance by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. The special screening was also attended by Jr. NTR, Ram Charan, and ace director SS Rajamouli. Taking to its official X handle on Sunday, the team shared a picture of the packed hall along with a caption that read, "HistoRRRY!! #TogetherRRRAgain @RoyalAlbertHall."

Earlier, the team had announced the event on social media. Their post said, "LONDON... here we come! Relive the soul of #RRRMovie like never before with a scintillating live orchestral performance by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Join our Trio: @ssrajamouli @tarak9999 @AlwaysRamCharan at @RoyalAlbertHall, London, on Sunday, May 11th, for a musical celebration of India's epic action drama." 'RRR' made history as the first Indian film to win an Oscar for Best Original Song with

'Naatu Naatu'. The film also received praise on many global platforms, including the Golden Globe Awards. The song was also released in Hindi as 'Naacho Naacho', in Tamil as 'Naattu Koothu', in Kannada as 'Halli Naatu', and in Malayalam as 'Karinthol'. Its Hindi version was sung by Rahul Sipligunj and Vishal Mishra. RRR is a fictional story based on the lives of two Telugu freedom fighters, Alluri Seetharama Raju and Komaram Bheem. Ram Charan and Jr. NTR played the lead roles, respectively.

# Preity Zinta apologises to fans for being "curt" at Dharamshala Stadium

Actor and Punjab Kings co-owner Preity Zinta addressed fans following the sudden cancellation of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 match between Punjab Kings (PBKS) and Delhi Capitals (DC) at the Dharamshala stadium earlier this week. The match was halted after just 10.1 overs due to security concerns related to the rising tensions between India and Pakistan along the border. On Sunday, the actress took to her Instagram account to thank her fans and also apologise for being 'curt' and saying "no to pictures" at the moment. Thanking everyone who helped with the safe evacuation, the actress, in her tweet, wrote, "Finally back home after a crazy few days. A heartfelt thank you to Indian Railways and our Railway Minister Mr. Ashwini Vaishnaw for helping both IPL teams, officials, and families leave Dharamshala safely, swiftly, and comfortably. A big thank you to @JayShah, Mr. Arun Dhumal, BCCI, our CEO Mr.

Satish Menon, and the operations team of @PunjabKingsIPL for coordinating the evacuation of our stadium in Dharamshala safely and in an orderly manner. Everything was handled so well." She added, "Finally, to all the people at the Dharamshala stadium—thank you, thank you, thank you for not panicking and avoiding any stampedes. You guys are absolute rock stars. I'm sorry I was a bit curt and said no to pictures with everyone, but the priority at the time was the safety of everyone, and it was my duty and responsibility to ensure everyone stayed safe. Thank you for making it possible. Love you all! Ting!" Check out her post

The Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 match between Delhi Capitals (DC) and Punjab Kings (PBKS) was called off on Thursday night amid rising security concerns following a serious escalation along the Indo-Pak border. Meanwhile, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has also suspended all IPL 2025 matches for a week.



## "You will be missed in test cricket": Anurag Kashyap pays emotional tribute to Virat Kohli, shares rare throwback photo



MUMBAI : Filmmaker Anurag Kashyap paid an emotional tribute to cricketer Virat Kohli after he announced his retirement from test cricket on Monday morning. Taking to his Instagram handle, the 'Gangs of Wasseyapur' director shared a rare throwback photo of a young Virat Kohli, which featured the star player from his early days in domestic cricket. In the picture, Kohli is seen wearing a National Cricket Academy jersey as he poses for the camera. While sharing Virat Kohli's throwback photo, director Anurag Kashyap penned a heartwarming message for the cricketer. He wrote, "This young man who went on to rule the pitch and our hearts. Lots of love champ. You will be missed in the test cricket." <https://www.instagram.com/p/DJjSAucMqNM/?hl=en> Earlier in the day, Anushka Sharma, actress and wife of Virat Kohli, also shared an emotional note on Instagram, reflecting on her husband's journey in Test cricket. In her post, Anushka recounted Kohli's "tears and battles" that no one saw. Hailing her husband's unwavering dedication towards the game of cricket, she wrote, "They'll talk about the records and the milestones -- but I'll remember the tears you never showed, the battles no one saw, and the unwavering love you gave this format of the game. I know how much all this took from you. After every Test series, you came back a little wiser, a little humbler -- and watching you evolve through it all has been a privilege." Anushka also said that she anticipated Virat's retirement from international cricket in whites, like many of his innumerable fans across the globe. "Somehow, I always imagined you'd retire international cricket in whites -- But you've always followed your heart, and so I just want to say my love, you've earned every bit of this goodbye," added Anushka. Along with the note, Anushka also shared a priceless picture from Virat's tour to Australia in 2018, where he led India to a 2-1 series win, India's first Test series win in Australia. <https://www.instagram.com/p/DJjH0kFMj3K/?> In his Test career, Virat Kohli made 123 appearances in white clothing, scoring 9,230 runs at an average of 46.85, with 30 centuries and 31 fifties in 210 innings and the best score of 254\*. He is India's fourth-highest run-getter in the format, behind Sachin Tendulkar (15,921 runs), Rahul Dravid (13,265 runs) and Sunil Gavaskar (10,122 runs). He made his Test debut in June 2011 against the West Indies. While his first Test tour was a massive disappointment with just 76 runs in five innings, a young Virat made a name for himself with some serious, counter-attacking knocks in the coming days.

## Suniel Shetty, Vicky Kaushal react after Virat Kohli bids farewell to Test cricket

MUMBAI : The cricket world was taken by surprise after former India captain Virat Kohli announced his retirement from Test cricket just weeks to go before the England series. Soon after the announcement, reactions began pouring in from fans and celebrities. Actor Suniel Shetty, an avid cricket follower, reshared Kohli's post on his Instagram along with a caption that read, "You didn't just play Test cricket, Virat. You lived it. You honoured it, breathed fire, wore your heart on your sleeve, and your passion like armour. The roar. The grit. The obsession. The heart. Take a bow, champ. The red-ball rests, but your legacy..." Vicky Kaushal also shared his admiration for Kohli in his post, writing, "You did it your way, and that way will truly be missed. Congratulations on an incredibly inspiring Test career and thank you for the memories, Champ!" The 36-year-old took to his Instagram account on Monday to announce his retirement as he reflected on his 14-year-long journey in the longest format of the game. A part of his Instagram post read, "It's been 14 years since I first wore the baggy blue in Test cricket. Honestly, I never imagined the journey this format would take me on. It's tested me, shaped me, and taught me lessons I'll carry for life. There's something deeply personal about playing in whites. The quiet grind, the long days, the small moments that no one sees but that stay with you forever." In his Test career, the 36-year-old made 123 appearances in white clothing, scoring 9,230 runs at an average of 46.85, with 30 centuries and 31 fifties in 210 innings and a best score of 254\*. He is India's fourth-highest run-getter in the format, behind Sachin Tendulkar (15,921 runs), Rahul Dravid (13,265 runs), and Sunil Gavaskar (10,122 runs).

## Salman Khan's deleted "ceasefire" tweet goes viral, netizens react

MUMBAI : The cessation of hostilities between India and Pakistan, announced on May 10, has sparked a wave of reactions from across the country, with several Bollywood celebrities also expressing their thoughts on the news. Among the many celebrities was Salman Khan, who took to his X account on Saturday, minutes after the understanding was announced. However, shortly after, the actor deleted his post. In his now-deleted tweet, Salman wrote, "Thank God for the ceasefire..." The post drew a range of reactions. While some appreciated the actor's support for peace, others criticised the timing, given the recent loss of civilian lives in the Pahalgam terror attack. One user wrote, "Salman Khan. He was silent for 2-3 days, then tweeted right after the ceasefire agreement. Remember him. Never watch his films again if you're a true Indian." Another user defended the actor, saying, "We know Salman bhai as a person who always wants peace and love, not just with Pakistan but with all neighbouring countries. Civilians from India will die. Yesterday's timing might not have been ideal, but he supports the PM's ceasefire decision, which I think is right." Salman Khan had earlier reacted to the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam, which killed 26 civilians. In his X post, Khan wrote, "Kashmir, heaven on planet earth, turning into hell. Innocent people are being targeted, my heart goes out to their families. Ek bhi innocent ko maarna puri kainath ko maarne ke barabar hai." Meanwhile, in response to the Pahalgam attack, the Indian Armed Forces launched Operation Sindoor on May 7.





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