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NEWS BRIEFS

Uttarakhand CM Dhami launches e-Rupi system, and other agricultural policies

DEHRADUN : Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Saturday launched the e-Rupi system based on modern technology at the Secretariat. On this occasion, while launching four ambitious agricultural policies (Kiwi Policy, Dragon Fruit, Apple Post-Harvest Harvesting Scheme and Millet Mission) to give a new direction to the agricultural system of the state, he said that the government will soon prepare a Flower and Honey Policy in the state. Addressing the program, the Chief Minister said that the e-Rupi system is a new initiative for the food producers of the state. The e-Rupi system will become a new medium of transparent, fast and middleman-free digital payment for farmers. Under this system, the subsidy amount received by the farmers in the pilot projects will be sent directly to their mobile through e-voucher (SMS or QR code), which they will be able to use to buy fertilisers, seeds, medicines, etc. from authorised centres or vendors. For the successful implementation of the e-Rupi system, the Chief Minister directed the officials to organize training programs in every village and make the farmers aware, so that they can take proper advantage of this technology.

ISRO set to launch its 101st satellite, EOS-09 aboard PSLV-C61 today

NEW DELHI : The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is set to launch its 101st satellite, EOS-09, aboard the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C61) on Sunday, May 18. This will be the 63rd flight of the PSLV and the 27th using the PSLV-XL configuration. In a post on X, ISRO shared, "ISRO's 101st launch. PSLV-C61 at a glance. 63rd PSLV flight. Height: 44.5 m | Mass: 321 t, 4 stages | 6 XL boosters. Live from 5:29 AM." The mission will place the Earth Observation Satellite into a Sun Synchronous Polar Orbit (SSPO), continuing PSLV's track record of dependable performance across various payloads and orbits. After the EOS-09 satellite is deployed, Orbit Change Thrusters (OCT) will be used to lower the altitude of the PSA stage. This will be followed by passivation, a measure aimed at reducing the stage's orbital life and ensuring responsible space operations.

Akalis Bred smugglers, Congress sheltered them: CM Mann launches scathing attack

BUREAU HOSHIARPUR/ LUDHIANA, MAY 17-

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Saturday made a fervent appeal to the people of the state to rise above party level and support the state government in its ongoing drive against drugs.

Addressing the gathering after administering oath of fight against drugs to them, the Chief Minister said that war against drug has to be transformed into a mass movement for which people should not work as per political affiliations. He said that it is pivotal to make Punjab a drug free state adding that it is the fight for the coming generations and it is the moral duty of everyone to support it. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that this fight will continue till the curse of drug is not wiped out.

The Chief Minister said that the bulldozer drive to demolish the properties of the drug smugglers will be continued till logical conclusion. He said that the action is being taken as per the law of land and it is aimed at ensuring that drug trade is given fatal blow. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that this action will be further intensified so as to ensure that the drug is completely wiped out from the state.

The Chief Minister said that these big villages of the state were known for the big sports tournaments organized by the villagers. However, he said that due to the lackluster approach of the previous regimes these villages had transformed into den of drugs. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the bulldozer campaign was initiated from this village and then was spread in the entire state with the noble task of wiping out drugs.

The Chief Minister said that the war against drugs has been intensified and we will not rest until an ounce of drug was prevalent in the state. He said that the previous regimes had fooled the people of the state by patronizing the drug trade. However, Bhagwant Singh Mann said that now his government is working tirelessly to save the generations of the state and no stone will be left unturned for this noble task.

The Chief Minister said that drug trade bloomed under Akali Dal, which was also responsible for the desecration of Sri Guru Granth Sahib.



He said that the Akali leaders are now paying for their sins as people have already ousted them from power and they are in political oblivion. Bhagwant Singh Mann quipped that Congress gave corruption to state and Akalis patronized it similarly Akalis produced drug smugglers and Congress sheltered them. The Chief Minister said that the insensitivity of these leaders towards Punjab and its people can be well gauged from the fact that when the entire Punjab was fighting for saving water of Punjab, these leaders preferred to remain mum. The Chief Minister said that the state government vehemently opposed the draconian move of centre, BBMB and Haryana government to steal waters of the state. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that his predecessors used to extend such largesse for their vested interests but as a custodian of waters of the state he will never allow this adding that as Punjab has upgraded its canal water system so now it requires water to cater to needs of the farmers of the state in wake of ensuing paddy season.

10,000 drug smugglers held : Kejriwal

NARANGWAL (LUDHIANA)/JALALPUR (HOSHIARPUR):

Launching a fierce offensive against drug networks and their political protectors, Delhi's former Chief Minister and AAP's National Convener Arvind Kejriwal hailed Punjab's ongoing anti-drug campaign 'Yudh Nasheyana Virudh' as an unprecedented movement in India's modern political history.

Addressing public gatherings during the Nasha Mukti Yatra, Kejriwal praised the Bhagwant Mann-led Punjab government for its relentless crackdown on drug traffickers. "This is not just a campaign—it is a people's revolution. No state in the country has ever taken such a bold, sweeping, and determined stance against drugs," he asserted.

Kejriwal revealed that over 10,000 drug smugglers have already been arrested, including 8,500 major operators, marking a complete shift from earlier regimes which, he alleged, protected and even profited from the narcotics trade. "These same leaders used government vehicles to supply drugs. They betrayed Punjab. Today, those very villages that were once hotbeds of addiction are witnessing hope and healing," he said.

Urging every Punjabi to join hands in this historic fight, Kejriwal said, "If three crore Punjabis rise as one, this menace can be eliminated in 24 hours. A few smugglers cannot stand before the resolve of this land."



Hry Guv Bandaru Dattatraya calls on President Murmu

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, MAY 17

Haryana Governor Shri Bandaru Dattatraya made a courtesy call on Hon'ble President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Friday evening. During the meeting, Shri Dattatraya presented a copy of his recently launched autobiography, Janata Ki Kahani Meri Aatmakatha, to the Hon'ble President.

"It was a moment of immense delight and honour as the Hon'ble President graciously perused the pages of the book and shared her valuable insights on the topics covered in the autobiography, which chronicles my public life and service to the nation," said Governor Shri Dattatraya.

In the course of their conversation, Hon'ble President Smt Droupadi Murmu inquired about the ongoing development works in Haryana, with particular interest in the implementation of the National Education Policy. Governor Shri Dattatraya briefed her on the fast-paced development being undertaken across key sectors in the state, including health, education, sports, and women empowerment.

The Governor also apprised the



Hon'ble President about the effective implementation of reservation policies for Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes in Haryana. The Hon'ble President expressed happiness on learning about the remarkable achievements of girls in Haryana, especially in the field of sports, and lauded their growing contribution to the state's progress.

Brave soldiers of India carried out Operation Sindoor with courage, loyalty: Hry CM

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA LADWA, MAY 17

Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said the courage, loyalty and discipline with which our brave soldiers have carried out Operation Sindoor has become a symbol of national dignity.

The Chief Minister said this while addressing the people at the Tiranga Yatra in Buhavi village of Ladwa Assembly constituency today. A large number of youth, women and elderly people participated in the Tiranga Yatra led by the Chief Minister and contributed enthusiastically in this campaign being run in honour of the brave soldiers of the country and those martyred in Operation Sindoor. On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced to give Rs 21 lakh to the Gram Panchayat of Buhavi village for development works.

He said today is not just an event, but an opportunity to pay true tribute to the spirit of patriotism and sacrifice. We have gathered here to salute those great sons who protected the country under Operation Sindoor and brought Pakistan to its knees in just four days. He said he salutes those brave soldiers who participated in Operation Sindoor. He also salutes those mothers who gave birth to such brave soldiers. He said all the people should take a pledge through this Tiranga Yatra that they will always stand united against terrorism.

Lakhs of soldiers from Haryana ready to serve the country

The Chief Minister said lakhs of soldiers



from the brave land of Haryana are ready to serve Mother India. The soldiers of every village have become an example of bravery. Through this Tiranga Yatra, you have given the message to the entire Haryana and country that the spirit of patriotism is deeply rooted in this village.

Consequences of attacking India's sovereignty will be adverse

He said the whole world heard the message of Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi that India will go to any extent to protect its

citizens. This is the confidence of the New India. He said our forces destroyed the terrorist bases in Operation Sindoor and gave a clear message to Pakistan that the consequences of attacking India's sovereignty will be adverse. In Operation Sindoor, the Army destroyed 9 terrorist hideouts of Pakistan and 11 airbases of Pakistan.

India also carried out non-military action

The Chief Minister said India not only carried out Operation Sindoor but also carried out non-military action by suspending the Indus Water Treaty and stopping visas and trade. Pakistani citizens living in India were sent back, the Attari border was sealed and Pakistan was isolated from the whole world. He said this was not a war. This was the revenge of the New India. Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that under Operation Sindoor, nine places were attacked on the day of Sita Navami. The sindoor of our sisters and daughters was destroyed in Pahalgal. That is why this operation was named Sindoor. He said after leaving the women alive in Pahalgal, the terrorists had said to go and tell Modi. Now, Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi has told them what happens to those who raise their eyes on the identity of India.

India set an example of restraint and peace

The Chief Minister said when ceasefire was discussed on international forums, India again set an example of restraint and peace. It is not just a military decision, but an important step taken towards humanity.

Turkey must reconsider supporting Pakistan, over 200 million Muslims live in India: Asaduddin Owaisi

AGENCY NEW DELHI, MAY 17

AIMIM Chief Asaduddin Owaisi on Saturday called on Turkey to reassess its support for Pakistan, highlighting India's historical ties with Ankara and the fact that "over 200 million honourable Muslims," a far larger number than in Pakistan, live in India.

Speaking to a news agency, Owaisi also emphasised India's stance against Pakistan-sponsored terrorism and its resolve to present the issue on global platforms as part of a multi-party delegation visiting key partner nations.

"Turkey must reconsider their stance of supporting Pakistan. We must remind Turkey that there is a bank in Turkey called Isbank, whose earlier depositors were people of India. Turkey has many historical connections with India...We must constantly remind Turkey that more than 200 million honourable Muslims live in India...There are more Muslims in



India than in Pakistan. The way Pakistan has behaved so far, they have nothing to do with Islam at all...," Owaisi said.

Owaisi also criticised the US announcement of cessation of hostilities, arguing that Prime Minister Narendra Modi should have announced it.

"I have said it before, I will say it again, our Prime Minister should

have announced the ceasefire, not the US President. Do you know that Pakistan's trade with the US is worth only 10 billion, whereas for India it is over 150 billion. Is it a joke?"

Slamming the US, Owaisi asked, "can America guarantee that Pakistan will not carry out terror attacks on us anymore?..." "Pakistan's military will always mess with India. How long will we tolerate this?... How can you trade with Pakistan? They are beggars... We are only expecting this much from the US, that they should designate the TRF (The Resistance Front) as a terrorist organisation... TRF is nothing but a Pakistan-sponsored group of LeT (Lashkar-e-Taiba)..."

Owaisi, named as part of a delegation to project India's fight against cross-border terrorism and highlight Operation Sindoor, stressed the importance of the mission.

"This is not about any party affiliation... We will have a more detailed meeting before leaving... This is an important task. I will try my best to

fulfil this responsibility well. As of now, I know that the group I belong to will be headed by my good friend Baijayant Jay Panda. I think this group will include Nishikant Dubey, Phangnon Konyak, Rekha Sharma, Satnam Singh Sandhu, and Ghulam Nabi Azad. The countries I think we'll be going to are the UK, France, Belgium, Germany, Italy, and Denmark," he said.

He further added, "We are representing the government of India and our country... We are going to those countries to tell how our daughters are getting widowed, our children are being orphaned, and how Pakistan wants to destabilise our country. We are the fifth-largest economy. If there is destabilisation in India, it will affect the whole world... Never forget that 21 civilians have also been killed (in cross-border shelling). Four children were killed in Pooch. Five of our jawans were killed. We will present all this to the countries... We will present the Indian government's vision to the best of our capability."

Punjab Human Rights Organization reorganized under leadership of former Justice Ranjit Singh

BUREAU CHANDIGARH MAY 17

A meeting of more than two dozen activists working for human rights in Punjab held here today at the campus of Sri

Guru Granth Sahib Bhawan, Chandigarh. It was decided to reconstitute the Punjab Human Rights Organization under the leadership of Justice Ranjit Singh (retired). Earlier, it worked under the leadership of Justice Ajit Singh Bains, who passed away some years ago.

In the meeting, concern was expressed regarding the serious violation of human rights in Punjab and the country. The draft presented at the meeting regarding the organization's declaration and organizational structure was unanimously passed after a long discussion. On this occasion, it was also decided to elect

the office bearers and establish district committees.

At the meeting Justice Ranjit Singh has been unanimously elected as chairman of the Organisation, Dr Piara Lal Garg was elected as Vice



Chairman, Malvinder Singh Mali as General Secretary, Ravinder Singh Bains as Head of Legal Wing, Sarabjit Singh Verka as Head of Research Wing, Hamir Singh as Organizing Secretary, Dr Khushal Singh as Office Secretary.

Apart from these, the remaining office bearers and as-

sign responsibilities was given to Justice Ranjit Singh was authorized to name the remaining office bearers and assign duties and responsibilities accordingly. The head office of the organization will be at Sri Guru Granth

Sahib Bhawan. Among those present at the meeting were Giani Kewal Singh, Advocate Gurjit Singh, Gurpreet Singh (Global Sikh Council), Sukhwinder Singh Sidhu, Advocate Gurdeep Singh Chandigarh, Advocate Navjot Kaur Chabba, Paramsunil Kaur, Armanjot Kaur, Amanpreet Kaur Rai, Gurshamshir Singh Journalist, Advocate Daljit Singh Bath, Tejinder Singh Mohali, Inderpreet Singh Goga Sandhu, Advocate Parminder Singh Gill, Advocate Navjot Singh, Prof. Sham Singh, K.P. Singh, Satnam Singh and Advocate Parminder Singh.

NEWS BRIEF

Mehakpreet Kaur of Govt School Bhullarheri top in Sangrur



RAJESHWAR PINTU DHURI: In the results of 10th class declared by the Punjab School Education Board, Mehakpreet Kaur, a student of Government Senior Secondary School Bhullarheri, has secured the first position in Sangrur district by securing 640 marks out of 650, while she is at 10th place in Punjab. In the merit list, 9 out of 10 students of Sangrur district have secured important positions, proving that girls are not inferior to boys in any field, while Jasmine Kaur of Robin Model Senior Secondary School Dhuri has secured 629 marks out of 650, securing 21st place in Punjab.

Shashi Dureja appointed member of State Advisory Committee of Special Olympics Bharat Haryana



NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR: Former Block Committee Chairman Shashi Dureja has been appointed as a member of the State Advisory Committee of Special Olympics Bharat Haryana. The appointment letter was formally handed over to him by Latika Sharma, State President of Special Olympics Bharat. Expressing gratitude for his new role, Dureja thanked Malika Nadda, National President of Special Olympics Bharat and wife of BJP National President J.P. Nadda, along with State President Latika Sharma, for entrusting him with the responsibility. He assured that he would fulfil his duties with utmost sincerity and dedication. Speaking on the occasion, Dureja highlighted the importance of Special Olympics in empowering children with intellectual and physical disabilities.

Dhuri Vikas Manch honours Jobanpreet Kaur, district topper



RAJESHWAR PINTU DHURI: Dhuri Vikas Manch Dhuri, under the leadership of Chairman Jagsir Singh Jaggi Dhindsa, honoured Jobanpreet Kaur, a student of Government Girls Senior Secondary School Dhuri, who has achieved the top position from across the district in the results announced by the Punjab School Education Board for the +2 class, with a certificate of appreciation, a memento and a cash prize of Rs 2100. The chairman of the institution, Jagsir Singh Jaggi Dhindsa, blessed the girl Jobanpreet Kaur for her achievement and said that the institution will also honour other students who have achieved fame in the field of education. The Secretary General of the organisation, Hans Raj Bajaj, while praising the contribution of girls to the progress and security of the country, said that it is a matter of pride for us that in today's society, girls are contributing in every field on par with boys. He also called it a matter of pride for India that girls led India during the recent period of bitter Indo-Pak relations and appealed to the parents to provide all possible help to girls in the field of education.

Why does IVF fail? Leading experts share insights on causes and solutions

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 17

Infertility remains a growing concern, with many couples struggling to conceive despite undergoing multiple IVF cycles. Addressing this critical issue, renowned fertility specialists Dr. Pooja Mehta, Head of Department and Dr. Sunita Chandra, Senior Consultant, Fortis Bloom IVF Centre, Mohali and Dr. Ruchi Chaudhary, DGO Medline Hospital, Karnal shared their insights on IVF failures and advancements in fertility treatments. Dr. Ruchi Chaudhary emphasized that access to a well-equipped IVF lab plays a crucial role in determining the success of fertility



treatments. Dr. Ruchi explained that IVF failure primarily stems from two factors: embryonic and endometrial. Embryonic issues may arise due to poor egg quality caused by conditions like endometriosis, poor ovarian reserve, premature ovarian failure, or severe Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS). Sperm-related problems such as low count, poor motility, or abnormal

morphology also contribute significantly. Additionally, laboratory conditions, including incubator quality, culture media, and expertise of embryologists, play a vital role in embryo development. Dr. Pooja Mehta highlighted that severe PCOS and blocked fallopian tubes are among the leading causes of infertility in women, while male infertility accounts for nearly 30% of cases in India.

"Armed forces displayed bravery and valor": Uttarakhand CM Dhami after attending 'Tiranga Shaurya Samman Yatra'

AGENCY HALDWANI, MAY 17

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Saturday praised the Indian armed forces for successfully carrying out Operation Sindoor and said that they displayed their bravery and valor and destroyed the terror sites in Pakistan. "Under the leadership of PM Modi, the way Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force displayed their bravery and valor, they destroyed the terror sites and killed more than 100 terrorists....successfully carried out Operation Sindoor..In Uttarakhand, every person from a family is a soldier...all are hitting the streets to thank our Armed Forces," CM Dhami told ANI.

He further said that Tiranga Shaurya Samman Yatra is not a mere rally; it is an opportunity to salute the Indian Armed Forces.

"Because of the strong policies and leadership of PM Modi, today



against terrorism, we could carry out an important war...'Tiranga Shaurya Samman Yatra' is not a mere yatra, it is an opportunity to salute and honour the courage and bravery of the Indian Armed Forces," he added.

Earlier today, CM Dhami led the 'Tiranga Shaurya Samman Yatra' in Nainital's Haldwani in

honour of the Indian Armed Forces and the success of Operation Sindoor. Yesterday, a meeting of the Council of Ministers was held in which a unanimous congratulatory resolution was passed to the Indian Army, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and the Ministry of Defence on the unprecedented success of

Operation Sindoor.

The resolution of the Council of Ministers said, "Operation Sindoor reflects the success of the indomitable courage, immense valour and excellent strategic skills of the Indian Army. This campaign has emerged as a living example of India's sovereignty, security and self-confidence." The Council of Ministers also expressed confidence that this historic military operation will become a source of inspiration for generations to come and will always be marked as a golden chapter in Indian military history.

The BJP's 'Tiranga Yatra', which began on May 13, will continue till May 23. The BJP organised the 'Tiranga Yatra' in states such as Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Dibrugarh, Srinagar and Odisha. The event has been organised to thank India's Armed Forces and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the success of Operation Sindoor.



Sonal of Lakshmi Memorial Public School Bhoti secures 9th rank in HP Board Class 12 merit list

SANJEEV MAHAJAN HAMIRPUR: Sonal, a bright student of Lakshmi Memorial Public School, Bhoti, has brought laurels to her school and family by securing the 9th rank in the Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education (HPBOSE) Class 12 merit list. She scored an impressive 476 marks out of 500, reflecting her academic brilliance and unwavering dedication. The school principal, Shivani Chauhan, lauded Sonal's consistent hard

work and commitment, calling her achievement a source of inspiration for other students. Sonal credited her success to the unwavering support and guidance of her teachers, school staff, and late father, Mahendra Singh, acknowledging that their encouragement played a crucial role in her journey. Notably, Sonal's younger sister, Akshara, had also recently earned distinction by securing the top rank in the state in the Class 10 merit list, while also placing fourth in Hamirpur district.

Industrial Area Association thanks Anil Vij for boundary wall approval



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA, MAY 17

Members of the HSIDC Industrial Area Association in Ambala Cantonment visited the residence of Haryana's Energy, Transport and Labour Minister, Sh. Anil Vij to express their heartfelt gratitude for securing approval for constructing a boundary wall around the Industrial Area. Association members said that due to Cabinet Minister Anil Vij's efforts, the area would now be protected from floodwaters. On this occasion, they said that Energy Minister Anil Vij has made tireless efforts to safeguard the

Ambala Cantonment Industrial Area, which are now bearing results. They said that once the wall is built, their industries will be shielded from flood-related damages. The members also mentioned that earlier, Ambala Cantonment had been neglected in terms of development, but Energy Minister Anil Vij has initiated so many development projects that the local people will benefit for decades to come. Present at the occasion from the Industrial Association were Aashawant Gupta, S.K. Wadhawan, Alok Gupta, Suresh Dhiman, Ravi Jhamb, Sahil Jain, Sanyam Jain, Kanwaljit Jain.

Discipline, respect for parents and teachers key to progress: HSSC Member Amar Singh



RK KASHYAP CHHACHHRAULI: Amar Singh, Member of the Haryana Staff Selection Commission (HSSC), addressed students at PM Shri Government Senior Secondary School, Pratapnagar, during a "Gyan Daan and Counselling Programme," inspiring them to face life's challenges with courage and determination. In his address, Singh emphasised that no hardship can prevent one from achieving their goals if they remain disciplined, respect their parents and teachers, and stay away from drugs. "To progress in life, it is essential to follow discipline and live not only for oneself but also for the nation," he stated. He also planted a sapling in the school premises as a symbolic gesture of growth and responsibility. His visit, accompanied by veteran social worker Dr Surender Singla, was met with great enthusiasm from both staff and students. Principal Geeta Khanna highlighted the school's recent achievements, sharing that the institution recorded an impressive 92% pass rate in the Class 12 board exams this year. Amar Singh felicitated the top three students from each stream and congratulated the entire school faculty for the commendable academic performance.

'Operation Sindoor delivered justice to our daughters': MP Naveen Jindal leads Tiranga Yatra in Kaithal



RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL: A grand Tiranga Yatra was organised in Kaithal on Friday to honour the valour and bravery of the Indian Army displayed during Operation Sindoor. The event, aimed at igniting patriotism and nationalism among citizens, was flagged off by Kurukshetra MP Naveen Jindal from Geeta Bhawan Temple and passed through Committee Chowk, Shaheed Smarak, and Pehowa Chowk, among other key locations. The streets of Kaithal echoed with patriotic slogans such as "Hindustan Zindabad" and "Bhartiya Sena Zindabad", while tricolour flags fluttered proudly. MP Naveen Jindal led the rally on horseback, symbolising his tribute to the armed forces. Participants included members of various social and religious organisations, as well as a large number of local residents. Addressing the gathering, Jindal said the yatra was not merely a procession but a pledge to uphold the values of Rashtra Dharma (national duty).

Rotary Club Rivera inaugurates 'Pink Toilet' at Shri Lal Vidya Mandir, promotes hygiene and education for girls

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 17

In a significant step towards promoting hygiene and girl-friendly infrastructure in schools, Rotary Club Rivera Yamunanagar inaugurated a 'Pink Toilet' at Shri Lal Vidya Mandir, Hanuman Gate, Jagadhri. The inauguration ceremony was graced by Rotary Assistant District Governor Mr Ravindra Agrawal as the chief guest, accompanied by Club President Mr Sanjeev Sethi.

The event began with a traditional welcome by schoolgirls, who applied ceremonial tilak to the guests and presented floral bouquets on behalf of the school management.

The atmosphere was filled with joy and applause as the children expressed their excitement and appreciation. Speaking at the event, Mr



Ravindra Agrawal emphasised that Rotary's mission goes beyond social service — it aims to advance cleanliness, education, and awareness across society. "The Pink Toilet Project is specially designed with the health and safety of girl students in mind. Schools must have such facilities to ensure a secure and hygienic environment," he said.

President Mr Sanjeev Sethi spoke with the students about the invaluable role of teachers, stating, "A guru

holds a place equal to God. A good teacher not only imparts knowledge but also shapes a student's future. We must always honour our teachers." He further explained that Rotary Club's initiatives in education, health, and service stem from a commitment to community welfare, and the Pink Toilet is a reflection of that vision. Shri Lal Vidya Mandir President Mr Surender Madan extended gratitude to the Rotary Club for selecting their school for this impactful project.

Harsirat Kaur makes Barnala proud in academics and sports: Meet Hayer

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, MAY 17

Results of class 12 of the Punjab School Education Board, Harsirat Kaur, a student of Sarvhitkari Senior Secondary Vidya Mandir Barnala, has secured the first position in the entire state. Harsirat has topped the state by scoring 100 percent marks in the medical group and has made Barnala district proud. On this occasion, Lok Sabha member S. Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer reached Harsirat Kaur's school and congratulated Harsirat Kaur, her parents and teachers. He said that Harsirat has made Barnala district proud by excelling in the entire state. He said that Harsirat is at the top in studies, she has also made the district famous in sports. Harsirat is a medalist



in the National Games in Netball and a gold medalist at the State level. He said that Harsirat is a leader in both sports and studies, which is a great example for other children of the district. On this occasion, Harsirat said that she has studied in the medical group and wants to serve the people by becoming a doctor after completing MBBS. She gave the credit for her success to her parents, grandmother Jaswant Kaur and teachers. Harsirat Kaur's father

Simardeep Singh Sidhu, a resident of Dhanaula, is serving as DM Sports in the Education Department, he said that he is proud of his daughter that she has made the entire Punjab proud. On this occasion, Harsirat's mother Amanpreet Kaur, who is a teacher at Government Senior Secondary School Dangarh, said that she has always motivated Harsirat for both studies and sports because both are important for children.

RBV launches B Tech in stem cell engineering

LK BANSAL MOHALI: The Institute of Translational Health Science (ITHS) at Rayat Bahra University has announced the launch of North India's first-ever B.Tech programme in Stem Cell and Tissue Engineering. This groundbreaking course marks a significant milestone in



biomedical education, offering students a unique opportunity to

explore one of the most advanced frontiers of modern science. The course was formally launched by Jyoti Garhwal, Founder, ITHS and Prof Pulakes Purkait, Director, ITHS, whose vision and academic leadership have played a pivotal role in designing this innovative curriculum.

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Editorial

Inflation in check, focus on growth

The moderation of the inflation rate, both at the wholesale and retail consumer levels, in April extends a welcome trend seen over the past few months. The wholesale inflation rate, measured by the Wholesale Price Index (WPI), showed only a marginal increase of 0.9% last month, marking a 14-month low. Wholesale price inflation has been low or even negative in the last two years and the last month's figure comes as no surprise. Retail inflation, which is of greater significance for consumers and policymakers and measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), marked an increase of a mere 3.2% in April, the lowest level in six years. It was 3.3% in March.

It was the decline in vegetable prices in the last few weeks that accounted for the fall in the inflation rate. There was an 11% fall in vegetable prices and a 5% fall in the prices of pulses which have an important place in the food basket. The decline was mainly due to a favourable supply position resulting from climate and other factors. The government helped to ease the supply position by strengthening the buffer stocks, making open market releases, and easing import restrictions. There was a baseline effect as well because the prices peaked last April. The low liquidity in the system also contributed to the easing of pressures in the last few months. Inflation is likely to further moderate in the current financial year to about 3.5%, as against the 6% levels seen in recent years. This outlook is based on expectations of a decline in crude oil prices and an above-normal monsoon which can boost farm output.

The consistent moderation in the inflation rate from the beginning of the year has provided relief to consumers who were weighed down by high prices in the last many years. It is almost certain to have an impact on the Reserve Bank of India's policy decision. With inflation under control, the RBI is bound to turn its attention to facilitating growth with the help of the policy tool at its disposal. Growth rates have been under stress for various reasons and would need a boost.

The RBI has already cut the policy rate by 25 basis points at its April meeting. It is almost certain that there will be another rate cut at the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting in June. There are expectations that the rate will be cut by another 50 basis points over the policy reviews to be held next month and in August.

‘Sindoor’ was Modi’s finest hour: Next, let’s win peace!

Ironically, I met more Pakistanis than Indians during my short stay in London, which, tragically, coincided with the “Four-Day War” that shook the subcontinent. Here’s the thing: Not a single Pakistani or Indian I encountered crowed or bragged about “showing the other side”. Nobody wanted a bloody, extended yudh. There was anxiety, fear, concern and pain being openly expressed, as we swapped scraps of news received from relatives back home. Nobody was paying attention to foreign channels presenting distorted versions of what was happening thousands of miles away. A Pakistani Uber driver spoke with tears in his eyes about the futility of such a war, and blamed the highly corrupt generals of his country for creating such a hostile situation.

He’d left Pakistan over twenty years ago. “We work hard here... life is tough... fortunately, the law is the same for all... it’s equal”, he said. “But there is zero equality in Pakistan. Our elections are rigged. Our people are unhappy and helpless. Imran Khan remains in jail, even though people love him. Nobody has a voice. We can’t speak up or complain. Pakistan has no money. When Pakistanis visit London, they can’t afford Ubers, like Indians.

You are so much better off in India.” As he dropped me off, he warned repeatedly against bag and phone snatchers. “Be careful, sister...” he gently added, “and look after yourself.”

He waited till I crossed the road safely before driving away. That’s tameez! “Operation Sindoor” was underway. My heart was in my mouth as I participated in a panel discussion on Shyam Benegal’s Life and Films, organised by the well-respected UKAFF (27th edition), ably steered by Pushpinder Chowdhry and her “Tongues on



Fire” team. One of the organisers was receiving non-stop updates and live video footage of the attacks from her brother in Baramulla, where he lived with their parents.

Despite the mounting tension, she remained calm and went about her responsibilities with admirable fortitude. My concentration had taken a hit.

I was receiving frantic texts about blackout drills, sirens and emergency instructions from the family in Mumbai. It was hard to focus on Mandi or Bhumika (my personal Benegal favourites). Goutam Ghose, my co-panellist, calmly went through his presentation, referencing multiple memories of his interactions with the much-admired, greatly loved late filmmaker.

Mercifully, by the time I landed in Mumbai, the horror of those terrifying few days was behind us. It has to be said loudly and clearly: this has been Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s finest hour. He was at his dazzling best as he took complete charge of the unfolding theatre of war. We are stuck with a dysfunctional neighbour hell bent on stirring conflict in our backyard, clearly instigated by sponsors: in this case, the devilish Chinese.

Given Pakistan’s clumsy propaganda and amateurish disinformation, it’s laudatory that India kept its cool despite extreme provocation, and did not jump the gun (literally)! We patiently waited to present hard evidence to critics. This was imperative for preserving India’s credibility within the global community. We achieved it with ab-

solute finesse and assurance thanks to two brilliant individuals in the PM’s team: external affairs minister S. Jaishankar and foreign secretary Vikram Misri. Mr Jaishankar’s hard-hitting line, “need partners, not preachers”, has gone down as a devastating snub to Europe for daring to tell us how to deal with the crisis. But the most memorable put-down aimed at silencing critics came from the PM’s perfectly-timed visit to Adampur airbase, where he landed on the same runway Pakistan claimed to have bombed. He rallied not just troops but every Indian citizen. “I have come here for a darshan of our brave soldiers,” Narendra Modi declared, against the backdrop of an S-400 launcher, as the nation cheered. He followed that up with a loud and clear warning to our hostile neighbour: “Stop supporting terror or face annihilation”. Then came the chilling reference to “blood and water”, leaving no room for debate.

There were several psychological firsts during this challenging period. Picking two outstanding women officers (Col. Sofiya Qureshi and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh) to lead the briefings on the Indian military strikes was pure genius: besides being an inspired tactic, it was a fitting reminder of India’s supreme confidence in its armed forces, never mind gender.

“Operation Sindoor” may sound as melodramatic as an Ekta Kapoor serial from the 1990s... but it packed an unbeatable emotional punch, particularly in the context of a terrorist’s taunt to a young wife (“Go tell Modi”) during the dastardly Pahalgam attack.

The importance of scoring big in the psychological aspect of a military confrontation was underlined by Mr Modi’s unambiguous language: don’t mess with us, don’t mess with our women.

Literature & Health

Beat the heat naturally

Summer, the season of dreadful temperatures, have stolen everyone’s cool. And the temperatures are only going to soar in the next couple of months. However, nature also provided a balance or rather a natural antidote in the form of seasonal fruits, one of the few things that can bring some of the cool back literally.

Most summer fruits are packed with hydration, vitamins and minerals, says Abhilasha V, a Bengaluru-based senior nutritionist.

Seasonal fruits like watermelon, muskmelon and the king of all fruits, the juicy, pulpy mango are natural heat busters, says Dr Neelu Malhotra, a Mohali-based diet consultant and nutritionist.

WATERMELON: The colourful red and green fruit has over 90 per cent water and keeps you cool and quenched, says Abhilasha. Watermelon is a good source of vitamin C. Its seeds are rich in potassium, needed for brain function,



controlling high blood pressure, water balance and flushing away toxins from the body, says Malhotra.

This juicy fruit has plenty of the carotenoid called lycopene, a compound which provides bright yellow, orange or red colour to fruits and vegetables. Lycopene is a powerful antioxidant. Antioxidants can destroy free radicals in the body.

Free radicals are harmful molecules, responsible for ageing and many serious diseases, including various cancers, adds Malhotra.

A new challenge for Indian immigrants in the U.S.

A major challenge is emerging for Indians living in the United States. Recently introduced in the U.S. Congress, ‘The One Big Beautiful Bill’ proposes a 5% tax on remittances sent abroad by non-U.S. citizens. This includes H-1B visa holders, green card holders, and other non-citizens. If passed, this bill will have a direct financial impact on millions of Indians working in the U.S. who regularly send money back home to their families in India.

The goal of this proposed tax is to generate additional revenue for the U.S. government. However, it has become a matter of concern for immigrant communities, particularly the Indian diaspora.

According to a report by the Times of India, this tax could cost the Indian community approximately \$1.6 billion (about Rs 13,000 crore) annually. Remit-

How America’s ‘The One Big Beautiful Bill’ Could Affect India?

tances are not only vital for individual families but also play a crucial role in the Indian economy. These funds are used for education, healthcare, housing, and investments—driving growth in local economies.

This proposed tax would not only weaken the financial condition of Indian immigrants but would also negatively impact their families in India and the local Indian economy.

Moreover, such a tax may push immigrants toward alternative, and possibly illegal, channels for sending money, raising concerns over financial transparency and security. It could also hinder financial monitoring and cooperation between the two countries.

The Government of India must initiate diplomatic engagement with the U.S. administration to protect the interests of Indian immigrants. At the same time, overseas Indians need to be aware of the potential impact of this bill and consider adjusting their financial planning accordingly.

In conclusion, this proposed remittance tax is significant not only from an economic perspective but also from social and diplomatic angles.

Therefore, all stakeholders must work together to find a balanced solution so that economic and social ties between immigrant communities and their home countries remain strong and sustainable.

POEMS

Little Flute

Thou hast made me endless,
such is thy pleasure. This
frail vessel thou emptiest
again and again, and fillest it ever
with fresh life.

This little flute of a reed thou hast
carried over hills and dales,
and hast breathed through it
melodies eternally new. At the im-
mortal touch of thy hands my little
heart loses its limits in joy and
gives birth to utterance ineffable.

Thy infinite gifts come to me only
on these very small hands of mine.

Ages pass, and still thou pourest,
and still there is room to fill.

Voices from the forest

The Indian side of the Sundarbans — the world’s largest mangrove forest — is spread across approximately 4,000 square kilometres, consisting of 102 islands. Of these, 54 islands are inhabited and are administratively divided into 181 gram panchayats across six blocks of North 24 Parganas district and 13 blocks of South 24 Parganas district in West Bengal.

The region is home to around five million people, many of whom are facing severe livelihood crises triggered by the increased frequency of climate-change-influenced events like cyclones, tidal surges, erratic rainfall and so on. The most devastating cyclone to hit the area in the recent past was Cyclone Aila in 2009. The last significant cyclone before Aila was in 1988; but in the last six years, five major cyclones — Fani and Bulbul in 2019, Amphan in 2020, Yaas in 2021 and Remal in 2024 — have impacted the region.

While most of these events automatically get termed as natural disasters, a key point to note is that not everything is ‘natural’ in these ‘natural disasters’.

There is clear evidence that local, man-made factors are exacerbating the devastation in many such events. In fact, the present crises have been in the making for close to 250 years. They are



a result of an inability to understand and align with the natural mangrove ecosystem of the area.

The British saw the mangrove landscape of the Sundarbans as a wasteland. Profit was a key motivation in the 1780s when East India Company officials actively pushed socially and economically marginalised people to settle down in the Sundarbans. The company had faced a severe financial crisis and, in 1773, had received from the British government what the historian, William Dalrymple, has termed as history’s first mega corporate bailout.

For the EIC officials, clearing mangrove forests to bring more land under rice cultivation was a commercial decision.

The extraction, exploitation and exclusion continued under colonial rule. By the 1880s, timber from the mangrove forests became the commodity of choice. ‘Scientific’ forestry was introduced. As more people got settled, human-animal conflicts increased. The government’s response in 1883, as revealed through archival research by Ranjan Chakrabarti, was to introduce a reward system of paying Rs 50 for

killing an adult tiger and Rs 10 for each cub, both huge sums of money at the time.

After Independence, by the 1980s, the focus had shifted to tiger conservation. While new laws to protect mangrove forests and its rich biodiversity got introduced, access of locals to the forest areas got restricted and many local occupations connected to the forest that had emerged to serve colonial interests got banned.

Ecologically, the inhabited islands are now distinctly different from the mangrove forests. The mangrove vegetation in these islands have all but disappeared. The hydrology of these islands — the tidal interplay so essential for sustaining a mangrove forest — has been completely transformed to be able to support agriculture. They now have an agrarian economy that has been imposed on what used to be a mangrove ecosystem. Yet, it is not uncommon for a person from a marginalised background to go into the forest to fish, catch crabs or collect honey, eke out a living during monsoon as a farm labourer or as a marginal farmer, and even resort to seasonal migration for certain months to work as a daily wage. Ironically, if the mangrove ecosystem thrives naturally, most aspects of

the local economy of the settled areas, as it exists now, will collapse. Understandably, sustaining local livelihoods in the Sundarbans is a significant development priority for the government and construction of concrete embankments have become a pivotal part of the government’s developmental efforts.

A recent conversation during a visit to the Sundarbans with an acquaintance was an eye-opener for me. Chapal is from a landless family whose mud hut seemed especially vulnerable, located just outside an embankment right at the edge of a mangrove forest. Sitting in it, I could not stop myself from asking how people like Chapal coped with storm surges and high winds during cyclones.

Chapal commented that when alerts were issued for Cyclone Amphan in 2020, the family got into a small dinghy and took shelter inside the mangrove forest. Seeing my perplexed look, he smiled and said gently, “You will not get it, the forest is our second home, we go there all the time to catch fish and crabs.”

There is a lot to unpack from his response.

I know that mangroves are important shock absorbers during cyclones,

floods and tsunamis. But, through my lived experiences, I cannot imagine a mangrove forest as a safe space. I realised that the loss of mangrove cover of the inhabited islands has increased their vulnerability during climate-change-influenced events. More importantly, I realised that whether it is our imagination of the Sundarbans as home to the Bengal Tiger, or the decision to construct concrete embankments, to keep locals away as the principal way of protecting the forest, normalise the extraction of timber and the destruction of the ecosystem through ‘scientific’ forestry, perceive the mangrove ecosystem as a ‘wasteland’, the fate of Sundarbans’ landscape has always been shaped by the outsiders’ perceptions of it. Locals like Chapal, who feel most at home in the landscape and know it intimately, have never had any say in determining its fate.

It is now accepted globally that mangrove ecosystems play an important role in protecting biodiversity by serving as nurseries for many marine species. They are also a powerful natural ally against climate change, acting as efficient carbon sinks and shock absorbers during cyclones, floods and tsunamis. In the Sundarbans, the stakes are already very high.

NEWS BRIEF

Deputy CM congratulates students on class 12th exam success

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri has extended congratulations to the students who successfully cleared the Class 12th examination conducted by the Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education. The Deputy Chief Minister said that this success was a result of their hard work, dedication and perseverance of students. It was a matter of pride not only for their families but also for the entire state. This achievement marks a golden step towards a bright future. Shri Agnihotri also expressed gratitude to the teachers and parents whose guidance and support helped the students move towards their goals. He extended best wishes to all the students for their future endeavours, expressing hope that they will continue to progress with the same commitment and sincerity.

Selection of cricketers in High Performance Cricket Camp



SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA: Two young cricketers from Himachal have been selected for the High Performance Cricket Camp being organized by BCCI's Center of Excellence in Bangalore. Mridul Saroch from Hamirpur and Aniket from Bilaspur have been selected from Himachal in this camp organized for the Under 23 category. This camp will be organized in Bangalore from 26 May to 14 June. On the other hand, Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association Secretary Avnish Parmar congratulated these cricketers on their selection and wished them a better future. He said that Himachal cricketers are getting selected for such camps only because of the modern and better facilities being provided to the players by HPCA.

CM Sukhu stresses on promotion of natural farming for agricultural transformation

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, MAY 17

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has emphasised the importance of transforming the agriculture sector through promotion of natural farming across the State. While presiding over a meeting of the Agriculture Department here today, he directed all the officers of the Agriculture Department to make concrete and coordinated efforts in promoting natural farming in the State. He said that all the officers of Agriculture Department, JICA and ATMA must reach out to the farmers and provide crucial handholding to the farmers in adopting natural farming along with facilitating its certification. He directed to organize panchayat-wise camps to ensure farmer's registration under natural farming initiatives. He said that accountability would be fixed in this regard at each level to achieve



tangible outcomes. Shri Sukhu directed the APMC Chairpersons to actively motivate and assist farmers in this direction. He also asked all APMCs to establish high-end silos for the procurement of naturally grown wheat, maize and raw turmeric. The procurement of naturally grown wheat has already commenced and the State Government is offering MSP of Rs. 60 per kg. to the farmers for their produce. He directed the

Agriculture Department to provide high quality seeds to the farmers engaged in natural farming.

The Chief Minister said that in the effort to strengthen the government farms to promote natural farming, the Agriculture Department has developed three model farms i.e. Bhattoo farm in Kangra district, Bhagani in Sirmaur district and Bairee-Boch in Solan district. He said that more such model farms would be

established in the coming time.

Shri Sukhu also reviewed the progress of ongoing projects of constructing CA stores across the State. He emphasised that these CA stores are crucial for the farmers and horticulturists in providing them remunerative prices for their hard work. The State Government is establishing CA stores in Sundernagar of Mandi district, Annu (Jubbal), Chopal, Sundasu, Kharapathar, Duttanagar and Dhalli in Shimla district, Kandrouri and Sulah in Kangra district, Jabli in Solan district and Bhawanagar in Kinnaur district in a phased manner and the State Government has allocated Rs. 330 crore for this purpose. The Chief Minister also reviewed the JICA project which is being implemented with an outlay of Rs. 1010 crore in all the 12 districts of the State and directed to ensure maximum benefits reach to the farmers through this project.

Delegation from Kandaghat area calls on CM



DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, MAY 17

A delegation of Kandaghat area of Solan district called on Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu here today and put forth the various demands of area before him. Addressing the delegation on the occasion, Chief Minister said that present State Government was according priority for the development of Solan assembly constituency so that it could progress by leaps and bounds. He said that the Government would provide adequate funds to strengthen the Kandaghat Civil Hospital to ensure specialized medical services to the people of

the area. He said that to provide quality education to students near to their homes, a Rajiv Gandhi Day Boarding School was also being constructed at Kandaghat with modern facilities, playground, laboratories etc. The State Government would also explore the possibility of opening such school in Chail area to provide better education facility to the students. The Chief Minister also assured the delegation that the State Government would consider their demands sympathetically. Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. (Col.) Dhani Ram Shandil and Chairman Jogindra Central Cooperative Bank Mukesh Sharma were also present on the occasion.

No plan to shift education directorate from Shimla: Minister

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, MAY 17

The Education Minister, Rohit Thakur has strongly refuted the baseless and misleading reports circulating in a section of the media suggesting that the Directorate of School Education and other key directorates are being shifted from Shimla to Dharamshala. He stated that these claims are entirely unfounded and not based on any official policy or decision of the state government.

The Education Minister clarified that Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has issued unequivocal and firm directions during a recent review meeting of the Education Department that the Directorate of School Education, along with any other directorates, will not be shifted from Shimla under any circumstances.

He asserted that there is no proposal or consideration whatsoever to relocate the Directorate of School Education and such misleading reports are completely contrary to the state government's policy. Shimla will continue to serve as the administrative nucleus of the state, and the government is fully committed to safeguarding its status as the centre of all major departmental and



governance-related activities.

There is no move or proposal under consideration to shift the Directorate of Education from Shimla, and its operations will continue from the state capital as before. He urged the media and the public not to be influenced by speculative or unverified reports and to rely only on official communication for accurate information. The government remains committed to administrative stability, good governance and public service delivery, and any decisions are taken only after due consideration of all factors.

State Government promoting adventure tourism in a big way: CM Flags-off 12th edition of MTB Himalaya cycle race

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, MAY 17

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu flagged-off the 12th edition of MTB Himalaya cycle race organized by Himalayan Adventure Sports and Tourism Promotion Association (HASPTA) in collaboration with Himachal Tourism, Heatrex Tyres, Cycling Association of HP (CAHP) from the Ridge, here today. This event will pass through Prologue-Heritage Ride (Ridge-IIAS-Ridge), Kufri-Chail (XCM) Shimla-Summerhill-Potters hill (XCO) in Shimla and culminate on 18 May, 2025. Over 100 riders from across the country including national champions and



worldwide elite cyclists are participating in this event.

The Chief Minister said that such events go a long way in showcasing the rich tradition, heritage and culture of Himachal Pradesh to the world. He said that cycling has a lot of significance in today's world as it promotes good health, better greener environment,

a non-motorized non-polluting means of transport and a great recreation adventure fitness and sporting activity.

Shri Sukhu said that the state government was actively promoting adventure sports and making every possible effort in this direction. He said "The government has instructed to

identify routes in various locations across the State for developing cycling tracks, and some of them will also be constructed in Shimla." He further stated that an ice-skating rink is being constructed in Shimla at a cost of Rs. 37 crore, which will further boost tourism activities. Additionally, the circular road in Shimla is being widened to help address the problem of traffic congestion in the city.

The Chief Minister said that the state government has set a target to make Himachal Pradesh a Green Energy State by 31March, 2026. "In the coming years, Himachal Pradesh will become a pioneering State in green hydrogen production in the country.

Girls again top in HP School Board's 12th class exam results

SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, MAY 17

Himachal Pradesh School Education Board declared the annual exam results of class 12th Science, Arts and Commerce on Saturday afternoon. This time also, the daughters of the state have made their mark in the top-10 merit list in the 12th class exam results. Kangra DC and School Education Board Chairman Hemraj Bairwa said during a press conference that this time the exam result has been 83.16 percent. Last year i.e. in 2024, the pass percentage was 73.76 percent. At the same time, the result in the year 2023 was 79.74 percent. He said that 75 students have made it to the overall top-10 merit list, of which 61 are girls and 14 are boys. Mehak



of Una has topped the 12th Science exam. Mehak of St. TDR Public Senior Secondary School, Gagret, Una has secured the first position by scoring 97.2 percent marks. While Khushi of Dhauladhar Public Senior Secondary School, Shamnagar (Dharamshala), Jahnavi Thakur of Bharti Vidyapeeth Public Senior Secondary School, Baijnath and Ankita of Government Senior Secondary School, Rait have jointly secured the second position by scoring 96.6 percent marks. He said



that in commerce stream, Payal Sharma of Government Senior Secondary School, Chennai has secured the first position in the state by scoring 482 marks out of 500. Shagun of Government Senior Secondary School, Chuki Maniyar, Una district has secured the second rank in the state with 478 marks out of 500. Ananya Thakur of Government Senior Secondary School, Chuki Maniyar, Una district has secured the third rank with 477 marks out of 500.



Transparency should be maintained in the work related to board examinations: Rohit Thakur

SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, MAY 17

Education Minister Rohit Thakur today reviewed the functioning of the education board by holding a meeting with the board officials in the auditorium of Himachal Pradesh School Education Board on Friday. On this occasion, all the officials of the board including the Chairman of the Board and Deputy Commissioner Kangra Hemraj Bairwa and Secretary School Education Board Dr. Vishal were present. Education Minister Rohit Thakur took details of their work from the officials of the education board and gave suggestions to improve the functioning of the education board. He said that while preparing the curriculum, the overall development of the children should be our priority. He said



that children work hard throughout the year to perform well in the board examinations. He said that complete transparency should be maintained in all the work related to the examinations. He said that the state government is aware of the future of the students and any kind of negligence in the aspects related to them is not tolerable. He said that full attention should be paid to transparency in the system of paper setting and paper checking. Also,

rotation should be done continuously in this process. He said that if there is any need for improvement anywhere related to these processes, then do it immediately. Rohit Thakur said that Himachal Pradesh School Education Board should also focus on increasing its relevance and quality. He said that we should study other school boards of the country and incorporate the best things from them in our curriculum and systems in our methodology.

Gurukul Public School shines in HP Board results, Kritika Sharma secures 5th rank



AVINASH CHAUHAN

AMB: Gurukul Public School, Pakka Paroh has once again proved that well-directed efforts can yield fruitful results. In the class 12th results declared by the Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education, Kritika Sharma (Science stream) of the school secured 5th position in the merit list of top ten students of Himachal Pradesh. Kritika Sharma secured first position in the school with 483/500 (97%) marks continuing this series. Ankita Devi got 19th rank, Saksham Koondel and Simran got 20th rank, Hanish and Kavya got 22nd rank. He brought glory to the school by scoring good marks. This year also the result of the school was 100%. 10 students scored more than 90% marks and 18 students scored more than 85% marks. All the students have passed the 12th class board examination with first division. On this occasion, the school manager Rajesh Gautam congratulated the children and blessed them wishing them a bright future. The school director Mrs. Jyoti Gautam fed sweets to the children and encouraged them to rise higher in the future. On this occasion, Principal Shivani Guleria, Dean Priyanka Sharma, Academic Principal Shikha Lath, Vice Principal Kamlesh Thakur and other staff were present.

Bilaspur's daughters shine bright in state board exams, honored by DC Rahul Kumar

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY BILASPUR, MAY 17

Bringing immense pride to Bilaspur, two daughters of the district secured top ranks in the Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education's 10th class examination, earning state-level recognition and accolades. In a special felicitation ceremony held at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, DC Rahul Kumar honored the high-achieving students with mementoes and certificates.

Riddhima Sharma of RK Senior Secondary Public School, Gandalvi secured the second position in the state with an impressive 99.29%, while Parnika Sharma of Minerva Senior



Secondary School, Ghumarwin secured the third position. Adding to the district's glory, a student from Government High School Silah achieved 98.29%, the highest score among government school students in the district.

Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar commended

the girls for their dedication and called their achievement a symbol of the rising aspirations and capabilities of daughters. He encouraged students to continue dreaming big and pursue their goals with discipline and hard work, emphasizing that marks are not the only measure of future success.

Shimla turns hostile: Stray dogs create citywide crisis

BUREAU SHIMLA, MAY 17

Once known for its tranquil beauty and British-era charm, Shimla is now spiraling into a dangerous urban crisis — a surge in aggressive, unchecked stray dog populations that are not just a nuisance, but a threat to public safety and life. Across neighborhoods, the streets of Shimla are no longer safe. Children walk to school gripped with fear, elderly citizens avoid stepping out early or after dusk, and joggers arm themselves with sticks for self-defense. From Lakkar Bazaar to Panthaghati, and from Chotta Shimla to Sanjauli, the city's once peaceful corners are echoing with barks and cries of distress. The number of dog



bite cases reported in hospitals has seen an alarming rise, with some estimates suggesting a jump of over 40% in the past year alone. This growing menace is more than a health issue — it is a public safety emergency. Medical experts point out that even a single bite, if left untreated, can result in rabies, a disease that is almost always fatal once symptoms appear. India already accounts for

36% of the world's rabies deaths, and Shimla is now on the verge of contributing to that grim statistic. IGMC MS Dr Rahul Roy stated that an average 50 cases of dog bites are reported to this single hospital. The threat goes beyond bites. Packs of stray dogs often chase two-wheelers, putting lives at risk on Shimla's narrow and winding roads. In several incidents, pedestrians and

motorcyclists have suffered injuries while trying to escape sudden attacks. The fear of falling or being bitten is now a part of everyday life for residents. Animal waste and carcasses are commonly found near garbage dumps, where these dogs scavenge, further compounding public health risks and affecting the city's hygiene. For a tourist destination that prides itself on being clean and green, this paints a disturbing picture. MC commissioner says that he is helpless and no Dr is available with them at MC. Residents are voicing their frustration and fear — not out of cruelty, but out of helplessness. "How long should we live in fear of stepping outside our own homes?" asked a local mother whose daughter was bitten on

her way to school. "We love animals, but we also deserve safety." The sterilization and vaccination programs that were supposed to control the stray population have failed to make any meaningful impact. In fact, in many areas, sterilized dogs have returned to aggressive behavior due to territorial conflicts and food scarcity. Shimla's growing stray dog population is no longer just a civic issue — it is a full-blown public health and safety crisis. Without a swift, scientific, and comprehensive intervention, the city risks losing not just its peace, but also the trust of its people and visitors. As the summer tourist season begins, the question Shimla must urgently answer is this: Will its streets remain free for people to continue to be ruled by fear.

NEWS BRIEF

Final publication of voter lists for by-elections of Gram Panchayats of Kharar Sub-Division on May 23

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR: The final publication of voter lists for the elections and by-elections of the remaining Gram Panchayats in Block Majri and Block Kharar under Kharar Sub-Division will be held on May 23. In this regard, according to information received from SDM Kharar Divya P, IAS a special campaign is being run from May 19 to 21 to get registration of new voters, correction of voter list and to hear objections regarding it. She has asked the interested voters that they can fill the form in this regard.

SHO Lehragaga's father's, last prayer today

GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA
LEHRAGAGA: SHO Inspector Ranbir Singh's father of Police Station Lehragaga, S. Bawinder Singh Numbardar village Todarpur Ji passed away on May 11. After his demise, the leaders of the socio-religious and political organizations of the area have expressed deep grief with the family. The Bhog of the path held for his spiritual peace will be held today, Sunday, 18-05-2025, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm at Gurdwara Sahib village Todarpur (Mansa).

Uniforms distribute to Students of Govt high school



SHARMA
LUDHIANA: Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament Sanjeev Arora distributed school uniforms to students at Government High School, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana on Saturday. The event was organized under the Punjab government's flagship initiative "Pehal".

Speaking at the occasion, Arora highlighted the dual-purpose approach of the project, which not only supports education but also women empowerment. He said that under "Pehal", unprivileged women who are part of self-help groups (SHGs) have been assigned the task of stitching school uniforms. This initiative not only provides employment opportunities to women but also ensures that children studying in government schools receive quality uniforms free of cost.

Help Desk inaugurates at Public entrance of New Court Complex



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHARPUR: Hon'ble District and Sessions Judge of Hoshiarpur, Mr. Rajinder Aggarwal, inaugurated a Help Desk at the public entrance of the New Court Complex, Hoshiarpur. On this occasion, Hon'ble Judge Mr. Rajinder Aggarwal stated that this Help Desk will prove to be highly beneficial for the general public visiting the courts, as it will provide them with information regarding the location of various courtrooms and offices within the complex. In addition, visitors can also inquire about the chambers of advocates.

World Dengue Day celebrated at Government High School Sidhana



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL: As per the directions of Civil Surgeon Bathinda and under the leadership of Dr. Seema Gupta Senior Medical Officer CHC Bhagta, the team of Health Department celebrated World Dengue Day at Government High School Sidhana. On this occasion, health workers Gurpreet Singh and Manpreet Kaur gave information about the symptoms of dengue fever and its prevention to the school children and all the staff. They were told about drying the breeding places of dengue mosquitoes like clean standing water, back tray of refrigerator, flower pots, coolers, water tanks etc. once a week. Dengue test and treatment is completely free in all government hospitals of the state. At this time, school headmaster Maninder Singh, Aparar Singh, ASA worker Veerpal Kaur, were present. The entire staff of the school thanked the team of Health Department.

Awareness camp on bone diseases organized at Senior Citizens Council Sunny Enclave



SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, MAY 17

Today, at the headquarters of Senior Citizens Council Kharar, Sunny Enclave, renowned doctor Gagandeep Gupta of Fortis Hospital gave information to the residents about knee diseases and how to

prevent them and under what conditions should surgery be done. Dr. Gupta answered the questions of all the residents very seriously, due to which everyone appreciated Dr. Gagandeep Gupta a lot. On this occasion, President of Senior Citizens Council Kharar, Harinder Pal Singh Jolly, pre-

sented a bouquet of flowers to Dr. Gupta. On this occasion, Patron of Senior Citizens Council Kharar Tarsem Lal Gupta, Senior Vice President Sukhwinder Singh Gill, Chief Advisor Hardeep Singh Bajwa, Chief Spokesperson Rupinder Singh Brar, General Secretary Gurmail Singh, Vice President

Rajinder Singh Rangpuri, Jeevan Garg, A S Maini, Gurcharan Singh, Ravi, Vice President Asha Rani Goyal, Rajinder Kaur, Asha Gupta and other executive members and council members of Senior Citizens Council Kharar were present. On this occasion, Mrs. Watni thanked the guests who came.

Senior citizens council Morinda organizes blood donation camp in memory of Jagjit Kaur



MORINDA (SANJEEV TEJPAL): The Senior Citizens Council, Morinda, organized a noble blood donation camp at Gurdwara Kotwali Sahib, Morinda. The event was held in the revered memory of Smt. Jagjit Kaur, wife of Council Executive Member Gurdev Singh Toor, and was supported by his entire family. Sharing details, Council President Amarjeet Singh Kang said that the camp was a heartfelt tribute and part of the Council's continuous efforts to serve humanity. The camp was inaugurated by Baba Jassa Singh and Baba Jaimal Singh. A total of 95 donors came forward to contribute blood, reflecting strong community participation and commitment toward saving lives. The event witnessed the gracious presence of several dignitaries, including Dr. Nirmal Dhiman, Nagar Council Morinda President Jagdev Singh Bhatia, Councilors Harjeet Singh Sodhi and Rajpreet Singh Raji, along with Sangat Singh Bhamiya, Varinder Singh etc.

Investiture ceremony held at G. Holy Heart Public School, Mehalkalan



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA DEHATI, MAY 17

G. Holy Heart Public School, Mehalkalan, conducted its Investiture Ceremony on May 17, 2025, with great enthusiasm and reverence to formally appoint the newly elected student council. The event served as a platform to encourage leadership, responsibility, and dedication among the students. The ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of Managing Director, Mr. Sushil Goyal, who addressed the gathering.

Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar ranks first in Punjab in wheat lifting

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, MAY 17

In the recent Rabi procurement season, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar district has ranked first with 100 percent lifting.

Divulging details, Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal said that after the completion of the procurement work on May 15, a total of 1,34,761 MT of wheat crop was purchased in the mandis of the district. She said that along with this procurement, according to the data released by the Food and Supplies Department of the Punjab Government, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar has completed 100 percent

lifting. She said that according to the data of the Food and Supplies Department, the Ludhiana East of Ludhiana district, (district is divided into East and West offices by the department), has also adjudged first in wheat lifting across the state.

Besides, Ludhiana West, Rupnagar and Fatehgarh Sahib districts have touched the highest percentage of lifting. They have lifted 99.75, 98.09 and 96.45 percent respectively.

The Deputy Commissioner further said that the payment (261.78 Crores) for all the wheat crop procured by the district has already been made.

Golden Senior Secondary School records outstanding class 10 results: Chairman Dr. Mohit Mahajan



VERMA
GURDASPUR, MAY 17

Students of Golden Senior Secondary School, located at Hanuman Chowk, Gurdaspur, have achieved remarkable success in the recently declared CBSE Class 10 board exams. The school's student Many Bhardwaj topped the school with an impressive 91.2%.

Providing detailed information, Chairman of Golden Group, Dr. Mohit Mahajan, said that the school once again delivered an exceptional board

result, achieving a 100% pass rate.

He proudly noted that Many Bhardwaj has brought great honor to the school as well as her parents and teachers with her excellent performance. Senior Principal Jatinder Gupta and Principal Priyanka Mahajan shared further details, stating that this year's pass percentage in Class 10 was notably high. Student Ritika Sahotra and Najuk secured the second position with 88.6% each, while Ritika Pandotra stood third with 86.2%.

Sant Mohan Das School secures highest 10 merit positions in Faridkot, Ferozepur and Moga districts in Class 10 results

KOTKAPURA (SURINDER DAMDAMI): Sant Mohan Das Memorial Senior Secondary School Kot Sukhia (Faridkot), a leading institution in the field of education and sports affiliated to Faridkot district, has excelled by securing ten merit positions across Punjab in the results of Class X declared by the Punjab School Education Board Mohali. Giving information in this regard, Raju Thapar said that the talented student of class 10th Akshnoor Kaur secured first position in the entire Punjab by securing 100 percent marks, Jashanpreet Kaur Gill daughter of Mohar Singh Gill/Gurmeet Kaur Gill resident of Sirsari secured fourth position (first rank) in the entire Punjab by securing 100 percent marks etc.



Sanmati Vimal Jain School excel in class 10th boards

JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): Simrat Kaur Arora, a student of Sanmati Vimal Jain Senior Secondary Public School, Jagraon, has brought laurels to her school by securing the 20th position in the Punjab State Merit List in the Class 10 results announced by the Punjab School Education Board, Mohali. Sharing the results, the school principal, Supriya Khurana, expressed immense happiness and stated that Sanmati School is one of the leading educational institutions in the region.



Celebrating expression and eloquence through Poetry!



RADHE SHYAM SHARMA
MORINDA, MAY 17

Cambridge International School, organized a two-day English Poem Recitation and Elocution Competition for Grades I to IX. Students from Grades I-IV showcased their creativity and confidence through expressive recitations, while Grades V-IX impressed with their voice modulation and interpretation of classic and contemporary poems. The event aimed to nurture a love for poetry, enhance public speaking skills, and boost student confidence. The Principal appreciated the participants for their heartfelt performances.

MLA Dev Mann administers oath to people to become warriors in war against drugs



NABHA (RAKESH JINDAL): In an effort to make every villager an integral part of the war against drugs, during the drug eradication campaign led by Nabha MLA Gurdev Singh Dev Mann today, the residents of villages Matorra, Kheri Jattan and Sadhroli were administered an oath to become warriors in the fight against drugs. On this occasion, SDM Nabha Dr. Ismat Vijay Singh along with officials of various departments were also present.

MLA Dev Mann appealed for the full support and cooperation of the people in the war against drugs. He said that the scourge of drugs is a stain on the face of the state and it took the state government more than two years to formulate a strategy to eradicate this scourge. He said that now the supply line of drugs has been broken and the big fish involved in such heinous crimes have been put behind bars, rehabilitation of drug victims has been ensured and even the properties of drug smugglers have been confiscated and destroyed.

Dev Mann said that the state government has launched a war against drugs in the form of 'War on Drugs', which aims to make the state clean.

NEP orientation programme for schools hosted by MCM DAV



CHANDIGARH: Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Sector 36-A, Chandigarh, hosted an NEP Orientation Programme for Schools aimed at acquainting school students with the core vision and objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The event drew enthusiastic participation from students and educators representing a wide range of schools across the city.

During the session, students were introduced to the foundational principles of NEP 2020, with a focus on flexibility, multidisciplinary education, and skill-based learning. They also learned about the college's forward-looking curriculum offerings, including Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC), Value-Added Courses (VAC), Multidisciplinary Courses (MDC), and Bridge Courses—all tailored to foster holistic development and cater to diverse academic and career pathways.

The event was held under the visionary leadership of Principal Ms. Neena Sharma, whose unwavering commitment to academic innovation and student empowerment continues to steer the institution towards excellence. She emphasized the urgent need to bridge the gap between school and college curricula, ensuring smoother academic transitions and equipping students with the skills and mindset necessary for higher education and beyond.

Sant Atar Singh Akal Academy, Mastuana Sahib has achieved excellent CBSE Board results



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA DEHATI, MAY 17

Sant Atar Singh Akal Academy, Mastuana Sahib has achieved excellent results in the CBSE Class XII and Class X board examinations this year. Regarding this, Principal Mr. Vijay Palaha said that a total of 119 students of Class XII and 104 students of Class X of the academy had appeared in the board examination, out of which 81 students were from Commerce stream, 26 students from Science and 60 students from Arts subject. Out of which Gurjit Kaur, a student of Commerce stream, secured first place by securing 93.2% marks, Jashanpreet Kaur of Arts subject secured second place by securing 89.2% marks.

National Lok Adalat to be held on 24 May in District Patiala

PATIALA (RAWEL BHINDER): As per the directions of National Legal Services Authority, New Delhi and Punjab State Legal Services Authority, Mohali and under the able guidance of Ms Rupinderjit Chahal, Learned District & Sessions Judge- cum -Chairperson, District Legal Services Authority, Patiala, National Lok Adalat pertaining to Cheque Bounce Cases, Money Recovery cases, Labour and Employment disputes cases, Electricity, Water bills and other bill payment cases (excluding non-compoundable), Maintenance Cases, Other Criminal compoundable Cases and other Civil disputes and cases Pending in the Courts/ Tribunals like Criminal Compoundable Offences, Cheque Bounce Cases, Money Recovery Cases, MACT Cases, Labour and Employment dispute cases, electricity, Water Bills and other bill payment cases (excluding non-compoundable), Matrimonial disputes(except divorce), Land Acquisition cases (Pending before civil courts/tribunals), Service matters relating to pay and allowances and retirement benefits, Revenue cases etc will be held in District Patiala on 24.5.2025. For this purpose, benches of Judicial Courts will be constituted at Patiala, Rajpura, Samana and Nabha.

Rajya Sabha MP & CU Chancellor Satnam Singh Sandhu Terminates Chandigarh University's Academic Collaborations with 23 Universities in Turkey& Azerbaijan



SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, MAY 17

Taking strong stand against Turkey and Azerbaijan over support for Pakistan during Operation Sindoor and the subsequent escalation of conflict with India, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and Chancellor of Chandigarh University, Satnam Singh Sandhu on Saturday said putting Nation first, Chandigarh University (CU) ~ India's number 1 private university ~ has severed its academic collaborations with 23 Turkish and Azerbaijani Universities.

Announcing this decision, Sandhu, said, "The vision of Chandigarh University

has always remained aligned to the spirit of Nation First and in line with that vision, we have decided to terminate all our educational ties with Turkey and Azerbaijan. Nothing is more important to us when it comes to national security, and we won't compromise on anything when it comes to the integrity and sovereignty of India." Sandhu added, "As has been clearly stated by our Prime Minister Narendra Modi that the perpetrators of terrorism and those helping them won't be spared at any cost, Chandigarh University stands united with the entire nation in the fight against terrorism and those sponsoring it.

Tagore Niketan Model High School's excellent result



SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, MAY 17

The result of the 10th class of the famous school Tagore Niketan Model High School in Kharar, declared yesterday, is excellent and all students cleared the exam.

The school's student Sneha Kumari secured 95.23 percent, Saad 93.07 percent, Tarunam 88.6 percent, Harkirat 88.6 percent and Daspreet Kaur 88.4 percent marks. The school's principal, Jatinder Gupta, has congratulated the students for showing excellent performance.

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

REGISTERED OFFICE: RADHIKA, 2ND FLOOR, LAW GARDEN ROAD, NAVRANGPURA, AHMEDABAD, GUJRAT, PIN CODE: 380009
BRANCH OFFICE: 1st Floor, SCO-70, Sector-47, Chandigarh - 160047

Whereas, The Authorised Officer Of Hdb Financial Services Limited Under The Securitization And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 Of 2002) And In Exercise Of Powers Conferred Under Section 13(12) Read With Rules 3 Of The Security Interest (enforcement) Rules, 2002 Issued Demand Notice To The Borrowers As Detailed Hereunder, Calling Upon The Borrowers To Repay The Amount Mentioned In The Said Notice With All Costs, Charges And Expenses Till Actual Date Of Payment Within 60 Days From The Date Of Receipt Of The Same. The Said Borrower/co-borrower Having Failed To Repay The Amount, Notice Is Hereby Given To Borrower/co-borrower And The Public In General That The Undersigned In Exercise Of Powers Conferred On It Under Section 13(4) Of The Said Act R/w Rule 8 Of The Said Rules Has Taken Physical Possession Of The Property Described Hereunder On The Date Mentioned Alongwith. The Borrowers In Particular And Public In General Are Hereby Cautioned Not To Deal With The Property And Any Dealings With The Property Will Be Subject To The Charge Of Hdb Financial Services Limited For The Amount Specified Herein With Future Interest, Costs And Charges From The Respective Date.

Details Of Borrower/ Co-borrower/guarantors, Loan Account Number, Loan Amount, details Of Security, Date Of Demand Notice, Claimed Amount, Date Of Possession Are Given Herein Below
(1) NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BORROWER/CO-BORROWER/GUARANTOR; 2) LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBER; 3) LOAN ACCOUNT; 4) DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE; 5) CLAIMED AMOUNT IN INR; 6) DETAILS OF SECURITIES; 7) DATE OF POSSESSION

1) NAME OF THE BORROWER & CO-BORROWERS : D.k Kalsi Enterprises Plot No.1, Green Market, Sultanwind Road, Gurnam Nagar, Amritsar-143006. And Also - Property Bearing No.75, Bearing Kharsa No.2243, Situated In The Area Of Sultanwind, Sub Urban Abadi Gobind Nagar, Amritsar-143006. Darshan Kaur 3.mohan Singh (Deceased Through Legal Heirs) A. Darshan Kaur (Legal Heir) B. Varinder Singh (Legal Heir) C. Harpreet Singh (Legal Heir) D. Rajinder Kaur (Legal Heir) E. Arvinder Kaur (Legal Heir) 4. Varinder Singh All R/o H.no.75-b, East, Gobind Nagar, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar-143008. : Loan Account No. 15027921 & 6846387 : Loan Amount: Rs.663000 (Rupees Six Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Only) by Loan Account No. 15027921 And Rs. 3500000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Only) by Loan Account No. 6846387 Demand Notice Date : 17.10.2023, Amount Claimed: Rs.37,05,775.39/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Five Paise Thirty Nine Only) as of 16th October 2023 and future contractual interest till actual realization together with incidental expenses, cost and charges etc. : Details Of Security: All The Piece and Parcel of Property House Bearing No.75, Measuring 165 Sq.Yds, Comprised in Kharsa No.2243 Min. Situated in the Area of Sultanwind, Urban Abadi Gobind Nagar, Amritsar. Property Stand in the Name of Mohan Singh S/o Kamali Singh, Registered as per Sale Deed Bearing No.15758 Dated 24.11.1981, Dully Registered by Sub Registrar Amritsar. Property Boundaries as North: Road 16'-0" wide, South: Plot of Other, East: Plot No.74, West: Other Property : 7) DATE OF PHYSICAL POSSESSION: 16.05.2025

2) NAME OF THE BORROWER & CO-BORROWERS : Ferryman Trading Company Kh.no.928-929, Extended Lal Dora Village, Rithala, Delhi, North West Delhi-110085, And Also:- Khata No.2572/3874/1, To 3883, Kharsa No.567/0-11, 568/1-8, 570/0-12, City Sangrur, Back Side Sohian Road, Tehsil And District Sangrur-148001. Sandeep Kumar Garg (Deceased Through His Legal Heirs) A. Bindu Garg (Legal Heir) B. Pushkar Garg (Legal Heir) 3. Bindu Garg Street No.7, New Friends Colony, Near P.s.e.b Grid, Sohian Road, Tehsil And District Sangrur-148001. : Loan Account No. 29899418 : Loan Amount: Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Only) by Loan Account No.29899418 Demand Notice Date : 28.05.2024, Amount Claimed: Rs.38,13,458.80/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Eight and Paise Eighty Only) as on 28.05.2024 and future contractual interest till actual realization together with incidental expenses, cost and charges etc. : DETAILS OF SECURITY: All The Piece and Parcel of Residential Property measuring 298 Sq.Yds, Comprised in Khawat Khatauni No.2572/3874/1 to 3883, Kharsa No.567(0-11), 568/1-8), 570(0-12), 571 Min (1-0.2/3), 571 Min (5-6.2/3), 571 Min (0-13.1/3), 571 Min (52-11), 571/1/3 (1-5.1/3), 571 Min (0-0.1/2), 571/1/1 Min (0-16.2/3), 571 Min (0-10.1/2), 571 Min (54-11.5/6), Situated at Backside of Sohian Road, Sangrur. Property Stand in the Name of Sandeep Kumar S/o Kewal Krishan Garg, Registered as per Sale Deed Bearing No.4837 Dated 21/01/2009. Boundaries As East: Vacant Plot, Length 67 Ft, West: Vacant Plot Length 63 Ft 6 Inch, North: Passage 20 Ft Wide, South: Property of Pira Singh Length 41 Ft 9 Inch. : 7) Date Of Physical Possession: 12.05.2025

The Borrowers' Attention Is Invited To Provisions Of Sub-section (8) Of Section 13 Of The Act, In Respect Of Time Available To Redeem The Secured Asset.

For Any Query Please Contact Mr. Naval Khosla: 7696442530, Hdb Financial Services Limited, Branch Office: 1st Floor, Sco-70, Sector-47, Chandigarh - 160047

SDI- FOR HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED, AUTHORIZED OFFICER
Place: Amritsar and Sangrur Date: 18.05.2025

AXIS BANK

Retail Asset Centre: AXIS Bank Ltd, 2nd Floor, Property # 7-E, Municipal 3903114216, Malher Road, Sarbaha Nagar, Ludhiana - 141001

Corporate Office: 'Axis House', Block-B, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400025
Registered Office: 'Tripathi', 3rd Floor, opposite Samaratheswar Temple, Law Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-380006

Publication of Notice regarding possession of property u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account. The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Axis Bank Ltd for an amount and interest thereon.

The borrowers 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.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/Co-borrower	Description of mortgaged Property	NPA Date	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)
1.	Mr. Gurmeet Singh S/o Mihni Singh (Borrower) and 2. Mrs. Sukpreet Kaur w/o Gurmeet Singh (Co-borrower/ Mortgage)	All that part and parcel of the Residential Property House No. having Plot No. 258A (out of Plot No. 258) measuring 80 Sq. Yds. comprised in Kharsa No.62/20, 62/21, 63/21, 63/25 min, Khata Khatauni No. 1259/1720 as per Jamabandi for the year 2018-19, situated at Village Kala Ghanpur, Sub-Urban abadi Gurugobind Nagar, Near Mansarovar Boutique Camp, Radha Swami Dera, Sher-shah Suri Road, Tehsil Ramp; District Amritsar registered in the name of Smt. Sukpreet Kaur w/o Gurmeet Singh vide Sale Deed having Document No. 2024-2593/1877 dated 19- Apr-2024. Boundaries (As per Sale Deed) EAST- Plot No. 257min WEST- Passage 20' wide NORTH- Plot No. 258-B SOUTH- Plot No. 259	09th Dec-2024	03rd Jan-2025	15th-May-2025	Rs.203825/- (Rupees Twenty Lacs Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Five Only)

Date: 15-05-2025
Place: Ludhiana

SDI- Authorized Officer
Axis Bank Ltd.

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The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Axis Bank Ltd for an amount and interest thereon.

The borrowers 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.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Guarantor/Address	Date of Demand Notice	NPA Date	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding
1.	1. Mrs. Mandep Kour W/o Mangal Singh, Sham Singhwala, Ferozepur, Chak Hara, Punjab- 152002. Also, as: Mrs. Mandep Kour W/o Mangal Singh, Mangal Wali Colony, Udhham Singh Nagar, Guruharsahi, Ferozepur, Punjab - 152022 2. Mr. Mangal Singh S/o Surjit Singh, Sham Singhwala, Ferozepur, Chak Hara, Punjab- 152002. Also, as: Mr. Mangal Singh S/o Surjit Singh, S/o Surjit Singh, Mangal Wali Colony, Udhham Singh Nagar, Guruharsahi, Ferozepur, Punjab- 152022	06-Jul-2022	04-May-2022	14-May-2025	Rs. 19,08,134/- (Nineteen Lakh Eight Thousand one Hundred Thirty Four only)

Description of mortgaged Property- All That Part And Parcel of Commercial Property/Shop No.81 Measuring 16'6" X 50' In The Name of M/s Guro Nanak Commission Agency Ferozepur, Situated In The Area of New Grain Market Guruharsahi Distt., Ferozepur, Through Its Proprietor Mangal Singh S/o Surjit Singh R/o Mangal Wali Colony, Udhham Singh Nagar, Guruharsahi, Ferozepur, Punjab, Boundaries As Per Title Deed, East-16'-6" Road, West-16'-6" Vacant Plot, North-30'-2" Shop No.80 Berni Tardians, South-50'-0" Shop No.82 Gakhra

2. 1. M/s Sukhmander Singh Commission Agency (Through Its Proprietor), C/o 147, Kohar Singh Wala, Tehsil Guruharsahi, District Ferozepur (Punjab)- 152022. 2. Mr. Sukhmander Singh S/o Jeet Singh (Proprietor) Kohar Singh Wala, Guro Harshahi (Rural), Tehsil Guruharsahi District Ferozepur (Punjab)-152022. 3. Mr. Lakhwinder Singh S/o Mr. Jeet Singh Kohar Singh Wala, Guro Harshahi (Rural), Tehsil Guruharsahi District Ferozepur (Punjab)-152022

Description of mortgaged Property- All That Part And Parcel of The Property/Commercial Shop Measuring 03 Marlas 06 Sarsai (15' X 55 Sq.ft), 1/5 Share of 07 Marlas 03 Sarsai Comprised of Kharsa No. 198m (0-7-3), Khawat No. 114, Khatoni No. 127, As Per Jamabandi For The Year of 2010-11 Situated At Mandi Guruharsahi, Tehsil Guruharsahi District Ferozepur In The Name of Sukhmander Singh S/o Jeet Singh Resident of Village Kohar Singh Wala Tehsil Guruharsahi District Ferozepur, Vide Sale Deed No. 2319 Dated 01.03.2017, Boundaries (As Per Sale Deed), East: Street Soli Bank, West: Laddi Puggal, North: Deepak Bajaj, South: Subash Galhotra

Date: 18.05.2025, Place: Ferozepur SDI- Authorized Officer, Axis Bank Limited

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 the 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	Jasveer Singh, Kiranpal Kaur, HLU000000160114	15-Jan-25 Rs.1741409 on 08-Jan-25	All that piece and parcel of property of property Admeasuring 9 3/4 Marla comprised in Khawat No. 578/1105 vide jamabandi year 2018-19 that is 1/4 part of 1 Kanal 19 Marla Killa No. 456/2(1-19), waka Rakha Village Biroke Kalan, Tehsil Budhadia, District Mansa, Punjab - 151502 North-Street, South-Agri Land, East-Agri Land, West-House Charan Singh	Symbolic Possession Taken on 12-May-25

Date : 18.05.2025
Place : Mansa

Authorised officer
Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Ltd

AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED

(A SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANK)

Regd. Office: 19-A, Dhuleshwar Garden, Ajmer Road, Jaipur - 302001 (CIN:L36911RJ1996PLC011381)

Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of Securitisation Act of 2002

As the loan account became NPA therefore the Authorized officer under section 13(2) of "The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002" had issued 60 days demand notice to the borrowers/co-borrowers/ Mortgagers/Guarantors (collectively referred as "Borrowers") as given in the table. According to the notice if the borrowers do not deposit the entire amount within 60 days, the amount will be recovered from auction of the mortgage properties/secured assets as given below. Therefore you the borrowers are informed to deposit the entire loan amount along with future interest and expenses within 60 days from the date of demand notice, otherwise under the provisions of 13(4) and 14 of the said Act, the Authorized officer is free to take possession for sale of the mortgage properties/secured assets as given below. Borrowers to note that after receipt of this notice, in terms of Section 13(13) of the Act, 2002, you are prohibited and restrained from transferring any of the secured assets by way of sale, lease or otherwise, without prior written consent of the secured creditor. Borrowers attention are attracted towards Section 13(8) r/w Rule 3(5) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Act that the borrowers shall be entitled to redeem their secured asset upon the payment of the complete outstanding dues as mentioned below before the publication of auction notice, which thereafter shall cease to exist.

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower /Mortgagor/Guarantor/ Loan A/c No.	Date and Amount of Demand Notice Under Sec. 13(2)	Description of Mortgaged Property	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower /Mortgagor/Guarantor/ Loan A/c No.	Date and Amount of Demand Notice Under Sec. 13(2)	Description of Mortgaged Property
(A/c No.) L90010601121754316 M/S Sh Shyam Garments THROUGH SMT. KANCHAN RANI - LEGAL HEIR OF ITS PROPRIETOR LATE SHRI PAWAN KUMAR (Borrower), Smt.Kanchan Rani (Co-Borrower & Legal Heir of Late Shri Pawan Kumar - Co-Borrower)	18-Mar-25 Rs. 245479/- Rs. Two Lac Forty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Nine Only As on 18-Mar-25	PROPERTY SITUATED AT - PROPERTY M.C.NO. B-3- 1133/35 H, KHASRA NO- 946/ 761/ 714/ 356, KHATA NO- 126/ 135, VILLAGE- TARAF SHEKHAWAL, TEHSIL & DISTRICT- LUDHIANA, PUNJAB. Admeasuring 125 Sqyds	(A/c No.) L9001060128377325 Balbir Singh (Borrower), Lovepreet Singh (Co-Borrower), Harjinder Singh (Co-Borrower)	17-Apr-25 Rs. 352154/- Rs. Three Lac Fifty-Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Four Only As on 15-Apr-25	Property Situated At - Khawat N.O.- 119, Khatouni No.- 198, 199, Kharsa No.- 649/23-9, 650/27-15, Dist.- Fardikot, Punjab Admeasuring 100 Sqyds
(A/c No.) L9001060829706063 Sarwan Singh (Borrower), Smt.Pumny Bai (Co-Borrower)	9-Apr-25 Rs. 169953/- Rs. One Lac Sixty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-One Only As on 7-Apr-25	Property Situated At - Kh No 1532/2 7-10, Khatoni No 5101, Khawat No 3952, To Seed Farm Chowk Vill & Th- Abohar, Dist - Fazika, Punjab Admeasuring 9900 Sq Ft	(A/c No.) L9001060128995448 Nikhil Sweet House (Borrower), Smt.Meenu Rani (Co-Borrower), Rakesh Kumar (Co-Borrower), Sudhanshu Kumar (Guarantor)	15-Mar-25 Rs. 713732/- Rs. Seven Lac Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Two Only As on 12-Mar-25	Property Situated At- Khawat No 221 Khatouni No 443 Killa No 3/1/16-0, Village- Rupana, Near Bus Stand, Th & Dist- Muktsar, Punjab Admeasuring 423.5 Sqyds
(A/c No.) L9001060116390157 Sarwan Singh (Borrower), Smt.Pumny Bai (Co-Borrower)	9-Apr-25 Rs. 369272/- Rs. Three Lac Sixty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Two Only As on 7-Apr-25	Property Situated At- Kh No 1532/2 7-10, Khatoni No 5101, Khawat No 3952, To Seed Farm Chowk Vill & Th- Abohar, Dist- Fazika, Punjab Admeasuring 990 Sqft	(A/c No.) L9001070225206524 Akhilesh Kumar (Borrower), Suresh Singh (Co-Borrower), Deepak Kumar (Guarantor)	15-Mar-25 Rs. 789652/- Rs. Seven Lac Eighty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Two Only As on 12-Mar-25	Property Situated At- Khawat No 1022, Vill-Bharat Nagar, Near Khal Road, Th & Dist- Firozpur, Punjab Admeasuring 628.83 Sqft
(A/c No.) L9001060120669952 Kuldeep Singh (Borrower), Smt.Malikit Kaur (Co-Borrower)	13-Mar-25 Rs. 498140/- Rs. Four Lac Ninety-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Forty Only As on 12-Mar-25	Property Situated At - Kh No 112/11/1/1 0-1 2/3 11/7/3 0-1 2/3, Khatouni No 300/408, Kite 2, At Village Badrukhan, District - Sangrur, Punjab Admeasuring 816.75 Square Feet	(A/c No.) L9001060129354107 Sikandar Singh (Borrower), Smt.Kashalia Devi (Co-Borrower), Sukhwinder Singh (Co-Borrower)	15-Mar-25 Rs. 455713/- Rs. Four Lac Fifty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Thirteen Only As on 12-Mar-25	Property Situated At- Kh No 284 287 648 To 655 5 20 1 0 8 6 13 8 6 17 8 0 18 0 14 2 7 16 7 1 0 6 6 7 1 0 14 1 0 4, Puro Deoghar, Sagat Basti Patran, Village- Patran , Distt- Patiala, Punjab Admeasuring 150 Sqyds
(A/c No.) L9001070629457815 & L9001070529835195 Gurwinder Singh Upal (Borrower), Smt.Baljeet Kaur (Co-Borrower)	15-Mar-25 Rs. 787704/- Rs. Seven Lac Eighty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Four Only As on 12-Mar-25	Property Situated At- Kharsa No 1726/1641 And Khawat No 18, Khatouni No 81, Vill- Tellanwalli Gali Abadi Jaidid, Teh & Dist- Muktsar, Punjab Admeasuring 189 Sqyds	(A/c No.) L9001060129872317 Smt.Gurmeet Kaur Brar (Co-Borrower & Legal Heir of Late Shri Shaminder Singh Brar - Borrower)	18-Mar-25 Rs. 1049329/- Rs. Ten Lac Forty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Nine Only As on 18-Mar-25	Property Situated At-4 Marla i.e. 4/736 share of total 36 Kanal 16 marla Rect No 136/236-16 Reg.No. 4377 Dt. 23-1-2008 & 256 Dt. 5-5-2015 Tehsil Malout, District- Muktsar, Punjab Admeasuring 4 Marla
(A/c No.) L9001060739686064 Lakhvir Singh (Borrower), Smt.Surjeet Kaur (Co-Borrower)	15-Mar-25 Rs. 868515/- Rs. Six Lac Eighty-Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty-One Only As on 12-Mar-25	Property Situated At - Kharsa No 25/2 And 25/12 And 25/9/3 And 25/1 And 25/9/1 Khawat No 3442 And 3443 And 3444 And 3932 And 3906 Khatouni No 4169 And 4170 And 4171 And 4607 And 4668, Vill- Mehla Singh-I, Th & Dist- Moga, Punjab Admeasuring 695.75 Sqft	(A/c No.) L9001060131404840 & L9001060838897782 Smt.Parneet Kaur (Legal Heir Of Late Shri Anmolpreet Singh Toor (Borrower), Smt.Manjit Kaur (Co-Borrower), Surinder Singh (Co-Borrower)	27-Mar-25 Rs. 1334011/- Rs. Thirteen Lac Thirty-Four Thousand Eleven Only & Rs. 808483/- Rs. Eight Lac Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-Three Only As on 26-Mar-25	Property Comprised In Khata No 459/524 Kharsa No 186/20(2) (6-3), 187/16(1) (7-4), H B No 126, Jamabandi Year 2019-2020, Village Agwar Gujran-1, Teh- Jagron, Dist- Ludhiana, Punjab, Admeasuring 0K-15 M Being 15/267 Share Out Of 13K-7M
(A/c No.) L9001060839288230 & L9001060131453147 Abhishek Luthra (Borrower), Smt.Sarita (Co-Borrower), Rajesh Kumar (Co-Borrower)	17-Apr-25 Rs. 1093701/- Rs. Ten Lac Ninety-Three Thousand Seven Hundred One Only & Rs. 1167420/- Rs. Eleven Lac Sixty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Only As on 15-Apr-25	Property Comprised in Kharsa No 41/77/1, 7/2/2, 14/2/1, 7/2/1, 14/1, 6/1, Khatta No 520/535, 521/534, 524/535, 927/967 Jamabandi Year 2002-03 Situated At Village Phullianwall, H.B.No 278, Abadi Known as Aam Colony, Teh. & Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab Admeasuring 147 Sq.Yards	(A/c No.) L9001060839344689 Rajdeep Ram (Borrower), Smt.Veerpal Kaur (Co-Borrower)	15-Mar-25 Rs. 265343/- Rs. Two Lac Sixty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Three Only As on 12-Mar-25	Property Situated At- Rect No 327 2196-2, Killa No 25/1 6-1, Rect No 79, Plot Of Veerpal, Sherghar Gyan Singh, Malout, Dist- Muktsar, Punjab Admeasuring 151.25 Square Yard
(A/c No.) L9001060839124002 Kewal Singh Toor (Borrower), Smt.Sandeep Kaur Toor (Co-Borrower)	15-Mar-25 Rs. 409398/- Rs. Four Lac Nine Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Eight Only As on 12-Mar-25	Property Situated At- Khawat Khata No 972 1581 Kharsa No 390 4 18 393 6 5 396 5 399 5 4 394 1 2 10 396 1 5 10 400 1 2 10 Kite 7, Plot No 10, Village Seona, Block E Kaswahi Vihar, Dist-Patiala, Punjab Admeasuring 2299.38 Sqyds.	(A/c No.) L9001060133890049 Gurmeet Singh (Borrower), Smt.Preeti (Co-Borrower)	17-Apr-25 Rs. 561324/- Rs. Five Lac Sixty-One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Four Only As on 15-Apr-25	Property Situated At- Khata No 22/36 23/37 Kharsa No. 19/11/2/2 1/1 1/2 2 3/1 3/2 8 9 10/1/1 12 13 20/5/3, Plot No 14, Hadbast No 104, Village Chuharpur, Th & Dist- Ludhiana, Punjab Admeasuring 113 Sqyds
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(A/c No.) L9001060135747348 Varun (Borrower), Smt.Manju Bala (Co-Borrower), Harbans Lal (Co-Borrower)	17-Mar-25 Rs. 430681/- Rs. Four Lac Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-One Only As on 15-Mar-25	Property Situated At - House No 120 Wn 13, Hakam Ka Agwar, Dist - Moga, Punjab Admeasuring 192 Sq Yd	(A/c No.) L9001060135949347 Ganpati Concept Design (Borrower), Rohit Kumar (Co-Borrower), Sanchi Joshi (Co-Borrower)	13-Mar-25 Rs. 409725/- Rs. Forty Lac Ninety-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Seven Only As on 12-Mar-25	Property Comprised Inkhasra No. 9342/7033, 7031, 7032, 19344/7033, 19343/7034 7041, Situated At Ladowal Road, Tehsil & Dist - Jalandhar, Punjab Admeasuring 4 Marla 72 Sq.Ft.
(A/c No.) L9001060138597055 Sudhir Kumar (Borrower), Smt.Bimla (Co-Borrower)	17-Apr-25 Rs. 499230/- Rs. Four Lac Ninety-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Only As on 15-Apr-25	Property Situated At - Kharsa No 161 4 8 0, Khatouni No 197, Khawat No 83, Nathuwalla Garbi 11, Village- Bhagha Purana, Distt- Moga, Punjab Admeasuring 1240.25 Sqyds.	(A/c No.) L9001060140860200 Ajaypartap Singh (Borrower), Smt.Harveen Kaur Grewal (Co-Borrower), Nachatar Singh (Co-Borrower)	15-Mar-25 Rs. 1307151/- Rs. Thirteen Lac Seven Thousand One Hundred Fifty-One Only As on 12-Mar-25	Property Situated At- B-VIII-1106, Vasika No 2022-23/20/1107, Angwara Gujra Tehsil- Jagraon Distt- Ludhiana, Punjab Admeasuring 138.66 Sq.Yd
(A/c No.) L90010601741813123 Indar Singh (Borrower)	15-Mar-25 Rs. 748242/- Rs. Seven Lac Forty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Two Only As on 12-Mar-25	Property Situated At- Khawat No 279, Near Banarsi Chakkii Village Sheikhui, Tehsil- Malout, Dist- Muktsar, Punjab Admeasuring 151.25 Sqyds.			Property Situated At- Kharsa No 4377 Min 35-0 Khata No 2801/13834 To 13858, Street No 12, Vill- Patti Jhutti Th- Lal Singh Basti, Dist- Bathinda, Punjab Admeasuring 74 Sqyd

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Nayanthara joins Chiranjeevi for action drama Mega157, their third film together

The upcoming action drama 'Mega157,' which stars Chiranjeevi, is back with a major update.

The makers of the highly anticipated film have announced lady superstar Nayanthara as the female lead. This also marks her return to Telugu cinema after a long hiatus. Director Anil Ravipudi shared the news with a special promo on X. He also added a caption that read, "Welcoming the ever-graceful queen, #Nayanthara garu, to our #Mega157 journey as she brings her brilliance and elegance alongside our Megastar Chiranjeevi garu once again."

Chiranjeevi also took to his X account to welcome her the actress on board and wrote, "Welcome back for the hat-trick film, #Nayanthara! Glad to have you on board for our #Mega157 journey with @anilravipudi. SANKRANTHI 2026." Take a look <https://x.com/KChiruTweets/status/1923619688119980229>

The film also marks the third time Chiranjeevi and Nayanthara will be seen together. The two have earlier worked in Sye Raa Narasimha Reddy (2019) and Godfather (2022).



Rani Mukerji reunites with Shah Rukh Khan for King: Report



Following the massive success of Pathaan, Shah Rukh Khan and Siddharth Anand are teaming up again for the action-packed thriller King. Produced by Red Chillies and Marflix, the film boasts an impressive ensemble cast, including the big-screen debutant Suhana Khan. King stars SRK and Deepika Padukone in the lead roles, with Abhishek Bachchan, Anil Kapoor, Jackie Shroff, Suhana Khan, Arshad Warsi, Jaideep Ahlawat, and Abhay Verma in key roles. And now, we've exclusively learned that the cast of King has expanded even further.

As per a report in Pinkvilla, Rani Mukerji has joined King for a significant

extended cameo alongside Shah Rukh Khan.

A source told the publication, "Rani Mukerji and Shah Rukh Khan have worked together on films like Kuch Kuch Hota Hai, Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Gham, Chalte Chalte and Kabhi Alvida Na Kehna among others, and are now all set for a reunion. Rani Mukerji has been cast to play the part of Suhana Khan's mother, and it's a role which acts as a catalyst for the entire action-thriller in the film."

The source further explained that Rani Mukerji's role is more of an extended cameo, requiring only five days of shooting. The source added, "It was an easy decision for Rani to say yes to Shah

Rukh Khan and Siddharth Anand's offer for King. After hearing the role, she immediately agreed to join the film. Rani's storyline is the emotional core of King, adding significant depth to the film."

With the cast now finalized, King is shaping up to be a star-studded project under Siddharth Anand's direction. The filmmaker is set to begin shooting with a schedule in Mumbai starting May 20, followed by an international segment in Europe. King is reportedly slated for a big-screen release between October and December 2026. The film will feature Shah Rukh Khan as an assassin, facing off against Abhishek Bachchan.

New mom Athiya Shetty's glimpse of her "life lately" is sure to melt your heart

New mom Athiya Shetty seems to be soaking in the joys of motherhood as she gave fans a glimpse of her "life lately."

The actor, who welcomed her first child with cricketer KL Rahul in March this year, shared a warm glimpse into this new chapter of her life through a series of photos on Instagram.

In the first picture, Athiya shared an adorable selfie of herself. Another picture included a black-and-white shot of her baby's tiny feet with KL Rahul's hands gently placed on them. A third picture showed two cute little combs with their daughter's name, Evaarah, beautifully engraved on them. Another was a video featuring a one-month birthday cake, marking an early celebration for the newest member of their family. The couple, in April, had revealed the name of their daughter along with a picture of themselves with the little one. "Our baby girl, our everything, Evaarah/Ivaaraa ~ Gift of God," read the caption of their post. The couple welcomed their baby girl in March this year. They had announced their pregnancy in November last year with a sweet message that said, "Our beautiful blessing is coming soon. 2025," accompanied by baby feet emojis.



Himalayan Power Machines unveils brand studio in Zirakpur

ZIRAKPUR: Himalayan Power Machines (HPM), a leading provider of portable power solutions since 1995, is set to mark a significant milestone with the grand opening of its Brand Studio in Zirakpur. The new studio was launched at M/s Ambe Enterprises, the C&F and Channel Partners for Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir.

The Brand Studio aims to enhance customer engagement and showcase HPM's robust portfolio of portable power products tailored for both residential and commercial use across North India.

Himalayan Power Machines introduces its latest line-up of technologically advanced, lightweight, and fuel-efficient generators and welding machines designed for diverse applications-from household and industrial use to rail maintenance and heavy-duty welding.

Lithium portable inverters and UPS systems offer superior energy efficiency, longer lifespan, and faster charging compared to traditional options. They're lightweight, compact, and provide reliable backup power with minimal maintenance. Lithium batteries used in these systems are known for their high energy density, deep discharge capabilities, and low self-discharge rates. They support more charge cycles, making them cost-effective over time. Additionally, they are safer due to advanced battery management systems and are eco-friendlier than lead-acid alternatives. Ideal for home, office, or travel use, lithium-powered systems ensure consistent power supply with greater



convenience and durability in compact form factors.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Sh. Kamal Kant Aggarwal, Chairman of Himalayan Power Machines, as the Chief Guest, alongside esteemed Guests of Honour Sh. Akshay Bhargava and Sh. Narendra Bhaskar.

Speaking ahead of the launch, Mr. Aggarwal said, "This Brand Studio is a testament to our commitment to offering high-quality power solutions with a focus on customer experience and regional growth. Partnering with M/s Ambe Enterprises allows us to serve our channel partners and customers more efficiently."

With this expansion, HPM continues to solidify its position as a trusted name in the power equipment sector while bringing advanced, reliable, and portable energy solutions closer to its customers.

"India is an amazing country...": Tom Cruise shares special message for fans in Bharat, expresses his love for Bollywood movies

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Hollywood star Tom Cruise's love for India and its people is well-known. Time and again, he has expressed his fondness for Indian culture and, of course, Indian cinema.

During the recent promotions of his film 'Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning', Cruise shared a special message in Hindi for fans out there in India.

In a promotional video, released by Paramount Pictures India, Cruise could be seen saying in Hindi, "Main aap sab se bahut pyaar karta hoon. Mujhe bharosa karo, ek akhri baar (I love you all a lot, Trust me one last time)." He also recalled one of his past visits to Mumbai.

"I feel so much love for India. I have to say the whole experience has been etched in my memory. Every single moment. From the moment I landed, going to the Taj Mahal, and spending time in Mumbai, I remember each moment quite vividly," he added.

Cruise further said he love Bollywood movies.

"I love it when in a scene someone suddenly breaks into a song. I love it. It's something that I have grown up watching-musi-



cals from different countries. I love Bollywood movies. You can just break out into a song, it's so beautiful. I love the dancing, singing, and the actors. That is such a unique experience and craftsmanship of the actors to be able to sing, dance, and act," he spoke.

Cruise's 'Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning' made its grand release in India on May 17, in English, Hindi, Tamil, and Telugu 6 days before the US release.

Jennifer Lawrence, Robert Pattinson's sparkling chemistry in 'Die, My Love' clip garneres fans' attention



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LOS ANGELES : Jennifer Lawrence and Robert Pattinson will be seen together in a film titled 'Die, My Love'. Ahead of the premiere of the horror-comedy in competition at Festival de Cannes, on May 18, the makers dropped a new clip from the film, as per People.

The short video shows Lawrence and Pattinson crawling through a field toward each other; when they meet, they nuzzle each other and Pattinson's character asks, "Wanna get married?"

"Yeah. Yeah. F--- yeah," Lawrence's character responds in turn, as they fall to the grass while kissing.

Lawrence, 34, and Pattinson, 39, costar with LaKeith Stanfield, Sissy Spacek and Nick Nolte in Die, My Love, from Scottish filmmaker Lynne Ramsay; the movie is adapted from the 2017 novel of the same name by Ariana Harwicz. The film centers around Lawrence as a woman "engulfed by love and madness," per a logline obtained by Deadline.

Pattinson portrays Lawrence's husband in the movie, while Stanfield portrays her lover. The release date of the film has not been disclosed yet.

Adam Sandler mourns death of 'Happy Gilmore' alligator co-star



Adam Sandler recently remembered his 'Happy Gilmore' alligator as the sequel gets ready to hit screens.

The actor-comedian took to his Instagram account to pay tribute to Morris, the real-life alligator who played the role of Happy's enemy in the 1996 film.

"Goodbye, Morris. We are all gonna miss you. You could be hard on directors, makeup artists, costumers - really anyone with arms or legs - but I know you did it for the ultimate good of the film. The day you wouldn't come out of your trailer unless we sent in 40 heads of lettuce taught me a powerful lesson: never compromise your art. I will never forget the time at craft service when we split the Three Musketeers bar and you let me have the bigger half. But that's who you were," he captioned the post.

"I know your character's decapitation in the first movie precluded your participation in the sequel, but we all appreciated the fruit basket and the hilarious note. I will miss the sound of your tail sliding through the tall grass, your cold, bumpy skin, but most of all, I will miss your infectious laugh. Thanks to Mr. Young for taking care of you all these years, and vaya con dios, old friend," he continued.

Morris died this week at the Colorado Gator Farm, where he had lived in retirement since 2006, according to Deadline.

In the original Happy Gilmore, Sandler's character famously battles the alligator to retrieve his coach's severed hand. Morris became an iconic part of the film's humour and action. Happy Gilmore 2 is set to premiere on July 25 on Netflix.

Alongside Sandler, original stars Christopher McDonald, Julie Bowen, Ben Stiller, and Dennis Dugan return. New cast members include Bad Bunny, Margaret Qualley, Benny Safdie, and Travis Kelce. (ANI)

Justin Bieber not Diddy's victim, says singer's spokesperson

A spokesperson for singer Justin Bieber has addressed growing speculation that he was one of Sean 'Diddy' Combs' victims amid the ongoing sex trafficking case involving the music mogul, reported The Hollywood Reporter.

According to the publication, the singer's spokesperson shared a statement with People, saying, "Although Justin is not among Sean Combs' victims, there are individuals who were genuinely harmed by him."

"Shifting focus away from this reality detracts from the justice these victims rightfully deserve," the statement continued. This is the first time Bieber has spoken publicly about Combs' legal troubles.

The two were known to have been friends in the past. According to The Hollywood Reporter, in a 2009 YouTube video titled "JUSTIN BIEBER'S 48 HRS with DIDDY!", a then-teenage Bieber appeared with Combs, who was seen saying to the camera, "For the next 48 hours, he's with me. And we're gonna go full. Buck full crazy." Bieber replied, "Let's just go get some girls," to which Combs responded, "Man after my heart. That's what I'm talking about."

Combs was arrested in September and is currently facing serious charges, including sex trafficking and racketeering. Singer Cassie Ventura, his former partner who dated him for nearly 11 years, has accused him of years of abuse. Her 2023 lawsuit triggered a wider investigation, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

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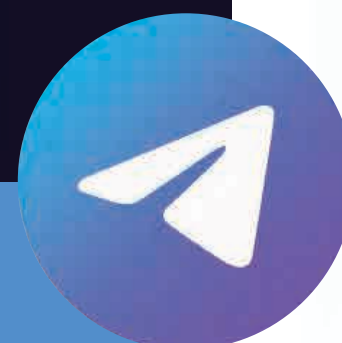
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