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## NEWS BRIEFS

### EAM Jaishankar embarks on 3-nation visit today

**NEW DELHI:** External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will embark on a six-day visit of the Netherlands, Denmark and Germany beginning Monday during which he is expected to highlight Pakistan's relentless support to cross-border terrorism. It will be Jaishankar's first foreign visit after the four-day-long military confrontation between Indian and Pakistani armed forces. "External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will pay an official visit to the Netherlands, Denmark and Germany from May 19 to 24," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Sunday.

### Amit Shah participates in Tiranga Yatra in Ahmedabad

**AHMEDABAD:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday participated and led the 'Tiranga Yatra' in Gujarat's Ahmedabad, in honour of the Indian Armed Forces following the success of Operation Sindoor. In a post on X, Shah wrote, "The brave soldiers of the country have made Operation Sindoor synonymous with the elimination of terrorism with their valour. Live from the Tiranga Yatra organised in Gandhinagar Lok Sabha in honour of the soldiers on the historic success of this operation..." Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) launched 'Tiranga Yatra' on May 13 and it will continue till May 23. The yatra aims to honour the valour of Indian soldiers and inform citizens about Operation Sindoor's recent success.

### Waterlogging, trees uprooted after heavy rain in Bengaluru

**BENGALURU:** Heavy rains accompanied by thunderstorms lashed Bengaluru, leading to waterlogging in several low-lying areas on Saturday night. According to the India Meteorological Department, the city received about 40 mm rainfall in the last 24 hours. Tree branches came down crashing in some parts of the state capital.

### Associate professor arrested for social media posts on Operation Sindoor

**SONIPAT :** Ashoka University's head of the political science department, Ali Khan Mahmudabad, was arrested on Sunday after two FIRs were lodged on stringent charges, including endangering sovereignty and integrity, for his social media posts related to Operation Sindoor, police and his lawyer said. The arrest comes days after the Haryana State Commission for Women sent a notice to the assistant professor questioning his remarks, though Mahmudabad had maintained that they were "misunderstood" and asserted that he had exercised his fundamental right to freedom of speech. "Ali Khan Mahmudabad has been arrested in Delhi," Assistant Commissioner of Police, Rai, Ajeet Singh said.

## Eight children among 17 killed in Hyderabad building fire

**UNI HYDERABAD, MAY 18**

At least 17 people, including eight children and five women, have died after a massive fire broke out in a building near Hyderabad's iconic Charminar this morning. While the cause of the fire is not confirmed yet, it is suspected that a short circuit may have led to the tragedy.

According to the Telangana State Disaster Response and Fire Services Department, the fire was reported at 6:16 AM at a G+2 building located at Gulzar House Chowrasta, Charminar. A water tender and crew from the Moghalpura fire station were the first to respond. The fire originated on the ground floor and quickly spread to the upper floors.

Simultaneous firefighting, search, and rescue operations were launched. Seventeen individuals who were trapped on the first floor were rescued by fire department personnel and shifted to hospitals for treatment. To overcome access limitations and expedite the rescue, assistance was requested from additional fire stations. A total of 12 fire appliances responded to the scene.

In all, 11 firefighting vehicles, one advanced fire-fighting robot, 17 fire officers, and 70 personnel were deployed in the operation. It took approximately two hours to bring the blaze under control. The Bronto Skylift hydraulic platform and fire robot played a critical role in the operation.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation. The value of the property damage is yet to be assessed.

The deceased were identified as Prahlad (70), Munni (70), Rajendar Modi



(65), Sumitra (60), Hamey (7), Abhishek (31), Sheetal (35), Priyansh (4), Iraaj (2), Arushi (3), Rishabh (4), Pratham (1.5 years), Anujan (3), Varsha (35), Pankaj (36) Rajini (32) and Iddu (4)

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy expressed deep shock over the incident and ordered immediate rescue and relief measures. He directed senior officials to ensure the best medical treatment for the injured and full support for the victims' families. The CM also personally spoke to some vic-

tims and coordinated with Hyderabad in-charge Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar to oversee the response. Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar visited the site and gathered details from Fire Department Director General Nagi Reddy and South Zone DCP Sneha Mishra. He stated that the fire alert was received at 06:16 hours and the teams responded promptly. Though many victims were critically injured by the time help arrived, the swift response helped prevent further loss of life.

## PM Modi expresses grief

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said he was "deeply anguished" by the loss of lives in the fire at a building at Hyderabad's Gulzar House early this morning. According to fire department sources, 17 people died in the fire that broke out in a building at the Gulzar House near Charminar in Hyderabad early this morning. The PM also announced an ex gratia, of Rs 2 lakh and Rs 50,000 to those injured in the mishap, from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund to the kin of the deceased as per the Prime Minister's Office. In a post on X, the Prime Minister's Office wrote, "Deeply anguished by the loss of lives due to a fire tragedy in Hyderabad, Telangana. Condolences to those who have lost their loved ones. May the injured recover soon."

## Investigating Odisha YouTuber's links with alleged 'Pak Spy' Jyoti Malhotra: Police



**BHUBANESWAR:** The Odisha Police have started an investigation into alleged links between a Puri-based YouTuber and Jyoti Malhotra, who was arrested on the charge of passing on sensitive information to Pakistani intelligence operatives, an officer said on Sunday. The police found that Malhotra, who runs the YouTube channel 'Travel with Jo' and lives in Hissar in Haryana, visited Puri in September 2024 and came in contact with a woman in the coastal town, who is also a YouTuber, Puri Superintendent of Police (SP) Vinit Agrawal said. Ms Jyoti, whose YouTube channel and Instagram account have 3.77 lakh subscribers and 1.33 lakh followers, respectively, allegedly was in contact with a Pakistani officer working at the Pakistan High Commission in Delhi. On May 13, India expelled that Pakistani official for allegedly indulging in espionage. The woman in Puri also travelled to Kartarpur Sahib Gurdwara in Pakistan recently, the SP said. "We found that Jyoti Malhotra visited Puri last year, and we are verifying the fact. Anything more can be shared after the verification," Mr Agrawal said. On whether the woman from Puri shared intelligence inputs with Ms Malhotra, Mr Agrawal said, "The Haryana Police are investigating the matter and we are providing them the required assistance."

## Final preparations underway at Nathula for Kailash Mansarovar Yatra

**AGENCY NATHULA PASS, MAY 18**

The Kailash Mansarovar Yatra is all set to resume through Nathula from June this year, marking the end of a five-year suspension caused by the Doklam standoff in 2017 and the COVID-19 pandemic, for which the route through the Indo-China border in Sikkim is undergoing final preparations, with infrastructure development nearing completion. According to Sunil Kumar, Labour In-charge of the construction works, the renovation and reconstruction of acclimatisation centres is expected to be completed within the next four to five days. "The Kailash Mansarovar Yatra is going to start soon. The reno-



vation and reconstruction of acclimatisation centres are expected to be completed within the next four to

five days. Acclimatisation centres are being established along the route. A total of 50-60 people will be

here at the acclimatisation centre," Kumar told ANI. Two acclimatisation centres are being established along the route—one at 16th Mile (10,000 feet) and another near Hangu Lake along the Kupup Road (14,000 feet). Each centre will house two five-bedded and two two-bedded buildings, along with a medical centre, office, kitchen, and other essential facilities for pilgrims. JK Rasaily, a local resident and a participant in the 2016 yatra, welcomed the reopening and pointed out the likely economic upliftment for local communities. "Tourism will revive and local livelihoods will improve. The Sikkim route remains the safest and most accessible due to its good road connectivity," he said.

## Lashkar commander Saifullah killed in Pakistan

**ISLAMABAD:** Razaullah Nizamani, also known as Abu Saifullah, a senior Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist and mastermind behind multiple terror attacks in India, was killed by unidentified assailants in the Sindh province of Pakistan on Sunday, according to Indian officials.

Nizamani, who reportedly enjoyed protection from the Pakistani government, was shot near a crossing after leaving his residence in Matli,



caused widespread shock. He was also linked to the 2005 attack on the Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru and a terror strike at a CRPF camp in Rampur in 2001.

## Custom officers seize 5.75Kg of Gold at Mumbai Airport; 2 held

**AGENCY MUMBAI, MAY 18**

Custom officers at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport Commissionerate, ZONE-III Mumbai seized a total of 5.75Kg Gold valued at Rs. 5.10 Crore in two cases of smuggling, according to a statement. Two people involved in the smuggling of gold were also arrested in these two cases. According to the statement, in the first case, one individual working in a lounge was intercepted when he was crossing staff the departure area and recovered 06 pouches containing "Gold Dust in Wax" having net weight of 2800 Grams (Gross weight 2947 gms) valued at Rs. 2.48 Crore from his inner clothes apparently handed over to him by a transit passenger. The person has been arrested.

In the other case, "one person working on contractual basis was intercepted when he was crossing staff exit point at the departure area and recovered 06 pouches containing "Gold Dust in Wax" having net weight of 2950 Grams



(Gross weight 3073 gms) valued at Rs. 2.62 Crore from the pocket of his jacket worn by him. The above gold was apparently handed over to him by a transit passenger. The person has been arrested," the statement said. On Saturday, Acting on specific intelligence, officers of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) in Mumbai intercepted a male passenger, a Chadian national, who arrived from Addis Ababa on Friday, May 16, 2025, said officials. During a personal search, officials discovered foreign-origin gold bars cleverly concealed within the heels of his slippers. The total weight of the seized gold was 4015 grams, valued at approximately Rs 3.86 crore.

## Charanjit Channi among 17 MPs selected for 'Sansad Ratna Award 2025'

**SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, MAY 18**

Former Punjab Chief Minister and current MP Charanjit Singh Channi are among the 17 Members of Parliament who will be honored with the prestigious Sansad Ratna Award 2025.

The award recognizes outstanding contributions to parliamentary work, including participation in debates, raising questions, and involvement in legislative activities.

The Sansad Ratna Awards, instituted by Prime Point Foundation, are based on data-driven assessments of parliamentary performance. The winners were selected by a jury committee chaired by Hansraj Ahir, Chairman of the National Commission for Backward Classes. He emphasized that the award celebrates MPs who have played a significant role in strengthening In-

dia's democratic processes.

Special Recognition for Four MPs  
Four MPs will receive special honours for their consistent and exceptional performance in both the 16th and 17th Lok Sabha. These include: Bhartruhari Mahtab (BJP) Supriya Sule (NCP-SPA) N.K. Premachandran (RSP) Shrirang Appa Barne (Shiv Sena) Other MPs Awarded for Parliamentary Excellence

Thirteen additional MPs have been selected for their notable participation in Parliament. These MPs represent various political parties and have contributed through debates, questions, and legislative suggestions: Smita Wagh (BJP) Arvind Sawant (Shiv Sena - Ud-dhav faction), Naresh Ganpat Mhaske (Shiv Sena), Varsha Gaikwad (Congress), Medha Kulkarni (BJP), Praveen



Patel (BJP), Ravi Kishan (BJP), Nishikant Dubey (BJP), Vidut Baran Mahto (BJP), P.P. Chaudhary (BJP), Madan Rathore (BJP), C.N. Annadurai (DMK), Dilip Saikia (BJP)

Two Parliamentary Committees Also Honoured  
In a rare move, two Parliamentary

Standing Committees will also be felicitated:

Standing Committee on Finance  
Chairperson: Bhartruhari Mahtab

Recognized for producing impactful and insightful reports on financial policies.

Standing Committee on Agriculture  
Chairperson: Charanjit Singh Channi (Congress)

Commended for highlighting farmer issues and proposing substantive agricultural reforms.

Charanjit Singh Channi's recognition is seen as a significant achievement for Punjab, especially due to his dual role as an effective MP and as chair of a key parliamentary committee.







Ved Kaur Arya Girls Sen  
Sec School Qadian, Matric  
Board result strikes 100%



**VERMA BATALA:** Ved Kaur Arya Girls Sen Sec School Qadian has 100 annual result of class 10th. All the students have passed the examination. Giving Information in this regard, Principal Mrs Mamta Dogra said that sandhya secured 92.6% got the first position, Ritika Ghai got 90.4% with second position, fanina got 89.8% with third position respectively. Principal Mrs. Mamta Dogra, Manager Mrs. Anjana Gupta and chairman Sh. B. K. Mittal congratulated the students and teachers for their success.

Goyal dedicates  
Dayalpora Rajbaha to  
public after its renovation



**GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA LEHRAGAGA:** The Punjab government led by Chief Minister, Punjab, S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, is working day and night for the development of the state and under the same series, development works are also being carried out day and night in Lehra constituency, due to which the face of the constituency is changing. These views were expressed by Cabinet Minister Birander Kumar Goyal on the occasion of dedicating the Dayalpora Rajbaha, which was prepared after renovation at a cost of about Rs. 04 crores, to the public at Lehra. Sharing information about the project, Cabinet Minister Shri Goyal said that Dayalpora Rajbaha originates from Ghaggar branch Canal. This Rajbaha has been constructed with a discharge of 32.45 cuses with an increase of 10 percent. With the construction of this Rajbaha, a total area of 7881 acres will benefit and Lehra city will get complete relief from the problem of drinking water because there were obstacles in water supply in the earlier constructed Rajbaha. This Rajbaha total length of is 41947 feet. This Rajbaha is open channel from Burji 0-37600 and from Burji 37600-41947 this Rajbaha is underground pipeline.

D.M. School Kararwala Class  
XII student secures first  
position in district Bathinda



**KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL:** In the Class X and XII results declared by CBSE Board New Delhi, the students of D.M. Group Karadwala performed brilliantly. According to the information received, according to the Class XII results, student Keshav Mittal son of Parbodh Kumar Mittal was the topper of Bathinda district by securing 98% marks in the Science Group. Jaspal Singh son of Balwinder Singh and Gurkirat Singh son of Jaspreet Singh secured 95% marks in the Science Group, Parmveer Singh secured 92% marks. Apart from this, Fine Arts students Sabjit Singh, Manjot Kaur, Ramandeep Kaur, and Samreet Kaur scored 100% and in Music subject Prabhveer Singh Dhillon scored 96% marks and along with this, among the students of class X, Tanveer Kaur scored 95%, Deepinder Kaur scored 92% and Gurmarnpreet Kaur scored 91%. Finally, the Chairman of the institution Eng. Avtar Singh Dhillon expressed happiness over the excellent results and while describing the institution as the first choice of bright students, he also congratulated the school principal, concerned staff and parents of the students.

Poetic gathering  
witnesses wave  
of verses



**CHANDIGARH:** A poetic symposium and felicitation ceremony was organized today at the auditorium of Saini Bhawan, Sector 24, under the joint aegis of the Vishva Punjabi Prachar Sabha and the Trilingual Literary Forum. The chief guest was Colonel (Retd.) Jasjit Singh Kahlon, with senior litterateur Prem Vij as the special guest. The event was presided over by Bhai Saminder Singh Bhakumajra and Principal Bahadur Singh Gosal. On this occasion, five eminent personalities, who excelled in various fields, were honored: Harjeet Singh (renowned marathon runner), Gurukripa Singh Surapuri (famous Punjabi singer), Baba Balbir Singh (known for running a free community kitchen at PGI), Parminder Singh (artist and founder of the Sikh Museum at Balaug), and Devender Singh Jugni (Bhangra performer and theater artist). Around 35 poets & poetess from Punjabi, Hindi, and Urdu backgrounds mesmerized the audience with their poetry. The poetic session was conducted by Avtar Singh Mehtpuri and Krishna Rahi. The event began with Jagtar Singh Jog singing a song written by Principal Gosal. Jagtar Singh Jog, Dr. Sangeeta Sharma Kundra 'Geet', Dr. Vinod Kumar Sharma, Prem Vij, Pallavi Rampal, Vimla Guglani, Krishna Goyal, Amandeep Singh Saini, Gyan Singh Kahlon, Jaswinder Singh, Rajendra Singh Dhiman, Bhupinder Bhakumajra, Krishna Rahi, Darshan Tiona, Dalbir Singh Saroya, Pyara Singh Rahi etc.

# Drug eradication campaign launched by Punjab govt will reach 15000 villages : MLA Randhawa

LALRU, MAY 18

The drug eradication campaign launched by the Punjab government in Punjab under the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann and the guidance of Aam Aadmi Party, National Coordinator, Arvind Kejriwal will reach 15000 villages and wards to spread awareness against drugs, said MLA Derabassi, Kuljit Singh Randhawa, today.

While interacting with the people in Sarsini, Hassanpur and Chandiala villages, on Sunday, he also solicited suggestions from the people on how the drug problem can be eradicated in Punjab and especially in their villages. He said that the aim of the drug addiction visits, is to connect the people with the Bhagwant Singh Mann government's campaign, "Yudh Nasheya Virudh" against drugs and make Punjab drug-free. He said that under this outreach campaign, gram



sabhas are being held in about 351 villages every day across the state. Three villages have been selected in each assembly constituency, where this movement will be further strengthened with the participation of the public. MLA Randhawa, while talking about the

achievements of the government's campaign against drugs, said that so far, bulldozers have been driven on the illegal properties of 86 drug smugglers, and 75 smugglers have been caught through encounters. From this, it is clear that the intention and strategy of the government

is absolutely clear and unambiguous – either quit drugs or quit Punjab. He said that during the campaign, such warriors are also being honored, who fought the darkness of drugs and broke that cycle and came out as de-addicted heroes. He said that such people are a

real source of inspiration. He said that we should support such people by giving them a chance to move forward, only then, we can win this fight. MLA Randhawa clarified that these drug-free Punjab journeys are not a political journey, it is a social concept, for which every section of the society, every panchayat, every youth, every parent needs to join this movement. He said that this fight is aiming at Punjab drug-free and carries a common cause for all of us.

He also administered an oath to everyone on this occasion, which included a pledge to make Punjab drug-free, to make every citizen a guard of his village and not allow drugs to enter the village, not to look at drug addicts with contempt, to show them the right path through treatment, to help them in rehabilitation, not to give any kind of patronage to drug smugglers, not to help them in getting bail, etc.

## Khuddian applauds PAU's move from research to rural enterprise



SHASHI PAL JAIN  
LUDHIANA, MAY 18

Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, hosted a dynamic and forward-looking Technology Demonstration on "Application of Agriculture Technology to Rural Sector for Employment Generation" at its campus, attracting eminent policymakers, scientists, and government officers. The event marked a significant stride toward aligning agricultural research with rural entrepreneurship, and drew participation from top dignitaries in-

cluding S. Gurmeet Singh Khuddian, Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Punjab; Manish Sisodia, Former Deputy Chief Minister, Delhi; Sh. K. A. P. Sinha (IAS), Chief Secretary, Punjab; Dr. Satbir Singh Gosal, PAU Vice-Chancellor; administrators and officers of the Government of Punjab as well as the officers of the university. In his address, S. Gurmeet Singh Khuddian lauded PAU as a cornerstone of Punjab's agricultural progress, likening it to a beacon of education, research, technology transfer.

## War against drugs – joint effort of police and social leaders in Shahkot



PARAMJIT SINGH  
JALANDHAR, MAY 18

As part of the ongoing prevention campaign against drug trafficking and criminal elements, Jalandhar Rural Police under the leadership of Senior Superintendent of Police Mr. Harvinder Singh Virk and Mr. Sarabjit Rai (Superintendent of Police Investigation) is conducting several anti-drug operations in various police stations. To make

the ongoing campaign against drugs in Halqa Shahkot more intense and effective, an important meeting was organized under the leadership of Mr. Ukanar Singh Brar DSP Sub Division Shahkot. This meeting was held at the DSP office in which the Chief Officer of Police Station Shahkot, Lohia, Mehritpur Chowki In-charge, Chief Munshi Staff along with all the Block Presidents and social leaders participated.

During the meeting, the strategies to be implemented at the ground level to eradicate the problem of drugs from the root were discussed. The social leaders reviewed the efforts made by the police so far and highlighted other ways to bring drug addicts back to a healthy life. On this occasion, DSP Ukan Singh Brar assured the leaders that the war against drugs will be fought with full rigor and dedication.

## Badi and Chotti Nadi to become boon, not curse: Dr. Bablir Singh



RAWEL BHINDER  
PATIALA, MAY 18

Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Balbir Singh has strongly criticized previous government and political leader who had enjoyed powers for merely engaging in rituals concerning Patiala's flood issues without ever offering a scientific solution.

He remarked that for decades, floods were described as a curse on Patiala, while those in power limited themselves to performing Nath-Chura—without taking any concrete steps. As a result, the public was misled and no long-term protection

was ensured. Dr. Balbir Singh stated that the current Punjab Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, has launched a comprehensive, scientific project to transform the Badi and Chotti Nadi, once considered a curse, into a boon for future generations.

He visited the project site today, accompanied by senior officials from various departments, to review its progress. The Minister highlighted that Patiala's residents have endured repeated devastation from floods in the past, particularly during the 1993-94 and 2023 monsoons.

## Yadavindra Public School, Mohali wins 6th Castle Strokes Golf Tournament



SHASHI PAL JAIN  
MOHALI, MAY 18

Today, Junior Golf Tournament was organised at Mohali Golf Range, where children from various age groups from different schools participated. Yadavindra Public school, Mohali won the inter-school tournament, while Delhi Public school, Khanna stood second. Armaan Singh Virk reeled off three shots in a row but made the best of 225 yards as he finished the match with the longest drive.

Kiyaan Raj (5 yrs) was the youngest player of the match and Anureet (8 yrs old) girl won the medals for the

straightest drive of the tournament. Jaskirat Singh, Gurmehar, Inderveer Singh, Samyra, Ziva, also took the first positions in their categories.

The prizes of the tournament were sponsored by the Zenith Leisure Holidays Ltd. Daman-deep Kaur, SDM Mohali along with Mr Vipul Thakur from Zenith Leisure Holidays and Er Navjot Singh, Director Castle strokes distributed the prizes to the winners. Senior Coach Preetinder Kaur was also felicitated at the event. "This sport is great for mental and physical health as the players are always surrounded by rolling green fields," said SDM Mohali, Damandeep Kaur.

## Angels Public School Pathankot's Class 10th and 12th results excellent

BUREAU  
PATHANKOT, MAY 18

The students of Angels Public School Pathankot have brought glory to the school and the district by performing brilliantly in the results of the Class X and XII examinations conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education. Giving information in this regard, the school's principal Sheetal Katoch said that Shreya Verma of the school's 12th standard secured the first position by scoring 97 percent marks, Ashita Abrol secured the second position by scoring 96.4 percent marks and Pasupala Jaini secured the third position by scoring 96 percent marks.

Apart from this, Manik Singh, a class 10 student of the school, secured the first position by scoring 96 percent marks, while Pranav Suri, Abhinav Singh and Jashanpreet Kaur secured the second position by scoring 95 percent marks, while Naaz secured the third position



by scoring 94 percent marks. Samaira Verma and Smriti Thakur of the school's 12th class scored 95 percent, Adit Vij scored 94.4 percent, Atishya Jain scored 94.4 percent, Mansi scored 94.2 percent, Aryan Rana scored 94 percent, Rupinder Kaur scored 93 percent, Disha scored 93 percent, Rohan scored 92.4 percent, Dron Matharu scored 92 percent, Navya scored 92 percent, Nishant Singh Katoch scored 92 percent, Vanshika got 91 percent, Krishnam got 91 percent, Jashanpreet Singh got 90 percent, Nandini got 90 percent, Ishika Mahajan got 90

percent, and Garv Satsangi got 88 percent marks, bringing glory to the school. While Aarav Puri and Sanchit Mittal of class 10th scored 93 percent, Radhika and Archisha scored 92 percent, and Ishant and Rishi Agarwal scored 90 percent, bringing glory to the school. School Principal Sheetal Katoch attributed this success to the hard work of the students, the leadership of the teachers and the support of the parents. School Management Committee Chairman Gurkirpal Singh Dhillon said that this success will inspire the coming generations.

## Class XII students of JMK International School perform brilliantly



SHARANJEET  
PATHANKOT, MAY 18

Students of JMK International School have performed brilliantly in the CBSE Class XII results. All the students of the school have secured 100% results. In the Commerce stream, Kavya secured 93.8% and Pihu 92.8% marks, bringing glory to the school and the district. School Director Tanya Sood, School Chairman Anuj Sood and Principal Niti Kochhar congratulated the students and their parents for the students' excellent performance and encouraged other students to take inspiration from them.

## Blood donation camp held in memory of Late Jagjit Kaur at Morinda

RADHE SHYAM SHARMA  
MORINDA, MAY 18

A blood donation camp was organised by the Senior Citizen Council, Morinda, at Gurdwara Kotwali Sahib, in memory of late Smt. Jagjit Kaur, wife of executive council member Gurdev Singh Toor. The initiative was supported by Toor's family and began with blessings and guidance from Baba Jassa Singh and Baba Jaimal Singh of Kar Sewa.

Baba Jassa Singh not only encouraged donors but also inspired attendees to engage in Naam Simran (meditative chanting). A total of 95 individuals, including several women, donated blood during the camp. Dr. Nirmal Dhi-man praised the organisers for their well-coordinated arrangements. On this occasion, Municipal Council President Jagdev Singh Bhatola, along with MC Harjit Singh Sodhi, Rajpreet Singh Raji,



Sangat Singh Bhamiya, Varinder Singh, and Davinder Singh, manager of Gurdwara Kotwali Sahib, were honoured with sirropa sahabs, and donors were awarded certificates of appreciation. Prominent attendees included Colonel Malkit Singh, Parmatma Singh Dhidha, Harmeet Singh Paneechan, Harvinder Singh Sidhu, Manjit Singh, Surjit Singh, Jagtar

Singh, Davinder Singh Dhaliwal, Dr. Gurmeet Singh, Charanjit Singh Kalsi, Harjit Singh Pal, Varinder Singh Dhillon, Rajendra Singh Dhi-man, senior advocate Karamjit Singh Mohi, advocates Aman Sood, Lalit Gupta, Navjot Singh Sidhu, along with Parminder Singh, Master Gurdev Singh, Master Rupinder Singh, and many others.

## Pipping ceremony marks proud milestone for NCC Cadets at MCM



CHANDIGARH, MAY 18

Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, in collaboration with the 1 Chandigarh Girls Battalion, hosted the Pipping Ceremony of the NCC Army Wing for the session 2025-26.

The solemn and dignified ceremony was a celebration of the conferring of ranks on newly appointed cadet leaders, and underscored the spirit of discipline, leadership, and commitment that defines the National Cadet Corps. Gracing the ceremony by her inspiring presence, Officiating Principal Ms. Neena Sharma applauded the cadets' unwavering dedica-

tion and exemplary discipline, and emphasised the college's enduring commitment to empowering young women.

"Our NCC cadets exemplify resilience, strength, and leadership. Their accomplishments reflect the values we uphold at MCM DAV - to nurture women who lead with integrity, courage, and conviction," she stated. She also expressed gratitude to the 1 Chandigarh Girls Battalion NCC and the Chandigarh Group Headquarters for their steadfast guidance and continued support in shaping the character and leadership abilities of the cadets.

## People should join campaign to eradicate drug menace from state : SSP Hoshiarpur



BUREAU  
HOSHIARPUR, MAY 18

Senior journalist Daljeet Ajnoha had an insightful interaction with SSP Hoshiarpur Sandeep Kumar Malik (IPS), at the Mangual check post situated on the Punjab-Himachal Pradesh border. This strategic point is one of the crucial locations where continuous vigilance is maintained as part of the Punjab Police's intensified crackdown on drug trafficking. During the interaction, SSP

Malik emphasized the Punjab Government's unwavering commitment to a Nasha Mukti Punjab (drug-free Punjab). He revealed that under the guidance of Hon'ble DGP Punjab, Sh. Gaurav Yadav (IPS), the Hoshiarpur Police is actively engaged in Operation Seal, a dedicated initiative to curb the inflow and supply of narcotics across the state borders.

"The operation is a regular and focused effort, ensuring that all routes used for illegal drug transport are closely monitored. Our aim is to

completely dismantle the supply chain of narcotics entering Punjab," SSP Malik stated. He further added that such initiatives are being carried out consistently, especially at sensitive inter-state check posts like Mangual, where collaboration with neighboring states is also being strengthened. The interaction highlighted the proactive approach of Punjab Police and reiterated the state administration's firm resolve in eradicating drug menace from the roots.

## DAV Senior Secondary School Qadian achieves 100% pass rate in 10th-grade results



VERMA  
QADIAN, MAY 18

The Punjab School Education Board's class 10 results showed a 100% pass rate for Qadian school. Chairman Mr. B.K. Mittal and Manager Dr. (Mrs.) Anjana Gupta congratulated the teachers and parents, encouraging them to continue their efforts.

They also noted that all students achieved an (A) grade. Among the top performers, Kajal secured first place with

87%, while Arshdeep and Pawan shared the second position with 85%. The school management extended congratulations and encouragement for future endeavors to both students and their parents. On this occasion, Mr. Manga Ram, Mr. Ravinder Kumar, Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Mrs. Aarti, Mr. Deepak, Mr. Sanjeev Wing, Mr. Ritesh Sharma, Mr. Jaswinder Singh, Mr. Akashdeep Singh, Mrs. Nirmaljit Kaur, Mr. Balram Das were present.



NEWS BRIEF

Woman caught with illicit liquor



**RAVI GARG**  
**LONGOWAL:** Under the ongoing war against drugs campaign by the Punjab government, under the orders and guidelines of the district officers, the Longowal police is continuously taking action against those involved in the illegal business of narcotics and liquor etc. Under which a woman has been caught with 20 bottles of illicit liquor. SHO of Longowal police station Sardar Balwant Singh Baling said that during the blockade conducted by Thaneer Gurtej Singh along with his police party at 30 Point Kunwar Road Longowal, Kali Patni Kala Nath, resident of Keambuwal Road Longowal, has also been caught with bottles of illicit liquor. According to the information received, the police have registered a case under the Excise Act and the woman is being presented in court.

Free blood sugar camp organized by Manav Sewa Uttam Seva Sanstha



**RAKESH JINDAL**  
**NABHA:** A free blood sugar camp was organized at Mahes Gate under the leadership of Chief Sevadar Vikas Mittal, a state awardee organization of Manav Seva Uttam Seva Reg Khondani, Nabha. In this camp, free blood sugar tests were conducted by Dr. Kang's Lab's Dawinder Singh and his team. On this occasion, Chief Sevadar Vikas Mittal, while talking to selected journalists, said that cores of people around the world are struggling with the problem of diabetes. Due to this disease, other parts of the body are also affected. Diabetes is also called a silent killer. He said that the blood sugar level is increasing. If the situation becomes serious, it can prove fatal for the person. He said that therefore every person should pay attention to the symptoms of diabetes on time. The symptoms of this disease are also visible on the feet. In fact When blood sugar levels increase, the risk of foot injury increases. He said that due to diabetes, blood flow to the feet decreases, due to which the feet become numb and many other problems occur. On this occasion, Ankur Singla, Ravinder Singh, Sunil Gupta, Varun Singla, Deepak Kumar, Atul Bansal, Baldev Kumar, Vinod Kumar, Sahil Gupta, etc. were present.

Guru Nanak Mission School excels in Class 10th result



**SURINDER DAMDAMI**  
**KOTKAPURA:** In the Class 10th results announced by the Punjab School Education Board, the students of Guru Nanak Mission Senior Secondary School, an institution serving in the field of education for the last 37 years, have brought glory to the name of the institution by scoring excellent marks. To share these results with the rest of the students of the school, a prize distribution ceremony was organized under the able leadership of Principal Gurpreet Singh Makkar. On this occasion Principal Makkar, while addressing the students and staff from the stage, said that Anmol Singh of class X secured the first position in the school merit list by scoring 613 marks out of 650 marks i.e. 94.30% marks, while Samiksha secured the second position by scoring 606 marks i.e. 93.23%. Apart from this, Nisha and Vani Gunawat also secured third and fourth positions respectively by scoring excellent marks. Principal Makkar congratulated the students, their parents, and staff on behalf of the entire school management.

Outstanding achievement by BGN School in board exam



**ISHWAR GARG**  
**TALWANDI SABO:** We are delighted to share the exceptional performance of BGN School in the recently announced Class 10 and 12 Board Examinations. The school has achieved a remarkable 100% pass rate in both grades—an achievement that speaks volumes about the dedication and excellence fostered at BGN. In Class 12, five students secured above 90%, while seven students scored over 80%, showcasing consistent academic brilliance. A special mention goes to Supreet Kaur, who achieved an outstanding 96.4%, setting a benchmark of excellence for others to follow. This success is a reflection of the efforts of our students, the unwavering support of our faculty, and the visionary leadership of the institution. It underscores BGN School's steadfast commitment to academic excellence and the holistic development of every learner. Chairman Mr. Amit Gupta and Principal Ms. Tripta Bajaj firmly believe that true education transcends textbooks—it's about empowering students to discover their strengths.

# CM felicitates toppers of 10th and 12th class at his residence

GAURAV GOEL  
CHANDIGARH, MAY 18

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Sunday said that the marvelous results and outstanding results of 10th and 12th class in the state reflects that the state is heading towards becoming 'Rangla Punjab' with the youth playing a decisive role in it.

Addressing the top students of 10th and 12th after felicitating them here at his official residence, the Chief Minister said that the state government has already introduced revolutionary changes in the Education sector, which are producing desired results. He said that it is a matter of immense pride and satisfaction that students in the rural areas have done exceptionally well with the pass percentage of these schools at 96.09%. Likewise, Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the pass percentage in the urban schools has been around 94%



, which is unprecedented. The Chief Minister said that it is heartening to see that around 1000 high secondary schools of the state out of total 3840 had scored 100% pass percentage. He said that this was new Punjab as in the neighboring state of Haryana students from 12 schools in Haryana have failed miserably in the board exams.

Bhagwant Singh Mann said that such is the impact of the education revolution in the state that most of the toppers in board exams are from small and far flung villages. The Chief Minister said that 26 students who have excelled in these exams are budding sportspersons, who are actively participating in sporting activities along with edu-

cation. He said that the result has witnessed cut throat competition amongst the students as three students have scored equal marks adding that Amritsar district has led the district with best result. Extending words of gratitude to parents and teachers of these brilliant students, Bhagwant Singh Mann said that teachers are the unsung heroes but

their hard work, perseverance and success prevailed through their achievements.

The Chief Minister said the girls have once again outshined the boys in the result adding that it is outcome of the concerted efforts being made by the state government to spread the light of quality education in every nook and corner of Punjab.

Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the massive efforts being done by the state government has immensely benefited the girls thereby paving way for their empowerment by excelling in the field of education. Congratulating these meritorious students who have cleared this exam with flying colors, he extended best wishes to them for their future. The Chief Minister said that these girls had been able to shine through their hard work and dedication adding that students, their parents and teachers deserve accolades for this achievement.

## Shaheed Bhagat Singh Welfare Society submits demand letter to CM through Shamsher Singh



VERMA  
GURDASPUR, MAY 18

Shaheed Bhagat Singh Welfare Society Dinanagar Reg. According to the instructions of the president Mr. Ramesh Pal, a delegation of the society handed over a memorandum to the Chief Minister of Punjab to Dinanagar Halka In-charge Shamsher Singh. The society has unanimously passed a resolution and demanded that the road condition from village Gwalia to village Bhatoya, Daburji Sham Singh, Shahpur and Kothe Bhim Sain to police sta-

tion Dinanagar is very bad and the people and passers-by of these villages are facing huge problems. This problem of the people should be solved on priority basis by repairing the road as soon as possible. On this occasion, the senior vice president of the society, Master Bhagwan Dass, Treasurer Harjinder Kumar, Master Bhupinder Singh, Subhash Kumar, Dalbir Chand, Paramjit, Kamal Kishore, Sukhdev Singh, Jodh Raj, Iloveet, Surendra Singh, Balwinder Singh, kamaljeet Singh, principal Sukhdev Raj, Pawan Kumar were present.

## Jalandhar police arrest three, seize 150 grams of heroin



JS SODHI  
JALANDHAR, MAY 18

In a significant achievement in the ongoing initiative "Yudh Nashian Virudh", the CIA staff of Commissionerate Jalandhar apprehended three individuals and seized four illegal pistols (.32 bore), eight live rounds, and 150 grams of heroin.

Divulging the details, Commissioner of Police Smt. Dhanpreet Kaur said that on May 17, 2025, CIA team was conducting routine patrols in the area from Maqsudan Chowk to Bidhipur, Jalandhar. During this operation,

near Phatak Suranusi, the team observed two suspicious individuals and proceeded to search them. The first suspect, identified as Harjinder Singh alias Mani Valiya, son of Piyaara Singh resident of H.No. 8, Shaheed Udhham Singh Nagar, Jalandhar, was found in possession of 100 grams of heroin, one .32 bore pistol, and two live rounds. The second accused, Mohit alias Lovely, son of Iqbal Singh resident of H.No.21, Shiv Nagar Sodal Road, Jalandhar, was carrying 50 grams of heroin, one .32 bore pistol, and two live rounds. Consequently, an FIR No. 79

was registered under Sections 21, 61, and 85 of the NDPS Act and Sections 25-1(B), 54, and 59 of the Arms Act at Police Station Division No.1, Jalandhar. In a separate operation, another CIA team, while patrolling near Chugitti, received a tip-off regarding an individual allegedly carrying illegal weapons in a garden behind Union Bank. The team promptly acted and arrested Aakashdeep alias Kalu, son of Junas resident of H.No. BX 1262, Lamba Pind Chowk, Jalandhar. A search of his possession led to the recovery of two .32 bore pistols along with four live rounds.

## Govt job preparation and Spoken English training now available for youth at newly opened Vidyam Academy in Sarna: Sharma

VERMA  
GURDASPUR, MAY 18

A grand inauguration of Vidyam Academy was held near Sanjha Chulla Dhaba at Adda Rajpura in Sarna.

This newly established institute has emerged as a new ray of hope for young aspirants preparing for competitive exams. Vidyam Academy offers coaching for SSC GD, Clerk, Punjab Police, Banking, and various other state and central government job exams. Providing information about the academy, Director Chandan Sharma shared that new batches with limited seats have already been started, where students are being trained under the guidance of

experienced teachers. He further informed that a special Spoken English batch has also been launched for students aiming to improve their

English-speaking skills. This batch will greatly help in interview preparation, public speaking, and enhancing communication skills in daily life. Chandan Sharma added that students are provided with regular mock tests, test series, and high-quality study material free of cost. Alongside this, every student receives individual guidance and motivational support to build their confidence. Vidyam Academy is not just an educational center but is rapidly becoming a strong platform for empowering local youth.

## Three held with 10.2kg heroin in Amritsar



AMRITSAR, MAY 18

Dealing a major blow to a cross-border drug smuggling amidst the ongoing anti-drug campaign 'Yudh Nashian Virudh' campaign launched on the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Commissionerate Police Amritsar has busted an International Narco Trafficking Cartel with the arrest its three operatives and recovered 10.2 kg heroin from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Sunday.

The arrested drug smugglers have been identified as Akashdeep Singh (22) and Akash alias Mota (19), both residents of Cheema Kalan in Tarn Taran; and Sandeep

Singh (30), a resident of Kotli Vasawa Singh in Tarn Taran. Apart from recovering haul of heroin, police teams have also impounded their two motorcycles, which were being used to deliver the heroin.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary probe has revealed that arrested accused Akashdeep Singh and Sandeep Singh remained in touch with Pakistan smugglers from across the border for the past 6 years. The latter were using drones to deliver heroin consignments across the border, which was then distributed at various locations for further distribution, he said. The DGP said that further investigations are underway to trace backward and forward linkages in this network.

## Pathfinder Global School's class 10th result excellent

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA  
RAMPURA PHUL, MAY 18

CBSE Delhi affiliated Pathfinder Global School's Class 10th result was very excellent. We are very proud to tell you that the Class 10th and 12th students of the school have not only brought glory to the school but also to the locality by securing maximum marks.

In which Ravneet Kaur (96.8%), Simarjit Kaur Dhillon (96%), Prabhjot Rani (90.8%), Navneet Kaur (89.2%), Arshdeep Singh (84.4%), Amandeep Singh (81.8%), Eknoor Kaur (80.4%), Parvinder Kaur (79.6%), Parasdeep Kaur (79.6%), Daya (79.4%), Harnoor Kaur Gill (79.2%), Gurinder Singh (78.4%), Jasandeep Singh Chauhan (77.6%), Harjot Sharma (77.2%), Prabhjot Rani (76.2%), Aisa (76.2%), Mandeep Singh (76%), Manveer Kaur (75%) of class X secured marks. On this happy occasion, the school's Chairman

Sunil Bansal, Managing Director Sumit Bansal, Principal Eshu Rani said that the credit for the excellent result



goes to the hard work of teachers, students and parents. Due to which the children have excelled in the CBSE results.

On this occasion, he gave good wishes to the parents for the future of all the children. He also said that children are also taught to get good marks in studies and to make them good citizens. On this occasion, the entire staff of the school was present.

## Sacred Souls School celebrates Class X board achievements with cash awards

KULWINDER KARWAL  
SARDULGARH, MAY 18

Sacred Souls School, affiliated to CBSE (New Delhi), proudly honoured its Class X achievers for their outstanding performance in the 2024-25 CBSE Board Examinations. Topping the list was Ridhima, who secured an impressive 95.6% and received a cash prize of Rs 21,000 for her exceptional result. Sarika followed with 94.8%, earning a prize of Rs 11,000. Other meritorious students — Bhavik Goyal (94.2%), Manan Soni (94.2%), Parneet Kaur (93.6%), and Mannat Jain (91%) — were each awarded a cash prize of Rs 5,100 as a token of appreciation for their dedication and academic excellence. The school applauds not just the toppers,



but also the entire Class X batch, who performed admirably and upheld the tradition of academic excellence. Their results reflect consistent effort, teacher support,

and parental encouragement. The management and Principal congratulated the students and wished them continued success in all future endeavours.

## Help Desk inaugurated at Public Entrance of New Court Complex



DALJEET ANOHA  
HOSHIARPUR, MAY 18

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 vari-

ous courtrooms and offices within the complex. In addition, visitors can also inquire about the chambers of advocates. Those in need will also be able to avail wheelchair assistance from this Help Desk. Moreover, a Case Information System "Kiosk" machine has been installed at the Help Desk, through which litigants can access information about their cases. If needed, the staff present at the Help Desk will assist users in operating the kiosk.

## Miri Piri Khalsa Collegiate Sr. Sec. School Bhadaur's Class XII results excellent

BALWINDER AZAD  
BHADOUR, MAY 18

The leading institution of the area, Miri Piri Khalsa Collegiate Sr. Sec. School Bhadaur, which is functioning under the management of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Shri Amritsar Sahib. The institution is playing an important role in the academic field under the guidance of Eng. Sukhinder Singh, Education Secretary of the Directorate of Education. While the institution provides education to the students, it is also committed to the all-round development of the personality of the students. This institution is also playing an important role in the sports, cultural, religious and academic fields. The institution is recognized by the Punjab School Education Board, Punjab University Patiala and All India Council for Technical Education.



According to the information, in the 12th class results announced by the Punjab School Education Board recently, the 12th class result of Miri Piri Khalsa Collegiate, Sec. School Bhadaur was excellent. In-charge of the Commerce Department Prof. Gurmeet Kaur and Prof. Shalu Jindal said that among the 12th Commerce students, Shakshi Singla secured the first position not only in the institution but also in the entire Bhadaur area in the Commerce stream by securing 92.4% marks, Sukhpal Sharma secured the second position by securing 85% marks.

## Mohali police intercepts truck with 550 cases of liquor with two Rajasthan based individuals

DERABASSI, MAY 18

In the state-wide Nasha Mukht Punjab campaign launched by Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann and DGP Punjab Sh. Gaurav Yadav to eliminate drug/spurious liquor menace from the state, District SAS Nagar Police, on the directions of Sh. Harcharan Singh Bhullar, DIG Ropar Range, conducted 'Operation Seal - VIII' by setting up special checkpoints/nakabandis at inter-state borders on various locations.

During the operation, a team from Sub-Division Dera Bassi successfully intercepted a truck at the inter-state naka laid on Nagla T point, Handesra and arrested two individuals along with recovery of 550 cases of "English liquor, which was labelled for sale in Chandigarh only, said Sh. Harman-



deep Singh Hans, SSP SAS Nagar here on Sunday. Divulging more details, SSP said that both the arrested individuals have been identified as Deda Ram s/o Kumbha Ram, r/o Bhuniya, Tehsil Sedwa, District Barmer, Rajasthan and Bhupa Ram s/o Juja Ram, r/o Guda Malani, Tehsil Gudda, District Barmer, Rajasthan. Providing further details, the

SSP stated that special/strict instructions had been issued to all police teams deployed at inter-state checkpoints to thoroughly inspect vehicles in order to curb illegal activities such as drug and liquor smuggling. Acting on these directives, the teams carried out their duties diligently, which led to the recovery of illegal liquor on large scale.



NEWS BRIEF

Dr Prashant's book receives widespread acclaim

**BALKRISHAN PRASHAR CHAMBA:** A book entitled "Bharat Durdasha", edited by Dr Prashant Raman Ravi, was recently released on the premises of Government Post-Graduate Degree College



Chamba amid a gathering of litterateurs, professors, dignitaries and students The book "Bharat Durdasha" edited by Dr Prashant Raman Ravi, was originally written by a renowned Indian poet Bharatendu. The book launch ceremony was held in the presence of Himachal Pradesh Higher Education Joint Director Dr Vidya Sagar Sharma who was the chief guest and the College Principal Dr Madan Gularia as guest of honour. It is a matter of great pride that this book is continually receiving praise from the literature lovers from various parts of this region and all around.

Annual feast in Jatheri Mata Mandir Jowar organised



**AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB:** Driver Managing Committee organized the 15th annual Bhandara on the 1st Sunday of the month of Jetha in Jatheri Mata Mandir Jowar. On this occasion, all the members duly worshipped Mahamai in the morning and praised her. After Kanya Pujan, Bhandara was organized in the temple premises. In this, a large number of people and tourists from the surrounding areas bowed their heads and took prasad. Although, there was some problem due to heavy rains due to the scorching heat since morning, but the Bhandara continued smoothly. It is worth mentioning that people have special faith in Jatheri Mata Mandir. Due to this, taxi drivers do not forget to bow their heads here during the journey. Yashpal Somnath etc. were present on this occasion.

Larji Power Project restored and fully operational once again

DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, MAY 18

The 126 MW Larji Hydroelectric Power Project in Kullu district has been fully restored and is operational once again, which suffered extensive damage by the devastating Beas River floods on 9th and 10th July 2023. The project's swift revival, completed in less than two years, was made possible through the timely intervention and strong support of the State Government, helping avert major financial losses.

Under the leadership of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, the State Government allocated Rs. 25 crore initially for restoration, followed by Rs. 35 crore and subsequently Rs. 185.87 crore for the



complete rehabilitation of the project. The Chief Minister commended the engineers and staff of the Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited (HPSEBL) for their tireless efforts and commitment to restore the project.

Thanks to their dedication, Unit I of the Larji Power Project was restarted on 15 January 2024 and

synchronized with the power grid on 2 May 2024. Unit II followed on 9 August 2024 and Unit III was restored on 17 January 2025. With all three turbines now operational, the project has fully resumed power generation. The flood had caused heavy deposition of muck deep inside the turbine units, rendering them inoperable for several

months. Since mechanical removal was not feasible, the debris was painstakingly cleared by manual effort. To safeguard the project from future natural calamities, several preventive measures have been implemented. Slope stabilization work, including the installation of cable nets and rockfall barriers, has been completed near the surge shaft gates and is underway at the powerhouse entrance to mitigate risks from landslides and falling debris.

Additionally, a Hinged Gate has been installed at the Main Access Tunnel (MAT) to prevent water ingress during high floods. A similar gate is being constructed at the Emergency Exit Tunnel (EET), with supporting civil works to ensure a secure, watertight system.

555 Vehicles challaned by District Police Una for violating traffic rules

**KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA:** According to police sources 555 Vehicles were challaned by the District Police Una for violating traffic rules on Saturday

yesterday. Out of which, challans of 216 vehicles were settled on the spot and a fine of Rs. 1,91,700 was collected. 29 persons challaned for smoking in public place and a

fine of Rs. 3,500 was collected. And 4 Vehicles Challaned by District Police Unain illegal mining case and a fine of Rs. 86,000 was collected from them.

Forest Corporation presents Rs. 41.30 crore cheque of royalty revenue to CM

DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, MAY 18

The Pricing Committee meeting was held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu here today and approved the new rates for non-timber produce and royalty. The last meeting of this committee was held in the year 2022.

The Chief Minister directed the Forest Development Corporation to undertake the extraction of the cider wood stumps on its own, ending the current practice of hiring the private contractors. He instructed to prepare a roadmap for the extraction of approximately 10,000 cider wood stumps.

On the occasion, the Corporation presented a cheque of Rs. 41.30 crore to the Chief Minister of royalty revenue earned from the silviculture felling of Khair and Saal trees. He said that silviculture felling carried out



with the approval of Apex Court, khair and saal tree has not only proved beneficial for the eco-system but also contributing to the state exchequer.

Shri Sukhu directed the Forest department to make prompt and effective arrangements for preventing the forest fires in view of the ongoing summer season. He said that forest fire operation services should also act immediately to control the forest fires and called for greater involvement of local communities in checking the fire incidents. He said that the forest department shall also focus on improving the

survival rates of saplings.

The Chief Minister also reviewed the various schemes of the Forest department and directed to ensure timely disposal of salvage trees in order to minimize losses and boost revenue for the State. Vice Chairman, State Forest Development Corporation Kehar Singh Khachi, Additional Chief Secretary, Forest K.K. Pant, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) Samir Rastogi, Managing Director, State Forest Development Corporation Sanjay Sood and other senior officers of Forest department were present in the meeting.

Industries Minister addresses queries of bidder companies of Bulk Drug Park

DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, MAY 18

While presiding over a meeting of the High Powered Committee of Himachal Pradesh Bulk Drug Park Infrastructure Limited (HPBDPIL) here today, Industries Minister Harshwardhan Chauhan reviewed the actions taken on key decisions in the previous meeting of the Committee.

Himachal Pradesh Bulk Drug Park Infrastructure Limited had floated a tender worth Rs. 287 crore of site development and internal roads. The queries raised by various bidder companies, who attended the meeting virtually, were addressed by the Committee. It was also decided to extend the timeline for extension of bid submission to 30 May, 2025.

The Industries Minister also directed to float the



remaining tenders for the development of bulk drug park which includes zero liquid discharge (ZLD) common effluent treatment plant facility, boiler steam generation and distribution system and solid waste management plant soon.

He directed all the stakeholder departments to speed up the work so that this mega project could be completed timely.

Director Industries and

MD-Cum-CEO of State implementing agency of Bulk Drug Park Dr. Yunus made a detailed presentation indicating recent development related to Bulk Drug Park.

Additional Chief Secretary R.D. Nazeem, MD HPSIDC Rajeshwar Goel, Additional CEO Industries Tilak Raj Sharma and other senior officers of various aligned departments were also present in the meeting.

SJVN spreads message of 'Nasha Mukht Bharat - Swasth Bharat' & 'Swachhta' through Mini Marathon

DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, MAY 18

SJVN commenced its 38th Raising Day celebrations with a Mini Marathon organised by SJVN Corporate Headquarters at Shimla. The event was organized on theme 'Nasha Mukht Bharat - Swasth Bharat', aimed at promoting national cause of a Drug-Free and Healthy India. The Marathon also aimed to spread awareness on cleanliness as part of ongoing Swachhta Pakhwada, being observed by SJVN from 16th to 31st May 2025 across all its offices nationwide.

The Mini Marathon was flagged off by Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Director (Personnel), SJVN. On this occasion senior officials of SJVN were also present.



Addressing the gathering, Sh. Ajay Kumar Sharma expressed his appreciation for the enthusiastic participation in the Mini Marathon and highlighted the importance of adopting a healthy and drug-free lifestyle. He encouraged all employees and their families to continue embracing wellness and

contribute actively to the vision of a 'Nasha Mukht Bharat - Swasth Bharat'.

To ensure inclusive participation, the event was organized in nine different categories across various age groups for Men, Women, and Children, attracting enthusiastic involvement from SJVN employees, their families and outsourced staff

deployed at Corporate Headquarters. Marathon took a scenic route starting from Chotta Shimla, passing through the iconic Mall Road and Chaura Maidan and culminated at Hotel Peterhof. Alongside Mini Marathon, a range of fun games were also organized, infusing the day with festivity.

Rose Public School wins National Shiksha Award for excellence in education

SANJEEV MAHAJAN  
NUPUR, MAY 18

Rose Public School Suliali emerged victorious "NATIONAL WINNER" in a fierce competition among 3,000 plus LEAD Partnered schools across the country to win the prestigious Shiksha Award, organized by the LEAD Group. The award ceremony, held in Hyderabad, celebrated schools that exemplify excellence in education, innovation, and holistic student development.

This recognition is a testament to Rose Public School's commitment to redefining the learning experience. The school stood out for its innovative teaching practices, integration of technology in classrooms, and a strong emphasis on value-based education. These qualities align perfectly with



the mission of the LEAD Group, which seeks to empower schools in building future-ready students.

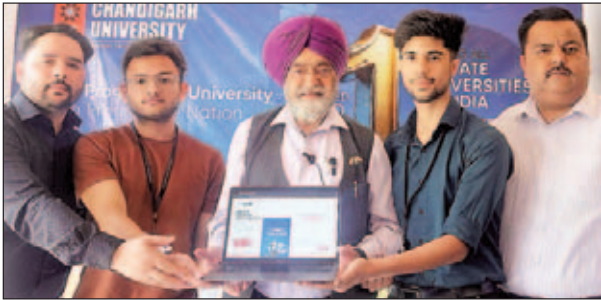
The Principal of Rose Public School, Mr. Sanjay Sharma, along with his wife Mrs. Babita Sharma received the award in the presence of an audience filled with educators and dignitaries. "This award is not just a recognition of our efforts but a celebration of our collective spirit. It reflects the dedication of our teachers, the enthusiasm of our students, and the trust of our parents.

We are truly honored," said the Principal. The LEAD Group's Shiksha Award is one of the most sought-after accolades in the education sector, with a rigorous evaluation process. The holistic progress card, which evaluates academic, emotional, and social growth, was particularly lauded. The award serves as a reminder of Rose Public School's unwavering mission to provide quality education while nurturing future-ready citizens.

Chandigarh University joins the world's top universities in engineering and technology

SANAJY AGGARWAL  
DHARAMSHALA, MAY 18

Chandigarh University is providing scholarships worth Rs 210 crore through Common Entrance Test 2025 (CUCET 2025) so that meritorious students can get an opportunity to study. In this, scholarships worth Rs 170 crore will be given to Chandigarh University, Mohali, while Rs 40 crore will be given to the students studying in Chandigarh University's Lucknow campus. You can easily apply by visiting the Chandigarh University website. This information was given by Professor (Dr) RS Bawa, Advisor to the Chancellor of Chandigarh University, during a press conference in Kangra. Dr Bawa said that since the year 2012, Chandigarh University, Mohali has provided scholarships to 1.30



lakh students, out of which 53,145 students have benefited in the last 5 years only. These include students from 28 states and 8 union territories of India as well as foreign students. Apart from this, Chandigarh University has provided financial assistance to 5,723 students by providing defense scholarships worth Rs 5.70 crore through Armed Forces Educational Welfare Scheme and Shaheed Captain Vikram Batra Scholarship. Giving placement information for the

academic session 2024-25, Dr RS Bawa, Advisor to the Chancellor of Chandigarh University said that due to academic excellence and excellent placement record, Chandigarh University has become the preferred destination of national and international brands and multinational companies. During the placement drive, students of various streams of Chandigarh University received 9124 job offers from 904 companies.

Sub-Divisional Magistrate honours toppers of 12th class



SHANTI GAUTAM

**BADDI:** Sub-Divisional Magistrate Nalagarh Rajkumar honoured the students who secured a place in the merit list in Arts Faculty in 12th class examination result released by Himachal Pradesh School Education Board and wished them a bright future. He honoured Janhvi daughter of Rajiv Kaushik of village Nikkuwal of Government Girls Senior Secondary School Nalagarh for securing 7th position in merit list of 12th class in state. Janhvi has secured 475 marks out of 500. He also honoured Janhvi Kapoor, daughter of Rajiv Kumar, Ward No. 07 Nalagarh for securing a place in top 10 in merit list. Janhvi has secured 472 marks out of 500. Sub-Divisional Magistrate also honoured teachers of the school. He said that brilliant students have brought laurels to their parents, school and region by securing place in top 10.

Jai Ram Thakur participates in Tiranga Yatra in the city of Kullu

ASHISH SHARMA  
KULLU, MAY 18

Former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur visited District Kullu. During this, he also visited 'Sadhana Dham Ashram' located near Naggar and received the blessings of Param Pujya Sant Sudhanshu Ji Maharaj. He addressed the followers of Sudhanshu Ji Maharaj present in the Ashram. He also made everyone aware of the success of Operation Sindoor, the achievement of Indian forces to attack the terrorist and military bases of Pakistan with precision and give a befitting reply to Pakistan. He told the people that along with the action



taken by the Indian Army on Pakistan, more steps have been taken by the government.

Due to which in the coming time, Pakistan will know the price of giving shelter to terrorism. The

Prime Minister had said that the attackers of Pahalgam will have to pay a price bigger than they could have imagined. Today, Pakistan's military bases are destroyed. Terrorist camps are demolished.

More than 87000 students empowered through scholarships and educational equity in state

DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, MAY 18

The present state government has embarked on an ambitious journey to redefine education by blending inclusivity, academic excellence and structural reforms. At the core of its vision lies a determination to ensure that every child regardless of socio-economic status has access to quality education and the opportunity to realize and shape their future prospective.

Over the past two and half years, the government has made exceptional strides in widening the reach of its scholarship programmes. More than 87,000 students

have been supported through various scholarship schemes, with financial assistance around Rs. 92 crore being disbursed within two years. These schemes serve as powerful instruments of social justice, enabling thousands of students from marginalized communities such as Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBC) and economically weaker sections to pursue uninterrupted education. Under State schemes alone thousands of students were benefitted with scholarships. The Mukhya Mantri scholarship scheme has played a key role in promoting higher education

and competitive exam coaching. Students of Sainik School Sujampur Tihra and those enrolled in prestigious institutions such as RIMC have also received targeted support. The Post-Matric Scholarship for SC students has emerged as the flagship, benefiting over 22,500 students with an allocation of Rs. 4,049.70 lakh. Furthermore, scholarships for students with disabilities have ensured that no section of the society is overlooked in this march towards equity.

However, financial support is just one facet of the broader educational renaissance the state is witnessing. The reforms in the education sector done by

the state reforms have yielded tangible results. Himachal Pradesh catapulted from 21st to 1st position in the national rankings for reading and learning levels, as per the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) released in January 2025. The report placed Himachal's students at the top nationwide for reading skills. Parallel surveys within the state also reflect notable improvements in learning outcomes testament to the government's focused delivery. Recently the State has received national acclaim for its exemplary implementation of the PM SHRI scheme, placing Himachal Pradesh at the forefront among all states.

The timely utilization of 100 percent funds and transformation of schools like PM SHRI Tutu into role models reflects the strong commitment of the state government towards quality education. In a series of innovative steps, the State Government has fulfilled its promise of introducing English-medium education from Class 1st strengthening its commitment towards quality education. The establishment of Rajiv Gandhi Day-Boarding Schools in every Assembly constituency is underway, aiming to provide world-class infrastructure and a holistic learning environment to the children.



NEWS BRIEF

Two youth die due to drug overdose

**KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA:** Two youths lost their lives due to drug addiction in Handiaya town. Babbu Singh (32), a resident of Kila Patti Handiaya, who was addicted to drugs for a long time, died under suspicious circumstances. Similarly, Prabhjot Singh (25), a resident of village Bika Such Patti, died due to an overdose of white liquor in the slums of Barnala. There is a wave of grief in Handiaya on the death of both the youths. Babbu Singh's mother Paramjit Kaur and Prabhjot Singh's grandfather Bharpur Singh and uncle Kuldeep Singh Ramgarhia said that the government is proving to be unsuccessful in stopping the sale of drugs? The number of people dying due to alcohol and drugs is continuously increasing in Punjab. The incident that took place in village Majitha of Amritsar is proof of this.

Daulatpur honours Jobanpreet and Mehakpreet as toppers in District



**BUREAU DHURI:** Punjab Congress Kisan Wing State General Secretary Hardeep Singh Daulatpur went to the houses of the Dhuri constituency girls who came first in the district in the recently declared 12th and 10th results of the Punjab School Education Board and congratulated the family. It is worth mentioning that Jobanpreet Kaur of the local Government Girls Senior Secondary School, as a non-medical student, has secured the first position in the district by scoring 489 marks out of 500 and has secured the 11th position in the Punjab state. Similarly, Mehakpreet Kaur of village Kaulseri has secured the first position in the district by scoring 640 marks out of 650 in the 10th class examination. Expressing happiness on this proud achievement of both the girls today, Hardeep Singh Daulatpur said that while the proud achievement of the children has made the parents proud.

Preneet Kaur secures first position in 12th with 95% marks



**ARVIND PATHAK SULTANPUR LODHI:** Akal Academy International's result was excellent in the 12th class results declared by Punjab School Education Board. Students of various subjects like Arts, Commerce, Medical, Non-Medical passed the class by securing very good marks. Akal Group's Managing Director Sukhdev Singh Judge and Principal Madam Gagandeep Kaur congratulated the staff and children and informed that a total of 201 students of Akal Academy participated in this examination. Principal Gagandeep Kaur also honoured the students. Preneet Kaur secured first position by scoring 95% marks in the non-medical group, Gurkirat Kaur secured second position by scoring 86.4% marks and Ramanpreet Kaur secured third position by scoring 81% marks. From the medical group Navjot Kaur secured first position by scoring 93.2% marks, Manpreet Kaur secured second position by scoring 86.6% marks, Simranpreet Kaur secured third position by scoring 85.2% marks. In the Commerce group Komalpreet Kaur secured first position with 94.6 percent marks, Palakpreet Kaur secured second position with 94.4 percent marks and Sanowarpreet Kaur secured third position with 92 percent marks.

MLA Naresh Puri urges Pb govt to fulfill promise of Rs. 5 lakh grant to unanimously elected Sarpanches

VERMA GURDASPUR, MAY 18

District Congress President and Sujanpur MLA Naresh Puri has strongly criticized the Punjab Government for not fulfilling its promise of providing a Rs. 5 lakh incentive grant to the sarpanches elected unanimously in the last panchayat elections. In an exclusive conversation with Punjab Kesari, Puri stated that the government must immediately transfer the promised amount to the accounts of the concerned village panchayats without any further delay, in order to maintain public trust. MLA Puri pointed out that it has been almost seven months since the elections,



yet the promised grant has not been given, which was meant to encourage the practice of unanimous elections in villages. He emphasized that this delay is creating confusion among the people and raising questions about the government's intentions. He further remarked, "People are beginning to wonder whether this promise was just another election

slogan, similar to the unfulfilled promise of providing Rs. 1,000 per month to women." He appealed to the government to rise above politics and deposit the Rs. 5 lakh grant directly into the bank accounts of the unanimously elected panchayats. Puri stressed that this step would send a clear message to the public that the government is serious about fulfilling its promises and is committed to genuine development. He noted that many villages put aside personal interests and chose their sarpanches unanimously in the hope that the government grant would be used to develop basic infrastructure and facilities in their areas.

KARANPREET KARN BARNALA, MAY 18

Under the Punjab Government's campaign "War on Drugs", under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Mr. T. Benith, where awareness activities against drugs are being carried out in Barnala district, strict action is also being taken against drug peddlers or those selling banned medicines. Drug Control Officer Barnala Preneet Kaur said that checking of medical stores is continuously continuing in Barnala district. She said that medical stores of villages Pandher, Rooreke Kalan and Rajia villages were checked. On this occasion, violation of the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act

Bhoranj Social Worker Roshan Lal honoured by Governor for exemplary service

**ANIL KUMAR BHORANJ:** Roshan Lal, a noted social worker from Paplaha village in Bhoranj subdivision and the State Vice-President of Himachal Divyang Kalyan Sabha, was honoured by Himachal Pradesh Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla for his outstanding contribution to social service. The Governor presented



him with a commendation certificate in recognition of his decades-long

dedication to public welfare. Despite being 69% physically disabled, 80-year-old Roshan Lal, son of Rodu Ram, has spent the past 50 years serving the differently-abled and economically disadvantaged communities across the state. His unwavering commitment and grassroots work earned him this prestigious state-level recognition.

NDA will win over 200 seats under Nitish Kumar's leadership: Shahnawaz Hussain

AGENCY NEW DELHI, MAY 18

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Syed Shahnawaz Hussain on Sunday said that the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) remains strong in Bihar under the leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and is poised to win over 200 seats in the upcoming elections. His remarks came after former Union Minister RCP Singh merged his political party, Aap Sabki Awaz, with Prashant Kishor-led Jan Suraj Party. Speaking to ANI, Hussain said, "NDA is strong in Bihar under the leadership of Nitish Kumar. It will not make any difference if anyone joins hands with anyone." He further said, "We will fight under the leadership of Nitish Kumar and win more than



200 seats in Bihar. We are going to form the government with a two-third majority. "Meanwhile, welcoming Singh into the party, Jan Suraj founder Prashant Kishor described the former bureaucrat-turned-politician as "an elder brother" and a seasoned leader with deep understanding of Bihar's political and social fabric.

Speaking to ANI, "Jan Suraj Party founder Kishor said, "RCP Singh is like my elder brother and one of the best persons who understands the society and politics of Bihar..." Kishor said RCP Singh as a seasoned leader with deep understanding of both political organisation and societal structures in Bihar.

"Very few people have such extensive experience in both governance and grassroots politics," he said. Addressing the press conference Kishor said, "Bihar is at a crossroads and needs a new political force committed to the principles of clean governance and inclusive development. "Bihar deserves an alternative that talks about education, jobs, and long-term planning—not just caste and contracts." On April 16 this year, the Election Commission of India (ECI) began preparations for the upcoming Bihar assembly elections, with over 200 booth-level agents participating in a national-level training programme at the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management in Delhi.

Memorandum submitted by HUCTA to CM on service security

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 18

Vice president Sharmila Yadav, leading the delegation of HUCTA, submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini at the Chief Minister's residence Sant Kabir Kutir in Chandigarh regarding service security and other demands and demanded that until the Haryana Government makes a policy to provide service security, while making new permanent recruitment, the posts of 65 contractual Assistant Professors of MDU Rohtak already employed should be considered filled or our workload should be left aside, and permanent recruitment should be done on approximately 93 vacant posts instead of the remaining clear cut 158, only then our employment can be secured, otherwise like IGU Meerpur Rewari, the employment of all the contractual Assistant



Professors of Maharishi Dayanand University Rohtak and those already employed in other universities will be lost. HUCTA President Vijay Malik and Vice President Sharmila Yadav said in a joint statement that on the orders of the Chief Minister, the committee headed by the Vice Chancellor of MDU, Rohtak has submitted the report of providing us service security to the Education Department and the Haryana Government is going to provide service security to the contractual Assistant Professors of the universities in the upcoming assembly

session. We are all thankful to Chief Minister Nayab Singh for this but recently, due to the release of applications for a total of 158 appointments of 143 Regular Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors and 15 Distance (SFS) in Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak through advertisement number PR- 01 & 2-2025, the sword of retrenchment has hung over about 65 contractual Assistant Professors working for 5 to 13 years and due to lack of employment guarantee, there is uncertainty of re-employment.

MLA Labh Singh Ugoke organises symposium on the poetry collection 'Tu Ek Diwa Ban'



**KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA:** Malwa Sahitya Sabha Barnala organized a symposium on the poetry collection 'Tu Ek Diwa Ban' by S. Labh Singh Ugoke, MLA Bhadaur, at Y.S. College Handiaya. While reading the pamphlet on which, Dr. Rampal Singh Shahpuri said that the poems of the book 'Tu Ek Diwa Ban' also search for their roots from past-oriented memories and also awaken their love for their culture through the presentation of the village. Struggle is the special feature of these poems. The difficulties of life provide the poet with poetic sensitivity and understanding of life. These poems should be considered as a journey from moments of struggle to the heights of success. The president of the society, Dr. Sampuran Singh Tallewalia said that Labh Singh Ugoke's poems are close to realism because he has presented the same feeling that he has experienced in his poetry. Buta Singh Chauhan said that the spark of poetry that has broken out in Labh Singh Ugoke is commendable. In the future, he should not let his poetry and politics mix. Iqbal Kaur Udasi said that Labh Singh Ugoke is a poet of the working people who stands with the party being looted. It is a matter of happiness for us that another poet has joined Barnala, which is called the Mecca of literature.

Bainjath Paparola station redeveloped under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme



**BUREAU KANGRA:** Bainjath Paprolastation lies on Pathankot-Jogindernagar Narrow guage Railway line under Jammu Division of Northern Railway. This Railway station is in scenic Kangra district making it an important railway station in Himachal Pradesh. The station is a convenient stop for travelers exploring the region. The station serves the pilgrims visiting Baijnath Temple, a revered Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. Chintpurni Temple, a popular pilgrimage site dedicated to Goddess Durga, Jwalamukhi Temple, a sacred shrine dedicated to Goddess Jwalamukhi, known for its eternal flames, Kangra Fort, a historic fort with a rich history, offering scenic views and Masur Temple, an ancient rock-cut temple complex, a marvel of architecture. Under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, the station has been redeveloped and modernized. The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is set to transform and revitalize 1309 railway stations across the nation. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had laid the foundation stone of 553 railway station for redevelopment on 26 February 2024.

Meaningful step towards healthier future: Seminar on food safety and adulteration awareness held in Naraingarh

PREETI SAINI SADHAURA, MAY 18

Naraingarh In a commendable initiative aimed at promoting public health and youth empowerment, a seminar on "Food Safety and Adulteration Awareness" was successfully organized by the Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Bharanpur, under the aegis of the Department of Youth Empowerment and Entrepreneurship. The seminar was held at the grand auditorium of S.M.B. Geeta Senior Secondary School, Narayangarh, and witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, educators, and community leaders.

The event was graced by Balwant Singh, Principal of S.M.B. Geeta Senior Secondary School, as the Chief Guest. In his inspiring



address, he called upon the youth to become proactive agents of change by engaging in community awareness campaigns and embracing their responsibilities as informed consumers. He emphasized the importance of awareness in creating a healthier society and lauded the efforts of ITI Bharanpur in taking this timely initiative. The highlight of the seminar was the impactful keynote address by

renowned dietitian and nutritionist Shiva Kumar, who elaborated on the fundamentals of food safety, the components of a balanced diet, and the dangerous health implications of consuming adulterated food. His informative and engaging presentation struck a chord with the audience and instilled a deeper understanding of how everyday choices affect long-term health.

Fake diesel tanker seized in Nabha following Petroleum Association complaint

RAKESH JINDAL NABHA, MAY 18

In Nabha, the police have busted a big gang by seizing a canter of fake diesel, in which 12000 liters of fake diesel were found. The police have taken the canter into their possession and arrested 2 persons from the spot and 2 accused are out of the police custody. This gang was selling fake diesel at a cheap price of Rs 8 to Rs 10 from the market rate, defrauding the Punjab government of crores of rupees. The police have registered a case against the 4 accused and started legal action. On this occasion, Petroleum Association President Jaspal Janeja, Amardeep Singh Khanna, Jeevan Bansal, Ashok Bittu said that this Gorakh business was going on for a long time. They used to sell



fake diesel, which was 8 to 10 rupees cheaper than the normal diesel rates in the market, on a large scale to kiln owners, combine owners, and halvais. Along with this, our sales were also constantly affected and due to our hard work, we have exposed the fake diesel gang. We demand that the Punjab government and the police administration should investigate this thoroughly and the government has lost crores of rupees in this and strict action should be taken against the accused. On this occasion, when we talked to SHO in-charge of Sadar

police station, Gurpreet Singh Samrao, he told us that a case has been registered against 4 persons on the statements of Petrol Association leader Jeevan Bansal. Accused Jasvir Singh driver of village Achal, lawyer Ram of village Bibar police station Bhawanigarh have been arrested along with a canter of about 12000 thousand fake diesel. Both these persons will be produced in court today. 2 other accused Hardeep Singh of village Alohra and Nirmaljit Singh of village Chaudhary Majra are out of police custody.

Partap World School, Pathankot's students shine again - outstanding performance in board examinations



**VERMA GURDASPUR:** Partap World School, a prestigious name in the field of education, has once again proven its excellence through its quality education and outstanding results. The talented students of the school have performed brilliantly in the 2025 board examinations, making their school and parents proud. Under the visionary leadership and capable guidance of School President Sunny Mahajan, the school continues to set new benchmarks in education every year. Located on Defence Road, Pathankot, the institution not only aims for academic excellence but also ensures the holistic development of its students. In Class 12, Anirudh Rehalia topped the school by securing 97% marks, while Devansh Gupta scored 96%. Several other students also scored above 90%, adding to the school's glory. These include: Jiya (99%), Sadiya (94%), Rudra (93%), Parikshit (92%), Neharika (92%), Zainab (91%), Shreya (91%), Rahat (91%), Sameer (91%), Kriti (91%), Suhani (91%), Tanishka (91%), Lalita (90%), Stanzin (90%), and Sanam (90%).



NEWS BRIEFS

Skills of artisans and craftsmen are getting a new identity from PM Vishwakarma Yojana: DC

**KAITHAL:** DC Preeti said that craftsmen and artisans give their valuable contribution in the reconstruction of the society. Honoring the skills of craftsmen and artisans, PM Vishwakarma Yojana is being run by the Central Government, due to which their skills are getting recognition.DC said that PM Vishwakarma Yojana is helpful in keeping the traditional art and craftsmanship of India alive and strengthening the economic condition of the artisans and craftsmen of the country. The main point of PM Vishwakarma Yojana is to improve the quality as well as the accessibility of the products and services of artisans and craftsmen. Along with this, ensuring that they are integrated with domestic and global value chains. This scheme provides assistance to artisans and craftsmen across rural and urban areas.

State-Level Shri Guru Gorakhnath Prakatotsav celebrated in Sonipat under ‘Sant-Mahapurush Samman Vichar Evam Prasara Yojana’

**BUREAU CHANDIGARH, M,AY 18**

A grand state-level function celebrating Shri Guru Gorakhnath Prakatotsav was held today in Sonipat under the ‘Sant-Mahapurusha Samman Vichar Evam Prasara Yojana’, an initiative by the Haryana Government aimed at spreading the teachings and ideals of saints and great personalities across all sections of society. Haryana Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini attended the event as the chief guest. On the occasion, Sh Nayab Singh Saini paid homage to Shri Guru Gorakhnath Ji and expressed his gratitude for being part of the Prakatotsav celebrations. He said it was a matter of great fortune for him to participate in the event. Reaffirming the state government’s commitment to the welfare and upliftment of every section of society, he said that the present government is working in line with the path shown by saints and



revered figures. He further said that the primary goal of the government is to improve the standard of living of the poorest citizens. During the event, the Chief Minister announced that a ‘Chowk’ in Sonipat would be named after Shri Guru Gorakhnath Ji. He also announced to give an amount of Rs. 31 lakh for the renovation of Dharamshalas of the Jogi community in the state. He also distributed 30 motorized tricycles to PwDs, out of 100 such tricycles given through the CSR fund of Indi-

courage, dedication, and discipline demonstrated by our brave soldiers under the leadership of Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi in executing ‘Operation Sindoor’, stands not merely as a military action, but as a powerful symbol of the dignity and strength of our national spirit. He said that in Pahalgam, terrorists cruelly targeted and killed innocent citizens of our country. In response to the grief and sentiments of the entire nation, the Prime Minister said that the time had come to eliminate the remaining grounds of terrorism. Under Operation Sindoor, our armed forces struck at the roots of terrorism in Pakistan destroying key bases where where terrorism flourished. Within just three hours, our defense forces successfully neutralized these terror hubs, and through this swift and decisive operation, the world has witnessed the strength and resolve of Indian Armed Forces.

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 18**

On Sunday, in honour of the valour of the Indian Army, a Tiranga Yatra was taken out by Team Sumit Narwal from Jundla to Chidav Mor. Hundreds of youth and elderly people were carrying the national flag in their hands and shouting loud slogans of Vande Mataram and Bharat Mata Ki Jai. The special thing was that grandfather Hawa Singh, father Rajesh Narwal, mother Asha Narwal and uncle Rakesh Narwal of Lieutenant Vinay Narwal, who was martyred in the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, participated in the Tiranga Yatra as chief guests. Organiser Sumit Narwal and Vinay Narwal’s grandfather Hawa Singh led the Tiranga Yatra. MP representative Kavinder Rana, Advocate Arvind Nitu Maan were specially present. The Tiranga Yatra concluded at the Shahidi Smarak built by Team Sumit Narwal at Chidav Mor, where the national flag was hoisted after paying floral tribute to the portrait of brave son Lieutenant Vinay Narwal and all the martyrs of Karnal district till date. The martyred soldiers were remembered. Loud slogans of Vinay Narwal Amar Rahe were raised. Paying tribute to the martyrs, two minutes of silence was observed in their memory. The national anthem was sung. On this occasion, Vinay Narwal’s father Rajesh Narwal



said that this Shahidi Smarak built at Chidav Mor is a source of inspiration for the youth. The names of the soldiers of Karnal district who have been martyred from the First World War till now have been inscribed on the wall of the Shahidi Smarak, for which Team Sumit Narwal deserves congratulations. He said that such Shahidi Smaraks should be established in every district. This will give the youth an opportunity to know about the martyrs and the feeling of patri-

otism will be awakened in them. He said that everyone has to end the ideology of terrorism together. For this, it is necessary to make people aware and alert. MP representative Kavinder Rana said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made it clear that the masters of terrorism will not be spared. They will be taught a lesson by entering their homes. Everyone has seen the bravery of the Indian forces in Operation Sindoor. He salutes all three forces.

Get treated only at 11 authorized de-addiction centers: DC

**RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL:** DC Preeti said that 11 legal de-addiction centers are being run in the district. These include two government and nine private centers. Apart from these, if any other de-addiction center is being run, it will be considered illegal. Action will be taken against such centers by the district administration, so that people can get safe and effective treatment. General public can also give information about illegal de-addiction centers to Dr. Navraj Singh (9992473022) and District Social Welfare Officer (7027539020). District administration is running campaigns in schools, colleges and gram panchayats to create awareness against drug abuse. He said that while releasing the list of legal de-addiction centers, he said that the government de-addiction and counseling centers in district are in General Hospital Kaithal and Guhla Sub-Divisional Hospital. Non-governmental de-addiction centers include Agrawal Psychiatric and De-addiction Center near Corporation Bank Cheeka, Ardas Hospital in village Azimgarh, Shri Guru Nanak Chetna Foundation Trust Counseling-cum-Rehabilitation Center Ward No. 15 Guhla, Bright Future Jan Kalyan Trust Counseling-cum-Rehabilitation Center Ward No. 12 Cheeka, Nai Kiran Hospital Kaithal, Samarth De-addiction Center Azimgarh, Nirvana Psychiatric Hospital Cheeka, Mano Aadhar De-addiction Center Azimgarh, Deepak De-addiction Center Cheeka.DC appealed to the general public that addiction is an evil, from which not only one suffers, but the entire family is affected. Addiction can be given up with strong willpower. Anyone who wants to get rid of addiction can go to the above de-addiction centers and give it up with the advice of a doctor.

Film city will be built under guidance of Mahakal Kailashpuri Maharaj

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 18**

Mahakal Kailashpuri Maharaj, who has been raising awareness about the danger of nature imbalance and global warming and repeatedly warning scientists for the last several years, is now eyeing the construction of a film city. Mahakal Kailashpuri Maharaj’s ardent devotee Mahamandaleshwar Rajrajeshwar is going to build a grand film city on about 600 acres of land near Ayodhya, the birthplace of Lord Shri Ram, under the guidance of Mahakal Kailashpuri Maharaj, the head of Bhairav Akhara. This film city has also been named by Swami Kailashpuri Maharaj. It has been named Shri Ram Film City after Lord Shri Ram.Mahakal Kailashpuri Maharaj, who has been predicting from time to time about the danger of global warming, has been honoured by 26 countries so far and has



also been awarded many titles. Mahamandaleshwar Rajrajeshwar disclosed that 600 acres of land has been purchased and it has also been launched for free. The construction of this film city will increase the immense possi-

bilities of development and employment in the entire Uttar Pradesh including the whole of North India. This film city will be ready in 4 years. Mahamandaleshwar Rajrajeshwar said that many locations including many studios, jungle, mountain, village, railway station, bus stand, court complex, airport will be prepared in Shri Ram Film City. He said that the way development work has gained momentum in Uttar Pradesh under the leadership of the country’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the film city is being built here. He said that this film city is being built under the guidance of Mahakal Kailashpuri Maharaj. He said that after the construction of Shri Ram Film City, all the talented people of Purvanchal will get a chance to move forward. Whoever has a skill, he will also get employment. He

told that modern technology is being used in the construction of this film city. Due to which many film production companies will knock at the doors of Uttar Pradesh and will add to its development. He said that the inspiration for the construction of the film city also came from Mahakal Kailashpuri Maharaj. Mahamandaleshwar Rajrajeshwar said that he is touring the country and promoting the construction of Shri Ram Film City. Which includes film personalities, industrialists, leaders and other organizations. Mahamandaleshwar Rajrajeshwar said that he has got inspiration from Mahakal Kailashpuri Maharaj that the country can be served even by physical work. Mahakal Kailashpuri Maharaj is our source of inspiration. He said that when the foundation of Lord Shri Ram temple was laid on Shri Ram Janmabhoomi in Ayodhya.

Street lights on Vikram Marg cry for life for the past eight months

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:** The street lights on Vikram Marg connected to Railway Road are out of order for the last eight months and hence there prevailed darkness. Women are scared to even pass through this road. Recently, Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan had visited the houses of people living in Liberty Colony in Indira Colony. At that time the lights were fixed but after some time the situation became the same again. In this darkness, an incident has also taken place three months ago. Many times complaints have been made to the corporation about this but no concrete action was taken. Shalu Arora, head of Indira Colony Nari Shakti Manch, said that earlier women used to go out for a walk in the evening but now they were scared due to the darkness. Some of the poles installed here did not have street lights installed and those installed here are not working for a long time. They demanded from the corporation officials that the street lights should be repaired as soon as possible.



Beware of silent killer high blood pressure: Dr. Himanshu Jain



**HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA:** D R Jain Neurocare and Multispecialty Hospital Kurukshetra organized a free general medical camp at Shri Bhagwan Parshuram Dharamshala village Sandhir. Dr. Himanshu Jain of the hospital expressed his views on high blood pressure and said that 46% of people are not aware of their increased blood pressure, due to which it is known as the silent killer. Throwing light on the symptoms, causes, treatment and precautions of high blood pressure, he said that headache, dizziness, weak eyesight, feeling of fatigue, chest pain, bleeding from the nose are the symptoms. Unbalanced diet, excessive intake of salt, excessive consumption of junk food, fried things, alcohol, smoking, stress, insufficient sleep, obesity, lack of physical activities, all these reasons increase blood pressure. By correcting these reasons, high blood pressure remains under control. One should do meditation, yoga, pranayama. The 2001st free camp was organized under the leadership of Dr Sanjay Sharma. In the camp, 104 patients were given consultation, checkup, blood sugar, plus rate, hemoglobin and free medicines. On this occasion Sarpanch Dharampal felicitated Dr Himanshu Jain Brain and Spine Neuro Surgeon, Dr Rajesh Kumar MBBS, MD Medicine, Dr Sanjay Sharma BAMS. And while welcoming the Expertise Medical Campus, he said that “It is a matter of good fortune for us to have such expert doctors in the village.

Development of leadership skills is the core objective of Shishu Bharati: Satpal Sharma

**HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA, MAY 18**

The primary objective behind the formation of Shishu Bharati, a school-level democratic organization, is to instill a sense of duty, dedication, and responsibility among students. With this goal, Shrimad Bhagavad Gita Primary School, run by the Hindu Shiksha Samiti and affiliated with Vidya Bharati, organised a Shishu Bharati Formation Ceremony at its Bal Ghar campus. The programme began with traditional lamp lighting and Saraswati Vandana, followed by the formal formation of Shishu Bharati. The event was graced by Committee President Satpal Sharma, Manager Jeevan Maudgil, and Principal Chetna Vashisht.

Just as democratic institutions are vital to running a nation’s economy, similarly, assigning responsibilities to students helps ensure smooth functioning of school systems



while nurturing their leadership abilities. Designations such as President, Commander, Chief Minister, Water Conservation Department, Energy Supply Department, and Lost & Found Department were allotted to stu-

dents. Committee members conferred official badges and sashes corresponding to their respective departments. Principal Chetna Vashisht administered the oath to all Shishu Bharati members, formally initiating the student council. On this occasion, winners of competitions held for World Earth Day, Uniform Neatness, and Bag Decoration were also felicitated with awards for first, second, and third positions. President Satpal Sharma encouraged the children to carry out their duties with utmost sincerity and honesty, while formation in-charge Acharya Rajni Pathak elaborated on the responsibilities and conduct expected from the student representatives.

Divya Jyoti Jagriti Sansthan Ashram holds weekly programme

**SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL, MAY 18**

Divya Jyoti Jagriti Sansthan held a weekly programme in Professor Colony Ashram opposite RKSD College in which Sadhvi Kuldevi Bharti, disciple of the most revered Sarvshri Ashutosh Maharaj, while giving her views said that in today’s modern lifestyle, it is often seen that people do not like to be bound by rules. Then whether those rules are related to their professional, social or personal life! According to them, rules interfere in one’s freedom zone. But in reality, a rule-bound life is the key to success. Famous author and youth leadership coach - Issailmore Ivor writes in his book Shopping the Dreams - ‘To play any game, there are rules related to it: Similarly, life is also a game, which has some special rules. Only by following those rules, one can be victorious in the game of

life. The creation of a strong society is also accomplished by following the rules. If there are no rules in the society, and every person has the freedom to do whatever he wants, then only chaos, injustice, oppression, improper and meaningless behavior will be seen in that society.



necessary, sometimes even a hindrance to personal freedom. But it is well known that the river which surrenders itself in front of the dam, becomes restrained and is also capable of generating electricity.

Surjewala Free Bus” leaves for Baba Khatu Shyam Dham from Ward 8 of Kaithal

**SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL, MAY 18**

Congress MLA from Kaithal Aditya Surjewala has taken a unique initiative in Kaithal. He has started the “Surjewala Free Bus Service” for the devotees of Baba Khatu Shyam. Aditya Surjewala flagged off a bus from Kaithal to Baba Khatu Shyam Dham for the students and staff of Ward No. 4, IG College to visit Baba Shyam. This service had earlier been started by Aditya Surjewala. In this series, today again Aditya Surjewala flagged off the third bus from Tikona Park of Ward No. 8 of Kaithal for the darshan of Baba Khatu Shyam Dham. He met all the devotees going to visit Baba Khatu Shyam in the bus and wished everyone a safe journey. Aditya Surjewala said that the people of Kaithal have al-



ways given their blessings to the Surjewala family generation after generation. With their blessings and support, he has got the privilege of becoming the youngest MLA in India today. It is on the demand and advice of mothers, elders and devotees that we started the “Surjewala Free Bus Service” in Kaithal which will go to Baba Khatu Shyam Dham from Kaithal every month. From every ward and every

village of Kaithal, all the devotees will be taken for the darshan of Baba Khatu Shyam Ji. Earlier, we had sent the first bus from ward no. 4 and the second bus from Kaithal on the demand of IG college students and college staff for Baba Khatu Shyam Dham darshan, today we are sending this bus for the devotees of ward no. 8 for the darshan of Baba Shyam. Along with this, free bus service will be run every

month for Haridwar in the same way. All the devotees travelling in the bus going for the darshan of Baba Shyam thanked Kaithal MLA Aditya Surjewala and said that we and the people of Kaithal are proud that we got the leadership of the Surjewala family in Kaithal. The way late Shamsher Singh Surjewala, Randeep Singh Surjewala have written history of Kaithal in golden letters by giving their important contribution religiously, socially and politically, in the same way, his grandson and son Aditya Surjewala is also following his footsteps and is engaged in works for the welfare of the society and the people. He said that on behalf of the people of Kaithal, we thank Aditya Surjewala who, respecting the sentiments of the devotees, has started a free bus service from Kaithal to Baba Khatu Shyam Dham.

Jat Sabha to take up amendment of Hindu Marriage Act with support of 36 communities: Dr.Shyokand

**DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, MAY 18**

Various burning issues like homosexual marriages, love marriages, same gotra marriages, marriage in neighbouring villages, live-in relationships, etc. were discussed at the International Jat Dharamshala, Kurukshetra. 41 Khaps of Delhi, Haryana, UP and Rajasthan along with the successors chosen by the society of every section of every community of 36 communities of Haryana state participated. Dharamshala head Dr. Krishna Shyokand said that the Jat Sabha will take up the matter of Hindu Marriage Act amendment seriously with the support of 36 communities. On this occasion, a 21 member committee was formed in this special meeting which lasted for about 3 hours. This committee will expand the committee by holding another special meeting very soon and will try to find a permanent solution to these is-



sues by contacting the Honorable Chief Minister of Haryana Government, Prime Minister of India, Governor of Haryana Government, President of India and Supreme Court regarding the amendment of Hindu Marriage Act. Master Jitendra, founder of Jan Sahyog Sansthan, said that a blood donation camp was organized with the cooperation of Jat Dharamshala. Kurukshetra Swatantra Samuh Sewa Samiti, Jat Employees Association, All

India Ekta Press Club, Kurukshetra Press Club and Jan Sahyog Kurukshetra Sanstha in which 87 blood donors got themselves registered and 78 blood units were collected. Dr. Shyokand said that with the aim of promoting tourism, the International Jat Sabha will soon renovate the Dharamshala so that the tourists coming from all over India can get better facilities. The organization will organize blood donation camps, health camps, and awareness campaigns from

time to time in collaboration with the District Administration of Kurukshetra. The cleanliness and security system will be strengthened further. Jat Dharamshala will very soon bring forward meritorious children and provide free coaching with the aim of providing better services to the children of the society in the field of education. In this special programme, Nain Khap President Raghuvir Nain, Sanjay Deswal, Gurnam Singh Saharan, Ashok Malik, Jagmat Hooda, Master Phool Singh, Jai Bhagwan Ruhil, Dayanand Deswal, Karamveer Sarpanch, Harpal Dhul, Samudra Four Bani Singh Dhul, Harikesh Barna, Mahant Gopal Das, Mitrapal Malik, Santosh Dahiya, Advocate Amit Sangwan, Rajesh Singroha, Rashmi Balayan, Devvrat Dhandu, Naresh Dalal, Omprakash Karoda, heads of other Khaps, heads and representatives of all social organizations of Kurukshetra district participated.



Editorial

Civil warriors

Janab Asaduddin Owaisi, the head of the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen and member of the Lok Sabha from Hyderabad, has, over the years, said things I cannot be in agreement with. And there is much about his politics which rather mystifies me. But he said last week something I am not just in agreement with but which resonated with the admirer of Sardar Patel in me.

Referring to the trolls targeting the foreign secretary, Vikram Misri, following the government's announcement of the ceasefire with Pakistan, Owaisahib said, "Mr Vikram Misri is a decent and an honest hard-working diplomat working tirelessly for our Nation. Our civil servants work under the Executive. This must be remembered and they shouldn't be blamed for the decisions taken by the Executive or any political leadership running Watan-e-Aziz."

As our first home minister, Sardar Patel, in the October of 1949, spoke in the Constituent Assembly on draft Articles 311 and 314 of the Constitution, which afforded a modicum of protection to the civil services. Some members had spoken harshly of the role of the ICS under the raj, terming it as unpatriotic. Said Sardar Patel: "I wish to record in the House that if during the last two or three years most of the members of the Services had not behaved patriotically and with loyalty, the Union would have collapsed. If you have done with it and decide not to have this Service, I will take the service with me and go. They will earn their living. They are capable people."

The foreign secretary, Vikram Misri, had been trolled viciously, his patriotism brought into question, the privacy and sanctity of his homelife threatened. It was a shameful thing. And why? Had Misri not done India, Indian diplomacy, and India's spokespersonship proud with the maturity and high impact with which he reported developments in the four days' undeclared war impeccably? Had he not spoken in a splendid combination of exceptionally good English and equally deft Hindustani? But above all, in the language of truth? I do not know if anyone in Pakistan was allowed to watch and hear Misri and his two outstanding companions — Sofiya Qureshi and Vyomika Singh — speak from their briefing panels. If they were, they would have got a sense of India's tenacity and more: India's veracity. And it would be no surprise if warmongers and India-haters in Pakistan had pitched into these three stunning spokespersons.

India's diplomatic outreach ,  
Pakistan troubled

Pakistan once again scrambles to salvage its image in the wake of India's 'Operation Sindoor', which has exposed Islamabad's deep ties to terrorism. In a move that appears to mimic India's recent diplomatic manoeuvres, where New Delhi has announced seven multi-party delegations to represent India at world forums and brief world leaders on Operation Sindoor, Pakistan, in hesitancy, has also called for a delegation to present its case for 'peace' at the international stage. This came after Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari on Saturday stated that Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had tasked him to lead a delegation to present Pakistan's case on the recent escalations of tensions between the two nations. "I was contacted earlier today by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, who requested that I lead a delegation to present Pakistan's case for peace on the international stage.

I am honoured to accept this responsibility and remain committed to serving Pakistan in these challenging times," Zardari said in a post on Facebook. The announcement reflects Pakistan's desperate attempt to repair its tarnished reputation as it bore its longstanding support for terrorism, drawing widespread international criticism. Bhutto Zardari's delegation is likely to face an uphill battle, as Pakistan's credibility has been severely undermined by its failure to curb terrorism and its retaliatory actions that targeted Indian civilians as its response to Operation Sindoor, which targeted nine terror camps across Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). Earlier on Saturday, Union Minister Kiren Rijiju announced a seven multi-party delegation who will be visiting key partner countries, including members of the UN Security Council, later this month in the context of Operation Sindoor and India's continued fight against cross-border terrorism. The following MPs



will lead the seven delegations: Congress leader Shashi Tharoor, BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad, JDU leader Sanjay Kumar Jha, BJP leader Baijayant Panda, DMK leader Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, NCP (SP) leader Supriya Sule, and Shiv Sena leader Shrikant Eknath Shinde."

In moments that matter most, Bharat stands united. Seven All-Party Delegations will soon visit key partner nations, carrying our shared message of zero tolerance to terrorism. A powerful reflection of national unity above politics, beyond differences," Rijiju said in a post on X. The All-Party Delegations will project India's national consensus and resolute approach to combating terrorism in all forms and manifestations. They would carry forth to the world the country's strong message of zero tolerance against terrorism. The Members of Parliament from different par-

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ties, prominent political personalities, and distinguished diplomats will be part of each delegation. This came after India's decisive military response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack.

Operation Sindoor, launched on May 7, targeted terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir, leading to the death of over 100 terrorists affiliated with terror outfits like the Jaish-e-Mohammed, Lashkar-e-Taiba and Hizbul Mujahideen.

After the attack, Pakistan retaliated with cross-border shelling across the Line of Control and Jammu and Kashmir as well as attempted drone attacks along the border regions, following which India launched a coordinated attack and damaged radar infrastructure, communication centres and airfields across 11 airbases in Pakistan.

Literature & Health

Gaza deadliest place for children: UNICEF

The children's fund"-United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has warned that the Gaza Strip has become the most dangerous place in the world for children, with no safe areas remaining, following the deaths of over 45 Palestinian children in the past two days alone amid ongoing Israeli attacks. Edouard Beigbeder, UNICEF Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa, stated that children are being targeted in locations that should be safe, such as hospitals, schools, shelters and even displacement tents. He stressed that over the past 19 months, Gaza has become increasingly deadly for children. Beigbeder revealed that more than 950 Palestinian



children have been killed by airstrikes in the last two months, while those who remain face severe hardships, including relentless bombardment and extreme shortages of food, water and basic healthcare. He added that the blockade on humanitarian aid is worsening the crisis, noting that the dangers to children extend beyond bombs and bullets to include hunger, disease and contam-

inated water. Beigbeder emphasised that violations of children's rights have become systematic and daily occurrences, calling for urgent international action to end these abuses and ensure the protection of children from violence and loss of life. He renewed UNICEF's call for an immediate ceasefire, respect for international humanitarian law, unimpeded humanitarian access.

Taiwan completes initial tests of Tien Kung IV missiles

Taiwan has completed the initial operation evaluation and limited field testing of its military's new Tien Kung IV (Sky Bow IV) missiles, as reported by Taipei Times on Sunday. Citing a defence official, Taipei Times said that the Tien Kung IV missile is expected to be mass-produced from next year.

The missiles, which have been created by the Chungshan Institute of Science and Technology's Strong Bow program, is a new air defence weapon with a maximum altitude of 70km, a source told Taipei Times on condition of anonymity. Notably, this marks a significant improvement over the previous Tien Kung III and the



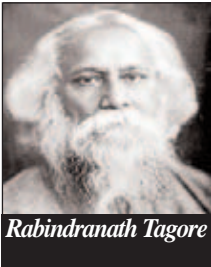
PAC-3 Missile Segment Enhancement systems, which have maximum altitudes of 45km and 60km respectively, the sources cited said. This latest advancement allows Tien Kung IV to intercept high-flying cruise missiles and ballistic missiles with a higher probability of success. Although the quantity of Tien

Kung IV systems to be purchased is yet to be decided, it was reported that the Tien Kung III system's mass production would cease early next year, as its NT USD 27.4 billion (USD 908.1 million) budget is expected to be all but exhausted by December, as per sources referred to by Taipei Times.

POEM

When Day Is Done

If the day is done, if birds sing no more, if the wind has flagged tired, then draw the veil of darkness thick upon me, even as thou hast wrapt the earth with the coverlet of sleep and tenderly closed the petals of the drooping lotus at dusk. From the traveler, whose sack of provisions is empty before the voyage is ended, whose garment is torn and dust-laden, whose strength is exhausted, remove shame and poverty, and renew his life like a flower under the cover of thy kindly night.



Rabindranath Tagore

India has restricted imports worth USD 770 mn from Bangladesh

India's restrictions on imports from Bangladesh via land ports will impact goods worth USD 770 million, accounting for nearly 42 per cent of total bilateral imports, according to the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) report, a trade-focused research Group. Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Saturday imposed immediate port restrictions on the import of several categories of goods from Bangladesh, following a directive issued by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).

After this decision, key goods like garments, processed foods, and plastic items are now limited to select sea ports or barred from land routes entirely. Under the new policy, Bangladeshi garments, which are valued at USD 618 million annually, can now enter India only through two designated seaports, effectively barring access via land routes that previously served as primary trade arteries. The decision will severely impact Bangladesh's most lucra-



tive export channel to India, the GTRI added. Indian textile manufacturers have long voiced concern over what they describe as unfair advantages enjoyed by Bangladeshi competitors, who benefit

from duty-free imports of Chinese fabric and substantial government export subsidies. These factors reportedly give Bangladeshi exporters a 10-15 per cent

pricing edge in the Indian market. The GTRI added in its report that these trade measures did not emerge in isolation. "The restrictions look like India's response to Dhaka restricting imports from India on a large number of items and diplomatic pivot towards China," the GTRI report added.

The move is also possibly being seen as a response to controversial remarks by Bangladesh's interim chief advisor, Muhammad Yunus. During a speech in China, Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Yunus had described India's northeastern states as a "landlocked region with no access to the ocean". This comment has sparked diplomatic friction, with Indian officials viewing it as undermining the region's connectivity and status. Highlighting Dhaka's increasing proximity with China, the report adds that the fall of Sheikh Hasina's pro-India government in mid-2024 and the rise of an interim administration under Muhammad Yunus have brought a willingness to align with Beijing.

Yunus's visit to China in March 2025 yielded USD 2.1 billion in new investments and cooperation agreements. All these developments, along with infrastructure projects like the Teesta River development, have posed a significant threat to India's position in the region. Since late 2024, Bangladesh has imposed a series of restrictions on Indian exports.

These include an April 2025 ban on Indian yarn imports through five major land ports, tighter curbs on rice shipments, and import bans on dozens of Indian goods—from paper and tobacco to fish and powdered milk.

Adding to the friction, Dhaka introduced a transit fee of 1.8 taka per tonne per kilometre on Indian goods moving through its territory. The report added that these cumulative actions, along with operational delays and tightened port inspections, have hampered Indian exporters and triggered calls for a calibrated response.



NEWS BRIEF

People express grief over demise of Satpal



**KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI:** Satpal, father of Rajiv Thakur, inspector of Railway Passengers Welfare Association and journalist Pankaj Thakur has completed his earthly journey and attained salvation. His last rites were performed at Shivpuri crematorium in Tarawadi. On the demise of Satpal, Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand, Mayor Renu Bala Gupta, MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi, Municipal Council Chairman Virendra Bansal, Punjabi Sabha Tarawadi President Rajiv Narang, Nilokhedhi Municipal Council Chairman Sanmeet Kaur Ahuja, BJP Mandal Tarawadi, Rice Millers and Dealers Association, Shri Hanuman Seva Samiti, Bharat Vikas Parishad Branch Tarawadi, BJP Mandal Nilokhedhi, Tarawadi Journalist Unity Forum, Arhatiya Association Tarawadi, Bharat Vikas Parishad Branch Padwala, Haryana State Vyapar Mandal, Railway Passenger Welfare Association, Shri Saranatan Dharma Sabha, Shiv Shakti Sankirtan Mandal.

‘Operation Sindoor showed India’s might’: Speaker Harvinder Kalyan leads Tiranga Yatra in Gharaunda

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA GHARAUNDA, MAY 18

In honour of the Indian Army’s valour during Operation Sindoor, a spirited Tiranga Yatra was held today in Gharaunda, led by Haryana Assembly Speaker and local MLA Harvindra Kalyan. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from citizens, social and religious groups, as slogans of “Hindustan Zindabad” and “Bharatiya Sena Zindabad” echoed through the streets accompanied by patriotic songs. The march commenced from Railway Road and passed through Sant Shiromani Guru Ravidas Chowk, Vishwakarma Chowk, culminating at Maharana Pratap Chowk on GT Road. Showered with flower petals, the participants carried the tricolour with pride and reverence. Addressing the gathering, Harvindra Kalyan said that the Indian Army’s



swift and decisive response in just three days under Operation Sindoor sent a clear message that India would not only defend itself but would retaliate strongly against any threat to its sovereignty or faith. He emphasised that such initiatives are being taken across the country to reinforce national pride and unity among citizens. Highlighting the recent cowardly attack on tourists in Pahalgalam, Kalyan said that the entire nation was shaken by the brutality, prompting a stern response from the Indian government. “Prime Minister Narendra Modi made it clear that the perpetrators would not be spared,” he stated, crediting

the Prime Minister’s strong leadership for empowering the forces to act decisively.

Kalyan also praised the role of women officers in Operation Sindoor, stating that they delivered a fitting response to terrorism and sent a strong message globally. “Just as our daughters’ vermilion was wiped out, Operation Sindoor wiped out the terror hubs in Pakistan,” he remarked.

He called upon every citizen to work with dedication towards the nation and saluted the bravery of the armed forces and the resolve of the country’s leadership.

Among those present were former Chairperson Nirmala Bairagi, MP representative Kavindra Rana, BJP Mandal Presidents Rohit Bhandari and Devendra Sharma, General Secretary Satbir Goswami, Ajay Rana, Mahila Morcha President Sunil Mor, and many other party workers and residents.

District, Haryana Tax Bar Association organise tax seminars on GST and IT

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 18

Haryana Legislative Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan said that the progress of the country was assessed by the economy. Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s government has worked seriously to strengthen the economy. Major changes have been made by simplifying the rules of tax and GST which has brought great relief to the business class as well as the common people. He was speaking at District Tax Bar Association Karnal and Haryana Tax Bar Association as the chief guest at the conclusion of the tax confluence 2025 seminar on GST and Income Tax. He said that this type of seminar led to good communication and every problem was solved by dialogue. He said that the strength of any country was judged by its financial power and Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi has done the work of strengthening the



country economically, which will definitely strengthen the resolve of developed India. He said that where the tax payer contributed to the strength of the country’s economy, the contribution of the working class cannot be denied. Their contribution was also commendable. Giving examples, he said that last year when a flood situation had occurred in Jamuna and in such a situation, the people of the working class stood shoulder to save the Jamuna dam with him and did not let the dam of Jamuna damaged. Many such examples can be found. He also said that God

has made them worthy to give them that they were cooperating in strengthening our country’s economy through tax. In the Seminar Assembly Speaker Shri Harvinder Kalyan boosted the morale of all advocates and appealed to maximum cooperation for the progress of Haryana. In the seminar, Tarun Arora from Delhi gave his lecture on GST determination and discussed on GST, in which Chief Guest former Union Minister Suresh Prabhu addressed Haryana advocates through video conferencing and Representative of Union Minister Manohar Lal Ravindra Rana.

Kailash Bhagat wins election of head of Shri Geeta Bhawan Mandir Sabha with margin of 214 votes



**RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL:** Kailash Bhagat has been elected Pradhan for the 8th time in the election of Shri Geeta Bhawan Mandir Sabha. He defeated his opponent Advocate Subhash Chugh by a huge margin of 214 votes. Election officers Narendra Nijhawan, Ashok Kumar Arya, Yograj Batra and Ram Kishan Digani said that there were a total of 408 votes in this election out of which 339 votes were cast by the voters while five votes were cancelled. Kailash Bhagat got 274 votes out of 334 votes, while Subhash Chugh got 60 votes. Kailash Bhagat won this election by 214 votes. As soon as the counting of votes was completed, Subhash Chugh himself declared Kailash Bhagat as the winner. On winning the election, Kailash Bhagat said that this victory was the victory of the society which has expressed faith in him.

Tiranga Yatra taken out with great enthusiasm in city



**PARDEEP MEHTA NILOKHERI:** The Tiranga Yatra started from the Punjabi Dharamshala of the city on Sunday and passed through Golmarket via Karsa Road to Neelnagar Station Area. The yatra all over the city was taken out with great enthusiasm and zeal. On this occasion, MLA Kabirpanthi said that due to the efficient leadership of the Indian Army, the Tiranga Yatra was being taken out all over India on Sunday. MLA Bhagwan Das Kabirpanthi said that due to the efficient leadership of the country and the strict action of the army, Pakistan brought to its knees within three days. The army of the country has entered the den of terrorists and destroyed their hideouts.

Lord Parshuram Jayanti will be celebrated on May 30 in grand way



**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA ROHTAK:** Bharatiya Janata Party state president Mohan Lal Baroli said that the state level ceremony of Lord Parshuram Jayanti, proposed on May 30 would get new energy from the state level function of the proposed Lord Parshuram Jayanti. Sarva Samaj together will make this ceremony such an example which will be appreciated not only in the state but also in the country. With the consent of Sarva Samaj, he also announced to be the convener of Cooperative Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma. On Sunday afternoon, there was a meeting on the preparations for the proposed state level function on Lord Parashuram Jayanti on May 30 by the State Government of Sarva Samaj in the hall of Dera Shri Baba Laxmanpuri Maharaj, Gaukarn Tirtha.

Shandilya sends complaint to Amit Shah against obscene reels on social media

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA:** Anti Terrorist Front India and Vishwa Hindu Takht chief Vireash Shandilya has written a letter to the Home Minister Amit Shah demanding that the Director Generals of Police of the country should be ordered to immediately stop the obscene videos and reels being served on social media and a guideline should be issued because obscenity is being spread on social media due to which the culture, civilization, values of our country are getting destroyed. Veeresh Shandilya said that India is the holy land of sages, gurus, saints, fakirs and Ganga, Yamuna, Saraswati and the world respects the culture of India but today a conspiracy is being hatched on social media to tarnish the culture of India, in which Facebook is also involved because Facebook is paying money to the reel makers for the millions of views that are made on pornographic videos and pornographic videos spread like corona and in the greed for money, the culture, civilization and values of India are being tarnished. Veeresh Shandilya, on behalf of Vishwa Hindu Takht, has sent a complaint not only to the Home Minister but also to the Director Generals of Police of Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, demanding immediate removal of pornographic reels and videos from social media. Anti Terrorist Front India and Vishwa Hindu Takht chief Veeresh Shandilya said that the sad thing is that Nari Shakti herself, who is the form of mother, wife, sister, daughter, is the one who is putting pornographic videos on social media due to which the culture of India is getting tarnished in the world.

Weekly Satsang held at Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan emphasises power of Guru devotion



**PREETI SAINI SADHAURA:** A spiritually enriching weekly satsang was organised at the Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan Ashram in Bilaspur, where Sadhvi Babli Bharti Ji delivered a profound discourse on the transformative power of devotion, especially Guru Bhakti, in human life. Addressing the gathering, she said that devotion acts as a divine shield, offering protection against mental and spiritual distress. While an ordinary person may falter in the face of adversity, a devotee who is deeply anchored in Guru Bhakti draws inner strength to overcome even the gravest challenges with grace. She explained that a person’s present actions lie within their control, but their fate (prarabdha), shaped by past lives, brings both joy and suffering.

Resolve public issues on priority basis: Harvinder Kalyan



**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:** Haryana Assembly Speaker and Gharaunda MLA Harvinder Kalyan on Sunday held a public grievance redressal meeting at the PWD Rest House in Gharaunda, where he listened attentively to the concerns of people from various villages and towns of the region. During the session, citizens raised issues mainly related to roads, water supply, electricity, sewage systems, and social security schemes. Kalyan directed the concerned officers to take immediate action and ensure that problems are resolved on a priority basis. He emphasised that the people of the region have elected him for a third consecutive term, and the central leadership has entrusted him with the significant responsibility of Assembly Speaker. “My constant effort is to resolve most issues on the spot so that people do not have to run around government offices repeatedly,” he said.

Army will properly respond to enemies: Vikram Rana



**KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI:** Tiranga Yatra was taken out in Dera Jogi Majra of Lalyani village on Sunday to commemorate the success of Operation Sindoor of the Indian Army. This Yatra passed through every street of the village under the leadership of village Lalyani’s Sarpanch Baba Manoj Nath. District Council Member Representative Vikram Rana Padhana specially participated in the Tiranga Yatra. The villagers gave him a grand welcome with flower garlands. The Yatra reached the Shiva temple via various routes of the village. The villagers welcomed the Tiranga Yatra with flower garlands. Sarpanch Baba Manoj Nath said that this Tiranga Yatra was taken out in honor of the army. The atmosphere in the village resounded with patriotic slogans on the success of Operation Sindoor. Villagers and school children raised slogans of Bharat Mata Ki Jai carrying the tricolor.

Shivalik School Class X result 100 per cent



**RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR:** The result of class 10th examination of Shivalik Senior Secondary School, Kalawad was 100% in which Mayank Athwal got 485/500 (97 per cent) marks and stood first in the school, Samya Saini got 484/500 (96.8 per cent) marks and was second in the school, Bhoomi got 480/500 (96 per cent) marks and stood third in the school. Apart from this, Sania scored 94.8 per cent, Palak Saini scored 94.6 percent, Yashika Dhiman scored 94 per cent, Mansi and Vansh scored 92.6 per cent and Aditi Saini and Twinkle scored 92.4 per cent, Harmanpreet Kaur and Yana scored 92 percent, Sahiba and Tanu scored 91.4 percent, Uday Saini scored 91.2 percent and Vansh Saini scored 90 percent marks. On this achievement, school manager Gurcharan Saini congratulated the students, teachers and the parents.

Arshya Agarwal of New Adarsh C.S. School scores 96.2% marks



**PRITI SAINI SADHAURA:** Arshya Agarwal, a resident of Sadhaura, secured second position in Naraingarh block in the annual CBSE Class XII examination results in Science stream from a private school in Ambli of Naraingarh. Giving information, Arshya’s parents Poonam Agarwal and Ritesh Agarwal said that their daughter used to study hard. We also supported Arshya in every possible way. The couple expressed happiness and said that their daughter has brought glory to the entire town along with us. Arshya’s grandmother Veena Agarwal also expressed happiness on her granddaughter’s achievement and said that the sound of prayers could be heard from the temples but she would not stop studying. Arshya Agarwal gave the credit of this success to her parents and school teachers. In the class 12th examination results released by the CBSE board a few days ago, Arshya Agarwal secured second position in the Naraingarh block and first position in the Sadhaura block by scoring 96.2% marks in science stream.

Youth Sports Association honours international players



**VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA:** Youth Sports Association organised a felicitation ceremony for the players who won medals in the International Karate Championship held in Malaysia. The programme was inaugurated with lighting of lamps. The chief guest of the programme was the head of Haryana Sarpanch Organisation, Jitendra Khaira Sarpanch village Khaira, the chief president of the programme was District Sports Officer, Manoj Kumar. The head of the organisation, Vijay Bhushan Taneja welcomed all the dignitaries and gave information about the sports and social work of the organisation. He said on this occasion that the Youth Sports Association is committed to do many social and religious works along with sports since 2017. We also celebrate the birth anniversary of every great man with great joy to give the message of social harmony. Coach and General Secretary of Youth Sports Association, Chaman Lal said that International Karate Championship 2025 was organised in Malaysia from 9/05/2025 to 11/05/2025 in which the players of the organisation Sukhraj Dhillon and Garvit Sharma won gold medals and Rahul Bairagi won silver medal and brought laurels to the city of Ladwa and the region.

Karnal girl makes Haryana Proud: Dishu Saini selected in Rashtriya Military School, Chail

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL:

In a proud and inspiring achievement, Dishu Saini, a 10-year-old girl from Karnal, Haryana, has secured a prestigious place at Rashtriya Military School (RMS), Chail — one of the country’s most reputed military boarding schools. Her success marks a major milestone not just for her family, but for young aspirants across the region. Dishu comes from a disciplined and service-driven family. Her father, Mr. Surender Kumar, serves the Haryana Police as a Head Constable, while her mother, Mrs. Daljeet Kaur, is a dedicated homemaker who has stood firmly beside her daughter in every step of this journey. She is also inspired by her elder brother, Garv Kumar, who is currently a cadet at Sainik School Kunjpura and is studying in Class 10. Both siblings have been students of Talent Zone Academy Karnal, where they received quality academic preparation and coaching tailored for military school entrance exams. For her interview preparation, Dishu took guidance from Banerjee Global Academy, where she further developed her confidence, personality, and communication skills — all key aspects evaluated during the RMS selection process. Dishu’s remarkable achievement at such a young age is a shining example for other girls who dream of wearing the uniform and serving the nation with pride. Her story showcases how dedication, the right mentorship, and strong family support can turn dreams into reality.



Police arrest Khalistani supporter who threatened Viresh Shandilya

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

AMBALA:

Anti- Terrorist Front India’s National President Viresh Shandilya received a threatening call late Saturday night and the caller used abusive language, upon which Shandilya immediately sent a complaint about the threatening call to the Baldev Nagar Police Station in-charge and Model Town Police Post in-charge and along with the complaint he talked to the person who threatened him and Shandilya also handed over the recording to the police. Ambala Police on Sunday arrested the accused Narinder Singh alias Sunny, son of Kuldeep Singh, resident of Ambala, who had threatened Shandilya last night and presented him in the court. Ambala Police interrogated the accused and during police interrogation, the accused told that Viresh Shandilya always spoke against Khalistan. Whereas Viresh Shandilya on Sunday spoke to DSP Ambala Rajat Gulia and told that the Baldev Nagar police arrested the accused who had threatened but did not inform him about his arrest. Shandilya said that the Model Town Police Station officers were hatching a conspiracy under political pressure and not only this, Model Town Police Station in-charge Raghuraj Singh refused to reveal the name of the accused and also refused to give information about the case registered against him and said that this information can be obtained through RTI. Viresh Shandilya said that Khalistani supporters and Pakistani terrorists were constantly threatening to kill him but Baldev Nagar police was not serious and the accused was granted bail without any inquiry.





NEWS BRIEFS

**Team No.187 Lifts Gully Cricket Trophy, Team No. 1 Seals Girls' Title**



**CHANDIGARH:** Team No. 187 emerged victorious in the Gully Cricket Tournament being organized by the UT Cricket Association in collaboration with Chandigarh Police, defeating Team No. 311 by 31 runs in the final played at Government High School, Sector 19 on Saturday. Batting first, Team No. 187 posted a competitive total of 125/5. Skipper Mohd Shaban led from the front with a blistering 70 off just 28 balls which included eight towering sixes and three boundaries. He was well-supported by Jan-nu (19). Ritik and Lucky picked up two wickets for Team 187.

In response, Team 311 faltered against a sharp bowling attack and were bowled out for 94. Sahu (3/20) and Muksad Ali (3/23) delivered match-winning spells. Ritik (20) was the leading contributor for the losing side.

Earlier in the day, in another final of the girls' category played at the same venue, Team No. 1 outplayed Team No. 52 by 35 runs in a one-sided affair.

Opting to bat first, Team No. 1 posted a solid total of 77 without losing a wicket in the stipulated 10 overs. Aditi Gandotra was the top contributor with a run-a-ball 33 while skipper Gitanshi chipped in with 15 and Vansh Deswal added 14 runs.

**Samsung announces offers on Galaxy S25 in India**

**CHANDIGARH:** Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today announced exciting, limited period offers on the Galaxy S25. Consumers upgrading to Galaxy S25 will get INR 11000 upgrade bonus, making the device available at a never seen before price of INR 63999 (for the 12GB/128GB version). The special offer is available on Samsung.com, leading online platforms and retail stores across the country. Alternatively, consumers can avail INR 10000 bank cashback. Consumers also have the choice of availing no-cost EMI for 9 months, along with INR 8000 bank cashback. Further sweetening the deal for NBFC consumers, Galaxy S25 can be purchased with a 24 month no-cost EMI too. Galaxy S25 was originally priced starting at INR 74999 for the 12GB/128GB variant.

**Zigly expands footprint with opening of first experience centre in Jalandhar**

**JALANDHAR:** Zigly, India's first tech-enabled omni-channel pet care brand has announced the grand unveiling of its first-ever experience centre in Jalandhar. This marks the brand's 32nd store nationwide, solidifying its commitment to bringing specialized, holistic pet care closer to pet parents across India. Located at No. 421 - R, Ground Floor, Mall Road, Model Town, Zigly's new experience centre spans over 1700 sq. ft and is designed to provide a comprehensive and elevated experience for pets and their parents in the city. The store houses state-of-the-art veterinary facilities, a dedicated grooming spa, and a curated range of premium pet products creating a one-stop destination for all pet care needs. Speaking on the launch of the new store in Jalandhar, Mr Pankaj Poddar, Group CEO, Cosmo First said, "The Jalandhar Experience Centre will be our second store, after Ludhiana, in the state of Punjab. This represents a new chapter in Zigly's journey to deliver premium and accessible pet care. We're excited to bring our integrated services and unmatched customer promise to a city with a growing community of pet parents."

On the launch of the store, Zigly hosted a vibrant celebration welcoming the pet-loving community of Jalandhar. As part of the grand festivities, the brand also organised exciting day activities like pet photo-shoots for funny guests and exclusive launch offers on products and grooming services.

Zigly's new experience Centre offers an array of specialized veterinary care services that include in-house consultations, vaccinations, diagnostics, and a fully equipped operation theatre for advanced surgical procedures. The experience centre is staffed with highly trained veterinary professionals and boasts cutting-edge medical infrastructure.

**Chiang Mai is a perfect Destination for Indian Tourist**

**SHIMLA:** Looking for your next adventure? Nestled in northern Thailand, Chiang Mai is a city where history, nature, and culture blend seamlessly. Whether you are drawn to ancient temples, flavourful northern Thai cuisine, or thrilling outdoor adventures, this charming destination has something for everyone. Getting to Chiang Mai is now easier than ever with Malaysia Airlines, offering seamless one-stop connections via Kuala Lumpur from multiple cities across India. Plus, with the Bonus Side Trip offer, you can explore Malaysia at no extra airfare before continuing to your final destination.

A City Full of History and Culture. Once the capital of the Lanna Kingdom, Chiang Mai is home to stunning temples, centuries-old city walls, and charming alleyways filled with tradition. Visit Wat Phra That Doi Suthep, perched on a hilltop, for breathtaking views of the city, or take a leisurely stroll through the Old City, where bustling markets, cafes, and ancient temples await. A Food Lover's Paradise. Chiang Mai's culinary scene is a feast for the senses. The city's signature dish, Khao Soi, a rich and creamy coconut curry noodle soup, is a must-try. Wander through street markets like the Sunday Night Market, where you can savour local delights such as Sai Oua (spicy northern Thai sausage) and crispy kanom jeen (fermented rice noodles). For foodies flying with Malaysia Airlines, the gourmet experience begins even before you arrive. Indulge in their Best of Asia menu, featuring a curated selection of regional dishes, or enjoy a personalised dining experience with the Chef-on-Call service available for Business Class passengers. It's a perfect way to start your gastronomic adventure!

A Nature Lover's Escape. Surrounded by breathtaking mountains and lush countryside, Chiang Mai is a paradise for nature lovers. Hike through Doi Inthanon National Park, explore hidden waterfalls, or visit an ethical elephant sanctuary.

# Operation Sindoor' a testament to India's Armed Forces Strength and Strategic Capability - Rao Indrajit Singh

BUREAU  
CHANDIGARH, MAY 18

Union Minister of State Rao Indrajit Singh led a grand "Tiranga Yatra" in Rewari today to commemorate the resounding success of "Operation Sindoor" a symbol of India's military prowess and strategic excellence.

The patriotic march, dedicated to the valor and heroism of the Indian Armed Forces, began at Maharana Pratap Chowk and concluded at the Shaheed Smarak near the Mini Secretariat. The event saw enthusiastic participation from civilians, ex-servicemen, youth, and women. Among the notable attendees were Rewari MLA Laxman Singh Yadav, Bawal MLA Dr. Krishna Kumar, Kosli MLA Anil Yadav, BJP District President Vandana Popli, and former Minister Dr. Banwari Lal.

Addressing the gathering, Union Minister of State Rao Indrajit Singh said, "Operation Sindoor stands as undeniable proof of the Government of India's zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism. This mission reflects the unparalleled courage, strategic acumen, and



unwavering dedication of our armed forces to national security." He emphasized that Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi has made it unequivocally clear that any act of terrorism will be treated as an act of war and will be responded with the full force of the nation.

Highlighting the broader significance of Operation Sindoor, Rao Indrajit Singh said that it is not merely a display of military

strength, but a strong message to the global community that India will go to any length to safeguard its sovereignty and protect its citizens. The world has witnessed and acknowledged the valor of our forces. He further asserted that the operation marked a significant victory not only against Pakistan but also in reinforcing India's commitment to national sovereignty. "This mission has showcased India's strategic thinking and military competence on the global stage," he added.

Calling the operation a living testament to precise military planning and the bravery of Indian soldiers, the Minister said that this is the face of the new India—a nation that responds to threats with decisive action and strikes terror at its roots. The Tiranga Yatra also served as a tribute to the brave hearts who have laid down their lives in the service of the nation. Rao Indrajit Singh urged everyone to remain committed to the unity, integrity, and honour of the armed forces. The Yatra concluded with a solemn and respectful singing of the National Anthem at the Shaheed Smarak.

## 140 units of blood collected for Indian Army soldiers standing on the border of Jammu and Kashmir

**PANCHKULA:** Under Operation Sindhur, Vishvas Foundation Panchkula organized a blood donation camp at BKM Vishvas School Sector 9 Panchkula for the Indian Army soldiers deployed on the borders of Jammu and Kashmir with the blessings of Gurudev Shri Swami Vishvas Ji. The cooperation of Indian Red Cross Society District Branch Panchkula in this blood donation camp was highly commendable. Before taking blood, the team of doctors checked the blood donors, the doctors said that there is no problem of any kind in donating blood. Rather, a person feels proud by donating blood.

Vishvas Foundation Joint Secretary Rishi Saral Vishvas said that this blood donation camp was inau-



gurated by Lieutenant Colonel Mohammad Anas Sheikh of Indian Army Chandimandir, Vishvas Foundation President Sadhvi Neelima Vishvas, Vice President Sadhvi Shakti Vishvas and other officials of the organization by jointly lighting the lamp. On this occasion, all the Tyagi Sadhvis of the organization were present. Sadhvi Neelima Vishvas, President of Vishvas Foundation, said that 189 blood donors reg-

istered to donate blood in the camp, 49 people refused to donate blood due to health problems. The blood team of PGI Chandigarh collected 84 units of blood under the supervision of Dr. Ekta Paramjeet and the team of Panchkula Charitable Trust collected 56 units of blood under the supervision of Dr. Neena. All the blood donors who came to the blood donation camp were encouraged by giving appreciation letters and gifts. On this occasion, Shyam Sunder Sahni, Savita Sahni, Mukharaj Manocha, Sunita Manocha, Pawan Manchanda, Harsh Manchanda, Randhir Singh, Satish Gupta, Satya Bhushan Khurana, Preeti Narang, Veena Ranil Gurmail Kaur.

## Punjabi Film Industry Comes Together for Shaunki Sardar's Star-Studded Screening

The much-awaited Punjabi film Shaunki Sardar lit up the silver screen with a grand premiere that witnessed an electrifying atmosphere filled with excitement, emotions, and unforgettable star moments. Produced under the banner of Zee Studios and Boss Musica Records Pvt. Ltd., in association with 751 Films, the film's screening turned into a full-blown celebration of Punjabi cinema. The red carpet dazzled with the presence of the film's powerhouse cast — legendary singer-actor Babbu Maan, singing sensation Guru Randhawa, and seasoned stars Guggu Gill, Nimrit Kaur Ahluwalia, Hashneen Chauhan, Dheeraj Kumar, and Sunita Dhir. Their arrival set off a wave of cheers from fans and industry insiders alike. Producers Ishaan Kapoor, Shah Jandiali, Dharminder Batouli, and Harjot Singh, took the stage to express gratitude for the immense love and anticipation surrounding the film.

The audience's enthusiasm reached its peak with Babbu Maan's powerful new look, which drew massive attention and became the talk of the evening. His transformation for the role received a roaring response, underlining his lasting impact on Punjabi cinema lovers.

Adding more stardust to the evening, many renowned artists GKhan, Inderjit Nikku, Harsimran Singh from the Punjabi entertainment industry graced the screening and were seen praising the film and performances. With Shaunki Sardar, the Punjabi film industry witnesses another cinematic milestone — a perfect blend of story, style, and star power that promises to captivate audiences everywhere.



## CGST Chd and Panchkula organises Cyclothon to GST's 8-Year Journey



**CHANDIGARH:** To commemorate eight successful years of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in India, the CGST Chandigarh and Panchkula Commissionerate organized Cyclothons on Sunday which was well participated by nearly 200 cyclists of the tri-city. The Chandigarh's cyclothon was rolled out from the Sukhna Lake wherein Chief Guest, JS Negi, (IRS) Chief Commissioner, CGST Chandigarh Zone flagged off the event from Sukhna Lake while in Panchkula Sunder Lal (IRS) ADC Appeals Commissionerate Panchkula flagged off the cyclists from GST Bhawan which passes through the various sectors and concluded at the starting point.

The event formed a key part of a series of outreach and awareness initiatives undertaken to celebrate the GST journey and enhance public engagement with India's landmark tax reform. The event said it was a prelude to the GST Day celebrated each year on 1st July, and was a part of the signature campaign of Fit India movement — Sundays on Cycle. The officers emphasized that as GST marks eight years, it stands as a symbol of India's economic integration. He lauded that cyclothon reflects our collective commitment to awareness, compliance and nation-building through a simplified and robust tax system. Those who also present on the occasion include Ravneet Singh Khurana, Additional Commissioner, CGST Commissionerate, Chandigarh and Dr Manjot Kaur IRS, ADC Panchkula.

## Future Generali launches 'Health Unlimited', a Health Insurance that offers unlimited benefits

**CHANDIGARH:** For many of us in urban India, health insurance is the go-to solution when it comes to financial protection, but rising hospitalisation and medical costs raise questions on the adequacy of Health Insurance cover. This growing concern highlights the need for comprehensive healthcare solutions.

More than eight out of every ten insured feel unsure about the efficacy of their health cover amid soaring medical costs, said an exclusive survey by Future Generali India Insurance - #Health Unlimited. This survey, which was recently conducted on 800 insured individuals aged 25+, revealed rising concerns about the adequacy of current health insurance coverage.

India has one of the highest medical inflation rates among other Asian countries in 2021 - approximately 14 per cent - surpassing China (12 per cent), Indonesia (10 per cent), Vietnam (10 per cent) and Philippines (9 per cent).

Commenting on the launch of Health Unlimited, Anup Rau, Managing Director and CEO, Future Generali India Insurance Company Ltd, said, "Rising cost of

medical treatment is a cause of concern for a vast majority of people in India, despite having a health cover. As Lifetime Partners to our customers, it is our endeavour to address these challenges by offering tailored solutions and adequately covering the Indian consumer. Our comprehensive health insurance offering, 'Health Unlimited', will ensure that our customers do not run out of cover even during the times of higher bills, irrespective of their sum insured getting exhausted."

The plan revolutionises health insurance by offering Unlimited Restoration of the Sum Insured starting from the second claim, providing complete financial security without the worry of exhausting coverage. In addition to the base coverage, the plan offers protection against rising medical costs and evolving healthcare needs. It covers in-patient hospitalisation, day-care treatments, AYUSH treatments, referring to the coverage for traditional Indian systems of medicine, including Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy, under health insurance

policies, pre- and post-hospitalisation expenses, organ donor costs, and modern treatment methods.

**Key Benefits of "Health Unlimited":**  
**Unlimited Coverage:** This benefit shall cover the full cost of claim, regardless of sum insured, once in the lifetime of the policy and for any one claim.

**Inflation Guard:** Annual enhancement of sum insured to safeguard against rising medical expenses

**Premium Payback:** Discount of renewal premium in the 5th year, equivalent to the 1st year base premium, if there is no claim in the preceding 4 policy years

**Unlimited Refills:** Base sum insured gets refilled unlimited times, from second claim onwards

In addition to the above, Health Unlimited also comes with benefits like wellness discounts, cumulative bonus for every claim free year, additional sum insured for accidental hospitalization, no sub limits for services like cataract surgery, road ambulance, and LASIK procedure and complementary health check-ups.

## SXILL Student Arjun Kumar Wins 'Best Animator' Award at WAVES 2025

**CHANDIGARH:** Arjun Kumar, a student of SXILL (School of Experience Illusion and Life Learnings), Chandigarh has been named the "Best Animator" at the prestigious WAVES 2025 Awards, held under the aegis of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in collaboration with ASIFA India. Arjun's achievement brings national recognition not just to him, but also to SXILL's innovative training model. "We are extremely proud of Arjun. His success is a testament to our decade-long focus on quality character animation training," said Vineet Raj Kapoor, Founder of SXILL.



## Narayan Seva Sansthan empowers 302 disabled with free prosthetic limbs in Chd



**CHANDIGARH:** Narayan Seva Sansthan organized a free Narayan Limb and Calipers Fitting Camp at the Community Center, Sector 49, aiming to empower the differently-abled with mobility and confidence. A total of 302 disabled from Chandigarh, Punjab, Haryana, and Himachal Pradesh were fitted with prosthetic limbs and calipers, enabling them to walk independently and live with dignity. The camp was graced by Haryana's Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Krishna Kumar Bedi, BJP leader and Himachal Pradesh in-charge Sanjay Tandon and UT's Child Protection Commission President Shipra Bansal, Councillor Rajinder Sharma and others. Bedi lauded the initiative as a noble service that contributes to national development and assured full support to the Sansthan. Sanjay Tandon emphasized the importance of aiding financially weak and accident-affected individuals, reiterating continued support.

## The Hinduja Family retains top spot on UK's Rich List 2025 for the fourth successive year

**BUREAU CHANDIGARH:** The Hinduja family led by Mr. Gopichand Hinduja, Chairman of the Hinduja Group, a 110-year-old multinational conglomerate, has topped the Sunday Times Rich List at £35.3 Billion for the fourth successive year. The Sunday Times Rich List is a definitive annual ranking of the wealthiest individuals and families residing in the United Kingdom, with 350 entries in the 2025 edition. Despite global headwinds and policy shifts, the Hinduja family has continued to demonstrate exceptional business resilience and global leadership.

The UK-based family's group of companies, headed

by Chairman, Mr. G.P. Hinduja, operates in 38 countries with investments in several sectors – mobility, Digital Technology, Banking and Financial Services, Media, Project Development, Lubricants and Specialty Chemicals, Energy, Real Estate, Trading, and Healthcare.

Notably, over the past year, the Hinduja Group has also stepped up its focus on the electric mobility sector in India including investments in vehicle charging infrastructure, reflecting a strategic pivot towards sustainability and future-ready innovation.

Beyond their business empire, the Hinduja family remains deeply committed to

social impact through the Hinduja Foundation, which focuses on transformative initiatives in education, healthcare, sustainable rural development, and water conservation, impacting communities across geographies.

Among the other esteemed names featured on The Sunday Times Rich List 2025 are David and Simon Reuben and family with £26.873bn, Sir Leonard Blavatnik with £25.725bn, Sir James Dyson and family with £20.8bn, Idan Ofer with £20.121bn, Guy, George, Alan, and Galen Weston and family with £17.746bn, Sir Jim Ratcliffe with £17.046bn, Lakshmi Mittal and family with £15.444bn net worth.

## Public Review is out! Mohak Matkar and Shagun Pandey's Saru is a HIT amongst the audience

**CHANDIGARH:** Zee TV's latest fiction offering, Saru, brings to screen the inspiring journey of a determined young woman from Khare village in Rajasthan, who dares to challenge societal norms in pursuit of higher education. Bringing this powerful and ambitious story to life is debutante Mohak Matkar as Saru and the charming Shagun Pandey as Ved. Both the actors have gone above and beyond to lend authenticity to their role, not just through performance, but by truly immersing themselves in the culture, and spirit of the region! And seems like the show's compelling narrative, enhanced by a gripping storyline and the breathtaking visuals of rural Rajasthan, has truly deeply resonated with audiences.

Yes, the public reviews are out and the show seems to be a HIT amongst fans! From heartfelt messages by friends and family to an outpouring of love on social media, Saru has struck an emotional chord across India. Delighted by this overwhelming response, both Mohak and Shagun are elated and grateful for the warm reception their characters have received. Mohak Matkar, who essays the role of the ambitious and grounded Saru, shared, "It's been heartening to see the kind of messages I've been receiving from my friends, family, and fans online. Many of them have messaged me appreciating my portrayal of Saru and mentioning how they relate to her journey."



## Livasa Hospitals appoints Dr. Amninder Kaur as First Consultant Nephrologist in District Nawanshahr

**NAWANSHAHR -** Livasa Hospitals proudly announces the appointment of Dr. Amninder Kaur as the first Consultant Nephrologist in District Nawanshahr, marking a significant milestone in the region's medical landscape. With this development, Nawanshahr now gains access to dedicated nephrology services locally for the very first time.

With a strong background in nephrology and a deep commitment to patient care, Dr. Amninder Kaur brings expertise in diagnosing and treating complex kidney-related conditions. Her joining not only strengthens Livasa's super-specialty offerings but also ensures that patients in and around Nawanshahr no longer need to travel to distant cities for nephrology consultations or dialysis support. Livasa Hospital, Nawanshahr, currently houses five dialysis machines, supported by full super specialty backup, making it the most advanced renal care facility in the district. The hospital's investment in nephrology infrastructure is aligned with its broader mission to deliver world-class healthcare closer to home for residents of Punjab. "We are delighted to welcome Dr. Amninder Kaur to our team at Livasa Hospitals. Her expertise in nephrology not only marks a historic first for the district but also significantly strengthens our ability to deliver advanced and compassionate care to patients suffering from kidney-related conditions."





NEWS BRIEF

Diksha rises to tied fourth in Dutch Ladies, Hitaashee, Tvesa have chance to make cut



AGENCY HILVERSUM: Diksha Dagar, who shot 71 in the first round, was back in action early on the second day and shot 2-under 70 to get into the Top-5 of the Dutch Ladies Open. The second round was still in progress, but Mimi Rhodes of England, who has been having a great season, was on top with 69-69 at 6-under and two ahead of Diksha, who is Tied-fourth. Avani Prashanth, in her rookie season, had a 73 on the first day. In the second round, she was 2-under through 17 holes in the second. AT 2-over total, she had a chance to make the cut, which was likely to fall at 2-over, as per the Dutch Ladies Open press release. The 2024 Hero Women's Order of Merit winner, Hitaashee Bakshi (71) was in the Top-20 at Tied-17th, but was yet to, begin her second round. Tvesa Malik was 2-over 74 in the first round, and Pranavi Urs had an off-day with a 77 and withdrew with an injury.

# Do-or-Die clash for LSG as they host SRH in Lucknow

AGENCY LUCKNOW, MAY 18

With their playoff hopes hanging by a thread, Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) will look to stay in contention when they take on a struggling Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in Match 61 of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 at the Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium here on Monday. LSG, placed seventh with 10 points from 11 matches, can ill afford another slip-up. A fourth consecutive defeat would all but knock them out of playoff contention. In contrast, SRH have already been eliminated after a disappointing campaign, winning just three of their eleven games so far.

Despite their recent form slump, LSG will draw confidence from their earlier 5-wicket win over Hyderabad this season, and more importantly, from their familiarity with the sluggish Ekana track, where spin and slower deliveries often dominate proceedings. Mitchell Marsh, Nicholas Pooran, and Aiden Markram remain the cornerstone of Lucknow's batting. Marsh has led from the front with 378 runs at a strike rate of 155.



Pooran has been even more explosive, amassing 410 runs at a staggering 201 strike rate. Markram, with 348 runs, has anchored the middle overs in recent outings. However, concerns linger around the form of Rishabh Pant and David Miller, who have both struggled to make significant contributions. Ayush Badoni and Abdul Samad, though, have chipped in with late-order cameos that have helped LSG post or chase competitive totals. On the bowling front, Digvesh Rathi has been the standout performer for LSG with 12 wickets in as many

games at an economy of 8.09. Avesh Khan and Akash Singh have provided support with pace, while Ravi Bishnoi will be eager to rediscover his rhythm after an expensive run in the tournament. Hyderabad, led by Pat Cummins, enter the match with little to lose. Their campaign has been marked by inconsistency and batting collapses. Travis Head and Abhishek Sharma have offered occasional brilliance at the top—most notably Abhishek's 141 against Punjab—but their inability to convert starts into match-

winning stands has hurt the team. The middle order, comprising Heinrich Klaasen, Ishan Kishan, and Nitish Kumar, has failed to fire regularly. However, the late hitting of Aniket Verma has emerged as a silver lining for SRH, while their bowling attack, led by Cummins and supported by Harshal Patel, Jaydev Unadkat, and Zeeshan Ansari, has tightened up in recent matches. With the pitch at Ekana favouring slower bowlers and favouring teams that chase, the toss could play a decisive role. Four of the five matches

## Predicted XIs

**LUCKNOW SUPER GIANTS:** Aiden Markram, Nicholas Pooran, Rishabh Pant (c & wk), Abdul Samad, Ayush Badoni, David Miller, Akash Singh, Digvesh Rathi, Avesh Khan, Ravi Bishnoi, Prince Yadav, Impact Player: Mitchell Marsh.

**SUNRISERS HYDERABAD:** Abhishek Sharma, Ishan Kishan (wk), Sachin Baby, Heinrich Klaasen, Aniket Verma, Abhinav Manohar, Pat Cummins (c), Harshal Patel, Jaydev Unadkat, Zeeshan Ansari, Eshan Malinga. Impact Player: Travis Head.

held here this season have been won by the side batting second. The average first-innings score stands at 166, and anything under 190 might be considered below-par in current conditions. The weather forecast for Monday evening is clear, although sweltering conditions earlier in the day may test player endurance. In what is effectively a knockout game for Lucknow, the outcome may come down to how well their core trio of Marsh, Pooran, and Markram cope with SRH's powerplay bowling and if their spinners can exploit the pitch conditions better than the opposition.

## "They've found clarity": Sanjay Manjrekar on Mumbai Indians' late-season surge



AGENCY NEW DELHI, MAY 18

After a shaky start to their Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 campaign, Mumbai Indians (MI) have stormed back into playoff contention with a series of convincing performances, and according to former India cricketer and JioStar expert Sanjay Manjrekar, the five-time champions have rediscovered their identity at just the right time. Speaking on Mumbai's turnaround, Manjrekar said on JioHotstar, "I'm not sure their campaign will be derailed, even with a few overseas players like Ryan Rickelton and Will Jacks potentially unavailable for key games. They've managed to slot players into the right roles. At the start, they looked a bit unsure, but now they seem to have clarity." A major reason for MI's resurgence has been the blistering form of Suryakumar Yadav. The dynamic right-hander currently leads the race for the Orange Cap with 510 runs in 12 matches, including three half-centuries, and has been instrumental in guiding MI through tight situations. Suryakumar Yadav is having one of his best IPL seasons, Manjrekar noted, underlining his impact at the top of the order. Manjrekar also highlighted the franchise's ability to thrive under pressure, thanks to a core group of seasoned performers. "And when it comes to high-pressure situations, MI have players who thrive - Hardik Pandya, Jasprit Bumrah, Suryakumar Yadav, and even Rohit Sharma, despite his recent form. That's why they've been serial winners. Like CSK had Shane Watson or Mike Hussey come up big in critical moments, MI have their own match-winners.

# After seeing Rohit getting 'bored' at No.4-5, Shastri decided to make 'Hitman' opener

AGENCY DUBAI, MAY 18

When Ravi Shastri saw Rohit Sharma getting "bored" in the middle-order in 2019, the then coach pushed him to the top order, a move that proved to be a master stroke and reshaped the 'Hitman' career in traditional format. Shastri became India's head coach in 2017 before handing over the reins to Rahul Dravid in 2021, and during his eventful four-year term, Rohit became one of the most devastating Test openers that India produced. "Batting at four, five, this guy used to get bored. Then I started dwelling on the fact, why is he so successful in one-day cricket? He likes to be out there early," Shastri said in the ICC Review.



"I said, if he can go out there and do it, he has got enough time on his hands to play the quicks. He's got the shots against the quicks, to take them on. The field is up, so Test cricket might be a

honeymoon for him if he starts embracing it," added Shastri. Rohit recently called time on his Test career after an illustrious career spanning 67 games, which saw him score 4,301 runs including 12

centuries and 18 half-tens. Shastri said he thought about utilising Rohit as a Test opener during the World Cup in 2019 when he smashed five centuries and finished the tournament as the leading run-getter with 648 runs at an average of 81. The former all-rounder said that he discussed the idea of pushing Rohit as an opener with then captain Virat Kohli. Rohit was an instant success, hitting twin centuries in his first Test at the top of the order against South Africa. "He'd batted enough at five and six and he wasn't here and he wasn't there," said Shastri about Rohit, who hit nine of his 12 centuries from that point onwards. "He would get his 20s or 30s and throw it away. (I thought) let's put him under pressure and send him up (the order).

# Green makes strong case for WTC final appearance with another swashbuckling hundred

AGENCY NEW DELHI, MAY 18

Cameron Green strengthened his case for an instant recall in Australia's playing XI for the high-stakes World Test Championship final against a resilient South Africa at the Lord's next month after slamming his second century in five matches for Gloucestershire. The towering young all-rounder continued to enchant the fans with his rich vein of form and sizzling display with the bat in the County Championship since his return after a back surgery. He announced his comeback with a hundred against Kent in mid-April, but had to retire hurt after showing signs of cramping while celebrating his milestone moment. The 25-year-old gingerly followed his high with a quartet of low scores. However, Green flexed his run-scoring prowess during the return fixture against Kent. He tormented the opposition with his swashbuckling display and pulled the ball away towards the boundary rope to reach the three-digit figures.



Green topped up the special moment with a statuesque celebration, standing tall and raising his bat and helmet high in the air to acknowledge his teammates and the crowd, who chanted his name, sending a message to Australian selectors about his form before the WTC

final. "It was amazing. I definitely wanted a good score in front of the fans. They've come out in force in the two games I've been here, and I'd never really experienced chanting of my name before, so that was awesome to experience. A really cool moment," Green was quoted as saying by The Sydney Morning Herald. "I feel sorry, in a way, for doing it against the same opposition. But you take them when they come. We played a couple of shots, the crowd got up, and you felt like you were really on top of them," he added. Green has followed the common passage of youngsters and often struggled to infuse consistency in his approach, considering the number of positions he has played while switching to different formats. In the T20Is and ODIs, Green has almost come out to bat everywhere for Australia from number one to eight. Meanwhile, his colleague Marnus Labuschagne's plans to find the purple patch were immediately scuppered by South Australia quick Harry Conway.

# IPL 2025: Harpreet Brar's 3/22 storms Punjab Kings to victory over Rajasthan Royals by 10 runs



AGENCY JAIPUR, MAY 18

A Brilliant bowling performance from left-arm spinner Harpreet Brar guided the Punjab Kings (PBKS) team to victory over the Rajasthan Royals (RR) by 10 runs at the Savai Mansingh Stadium on Sunday. With this win, the Punjab side moved to the second spot (17 points in 12 games), on the other hand, the Rajasthan team slipped to the ninth position (6 points in 13 matches) in the IPL 2025 points table. Chasing a mammoth total of 220 runs, the Rajasthan Royals openers Yashasvi Jaiswal (50 runs off 25 balls) and Vaibhav Suryavanshi (40 runs from 15 balls) started attacking the bowlers from the first over. The Sanju Samson-led side touched the 550-run mark in the third over as Jaiswal slammed a boundary on the penultimate ball of the over. Both batters were dealing in sixes and fours. Jaiswal and Suryavanshi scored 67 runs in 25 balls before running for a single. The first wicket fell in the fifth over at the score of 76 as Suryavanshi was sent back to the pavilion. After the fall of the first wicket, team skipper Sanju Samson came out to bat alongside Jaiswal. The Rajasthan-based franchise



Nehal Wadhwa's fifty led PBKS' innings.

completed the 100-run mark in the 8th over. In the 11th over, the Royals lost the second wicket as Jaiswal was sent back to the dressing room on the bowling of Brar. Following his dismissal, Riyan Parag came to bat. Samson (20 runs in 16 balls), Parag (13 runs off 11 balls), and left-hand batter Shimron Hetmyer (11 runs from 12 balls) were unable to make their mark in the game. Dhruv Jurel (53 runs in 31 balls) scored some crucial runs for the side, but it was not enough to take his team over the line. For the PBKS side, three wickets were snapped by Brar (3/22 in 4 overs), and two wickets each were grabbed by Marco Jansen

(2/41 in 3 overs) and Azmatullah Omarzai (2/44 in 4 overs) in their respective spells. Earlier, after winning the toss and opting to bat first, openers Prabhsimran Singh and Priyansh Arya started by striking some boundaries. However, Tushar Deshpande got Priyansh for nine in seven deliveries, with Shimron Hetmyer taking a catch at mid-off. PBKS was 19/1 in 1.5 overs. Debutant Mitchell Owen joined Prabhsimran. While Prabhsimran continued his rich run of form by attacking Kwena Maphaka, Owen was dismissed by the South African U19 star for a two-ball duck, with skipper Sanju Samson taking a catch. RR was 34/2 in three overs.

Deshpande just could not be kept out of action as he removed Prabhsimran for 21 in 10 balls, with three fours and a six. PBKS is 34/3 in 3.1 overs. Towards the final few balls of the powerplay, skipper Shreyas Iyer and Nehal Wadhwa collected some boundaries against RR pace, with PBKS bringing up their 50-run mark in 5.2 overs. At the end of six overs, PBKS was 58/3, with Nehal (11\*) and Shreyas (13\*) unbeaten. Nehal and Iyer continued to strike one odd boundary or two every over, with the left-handed batter doing well against spinners Riyan Parag and Wanindu Hasaranga. Their half-century stand was up in 34 balls. At the end of 10 overs, PBKS was 97/3, with Nehal (37\*) and Shreyas (26\*) unbeaten. The 100-run mark was up for PBKS in 10.2 overs, thanks to a fine four by Iyer against Parag. However, the PBKS skipper was caught at long-off by Yashasvi Jaiswal on the next ball for 30 in 25 balls, with five fours. PBKS was 101/4 in 10.3 overs. Nehal was joined by Shashank Singh at the crease and the duo looted 17 runs from Akash Madhwal in the 13th over, with a four by Shashank and a four and six by Wadhwa, who reached his fourth IPL fifty in 25 balls, with five fours and three sixes.

At the end of 15 overs, PBKS was 147/4 with Shashank (18\*) and Nehal (63\*) unbeaten. A low catch from Hetmyer in the 16th over gave Madhwal the scalp of Nehal for 70 in 37 balls, with five fours and five sixes. PBKS was 159/5 in 16 overs. In the next over, Shashank made a meal out of Fazalhaq Farooqi, smashing him for two fours and a six, with him and Azmatullah Omarzai looting 18 runs from his over. It was Omarzai's turn to be the aggressor, as he hit Maphaka for two fours and a six. PBKS reached the 200-run mark in 18.5 overs. In the final over, Shashank continued his onslaught on Deshpande, bringing up his fourth IPL fifty in 27 balls, with four boundaries and three sixes. PBKS ended their innings at 219/5, with Shashank (59\* in 30 balls, with five boundaries and three sixes) and Omarzai (21\* in nine balls, with three fours and a six). Deshpande (2/37) was the lead bowler for RR. Maphaka, Parag and Madhwal got a wicket each. Brief Score: Punkjab Kings 219/5 in 20 overs (Nehal Wadhwa 70, Shashank Singh 59\*; Tushar Deshpande 2/37) vs Rajasthan Royals 209/7 in 20 overs (Dhruv Jurel 53, Yashasvi Jaiswal 50; Harpreet Brar 3/22).



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Accused arrested for betting, Rs. 2110 recovered



**RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNA NAGAR:** Police spokesperson informed that Superintendent of Police Mr. Surendra Singh Bhauria has directed the district police to take strict legal action against people involved in gambling and betting. Acting under these instructions, the Gandhi Nagar police team arrested the accused red handed while betting and recovered a total of Rs. 2110. Police station manager Jagbir Singh said that his team had received secret information that a person was openly betting near Kuldeep Nagar railway gate. Based on this information, a team was formed under the leadership of Sub Inspector Salendra Singh. The team went to the spot and arrested Sompal son of Vishambar Das, resident of Laxmi Nagar, red handed while betting. On searching, a total of Rs. 2110 was recovered from his possession. Further action was initiated by registering a case against the accused under Gambling Act.

# Vast career opportunities in sports journalism: Dr. Jaipal

RAHUL KOHLI  
YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 18

The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at DAV Girls College organized a webinar on the topic “Career Opportunities in Sports Journalism.” The session was addressed by Dr. Jaipal, Assistant Professor at Haryana Sports University, Rai (Sonapat). The event was chaired jointly by Dr. Shalini Chhabra, Head of the Psychology Department, and Mr. Parmesh Kumar, Head of the Journalism Department. Faculty member Ms. Neha Thakur contributed to the successful organization of the program.

In his keynote address, Dr. Jaipal emphasized that specialized education in sports journalism enables students to understand the nuances of the field, thereby enhancing the quality of reporting. A sports journalist, he said, should have a deep understanding of game



rules, players’ technical skills, strategies, and the cultural background of sports. Effective writing and communication skills are essential, along with the ability to present events, match outcomes, and athlete profiles in a clear and engaging manner.

Dr. Jaipal highlighted that sports are not just a symbol of national pride and social cohesion but also a powerful tool to channel youth energy positive-

ly. Speaking about the evolving landscape of sports journalism, he noted:

“Media today has moved beyond print, radio, and television into digital platforms, social media, YouTube channels, podcasts, and AI-based sports analytics. Working in these modern formats requires creativity, strong writing skills, technical know-how, and a broad societal perspective.”

He also stressed the impor-

tance of visual communication—including the use of video, graphics, and audio—for effective sports coverage, which can only be executed proficiently by trained media professionals.

Mr. Parmesh Kumar, Head of the Journalism Department, said that there is immense scope in sports journalism. Passion, creativity, and enthusiasm are key qualities in this field. A journalist with a genuine interest in sports can attract readers through compelling writing and innovative presentations.

He further added that time is of the essence in sports journalism. Reporters must be capable of delivering timely coverage while ensuring accuracy and reliability. Analytical skills are equally important, as journalists must provide in-depth insights into matches, player performances, game strategies, and team strengths and weaknesses.

## Pakistan’s lies and attempt to spread confusion exposed: Agriculture Minister

NIRMAL SAINI  
RADAUR, MAY 18

A grand Tiranga Yatra was organized to mark success of Operation Sindoor. This Yatra started from Radaur Anaaj Mandi and passing through main markets of city concluded again at Anaaj Mandi. Haryana’s Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shyam Singh Rana attended this event as the chief guest. A large number of common citizens, youth, women and various social organizations partic-

ipated in the Tiranga Yatra. During Yatra, enthusiasm and patriotism was visible among people. Everyone, holding the

Mata Ki Jai and Vande Mataram. Minister Shyam Singh Rana said that Operation Sindoor has once again proved that India is ready to go to any extent against terrorism. He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, country’s army has been given complete freedom to take action and now India does not just give a reply, but gives a befitting reply. Targeting Pakistan, he said that it always tries to spread lies and confusion, but people and media of India expose their lies every time.



tricolour in their hands, filled atmosphere with patriotism by raising slogans like Bharat

## All departments should ensure arrangements to protect from heat and heat wave: DC

RAHUL KOHLI  
YAMUNANAGAR: Deputy Commissioner

Parth Gupta said that due to increasing heat day by day, temperature is continuously increasing, due to which officers of concerned departments should ensure to make necessary arrangements in time, so that there is no problem in summer season. He gave necessary guidelines to of-

ficers of concerned departments regarding protection from heat wave and heat stroke in the upcoming summer season. He said that all departments should ensure complete preparations and arrangements to protect from heat and heat wave. He directed Rural Development and Panchayat, Panchayati Raj Institutions to prepare a special action plan for MNREGA



workers to avoid extreme heat during the day. Apart from this, a schedule of work time should also be fixed for workers working in industrial areas to protect them from heat. DC directed the officials of the Health and Family Welfare Department to observe the previous status of supply of ORS and other essential medicines. He directed to ensure the availability of ORS in all health institutions. He directed to make provision of power backup during power cuts.

## Journalists honored on Narada Jayanti

MANMOHAN SHARMA.  
HANSI, MAY 18

Vishwa Samvad Kendra Haryana State Hansi Unit organized a seminar on Narada Jayanti at local Lee Grant Banquet Hall. In Journalist Meet Ceremony and current form of journalism, main speaker Angad film director, screenwriter and senior media person Ramesh Chahal came from Sirsa, while city’s well-known advocate and social worker Pawan Goyal, besides Lokhit Manch President Advocate Dharamvir Retaria were present on the stage. Remembering Narada, he said that he has played role of a journalist since ancient times. Media persons associated with Hansi were honored by giving them dia-



ries and pens in view of their commendable work. The stage was conducted by Natan Khurana. Main speaker of the function Ramesh Chahal from Sirsa expressed his gratitude to Hansi journalists on their arrival on Narad Jayanti and said that media is considered fourth pillar of democracy. With that our responsibility towards society and country has increased. In the media sector, long ago, news of the country’s freedom

movement used to be published in newspapers but now a lot of changes have taken place. Due to social media, our posts reach from one corner to another in no time. He mentioned in his speech that Operation Sandur should keep away from incidents like siren sounding. We should raise positive thinking and nationalist ideas in minds of the audience. Chahal said that a delegation of Mass Communication students of Sirsa University had gone to Jalandhar. There, there was a discussion among themselves about what happened in Punjab. What did your grandfathers and great grandfathers do in Haryana.

## Students of Class 10 of Arya Kanya Senior Secondary School again proved academic excellence

RAHUL KOHLI  
YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 18

Arya Kanya Senior Secondary School has once again proved its academic excellence. The result of the tenth class examination of the school was 100 per cent this year. A total of 48 students of the school appeared in the board examination, out of which 27 students secured place in the merit list and brought laurels to the school and their families.

Student Siya daughter of Shyam Kumar secured first position in the school by securing 96 per cent marks whereas



Heena daughter of Ajay Kumar secured second position by securing 95.8 per cent marks. Lakshmi daughter of Yudhveer Singh was at third position who secured 94.6 per cent marks. Akriti daughter of

Surendra Kumar also made the school proud by performing brilliantly with 90.8 per cent marks.

On this success achieved in the school, manager Satish Bansal, treasurer Kuldeep

Garg, BJP leader Vibhor Pahuja and Principal Savita Sharma congratulated the students and wished them a bright future. They also thanked the parents of the students, whose co-operation and support made this excellent result possible. The school administration said that this result was a direct proof of the teaching quality of the school, discipline, hard work of the students and dedication of the teachers. The school will remain committed to set an example of excellence in the field of education in the same way in the future.



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