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## NEWS BRIEFS

### 4 children killed, 38 injured in bomb blast in Pak

**KARACHI:** At least four children were killed and 38 others injured when a school bus was hit by a blast in Pakistan's Balochistan province on Wednesday morning, according to media reports. The blast occurred in the Khuzdar district, the Dawn newspaper reported, quoting Khuzdar Deputy Commissioner Yasir Iqbal Dashedi. The bus was targeted when it was near Zero Point. Four children were killed in the blast while 38 others were injured, Dashedi said, adding that the bodies and those injured were shifted to a nearby hospital.

### Lashkar-e-Taiba founder Amir Hamza injured

**UNI NEW DELHI:** Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) co-founder Amir Hamza was seriously injured under mysterious circumstances and was admitted to a hospital in Lahore under heavy ISI security. The 66-year-old editor of LeT magazines was critically injured at his home and is now undergoing treatment at a military hospital in Lahore under ISI protection. The incident comes three days after Abu Saifullah, a senior LeT operative and key recruiter, was shot dead by unidentified assailants in Pakistan. Telegram channels linked to LeT supporters said on Tuesday evening that members must remain strong during the "crisis" and called the incident just an "accident".

### Sensex jumps 410.19 pts

**UNI MUMBAI:** Snapping a losing streak of last three sessions, the BSE Sensex on Wednesday bounced back 410.19 pts to close at 81,596.63 following gains in Realty, Telecommunications and Industrials stocks despite weak global cues. The National Stock Exchange (NSE) rose 129.55 pts at 24,813.45. Slumping over 1300 pts in last three sessions, the BSE Sensex opened on a cautious note at 81,327.61, up 141 pts. It remained in green, and throughout the session it was zoomed 835 pts at 82,021.64, days high, before closing at 81,596.63, surging 410.19 pts from its last close. It was registered days low at 81,237.06, rising 51 pts. The Nifty registered days high at 24,946.20 and low at 24,685.35 pts. In stocks, Capital Goods, Realty, Telecommunications and Industrials lifted the market.

### 750 pilgrims selected for upcoming Kailash Manasarovar Yatra



**NEW DELHI:** A total of 750 pilgrims were chosen through a computerised draw of lots on Wednesday for the upcoming Kailash Manasarovar Yatra in Tibet which is taking place after a gap of nearly five years. The resumption of the Yatra is being seen as an attempt to normalise India-China relationship that was severely hit by the eastern Ladakh border standoff. This year's pilgrimage will begin in June and continue until August, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

## C'garh: Topmost Maoist leader Basavaraju among 27 killed HM Amit Shah lauds security forces

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, MAY 21

CPI-Maoist general secretary Nambala Keshav Rao alias Basavaraju, the topmost leader and backbone of the Naxal movement, was among the 27 dreaded Naxals killed by security forces in Chhattisgarh on Wednesday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced.

He also said that this is for the first time in three decades of India's battle against Naxalism that a general secretary-ranked leader has been neutralised by the security forces.

"A landmark achievement in the battle to eliminate Naxalism. Today, in an operation in Narayanpur, Chhattisgarh, our security forces have neutralized 27 dreaded Maoists, including Nambala Keshav Rao, alias Basavaraju, the general secretary of CPI-Maoist, topmost leader, and the backbone of the Naxal movement," Shah wrote on X.

Applauding the "brave security forces and agencies for this major breakthrough", the home minister said he was glad to share that after completion of Operation Black Forest, 54 Naxalites have been arrested and 84 others have surrendered in Chhattisgarh, Telangana, and Maharashtra.

"The Modi government is resolved to eliminate Naxalism before the 31st of March 2026," he said.

Basavaraju was in his late 60s, officials said.

The encounter took place in dense forests of Abujhmad on the tri-junction of Narayanpur-Bijapur-Dantewada districts, they said.

The operation involving personnel



of DRG from Narayanpur, Dantewada, Bijapur, and Kondagaon was launched two days ago based on intelligence inputs about the presence of central committee and politburo members of Maoists, as well as senior Maad division cadres and PLGA

"I Congratulate Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Vijay Sharma and all our forces that they are conducting operations in temperatures from 40 to 42 degrees Celsius. The people of Bastar wants peace and development. This operation was successful, and Bastar has extended their full support," he added. An encounter broke out between security forces and Naxals in the forest area of Abujhmad in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district. Earlier, security forces conducted 'Operation Black Forest' to break the backbone of Naxals near Karreguttalu Hill (KGH) at the Chhattisgarh-Telanga-

gana border. The 21-day-long operation carried out by the joint forces of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and state police between April 21 and May 11 neutralised 31 Naxals carrying a bounty of Rs 1.72 crore. A total of 214 Naxal hideouts and bunkers have been destroyed in the operation and a total of 450 IEDs, 818 BGL shells, 899 bundles of Codex, detonators and a huge amount of explosive material have been recovered during the searches. In addition, nearly 12,000 kilograms of food supplies have also been recovered. A total of 214 Naxal hideouts and bunkers have been destroyed in the operation, and a total of 450 IEDs, 818 BGL shells, 899 bundles of Codex, detonators and a huge amount of explosive material have been recovered during the searches. In addition, nearly 12,000 kilograms of food supplies have also been recovered.

## Conspiracy to loot Punjab's water foiled: CM Mann

BUREAU  
NANGAL, MAY 21:

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Wednesday said that the state government will flag the issue of reconstitution of Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) in the meeting of Niti Aayog slated to be held on Saturday.

Addressing the victory rally here today, the Chief Minister said that he will take up this issue in the meeting to be chaired by the Prime Minister. He said that as the level of water is changing frequently so every water agreement should be reviewed after every 25 years. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that Punjab is a landlocked border state which has already over-explored its only available natural resources in terms of water and fertile soil to feed the country.



However, the Chief Minister bemoaned that the manner in which BBMB became a party to snatch the legitimate share of waters of the state is unfortunate and highly condemnable. He said that Haryana had exhausted its share of water in the March of this year but the BBMB acted as a puppet in the hand of the centre government and Haryana government to snatch the waters of the state. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that in an unprecedented manner, the Chairman of BBMB himself

came to Nangal to steal the waters of the state, a move which was thwarted by the people of the state.

The Chief Minister said that this is the same BBMB which had taken Rs 32 crore from Punjab for its very existential projects adding that this money was never returned to the state. He said that Punjab owes nearly Rs 150 crore (Rs 142 crore to be precise) from BBMB adding that the state government will soon stake claim for recovery of this money. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that 3000 posts of Punjab's quota have not been deliberately filled by BBMB so as to weaken the state's claim over the waters.

However, the Chief Minister said that momentum will be made for filling these posts at earliest so that interests of the state can be safeguarded.

## SC grants anticipatory bail to former IAS trainee Puja Khedkar

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, MAY 21

The Supreme Court on Wednesday granted anticipatory bail to former Indian Administrative Service (IAS) trainee officer Puja Khedkar, accused of forging her documents to obtain eligibility for the 2022 Union Public Service Commission test. A bench of Justices BV Nagarathna and Satish Chandra Sharma asked Khedkar to cooperate in the

probe. During the hearing, the bench said, "What is the grave crime she has committed? She is not a drug lord or a terrorist. She has not committed 302 (murder). She is not an NNDPS offender. She has not committed 376 offence (rape)." The apex court while granting anticipatory bail to her said that she will cooperate with the investigation and shall not in any way influence the witnesses or tamper with the material on records.

## 12 new Labour Courts to be set up in Haryana

**BUREAU CHANDIGARH:** Haryana Labour Minister Sh. Anil Vij said that with a view to ensure speedy resolution of industrial disputes, the State Government has approved the establishment of 12 new Labour Courts across 12 districts. With this addition, the total number of labour courts in the State will increase to 26.

It is noteworthy that, in the interest of labours, the Labour Minister had sent a proposal to the Chief Minister recommending the establishment of Labour Courts in 12 additional districts, namely Panchkula, Yamunanagar, Kurukshetra, Karnal, Kaithal, Jind, Sirsa, Mahendragarh, Bhiwani, Charkhi Dadri, Fatehabad, and Mewat (Nuh), which has now been approved by the Chief Minister. Sh. Vij informed that about Rs. 12 crores will be spent on infrastructure, furniture, vehicles, fuel, etc., for the establishment of these 12 Labour Courts.

At present, nine Labour Courts are operational across six districts—one each in Ambala, Panipat, Hisar, and Rohtak; two in Gurugram; and three in Faridabad. One Labour Court is currently under construction in Bawal, Rewari district. Additionally, as per the 2025-26 budget speech, approval has already been granted for the establishment of one Labour Court each in Sonapat, Jhajjar, Palwal, and Rewari. This brings the total to 14 Labour Courts either operational, under construction, or approved across 10 districts. Now, as a result of Sh. Anil Vij's efforts, the process for establishing 12 new Labour Courts in the remaining districts of the state has been finalized. With this, Haryana will have a total of 26 Labour Courts. Sh. Anil Vij stated that his aim is to ensure the swift resolution of industrial disputes related to the Labour Department, so that workers receive timely justice. To achieve this goal, Labour Courts are being established in every district, he added.



## Rahul accuses govt of 'misusing' governors to 'obstruct' elected state governments

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, MAY 21

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday accused the government of "misusing" governors to "stifle voices and obstruct elected state governments", saying this is a dangerous assault on federalism.

In a post on X, he said this must be resisted as each Indian state has its own voice.

"India's strength lies in its diversity - a Union of States, each with its own voice. 'The Modi government is misusing Governors to stifle those voices and obstruct elected state



governments. This is a dangerous assault on federalism and it must be resisted," the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha wrote.

Gandhi tagged Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin's post in which he condemned the Union government's presidential reference,

saying, it "attempts to subvert the Constitutional position already settled by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the Tamil Nadu Governor's case and other precedents". "This attempt clearly exposes the fact that the Tamil Nadu Governor acted at the BJP's behest to undermine the people's mandate. 'This is nothing but a desperate attempt to weaken democratically elected State Governments by placing them under the control of Governors serving as agents of the Union Government. It also directly challenges the majesty of law and the authority of the Supreme Court as the final interpreter of the Constitution," Stalin.

## Ashoka University professor gets relief from court

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, MAY 21

The Supreme Court on Wednesday granted interim bail to Ali Khan Mahmudabad, associate professor and head of the Political Science Department at Ashoka University in Haryana, who was arrested over a social media post on Operation Sindoor. A bench of Justices Surya Kant and N Kotiswar Singh refused to stay the two FIRs registered by Haryana Police against him, saying he has not made out any case for a stay on investigation. However, the bench released him on interim bail. "We direct the petitioner to be released on interim bail subject to furnishing of bail bonds to the satisfaction of the CJM Sonapat," ordered the bench while



imposing certain conditions on his release. The apex court restrained the associate professor from making any further online posts or speeches on the issue. No article or online posts are to be made, nor will any speech be delivered on the subject matter of the case. Further, he was restrained from making any comments on the terrorist attack on Indian soil or the counter-response given by India. The bench also asked him to surrender his passport. It also ordered constitution of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) within 24 hours to probe the matter. The top court directed that the SIT will be comprised of senior IPS officers, who do not belong to Haryana or Delhi and one officer of the SIT should be a woman.

## Kannada writer Banu Mustaq wins International Booker Prize

AGENCY  
LONDON, MAY 21

In a significant literary breakthrough, Indian writer, lawyer and activist Banu Mustaq has become the first author writing in Kannada to win the prestigious International Booker Prize for her powerful short story anthology 'Heart Lamp'.

It is the first short story collection to win the prestigious prize.

The anthology, spanning 12 stories written between 1990 and 2023, was translated into English by Deepa Bhasthi, who also became the first Indian translator to win the coveted literary award.

"This book was born from the belief that no story is ever small; that in the tapestry of human experience, every thread holds the weight of the



whole," Mustaq declared in her acceptance speech.

"In a world that often tries to divide us, literature remains one of the last sacred spaces where we can live

inside each other's minds, if only for a few pages," she added.

Hailing from a modest township in Karnataka, Mustaq's journey to authorship was anything but conven-

tional. Her short story appeared in a local magazine a year after she had married a man of her choosing at the age of 26, but her early marital years were also marked by conflict and strife - something she openly spoke of, in several interviews.

Over the years Mushtaq's writings have won numerous prestigious local and national awards including the Karnataka Sahitya Academy Award and the Daana Chintamani Attimabbe Award. Mushtaq's win comes off the back of Geetanjali Shree's Tomb of Sand - translated from Hindi by Daisy Rockwell - winning the prize in 2022, reports BBC. In 2024, the translated English compilation of Mushtaq's five short story collections published between 1990 and 2012 - Hasena and Other Stories - won the PEN Translation Prize.

**Last Date: 31st May 2025!**

**For Mandatory Filing of Annual Return for FY 2024-25 (through FSSAI's FoSCoS portal only)**

**All FSSAI Licensed Manufacturers, Importers and Manufacturer - Exporter of Food shall submit their Annual Return for the FY 2024-25**

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CHANDIGARH: Punjab Government has declared a holiday in Sub-Division Kapurthala on May 23, 2025. The officials spokesperson of the state government said that as per the notification issued today, this local holiday has been announced on Friday, May 23, 2025 in observance of the historic fair of Mata Bhadrakali Ji (Shekhupur) for all government institutions, corporations, boards, educational establishments (excluding those institutions where examinations are being conducted) and other government organizations falling within Sub-Division Kapurthala.

GPC Khunimajra triumphs at state-level PTIS tech fest with seven awards



SHASHI PAL JAIN  
KHARAR, MAY 21

Government Polytechnic College (GPC), Khunimajra has achieved remarkable success at the prestigious State-Level PTIS Tech Fest, securing seven awards across various technical and academic categories. The institution's students showcased exceptional innovation, teamwork, and technical acumen, bringing great pride to the college community.

GPC Khunimajra earned First Prizes in Electrical Engineering Project, Mechanical Engineering Project, and Modern Office Practice (MOP) Project, along with a Third Prize in Applied Science Project, highlighting the students' strong practical

skills and creativity. In the academic domain, the college also secured the First Prize in Electrical Engineering Paper Presentation, Second Prize in Mechanical Engineering Paper Presentation, and Third Prize in MOP Paper Presentation, demonstrating academic excellence and effective communication across disciplines.

These outstanding achievements were made possible under the dedicated mentorship of faculty members. Dr. Anshu Sharma, Head of the Electrical Engineering Department and Convener of the Innovation Cell, served as the project in-charge for the Electrical Engineering Project, Electrical Paper Presentation, and the MOP Project.

Guru Nanak College of Nursing Dhahan Kalera class B.Sc. Nursing (6th semester) hundred percent result

MANJINDER SINGH  
BANGA, MAY 21

Punjab's famous nursing educational institution Guru Nanak College of Nursing Dhahan Kalera has announced a brilliant hundred percent result of the class B.Sc. Nursing (6th semester) and all the students have passed in the first division by securing excellent marks. Giving this information, Dr. Surinder Jaspal, Principal Guru Nanak College of Nursing Dhahan Kalera, gave this information to the media. He said that the first place in the class was secured by Dilpreet Saini, daughter of S. Bhupinder Singh- Mrs. Akwinder Kaur of village Simbli, by securing excellent grade marks , while the second place was secured by student Nisha, daughter of Mr. Pradeep Kumar- Mrs. Paramjit Kaur of village Kahnewal.

The third place in the class was secured by four students, Simran Ghera, daughter of Mr. Iqbal Chand- Mrs. Nee-



lam of village Sarhal Mundi, Gurleen Bath, daughter of S. Baljinder Singh- Rajwinder Kaur of district Tarn Taran, Hemanjot Kaur, daughter of S. Bhagat Singh-Gurdeep Kaur District Rupnagar and Vanshika Putri Mr. Kamal Kishori-Smt. Meenakshi District Jalandhar have received. For the excellent results of the nursing students, the college administrator Guru Nanak Mission Medical and Educational Trust Dhahan Kalera, President Dr. Kulwinder Singh Dhahan has congratulated all the nursing students, their parents, all the teachers on behalf of all the trust members.

NEWS BRIEF

Result of 10th class of Govt Senior Secondary School Jaijon Doaba excellent: Principal



**DALJEET AJNOHA**  
HOSHIAARPUR: The result of 10th class of Government Senior Secondary School Jaijon Doaba was excellent. Principal SP Saini told that this year a total of 69 students appeared for the 10th class examination of the school and 65 students passed. Among the students of the school, Prem Prakash secured first position by scoring 605/650 marks, Nidhi Sharma secured second position by scoring 593/650 marks and Sahil son of Faguwa Machhuwa secured third position by scoring 545/650 marks. On this occasion, the school principal and the entire staff congratulated the children and wished them a bright future.

Investiture ceremony held at Sacred Souls School



**KULWINDER KARWAL**  
SARDULGARH: Sacred Souls School, Kauriwar, held its grand Investiture Ceremony with great pride and enthusiasm to formally induct the newly elected School Cabinet Members for the academic session. The event began with a warm welcome followed by the march past of the newly elected leaders, showcasing their discipline and team spirit. The selected cabinet members were proudly presented with sashes and badges by our Respected Principal Ma'am and Honourable Management Members, marking their entry into a new chapter of responsibility. Principal Ma'am administered the Oath, urging the young leaders to perform their duties with integrity, honesty, and dedication. In her address, she emphasized that the Investiture Ceremony is not just about conferring titles, but about developing leadership qualities, accountability, discipline, and teamwork among students. The newly elected School Captain, Head Boy/Girl, Vice-Captain, House Captains, Cultural, Sports,

Sanjeev Kumar Sood appointed as Director, Technical, PSTCL



**RAWEL BHINDER**  
PATIALA: Govt of Punjab has appointed Sanjeev Kumar Sood as new Director/Technical of PSTCL. A seasoned professional in the power sector, Sood brings with him over 34 years of rich experience in key areas of electricity transmission and distribution in Punjab. Sood began his professional journey with the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India, where he served for two years before transitioning to the state power sector. Since then, he has steadily risen through the ranks, holding a variety of crucial technical and leadership positions at both Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) and PSTCL. In 2022, he was promoted to Chief Engineer (CE), a position he held for nearly three years.

Shiv Sena Punjab to hold tricolour procession from Mohali to Kurali on 6th June : Arvind



**TILAK RAJ**  
MOHALI: Shiv Sena Punjab Youth State Chairman Arvind Gautam, while giving the information, said that On June 6th, Shiv Sena Punjab will take out a tricolour procession From Mohali to Kurali on the occasion of Anti-Terrorism Day. On this occasion, the martyrs of the operation blue star from Paramilitary, CRPF and Punjab Police. The yatra will begin by paying tribute to those soldiers , in which various teams from across Punjab will participate under the guidance of Shiv Sena Punjab National President Sanjeev Ghanoli. On this occasion, Gautam said that The martyrdom of the Indian army personnel cannot be forgotten. Thanks to them, terrorism has been eradicated in Punjab. He said that soon a demand letter will be given to the Punjab Education Minister by a group of Shiv Sena Punjab, in which it will be demanded that this lesson should be made mandatory for the students of 9th and 10th, in which the biographies of the army personnel martyred in Operation Blue Star should be explained in detail. On this occasion, Dinesh Khushwaha Mohali Mazdoor Sena President and Sukhdhawal Singh babu were also present.

Punjab Governor felicitates meritorious students of Raj Bhavan employees

SHASHI PAL JAIN  
CHANDIGARH, MAY 21

In a ceremony held at the Guru Nanak Auditorium, Punjab Raj Bhavan, the Punjab Governor and UT Chandigarh Administrator, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, felicitated 16 meritorious students—children of Group 'B', 'C', and 'D' employees of Raj Bhavan—for their exemplary performance in the Class 10 and 12 board examinations of the 2023-24 session.

Apart from this, the Governor also felicitated aspiring NEET/JEE students, students enrolled in professional courses (post-Class 12), and post-graduates preparing for competitive exams with award money.

Speaking on the occasion, the Governor lauded the students for their hard work and perseverance, and expressed deep appreciation for the dedication and sacrifices of their families. He remarked that the Raj Bhavan is like a family to him—encompassing every employee, from Class IV staff to Class I officers. As the head of this family, he said, it is his duty to ensure that all members receive the support they



need, especially in empowering their children to pursue excellence in education and beyond.

He emphasized that this initiative marks the beginning of a continuing tradition to support educational aspirations and nurture future leaders.

“Education is not a burden, but a great opportunity. Dream big, work

hard, and contribute to the making of a prosperous and self-reliant India,” the Governor encouraged the students.

He further announced that this event will be made an annual feature to motivate the students of Raj Bhavan employees in the fields of education and sports. The Governor awarded

recognition certificates and financial incentives amounting to Rs. 7,95,850, distributed across five categories.

This initiative, supported through the Hon'ble Governor's Discretionary Grant for FY 2024-25, aims to motivate academic excellence and alleviate financial barriers in students' educational journeys.

State Level NCORD meeting held in UT Chandigarh Secretariat



RN KHERA  
CHANDIGARH, MAY 21

8th State level NCORD meeting was held today in UT Chandigarh Secretariat under the chairmanship of Sh. Rajeev Verma, Chief Secretary, UT Chandigarh.

This meeting aims to contribute towards achieving the goal of a Nasha Mukta Bharat (Drug Free India). During the meeting, the Chief Secretary reviewed the Action taken Report of the last State level NCORD meeting. Details of persons arrested, seizures and

drugs disposal for the last three years were also presented. The Chief Secretary stressed upon the need for sensitization of staff of courier companies and Aggregator Apps such as Ola, Uber, Rapido. He directed that more specialized & awareness sessions be conducted on drug trafficking prevention for such service providers. Further, the Chief Secretary directed the officials to effectively use Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (PITNDPS Act) and also to seize, freeze

and forfeit the property acquired by the drug traffickers from drug trafficking under NDPS Act. The Chief Secretary emphasized for enhancing awareness of MANAS Portal, so that maximum people should use MANAS Portal on the National Toll-Free Number 1933 and email address – Info.ncbmanas@gov.in. Also, various other activities such as marathons, cycloathons, flash mobs and rallies etc. shall be organized in the city from time to time, to spread anti-drugs message among the masses.

Village Panchayat helps police fight drugs, sends 2 youngsters for treatment



SUKH NAHAR  
JAGRAON, MAY 21

District Ludhiana Rural Police is successfully carrying out anti-drug campaign "Yudh Nasheyvan Virudh" campaign under the guidance of SSP Dr. Ankur Gupta. Under this campaign, police has been taking strict actions against drug peddlers and has already made several arrests besides recovering huge quantity drugs.

Under this campaign, village Panchayat of Ranake village led by sarpanch Kulwinder Singh admitted 2 youngsters from their village to de-addiction centre. Giving detailed information about this, DSP Varinder Singh

Khosa said that under this anti-drug campaign, police not only takes action against drug traffickers but also helps drug addicts by admitting them to de-addiction centres. He applauded the panchayat of village Ranake and said that the two youngsters have been admitted to the centre and shall be treated there and also encouraged other panchayats to come forwards and get the drug addicts from their areas admitted.

"Government treats drug addicts for free and ensures that they get rid of their addiction completely," he stated. DSP assured that the treatment is done professionally and no torture is done to the patients.

Dr. Balbir Singh inaugurates school infrastructure worth over Rs 1 cr



RAKESH JINDAL  
PATIALA, MAY 21

Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Balbir Singh today inaugurated development projects worth over ?1 crore in four government schools across the Patiala rural constituency, reaffirming the state government's commitment to transforming the education sector. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Balbir Singh stated that under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister S.

Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government has introduced visionary initiatives such as the School of Eminence, School of Happiness, and School of Brilliance, aimed at identifying and nurturing the potential of children from an early age.

Highlighting the ongoing “education revolution” in the state, Dr. Balbir Singh said that more than 12,000 government schools across Punjab are being upgraded with an investment of ?2,000 crore.

Punjab govt launches unique initiative for students, 'Ek Din, DC/SSP de Sang'

SUMER GARG  
CHANDIGARH, MAY 21

In a pioneering move to celebrate academic excellence and instil leadership aspirations among students of the state government schools, the Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab Government has launched a first-of-its-kind initiative 'Ek Din, DC/SSP de Sang' to offer these bright young minds meaningful exposure to real-world governance, discipline and public service, announced, Harjot Singh Bains, minister of school education, Punjab.

While elaborating on the initiative, Mr Bains revealed that 'Ek Din, DC/SSP de Sang' will unite six topper students (three each from class-10th & 12th) from each district, with Deputy Commissioner (DC)



and SSP of their respective district. This immersive experience will give students a firsthand experience of the dedication, hard work, and responsibility that come with leadership roles in administration and law enforcement, providing them with invaluable insights into public service and governance.

The Minister highlighted that the core objective of this move is to inspire and empower meritorious students, igniting within them a spark of ambition and purpose.

By immersing themselves in the world of governance and leadership, these young minds will understand the importance of governance, community service and leadership's role in shaping society.

Himachal's beauty shines bright at Mr., Miss and Mrs. Himachal Contest in Chandigarh

RAJIV JAIN  
CHANDIGARH, MAY 21

The Rani Laxmibai Auditorium in Chandigarh lit up with glamour and grace as the grand finale of the Mr., Miss and Mrs. Himachal beauty contest was held on May 18.

Organised by Mubarakan Events and Entertainment, the event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 70 contestants representing various parts of Himachal Pradesh. The show was a celebration of talent, confidence and charisma, with participants competing in different rounds showcasing their personality and stage presence. After a rigorous selection process, Kritika Malhotra was crowned Miss Himachal, Neelam bagged the Mrs. Himachal title, and Sureyansh Chandel emerged as Mr. Himachal. The first runner-up positions were



awarded to Sanyogeeta Thakur (Miss), Himani Dhiman (Mrs.), and Deep Singh (Mr.). Simran, Ankita Thakur and Robin Bharadwaj were declared the second runners-up in their respective categories. The third runner-up titles went to Simranjeet Kaur, Kamal Preet Kaur and Vishal Selvan, while Charvi Kantr

and Vibhuti Choudhary secured the fourth runner-up spots. Shriya John and Harpreet Kaur completed the top five as fifth runners-up. The event was judged by Rocky Tapiya, Jasjit Gill and Harman Tank. Key supporters who contributed to the successful execution of the program included Archana Rana, Vandana Thakur, Gobind Pawan, Sumer Singh, Sonu Singh and Rajinder Bajaj.

The overall outline of the show was prepared by Sonali Sharma and Jaggi Aulakh, while Amarshikha Verma served as the director of the program. All participants were honoured with trophies, certificates and crowns in recognition of their efforts and enthusiasm. The event concluded with a message of empowerment, encouraging self-expression and confidence among youth.

Mango activity held in APJ Public school Kharar by kindergarten students

SHASHI PAL JAIN  
KHARAR, MAY 21

The kindergarten section of APJ Public School Kharar was filled with excitement and vibrant hues of yellow as the young learners celebrated "Mango Day" with great enthusiasm. The event, aimed at introducing children to the seasonal fruit in a fun and engaging manner, turned into a delightful learning experience.

Students came dressed in yellow attire, symbolizing the color of mangoes, and brought along various mango-based dishes like mango shakes, aam panna, mango pudding, and sliced mangoes. The classrooms were decorated with mango-themed artwork created by the children, such as mango cut-outs, drawings, and crafts. Teachers



shared interesting facts about mangoes, including their nutritional value and varieties, making the activity both enjoyable and educational.

The highlight of the day was the hands-on fruit tasting session, where children learned to describe the fruit using their five senses.

They also participated in rhymes, storytelling sessions, and games centered around the mango theme, which

helped improve their vocabulary, social skills, and sensory awareness. This activity not only fostered awareness about healthy eating habits but also enhanced the children's creativity and motor skills. The cheerful faces of the children and the bright mango-themed atmosphere reflected the success of the event. Overall, the Mango Activity was a perfect blend of fun, food,

MCM conducts workshop on alcohol and drug awareness program



CHANDIGARH, MAY 21

The Geetanjali Counselling Helpline and Hostel Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, in collaboration with NGO Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) conducted a workshop on 'Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program' under their mental health initiative of 'Swachh Mann Abhiyan'.

The resource persons were Sanjeev Kaushal, CPC Chairman, Alcoholics Anonymous, Chandigarh and his team members from AA Chandigarh and Delhi to share their first-hand experiences, and provide insight and support to the students. Other experts included Dilbagh Singh, Counselling and Behavioral Skills Specialist with a strong focus on de-addiction and rehabilitation, Ms. Deepali Verma, Soft skills Trainer and Image Consultant, Ms. Roopam Singh, Translator, Teacher and Journalist, and Ms. Kritika, Software Professional. They discussed case studies of alcoholic individuals and effective strategies of de-addiction.

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Swarnakar Samaj Punjab honors' students who showed excellent performance



SHASHI PAL JAIN  
KURALI, MAY 21

Swarnakar Samaj Punjab honored those students who brought glory to the schools of the city and Mohali district. In a function organized at it's head office these students were honored by President Hemraj Verma, General Secretary Amrit Verma and especially former Chairman Village Protection Commission Punjab and State Member of Punjab Congress Party Kamaljit Chawla. In the function Rajnish Verma's daughter

Shreya 92.5% in class 10+2, Anil Dhimani's daughter Jiya Dhimani 98.2% in class 10, Arun son Keshav 95.5%, Hemant Bansal's daughter Manvi 95%, Sukhi Verma's son Vans Verma 93%, Jatinder Kumar's daughter Jhanvi 92%, Anu Verma's son Rajat Verma 90%, Anil Verma's son Paras Verma 90% were presented with certificates of appreciation, Dosala, memento etc.

The goldsmith community always serves selflessly for the welfare of the lower-middle class people.



NEWS BRIEF

Sr Cong leader Harbans Singh Gagalwal appointed Vice Chairman of Punjab Cong Kisan Cell

NARESH GOYAL  
MANSA: On the recommendation of All India Cong Kisan cell chief Sukhpal Singh Khaira, Mansa's Senior Cong leader Harbans-Singh Gagalwal has been appointed vice chairman of Punjab Cong Kisan cell. The appointment has been made by Kiranjit Singh, president of Punjab Kisan cell. Gagalwal, a seasoned Congress leader, has served Congress party on various portfolios from time to time. He served as 'nambardar' of his ancestral village Gagalwal and then served as sarpanch of the village from 1993 to 1998 and again from 2013 to 2018. From 1994 to 1999 he remained election member of panchayat samiti and in 1995 he was vice president of Mansa District Cong committee (DCC). In addition, he served as general secretary of PCC's villages' development cell and auction recorder of Market Committee Mansa.

Morinda to be dev as most beautiful city in Punjab: MLA

SANJEEV TEJPAL  
MORINDA: Under the Clean Morinda Campaign, a large-scale cleanliness drive was launched in Morinda city today with the aim of transforming it into the most beautiful city in Punjab. The campaign was formally inaugurated by local MLA Dr. Charanjit Singh and SDM Morinda, S. Sukhpal Singh. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Charanjit Singh announced that every effort is being made to ensure Morinda becomes Punjab's number one clean and beautiful city. He stated that the cleanliness campaign is being carried out on a war footing, beginning from Chandigarh Road, and will gradually cover all parts of the city. The MLA lauded the efforts of the Municipal Council's sanitation wing and issued directions to maintain the highest standards of hygiene.

Drug seizure on Ropar-Kiratpur Sahib road: 180 kg poppy husk recovered

ROPAR : Today, during checking at naka on Ropar-Kiratpur Sahib Road, near village Hazara, PS Kiratpur Sahib, a truck was intercepted and checked. During checking, 9 bags poppy husk (uncrushed/raw) weighing total 180kg 160gm have been recovered from truck no. Ph12y8188, which was coming from Gujarat. Driver: Hardeep Singh s/o balbir singh r/o una, hp. Conductor: Abhishesh s/o raj kumar, r/o hishiarpur.An FIR 46 dt 21/05/2025 u/s 15-61-85 NDPS Act PS Kiratpur Sahib has been registered against the above said accused. Tomorrow, the accused will be produced before court and police remand will be taken.

Punjab to be made healthy again by eliminating scourge of drugs: Sandhwan

SURINDER DAMDAMI  
KOTKAPURA: Drugs have become a serious problem for the society by eating away at our young generation. The Punjab government will take exemplary action against drug traffickers to eradicate drugs and drug traffickers so that no one will indulge in drug trafficking in future and Punjab can be made a healthy Punjab again. These words were expressed by Speaker Punjab Vidhan Sabha Kulbir Singh Sandhwan on the occasion of attending an anti-drug awareness program at village Bir Sikhiwala of Kotkapura constituency. In his address on this occasion, Speaker Kulbir Singh Sandhwan said that the awareness programs being organized by Gram Sabhas, village residents, village defense committees, youth clubs.

Players from Fateh Academy Martial Arts, Beas bag Gold, Silver and Bronze medals

GURDARSHAN SINGH PRINCE  
BEAS: Young karate enthusiasts from Fateh Academy of Martial Arts, Beas, delivered an exceptional performance at the 12th Kyu Rin All India Open Karate Championship 2025, bringing laurels to their academy and region by winning multiple medals. The national-level tournament, organized by Kyu Rin Shotokan Karate-Do Association of India, saw participation from nearly 500 athletes across six states—Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, and West Bengal. Coach Dhalwinder Singh informed that the participants from Beas showcased remarkable skill and determination. Harikart Kaur, Lavnoor Mahi, Jaideep Singh, Kanishk, Muskan Kaur.

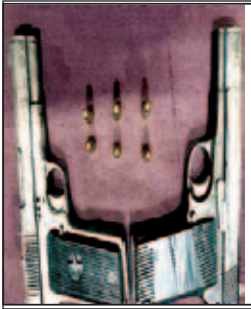
# Two associates of gangster Arsh Dalla held in Faridkot

SURINDER DAMDAMI / GILL FARIDKOT, MAY 21

In a major breakthrough amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Anti Gangster Task Force (AGTF) Punjab in a joint operation with Faridkot Police has arrested two associates of foreign-based Gangster Arsh Dala, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Wednesday.

Those arrested have been identified as Vishal Singh, a resident of Sri Muktsar Sahib and Onkar Singh, a resident of village Gamewala in Ferozepur. Police teams have also recovered two .30 bore pistols along with six live cartridges from their possession.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary investigation revealed that the accused Vishal Singh, who came out on



## 150 drug smugglers held with 7.2kg heroin, Rs 2.41L drug money

CHANDIGARH: With the war against drugs “Yudh Nashian Virudh” waged on the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann to eradicate drug menace from state entered 81st day, Punjab Police on Wednesday arrested 150 drug smugglers and recovered 7.2 kg heroin, 297 kg poppy husk and Rs 2.41 lakhs drug money from their possession. With this, the number of total drug smugglers arrested has reached to 12,496 in just 81 days.

bail recently, was actively planning to eliminate his rival gang member. The accused was con-

tinuously in touch with his foreign based handlers and waiting for the directions to execute

## People joining drug eradication campaign: MLA Labh Singh Ugoke

BHADOUR (BALWINDER AZAD): As per the directions of Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann, the residents of every village and every locality are joining the drug eradication campaign started to eradicate drugs. With this people's movement, Punjabis have to uproot drugs. Bhadaur MLA Mr. Labh Singh Ugoke made this statement while addressing a large gathering during the drug eradication campaign in various villages of the constituency. He addressed the village watchmen appointed by the government from among the villagers in villages Sehna, Burj Fatehgarh, Maur Maqsuda and Maur Nabha. He said that victory over drugs can be achieved only with the cooperation of the people. He said that information about drug smugglers should be given to the Punjab Police and the name and address of the informant will be kept confidential.



## CM dedicates Chief Minister's facilitation Centre at Dhuri

RAJESHWAR PINTU DHURI, MAY 21

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Wednesday dedicated the Chief Minister's Facilitation Centre at Dhuri to ensure effective, transparent, and accessible governance for the residents of the Dhuri constituency.

Dedicating the center, the Chief Minister said it will act as a Single Window system for residents of the Dhuri constituency to access all government services under one roof. He added that the initiative aims to bridge the gap between the public and government of offices, increase transparency, improve access to data and its analysis for the residents of Dhuri Assembly constituency and ensure quicker redressal of citizen grievances. Bhagwant Singh Mann said this will promote more citizen-centric governance, build public trust, and enhance service delivery.

The Chief Minister stated that the center has been established at a cost of Rs. 1.21 crore, and features six counters and a



reception desk. He added that it also includes a meeting-cum-conference hall, and the primary objective is to improve coordination between the public and government offices. Bhagwant Singh Mann emphasized that it will help in the timely resolution of public issues, and a Punjab Civil Services (PCS) officer will be in charge of the center.

The Chief Minister noted that the officer will oversee the delivery of services and monitor development projects in the area. He added that representatives from various departments—including Health, Re-

venue, Social Security, Police, and Administration—will be present at the center. Bhagwant Singh Mann said the Punjab Government currently provides 443 services through service centers, and this new facility will help people access those services more easily. He further mentioned that forms for pension schemes, the Ayushman Bharat scheme, Ashirwad scheme, labor cards, Aadhaar card updates, and more will be filled and processed here. One of the key features of the center, the Chief Minister, said, is that citizens will no longer need to visit

## Deputy Commissioner directs to remove encroachments from panchayat lands

PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR, MAY 21

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Agarwal today directed the officers of the Panchayat Department to remove encroachments from panchayat lands as soon as possible.

During a meeting with Additional Deputy Commissioners, all SDMs and officers of the Rural Development and Panchayats Department at the District Administrative Complex here, the Deputy Commissioner asked the BDPOs to immediately take necessary action in coordination with the concerned departments to remove encroachments from panchayat lands.

Dr. Agarwal said that the Punjab government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann is committed to remove encroachments from panchayat lands. He said that as per the instructions of the state government, encroachments from panchayat lands should be removed immedi-



ately. He said that no laxity will be tolerated in this work.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the ongoing projects of community sanitary complexes including projects related to disposal of solid, liquid and plastic waste in villages by the Water Supply and Sanitation Department and the Rural Development and Panchayats Department.

He directed the officers to speed up the pace of work and asked them to complete the projects as soon as possible.

Taking stock of the work of building model playgrounds in villages to connect the youth with sports under the 'War Against Drugs' campaign launched by the Punjab Government, Dr. Agarwal gave instructions to speed up the work of playgrounds so that maximum youth can be diverted towards playgrounds. Apart from this, he directed to get the construction of parks to be built in the villages and dewatering and desilting of ponds done as soon as possible.

## "Summer party" organized



RAVI GARG LONGOWAL, MAY 21

The renowned institution of the area, MLG Convent School (affiliated with CBSE New Delhi) a party was organized in the school campus for little blooms.

The purpose of this activity was to provide information related to fruits eaten in summer.

The Kindergarten teachers displayed various fruits like mango, watermelon, cantaloupe, lemon etc. and told the children the benefits of eating these fruits, such as fighting cancer and helping in digestion. The teachers informed the children that to get relief from the heat, they should drink fresh fruits and

juices in summer. The children from Nursery to UKG class came wearing colorful clothes that looked exactly like fruits.

The children brought different types of fruits from home. The children danced and enjoyed the summer party a lot. A mixed fruit counter was set up for the children, from which all the children were given fruits and mango juice to drink.

The children were looking very happy. In the end, ice cream was given to the children to eat. On this occasion, management members Sonia Rani, Madhu Rani, Rajinder Kumar, Happy Kumar, Principal Dr. Vikas Sood and kindergarten staff were present.

## Summer vacations should be announced soon: Master Cadre Union



GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, MAY 21

Master Cadre Union State Press Secretary Sandeep Kumar, State Vice President Harpreet Singh Khunda, District President Naresh Kohli General Secretary Arjanjit Singh made a strong demand to Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Mann and Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains that summer vacations should be announced keeping in mind the problems of school students due to the extreme heat. Union leaders said that the Meteorological Department has issued a heat wave alert. The heat wave and heat

wave have been continuing continuously for the last few days. The continuous power cuts during the intense heat make the situation even worse. Students studying in government schools have to walk or cycle to schools while facing the heat. Due to this, they have to face many problems. There is also a possibility of adverse effects on the health of students due to the extreme heat. In view of the health safety of children during the extreme heat that has been prevailing for the past few days, the government should immediately announce summer vacations in government, private and semi-public schools.

## Sikhya Kranti: Govt schools are being made contemporary: MLA



KULWINDER KARWAL SARDULGARH, MAY 21

Under the project Sikhya Kranti of the Punjab Government led by Chief Minister Punjab Mr. Bhagwant Singh Mann, government schools are being made up to date so that our children can be provided with a modern education system. These views were expressed by Sardulgarh constituency MLA Gurpreet Singh Banawali while inaugurating various development works in the government schools of the constituency. The MLA said that no deficiency of any kind

will be left in government schools. He appealed to the people to get their children enrolled in government schools as far as possible. MLA Gurpreet Singh Banawali inaugurated the newly constructed modern rooms, four-walls and other completed development works at the Government Primary School and S.S.S. School of Mirpur Kalan village in Sardulgarh constituency at a cost of approximately Rs. 68.47 lakhs and at the Government Primary School and School of Eminence in Sardulgarh city at a cost of approximately Rs. 45.95 lakhs.

## BBMB dispensary upgraded with advanced physiotherapy equipment



CHANDIGARH, MAY 21

Chairman, BBMB, Manoj Tripathi inaugurated multiple physiotherapy equipments i.e. Short Wave Diathermy, Intellect Mobile Combo Unit and Intellect Mobile Laser, which have been setup at BBMB Dispensary situated in Sector 35, Chandigarh. Physiotherapist described the high-end features of these equipments and their benefits.

The newly set up machines use various methods of therapies viz. deep heating,

electromagnetic waves, light energy, electric impulses and are capable of assisting in pain relief, muscle recovery, repair of injured tissues, increasing blood circulation and reducing inflammation. On this occasion, Chairman, BBMB, appreciated the efforts made in procuring these machines and congratulated the dispensary staff & other seniors officers present there.

He called this upgradation in dispensary, a welcome step in direction of better health care and wellness of BBMB employees.

## Dept of Biotechnology, Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University organizes educational visit to ICAR-Directorate of Mushroom Research

AJAY MALHOTRA FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAY 21

The Department of Biotechnology at Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University organized an educational visit to the ICAR-Directorate of Mushroom Research (ICAR-DMR), located in Kandaghat, Solan. A group of 47 students was accompanied by faculty members Dr. Rupinder Kaur (Head of the Department), Dr. Simran Jot Kaur, Dr. Nancy, Er. Navgeet Kaur, and Ms. Kudratdeep Kaur.

The visit was aimed at providing students with firsthand knowledge about the latest research and technological advancements in the field of mushroom cultivation. The ICAR-DMR is a premier institute dedicated to mushroom research and is one of its kind in the country, involved in conducting exten-



sive research on edible mushroom species and providing training to cultivators across India. During the visit, Dr. Anuradha Srivastava, Senior Scientist at ICAR-DMR, shared her expertise on the basics of mushroom farming, ongoing research, and tech-

nology transfer initiatives at the institute. Students interacted with the scientist and gained practical insights into various aspects of mushroom cultivation, including spawn production, cultivation techniques, pest and disease management.

## Montessori Cambridge School Pathankot records stellar class 10 results, tops district

VERMA GURDASPUR, MAY 21

Montessori Cambridge School, Pathankot has once again proven its academic excellence by achieving historic success in the CBSE Class 10 Board Examinations for the session 2024-25. The outstanding performance of the students has secured the school the top position in the entire Pathankot district, filling the entire school community with immense pride.

This year, 60 students scored above 90%, out of which 30 students crossed the 95% mark, setting a benchmark for academic achievement. In total, 121 students secured more than 80%, a reflection of the students' dedication, the teachers' exceptional guidance, and the school's robust academic



framework. Among the top performers, Shanaya Malanch led the results with an outstanding 98.4%, followed by Kinjal with 98.2%, and both Sarthak Mahajan and Suniti, who scored 98% each.

Other high achievers who made the school proud include Vaibhavi Sharma (98.3%), Vanshika Sharma (97.8%), Akshara Andotra (97.8%), Lakshit Mahajan (97.6%), Ratiksha Mahajan (97.6%), and Gunvansh Bhagat (97.4%). The subject-wise

excellence was equally impressive. A perfect 100/100 was scored by 3 students in English, 6 in Punjabi, 1 each in Mathematics and Science, and 6 in Information Technology. Additionally, a large number of students scored between 90 and 99 marks—English (93), Hindi (27), Punjabi (61), Mathematics (33), Science (38), Social Science (48), and Information Technology (86)—reflecting the school's well-rounded academic strength.

## Students of Wisdom Tree International School win 26 medals in Patiala



BIKRAMJEET SAHOTA FATHGARH SAHIB, MAY 21

The students of Wisdom Tree International School have won a total of 26 medals in the Patiala Taekwondo Championship 2025, showcasing their unique talent and hard work. The medals include 7 gold, 10 silver, and 9 bronze medals, marking a proud moment for the school and a testament to the students' dedication and perseverance. Hargun Kaur, Parth Sharma, Divyot Singh, Navneet Kaur, Samarvir, Ameet Kaur, and Mansiraj Kaur won gold medals, bring-

ing glory to the school. Jaskirat Singh, Jasmeet Singh, Pranshi, Asees Kaur, Gurnav Singh, Drishti, Gurnav Singh, Yuvraj Singh, Puneet, and Prabhnoor Singh won silver medals, demonstrating their exceptional skills. Devansh Sappal, Mansiraj Kaur Maan, Japneet Kaur, Manasvi Goyal, Yashika, Dilpreet Singh, Gurveer Singh, Laksh, and Mohammad Zaid won bronze medals, showcasing their potential. Principal Martin Antony congratulated the students, attributing their success to their hard work.

## Massive Tiranga rally held with Patriotic slogans of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Vande Mataram"

VERMA GURDASPUR, MAY 21

Following the success of Operation Sindoor, a massive Tiranga Rally was organized by the National Security Civil Forum, Pathankot to honor all three wings of the Indian Armed Forces. Participants first gathered at the local City Railway Station, including people from Pathankot, Sujanpur, and Bhoga regions.

Holding the national flag and chanting “Vande Mataram” and “Bharat Mata Ki Jai,” the rally commenced and passed through Railway Road, Valsmiki Chowk, Gandhi Chowk, and Post Office Chowk, concluding at the Shaheed Smarak (Martyrs' Memorial) at Gadi Ahata Chowk. Shopkeepers along the route showered flowers on the rally participants to show their respect. Patriotic



slogans and the national anthem echoed through the air, creating a deeply emotional atmosphere. People from all communities and social groups joined the rally, demonstrating the spirit of unity and integrity of the nation. Children holding flags were seen shouting slogans like “Bharat Mata Ki Jai” and “Indian Army Zindabad,” expressing their love for the nation.



NEWS BRIEF

CM mourns death of Agniveer Naveen Kumar

**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA:** Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has expressed deep grief over the death of Agniveer Naveen Kumar in an unfortunate incident of a landslide in Kargil area of Jammu Kashmir on Tuesday. He belonged to Thural area of Sulah assembly constituency in Kangra district. The Chief Minister prayed to the Almighty to give peace to the departed soul and strength to the bereaved family members.

Adolescence Day observed at Dasmesh Public School Gurplah



**KISHORI LAL BAINS**  
**UNA:** Adolescence Awareness Day was celebrated at Dasmesh Public School Gurplahon Wednesday today by Health Department Una. This camp was organized under the leadership of Dr Pushwinder Singh Rana Block Medical Officer Haroli. MHS Mohan Lal and MHS Mohinder, Satish and Kishor told the children about this situation in detail. In this camp, awareness was created about the physical changes in children that occur during adolescence. This is a time of physical, mental and spiritual growth. Health Advisor Ruchi Sharma while addressing to the students said that it is important for children to take nutritious food and participate in sports during adolescence.

Soldier Naveen martyred after being hit by a landslide

**SANAJY AGGARWAL**  
**DHARAMSHALA:** Army jawan Naveen Kumar, a resident of Halun village of Thural Panchayat in Kangra district, was martyred after being caught in a land-slide in the Drass sector of Kargil. According to the information, Naveen Kumar died after being caught in a landslide on the midnight of 20 May during his duty. He came home on leave in September 2024. As soon as the news of this tragic incident came, a wave of mourning ran in the village. Naveen (25) was posted in Jammu and Kashmir Rifles. Naveen had joined the army as Agniveer.

Himachal makes history as over 5 lakh students appear for ‘Mere Sheher Ke 100 Ratan’ scholarship exam



**AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY**  
**BILASPUR:** In a landmark moment for education in Himachal Pradesh, over 5 lakh students from classes VI to XII appeared for the state's largest-ever scholarship exam, 'Mere Sheher Ke 100 Ratan', conducted jointly by the Himachal Pradesh government and Crack Academy. Held simultaneously in more than 3,500 government and private schools, the exam united youth across all 68 constituencies of the state in a common academic pursuit. The unprecedented initiative marks the first time such a massive and synchronized educational event has taken place in the state. Students, who had prepared diligently for weeks, participated with immense enthusiasm and determination, viewing the opportunity as a stepping stone toward academic excellence. The scholarship program offers full coaching scholarships to the top 100 students in each constituency, valued at Rs 6,800 each. The next 200 students will receive 75% discounts, while the following 500 will receive 50% discounts.

AIIMS Bilaspur performs first robotic-assisted knee replacement, sets new benchmark in Orthopaedic excellence

**AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY**  
**BILASPUR,** MAY 21

In a pioneering medical milestone, the Department of Orthopedics at AIIMS Bilaspur has performed its first robotic-assisted total knee replacement surgery, positioning the institute as the first government-run medical facility in Himachal Pradesh to introduce this cutting-edge technology. The landmark procedure was successfully conducted on an elderly female patient suffering from debilitating arthritis and severe knee deformities. Utilizing advanced robotic precision, the surgical team achieved near-perfect alignment and correction of the deformity, restoring the patient's mobility with remarkable accuracy and efficiency. The expert team behind the success included Dr. Ranjeet Choudhary, Dr. Gaurav Kumar Sharma, Dr. Amit Salaria, and Dr. Devennder, with anesthesia administered by Dr. Vijayalakshmi Sivapurapu and nursing support led by Bhajan Lal. Dr. Ranjeet Choudhary emphasized that



the integration of robotic technology enhances AIIMS Bilaspur's capability to deliver world-class orthopedic care in the Himalayan region. Already renowned for complex trauma, spine, and arthroscopic surgeries, the addition of robotic surgery completes the department's spectrum of advanced services.

The robotic system offers sub-millimeter precision for joint alignment and real-time intraoperative balancing, translating to improved functional outcomes and faster recovery for patients.

Delegation of Sanyukt Kisan Manch calls on Chief Minister



**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA:** A delegation of the Sanyukt Kisan Manch, Himachal Pradesh called on Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu here today and submitted a memorandum regarding various demands of the farming community. The delegation also urged the Chief Minister to take up the issue of increasing import duty on apples with the Union Government to protect the interests of local apple growers. The Chief Minister assured the delegation that the State Government would consider their demands sympathetically. MLA Sanjay Awasthi and Principal Advisor (Media) to the Chief Minister, Naresh Chauhan were also present on the occasion.

New physical medicine & rehabilitation OPD to enhance patient recovery and self-reliance at AIIMS Bilaspur

**AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY**

**BILASPUR:** All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bilaspur has taken a significant stride in comprehensive healthcare with the launch of the new Out Patient Department (OPD) services under the Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PMR), starting today. This vital addition is set to benefit patients suffering

from disability, chronic pain, and post-illness debility, empowering them to regain independence and a dignified life. The PMR department specializes in restoring physical function in individuals recovering from paralysis, spinal cord injuries, joint disorders, post-accident trauma, developmental delays, and chronic musculoskeletal or neurological conditions.

Forest department under fire for burning plantation in Bhingu

**AGENCY**  
**SHIMLA,** MAY 21

A mock drill conducted by the Forest Department to train staff in fire-fighting techniques went terribly wrong in the Bhingu forest under the Ghumarvi range, as the fire lit for practice engulfed a plantation spread across two bighas. Villagers claimed that nearly 1,000 pomegranate and teak plants, raised under the JICA-funded biodiversity conservation project, were destroyed in the blaze. The plantation, nurtured over the last four years by forest lovers of the village, was part of a Palmarosa grass cultivation project meant to generate income through the extraction of aromatic oils. Villagers allege that nearly Rs 25 lakh had been spent on the initiative so far, and the mock drill has now rendered it useless.

Former JICA committee head Rajesh Sharma, along with Joginder Singh, Sitaram, Ramesh Chandra, Manoj Kumar and others, blamed departmental negligence for the damage. They demanded a high-level probe into



the incident, criticizing the department for wasting resources in the name of mock drills that yield no real results.

Officials including Forest Range Officer Hansraj and Section Officer Deshraj maintained that the drill was conducted as per standard procedures and claimed that only one bigha of open area without trees was designated for the exercise. However, the fire reportedly spread beyond control, aided by dry undergrowth.

The villagers also pointed out the irony that in a summer marked by multiple rain spells and fewer forest fires, it was the government machinery itself that caused preventable destruction.

Sweet success: Anubhav Sood earns Rs 30 lakh annually through beekeeping

**KISHORI LAL BAINS**  
**UNA,** MAY 21

The Himachal Pradesh government's Mukhyamantri Madhu Vikas Yojana has transformed the life of Anubhav Sood, a young entrepreneur from Ambota village in Una district. Starting with just Rs 1 lakh in investment, Sood now generates an annual income of Rs 30 lakh from beekeeping, with a net profit of nearly Rs 10 lakh. His venture has also created direct employment for 10 other individuals. Sood's inspiring journey has become a model for youth seeking self-employment. Under the brand 'Pahadi Honey', he markets various high-quality honey varieties such as Black Forest, Black Diamond, Multiflora, Saffron, and Acacia. These products are now gaining popularity well



beyond Himachal's borders. Inspired by his mother, Nisha Sood, who is involved in food processing, Anubhav received training through the Horticulture Department at Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry in Solan, and at Sher-e-Kashmir Agricultural University in Katra. With 80% subsidy support under the Mukhyamantri Madhu Vikas Yojana, he began his

enterprise with 25 bee boxes. The initial success encouraged him to expand through a Rs 10 lakh loan under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP). Today, he operates 300 beehive boxes, producing around 10,000 kilograms of honey annually. His honey, priced between Rs 500 and Rs 1,200 per kilogram depending on variety and quality, is FSSAI-certified.

Maninder Bitta assures help to the family of martyr Pawan Jariyal



**SANAJY AGGARWAL**  
**DHARAMSHALA:** Maninderjit Singh Bitta, President of All India Anti-Terrorist Front, reached Shahpur on Wednesday and here he hugged the mother of martyr Major Pawan Jariyal and consoled her. Along with this, he also talked to the martyr's father, former soldier Garjo Singh, mother Kisho Devi, wife Sushma Devi, son Abhishek Kumar, daughter Anamika and assured them of all possible help. He also said that if the family needs any kind of help, they should contact him directly. He told the family to keep the documents of the son ready. He will talk to the government regarding the son's job. On this occasion, Nagar Panchayat Vice President Vijay Guleria, Councilor Shubham Sharma, Azad, Secretary Pradeep Dixit, Vikas, Sukhdev, Vijay Kumar, Anil Kumar and others were also present. Maninderjit Singh Bitta is a nationalist social worker of India. Currently, he is the President of All India Anti-Terrorist Front.

State govt implementing vision of Rajiv Gandhi: CM Pays tributes to former Prime Minister on his death anniversary

**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA,** MAY 21

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu paid rich tributes to former Prime Minister late Rajiv Gandhi on his death anniversary here today. He garlanded the statue of Rajiv Gandhi at Sadbhawana Chowk Chhota Shimla. Interacting media, the Chief Minister said that the present state government was committed to realizing the vision of former Prime Minister late Rajiv Gandhi in the state to uplift the weaker and marginal sections of the society. Recalling his immense contributions, he said that Rajiv Gandhi laid his life for the unity and integrity of the country and laid the groundwork for several transforming initiatives that propelled progress and prosperity of the Nation. He



said that Rajiv Gandhi laid a strong foundation for the information technology revolution in the country which was yielding positive outcomes for the present generation and made a provision for 33 percent reservation for women in the Panchayati Raj Institutions by amending the Constitution. Sukhu said that the present state government has introduced Rajiv Gandhi

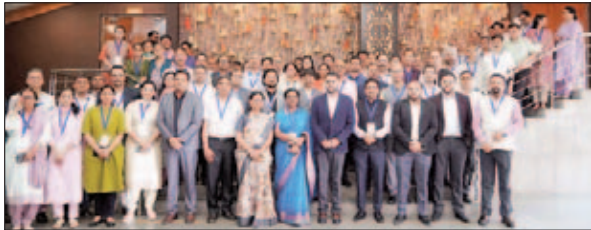
Day Boarding School Yojna in the state to improve the standards of education. He said that in each assembly constituency these schools were being established with modern facilities and other infrastructure to benefit the students residing in the rural areas of the State. He said that the state government was also implementing Rajiv Gandhi Swarojgar Start-Up Yojna

under which youths would be provided loans to start their vocations. Under the Scheme, unemployed youth were also being offered 50 percent subsidy for purchase of e-taxis. The Chief Minister also administered a pledge of national unity and integration of the country. Later, he also paid floral tributes to former Prime Minister late Rajiv Gandhi at H.P. Secretariat and administered the oath of Anti-Terrorism day to the officers and officials on the occasion. Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri, PCC Chief Pratibha Singh, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. (Col.) Dhani Ram Shandil, Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi, PWD Minister Vikramditya Singh, Chairman, H.P. Tourism Development Corporation R.S. Bali, Mayor, Shimla Municipal Corporation Surrender Chauhan.

Leadership empowerment through artificial intelligence vital for progressive governance: Gokul Butail

**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA,** MAY 21

Gokul Butail, Principal Advisor (Digital Technology, Innovation and Governance) to the Chief Minister, inaugurated a one-day workshop on "Leadership Empowerment through Artificial Intelligence" organized by the Department of Digital Technology and Governance here today. Speaking on the occasion, Gokul Butail said that the objective of the workshop was to empower leadership capabilities through technological innovation, especially Artificial Intelligence (AI). He said that AI has the potential to greatly aid in data analysis, accelerate decision-making processes



and automate routine tasks. He said that AI-driven analytics enables the extraction of meaningful insights from large datasets and makes the leadership decisions more rational and precise. He said that administrative officers can improve governance and uplift public service delivery through commitment to AI and innovation. Regular use of AI in daily tasks would simplify work processes and enhance efficiency. He

highlighted the future importance of digital technologies and said that under the able leadership of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, the State Government was moving steadily making Himachal a digital hub. He said that various departmental services were being made digitally accessible with a strong focus on extensive use of information technology in governance.



NEWS BRIEF

Virendra Thakur takes charge as SDO electricity, Bhoranj

**ANIL KUMAR HAMIRPUR:** Virendra Thakur has assumed charge as the new Sub-Divisional Officer (Electricity) at the Bhoranj Sub-Division Office. Thakur, who previously served as Junior Engineer in Barsar and Bhareni, and as SDO in the Hamirpur Electricity Division, brings significant experience to his new role. Speaking on the occasion, he stated that his top priority would be to ensure uninterrupted power supply across the region. He also emphasized prompt resolution of electricity-related issues faced by the public, assuring timely service delivery and efficient grievance redressal.

Mock fire drill conducted at SVN International Public School, Tarkwari



**ANIL KUMAR HAMIRPUR:** SVN International Public School, Tarkwari, recently conducted a mock fire drill aimed at ensuring student safety in the event of an actual emergency. The exercise served as a hands-on training opportunity to educate students about fire safety protocols and evacuation procedures. A day prior to the drill, students were briefed through an official announcement. Detailed instructions regarding evacuation routes, assembly points, and safety measures were shared with all classes. At precisely 11 am on the day of the drill, the fire alarm was sounded to simulate an emergency. Pre-primary students used the emergency staircase next to the school office for evacuation. Students of Class VII, located on the first floor, swiftly exited the building and gathered near the reception area by the school gate. Students from Classes VI to X assembled in the school's basement.

Final preparations underway for Hemkund Sahib Yatra; gates to open from May 25

AGENCY CHAMOLI, MAY 21

Indian Army soldiers carried out the work of removing snow from the travel route as the preparations for Hemkund Sahib Yatra by Chamoli District Administration and Shri Hemkund Sahib Gurudwara Trust are now in the final stages as the gates are to be opened for 'darshan' from May 25. As per the instructions of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, under the monitoring of District Magistrate Sandeep Tiwari, strong arrangements for electricity, water, toilets and medical facilities are being made on the travel route. The preparations for the journey are being finalized by the Gurudwara Management Committee in Govindghat, Ghangaria and Hemkund



Sahib. On Wednesday, Uttarakhand police conducted a field inspection of the walking route and reviewed security arrangements for the Hemkund Sahib Yatra. "Hemkund Sahib Yatra 2025: Before the opening of the gates, Chamoli police intensified preparations, did a field inspection of the walking route, and took stock of the security arrangements," Uttarakhand Police said in a post on X. Hemkund Sahib, the renowned Sikh pilgrimage site in Uttarakhand, will open its doors for Darshan on May 25, 2025. In a bid to streamline the registration process, the Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board (UTDB) has introduced Aadhar

Authentication and eKYC to register for the Char Dham and Hemkund Sahib Yatra, one of the most significant pilgrimages in India. It is aimed at reducing registration time and enhancing the overall experience for pilgrims. With Aadhaar-based online registration, authorities can monitor pilgrim movements, prepare better to avoid overcrowding at temples, and improve weather-related information flow, especially in high-altitude regions. Aadhaar-linked registration can also help in better planning and management of accommodations, transport, food, and medical aid based on the actual number of registered pilgrims, leading to curbing wastage and shortages of resources. It can also be helpful in addressing emergency situations better, as it can further improve coordination between pilgrims and authorities, officials said. Situated at a height of over 15,000 feet above the sea level in the Himalayan ranges of district Chamoli, Sri Hemkunt Sahib has emerged as a popular centre of Sikh Pilgrimage which is visited by thousands of devotees from all over the world every summer.

CM Vivah Shagun Yojana bringing relief to hundreds of families: DC Parth Gupta

RAHUL KOHLI  
YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 21

Deputy Commissioner Parth Gupta said that the Chief Minister Vivah Shagun Yojana, run by the Haryana Government, is providing significant relief to families from economically weaker sections. The scheme, specifically designed for Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes, BPL families, and minority communities, offers financial assistance to reduce the burden of marriage expenses.

Highlighting the scheme's impact, DC Gupta stated that it has proven to be a boon for families unable to afford their daughters' marriage expenses. "Through this initiative, the government has ensured that no family feels helpless during one of the most important milestones of life due to lack of money," he said. Under the scheme, the grant amounts differ based on the applicant's category. Gupta informed that: Rs 71,000 is provided for the marriage of daughters belonging to Scheduled Castes and Denotified Tribes with an annual income up to Rs 1.80 lakh. Rs 41,000 is given for girls from Backward Classes and General Categories whose family income does not exceed Rs 1.80 lakh per annum. Rs 51,000 is provided to widows, orphans, divorced, and destitute women, as well as their children. Women sportspersons (with annual family income up to Rs 1.80 lakh) are also eligible for Rs 41,000 in assistance. If both bride and groom are differently-abled, the assistance is Rs 51,000; if only one is differently-abled, the amount is Rs 41,000.



Motivational session at Rayat Bahra College inspires students to prioritize and balance life

DALJEET AJNOHA  
HOSHIARPUR, MAY 21

A special motivational session was organized at Rayat Bahra College of Education to inspire and encourage students. The session featured an inspirational lecture on the topic "Life: Our Choices, Our Priorities", delivered by renowned entrepreneur and social worker Dolly Cheema as the keynote speaker. The event was attended by students and faculty members of the college. The program began with Prof. Dr. Vibha Chawla warmly welcoming Dolly Cheema and introducing her to the students. In her impactful speech, Dolly Cheema highlighted that every individual is unique, but achieving success in life depends on setting the right



priorities and maintaining balance. Through an engaging activity, she taught students how to balance their personal and professional lives effectively. She also emphasized the importance of communication and encouraged students to openly share their feelings with their parents and well-wishers. Drawing from her own

life experiences, Dolly Cheema conveyed that making the right decisions is key to attaining mental peace and long-term success. At the conclusion of the program, the college principal, Dr. Pallavi Pandit, presented a memento to Dolly Cheema and expressed gratitude for her efforts in guiding students toward a positive path in life.

Decomposed, mutilated body found in Western Yamuna Canal near Dhanora Jagir



**MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI:** Panic spread in the region after a decomposed body of an unidentified man was found under suspicious circumstances in the Western Yamuna Canal near Dhanora Jagir village. The body, with its neck and one hand severed, was spotted floating under the canal bridge by passersby, who immediately alerted police through Dial 112. Police reached the spot swiftly and, with the help of local residents, retrieved the body from the canal. The corpse was found in an advanced state of decomposition, and its identity has not yet been established. Authorities suspect that the man was murdered and his body dumped in the canal several days ago. The body has been sent to Kalpana Chawla Government Medical College and Hospital in Karnal for postmortem examination. The case is being thoroughly investigated. Station House Officer of Indri Police Station, Vipin, said that the initial information came from the sarpanch of Dhanora Jagir, who reported the presence of a badly decomposed body under the canal bridge. "Given the condition of the body and the missing neck and hand, foul play is strongly suspected. We are probing all possible angles," he said.

Nivedita Public School organises program 'Sankalp Sabha: Main Bhi Swarg Hoon'



**HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA:** A program "Sankalp Sabha: Main Bhi Swarg Hoon," was organized at Nivedita Public School on Wednesday. The school premises echoed with the slogans of Vande Mataram and Jai Hind. The purpose of this program was to raise awareness about social responsibility and security among the students. In his address, the director of the college, Mr. Meva Ram Kashyap delivered a message to the children to remain in the same formula and maintain national unity. All the students saluted the soldiers of Operation Sindoor. Mr. Gulab said that such programs help students understand their responsibility towards society and motivate them to become a better citizen. Through this program, the students not only increased their knowledge, but also understood their responsibility towards the society. Principal of the school, Mrs. Bala Devi, told about the martyrdom of the brave soldiers involved in Operation Sindoor and those were still ready to protect our country.

36 students selected in Maruti Suzuki India Limited Company



**PARDEEP MEHTA NILOKHERI:** 36 students of Guru Brahmanand Government Polytechnic Institute Nilokheri, one of the best polytechnics of North India, have etched the name of the institute in golden letters by getting selected in Maruti Suzuki India Limited Company. There is an atmosphere of jubilation in the entire institute today. The selected students are expressing their happiness by distributing sweets. Today the Principal and the Heads of the Departments congratulated all the selected students. The Principal said that the institute organises many expert lectures (drugs free campus, illegal immigration, safety and security, green campus etc.) for the bright future of the students. Out of a total of 36 students, 29 students of Mechanical branch and 7 students of Electrical branch were selected by Maruti Suzuki India Private Limited Company. Among the selected students, 8 are girl students. Most of them are from Mechanical branch. This shows that the institute is paying special attention to women empowerment. Addressing all the selected students today, Principal Mrs. Benu Bajaj congratulated all the selected students, motivated them to bring glory to the institution and parents and inspired them to work diligently.

BSP will not tolerate feudal action by govt in connivance with police in Sohian village: Dr. Avtar

DALJEET AJNOHA  
HOSHIARPUR, MAY 21

BSP state president Dr. Avtar Singh Karimpuri strongly condemned the police action against Dalit labourers in the case of 930 acres of land in Sohian village of Sangrur district. He called the Punjab government an oppressive government and called it a feudal action taken in connivance with the police machinery. He said that for thousands of years the only fault of the landless people of this village was that they wanted ownership rights of this 930 acres of land and 2000 policemen came and tortured them, arrested them. He not only strongly condemned the government's repression, but also said that BSP will not tolerate it. He said that 'the land which is government land is ours', this is BSP's movement and in whichever village including



Sohian this movement is being run by the people, BSP is with them in every aspect. He also demanded the immediate release of innocent people arrested by the government. He demanded the immediate distribution of government land among the landless people and said that the government should move forward leaving its egalitarian and oppressive mentality. BSP will not tolerate this government oppression silently. If necessary, intervention can be done by

reaching Sangrur. He said that the government is moving towards police system by killing democracy, against which the justice loving people of Punjab will have to stand up. He advocated the government to give up its feudal and oppressive policy and distribute land to poor landless people. He said that Dalits, who are 35 to 40 percent of the total population, own six and a half percent of the total land of Punjab and the same is the situation of OBCs. While appealing to the people of Punjab to join BSP, he said that just as the former Chief Minister of the country's largest state Uttar Pradesh, sister Kumari Mayawati, had given lakhs of acres of land to the landless for free during her four governments, similarly, when BSP forms the government in Punjab, government lands will be distributed to the landless.

'Healthy lifestyle-key to success' organised at Maharana Pratap Public Sr Sec School

HANS RAJ  
KURUKSHETRA, MAY 21

A health awareness camp on "Healthy lifestyle - key to success" was organized at Maharana Pratap Public Senior Secondary School, Kurukshetra under the joint courtesy of the Indian Pediatric Association, Kurukshetra and DR Jain Neurocare and Multispeciality Hospital, Kurukshetra. IAP in this camp District Head and Senior Pediatrician Dr. Rakesh Bhardwaj MD Pediatric Medicine and DR Jain Neurocare and Multispeciality Hospital, Kurukshetra from Dr. Ruchi Jain MBBS, MS, MS, Women and Objection specialist, Dr. Sanjay Sharma BAMS Ayurveda specialist and Expertise Medical Campus participated. Addressing the students in the program Dr



Rakesh Bhardwaj said that success in today's competitive era depended not only on talent or hard work, but also on the lifestyle of the person. "We all want to be successful in life - bringing good digits, winning sports, and becoming a doctor, engineer or a big officer in future.

But the basis of this success is a strong body and stable mind which can be obtained from a healthy lifestyle." For which students stressed the need to include

regularity, balanced diet, timely sleep, exercise and yoga in daily life. The session also discussed in detail the ill effects of drug addiction and excessive intake of junk food. The speaker explained to the students that wrong habits gradually weaken a person's thinking, energy and self-power. Dr. Ruchi Jain told that PCOD is called polycystic ovary disorder. Due to imbalance in Harmon, women have to face a variety of problem.

Anti-terrorism day organized at Delhi Public School

RAHUL KOHLI  
YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 21

On the occasion of 'Anti - Terrorism Day' on Wednesday at Delhi Public School Yamunanagar, all students were vowed to become the guards of the country to protect the unity, integrity and sovereignty of their nation India. On this occasion, all the students of Vidyalaya pledged to become a guards and raised slogans of the army of Vande Mataram, Jai Hind and Jai Hind. Recently, the cruel face of terrorism in Pahalgar surprised everyone, but our army soldiers taught a lesson to the terrorists through 'Operation Sindoor'. As a citizen of India, it is the duty of every Indian to maintain peace and unity in his country and become



aware of his country, society and culture as a conscious citizen. On this occasion, the chairman of the school, Ramnivas Garg Director Hitesh Garg and Principal Mrs. Manisha Singh while giving good wishes to Dainik Jagran on the occasion of its silver jubilee, said that this was a good and commendable initiative. He said that they all

salute the valor, sacrifice and courage of the Indian Army. It was our moral duty to maintain the security, integrity and sovereignty of the country. Through this pledge, students considered the country to be paramount and the spirit of giving importance to the interest of the country rather than the personal interest.

Dinesh Bakshi donates platelets for 92nd time to save child's life

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:** Social worker and founder of Lakshya Janhit Society, Dinesh Bakshi, once again demonstrated his unwavering commitment to humanity by donating platelets for the 92nd time. On receiving an urgent call from the father of a critically ill child admitted at Kalpana Chawla Medical College and Hospital, Bakshi rushed to the hospital's blood center to donate his B+ platelets without delay. The child's platelet count had dropped to a dangerous level of 3,000, and timely transfusion was crucial. Bakshi's immediate response helped the medical team begin the platelet transfusion process on time. Dinesh Bakshi, who has been actively working in the fields of blood donation and environmental welfare, has already donated blood 135 times and platelets 92 times. He has been honoured at national and international levels, including by the Governor. Encouraging healthy individuals to come forward, Bakshi explained that a person can safely donate blood every three months and platelets every 72 hours, up to 2-3 times a month, without any adverse effect on the body.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Professor of Kurukshetra Varsity to honour meritorious students

**KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI:** Dharmendra Kheda, Director of Narsingh Das Public Senior Secondary School, Taraori, said that an honour ceremony will be organised in the school on Friday, 23 May in which the students securing 75 per cent or more marks in class 12th and 10th of session 2024-25 will be honoured. He said that in this honour ceremony, apart from senior professor of Kurukshetra University, Dr. Suchita Upadhyay, Block Education Officer Dr. Satpal Bagga will attend as the chief guest and honour the meritorious children. He said that the students securing 75 per cent or more marks in AISCSE and AISCSE 2025 are cordially invited along with their parents. The management committee honoured the toppers of Geeta Modern School by giving them mementoes.

CM Saini meets PM, congratulates him on Operation Sindoor

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, MAY 21

Haryana Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi on Wednesday to congratulate him on the success of Operation Sindoor and express his gratitude to the Army. Later, while addressing the media persons at Haryana Bhawan in New Delhi, Sh Saini praised the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, stating that under his guidance, the brave soldiers of the country had successfully destroyed terrorist hideouts on their own land. "Only the Prime Minister could have taken such a historic decision," he remarked.

The Chief Minister condemned the cowardly attack by terrorists in Pahalgam, in which innocent civilians were killed. He said the incident deeply hurt and angered the people of the country, who demanded strong action against terrorism. Responding to the nation's sentiments, Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi took decisive steps and launched Operation Sin-



door, through which our brave soldiers eliminated the terrorists on their own land.

Sh Nayab Singh Saini stated that before 2014, terrorists used to infiltrate the country and carried out attacks, creating an atmosphere of fear and insecurity across the nation. However, Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi took decisive and stringent measures against terrorism. The Prime Minister made it clear that the time had come to eliminate the remaining ground

of terrorism. Our brave soldiers struck at the very land in Pakistan where terrorism was nurtured and protected, and successfully crushed the terrorists at their source.

He said that the country is secure under the leadership of the Prime Minister. By taking such decisive action, the Prime Minister has strengthened the nation, ensuring its safety and empowerment. Today, there is a sense of satisfaction among the citizens, while fear has gripped

the minds of terrorists.

In response to a question, the Chief Minister said that Operation Sindoor has exposed the true face of Pakistan to the entire world. While Pakistan was attempting to defame India, Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi unmasked its role in promoting terrorism on the global stage. He added that the Prime Minister has sent a strong message that "blood and water cannot flow together."

The Chief Minister said that the Prime Minister has also been briefed on the ongoing development works and schemes in Haryana. He said that several development projects were launched by the Prime Minister on the occasion of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Jayanti. The Chief Minister added that whenever the Prime Minister visits Haryana, it brings a renewed sense of energy and enthusiasm among the people.

In response to another question, the Chief Minister said that the police are thoroughly investigating the cases of spying in Haryana.

State level Lord Parshuram Jayanti celebration on May 30 in presence of CM as chief guest

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 21

Haryana's Cooperation, Heritage and Tourism Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma said that under the Sant-Mahapurusha Vichar Samman and Prasar Yojana of the state government, a state level function of Lord Parshuram Jayanti will be organized in Pahrwar of Rohtak on 30th May. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini will participate in the function as the chief guest and the program will be presided over by State President Mohan Lal Baroli. Cabinet ministers and MLAs as well as other dignitaries will also participate in this function. He said that he himself is going to different districts and inviting people to participate in this state level function. He said that there is a lot of enthusiasm among the devotees about the Jayanti celebration. Brahmin society and all communities from every corner of the state will participate in this state level function. Cabinet Minister Dr Arvind Sharma reached Lord Parshuram Bhawan in Indri on Wednesday to invite people to the state level Lord Parshuram Janmotsav celebrations. In his address, the Cabinet Minister said that with the blessings of the people, the BJP government has been formed for the third time in the state under the leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and this has been possible only with the cooper-



ation of the people.

He said that the state government is working to celebrate the birth anniversary of all great men at the state level, in which all the communities contribute. A few years ago, during the tenure of Union Minister and former Chief Minister Haryana Manohar Lal, Parshuram Jayanti was also celebrated in Karnal and this time the celebration of Lord Parshuram Jayanti will be celebrated at the state level in Pahrwar, Rohtak. He said that the government is working together with all the communities and the contribution of all the communities will be ensured in the birth anniversary celebrations of all the great men. He highlighted the important contribution of the Gaud Brahmin Vidya Pracharini Sabha and said that it is an education institution, which was started in 1904 by Pandit Bhagwat Dayal Gaud Sharma.

Many institutions like schools, colleges and medical colleges are associated with

this institution. 15.5 acres of land was donated to this institution in Pahrwar village which was earlier controversial, but Union Minister and former Chief Minister Haryana Manohar Lal intervened and made the land available to the institution. Today children of 36 communities study in these educational institutions, which makes their future bright. Minister Sharma said that about 80,000 members are associated with this institution and in future Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini has said to open registration for the members of the institution for 3 months after the 30th. After this, the members of the institution will be elected. On this occasion, Sarpanch representative Mangeram, Johnny Sharma, Pradeep Kamboj, Amit Kheda, Pradeep Kalasaur, Sarpanch Pratap Manohar Pur, Gobind Kartarpur, Amit Kamalpur, Ramlal, Shyam Lal Nambardar, Suresh Tiagi, Sukhdev Dr. Subhash, Rishipal Sharma, Bittu etc.

Indian Army is capable of facing any threat: Sanjay Singla

**KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI:** Shri Ram Rice Unit CMD and Shiv Shakti Sankirtan Mandal President Sanjay Singla said that Operation Sindoor is not only a symbol of India's military strength but it also gives a message to the community that India can go to any extent for the safety of its sovereignty and citizens. The whole world has seen and respected the valor of the Indian Army. He said that Operation Sindoor proved that the Indian Army is fully capable of facing any threat. This defeat given to Pakistan is not only a military victory but also a resolution to protect India's sovereignty. He said that this campaign has brought recognition to India's strategic thinking and military capability on the global platform. Shri Ram Rice Unit CMD Sanjay Singla said that Operation Sindoor is capable of facing any threat. Shiv Shakti Sankirtan Mandal President Sanjay Singla was talking to journalists in Taraori. He said that the Tiranga Yatra being taken out across the state in honour of Indian soldiers is dedicated to the hard work, courage and valor of the Indian Army. He praised the talent shown by the Indian Army towards the nation and considered it a symbol of national security. He said that Operation Sindoor was made successful by the Indian Army. This operation is a symbol of the hard work of the Indian Army, their unique courage and unwavering commitment towards national security. He told how the women army officers saved the pride of the Indian tricolor with their hard work and made the society feel safe while maintaining the integrity of India. Social worker Sanjay Singla said that it is a matter of great happiness that in this hour of the test, every citizen of India stood united and dedicatedly for the country.



Meritorious students of Geeta Modern School honoured

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI, MAY 21

The meritorious students of Geeta Modern Senior Secondary School Taraori were honoured by feeding them sweets. School manager Balkrishna Tripathi and principal Ragini Rai congratulated all the children. The result of class 10th was declared by the Haryana Board of School Education in which Satwinder Kaur, daughter of Baljeet Singh, a student of Geeta Modern Senior Secondary School Tarawadi, hoisted the flag by securing first position in the school by scoring 95 per cent marks. Satwinder scored 100 out of 100 in English and Gurleen hoisted the flag by scoring 100 out of 100 in Mathematics. Gurleen Kaur daughter of Harminder Singh secured second position by scoring 93 percent marks and Manpreet daugh-



ter of Sukhwinder Singh secured 91 per cent marks, Harsh son of Shri Rajendra 91 per cent, Yuvraj son of Rajesh Kumar secured third position by scoring 91 per cent marks. Sukhpreet daughter of Sukhwinder Singh secured fourth position by scoring 90 per cent marks. Anjali 89 per cent, Bhavana 89 per cent, Ashita 89 per cent, Prabhjot 89 per cent, Raunak 89 per cent,

Vishal 89 per cent, Swati 88 per cent, Vikrant 87 per cent, Dimple 87 per cent, Sarthak Mishra 85 per cent, Yukti 85 percent, Neha 84 per cent, Tanishka 83 per cent, Abhishek 82 per cent, Prince 81 per cent, Armaan 78 per cent, Dimple and Sagar secured place in the merit by scoring 75 per cent marks and brought laurels to the school and their parents.

School manager Balkrishna Tripathi and principal Ragini Rai congratulated all the toppers and meritorious students and their parents and gave sweets to the children and parents and wished them a bright future. On this occasion, director Suresh Chand, Dimple Tripathi, Karamjit Kaur, Rajveer, Payal, Nisha and Kiran Gupta along with all the staff members were present.

Overloaded dumper snatches life of mother of three daughters



JAIBEER RANA THAMBER

**BARARA:** A woman working as a porter at the railway station died a painful death after being hit by an overloaded dumper near Barara grain market on Monday morning. The deceased has been identified as Shashi Bala, a resident of village Thumbad, who was the mother of three daughters. After the death of her husband Satpal four years ago, Shashi Bala was the only support of the family. Shashi Bala had left her house to go to Ambala railway station at around 7 am as usual. When she reached near gate number-3 of the grain market, a dumper coming from Dausarka at high speed hit Shashi Bala's Activa from the front. Shashi Bala fell on the road, and the front wheel of the dumper ran over her. The woman was crushed, while the dumper also overturned in the roadside drain.

Seriously injured Shashi Bala was immediately rushed to MMU Hospital Mullana by ambulance, where doctors declared her dead. According to local people, immediately after the accident, the dumper driver tried to run away, but passersby caught him and handed him over to the police who reached the spot. Social organizations and local people have appealed to come forward to help Shashi Bala's family. The police have taken the dumper driver into custody and started an investigation. Shashi Bala's death not only took away the support of her children, but also created a lot of anger in the area. This is not the first case, in the last few months, many lives have been lost in Ambala area due to overloaded and high speed vehicles. A few months ago, a dumper had crushed three children, while a woman and her daughter died in the Saha area. Near Ugala also, two bullet riders had lost their lives due to a collision with a dumper. Despite these incidents, the action of the administration and the police has proved inadequate so far.

Manumajra School's Sanjhi Sabha will be formed on May 23: Dinesh Kamal

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER

**BARARA:** Preparations for the new academic session and formation of Sanjhi Sabha have begun in Government High School and Primary School Manumajra. School headmaster Dinesh Kamal said that a meeting will be organized in the school on 23rd May for the formation of Sanjhi Sabha. He said that for this, apart from village Manumajra, people of Malikpur, Foxa and Talheri Rangdan have also been informed about the meeting. Dinesh Kamal said that this year the result of class 10th of the school was 100% and the result of other classes was also good.



CJM reaches Sub Divisional Legal Services Committee Assandh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 21

Under the guidance of District and Sessions Judge and Chairman of District Legal Services Authority Ajay Kumar Sharda, Chief Judicial Magistrate and Secretary of District Legal Services Authority Dr. Iram Hasan reached Sub Divisional Legal Services Committee, Assandh on Wednesday. Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division) Assandh Harish Sabrawal was also present on this occasion. Dr. Iram Hasan held a meeting with the panel advocates and mediators of the Sub Divisional Legal Services Committee Assandh. In the meeting, she talked about giving information to the general public about the committee related to sexual harassment at workplace and helping the victims in writing applications. Apart from this, she



talked about making the general public aware about free legal services and committee related to sexual harassment at workplace at legal aid centers established in villages. Apart from this, Dr. Iram Hasan also inspected the legal aid centers established in villages Moonak and Salwan and encouraged the

para legal volunteers present to give information about free legal services and government schemes to the general public. He encouraged the para legal volunteers to inspire the people of the village to stop child marriage and to report any case of child marriage immediately if it is detected.

Bees increase agricultural productivity through pollination, helps biodiversity: Prof. Suresh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 21

A special awareness programme was organised on the occasion of World Bee Day at Maharana Pratap Udyan Vishwavidyalaya Karnal. MHU's Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Suresh Malhotra specially attended the program as the chief guest. This event was organized under the Mini Honey Testing Lab project funded by the National Bee Board, Government of India. This laboratory will not only check the quality of honey, but will also provide training and awareness to farmers. The Vice Chancellor highlighted the ecological importance of bees and their role in food security. He said that bees not only increase agricultural productivity through pollination, but are also helpful in maintaining natural biodiversity.

The Vice Chancellor said that farmers can earn more profit by doing beekeeping along with farming. Honeybees are a precious gift of nature to the farmer brothers. DSW Dr. Ranjan Gupta, in his welcome speech, welcomed all the guests and said that if we do not understand this in-

valuable gift of nature, then in the coming times, there can be a serious crisis on biodiversity and food chain. Scientist Dr. Gaurav Singh gave information about government schemes related to beekeeping, while MHU student Harsh Yadav presented practical methods of beekeeping in simple language. Farmers and villagers were also given a tour of the beekeeping unit of the university. The participants were shown an exhibition of modern equipment and products



used in beekeeping, which inspired them to adopt it as a business.

As a special attraction, pure honey produced by the university was distributed to the farmers. At the end of the program, Director Research, Dr. Dharam Pal thanked everyone.

Shandilya's father-in-law Bhushan Prakash Sharma cremated

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA, MAY 21

Anti Terrorist Front India and Vishwa Hindu Takht chief Veeresh Shandilya's father-in-law Bhushan Prakash Sharma died tragically on Tuesday. Bhushan Prakash Sharma was 76 years old. Today Bhushan Sharma's last rites were performed at Rambagh Ambala city and Bhushan Sharma immersed in the five elements. Bhushan Sharma's last rites were performed by his only son Paras Sharma.

On this occasion, hundreds of people bid farewell to Bhushan Sharma with tearful eyes. Bhushan Sharma's funeral was attended by Ambala city MLA Nirmal Singh, former BJP district president Jagmohan Lal Kumar, Jaggi City Centre owner Sarabjot Singh Jaggi, Deputy Mayor Rajesh Mehta, Council-

lor Sandeep Sachdeva, Councillor Manish Anand Manni, Councillor Yatin Bansal, Councillor Archana Chhibber, Sector 1 Resident Welfare Association Secretary KG Gupta, Dr. Manoj Agarwal, Dr. Vishal Mehra, Dr. BD Kaushal, Senior Journalist Suman Bhatnagar, Senior ANI Journalist Piyush Jain, Journalist Ashish Agarwal, Punjab Kesari Bureau Chief Balram Saini, Punjab Kesari Journalist Mukesh Sharma, Senior Journalist Tarun Kapoor, Nirmal Singh's PA Nitin Bhatia, Gulshan Bhatia, Sunny Anand, Babbu Batra, Ramesh Kaushal, Amar Palace owner Vikas Jain, Gujranwala Jewelers owner Anil Jain, Khanna Palace owner Kanwaljit Khanna, Ankur Agarwal City Motor Pump's Ashok Agarwal, Navratan



Garg, former head of Palika Vihar NN Sharma, Rajinder Vashishth, Sanjeev Dhiman, Surendra Pal KK, Virendra Kapoor, Mukesh Sharma, DPRO Dharmendra Sharma, senior BJP leader Sanjay Lakra, senior BJP leader Manoj Goyal, advocate Sahil Vaidya, Virendra Midda, Bingal Vaishnav, BJP leader Ashok Kakkur, BJP media in-charge Sahil Kakkur, Subhash Walia, Ajay Garg, Neeraj, Rajiv Bhatia, BP Pashricha, Harish Arora, journalist Hindi Gulati, Ajay Chugh, senior Congress

leader Tarun Chugh, Safali Saree owner Ashwini, Ashish Jain, advocate Ashwini Walia, Rajan Arora, BJP media in-charge Sudhir Sharma, Gagan Malhotra, Amar Palace owner Vikas Jain, Tony Jain, retired JE, Sandeep Pal KK, Mahendra Dhiman, Mohan Dhiman, Ravi Sethi, Narendra Sharma, Kamal Gulati, Saurabh, Rajan Chandel, Bhushan Manchanda, Prem Sagar Sharma, Rajan Sharma, Power Minister Anil Vij's PA Vikas Vats, High Court advocate Ishan Bhardwaj, High Court advocate Lakshya Goyal, Reena Sharma, Suresh Sharma, Vijendra Gupta, Kaka Saini, Savita Jain etc.

1,300 posts of jail warders will be filled shortly: CM

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 21

Haryana Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini today announced a major recruitment drive in the Prison Department, declaring that around 1,300 posts of jail warders will be filled shortly to further strengthen the state's judicial and correctional system. Also, medical and paramedical vacancies in the Prison Department, as well as essential staff positions for the newly built Jail Training Academy in Karnal, will also be filled soon.

The Chief Minister made these announcements after inaugurating the Jail Training Academy in Karnal, which aims to provide comprehensive training to prison personnel with a focus on reform, rehabilitation, and modernization. The academy, spread over 6.5 acres and constructed at a cost of Rs 3.29 crore, incorporates energy-efficient and temperature-optimized technologies.



He also announced that new jails will be constructed in Panchkula, Dadri, and Fatehabad, with an investment of approximately Rs 300 crore. Furthermore, a Gausala will also be started in the premises of the District Jail, Karnal.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said that the new jail training academy marks the beginning of a transformative approach in the correctional system. "This is not

just the inauguration of a building, it is a change of perspective, the beginning of a new vision. Our prisons must become centers of change, revival, and reconstruction, not just punishment," he said.

He said that the newly built academy will offer induction training for new recruits and refresher courses for existing staff, ensuring that prisons department officers and officials are trained in modern

technologies, human rights, and psychological aspects of inmate reform. With changing times, it is essential to equip our jail employees with not just the tools of discipline, but also the spirit of empathy, justice, and social rehabilitation, he added.

The Chief Minister said that India is undergoing a profound transformation under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi. He said that the nation is moving steadily towards becoming a developed and technologically empowered India. A recent example of this was witnessed during Operation Sindoor, where the world recognized India's technical expertise, operational efficiency, and strategic skill. He said that technology is playing a pivotal role in enhancing transparency and accountability in governance and public administration. In line with the goals of Digital India, Haryana is also moving towards establishing Smart Jails.



Editorial

Good move

Of the many strategic gains that India can claim from Operation Sindoor, few represent as dramatic a turnaround as the growing bonhomie between New Delhi and the Taliban rulers of Afghanistan. Last week, the external affairs minister, S. Jaishankar, spoke to the Taliban's foreign minister, Amir Khan Muttaqi, marking the highest-ever public contact between Kabul and New Delhi, building on a rapidly developing relationship that would have been impossible to imagine four years ago. Mr Jaishankar thanked Mr Muttaqi for the Taliban government's unequivocal condemnation of the Pahalgam terrorist attack on April 22 that triggered a brief but intense military confrontation between India and Pakistan. He also thanked his Taliban counterpart for rejecting false suggestions emanating from Pakistan that India, in the course of Operation Sindoor, had fired missiles into Afghanistan. For 25 years since the Taliban first grabbed power in Afghanistan in 1996, then was ousted by an invasion by the United States of America in 2001, and eventually took charge again in 2021, India viewed the group as a proxy of Pakistan's military and intelligence services. India blamed the Taliban and their allies like the Haqqani network for carrying out multiple deadly attacks against its embassy and consulates in Afghanistan. For the same Taliban — with the Haqqanis in senior ministerial positions — to now effectively serve as potential allies against terrorism is a stunning shift in India's relationship with the Afghan group.

Jaishankar's call with Mr Muttaqi has been years in the making. Soon after the Taliban returned to power, they indicated that they wanted better ties with India where thousands of Afghans study and seek medical treatment. At the same time, the Taliban's relations with Pakistan soured, with Islamabad accusing its former allies of allowing anti-Pakistan terror groups to operate from Afghan soil.

Since then, India has carefully built up its ties with the Taliban, including through a meeting in January between India's foreign secretary, Vikram Misri, and Mr Muttaqi. A deepening relationship with the Taliban — even though India does not recognise the group's government in Afghanistan — helps New Delhi strategically in its efforts to put pressure on Pakistan. The Taliban are also seeking wider diplomatic recognition: Mr Muttaqi was in Iran over the weekend, is in China this week, and will also meet Pakistan's foreign minister in Beijing.

First global pandemic agreement



In a move aimed at safeguarding global health, Member States of the World Health Organisation (WHO) have unanimously adopted the world's first Pandemic Agreement at the 78th World Health Assembly. The agreement seeks to boost international coordination and ensure equitable access to life-saving tools during future pandemics, while reaffirming respect for national sovereignty in public health decisions.

In a press release on Tuesday, the WHO said, "Member States of the World Health Organisation (WHO) today formally adopted by consensus the world's first Pandemic Agreement. The landmark decision by the 78th World Health Assembly culminates more than three years of inten-

sive negotiations launched by governments in response to the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and driven by the goal of making the world safer from - and more equitable in response to - future pandemics."

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General, hailed the agreement as a victory for public health and said it will safeguard the world from future pandemic threats."The world is safer today, thanks to the leadership, collaboration and commitment of our Member States to adopt the historic WHO Pandemic Agreement.

The Agreement is a victory for public health, science and multilateral action. It will ensure we, collectively, can better protect the world from future pandemic

threats. It is also a recognition by the international community that our citizens, societies and economies must not be left vulnerable to again suffer losses like those endured during COVID-19," Ghebreyesus said. The governments adopted the WHO Pandemic Agreement today in a plenary session of the World Health Assembly, WHO's peak decision-making body. The adoption followed yesterday's approval of the Agreement by vote (124 in favour, 0 objections, 11 abstentions) in Committee by Member State delegations. The WHO Pandemic Agreement sets out the principles, approaches, and tools for better international coordination across a range of areas, strengthening the global health architecture for pandemic prevention, prepared-

ness, and response. This includes equitable and timely access to vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics. Regarding national sovereignty, the Agreement stated, "Nothing in the WHO Pandemic Agreement shall be interpreted as providing the Secretariat of the World Health Organisation, including the Director-General of the World Health Organisation, any authority to direct, order, alter or otherwise prescribe the national and/or domestic law, as appropriate, or policies of any Party, or to mandate or otherwise impose any requirements that Parties take specific actions, such as ban or accept travellers, impose vaccination mandates or therapeutic or diagnostic measures or implement lockdowns."

Literature & Health

Dubai fashion week spring, summer 2026 to launch this September

Dubai Fashion Week (DFW), the official fashion week of Dubai and a rising global fashion destination, is set to return this autumn. The Spring/Summer 2026 edition will run from 1st to 6th September 2025 at Dubai Design District (d3), a global creative hub by TECOM Group PJSC, marking over a decade of design innovation. As the first fashion week on the global calendar—preceding New York, London, Milan and Paris—DFW continues to shape the international fashion narrative from the heart of the region. The upcoming edition follows February's Autumn/Winter 2025/26 showcase, which featured global models, a standout closing by Indian designer Manish Malhotra, and the debut of regional and international names such as Les Benjamins and Paolo Sebastian. The event included immersive brand activations, private viewings and citywide fashion moments that attracted top retailers, creatives and media from around the world.



Co-founded by d3 and the Arab Fashion Council, DFW is returning with broader global reach and a bold creative vision. Strategically positioned ahead of the international fashion weeks, it offers designers a powerful platform to access global markets, connect with buyers and shape emerging trends.

This season's edition will feature more than 30 brands from countries including France, India, Italy, Lebanon, Libya, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.

US Intel points to possible Israeli strike on Iran nuclear sites amid diplomatic push

The United States has gathered new intelligence suggesting that Israel is actively preparing for a potential military strike against Iranian nuclear facilities, even as President Donald Trump's administration continues its diplomatic efforts with Tehran, CNN reported, citing multiple US officials on Tuesday (local time). While Israel appears not to have made a final decision, CNN, citing officials familiar with the intelligence, has reported that the likelihood of a strike has increased substantially in recent months. They noted that whether Israel moves forward will largely hinge on the outcome of ongoing US-Iran negotiations regarding Tehran's nuclear ambitions. A source cited by CNN said that "the



chance of an Israeli strike on an Iranian nuclear facility has gone up significantly," particularly if Washington's deal fails to curb Iran's uranium enrichment fully. The US assessment is based on both intercepted Israeli communications and visible military movements, including the repositioning of aerial munitions and the completion of a major Israeli air exercise, as reported by CNN. However, officials also warned that

these moves could be part of a broader Israeli effort to pressure Iran diplomatically, rather than a sign of imminent military action. As per CNN, any such attack would mark a serious divergence from Trump's current diplomacy strategy and could risk triggering wider conflict across the already-volatile Middle East. Since the outbreak of the Gaza war in 2023, the US has sought to avoid such escalation.

POEMS

Journey Home

The time that my journey takes is long and the way of it long. I came out on the chariot of the first gleam of light, and pursued my voyage through the wildernesses of worlds leaving my track on many a star and planet.

It is the most distant course that comes nearest to thyself, and that training is the most intricate which leads to the utter simplicity of a tune.

The traveler has to knock at every alien door to come to his own, and one has to wander through all the outer worlds to reach the innermost shrine at the end.

Rabindranath Tagore

Nagas of Manipur preserve heritage through handloom and handicrafts

Nagas are the third-largest ethnic group in Manipur, primarily inhabiting the hills. Despite modern challenges, they proudly preserve their heritage through vibrant festivals, traditional dress, and intricate handicrafts. In Tamenglong, where the majority belong to the Zeliangrong Naga tribe, a centuries-old tradition of handloom weaving thrives, carried on by rural women and artisans who keep this craft alive across generations.

"We work here making traditional clothes. It takes one to two days to weave a piece of fabric, which requires a lot of effort. We make clothes for both women and men. Prices start around three thousand rupees and increase if more fabric is used or if the work is more intricate," says Thinglung Lio, a handicraft artist.

These women skillfully weave traditional garments such as the phanek (a wraparound skirt), shawls, sheets, and gamchas (towels), using local raw materials like silk and cotton threads. Their craftsmanship



These women skillfully weave traditional garments such as the phanek (a wraparound skirt), shawls, sheets, and gamchas (towels), using local raw materials like silk and cotton threads. Their craftsmanship beautifully reflects Manipur's rich cultural diversity and artistic heritage. Each colour and design carries deep symbolic meaning, making these garments more than just clothing—they are vibrant expressions of identity. Although the handloom sector in Manipur was affected during times of unrest, the improving situation has revitalised the industry, bringing new hope and growth.

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Thothrechan Zimik, proprietor of a handloom cluster in Ukhrul district, says, "For about one and a half years, the business was slow, but in the last 5-6 months, our business has been running smoothly and demand is growing. People are asking for different kinds of products, so all our workers are busy from morning till evening." Manipur's handloom industry is gaining wider recognition, with handmade textiles reaching markets across the country.

Though exports are still limited, e-commerce offers great potential for broader reach. By blending traditional techniques with modern fashion, Manipur's textiles are opening new opportunities. More than just fabric, this industry reflects the soul, tradition, and vibrant culture of its people.



**BHUPINDER KAPOOR RAJPURA:** Today, a press conference was held by the Chairman of the Market Committee of Rajpura, Mandi Board, in which Chairman Deepak Sood discussed important issues with the press. He said that the Bhagwant Mann government has brought a storm in Punjab



regarding the works in which the Punjab government is moving forward with its own works. The Aam Aadmi Party government has given grants of 1397.50 lakhs to Rajpura for roads. The total expenditure on these roads is 1397.50 lakhs, which includes the construction amount of 239.35 lakhs to be spent by the

government for the construction of these roads during the next five years. These grants will provide link roads to 20 villages, including Damanheri to Safdalpur, Khanpur Gandia in Phirni, Mangpur GT Road to Mehtabgarh, Rajpura Patiala Road to Village Mehma, Damanheri to Safdalpur, Public to Khanpur Khurd.

NEWS BRIEF

One arrested with 9 gms of smack



**MAINPAL KASHYAP INDR:** Last evening, on the basis of reliable information, the team of District Police Station Indri, headed by Assistant Sub Inspector Lakhwinder Singh, arrested the accused Ravi resident Ward No. 9 Indri, Karnal from Indri Road and recovered nine grams of smack from his possession.

Get field leveled by laser leveler on custom hiring

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:** Assistant Agriculture Engineer said that the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department is providing laser land levelers on custom hiring to level the farmers' fields in the year 2025-26, farmers who want to get their fields leveled should deposit minimum amount of Rs 1075 (10 hours) through challan in account of Assistant Agriculture Engineer (Headquarters) Haryana Panchkula.

Anti-Terrorism Day observed at Baba Siddhanath International Public School



**HANSRAJ KURUKSHETRA:** An important program was organized at Baba Siddhanath International Public School on occasion of Anti-Terrorism Day. All students and teachers of the school participated in this program and took oath against terrorism. Paying tribute to the martyrs of the Pulwama terrorist attack, slogans like Vande Mataram, Jai Hind, Jai Hind Ki Sena, Salaam to the brave men of Operation Sindoor were raised. School manager Ishwar Singh said that we have to fight unitedly against terrorism and contribute to security of country. Vice President Rekha Devi gave message to children to be aware and alert towards terrorism. Principal Geeta Sharma made everyone aware about this important day and said that we have to make our children aware and alert towards terrorism.

CM Nayab Singh Saini to lead ‘Operation Sindoor’ Tiranga Rally in Ladwa today



**VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA:** The city of Ladwa is set to host the “Operation Sindoor Tiranga Yatra” on May 22, led by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini. Describing the event as more than just a rally, Chief Minister’s Office in-charge Kailash Saini said it is a heartfelt tribute to the martyrs of Operation Sindoor and a celebration of national pride. He informed that the rally will commence at 9:30 AM from the Ladwa Bus Stand. After addressing the gathering, CM Saini will lead the march, which will pass through major landmarks including Ramkundi Chowk, Main Bazaar, Narayan Dham, Madanlal Dhirga Chowk, Indri Road, and Hinori Chowk before culminating back at Ramkundi Chowk. The march aims to remind citizens of the bravery shown by soldiers during Operation Sindoor and to pledge unity against terrorism. Kailash Saini confirmed that students from local schools will also participate in the rally.

Gulzarilal Nanda architect of progress in Kurukshetra: Dr Mamta Sachdeva



**DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA:** A Devotional and Inspirational Music Competition, along with a Speech Competition, was held at Sh. Gulzari Lal Nanda Centre of Ethics, Philosophy, Museum and Library Kurukshetra University. Chief Guest Dr. Mamta Sachdeva, in her address, paid tribute to Shri Gulzari Lal Nanda, highlighting his immense contribution to the spiritual and cultural development of Kurukshetra. Dr Sachdeva noted that Gulzarilal Nanda was an architect of progress in Kurukshetra through peace and planning. Nanda's efforts in the renovation of Kurukshetra helped bring Kurukshetra onto the global stage. Dr Sachdeva further highlighted the humanitarian values of Nanda ji, “If we walk the path of good conduct, as Nanda ji did, success is certain.” Prof. Sunita Siroha from the Department of English, Kurukshetra University, graced the event as Special Guest and encouraged participants to carry forward the legacy of Shri Gulzari Lal Nanda by contributing positively to society, calling it a true tribute to his vision.

Dhami interacts with citizens using CM Helpline-1905, directs officials to resolve problems



AGENCY  
DEHRADUN, MAY 21

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Wednesday interacted with citizens who had lodged complaints in CM Helpline-1905 and took feedback from them. Dhami directed the officials to resolve the pending problems with timeliness and seriousness. Uttarakhand CM said it was a pleasure to know that the problems of the complainants have been resolved and added that the "trust of the public is our biggest inspiration" He also assured the public that the government is determined to resolve the public's problems and fix the accountability of the administration. "Our government is working, considering public service as paramount. Our effort is to ensure that our citizen of the state faces any kind of problem. Fixing the accountability of the

administration and getting the problems resolved quickly is our priority," he said. Earlier in the day, CM Dhami participated in the flag-off program of the third mountaineering expedition 'Shaurya' organised by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)

The Chief Minister wished the NDRF soldiers who participated in the expedition a happy day.

"I feel very happy that our NDRF's brave soldiers are

going to touch the heights of the Himalayas under their third expedition...I wish you all the best for this journey and pray to Baba Kedar, Lord Badri Vishal and Ganga Maiya to make your journey successful and may you all complete this journey safely," Dhami said.

Earlier, the Chief Minister participated in the hostel's foundation stone-laying program at Saraswati Vidya Mandir, Manduwala, Dehradun. Wishing all the

Children enjoy pool activities



HANS RAJ

**KURUKSHETRA:** In Nivedita Public School, Kurukshetra. Pool activities were organized for small children in school in which children participated enthusiastically. Children enjoyed swimming and other activities in pool. Happiness and enthusiasm on faces of children was worth seeing. In this activity, children had a lot of fun on rain songs. This activity taught children physical activity as well as social skills and the spirit of teamwork. School teachers also participated in this activity and encouraged the children. School Director Meva Ram Kashyap ji while addressing the children told that we should not stay in the sun for too long in summer and should take care of our health. This activity was a memorable experience for children. School Principal Bala Devi participated in this activity along with children.

Maharishi Kashyap Jayanti to set new records, says MLA Ramkumar Kashyap



VIJAY KAUSHIK

**LADWA:** Maharishi Kashyap Jayanti celebrations in Ladwa on May 23 will not only be historic but will also set new records, said MLA and Government Chief Whip Ramkumar Kashyap. He, along with Superintendent of Police Nitish Aggarwal, visited the venue to review preparations and held discussions with the administration to ensure seamless event management. Speaking at the inspection, Kashyap emphasized the need for effective law and order during the state-level function, which will be graced by Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini as the chief guest. He urged officials to ensure that attendees from across the state do not face any traffic or parking issues. The event will be held at the grain market in Ladwa and will see participation from people of various communities and dignitaries, including ministers and legislators from Karnal, Kurukshetra, and Yamunanagar.

DC flags off awareness vehicle to promote girl child empowerment in Kaithal

RANVIR PARASHAR  
KAITHAL, MAY 21

Deputy Commissioner Preeti flagged off an awareness vehicle under the ‘Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao’ campaign from the Mini Secretariat today. The specially-designed van will tour ten villages with low sex ratio in the district, aiming to promote gender equality and encourage positive attitudes towards girl children. Speaking on the occasion, DC Preeti emphasized that real societal change and development are only possible when girls are given equal opportunities in education, freedom, and personal growth.

“When we educate our daughters, we shape not just their future but also that of the nation. A literate daughter lays the foundation for an empowered society,” she said. She called for collective



efforts to curb female foeticide, end dowry practices, and ensure equal educational opportunities for girls. Addressing healthcare workers including ANMs, ASHAs, and Anganwadi workers, she instructed them to keep updated records of pregnant women and report any illegal prenatal sex determination cases to the authorities promptly.

The awareness vehicle is emblazoned with impactful slogans such as “Pankh hain to udne do, betiyon ko

Foster aunt sold her minor niece for Rs 2.5 lakh

YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI

**PEHOWA:** A heart wrenching case has come to light from Pehowa where a foster aunt sold her minor niece in Karnal for Rs 2.5 lakh on pretext of marriage. Aunt forced her to do wrong things with AC mechanic and mobile repairman who came to her house. A 17-year-old girl from Jagadhari told that she had a fight with her father last week. After this, she came to a foster aunt living in Pehowa. A few days later, the aunt took her to Ashok, a resident of Bargaon in Karnal and forcibly got her married. Later the girl came to know that she had been sold for Rs 2.5 lakh in the name of marriage. Girl somehow escaped from there the next day and on the way called her parents and told them the whole matter. Then Ashok and his companions came looking for her, caught her and handed her over to the aunt again. Later the girl's family reached there and got her released. Victim said that her aunt did not have money, so she was locked in a room with the mechanic who had come to repair the AC. The mechanic raped her. The next day, the young man who had come to repair her mobile also raped her. Police station in-charge Inspector Janpal Singh said that the police have registered a case under several sections including the POCSO Act on the complaint of the victim.



Desh Bhagat University brings world-class medical education to St. Vincent with MBBS degree

DALBIR MALIK

**KURUKSHETRA:** Desh Bhagat University (NAAC GRADE A+) has expanded its reach by established a second campus Desh Bhagat University Americas School of Medicine in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, located in the North American continent. This new campus offers students the opportunity to pursue a medical degree (MBBS program), furthering the university's commitment to providing quality education in the field of medicine.

During an interaction with media persons here today, Er. Arun Malik, Director of Operations at Desh Bhagat University Americas School of Medicine, said that Students can choose to join Desh Bhagat University (DBUA) Americas School of Medicine for several reasons: The program may offer pathways for students to pursue clinical rotations in the United States, providing valuable international exposure and experience in the U.S. healthcare system. Desh Bhagat University Americas School of medicine is accredited and recognized by relevant authorities, it ensures that the education provided meets certain quality standards, which is essential for future licensure and practice. He said that a comprehensive curriculum and experienced faculty attract students seeking quality medical education. DBUA offers a curriculum aligned with international standards, preparing students for exams like the USMLE.



Bohti Devi Foundation organises blood donation camp to save lives



RAHUL KOHLI

**YAMUNANAGAR:** A blood donation camp was organized by Bohti Devi Foundation, Jagadhri, which was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by Mrs. Meenakshi ji. Shri Meenakshi Ji told that blood donation is considered the biggest donation in the whole world because it is blood donation that not only saves the life of a needy person but also fills happiness in the life of that family by saving a life. She also said that there should be no confusion about blood donation; it does not cause any weakness. Rather, a person feels more refreshed than before. Certificates were also distributed to the blood donors after donating blood.

Illegal construction on Panchayat land by drug smugglers demolished in Toti Village: SSP Toora



ASHISH PURI

**KAPURTHALA:** In a major crackdown by the Kapurthala district administration, unauthorized construction made by drug smuggler Surjit Singh alias Tota on panchayat land in Toti village, Sultanpur Lodhi, was demolished. SSP Gaurav Toora stated that following the orders of BDPO Sultanpur Lodhi, Gurmeet Singh, a joint operation was carried out by the civil and police administration. During the operation, a ditch machine was used to raze the illegal structure built by Surjit Singh on 10 marlas of panchayat land. He revealed that Surjit Singh alias Tota and his family members have 18 different cases registered against them under the NDPS Act, and he is currently lodged in jail. Since 2013, Surjit Singh alias Tota, son of Karnail Singh, has had seven NDPS-related cases registered against him in various police stations. His wife, Kulwant Kaur alias Billo, also faces four cases related to drug trafficking.



Jio dominates 5G Fixed Wireless segment in Himachal with 90% market share: TRAI Data

Chandigarh : Jio True 5G turns digital lifeline in all districts and thousands of villages across Himachal, providing world-class latest home entertainment, unlimited WiFi and high-speed broadband. Reliance Jio has solidified its dominance in the 5G FWA (Fixed Wireless Access) segment in Himachal Pradesh (H.P) with JioAirFiber commanding 90% 5G FWA subscriber market share in the state. This has been revealed by the latest telecom subscription data released by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). As per the data released by TRAI, Reliance Jio's 5G FWA service JioAirFiber is leading by a huge margin, with over 43 thousand subscribers in the state, while its competitor, a distant second, lags far behind with only around 5 thousand subscribers as on 31 March 2025.

Savour the Month of May With New Seasonal Menus at These Dubai Restaurants

Chandigarh: Dubai's vibrant culinary scene continues to evolve — blending seasonal ingredients with cultural flair and global innovation. From mindful menus crafted around energy healing to contemporary Italian feasts inspired by travel and tradition, these restaurants are serving more than just a meal — they're delivering an experience. TAAMA, nestled within the tranquil Sohum Wellness Sanctuary, introduces a new plant-based menu that focuses on nourishing the body and soul. Designed with high-vibrational ingredients, the menu aims to realign chakras and provide deep nourishment. From the Chakra Bowls — featuring energy-aligned dishes like the Root Chakra bowl with beetroot & wild neem, Kichdi and Tempeh Noodles, TAAMA's offerings encourage a mindful dining experience. The beverage menu includes High Vibrational Smoothies, Ayurvedic Rituals Lemonades, and Ceremonial Cacao to further enhance spiritual balance.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Announces, 'Mega Summer Celebration'

SIMLA: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) announced the launch of its 'Mega Summer Celebration', featuring a host of Awesome offers. Staying true to its 'Customer-First' philosophy, the campaign aims to deliver value for customers on purchase of New Toyota Cars, Toyota Car Service and Purchase of Used cars during the summer months. The Mega Summer Celebration is available in Himachal Pradesh at Toyota's authorized dealerships, and will run from May to June 2025. Exciting Offers across Sales, Service Used Cars, Accessories & More! Toyota is turning up the heat this season with the launch of its 'Mega Summer Celebration' - an initiative across all authorized Toyota dealerships in Northern Part of India. Be it a plan to buy a new car, servicing existing cars, explore certified used cars, or upgrade the vehicle accessories, it is the customer's moment to steal the deal! Sabari Manohar, Vice President and Chief Representative - North Region, Sales-Service-Used Car, Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said, "With our 'Customer-First' philosophy, we remain committed to delivering best-in-class experiences to our valued customers.

Vi enhances IR packs for summer holiday travel - Enjoy Double Data, free Incoming Calls, Baggage Protection and more

GURUGRAM / HISAR : A recent report released by Ministry of Civil Aviation recorded carrying 64.5 million passengers on international routes between January and November 2024, marking an 11.4% increase in comparison to same period in 2023. To address the needs of Indian Travellers increasingly seeking global destinations during Indian summer season coinciding with academic holidays, leading telecom operator Vi has enhanced three International Roaming (IR) Postpaid Plans designed to offer More benefits, More convenience, and More value exclusively this travel season. These Plans are revised with the onset of the summer holiday season, when outbound travel from India typically sees a sharp rise. These three revised Postpaid IR Packs by Vi offer unmatched value through Double Data and Unlimited Incoming Calls & more, designed to suit the travel needs of short term as well as long duration travel.

Honda Launches All-New X-ADV in India at Rs. 11.90 Lakh, Bookings Open

Karnal : Taking a bold leap in the premium two-wheeler space, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India (HMSI) today launched the All-New X-ADV. Blending the rugged spirit of an adventure motorcycle with the practicality of a maxi-scooter, the X-ADV carves out a unique niche of its own. Bookings for the X-ADV are now open at Honda's BigWing dealerships across India and its customer deliveries are slated to begin from June 2025 onwards. The All-New Honda X-ADV has been priced at Rs. 11.90 lakh, ex-showroom Gurugram (Haryana). Announcing the launch, Mr. Tsutsumi Otani, Managing Director, President & CEO, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India, said, "At Honda, we constantly challenge conventions to redefine the motorcycling experience. The X-ADV is a statement of innovation and design evolution — a machine that breaks boundaries between adventure and urban mobility. With its unique styling, versatile performance, and advanced technologies, the X-ADV is built for those who seek new experiences on two wheels. We are confident that it will attract a new segment of premium motorcycle enthusiasts in India."

Amazon Fashion Rebrands Its Gen Z Online Store as 'SERVE'

Amritsar/Ludhiana, 21 May — Amazon Fashion is doubling down on its commitment to Gen Z with the relaunch of its dedicated online storefront, formerly known as Next Gen Store, now named 'SERVE', Dishing Out Style. The word 'Serve'—meaning 'to present oneself with confidence and style, often in a way that is considered impressive or striking'—is deeply rooted in contemporary Gen Z speak but has also surfaced in trending lexicon across generations, capturing the spirit of confident, standout self-expression across fashion, beauty, and beyond. 'SERVE' responds to this evolution, functioning not just as an online store but as a continuously refreshed destination that delivers on-trend styles while empowering individual expression. The online store has seen 3X increase in Gen Z customers and a 4X surge in shoppers from Tier II and III cities like Chandigarh, Kochi, Patna, Nagpur, Jaipur, and Surat. 'SERVE' is set to redefine how this crucial demographic engages with fashion.

Kia India launches phase III of project D.R.O.P. in Chandigarh to boost plastic waste management

PUNJAB: Kia India, country's prominent mass-premium car manufacturer, has commenced the third phase of its D.R.O.P. (Develop Responsible Outlook for Plastic) initiative in Chandigarh, Punjab in collaboration with Indian Pollution Control Association (IPCA). Project D.R.O.P. is Kia India's flagship CSR initiative aimed at reshaping public perception of plastic waste while reaffirming the brand's commitment to environmental sustainability and community-driven waste management solutions.

Leading the sustainable way to manage the plastic waste in Delhi NCR, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada, the project has now scaled up to Chandigarh, Zirakpur, and Panchkula in the state of Punjab & Haryana. This initiative marks a crucial milestone in driving progress toward India's climate objectives and sustainable development.

The ceremony, graced by Chief Guest Prof. (Dr.) Adarsh Pal Vig, Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB); Guest of Honors- Shri Jasbir Singh Bunty, Sr. Deputy Mayor, Municipal Corporation Chandigarh; Shri Gulshan, Executive Director, MGSI, A,



Government of Punjab; Mr. Hardeep S. Brar, Senior Vice President & National Head of Sales & Marketing at Kia India; Mr. Ajay Garg, Secretary, IPCA; Dr. Radha Goyal, Deputy Director, IPCA, along with a key representative from Mahatma Gandhi State Institute for Public Administration, Punjab, commended the initiative for its grassroots effectiveness and alignment with national environmental priorities.

Project D.R.O.P., a CSR Initiative of Kia India, aims at promoting environmental sustainability & sustainable practices on how plastic waste is

perceived and managed. By promoting ownership among individuals and communities, the initiative encourages plastic segregation at source, alongside enhanced recycling and material recovery efforts.

Reaffirming the company's sustainability vision, Mr. Hardeep S. Brar, Sr. Vice President & National Head of Sales & Marketing at Kia India added, At Kia India, we draw inspiration from nature and are committed to its protection and conservation. This belief guides us in adopting sustainable, circular approaches in all our efforts. Since its launch in 2023,

Project D.R.O.P has strengthened plastic waste management through initiatives like establishing a waste recovery center in Bhondsi and a recycling unit in Noida. Beyond environmental impact, the project has generated employment opportunities for scrap dealers and processors while supporting municipal corporations in addressing the challenge of plastic waste management. It stands as a testament to how corporates can lead meaningful change beyond business and positively impact the communities they serve.

Haaqam Thapar assumes charge as Deputy Director, Information and Public Relations Jalandhar

BUNNY SODHI

JALANDHAR: District Public Relations Officer (DPRO) Haaqam Thapar formally took charge as Deputy Director, Information and Public Relations Department, Jalandhar, following his promotion to the post. He assumed office in the presence of Joint Director Manvinder Singh, who congratulated him and expressed confidence that Mr. Thapar will continue his committed efforts to ensure wide outreach of the Punjab Government's pro-people policies and programs. A 2011 batch officer, Mr. Haaqam Thapar has a more than decade-long experience in public relations department, having served in several districts including Patiala, Bathinda, Hoshiarpur, Mansa, and Jalandhar as DPRO. He was currently serving as DPRO Jalandhar before being elevated to the new role. Expressing gratitude to the Punjab Government and the Information and Public Relations Department, Mr. Thapar said he is honoured by the trust placed in him and committed to further intensifying efforts to inform the public about welfare initiatives at the grassroots level. He reiterated his resolve to continue effective communication between the government and citizens to strengthen public engagement and awareness across the region.

Struggling with PCOS? Experts suggest breakfast ideas for a balanced start to your day

Chandigarh/Ludhiana: Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) is a fast-growing condition and it affects women across the globe, including in vast numbers in India. PCOS results in hormonal imbalances that can affect overall health, metabolism, and weight. Although lifestyle changes are important to live with PCOS, an equal emphasis should be put on diet. A well-nourished diet packed with nutritious foods can bring overall well-being, and almonds are one such nut that should not be missed. They offer sustained energy levels all day long and thus are an easy yet efficient means of boosting a PCOS diet, particularly when added to breakfast.



To share her knowledge on the subject, Ritika Samadhar, Regional Head of Dietetics - Max Healthcare - New Delhi, recommends easy and healthy breakfast options that are PCOS-friendly and ideal for busy mornings. She points out the need to have a diet that is both nutritionally balanced and tasty and suggests that ingredients such as whole grains, greens, and almonds assist in supporting hormonal balance, weight regulation, and general well-being. Here are a few healthy and convenient breakfast recipes from Samadhar that may even be easily adjusted to cater to individual likes and dislikes: Almond and Oat Milk Breakfast Smoothie: Simply put, the healthy mix of almonds and oats - high on 15 must nutrients, the smoothie is bursting with key nutrients, essential fat, protein, and fibre intake. It all comes together to maintain sugar levels and generate long-term energy in the mornings.

108 Ambulance Facilitates Safe Delivery During Emergency Transport

PATIALA: The 108 Ambulance service once again demonstrated its life-saving capabilities by successfully facilitating a childbirth during an emergency transport. A pregnant woman, Gagandeep Kaur, experiencing severe labour pains and fluid leakage, went into labour while being transported from Civil



Hospital, Rajpura to Mata Kaushalya Hospital, Patiala. As the situation escalated, with the baby's head already emerging, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Abhishek Kumar and Pilot Chattan Singh acted swiftly and skilfully to manage the delivery inside the ambulance. Thanks to their expertise and prompt response, the woman safely gave birth to a healthy baby boy en route. Both the mother and her newborn were safely dropped at Mata Kaushalya Hospital, Patiala after the delivery. The mother and child are reported to be in good health. 108 Ambulance Project Head, Manish Batra expressed gratitude for the team's readiness and expertise, stating, "This emergency delivery highlights the critical role our ambulance service plays in ensuring safe transport and care during unexpected emergencies and their professionalism makes all the difference in ensuring positive outcomes." The 108 Ambulance service continues to be a trusted partner for emergency healthcare, providing essential services across the region and ensuring that critical situations are handled swiftly and effectively.

Social Open Mic - Inspired by Putt Jatt Da



CHANDIGARH: We've got the mic. Inspired by "Putt Jatt Da" by Simran Kaur Dhadi, this open mic at Sector 7 SOCIAL celebrates fierce, loyal love. Join us for an evening of music, poetry, and self-expression and share your poetry, songs, or stories of unwavering devotion. Featuring: Poets, shayars, rappers, musicians, and flautists. Don't miss the interactive pinboard and exciting merch giveaways for top performers and fans. Saturday, 24th May 2025, 4:00 PM onwards, Sector 7 SOCIAL

Locks and Architectural Solutions launches Tribolt Compact high-on-safety main door lock for Indian Homes

CHANDIGARH : Locks & Architectural Solutions, a business of the Godrej Enterprises Group (GEG), today announced the launch of its Tribolt Compact Series — a step in democratizing high-safety main door locks for Indian households. Designed for users upgrading from padlocks or basic door hardware, this new range brings the trusted strength and innovation of Godrej into a compact, stylish, and accessible format. Available in three variants — 1CK Latchbolt, 1CK Deadbolt, and 2C Deadbolt — and two elegant finishes, Textured Black and Textured Brown, the Tribolt Compact Series blends functionality and design to meet the evolving safety needs of Indian homes.



Commenting on the launch, Mr. Shyam Motwani, Business Head, Locks & Architectural Solutions, a business of the Godrej Enterprises Group (GEG), said, "At Locks and Architectural Solutions, we believe that safety should be a standard, not a privilege. Tribolt Compact has been thoughtfully engineered to meet the everyday needs of Indian homes—balancing strength, simplicity, and convenience. It is an enabler for families to feel safe without having to stretch their budgets. Designed for ease of use and built to last, it reflects our belief that dependable safety can, and should, be accessible to all." True to this vision, the Tribolt Compact Series offers a range of thoughtfully designed features aimed at enhancing both convenience and security. With reversible dimple keys for easy use in low-light conditions, a corrosion-resistant all-brass cylinder, a sturdy 21mm bolt throw for stronger reinforcement, and a puller ring to prevent accidental lockouts, it addresses the practical needs of everyday life. This makes it particularly well-suited for young married couples who value safety and ease of use in their homes.

Jalandhar Police Busts Cross-Border Heroin Racket, 5 Kg Seized



JALANDHAR(BUNNY SODHI ) : As part of the state-wide "Yudh Nashian Virudh" anti-drug campaign, Commissionerate Police Jalandhar, under the leadership of CP Smt. Dhanpreet Kaur, arrested Shivam Sodhi alias Shiva with 5 kg of heroin and ₹22,000 drug money. An FIR under the NDPS Act has been registered at PS Division No. 8. Shiva has three previous FIRs against him, including cases under Arms, Excise, and IPC laws. CP Kaur said his criminal background is being

thoroughly investigated to dismantle the larger smuggling network. In other major actions, 403g heroin was recovered from Lovepreet Singh of Amritsar, and two wanted accused, Akashdeep and Gaurav Kapila, were arrested from Mohali. Police recovered 2 pistols, 3 live cartridges, and 6 spent cartridges from them. FIRs have been registered accordingly. CP Jalandhar reaffirmed, "Our focus remains on eliminating drug trafficking from its roots."

Cambridge announces results of its largest ever March series held in India

CHANDIGARH : The International Education group at Cambridge University Press & Assessment (Cambridge) today announced the results of its March 2025 exam series in India to over 17,000 students at 420 schools nationwide. More students than ever are opting to take exams in the March series which aligns with the Indian academic calendar and supports progression pathways in India and beyond. Cambridge had earlier announced the introduction of Check point series in March, starting in 2026, to better align with academic schedules and internationally benchmarked assessments. The exam series saw nearly 85,000 entries, the largest ever March series held in India, marking an 11% increase on the previous year. Cambridge IGCSE witnessed 12% jump from last year with over 62,000 entries, while Cambridge International AS & A Level saw an increase of 10% with over 20,000 entries. This growth reflects the greater flexibility and choice the March series offers learners in India —enabling them to meet admission deadlines for national universities and gain increased time to explore international opportunities. The growth also reflects the growing global demand for international education.

Vi Launches New Campaign; highlights addition of over 1,00,000 Towers in 6 months

GURUGRAM / HISAR : Vi, India's leading telecom operator, today unveiled its latest campaign, celebrating a significant milestone — the addition of over 1,00,000 towers across India in 6 months of FY2425. This achievement highlights Vi's commitment to strengthening its network infrastructure, underlines its scale and speed in network infrastructure expansion. Taking its network narrative forward in a refreshing and engaging format, the campaign debuts Vi's all new Network Avatars – The Netties, - a set of animated characters inspired by mobile towers. Riding on the wave of IPL excitement, these avatars have been brought together as a dynamic team of cricket players, symbolizing they are the strongest team of the season. This fun and spirited squad embodies the strength, scale, and agility of Vi's evolving network by bringing to life its network credentials in a unique and memorable way. In recent months, Vi has made rapid progress in its network expansion. It launched 5G services in Mumbai, Chandigarh and Patna and is gearing up to launch in Delhi and Bangalore soon. In parallel, Vi has also strengthened its 4G network, expanding capacity and coverage through the deployment of new towers and upgrades across the 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, and 2300 MHz spectrum bands.



Aegis Vopak IPO to open on May 26

CHANDIGARH : Aegis Vopak Terminals Ltd (AVTL) or "The Company" shall open its Bid / Offer in relation to its initial public offer of Equity Shares on Monday, May 26, 2025. The Anchor Investor Bidding Date shall be Friday May 23, 2025. The Bid/Offer will open on Monday, May 26, 2025 for subscription and will close on Wednesday, May 28, 2025. The Price Band of the Offer has been fixed at ₹ 223 to ₹ 235 per Equity Share. Bids can be made for a minimum of 63 Equity Shares and in multiples of 63 Equity Shares thereafter. The total offer size of equity shares with face value ₹ 10 each aggregating up to ₹ 28,000 million [₹ 2,800 crore] comprises only fresh issue of equity

issue shares. ("Total Offer Size") The company proposes to utilize the net proceeds from the issue towards the following objects – (i) Repayment or prepayment of all or a portion of certain outstanding borrowings availed by the company estimated to be ₹ 20,159.5 million [₹ 2,015.95 crore]; (ii) Funding capital expenditure towards contracted acquisition of the cryogenic LPG terminal at Mangalore estimated to be ₹ 6,713 million [₹ 671.30 crore]; and balance towards General corporate purposes. The Equity Shares are being offered through the "Red Herring Prospectus" of the Company dated May 20, 2025 filed with the Registrar of Companies,

Gujarat at Ahmedabad ("RoC") and are proposed to be listed on the BSE Limited ("BSE") and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE"). This Issue is being made in terms of Rule 19(2) (b) of the SCRR, read with Regulation 31 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations. The Issue is being made through the Book Building Process in terms of Regulation 6(2) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, wherein at least 75% of the Issue shall be allocated on a proportionate basis to the Qualified Institutional Buyers ("QIBs" and such portion, the "QIB Portion", provided that our Company in consultation with the BRLMs, may allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors .

LPU Launches 100% Scholarship for Defence & Paramilitary Personnel



J S SODHI

JALANDHAR: In a landmark move following the success of Operation Sindoor, Lovely Professional University (LPU) has launched the 'Jai Jawan Scholarship', offering 100% tuition fee waiver to all 22 lakh active defence and paramilitary personnel enrolling in LPU's UGC-entitled online undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. Announcing the initiative, Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal, Chancellor of LPU, said, "True respect must go beyond words and translate into action." The scholarship is valid for admissions in academic sessions 2025–26 and 2026–27, covering all ranks in the Army, Navy, Air Force, CRPF, BSF, ITBP, and SSB. Dr. Mittal highlighted the university's historic ties with the Armed Forces and emphasized that the online degrees are globally accepted and equivalent to regular degrees. With this initiative, LPU aims to empower jawans and officers with accessible education, ensuring personal and professional growth during and after service.

Tide, a Unified Digital Platform Supporting Entrepreneurs Across Bharat

LUDHIANA: Tide in India is helping MSMEs across Bharat manage their money, business admin, and payments - all from a single mobile app. Whether an entrepreneur is just getting started or already running a growing venture, Tide makes running a business faster, simpler, and easier - especially in Tier 2, 3 and beyond towns. Entrepreneurs no longer need to run from branch to branch or wait weeks for documentation. The Tide app offers a comprehensive digital solution tailored for small businesses across India. With the app, SMEs can register their business through Udyam in minutes, apply for GST credentials from the comfort of their home, and discover government schemes suited to their enterprise. The platform also enables digital payments via UPI, seamless money transfers, and quick utility bill payments-all directly from their Tide account. SMEs can connect with lending partners for easy access to credit, open fixed deposits to earn up to 9.1% interest on surplus funds, and soon, use the upcoming Tide NCMC card to travel across metros, buses, and trains. It's a full financial toolkit in one app-no middlemen, no delays. What makes Tide truly stand out is its simple, easy-to-use design - even first-time smartphone users can navigate the app with ease. It's built for the unique needs of small enterprises, from local traders to service providers, helping them focus more on growth and less on procedure. Gurjodhpal Singh, CEO, Tide (India), said: "India's growth story is incomplete without the contribution of its small businesses. MSMEs form the backbone of the economy, especially in states like Punjab, where entrepreneurship thrives at the grassroots. With Tide, we are providing these entrepreneurs digital tools that make running and growing their business faster, simpler, and more accessible. What once took weeks can now be done in just a matter of minutes. By empowering small business owners with the right resources, we're enabling them to grow, thrive, and play an active role in India's economic progress."

Veet Brings the 'Smoothest Way to Sexy' with a Campaign That's All About Confidence

GURUGRAM :Veet,a global leader in depilatory products, is tackling a real and often unspoken challenge faced by women — the hesitation and lack of confidence that comes with grooming intimate areas. With its bold new campaign, 'Veet's Smoothest Way to Sexy', the brand steps into a fresh, sexy yet relatable space — offering women a quick, painless, and worry-free solution for achieving smooth, confident skin. While traditional methods can be painful, time-consuming, or simply unsuitable for sensitive areas like 'down there', Veet's latest campaign reflects the modern woman's desire to feel beautiful, comfortable, and unapologetically sexy in her own skin.



Staying true to its purpose of delivering superior hair removal experiences, Veet Pure Sensitive Hair Removal Cream has been specially formulated to address the needs of sensitive skin, including suitable use on the full bikini area. With its rich and creamy texture, the product is dermatologically tested and clinically proven in German labs. It provides a quick, painless alternative to traditional hair removal methods, eliminating common concerns like nicks, cuts, and itchy, prickly regrowth — all while delivering that desired, confident smoothness. Speaking on the campaign, Kanika Kalra, Regional Marketing Director, Health, Reskilt — South Asia, said, "At Reskilt, we are committed to creating superior solutions that empower women to feel their most confident selves — especially when it comes to intimate grooming, which has long been surrounded by discomfort and silent hesitation. With 'Veet's Smoothest Way to Sexy', we wanted to bring this conversation into the open — with a message that's bold, confident, and deeply relatable.



# Maharana Pratap's life presents us with example of courage, self-sacrifice and love for motherland: Rana

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
**KARNAL:** The Agriculture Minister of the state, Shyam Singh Rana, today reached village Saga and invited the villagers to the state level Maharana Pratap Jayanti celebrations to be held in village Salwan on May 29, 2025. He appealed to the people of the area to make this historic and glorious event a success by attending it in large numbers. Chief Minister of Haryana, Nayab Singh Saini will participate as the chief guest in this grand ceremony. Along with him, many other dignitaries and senior administrative officers will also be present in the program.

This event will be dedicated to the saga of bravery, patriotism and sacrifice of Veer Shiromani Maharana Pratap. Agriculture Minister Shyam Singh Rana, while addressing the public meeting in village Saga, said that Maharana Pratap is not only a historical personality, but a symbol of India's identity, self-respect and freedom struggle. He said that the life of Maharana Pratap presents us with a unique example of courage, self-sacrifice and immense love for the



motherland. Even when the entire circumstances were adverse, he did not compromise on his self-respect and freedom. His struggle is not only a golden chapter of history, but is also an ideal and source of inspiration for today's generation.

MLA Yovendra Rana said that Maharana Pratap struggled throughout his life and proved that a true patriot is one who is ready to protect the country and religion in every situation. He said that this state-level birth anniversary celebration is not just a date or tradition, but a celebration of our cultural heritage, in which every citizen should be proud to participate. MLA Bhagwan Das Kabirpanthi said that this event will be a

strong message for the coming young generations that they should also imbibe unshakable determination, fearlessness and high ideals in their lives like Maharana Pratap. Yogendra Rana said that through this historic ceremony, we will all together remember that brave warrior, whose saga should not be limited to history books only, but should remain alive in every heart and consciousness.

On this occasion, Nilokheri MLA Bhagwan Das Kabirpanthi, Assandh MLA Yogendra Rana, State Secretary Rahul Rana, Dr. Narendra Pratap Singh, Sohan Singh Rana, Mohar Singh Rana, Sarpanch Baljawan Jaiveer Rana, Gurdeep Bajana, Anil Chauhan Bijna and others were present.

# Ownership Rights to Households of Haibowal Khurd and Rajpura Basti given

**SHARMA**  
**LUDHIANA:** Rajiya Sabha MP Sanjeev Arora today conferred proprietary rights to 61 households of Haibowal Khurd (40) and Rajpura Basti near DMC Hospital (21) under the "Mera Ghar Mere Naam" scheme. The property certificates were distributed at a special event held at Senior Citizen Home, Haibowal Khurd (ward number 64).

Congratulating the beneficiaries, Arora termed it a significant step toward empowering residents living within the Lal Laker. He described the initiative as a landmark move aimed at resolving long-standing property ownership issues in Haibowal Khurd and Rajpura Basti. Residents of these areas were demanding legal ownership of their homes for about 30 years.

Arora said that this initiative not only addresses decades-old challenges but also restores dignity and opens new economic opportunities for residents. By granting legal recognition, it allows residents to leverage their property for financial growth—whether through loans or future family planning.

Adding, he said earlier, 1,523 households from the areas of Sunet, Barewal, Haibowal Kalan, Haibowal Khurd and Jawadai



Kalan—have been granted proprietary rights. As such, till date, around 1600 households have been granted ownership rights. He added that any remaining areas may also be covered in the future.

Arora said the issue of Lal Laker ownership surfaced repeatedly during his meetings in the last two months. He added legal ownership empowers residents to use their property as a financial asset, promoting independence and stability. He

added certificates have been prepared after a comprehensive verification process conducted by various government departments. Further, Arora said any corrections, if required in the property certificates can be made at the MCL D-Zone Office on all working days between 10 AM and 5 PM within the next 90 days. He extended his gratitude to the government officers involved for their cooperation in successfully executing the initiative.

# Awareness about junk food and adulterated food items made in ITI



**JAIBEER RANA THAMBER**  
**BARARA:** A seminar was organised on the subject of food safety and adulteration in Government Industrial Training Institute Barara at Holi in which dietician Shiva Ambala city told the people, staff members and students from Barara block how adulterated things are being sold in the society. Many shopkeepers are playing with the lives of people by adulterating food items for their own benefit. Today's youth is destroying himself by eating junk food and artificial food, he himself does not know what he is eating from the market. Diseases like cancer are spreading among people today due to eating adulterated food items. Therefore, all people have to make themselves aware by keeping in mind the safety related to food and understand what is good and what is bad in us in eating. What is the importance of a balanced diet. Along with this, the expert also inspired me to do exercise and exercise regularly within a limit. Today, the youth got to learn a lot about food security from this programme.

# Conservation of natural resources is our responsibility: SK Singh



**RADAUR, MAY 21 (NIRMAL SAINI)** World Water Day was celebrated in Jyotiba Phule Government College. It was presided over by Principal Professor SK Singh. He along with staff members and students, planted shady and decorative plants in college campus and gave message to everyone to keep environment green. Principal SK Singh said that this earth is our home and we should not make our home dirty. Conservation of natural resources is our responsibility. We should plant as many plants as possible and also take care of them. Water should not be wasted. Due to excessive exploitation of groundwater, water level is decreasing rapidly. If situation remains same, our future generation may have to face serious consequences. Coordinator of Eco Club, Dr. Sanjeev Gandhi said that such programmes connect us with nature and inspire us that we should not exploit natural resources indiscriminately. Students participated in webinar broadcast by Higher Education Department and also planted saplings in college premises.

# BPHO's 12th Foundation Day celebration on May 25 in Gohana

**SANJAY SHARMA**  
**KATHAL:** The 12th Foundation Day of Bharatiya Prajapati Heroes Organization (Regd.) will be organized on a grand scale this time on 25 May in Gohana. On this special occasion, the chief guest of the programme will be Cabinet Minister in Haryana Government Ranbir Singh Gangwa. To make the programme successful and historic, the top officials of the organization, State President Naresh Prajapati, State Patron Prem Singh Theodas, State Chief General Secretary Vinod Deok, National Media Co-convenor Krishna Tik, Ramnagat Fauji, Kamal District President Master Naresh Babana and other members reached Chandigarh and gave invitation letters to Chief Guest Cabinet Minister Ranbir Singh Gangwa, former Chairman Satbir Verma, Panipat Councillor Ajit Kumar, Bittu Prajapati, Ambala Union President Suresh Prajapati. On this occasion, the officials of the organisation said that hundreds of members of Prajapati community, youth, women and dignitaries from various districts of Haryana will participate in the programme.

The objective of the programme is to promote unity, respect and awareness in the society. This programme organised by BPHO Haryana team will be dedicated to the uplift of the society, social consciousness and the achievements of the organization.

# Administration removes illegal encroachments in vegetable market

**SHARMA**  
**LUDHIANA, MAY 21:** Under the guidelines issued by Chairman, Market Committee Ludhiana Gurjit Singh Gill, illegal encroachments were removed at the Ibadurk Road, vegetable market. On this occasion Chairman Gill said that he had earlier appealed to the encroachers not to encroach illegally in the vegetable market, but some people ignored it, under which this action was taken through the administrative staff.

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**(WITHOUT PREJUDICE)**  
Date: 19.05.2025

<b>Mr. Sunil Kumar (Borrower)</b> Flat No. 112B, Property no. B-XXXII-E-14-1/A, Third Floor, Block B, Silver Kunj Apartment, Kharsa no. 15/3/2-15/4-15/7-15/8/2 and 47, Vakya Village Bhaura, Tehsil & District Ludhiana-141001 Punjab (The above address is under physical possession with Encore ARC) Also At: E/13/180, Near Green Land School, Aman Nagar Ludhiana-141001 Punjab	<b>Mrs. Amita Rani (Guarantor)</b> Flat No. 112B, Property no. B-XXXII-E-14-1/A, Third Floor, Block B, Silver Kunj Apartment, Kharsa no. 15/3/2-15/4-15/7-15/8/2 and 47, Vakya Village Bhaura, Tehsil & District Ludhiana-141001 Punjab (The above address is under physical possession with Encore ARC) Also At: E/13/180, Near Green Land School, Aman Nagar Ludhiana-141001 Punjab
<b>M/s. Aasha Garments (Guarantor)</b> Flat No. 112B, Property no. B-XXXII-E-14-1/A, Third Floor, Block B, Silver Kunj Apartment, Kharsa no. 15/3/2-15/4-15/7-15/8/2 and 47, Vakya Village Bhaura, Tehsil & District Ludhiana-141001 Punjab (The above address is under physical possession with Encore ARC) Also At: Shop no. 5, S.D.B Collage, St no. 16, Gandhi Nagar, Ludhiana-141007 Punjab	

**Dear Sir/Madam,**  
**Sub: Notice for Sale of Secured Asset of Mr. Sunil Kumar ("Borrower") under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Rules") read with Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, physical possession of which has been taken over under Section 13(4) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI Act") read with Rules**

As you are aware that pursuant to the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Pvt. Ltd. ("Encore ARC") has acquired the financial assistance granted to the Borrower by the Aditya Birla Finance Limited ("ABFL") along with all underlying securities vide Assignment Agreement dated 31.12.2024.

Prior to the acquisition of the financial assistance by Encore ARC, the ABFL had issued a notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act on 20.03.2024 advising you to pay the dues as mentioned therein. As you have failed & neglected to pay the dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice issued under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, the Authorised Officer of the Encore ARC took over the physical possession of the Secured Asset, as per the description given below on 06.02.2025.

Please treat this as 30 days' notice under Rule 8(6) of the Rules. Upon expiry of the notice period of 30 days, the Authorised Officer of Encore ARC shall take steps for selling the Secured Asset as more particularly mentioned hereinbelow by way of public e-auction/private treaty or any other modes provided under the Rules.

**Description of Secured Asset:**  
All that Part & Parcel of Properties bearing No. Flat No. 112 B, Property No. B-XXXII-E-14-1/A, Third Floor Block B, Silver Kunj Apartment, Kharsa No. 15/3/2-15/4-15/7-15/8/2 and 47, Vakya Village Bhaura Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab-141001

In case of sale by way of public e-auction, the detailed terms and conditions of the sale including reserve price, earnest money deposit etc. will also be uploaded on Encore ARC's website i.e. <https://www.encorearc.com> and <https://sarfaesi.auctiontender.net/EPROC/> as per Rule 8 (7) of Rules, simultaneously with the publication of public e-auction sale notice in the Form given in Appendix-IV A.

The Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available to redeem the Secured Asset by repaying the entire dues of Rs. 50,42,383/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Forty Two Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Three Only) outstanding as on 31.08.2024, from 01.09.2024 together with future interest, charges & costs thereon.

A final opportunity is being given to Borrower/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) to redeem the Secured Asset accordingly, failing which, Encore ARC in its capacity as Trustee of EARC-BANK-032-TRUST shall proceed with the sale of the aforesaid Secured Asset as per the Rules.

Yours faithfully,  
**Sachin Kumar (Authorised Officer)**  
For Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited  
(Acting in its capacity as the trustee of EARC-BANK-032-TRUST)

**AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED**  
(A SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANK)  
Regd. Office: 19-A, Dhuleshwar Garden, Ajmer Road, Jaipur - 302001 (CIN:L36911RJ1996PLC011381)  
**APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE**

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

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor / Loan A/c No.	13(2) Notice Date & Amount	Description of Mortgaged Property	Date of Possession Taken
<b>(A/c No.) L9001060116895001 &amp; L9001060820720640</b> <b>Satnam Singh (Borrower), Guru Nanak Steel Works (Borrower) Smt. Sharanjeet Kaur (Co-Borrower), Parvinder Singh (Co-Borrower)</b>	8-Jul-24 Rs. 403706/- Rs. Four Lac Three Thousand Seven Hundred Six Only 6-Jul-24 & 18-Jul-24 Rs. 324811/- Rs. Three Lac Twenty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven Only 18-Jul-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property i.e. Measuring 40 Sazds Size 10° 36' i.e. 0 Kanal 1 Marla 3 Sarsai Share of 1 Kanal 9 Marla comprised in Kharsa no 85/22/1/4/2(1-9) vide Sale Deed No. 11978 dated 16-03-2018, Situated At Municipal Corporation Wakya Village Khairpur, Before Gtm, Near Durga Mandir, Dist-Sirsa, Haryana, Bounded As East - Common Street, West - House Of Nanakchand, North Plot Of Rajeev Chhabra, South - Plot Of Reshma Admeasuring 40 Sq Yrd	17-May-25
<b>(A/c No.) L9001060117813364</b> <b>Vyom Enterprises (Borrower), Gagandeep (Co-Borrower), Smt. Dimple (Co-Borrower), Shyam Sunder (Co-Borrower)</b>	10-Aug-24 Rs. 280567/- Rs. Two Lac Eighty Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Seven Only 9-Aug-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Plot No 28, Khewat No 727 Property Tax ID SRS /B11/0518, Measuring 53.78 Sq.Yards i.e. 1 Marla 7 Sarsai vide Jamabandi for the year 2016-17 situated at Grewal Basti Begu Road, Dist- Sirsa, Haryana within Revenue Estate and Municipal limit of Sirsa vide Sale deed No. 3057 dated 28-07-2016 registered in the office Sub -Registrar Sirsa and Mutation no. 13077. Admeasuring 53.78 Sq.Yds	17-May-25
<b>(A/c No.) L9001060118994562</b> <b>Lakshay Computer Center (Borrower), Vikram Singh (Co-Borrower), Smt. Kaushalya (Co-Borrower), Smt. Vidya Devi (Co-Borrower), Surender Kumar (Co-Borrower)</b>	12-Apr-24 Rs. 705945/- Rs. Seven Lac Five Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Five Only 12-Apr-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property measuring 1 kanal 0 Marla which is 1/2 share of Land measuring 2Kanal 0 Marla, comprised in Khewat No.42 Min Khatooni No. 60 Min Kharsa No. 175(2-0), as per jamabandi 2012-13, now new khewat no. 53/44, new Ksatoni No. 70 as per jamabandi for the year 2017-18, vide sale deed no. 7187 dated 07-02-2013, situated at Vill-Rajpura, Sub-Tehsil- Goriwala, Dist- Sirsa, Haryana. Admeasuring 1 kanal 0 Marla	16-May-25
<b>(A/c No.) L9001060122661288 &amp; L9001060831052736</b> <b>Sachin Soni (Borrower), , Shagun Sachin Telecom (Borrower), Mukesh (Co-Borrower)</b>	12-Feb-25 Rs. 586832/- & Rs. Five Lac Eighty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Two Only & Rs. 473315/- Rs. Rs. Four Lac Seventy-Three Thousand Three Hundred Fifteen Only 10-Feb-25	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At Khewat No 642, Khatooni No 356(0-8) , New Khewat No 736 , Khatooni No -808 , Khara No 356(0-8) , Vill - Goriawala , Dist - Sirsa , Haryana Admeasuring 0K-5-1/3 Marla, East : GALI, West : H/O RAM KUMAR, North : GALI, South : H/O BUDH RAM	16-May-25
<b>(A/c No.) L9001060124046635</b> <b>Virender (Borrower), Smt. Angrej Kaur (Co-Borrower), Harvinder Singh (Co-Borrower)</b>	6-Nov-24 Rs. 463001/- Rs. Four Lac Sixty-Three Thousand One Only 6-Nov-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Kharsa No 56 Killa No 3 8-0 Khewat No 164 New No 284 Khatooni No 191, Vill-& Tehsil , Goriawala, Dist-Sirsa, Haryana Admeasuring 2500 Sqft., East : AGRI LAND OF PARDEEP, West : ROAD, North : BALVINDER PAL, South : INDERJEET SINGH	16-May-25
<b>(A/c No.) L9001060124930262</b> <b>Tannu Medicare (Borrower), Smt. Savitri Devi (Co-Borrower), Subhash (Co-Borrower), Rohitash Kumar (Co-Borrower)</b>	17-Aug-24 Rs. 489168/- Rs. Four Lac Eighty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Eight Only 13-Aug-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property measuring 3728 Sq. Feet i.e. 414.22 Sq. Yards Property Situated At- Kharsa No 391 Khewat No 6 Khatooni No 9, vide Sale deed No. 3246 dated 21-09-2005 owned by Savitri Devi, Near Kachary Dabwali Sirsa, Village- Dabwali, Dist- Sirsa, Haryana Admeasuring 414.22 Sqyds	16-May-25
<b>(A/c No.) L9001060125313171</b> <b>Zamidara Beej Bhandar (Borrower), Saroj (Co-Borrower), Ram Kumar (Co-Borrower)</b>	15-Jul-24 Rs. 2287705/- Rs. Twenty-Two Lac Eighty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Five Only 11-Jul-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures PROPERTY SITUATED AT- KHEWAT / KHATONI NO-5, KHASRA NO- 498, VILL- JANDAWALBISHNOIAN, GORIWALA, TEHSIL- DABWALI, DIST- SIRSA, HARYANA Admeasuring 1K -10 M (907 Sq.Yrds), East : H/O UMESH KUMAR, West : VACANT PLOT OF LALIT, North : VACANT PLOT OF KRISHANKUMAR, South : STREET	16-May-25
<b>(A/c No.) L9001060834177198 &amp; L9001060127352540</b> <b>Mohan Saw Mill (Borrower), Mohan Lal (Co-Borrower), Ramesh (Co-Borrower), Ram Singh (Co-Borrower)</b>	17-Jan-25 Rs. 252448/- Rs. Two Lac Fifty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Eight Only & Rs. 350124/- Rs. Three Lac Fifty Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Four Only 10-Jan-25	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Khewat No.453 Khatooni No 492, Khewat No.454 Khatooni No.493, Vill & Th- Goriwala, Near Rampura Road Dabwali, Dist- Sirsa, Haryana Admeasuring 396 Sq Yds	16-May-25
<b>(A/c No.) L9001060834263420 &amp; L9001060128735383</b> <b>Keval Krishan (Borrower), Jagdish Kumar (Co-Borrower), Monti Kumar (Co-Borrower)</b>	11-Oct-24 Rs. 232065/- Rs. Two Lac Thirty-Two Thousand Sixty-Five Only & Rs. 374227/- Rs. Three Lac Seventy-Four Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Seven Only 10-Oct-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property measuring 6 Marla 5 Sarsai comprised in Khewat No 481 Khatooni No 1, vide Transfer Deed 437 dated 22-04-2022, Mauja Patli Dabar, Ding Road, Dist- Sirsa, Haryana Admeasuring 6 Marla 5 Sarsai	16-May-25
<b>(A/c No.) L9001060128997391 &amp; L9001060835606038</b> <b>Gurbachan Singh Tyre Service (Borrower), Gurbachan Singh (Co-Borrower), Smt. Paramjeet Kaur (Co-Borrower)</b>	14-Nov-24 Rs. 273610/- Rs. Two Lac Seventy-Three Thousand Six Hundred Ten Only & Rs. 259702/- Rs. Two Lac Fifty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Two Only 12-Nov-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Khewat No.622 Khatooni No.877, owned by Smt. Paramjeet Kaur W/O Gurbachan Singh vide Sale Deed No. 11856 Dated 02-02-2011 Village Baruwali-I, Main Road, Dist- Sirsa, Haryana Admeasuring 300 Sq Yds	16-May-25
<b>(A/c No.) L9001060129293019</b> <b>Star Hotel (Borrower), Kuldeep Singh (Co-Borrower)</b>	16-Dec-24 Rs. 514061/- Rs. Five Lac Fourteen Thousand Sixty-One Only 11-Dec-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At-Sale Deed No 3723 Khewat No.234 Kitta 87, Mattaddu, Dabwali Goriwala Sirsa, Village- Dabwali, Dist- Sirsa, Haryana Admeasuring 302 Sazds.	16-May-25
<b>(A/c No.) L9001060130088521 &amp; L9001060838768539</b> <b>Ajay Tea Stal (Borrower), Om Prakash (Co-Borrower), Monu (Co-Borrower), Smt. Sunita Rani (Co-Borrower)</b>	17-Aug-24 Rs. 247963/- Rs. Two Lac Forty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Three Only & Rs. 576883/- Rs. Five Lac Seventy-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Three Only 13-Aug-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property measuring 155.483 Sq. Yards i.e. A Plot House U.I.D. No. 606410039 as A Plot House Property ID no. 60641NWS01000R0039A, vide Certificate/Deed of title ownership No. 2031 dated 16-07-2021 Situated in Lal Dora Of Village Malri, Near Dharamshala, Tehsil Kalanwali, Dist- Sirsa, Haryana Admeasuring 155.48 Sq. Mtr	17-May-25
<b>(A/c No.) L9001060135517989</b> <b>Santlal Dairy (Borrower), Sant Lal (Co-Borrower), Smt. Jasbir Kaur (Co-Borrower)</b>	12-Jul-24 Rs. 830868/- Rs. Eight Lac Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Eight Only 11-Jul-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures A Property Measuring 4 Marla, being 1/2 share of area measuring 0 Kanal, 8 Marla comprised in Kharsa No. 288(0-8) in Khewat No. 888 Khatooni No. 1019,, situated in the revenue estate of Village Natar, Tehsil- Sirsa, Dist- Sirsa, Haryana. vide Sale Deed No. 8804 Dated 10.03.2010 and Mutation No. 2701 vide Jamabandi 2017-18. Admeasuring 4 Marla	17-May-25
<b>(A/c No.) L9001060135212251</b> <b>Guru Kirpa Motors (Borrower), Smt. Deepo Bai (Co-Borrower), Jasveer (Co-Borrower)</b>	12-Jul-24 Rs. 519824/- Rs. Five Lac Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Four Only 11-Jul-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures A Property measuring 2 marla 2 Sarsai being 20-459 share out of 2 Kanal 11 Marle comprised in Khewat-Khatuni No 50-162, Jamabandi for the year 2017-18, Owned by Smt. Deepa Bai vide Sale deed No. 7931 dated 01-10-2018 situated at Bus Stand Bambhroor Tehsil, Dist- Sirsa, Haryana Admeasuring 66 Sqyd	17-May-25
<b>(A/c No.) L900106013525252</b> <b>Ravinder Construction (Borrower), Ravinder Kumar (Co-Borrower), Smt. Balvinder Rani (Co-Borrower)</b>	16-Dec-24 Rs. 523493/- Rs. Five Lac Twenty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Three Only 11-Dec-24	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At-Kh-Kh No 193 Min 199 Min, Village- Bupp, Tehsil- Sirsa, Dist- Sirsa, Haryana Admeasuring 181.5 Sqyds.	17-May-25

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

Place: Haryana Date: 21 May 2025 Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
e-TENDERING  
**OPEN TENDER NOTICE No. NIT-09/UMB-2025-26 DATED 21.05.2025**

Open tenders through e-tendering are invited on & behalf of president of India by Sr. Divisional Engineer/Coordination, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto 15.00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.

S. N.	Name of work	Approx. Cost (Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Date of Closing & Opening
1	(i) Jacketing of Bridge Substructure alongwith supplying structural drawing in c/w Replacement of steel girders of bridge of br.no. 71 (3x8.54m, 2x3.35m) at KM 28/1-2 between AIH-KUP with PSC slab on LDH - DUL section under ADEN/PTA (ii) Jacketing of Bridge Substructure alongwith supplying structural drawing in c/w Replacement of steel girder of bridge of br.no. 19-A (5x8.10m) at Km 21.773 with PSC slab under JPS-UJKN on JHL-HSR section under ADEN/PTA.	1,24,29,832	2,12,00,00	08 Months	13.06.2025
2	TSR(P) - 15.645 Kms by PQRS and other allied works on UMB-LDH section and other locations under jurisdiction of Sr.DEN-IV/UMB.	2,01,48,218	2,50,800	12 Months	13.06.2025
3	TSR (P), TRR (P) & Deep Screening in BTI yard in the section of SSE/P-way/BTI under ADEN/BTI.	52,66,179	1,05,300	06 Months	13.06.2025

1. Tenderers are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN/GST as per conditions. 2. The required Bid Security will be acceptable On-line payment through Net Banking or Payment Gateway payment only. 3. Tenderers should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in e-Tendering of works tenders. 4. For detail, please log on IREPS website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) 5. GST will be levied as per GST Act, 2017.

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**HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
e-Procurement Notice  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS(IFB)**

The Executive Engineer HPPWD Rampur Division on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering, system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Starting date for downloading Bid	Earnest Money	Deadline for submission of Bid
1	Patch work on various roads under Sarahan Sub Division in Tehsil Ramur Distt. Shimla (SH - Repair to pot holes by providing G-80, Premix and seal coat on Jeon Ganvi road Km. 3/000 to 10/000 & RGMSJ road Km. 52/000 to 62/000)	10,17,082/-	22.05.2025	20,500/-	28.05.2025
2	Protection work for existing PCC wall at Govt. Sr. Sec. School Jeoni in Tehsil Ramur Distt. Shimla H.P. (Repair of existing PCC wall by self drilling anchors)	36,16,920/-	22.05.2025	72,000/-	28.05.2025

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders form the department website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in). The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the tender without declaring any reason.

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
Rampur Division (B&R),  
HPPWD, Rampur Bushahr,  
On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

DPR-HP-071/2/2025-2026



# Kartik Aaryan heads to Europe for shoot of ‘Tu Meri Main Tera, Main Tera Tu Meri’



Bollywood actor Kartik Aaryan is all set to kickstart the shooting for his film ‘Tu Meri Main Tera, Main Tera Tu Meri’. On Tuesday night, he posted a short video clip in which he could be seen giving a glimpse of a scenic location from the plane, we go (a Korean emoji heart) ‘Tu Meri Main Tera, Main Tera Tu Meri,’ he captioned the post, expressing excitement about the film. ANI has learnt that Kartik has headed to Europe for the shooting of the ‘Tu Meri Main Tera, Main Tera Tu Meri’.

The film, a romantic comedy, is set to hit theaters on February 13, 2026, just in time for Valentine’s Day. The movie, directed by Sameer Vidwans, marks Kartik Aaryan’s second collaboration with the director, following their work on ‘Satyaprem Ki Katha’. It is produced under the banner of Dharma Productions. The plot details are still under wraps. In the coming months, Kartik will also be seen in ‘Nagzilla’ directed by ‘Fukrey’ fame director Mrighdeep Singh Lamba. Announcing the film, Kartik recently took to Instagram and shared his first look. The motion poster featured a shirtless Kartik looking at a city from a snake-infested lair. ‘Insanon wali picharein toh bahut dekh leen, ab dekho naagon wali pichchar #Naagzilla - Naag lok ka Pehla kaand... Funnn phailaane Aa raha hu main, Preyamvadeshwar Pyare Chand ... Naag Panchami par aapke nazdeeki Sssssine-mas mein. 14 August 2026 ko,’ he captioned the post. ‘Nagzilla’ will be released in theatres on August 14, 2026.

## “Phule” co-writer and consultant Muazzam Beg shared interesting aspects related to the film

After “Rockstar”, its co-writer Muazzam Beg is extremely excited with the widespread praise of the biopic “Phule” of social reformers Jyotiba and Savitribai Phule. The film has received widespread praise despite its limited release on April 25. Interestingly, in more than 100 years of cinema, no Hindi film had been made on this couple. In an interview, Muazzam Beg told that this project started with the dream of the Kudecha couple (Ritesh Kudecha and Anuya Chauhan Kudecha) to make a film on the Phule couple. Anant Mahadevan played an important role in realizing this dream on the big screen. Together, they approached Pratik Gandhi and Patralekhaa for the lead roles, who were arguably one of the best casting choices for this film.

Muazzam Beg explains, “I was approached by Phule’s producer and creative producer Anuya Chauhan Kudecha to write the dialogues for the film. Initially, I had only heard about Jyotiba and Savitribai Phule, but didn’t know much about their lives. Anant Mahadevan and Anuya Chauhan Kudecha narrated the story to me, and I was instantly fascinated by the inspiring journey of the Phule couple. I was very excited, but there was a deadline - the shoot was to begin in



three months. I left everything else and focused my entire attention on Phule. I began extensive research, which revealed many interesting facts and key aspects of their lives. They had achieved so much - it was beyond my imagination. Kya kya kar gaye... aur kaise kar gaye. My involvement went beyond the dialogues; I contributed to the screenplay to ensure emotional depth and authenticity. Also, I had to write dialogues in three languages: Hindi, English and Marathi.”

One of the biggest challenges, according to Beg, was to present sensitive content without hurting any community. The idea was to show-

case their incredible sacrifices and contributions, inspiring the audience through their remarkable journey. “During script discussions, I, Anant Mahadevan, Anuya Chauhan and Ritesh Kudecha built a strong bond, and they entrusted me with more responsibilities. I became the Creative Consultant. I was involved in casting, music, and was present on set during the shoot, working closely with director Anant Mahadevan, DOP Sunita Radia, costume designer Aparna Shah and the entire team. We shared a great bond to make Phule. We all knew we were making a special and important film.” After the shoot, Anant Mahadevan, Anuya Chauhan and Muazzam Beg worked closely during post-production. Baig says, “After our first edit, we realised that the film was too heavy, and had a lot of English dialogues. We kept these dialogues for authenticity, but we understood that the common man would not understand the important information, risking loss of interest. We decided to use voice-over narration to explain the context of those scenes, so we added the voice-over. We also decided to include two songs in the narrative: For “Dhun Lagi Aazadi Ki”, I asked my poet friend Sarosh Asif to write a revolutionary song showing the footage.

## Actors reflect on their Academic Journeys!



CHANDIGARH: It’s often said that your qualifications shape your future, but did you know how academically accomplished some of your favourite &TV actors are? These familiar faces, who entertain audiences every day with their strong and lovable characters, have impressive educational backgrounds that have played a key role in shaping their journeys in the world of entertainment. These include Neeta Mohindra (Kailasha Bua, Bheema), Himani Shivpuri (Katori Amma, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan), and Shubhangi Atrre (Angoori Bhabi, Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai). Neeta Mohindra, seen as Kailasha Bua in &TV’s Bheema, shares, “My journey into the world of acting is deeply rooted in academia. I hold an MA and a PhD in Fine Arts, and I have had the honour of serving as the Head of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at Guru Nanak Dev University. My academic pursuits have not only shaped my understanding of the arts but also enriched my expression as a performer. Education, for me, has always been a guiding light helping me blend theory with practice, and intellect with emotion, in every character I portray on screen.”

Himani Shivpuri, who portrays the lovable Katori Amma in &TV’s Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, reflects, “I belong to Dehradun and began my academic journey at The Doon School, known for nurturing creativity and academic brilliance. My deep interest in science led me to pursue a postgraduate degree in Organic Chemistry from DAV College, Dehradun. However, the pull of the performing arts was strong, and I followed my passion by graduating from the National School of Drama in 1984. Education, to me, is about balancing intellect with emotion, reason with creativity, which has been the cornerstone of my acting career.” Shubhangi Atrre, who plays the iconic Angoori Bhabi in &TV’s Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai, says, “Although I’m known for my bubbly and naïve character on screen, my real-life journey has always been rooted in education. I hold a Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Marketing, which has empowered me with strategic thinking and adaptability qualities that have helped me navigate the entertainment world. From handling endorsements to taking on versatile roles, my education has given me the confidence and clarity to pursue my goals purposefully.”

## Actors share the first dish they ever cooked!



CHANDIGARH: Everyone remembers the first time they stepped into the kitchen, not just for a snack, but to cook! From burnt rotis to surprisingly perfect curries, that very first attempt holds a special place in our hearts. &TV actors, including Amit Bhardwaj (Mewa, Bheema), Geetanjali Mishra (Rajesh, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan), and Vidisha Srivastava (Anita Bhabi, Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai) take a nostalgic trip down memory lane and share stories of the very first dish they ever cooked. Here is what they revealed! Amit Bhardwaj, aka Mewa from Bheema, shares, “The first dish I ever tried firsthand was dal khichdi. I was living in a PG back then and had no option but to cook. I was hungry and there was no food around! I called up my mom, scribbled down whatever she said, and somehow managed to put it all together. Surprisingly, it turned out decent, it was mom’s magic or sheer beginner’s luck. Since then, dal khichdi has been my go-to comfort food. It is simple, filling, and always reminds me of that moment when necessity pushed me into the kitchen for the first time.” Geetanjali Mishra, aka Rajesh from Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, shares, “The first dish I ever cooked was aloo tamatar ki sabzi. I must have been around thirteen, and I wanted to surprise my mom. I remember chopping the potatoes with so much focus and using all the masalas I had seen her use. I did not realise I had added too much red chilli, and the entire family ended up drinking a lot of water during dinner (laughs)! But they all appreciated my effort.

## Vogue Eyewear welcomes Shahid Kapoor, who joins Taapsee Pannu as its Brand Ambassador in India



CHANDIGARH: Vogue Eyewear proudly welcomes Bollywood actor Shahid Kapoor as a new brand ambassador, marking an exciting new chapter for the iconic eyewear brand. Shahid joins longstanding brand ambassador Taapsee Pannu in a visually captivating campaign film that emphasizes Vogue Eyewear’s commitment to individuality, self-expression, and personal style.

“Style to me has always been about self-expression without boundaries. I’m excited to join Vogue Eyewear and to be part of its campaign, that encourages people to be themselves, unapologetically and without rules,” said Shahid Kapoor. Echoing this spirit, Taapsee Pannu added, “Working with Vogue Eyewear has always been about embracing who I am — unfiltered and free”. She also shared her excitement about the collaboration in the new campaign, “Together we hope to inspire more people to own their style, their way.”

In a world where conformity often takes center stage, the campaign reinforces brand ethos through the lens of the ‘No Rules Club’ and celebrates those who live life on their own terms. The film reaffirms that being true to oneself is the only rule that matters.

In a striking film set within a modern, gallery-inspired space, Shahid and Taapsee share a dynamic blend of playful banter and introspective moments. The setting serves as a powerful metaphor that just like art, style too thrives in freedom.

## Indian Cinema’s leading stars served head-turning looks at the Purple Carpet of 23rd Zee Cine Awards

CHANDIGARH : The spotlight is back on Indian cinema — as ZEE hosted the spectacular Maruti Suzuki presents 23rd Zee Cine Awards 2025, bringing together the stars, stories, and spirit of Indian Cinema in a grand reflection of the year gone by. This year, the stage wasn’t reserved just for the stars — it belonged equally to the fans. In the biggest FANtertainment night of the year, the evening became a thrilling confluence of stardom and fandom, where those who create cinema and those who cherish it came together under one roof to revel in its magic. Held at Mumbai’s NSCI Dome, the event stood tall as a shining ode to a cinematic year that captivated audiences, broke records, and reaffirmed the magic of the movies.

As Indian Cinema’s brightest stepped onto the iconic purple carpet, turning the venue into a living, breathing scene from a dream sequence. Fashion met fandom, nostalgia met new energy, and the glamour quotient was sky-high. The star-studded extravaganza was a spectacle of glamour and style, with Indian Cinema’s elite gracing the purple carpet in their finest attires. Kartik Aaryan, the heartthrob of Indian Cinema, exuded timeless elegance in an impeccably tailored all-grey suit, commanding attention with his suave demeanor. The beautiful Ananya Panday exuded effortless charm in a white saree, while Rashmika Mandanna looked elegant in a black outfit. Tammannaah Bhatia also radiated confidence in a sizzling black outfit, effortlessly stealing the spotlight on the Purple Carpet of Zee Cine Awards.

Tiger Shroff and Aparshakti Khurana captivated onlookers with their debonair charm, donning stylish all black attires that added a touch of class to their ensemble. Sharvari, on the other hand, dazzled in an all black bow gown, exuding elegance and regal

charm with every step. Rasha Thadani looked glamorous in a sea green saree, channelling timeless elegance on the purple carpet. Meanwhile, Jacqueline Fernandez looked resplendent in an all black gown, and Vaani Kapoor shimmered in a glittery yellow and black outfit, captivating everyone’s attention with her energy.

Vikrant Massey also personified classic sophistication in a sleek black suit, showcasing his effortless charisma and appeal. The Laapata Ladies team- Ravi Kishan, Pratibha Ranta, and Nitanshi Goel dazzled on the purple carpet, while the ravishing Kriti Sanon looked graceful in a shimmery maroon gown. The singer-composer duo, Sachin and Jigar, on this other hand, exuded classic sophistication in a black and gold combination. Suniel Shetty looked effortlessly handsome in a light blue striped suit, while Shanaya Kapoor looked elegant in a beautiful shimmery silver saree. Last but not the least, Lord Bobby cut a striking figure in a white suit and his suave presence added an extra dash of allure to the purple carpet. All in all, these luminaries brightened the purple carpet with their unmatched style, setting the stage for an unforgettable evening of glamour and recognition.





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