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NEWS BRIEFS

Punjab and Haryana HC receives bomb threat mail

CHANDIGARH: The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Thursday received a bomb threat e-mail, prompting the Chandigarh Police to launch a search of the court premises, officials said. Police have evacuated the court complex and restricted public entry for the time-being, they said. "An e-mail was sent to the registrar's office of the high court, claiming that an IED had been planted in the complex. On being informed, police launched a thorough search," Chandigarh Police SDPO (Central), Udaypal Singh, said.

SC reserves interim orders in waqf case

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday reserved its interim orders on three issues, including the power to deny properties declared as "waqf by courts, waqf-by-user or waqf by deed" after hearing a clutch of pleas challenging the validity of the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025. Before reserving the interim orders, a bench comprising Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justice Augustine George Masih heard senior advocates Kapil Sibal, Rajeev Dhavan and Abhishek Singhvi on behalf of those opposed to the amended waqf law and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Centre, for about three consecutive days. The Centre strongly defended the Act, saying waqf by its very nature is a "secular concept" and can't be stayed given the "presumption of constitutionality" in its favour.

Army jawan martyred in Kishtwar gunfight

JAMMU: One army soldier was martyred in an ensuing gunfight in Chatroo area of Kishtwar district in Jammu and Kashmir. Jammu-based White Knight Corps in a post on X said, "During the ongoing operation, fierce gunfight is continuing. One of our Bravehearts sustained grievous injuries in the exchange of fire and has succumbed despite the best medical efforts." Operation is in progress; it has been further posted. Official sources earlier said that a gunfight broke out between terrorists, believed to be 3 to 4 in number, and a joint team of police and army in the Singhpura area of Chatroo.

World saw consequences when 'Sindoor' becomes 'barood': PM



UNI BIKANER, MAY 22

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday warned Pakistan that its Army and its economy would pay a heavy price in case of a terrorist attack in India.

Speaking at an event here, the Prime Minister said the world and India's enemies had seen when 'Sindoor' (vermilion) turns into 'barood' (explosives). India had destroyed 9 main terrorist centres in 22 minutes for the terrorist attack on April 22. "World and India's enemies have seen the consequences when Sindoor (vermilion) turns into barood (explosives)," the Prime Minister said while referring to the success of Operation Sindoor.

Pakistan would pay a heavy price for "playing with Indians' blood", he said while referring to the terrorist attack at Pahalgam in Kashmir in which 26 innocent tourists were killed. "If Pakistan continued to export terrorists into India, it will have to pay for every penny."

"India has made it very clear that for every terrorist attack on India, Pakistan

will have to pay a heavy price and this price will be paid by the Pakistan Army and Pakistan's economy," Mr Modi said adding that Pakistan would not get the water on which Indian people have the right. The Prime Minister said Operation Sindoor had given three formulae for combating terrorism. First—any terrorist attack on India would have heavy consequences and the time, the manner and the conditions would be decided by the Indian Army.

Modi lays foundation stone of 100 MW Nawa Solar Power Project of SJVN

SHIMLA: In a proud moment for SJVN, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi virtually laid the foundation stone of 100 MW Nawa Solar Power Project at Bikaner, Rajasthan today. This historic occasion was graced by Governor of Rajasthan Shri. Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde, Chief Minister of Rajasthan Shri. Bhajan Lal Sharma, Union Minister for Railways, IB, Electronics & IT Shri. Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister of State for Law and Justice (I/C) & Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Shri. Arjun Ram Meghwal and other dignitaries. The event was virtually joined by CMD (Addl. Charge) SJVN Shri. Bhupender Gupta, Director (Projects) Shri. Sushil Kumar Sharma, Director (Personnel) Shri. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Director Finance (Addl. Charge) Shri. Rajendra Prasad Goyal etc.

103 redeveloped railway station inaugurated

JAIPUR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 103 redeveloped railway stations across India under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, benefitting 86 districts in 18 states and union territories. The modernization project, costing over INR 1,100 crore, aims to transform stations into passenger-friendly hubs with modern amenities, sustainable designs, and improved accessibility. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday offered prayers at the Karni Mata temple and inaugurated the redeveloped Deshnook railway station in Rajasthan's Bikaner district. He also flagged-off the Bikaner-Mumbai Express from Deshnook and will lay the foundation stone and dedicate to the nation multiple development projects worth more than Rs 26,000 crore.

CM Mann slams Centre's move to deploy CISF at Bhakra Dam



SUMER GARG SANGRUR, MAY 22:

Slamming the BJP led Union government for hatching conspiracies to ruin Punjab, the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the state government will vehemently oppose the draconian move of the centre to deploy CISF at Bhakra Dam and will not give a single penny as expenditure on it.

"Centre should understand one thing: we neither have any drop of surplus water for other states nor any single penny to pay the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for the

unwarranted CISF", said the Chief Minister while interacting with the media persons here today.

The Chief Minister said that the state government will never pay this amount as it is a move aimed at stealing the water of the state by deploying the central forces on the Dam. He said that they need everything from Punjab in terms of food grains and others but on the other hand they are trying to snatch the waters of the state through this action. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that instead of giving any special package to Punjab for its immense contribution, the

BJP is meting out step motherly treatment to the state. The Chief Minister said that he will flag this issue before the Prime Minister in the meeting of the NITI Aayog slated to be held on Saturday. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the BJP is resorting to such tactics as they are against the state because people of Punjab have never voted for them. He said that it is surprising to note that though Punjab leads the country in contribution to the food pool besides giving maximum representation in the Indian Army but the BJP led centre has always ignored the state.

Court sends Youtuber Jyoti Malhotra to four days police remand



BUREAU HISAR: Haryana's Hisar District Court sent YouTuber Jyoti Malhotra to a four-day police remand on Thursday.

The YouTuber was arrested for allegedly sharing sensitive information and being in continuous contact with a Pakistani citizen. Meanwhile, Inspector General of Police (IGP) CID Crime Branch, Sarthak Sarangi, said that facts are being verified. "We have just received information that YouTuber Jyoti Malhotra visited Puri's Jagannath temple and posted a video regarding it on Instagram. She also visited Chilikka and Konark. She was in touch with a YouTuber from Odisha. We are verifying all the facts. We are in touch with our counterparts in Haryana regarding Jyoti Malhotra," the police official said. SP Agrawal said, "Puri Police is investigating. We are in touch with Haryana and several state and central agencies." According to Shashank Kumar Sawan, Superintendent of Police (SP) Hisar, Malhotra was being developed as an asset and had maintained ties with other YouTube influencers and Pakistani nationals. Sawan stated, "She was in touch with other YouTube influencers, and they were also in contact with the Pakistan Information Officers (PIOs).

India has zero tolerance for terrorism, says All-Party Parliamentary delegation in Japan

AGENCY TOKYO, MAY 22

An All-Party Parliamentary delegation from India, led by Sanjay Kumar Jha, Member of Parliament, is visiting Japan from May 22 to 24, 2025. The visit follows the recent Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir, with counterterrorism cooperation central to discussions, an official statement from the Indian Embassy in Tokyo said. On the first day of the visit, the delegation met Japan's Foreign Minister Takeshi Iwaya. At the beginning of the



meeting, Iwaya expressed heartfelt condolences to the victims of the Pahalgam attack and extended sympathies to those injured. He said terrorism cannot be justified in any form and conveyed Japan's solidarity with India and the international community in the fight against terrorism, the statement added. Jha described the Pahalgam incident as a nefarious attempt to disturb development and peace in Jammu and Kashmir. He said India responded through Operation Sindoor "in a precise, targeted, proportionate and non-escalatory manner."

Rahul Gandhi to visit storm-hit Poonch on May 24

NEW DELHI: Lok Sabha's Leader of Opposition, Rahul Gandhi, is likely to visit Poonch district in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday (May 24). Congress party sources said on Thursday. The region was recently hit by heavy winds and storms, causing major damage to schools and other buildings. The visit comes as the people of Poonch struggle with the aftermath of the storm that hit the area on May 21. Several structures, including government schools, were



damaged. The district has also been affected by recent cross-border shelling from Pakistan. Earlier, the Indian Army stepped in to help with emergency assistance in storm-hit areas. Schools located close to the Line of Control (LoC), especially in Gagrian and Sawjian villages, suffered serious structural damage. Schools in the Mandi zone also had their roofs blown away due to the strong winds."

CM Saini leads Tiranga Yatra, says Hry youth always ready to serve country



BUREAU CHANDIGARH, MAY 22

Haryana Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini stated that under the leadership of Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi, the brave soldiers of the nation successfully carried out Operation Sindoor. This mission, he said, has sent a strong message to the world about India's courage and has elevated the country's global standing. He emphasized that Operation Sindoor reflects the Prime Minister's unwavering commitment to the safety and protection of Indian citizens. "While we have witnessed many military operations in the past, Operation Sindoor stands out as an extraordinary example of human resolve, technological prowess, and strategic precision," he added.

The Chief Minister was addressing the gathering just before the Operation Sindoor Tiranga Yatra held today in Ladwa city, Kurukshetra district. A large number of youth, women, and senior citizens participated in the Yatra, which was led by the Chief Minister. They contributed enthusiastically to this campaign, organized in honor of the brave soldiers of the nation and those martyred in Operation Sindoor. Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini paid flower tribute to the martyrs of Pahalgam attack at the auditorium of Ramkundi Dharamshala. Sh Nayab Singh Saini stated that our brave soldiers struck deep into Pakistani territory and eliminated the terrorists, sending a strong message that any threat to India's sovereignty will have serious consequences.

Modi's "Anurag" will change the political equations of Himachal BJP

DR. RACHNA GUPTA SHIMLA

The Himachal BJP is about to gain greater prominence in Delhi. Anurag Thakur, a prominent leader from the state, is set to be appointed as National General Secretary in the central Bharatiya Janata Party. A new national president of the BJP will also be announced soon. Under Modi's new organizational team, two young faces are likely to be included—one, the dynamic Anurag Thakur from Himachal, and the other, Annamalai from Tamil Nadu.

organization will become more important — much like JP Nadda's rise when he returned to Delhi from Himachal a few years ago. Nadda had resigned as a minister from Himachal when Prem Kumar Dhumal, Anurag's father, was the Chief Minister. From there, JP Nadda progressed from Union Minister to National President.

Anurag Thakur's importance was being underestimated when he was not given a ministerial berth in the current Modi cabinet. There was even talk of Anurag potentially taking charge of Himachal Pradesh in the future. Meanwhile, during Jairam Thakur's tenure as Leader of the Opposition, Anurag's role in the state became almost negligible.

But now that the high command has nearly finalized Anurag Thakur's appointment as National General Secretary, the confusion over leadership within the

state BJP is also clearing up. However, the state BJP president has not been changed yet, and Dr. Rajeev Bindal — JP Nadda's preferred choice — continues to hold the position. Dr. Bindal had previously been removed from the Speaker's post during Jairam Thakur's term as Chief Minister.



As a result, leadership within the state BJP has become polarized, with multiple power centers emerging. Many individuals from the state now hold significant positions in Team Modi at the center. These include JP Nadda, Anurag Thakur, and several officers in the PMO from the Himachal cadre.

Due to everyone having direct access to the top leadership, no state leader was getting a free hand to operate effectively.

Because of this, the condition of the Himachal BJP started resembling that of the ruling Congress — with senior Congress leaders who had been poached now part of the BJP's inner circle, leading to confusion among grassroots BJP workers. The tasks meant for party workers are now being controlled from entirely different directions.

Amid this, the state governor's public praise of the Congress Deputy CM has also created new political equations. Although

the assembly elections in the state are still two and a half years away, every small or big worker in the state has access to the Delhi power corridors. As a result, each one is trying to push their own agenda and confuse the central leadership.

Sources also reveal that there were serious efforts to push Jairam Thakur, the Leader of the Opposition, to the margins of party activities, with obstacles placed in the way of his programs.

Now, new political equations are set to form in the Himachal BJP as JP Nadda exits the organization and Anurag Thakur enters. This will boost the morale of the Dhimal faction and bring a ray of hope for the 2027 elections. Recently, former CM Prem Kumar Dhimal wrote on social media that "one should be happy in the happiness of others" — clearly indicating his joy at his son's elevation.

Classified

Baljinder Singh Aulkh S/o Sukhdev Singh r/o near bus stand village Amarapura urf Gurthuri Tehsil Talwandi sabo Distt Bathinda have changed my name Baljinder Singh Aulkh to Baljinder Singh. Please note
98731
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I Swaran Singh S/o Bhajan Singh R/o VPO bhatha dhua Tehsil Jagraon District Ludhiana have Changed my name form Swaran Singh memhi to Swaran Singh All Note.
98731
I Radha Devi W/o Sanjay Sharma House No 245, bazar No 4 Ferozepur Cantt (152001) Decare That My Minor Daughter Name Himangi Sharma Has Been Changed To Himanshi Concerned Note
846213

I, Mohammad Aiman Hussain Zuberi S/o Amir Hussain Zuberi R/o Block A, Karnal Road, Sugar Mill Colony, Kaithal (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Mohammad Aiman Hussain Zuberi To Mohammad Aiman Hussain Zuberi. Concerned Please Note.
84451
I, DEEPIKA wife of Satish Kumar R/o ward no. 12, Dr. Arambekar Nagar Tehsil & District Sangru (Punjab), have changed my name from DEEPIKA to REETA. I may please be known by the name of REETA in future. Concerned please note.
84451
I, Babita Kumari W/o Saveen Kumar R/o H.No. 56, 1st Floor, Sector 19, Part 1, Huda, Kaithal (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Babita Kumari To Babita Goel. I Shall Be Known By My New Name Babita Goel In Future. Concerned Please Note.
84451
I Mini W/o Sh. Mahesh Kumar Goyal R/o House no. 30653, Sector 20-D, Chandigarh have changed my name from Minito Mini Goyal.
10004

I, hitherto known as POONAM D/O SURINDER KUMAR, residing at VILLAGE PIRANWALA, PO CANAL COLONY, DISTT FEROZEPUR, PUNJAB - 152003 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as KEERAT KAUR.
900014
I, hitherto known as GURJANT SINGH S/O GURDEV SINGH, residing at OF NEAR SIRSARI ROAD, BAGIANA DISTT FARIDKOT, PUNJAB - 151207 have changed the name of my minor daughter JAISHMEET KAUR, aged 16 years and she shall hereafter be known as JAISHMEET KAUR BRAR.
900014
I, hitherto known as SANDEEP SINGH BAWA S/O SUKHDEV SINGH, residing at B/O STREET NO 4/2-A, NEAR BHOJRAJ L A J W A N T I S C H O O L, NACHATTER NAGAR MANSARA ROAD, DISTT BATHINDA, PUNJAB - 151001 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SANDEEP SINGH.
900014
I, hitherto known as AISHMEET KAUR D/O GURJANT SINGH, residing at OF NEAR SIRSARI ROAD, BAGIANA DISTT FARIDKOT, PUNJAB - 151207 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as AISHMEET KAUR BRAR.
900014
I, UPASNA DEVI W/o No. 18004268K Hav Gopal Singh R/o VII- DHANORA GAUREE, P O S O N A, Tehsil AONLA, Distt- BAREILLY, State- UP-243303 have changed my name & DOB from UPASNA DEVI (10-06-1991) to UPASHNA (01-01-1993)
778934
I Paramjit Singh Panju S/o Kartar Singh Residence #31451, St No 5/12, Jogi Nagar Bathinda Have Changed my Name Paramjit Singh Panju To Paramjit Singh.
524479
I Gaurav S/o Ram Lakshman Residence #30175, Gali No 2, Paras Ram Nagar, Bathinda Have Changed my Name Gaurav To Gaurav Pal.
524479
I, Rajina w/o Gurdeep Singh r/o Vpo. Tut Kalan tehsil Nakodar district Jalandhar have changed my name from Rajina to Rajina Vallu. All concerned note please.
100066
I Dharam Pal (old name) S/o Shri Behari Lal, Resident of House no. 284/10, AKS-I colony, Bhabat road, Zirkepaur, SAS Nager (Mohali) Punjab- 140603, have changed my name from Dharam Pal (old name) to Dharam Pall (new name)
50008
I, Ankita Rawal W/o Krishan Lal R/o village Bahola, Tehsil Nilokheri, District Karnal, declare that I have changed my name from Baby Rawal to Ankita Rawal. In future, I should be known and identified by the name of Ankita Rawal.
100070
I, Gurmandeep Singh S/o Swinder Singh, R/o VPO Makawal, Tehsil Ajnala, Distt. Amritsar, State Punjab, Declare that I have changed my name from Sajanpreet Singh to Gurmandeep Singh (All Concerned Note Please)
72737

I, Bhavna Dhama W/o Shri Dinesh Singh R/o House No. 3521, Sector 29/D, Chandigarh, declare that my husband Dinesh Singh is serving in the 18 Kumaon Regiment in the Army. His service number is JC542679A and he is posted as Subedar. My name in my Aadhaar card and PAN card is Bhavna Dhama, but in my husband's military documents my name is just Bhavna. My name as Bhavna Dhama in my husband's military documents and your department's records.
989666
I, Ritu Verma W/o Anuj Verma, R/o House No. 656, Harijan Besti Mullana, District Ambala declare that I have changed my name from Ritu Verma to Ritu Verma. Please Note.
100039
I, Sharma Megha Ashni Kumar alias Sharma Megha alias Megha Sharma D/o Ashni Kumar Brahmanand Sharma and wife of Akshay Handa, resident of H.No.355/1, Sector 41-A, Chandigarh do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I have changed my name from Sharma Megha Ashni Kumar to Megha Handa after marriage.
481260
I, Satnam Das Grover S/o Darshan Lal R/o Ahmedgarh Distt. Malerkotla have known by both names Satnam Das Grover and Satnam Das and the same person.
63372
I, Rishi Kapur W/o Lalit Kapur R/o H.No. R-31 Phase-2 Palac Colony Focal Point Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name to Nisha Rani.
63372
I Komal W/O Yol Kumar Village Khera Tehsil Garshankar Distt Hoshiarpur I Have Changed My Minor Daughter Name From Daljit To Daljit Kaur.
63372
I, Rupinder Kaur W/O Ravinder Singh VPO Jandiala Tehsil Garshankar Distt Hoshiarpur I Have Changed My Name Kaur Rupinder.
63372
I, Nitin S/O Kulwinder Lal R/O Village Mehtan PO Mehtan, Tehsil Phagwara Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab, India, have changed my name Nitin to Nitin Gaught.
63372
I, Suman Devi W/O Ravinder Kumar R/O VPO Bora Tehsil Garshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India, have changed my name Suman Devi to Suman.
63372
I, Anu Chadha D/o Avinash Chander R/O 239 W.No. 04 New Abadi Mahilpur Teh-Garshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my name to Reyanish Paki to Reyanish.
63372
I, Parmjeet Kaur W/o Baldev Singh R/o Village Bahmiwala Tehsil Patti, District Tarn Taran Punjab have changed name from Parmjeet Kaur to Paramjit Kaur.
63372
I, Gursharanpreet Kaur Cheema D/o Sukhdev Singh R/o H.No.278, St.No.03, Dhulkot Road, Bhagwan Nagar, W.No.01, Ahmedgarh Tehsil Ahmedgarh Distt. Malerkotla declare that I am known by Gursharanpreet Kaur Cheema and Gursharanpreet Kaur both names.
63372
I Ragbir Singh Nahar S/o Teja Singh

I, Amit Dhawan S/o Balwant Rai R/o H.No. 394-A Opp. Sethi Studio Krishna Nagar Ram Ganj Road Moga Distt. Moga have changed my daughter name from Anaya to Anaya Dhawan.
63372
I, Usha Rani W/o Tarlok Nath R/o H.No. 199 W.No. 29 Mohalla Angadpura Moga Distt. Moga have changed my name to Usha Sharma.
63372
I, Shinder Kaur alias Karamjeet Kaur W/o Jaswinder Singh R/o Patti Jalal Bilaspur Teh-Nihal Singh Wala Distt. Moga have known by both names Shinder Kaur alias Karamjeet Kaur one and the same person.
63372
I, Jagdish Kumar S/o Pura Chand R/o St.No.9 Railway Crossing Shiv Nagar Jalandhar-1 Po. Basti Bawa Khel Jalandhar have changed my name to Jagdish Chand.
63372
I, Bhinder Kaur W/o Baljeet Singh R/o Vpo. Ittanwali Distt. Ferozepur have changed my name to Sukhjinder Kaur.
63372
I, Amarjit Singh & Jit Singh S/O Pritam Singh R/o Vill: Bagrian Sub Teh-Charnathal Kalan Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib both names are mine one and the same person.
63372
I, Gurdev Singh Nanra S/o Prem Singh R/o H.No. 158-B St.No. 10 Harkrishan Nagar New Shimlapuri Ludhiana have changed my name to Gurdev Singh.
63372
I, Kirandeep Kaur D/o Satnam Singh R/o Near Tar Atta Chakki Bulara Ludhiana have changed my name to Kajal Rani.
63372
I Amarjeet Kaur W/O Major Singh R/O Vpo Kot Ranjha Tehsil Nawanshahr District Sbs Nagar Punjab Have Changed My Name From Amarjeet To Amarjit Kaur.
63372
I Harman Kumar C/O Supan Mahto R/O Vpo Pathlawa Tehsil Baga Distt Sbs Nagar Pb I Have Changed My Name From Harman To Harman Kumar.
63372
I, Tania D/o Des Raj R/o Vpo. Khotran Teh-Banga Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Tania to Tania Basra.
63372
I Kamajit Kaur W/O Sharnjit Singh Vpo Ghungrali Tehsil Khanna District Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Davinder Kaur.
63372
I, Jaswinder Kaur Sidhu D/O Rattan Singh W/o Balwinder Singh R/o Vill: Govindpura Teh-Payal Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name to Jaswinder Kaur.
63372
I, Harpreet Kaur D/o Om Parkash R/O Vpo. Bahrowal Teh-Banga Distt. SBS Nagar Pb, have changed my name from Harpreet Kaur to Kaur Harpreet. I have used Kaur as my surname.
63372
I Rajinder Kumar Arora S/O Ram Sahara R/o Fatehgarh Panjtur (Moga) have Changed My Name To Rajinder Kumar.
63372
I Saneha W/o Rajinder Kumar R/o Fatehgarh Panjtur (Moga) have Changed My Name To Suneha.
63372
I Ragbir Singh Nahar S/o Teja Singh

R/o Nasirpur Janian (Moga) have Changed My Name To Ragbir Singh.
63372
I Harsharan Singh Sandhu S/O Ranbir Singh R/o Dategal (Moga) have Changed My Name To Harsharan Singh.
63372
I, Rihana Begum D/o Mohammad Ramzan W/o Harwinder Singh R/o Gholia Kalan (Moga) have changed my name to Jaspreet (after marriage.)
63372
I, Jagdish Kumar S/o Pura Chand R/o St.No.9 Railway Crossing Shiv Nagar Jalandhar-1 Po. Basti Bawa Khel Jalandhar have changed my name to Jagdish Chand.
63372
I Karmjit Kaur W/O Parwinder Singh R/O H.No.-405 Preet Nagar Moga Have Changed My Name To Simran Kaur.
63372
I Shivani Mittal W/o Rajan Gupta R/o Hno 1574/8 Tekka Colony Salarpur ROad Thanesar ,Distt.Kurukshetra have changed my name to Shivani.
63372
I Rajan S/o Tekka Gopal R/O H.No.1574/8 Tekka Colony Salarpur Road Thanesar, Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my name to Rajan Gupta.
63372
I Hitherto Known As Jyoti Rani D/O Prahlaad Kumar W/O Kulwinder Singh R/O H. No. 148, Gali No. 6, Bhagatpur, Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab (India)-144401, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Jaswinder Kaur.
63372
I Hitherto Known As Usha Rani W/O Sukhbir Singh R/O H.No. 1740, Main Street Mohalla Rehmanpur, Nakodar, Jalandhar, Punjab (India)-144040 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Sarbjit Kaur.
63372
I, Harbhajan Kaur W/o Baljinder Singh R/o Vill: Dallowal Po. Goraya Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name is Harbhajan and surname is Kaur.
63372
I, Lakhbir Kaur W/o Kulvir Singh R/o Vill: Pal Nau Po. Kang Jagir Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar my given name is Lakhbir and surname is Kaur.
63372
I, Mohanjeet Singh S/o Swaran Singh R/o H.No. B-4-282/01 W.No. 05 Near Ranjitgarh Gurudwara Moh Bhandera Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Romandeep Kaur Adhen.
63372
I, Mohanjeet Singh S/o Swaran Singh R/o H.No. B-4-282/01 W.No. 05 Near Ranjitgarh Gurudwara Moh Bhandera Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Satwinder Singh Mehreh to Satwinder Singh.
63372
I Bhupinder Singh Khurana S/O Harbans Lal R/O 62 Green Avenue Kapurthala Punjab Have Changed My Name From Bhupinder Singh Khurana To Bhupinder Singh.
63372
I Arun Bala Khurana W/O Bhupinder Singh R/O 62 Green Avenue Kapurthala Punjab Have Changed My Name From Arun Bala Khurana To Arun Bala.
63372
I Gurwinder Kaur W/o Jarnail Singh Jossan R/o Jodhpur Distt Ferozepur Have Changed My Name Gurwinder Kaur To Gurwinder Kaur Jossan.
63372
I Dhanwant Singh Guron S/O Balwinder Singh R/O Mamdot Hithar Distt Ferozepur Have Changed My Name Dhanwant Singh Guron To Dhanwant Singh.
63372
I Mohammad Tahir Farooqi S/O Mohammad Siddiq R/o VPO-Rohira, District-Malerkotla has Changed my name to Mohammad Tahir.
63372
I Rasheeda Bano W/o Mohammad Tahir R/o VPO-Rohira, District-Malerkotla has Changed my Name to Rashida Bano.
63372

I, Naveen Kumar S/o Surinder Kumar R/o Boha Teh-Budhlada Distt.Mansa have changed my name from Naveen Singla to Naveen Kumar.
63372
I Ajay S/O Ramesh Kumar R/O House No.1200, Beant Singh Nagar, Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Ajay Kumar.
63372
I Ajaib Turna S/o Dial Singh R/O Village Banwala Tehsil Patran (Patiala) have changed my name to Ajaib Singh Turna.
63372
I Inderjeet Rana S/o Sanjeev Kumar R/o Village Uplana, Tehsi Assandh, Distt. Karnal change her name Inderjeet to Inderjeet Rana.
63372
I Kavita Rani W/o Mohan Singh R/O Darbara Colony, Assandh, Distt. Karnal change her name Kavita to Kavita Rani.
63372
I, Praminder Kaur W/o Lalit Mohan R/o Sant Vihar Colony, Lidhran, Jalandhar, Punjab, have changed my name from Praminder Kaur to Parminder Kaur.
63372
I, Manjit Kaur W/o Jatinder Kumar Vill Bahudindpur, P/O Jalbha, District Jalandhar have changed my minor son's name from Namandeep to Namandeep Dadra.
63372
I, Anchal Sharma Alias Anchal D/o Sonu Sharma R/o Balbir Avenue, Faridkot is known by two names as above.
63372
I Jagdeep Singh Gill S/o Jagtar Singh R/o Vpo Sidhwan Kalan Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Jagdeep Singh.
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I Savshan S/o Jaspal Singh R/o Vill Kahlwan Distt Jalandhar Declare That I Have Changed my name from Savshan to Savshan Gill.
63372
I, Navjot Jyoti W/O Sukhjot Singh Gharu R/O Nihal Singh Wala Distt. Moga, Declares That I Have Changed My Name Navjot Jyoti To Navjot Jyoti Gharu After Marriage.
63372
I, Himanshi D/o Ram Kumar R/O Jaitu (Faridkot) have changed my name to Himanshi Goyal.
63372
I, Gurmeet Kaur W/o Late Bhajan Singh R/o Bath Road, Gali Kanga Wali, Ward No.13, Malia Khurad Tehsil & District Tarn Taran (Punjab) declare that in my previous Indian Passport Number C3484146 my Husband's name was wrongly mentioned as Harbhajan Singh. But my Husband correct name is Bhajan Singh. As per my other Documents. All Concerned Note.
989666
I, Deepak Dhawan S/O Dharamvir Dhawan R/O 214 Sector 17 Panchkula declares that in some documents my name was wrongly written as Nardeepak Dhawan whereas my correct name is Deepak Dhawan.
989666
I, Mohanjeet Singh S/o Swaran Singh R/o H.No. B-4-282/01 W.No. 05 Near Ranjitgarh Gurudwara Moh Bhandera Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Satwinder Singh Mehreh to Satwinder Singh.
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I Bhupinder Singh Khurana S/O Harbans Lal R/O 62 Green Avenue Kapurthala Punjab Have Changed My Name From Bhupinder Singh Khurana To Bhupinder Singh.
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I Arun Bala Khurana W/O Bhupinder Singh R/O 62 Green Avenue Kapurthala Punjab Have Changed My Name From Arun Bala Khurana To Arun Bala.
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I Gurwinder Kaur W/o Jarnail Singh Jossan R/o Jodhpur Distt Ferozepur Have Changed My Name Gurwinder Kaur To Gurwinder Kaur Jossan.
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I Dhanwant Singh Guron S/O Balwinder Singh R/O Mamdot Hithar Distt Ferozepur Have Changed My Name Dhanwant Singh Guron To Dhanwant Singh.
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I Mohammad Tahir Farooqi S/O Mohammad Siddiq R/o VPO-Rohira, District-Malerkotla has Changed my name to Mohammad Tahir.
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I Rasheeda Bano W/o Mohammad Tahir R/o VPO-Rohira, District-Malerkotla has Changed my Name to Rashida Bano.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Before the Member Secretary, Micro & Small Enterprises Facilitation Council, Sangru constituted under MSMED Act, 2006. M/S Banke Bihari Industries, Jakhla Road, Sunam Versus M/s Family Food Products, 0 Khurana Road, Kaithal, Haryana. Next Date: 28.05.25 For claim of delayed payment under The Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006. Notice to: M/s Family Food Products, 0 Khurana Road, Kaithal, Haryana. In above titled case, the defendant(s)/ respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that the respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 28.05.2025 at 12:00 Noon in the office of Member Secretary, Micro & Small Enterprises Facilitation Council General Manager, District Industries Centre, Room no. 103, District Administrative Complex, Sangru failing which proceedings shall be taken against them in their absence. Given under my hand and the seal of this Court on 24.04.25 Member Secretary-cum-General Manager, District Industries Centre, Sangru Endst. No.: 445 Dated: 05/05/2025

MOTOR CONNECTION

One Tubewell Connection A/C No. N45AP210931 (10 BHP) running on the name of Ram Singh S/o Mulla Singh Land Vill: Patti Chandigarh Distt. SBS Nagar running under S/D Rahon Shri Mati Mahinder Kaur W/o Harbhajan Singh R/o Baba Deep Singh Nagar, Rahon Road Nawansharh Distt. Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar Tehsil Nawansharh Distt. SBS Nagar has applied for a change of name on her name to Sub Division office Rahon. If anybody has any objection they can give a written notice in 30 days to the sub Division office Rahon after the period there will be nor responsibility of the department.
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ਦਰਬਾਰ ਨਾਇਕ ਤਹਿਸੀਲਕਾਰ, ਸਬ-ਤਹਿਸੀਲਕਾਰ ਕੁਮ ਕਲਾਂ, ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਆਮ ਜਨਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਦਰਬਾਰਨਾਇਕ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਸਿੱਖ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਮਹਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਹਰਨਾਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਬੁੱਠੀਓਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਨੂੰ ਅਪਣੇ ਪਿਤਾ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਤਬਦੀਲੀ ਲਈ ਨਿਮਨ-ਉਤਾਰਵਾ ਦੇ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਹੈ। ਜਿਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਨੋਟੀਫਿਕੇਸ਼ਨ ਮੀਮੋ ਨੰਬਰ 25/78/2012-ਭ.ਮ.-2/12445-71 ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ 26/07/2013 ਦੀ ਕੋਰਟੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਫੌਜ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਮੈਨੂਅਲ ਦੇ ਪੈਰਾ 7.28 ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਵਾਰਿਸਾ ਪਿੱਛੇ ਭੇਜਣੀ ਜਾਣੀ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਨਾਮ ਮਹਿੰਦਰ ਰਾਮ ਉੱਚ ਮਹਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਹਰਨਾਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਪਤਾਰਾ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਤਬਦੀਲੀ ਲਈ ਨਿਮਨ-ਉਤਾਰਵਾ ਦੇ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਹੈ। ਜਿਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਨੋਟੀਫਿਕੇਸ਼ਨ ਮੀਮੋ ਨੰਬਰ 25/78/2012-ਭ.ਮ.-2/12445-71 ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ 26/07/2013 ਦੀ ਕੋਰਟੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਫੌਜ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਮੈਨੂਅਲ ਦੇ ਪੈਰਾ 7.28 ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਵਾਰਿਸਾ ਪਿੱਛੇ ਭੇਜਣੀ ਜਾਣੀ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਨਾਮ ਮਹਿੰਦਰ ਰਾਮ ਉੱਚ ਮਹਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਹਰਨਾਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਪਤਾਰਾ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਤਬਦੀਲੀ ਲਈ ਨਿਮਨ-ਉਤਾਰਵਾ ਦੇ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਹੈ। ਜਿਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ 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JALANDHAR (PARAMJIT SINGH): With the aim of providing maximum employment opportunities to the youth, the District Employment and Entrepreneurship Bureau organized a placement camp at its office today, during which 28 candidates were shortlisted for employment. Giving information, Deputy Director of District Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training Bureau Neelam Mahe said that Genius and Kiara Consultancy Companies participated in the camp and 39 candidates participated, out of which 28 candidates were shortlisted for jobs by different companies. She said that the District Employment and Entrepreneurship Bureau will organize more such placement camps in the coming days under the leadership of the district administration to help the youth in getting employment.

NEWS BRIEF

VB flying squad nabs PUNBUS Superintendent accepting Rs 20,000 bribe



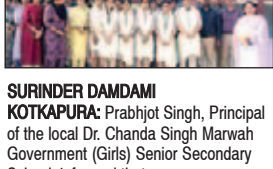
CHANDIGARH: The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) during its drive against corruption in the state, has arrested Jagjivan Singh, Superintendent at the office of the Director, State Transport-cum- MD PUNBUS, Sector 17, Chandigarh, for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 20,000. Disclosing this here today an official spokesperson of the VB said the accused Superintendent has been arrested following a complaint lodged by a private transporter and a resident of village Dharar, in Amritsar district. The complaint has alleged that the said accused was demanding Rs 5,000 per bus (totaling Rs 20,000) to approve the release of his Rs 2 lakh security deposit with the department. The complainant had recorded the conversation providing irrefutable evidence of the demand. As per the complaint the refund pertains to the four buses of the complainant who had leased to PUNBUS under a kilometre scheme between the years 2014 and 2020.

MCM Alumni meet pays tribute to Indian armed forces and civil servants



CHANDIGARH: The Association of MCM DAV Alumni (AMDA) organised "Rendezvous and Reminiscences - the Annual Alumni Meet (2024-25) of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh. Guided by AMDA's motto "To Care, To Share, To Sustain," this year's meet transcended a traditional reunion to become a heartfelt tribute to India's true heroes - members of the Armed Forces and civil servants, who embody courage, resilience, and unwavering dedication to the nation. The event was graced by an illustrious lineup of special guests, including Brig. Ashish Mann, Capt. Ruchi Sharma (Retd.), Col. SPS Garcha and Mrs. Manjeet Kaur Garcha, Mr. Vishal Batra (Param Vir Chakra awardee), Prof. Parveen Sharda (Retd.), Department of English, Panjab University, Chandigarh, Dr. Radhika Nagrath, Journalist, and Dr. Sumita Bakshi, Associate Professor, DAV College, Chandigarh.

Top performers honored at Dr. Chanda Singh Marwah School for excellence in exams



SURINDER DAMDAMI KOTKAPURA: Prabhjot Singh, Principal of the local Dr. Chanda Singh Marwah Government (Girls) Senior Secondary School, informed that a ceremony was held in the school to honor the students who secured the first three positions in the school's board examinations of classes VIII, X and XII and scored more than 90%. From class VIII, Veerpal Kaur scored 97%, Misba Praveen 95%, Sirajot Kaur 94.8%, from class X, Gungun 95.8%, Prabhjot Kaur 95.3%, Ramjot Kaur 94.3%. Class XII Arts Group Daljit Kaur 96.2%, Komal 95.8%, Jiya 94.6%, Commerce Group Suneha 95.8%, Anushka 95.8%, Anchal 94%, Simran Birla 92.4% In Science Group Kuvneet Kaur 92.6% Navdeep Kaur 92.6%, Simran Kaur 89.4% Sukhpreet Kaur 89.4%, secured first, second and third positions respectively and 30 children secured more than 90% marks. Apart from this, the school congratulated the children, teachers and parents for getting hundred percent result and appreciated their good performance. On this occasion, the Principal gave encouragement to the children who have lagged behind in the merit list by a very small margin and asked them to work harder and self-study.

PAU appoints five HoDs and two coordinators

LUDHIANA: The Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) has appointed five new Heads of the Departments (HoDs) and two new coordinators in the recently held 319th meeting of the Board of the Management. The new appointments of HoDs comprised Dr. Rajeev Sikka, Head, Department of Soil Science; Dr. Satpal Sharma, Head, Department of Vegetable Science; Dr. Vipin Kumar Rampal, Head, Department of Extension Education; Dr. OP Gupta, Head, Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology; and Dr. Harpreet Kaur, Head, Department of Food and Nutrition. Besides, two new coordinators included Prof. of Farm Machinery and Power Engineering Dr. Rohinish Khurana as Coordinator, Postgraduate Studies (PGS); and Principal Zoologist (Rodents) Dr. Neena Singla as Coordinator Research (Basic Sciences and Humanities). "All these appointments were approved during the meet, held under the chairmanship of Vice-Chancellor Dr. Satbir Singh Gosal on May 20," informed Registrar Mr. Rishi Pal Singh. Principal Soil Chemist Dr. Sikka's research focused on developing diversified cropping systems and their fertilizer management interventions, especially, nano-fertilizers as well as assessment and amelioration of heavy metal bioavailability in soils. His research results have been translated into 41 recommendations given to the farmers on fertilizer requirement of crops.

Seminar on "Making Chandigarh Colleges Autonomous" at Punjab Raj Bhavan

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, MAY 22

A seminar on higher education reform titled "Making Chandigarh Colleges Autonomous" was organized today at Punjab Raj Bhavan under the aegis of the Department of Higher Education, Chandigarh Administration.

The event brought together key stakeholders from academia and government to deliberate on pathways for strengthening institutional frameworks in line with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Sh. Gulab Chand Kataria, Governor of Punjab and Administrator of UT Chandigarh, inaugurated the seminar and outlined a progressive vision for higher education reform. Emphasizing the transformative goals of NEP 2020, he underlined the importance of empowering colleges to achieve academic excellence, institutional flexibility, and responsiveness



to the evolving demands of students and society. "Institutions must be future-ready. NEP 2020 provides a clear roadmap for enhancing quality and access in higher education, and we must collectively work towards achieving those objectives," Governor Kataria said in his keynote address. The seminar featured a distinguished panel of experts. Dr. R. Manoj Kumar, Joint Secretary, UGC, delivered a comprehensive presentation on the Role of UGC in the Promotion of Autonomous Colleges. He elaborated on the UGC's supportive policies, graded autonomy framework, and quality benchmarks aimed at improving institutional governance, curriculum innovation, and academic flexibility. He stressed that the NEP 2020 envisions higher education institutions as self-regulated and quality-driven, with autonomy being a key enabler. Dr. Ravindra Singh Pardeshi, Former Principal of Fergusson College, Pune—a prominent empowered autonomous institution—shared practical insights on the institu-

onal journey toward autonomy. He highlighted the tangible benefits observed in empowered colleges, including curriculum relevance, improved learning outcomes, enhanced employability, and institutional resilience. His talk served as a motivational guide for institutions in Chandigarh seeking to align with national reforms. Prof. Renu Vig, Vice Chancellor, Panjab University, discussed the current education system structure and stressed the need for alignment with NEP goals.

RAJIV JAIN
CHANDIGARH, MAY 22

Punjab Chief Electoral Officer Sibin C informed that under the dynamic leadership of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar Election Commission of India has introduced many new Initiatives in the last three months. Gyanesh Kumar appointed as Chief Election Commissioner of India on 19th February 2025. Sibin C said that for facilitate electors; maximum number of voters at a polling station has been restricted to 1200 by ECI. Similarly, additional polling booths will be set up in High Rises/Colonies and for electoral roll updation, data of death registration to be directly obtained from RGI database (Registrar General of India) & will be updated after verification.

He said that voter information slips to be made more elector friendly; serial number and part number of the voter will now be displayed more prominently. He further said that

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from February to till date, Pan-India All-Party meetings conducted at the CEO/DEO/ERO level. Total 4,719 meetings held (CEO-40/ DEOs-800/EROs-3879) and over 28,000 representatives of political parties participated in these meetings. Election Commission also held meetings with heads of National & State political parties, i.e. AAP/BJP/BSP/CPI(M)/NPP. ECI also held capacity building programmes for Booth Level Agents of Political Parties at IIIDEM (Bihar, Tamilnadu & Puducherry). Sibin said that

ECI introduced new Integrated Dashboard - ECINET, with aim to provide all services for all stakeholders at a single point (Single App to replace 40 + Apps/Websites). Duplicate EPIC Number issue also resolved.

He informed that 28 stakeholders were identified in the entire process of preparation of electoral rolls and conduct of elections, including electors, election officials, political parties, candidates and others based on Representation of the People Act 1950, 1951, Registration of Electors Rules 1960, Conduct of Election Rules, 1961 and the instructions issued by the ECI from time to time. For each of these stakeholders, training presentations are being prepared based on the Acts, Rules and Instructions of the Commission. In a unique initiative, ECI announced to issue Standard Photo ID Card for BLOs. More than 3000 Booth Level Supervisors already trained at IIIDEM and over 1 lakh BLO Supervisors to be trained in next few years.

Major drug seizure on Ropar-Kiratpur Sahib road



SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, MAY 22

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 had been recovered from truck no. Ph12y8188, which was coming from Gujarat.

Driver: Hardeep Singh s/o balbir singh r/o una, hp. Conductor: Abhishek s/o raj kumar, r/o hoshiarpur.

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. Forward and backward links are being investigated.

Mohali residents forced to live in darkness due to prolonged power cuts

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, MAY 22

Continuous power supply issues in Mohali have made life extremely difficult for residents. Many areas have been without electricity for over 24 hours, forcing people to live in complete darkness for 12 to 14 hours, as their inverters have also failed.

On this serious matter, Mohali Deputy Mayor Kuljit Singh Bedi expressed his anger and directly questioned the Punjab Government, saying, "You provide 300 free units of electricity, but what's the benefit if there's no electricity in the first place?"

He stated that a major reason behind these outages is the severe shortage of staff, lack of adequate infrastructure, and insufficient machinery. In newly developed sectors of Mohali like Sectors 76 to 80, 3B1,



TDI, Phase 7, and other areas, electricity is completely out. Deputy Mayor Bedi said, "Today, people of Mohali are living without electricity in 40-degree heat. A large number of senior citizens, ill patients who rely on concentrators, nebulizers, and other medical devices are facing life-threatening situations." He added, "The Punjab Government talks about recruiting 3,000 PSPCL employees, but no linemen are being

recruited specifically for Mohali. Temporary employees are risking their lives climbing electric poles for a mere 10-12 thousand rupees salary - and that too without proper safety equipment." Bedi emphasized that Mohali, being a mini capital, with hospitals, government offices, and other crucial departments, deserves special treatment.

He directly appealed to the Bhagwant Mann Government to increase the power infrastructure and staff in Mohali. He urged that the minister or even the Chief Minister should personally visit the ground situation of the Power Department. He warned that due to government negligence, the people of Mohali are now being forced to come out on the streets. He demanded that additional linemen be recruited for Mohali, proper safety gear and ladders be provided.

Partap World School Pathankot holds award ceremony



SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, MAY 22

Partap World School Pathankot was held an awards ceremony under the chairmanship of Director Sunny Mahajan. In which Director Oshin Mahajan and Principal Subhra Rani, along with the students who topped the 10th and 12th class examinations, along with their parents and staff were specially present.

Meanwhile, Director Sunny Mahajan specially honored the toppers in class 10th and 12th by presenting them with mementos. Director

Sunny Mahajan and Director Oshin Mahajan said that the school's result has been 100% and the children have once again brought glory to the school by topping. They said that Partap World School is always committed to providing higher education to children and the parents' faith in the school is getting stronger. Which is clearly visible from the pride and happiness on the faces of the students and parents during the award ceremony today. During this, Principal Subhra Rani gave detailed information about the achievements of the school.

Dev works worth Rs 38 lakhs inaugurated in Bhupal and Ugani schools



RAJPURA (BHUPINDER KAPOOR): In order to increase the facilities for the students of government schools under the Rajpura constituency, the development works prepared at a cost of about Rs 38 lakh were inaugurated in the schools of Bhupal and Ugani villages. This work was done under the patronage of Punjab Chief Minister Mr. Bhagwant Singh Mann and under the guidance of Education Minister Mr. Harjot Singh Bains, under the leadership of Rajpura constituency MLA Madam Neena Mittal MLA Vijay Monroe Halka Education Coordinator cum Master Trainer Malwa Zone.

On this occasion, Madam Neena Mittal said that the work of new rooms, furniture, boundary walls and other modern facilities for the students was started at the Government Senior Secondary School Bhupal at a cost of Rs 18 lakh 50 thousand. Along with this, the construction of classrooms, new furniture and boundary walls prepared at a cost of Rs. 19 lakh 51 thousand in Government High School Ugani was also inaugurated. Vijay Monroe Halka Education Coordinator while addressing the people present on this occasion said that the Punjab government is paying special attention to the education sector.

Mansa's transport officer Gagandeep Singh conducts checking of school vans to ensure compliance of safety norms



NARESH GOYAL
MANSA, MAY 22

With a view to ensure whether the owners of school vans adhere to prescribed safety norms and follow traffic rules, regional transport officer of Mansa Gagandeep Singh checked score of schools' vans and buses. Without divulging any information about checking school vans, Singh swooped down near the bus stand of the city and stopped score of school buses carrying school kids.

Later sharing the information in this regard, he disclosed that in order to ensure safety of school kids, it is imperative that school vans carrying school kids adhere to 'safe school vehicles policy' norms and follow the prescribed guidelines in letter and spirit.

DC Komal Mittal inspects Sector 91 legacy dump and Jagatpura processing plant



SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, MAY 22

Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal today visited the Sector 91 Legacy Waste Dump and the Jagatpura Waste Processing Plant to assess the progress of waste management initiatives undertaken by the Municipal Corporation Mohali. Divulging the details, DC Mittal informed that the legacy dump at Sector 91 contains approximately 90,000 metric tonnes (MT) of waste, which is expected to be cleared within four months. Four trommel machines currently operating at the site are processing around 500 MT of waste daily. The inert waste generated from now will be handed over to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for use in landfilling, as per a formal agreement. Highlighting the importance of responsible waste disposal, the Deputy Commissioner urged

all Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs), bulk waste generators, and citizens to ensure strict segregation of wet and dry waste at the source. "Effective waste segregation is the cornerstone of a clean and sustainable city. Only through collective efforts by residents, officials, and sanitation workers, we can transform Mohali into a model city for cleanliness and efficient waste management," she said. DC Mittal directed Municipal Corporation officials to ensure that waste collected from households is properly segregated

Ward No. 30 gets status in Swachh Bharat Mission: Navtej Navi



ZIRAKPUR (VICKY BHBAT): Today, the Municipal Council Zirakpur, in collaboration with M. C. Navtej Navi and Government Primary School Bishangarh, made the residents of ward number 30 of the city aware about making the city plastic-free. Dr. Reena Chadha gave the message of keeping the garbage in the dustbin properly, removing the waste and keeping the surroundings clean for a clean and green environment.

On this occasion, Sukhwinder Singh Deol, Program Coordinator of Swachh Bharat Mission, praised Ward No. 30 Zirakpur for being the cleanest ward in the city. Students of Government Primary School Bishangarh won the hearts of the city residents by performing a street play promoting cleanliness and took a commitment from the gathering present for the cleanliness of the city. The city residents were made aware about not using plastic, etc. M. C. Navtej Navi told that the ward residents are being very supportive in segregating wet and dry waste. People were made aware by cleaning vacant plots in the ward and bags of compost made from wet waste were also distributed among the ward residents by the Zirakpur Municipal Council. On this occasion, Swachh Bharat Mission's Brand Ambassador Shivani, Sanitary Inspector Ram Gopal and the Swachh Bharat team, ward residents from different colonies of the ward were present.

516 candidates secured placements at Nangal job fair: Bains



SUMER GARG
CHANDIGARH, MAY 22

The Punjab Government's commitment to providing job opportunities to the youth took a significant step forward with 516 candidates receiving offer letters during a job fair organised by the technical education and industrial training department at ITI Nangal, today.

While sharing the information, Punjab technical education and industrial training minister, Harjot Singh Bains informed that a total of 1013 candidates enrolled for the job fair, which witnessed participation from 26 public and private sector companies, and 516 candidates received offer letters. The prominent companies including Swaraj Division M&N, RS Manpower, BSNL, SML Isuzu and IITL Sonalika were among the top recruiters, selecting 224 candidates, which accounts for approximately 43.4% of the

LPU Chancellor & MP Dr. Ashok Mittal announces 'Jai Jawan Scholarship'



CHANDIGARH, MAY 22

In a landmark move, after the successful implementation of Operation Sindoor, reflecting national gratitude and a commitment to educational inclusion, Lovely Professional University (LPU) has announced the launch of the 'Jai Jawan Scholarship'—a 100% tuition fee waiver for all active defence and paramilitary personnel enrolling in LPU's undergraduate and postgraduate programmes offered in online mode. The initiative is designed exclusively for India's 22 lakh active defence (Army, Navy & Air Force) and paramilitary personnel, including the CRPF, ITBP, BSF, and SSB, making it the world's largest private scholarship scheme in education. The announcement was made at a press conference held at the Constitution Club of India, New Delhi, chaired by Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal, Founder Chancellor of LPU and Member of Parlia-

ment (Rajya Sabha). Announcing the initiative, Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal said, "No amount of salutes are ever enough to honour the bravery and sacrifices of our Armed Forces. This scholarship holds special national relevance in the wake of successful Operation Sindoor, where our brave personnel displayed extraordinary courage in response to the horrific massacre of civilians in Pahalgam. Their swift and determined action ensured the safety of the nation and reaffirmed India's standing as a strong and resilient global power. These full scholarships are a tangible expression of solidarity—because true respect must go beyond words and translate into action." Addressing the media, Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal, Chancellor of Lovely Professional University, made a historic announcement—the launch of the world's largest educational scholarship initiative for defence.

the gap between industry requirements and skilled workforce, he said, while adding that the Job Fair's success is a reflection of the state's strong industry-academia interface and the employability of its students. He said that candidates, who didn't receive job offers would be contacted by the technical education department and provided suitable employment opportunities matching their qualifications to empower them to become self-reliant.

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Renowned Sikh scholar Padma Shri recipient Dr. Rattan Singh Jaggi passes away

PATIALA (RAWEL BHINDER): The doyen of the Punjabi and Hindi literary world Padma Shri Dr. Rattan Singh Jaggi today left for his heavenly abode. He was 98 years old. He had not been keeping well for some time. He has left behind a rich legacy of his precious creations for the literary firmament which would always be a source of inspiration for the future generations. He is survived by his wife Dr. Gursharan Kaur Jaggi (Retd. Principal, Government College for Women, Patiala), and a Son Malwinder Singh Jaggi (Retd. I.A.S.). Dr. Rattan Singh Jaggi was a prolific author who authored more than 150 books. Besides being counted amongst the distinguished scholars in Punjabi and Hindi literary circles, he was an authority on the subjects of 'Gurmat' and 'Bhakti Movement'. It was due to his immensely valuable contribution to the literature and academic spheres that he was honoured with the Padma Shri & Sahitya Akademi Award by the Government of India apart from Punjabi Sahit Shiromani Puraskar by the Government of Punjab. His long list of felicitations also comprises the bestowal of honours by the Governments of Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh & Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC).



Punjab's land pooling is India's boldest pro-farmer policy: Cheema

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, MAY 22



Punjab Finance Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema on Thursday announced a landmark initiative by the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann-led Punjab Government: the implementation of an innovative Land Pooling Policy designed to foster transparent and planned urban development across the state. This policy marks a significant departure from past practices, prioritizing voluntary participation and empowering landowners to become active stakeholders in the state's progress.

Addressing a press conference at Punjab Bhawan, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema highlighted the policy's core principle of 100% voluntary participation. "Under this visionary policy, there will be no forcible land acquisition. We developed a model that respects the rights and aspirations of our farmers and landowners." The Finance Minister highlighted the substantial economic benefits for participating landowners. "This policy directly addresses the growing demand for affordable housing in our urban centers, driven by Punjab's rapid ur-

banization. Market estimates indicate that farmers who engage in this Land Pooling Policy stand to gain up to a 400 percent return on their land investment," he stated.

The Finance Minister said that the development agencies of the Punjab Government would undertake the development of pooled land, ensuring the provision of modern infrastructure, including roads, water supply, sewerage, drainage, and electricity. "Once developed, the land, returned to the original landowners as per their contribution, will appreciate significantly. Landowners will have the autonomy to utilize

Land pooling policy's unmatched benefits for farmers

The benefits of the policy are evident when comparing the old land acquisition policy with the new land pooling policy. For instance, if the market rate of one acre of land is Rs 1.25 crore, under the old policy, it would be acquired for Rs 1.2 crore, calculated by multiplying the collector rate of Rs 30 lakh by a factor of 2 (for rural areas) and adding a 100% solatium. In contrast, under the land pooling policy, the landowner would receive a developed residential area of 1000 square yards and a commercial area of 200 square yards in exchange for contributing one acre of land. Assuming a price of Rs 30,000 per square yard for residential areas and Rs 60,000 per square yard for commercial areas, the total value the landowner would receive would be approximately Rs 4.2 crore (1000 sq yds x Rs 30,000 + 200 sq yds x Rs 60,000). This starkly highlights the significant benefits offered by the land pooling policy.

their developed land as they see fit, whether for personal use or for sale," said Cheema. Finance Minister Cheema positioned this policy as a decisive blow against the land mafia and the era of illegal colonies and forcible land acquisitions. "For the past three decades, the Congress, Akali-BJP governments have operated in collusion with the land mafia, enriching their political allies at the expense of our farmers. This policy puts an end to that corrupt system," he asserted. He further criticized the opposition parties for their "crocodile tears" and attempts to mislead the general public against AAP

government's efforts to revolutionize urban development and empowering landowners in Punjab. "Their outrage is a transparent attempt to protect their cronies land mafia," said Cheema while adding, "During their tenures, countless acres of land were forcibly seized from farmers and subsequently sold to developers and builders for exorbitant profits.

They are terrified that the AAP government's plan to extend this Land Pooling Policy to all major cities in Punjab, ensuring affordable and world-class housing, will dismantle their lucrative network of corruption."

Govt launches revolutionary 'Punjab road cleanliness mission'



CHANDIGARH, MAY 22

Punjab Local Government Minister Dr. Ravjot Singh today announced a groundbreaking initiative of the Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann-led government to transform urban infrastructure maintenance through direct officer accountability.

Speaking at a press conference at Punjab Bhawan here, Dr. Ravjot Singh unveiled the comprehensive 'Punjab Road Cleanliness Mission' that will assign road segments to Class-I officers across the state for daily monitoring and maintenance oversight. "This initiative marks a paradigm shift from traditional governance to accountability-driven administration," said Dr. Ravjot

Singh, adding that under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, we are moving beyond departmental silos to create a collaborative field action model where senior officers lead from the front.

The Cabinet Minister stressed that roads are the arteries of our cities and towns. When they are clean, well-lit and well-maintained, the lifeblood of governance and economic activity flows smoothly. "Divulging further about officer accountability system under Punjab Road Cleanliness Mission, the Cabinet Minister said that each Class-I officer including Deputy Commissioners, Municipal Commissioners, Additional Deputy Commissioners (ADCs), Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs).

Important initiatives by govt to brighten future of children



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, MAY 22

To make the future of the children of the state bright, the development works being carried out by the Punjab government under the campaign of education revolution in government schools are continuing continuously.

This was revealed by the Speaker of Punjab Vidhan Sabha Kulltar Singh Sandhwan today on the occasion of inaugurating the development works in government schools of various villages of the constituency. In his address on this occasion, S.

Sandhwan said that the only objective of the state government led by Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann is to make Punjab a "Rangla Punjab" again. Therefore, while the war against drugs campaign is being launched in the state and awareness is being spread among the people against drugs, the process of providing basic facilities to government schools under the education revolution has been going on continuously for the last several months. He said that the day is not far when Punjab will become a Rangla Punjab again.

Police and Hartek foundation sign MoU to advance gender-responsive road safety

LK BANSAL
MOHALI, MAY 22

In a landmark move toward inclusive and sustainable mobility, the Traffic and Road Safety Wing of Punjab Police signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hartek Foundation today, establishing a collaborative framework aimed at advancing road safety through a gender-responsive and data-driven approach. Additionally, this partnership shall support R&D on enhancing the visibility and safety of the traffic officials on the road through solar powered infrastructure like traffic aid posts, halting stations, solar helmets etc.

The MoU reflects a shared commitment to strengthening road safety systems by collecting and utilizing sex- and age-disaggregated data, addressing gender disparities in transport infrastructure, and creating safer, more accessible public spaces. It also envisions increasing the participation of women in both decision-making



and operational roles in the transport and public safety sectors. The first initiative under this MoU is the launch of the Punjab Police-Hartek Foundation Fellowship "SAHAS" (Safe Access and Advancement for Her through Awareness and Sustainability). This pioneering fellowship—India's first of its kind initiated by a Police Department—will be implemented through the Punjab Road Safety and Traffic Research Centre. It aims to support re-

search, innovation, and on-ground interventions that promote gender-equitable mobility solutions in alignment with SDG 3, 9, and 11.

A.S. Rai, IPS, ADGP (Traffic and Road Safety), Punjab, stated, "The SAHAS Fellowship is a bold step toward building inclusive and sustainable road safety systems. This is just the beginning—many more initiatives will emerge under this partnership to reshape the future of mobility in Punjab."

Platinum Jubilee celebrations of Vidya Mandir Senior Secondary Model School held



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, MAY 22

The Platinum Jubilee celebrations of Vidya Mandir Senior Secondary Model School, Hoshiarpur, commenced recently with great enthusiasm. The event began with the garlanding of the portraits of the school's founders, Ms. Jagatwali Sood and Ms. Sharda Sood, followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp.

The school's Chairman, Anurag Sood, shared that Vidya Mandir was founded on May 21, 1951, by Ms. Jagatwali Sood, and shortly thereafter, Ms. Sharda Sood also joined in this noble mission of imparting education.

Both these great personalities remained dedicated throughout their lives to the all-round development of students with a selfless spirit, aiming not only for their success but also to instill in them values of humanity and service to the nation. They constantly strove to foster a spirit of patriotism in society.

On this occasion, the school's General Secretary, Dr. Harshvinder Singh Pathania, announced that alumni reunion events would be held during the school's historic 75th year.

He emphasized that it is our duty to follow the path shown by Ms. Jagatwali Sood and serve the nation.

Outstanding class 12 results of Golden School: Chairman Dr. Mohit Mahajan

VERMA
GURDASPUR, MAY 22

The Class 12 results of Golden Senior Secondary School, Hanuman Chowk, declared by the Punjab School Education Board, have been exceptionally good. Sharing the information, Dr. Mohit Mahajan, Chairman of the Golden Group, said that just like every year, students from the Science (Medical and Non-Medical), Commerce, and Arts streams have performed excellently, making their school, parents, and teachers proud.

Dr. Mahajan further explained that Golden School has consistently delivered quality education over the years, which is why the board results have been remarkable. He extended his



heartfelt congratulations to the students and their parents for the excellent performance. Providing a detailed breakdown of the results, School Principal Jatinder Gupta shared that student Jasleen Kaur topped the Arts stream with 95% marks. In the Science stream, girls dominated the top three positions: Komalpreet Kaur and Sukhmanpreet Kaur

both scored 94.4%, securing the first position, followed by Divansh with 94.3% in second place, and Komalpreet Sharma with 92.6% in third place. In the Commerce stream, Jhanvi and Khushi both secured 88.3% marks, sharing the second position, while Bhumika and Viteshnath Mahant both scored 88.2%, securing the third position.

VB nabs ANTF ASI, his driver red handed taking Rs 1,05,000 bribe



ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, MAY 22

The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB), in line with the zero tolerance policy against corruption adopted by the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab government, apprehended Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI) Major Singh, posted at Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) Bathinda range and his private driver Ram Singh, red-handed while receiving a bribe of Rs. 1,05,000.

Disclosing this here today an official spokesperson of the state VB said the arrests have

been made following a complaint lodged by a resident of village Raipur, tehsil Sardulgarh, in district Mansa. He added that the complainant has approached the VB and informed that the ANTF, team Mansa had registered a case under NDPS act at Mohali against his son and others. During investigation of this case, ASI Major Singh came to his shop and told him to release the gold kept in possession of police during body search (Jamtalashi) of his son upon his arrest and demanded Rs 2 lakh bribe in lieu of this work.

MLA Balkar Sidhu expresses his condolences to Bhullar family



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, MAY 22

Harbhajan Kaur (95), mother of retired headmaster Harinder Singh Bhullar of village Mandi Kalan and grandmother of journalist Jaspreet Bhullar, has said goodbye to this mortal world and has laid down her life at the feet of God.

To share in this hour of sorrow, MLA Balkar Singh Sidhu of Rampura Phul con-

stituency reached village Mandi Kalan to share the grief at the home of Harinder Singh Bhullar and Jaspreet Bhullar. On this occasion, MLA Balkar Sidhu said that the relationship of a mother is greater than all the relationships in the world because there is only one mother who nurtures the child in her womb for 9 months and wants the best for her child without any ambition throughout her life.

'Yuddh Nashe Ke Viruddh' campaign, sports culture being promoted in state

PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, MAY 22

Under the 'Yuddh Nashe Ke Viruddh' campaign started by the Punjab government, continuous efforts are being made to make the youth aware about sports so that more and more youth can participate in sports and bring glory to the state and family and give the right direction to their energy.

Under this link, today Deputy Director Sports, Sports Department Ranbir Singh Bhangu visited the Sports College. During this, he took stock of the players' hostel and got information about the facilities being given to them, during this he also talked to the players living in the hostel and listened to their problems. The Deputy Director said that no stone will be



left returned in providing all the modern facilities to the players, he said that under the 'Yuddh Nashe Ke Viruddh' campaign by the Punjab Government, sports culture is being created among the youth. He also took stock of the performance of the Sports Col-

lege. During this time, District Sports Officer, Gurpreet Singh, Dr. Ranbir Singh Principal Sports College, Axis Sports Department Sanjay Mahajan, Swimming Coach Umesh Sharma, Vikramjit Singh Athletics Coach were also present with him.

BJP takes out Tricolor Yatra in city in honour of Indian Army



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, MAY 22

BJP is taking out a Tiranga Yatra across the country to boost the morale of the Indian Army and to celebrate the victory over Pakistan. Under this, today in the state city of Nabha, under the leadership of senior BJP leader and prominent serviceman Birinder Bittu, BJP leaders and city residents took out a Tiranga Yatra starting from the local Agarsain Park and passing through Patiala Gate, Bhikhi Mor, Sadar Bazaar and reaching the local

Devi Diyala Chowk. During the yatra, slogans were raised in favor of the Indian soldiers for the success of Operation Sandur. While talking, Birinder Bittu said that to give a befitting reply to the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, the Indian Army destroyed terrorist hideouts by going inside PoK and Pakistan. Bittu said that the soldiers of all the three Indian armies, not caring about their lives, gave a befitting reply to the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, while strengthening the security of the country even further.

Cabinet Minister visits de-addiction centre, reviews patient care



JS SODHI
JALANDHAR, MAY 22

Punjab Horticulture, Freedom Fighters, and Defence Services Welfare Minister Mohinder Bhagat today visited the De-addiction Centre at Shaheed Babu Labh Singh Civil Hospital, Jalandhar, to review facilities and interact with admitted patients. Accompanied by Civil Surgeon Dr. Gurmeet Lal, the Minister assessed the services provided for the treatment of individuals battling substance dependence

and sought detailed information from health department officials. Highlighting the state government's firm resolve, the Cabinet Minister stated that under Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann's leadership, a vigorous campaign against drug abuse is underway. He said strict action is being taken against drug traffickers, while efforts to rehabilitate addicts and reintegrate them into society are being strengthened, showing encouraging outcomes.

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR: A large-scale voter awareness campaign under the Systematic Voter Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program is being conducted in 48-Bilaspur Assembly Constituency, following the directives of the Election Commission of India and under the supervision of the Chief Electoral Officer, Himachal Pradesh. Electoral Registration Officer

and SDM Sadar Dr. Rajdeep Singh Khaira shared that the initiative aims to empower citizens by educating them on voter registration, updating electoral records, and promoting informed participation in the democratic process. As part of this campaign, vibrant educational and awareness activities were organized across all higher education and senior secondary institutions through Election Literacy Clubs.

CHANDIGARH
FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025

NEWS BRIEF

Decomposed body found in Jhanikkar, Police begin investigation

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: A decomposed body was discovered under a rain shelter in Jhanikkar village under the jurisdiction of Taini Devi Police Post, triggering panic among locals after a foul odour spread through the area. The police and the village panchayat reached the site immediately upon receiving information. The body was located in a deep gorge beneath the shelter. Due to the advanced state of decomposition, it took significant time to identify the deceased. Eventually, the body was identified as that of Kashmir Singh, 39, son of Amar Singh, a resident of Amroh village in Bhoranj tehsil, Hamirpur district. Local ward member Poonam and village sarpanch Ravindra Thakur joined the police team at the scene. Authorities have taken possession of the body and initiated further proceedings to determine the cause and circumstances of death. Police are currently investigating how long the body had been lying at the site.

Govt Sr Sec School Nehariya's exam result is 100%

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: The result of class Plus Two of Government Senior Secondary School Nahariya was 100% this time. 51 students had appeared in the examination in which all the students passed. While giving this information, the Principal of the school Nisha Sharma said that it is the result of the hard work of the children and teachers that the children have achieved this position. She congratulated all the children and their parents on the excellent performance of the children and wished them a bright future. In the Plus Two class, student Sejal Sharma secured first place in the school by scoring 479 marks out of 500. In the second place was the student of the school Anika who scored 470 marks. In the third place was the student of the school Jasmine who scored 465 marks. Before this, the result declared for the tenth class was also very commendable. The student of the school Sonali performed excellently and secured first place by scoring 676 marks. In the second place was the student of the school Prachi who scored 639 marks and in the third place was the student of the school Varun Rana who scored 638 marks.

CM meets Union Ministers CR Patil, seeks support on Kishau, Renuka projects

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 22

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu met Union Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil in New Delhi today to discuss key water resource projects concerning Himachal Pradesh.

The Chief Minister strongly advocated for the protection of rights of the state in the Kishau Hydro Electric Project and emphasized the need for a favourable funding pattern.

He said that the financial burden of the Kishau project should be borne entirely either by the Government of India or by the major beneficiary states such as Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister also raised critical issues concerning the Renuka Dam project. He called for due consideration of the Local Area



Development Fund and the free power component. He said that while hydro projects are essential for national development, the environmental and social impacts must also be addressed and the affected states should be fairly compensated.

Apart from this the Chief Minister requested the early release of the pending amount under the Jal Jeevan Mission for the state.

Union Minister CR Patil assured the Chief Minister of all possible assistance and cooperation from the central government.

Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena, Principal Advisor to the Chief Minister Ram Subhag Singh, Resident Commissioner Meera Mohanty and Secretary to the Chief Minister Rakesh Kanwar were also present during the meeting.

Condoles demise of senior Congress leader

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Chief Minister

Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has expressed deep condolences on the passing of senior Congress leader Sunder Singh Jaswal from the Sayari area of Solan district. He was 83 and passed away today morning at his native place. The Chief Minister said that Sunder Singh Jaswal had dedicated his life to public service. He served as Vice Chairman of the Khadi Board, Member of the Zila Parishad and Pradhan of Gram Panchayat Sayari and played a vital role in the development of the region.

Sukhu calls on Union Health Minister JP Nadda, urges Centre's support for upgrading health infrastructure



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 22

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu met Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, J.P. Nadda in New Delhi today and sought central support for strengthening health infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh. The Chief Minister apprised the Union Minister about the state's requirements in implementing schemes such as Ayushman Bharat and the National Health Mission. He said that there was a need for strengthening health facilities across the state. He specifically requested the establishment of a dedicated cancer care centre in the state and introduction of advanced

medical technologies and modern equipments in government hospitals to ensure better healthcare to the patients. Shri Sukhu also urged for relaxation in eligibility criteria for various central schemes and sought early release of pending funds. Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda assured the Chief Minister that the interests of Himachal Pradesh would be fully safeguarded and that all necessary cooperation would be extended by the Centre. Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena, Principal Advisor to the Chief Minister Ram Subhag Singh, Resident Commissioner Meera Mohanty and Secretary to the Chief Minister Rakesh Kanwar accompanied the Chief Minister during the meeting.

Governor expresses gratitude to PM for redevelopment of Baijnath-Paprola railway station

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 22

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla has expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for dedicating the redeveloped Baijnath Paprola railway station in Himachal Pradesh to the nation under the Amrit Station. He conveyed his appreciation on behalf of the people of the state and said that the redevelopment of railway stations in Himachal Pradesh will give a significant boost to tourism besides generating employment opportunities.

The Governor virtually joined the national inauguration ceremony from Karsog in Mandi district, where the Prime Minister inaugurated 103 redeveloped railway stations across the country under the Amrit Station from Bikaner in Rajasthan.



Shri Shukla highlighted that India has witnessed unprecedented growth in railway infrastructure in recent years. The Government of India is working with utmost commitment towards the expansion and modernization of railway infrastructure.

He said that projects worth rupees 17,714 crore

are currently underway in Himachal Pradesh. Additionally, a record allocation of rupees 2,716 crore has been made for the state in the Union Budget for 2025-26. The Governor also shared that plans are in place to develop four railway stations in the state with world-class facilities under this ambitious scheme.

Process begins to make Pangri valley as a natural farming Sub-Division

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 22

A spokesperson of the Agriculture department today informed that the Himachal Pradesh government has started the process to declare Pangri valley as natural farming Sub-Division. This step follows the announcement made by the Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Himachal Day. He said that the barley being produced in the Pangri area would be purchased at a minimum support price (MSP) of Rs. 60 per kilogram. This move is expected to provide a strong economic boost to the farmers of the area.

The spokesperson said that to ensure effective implementation of this plan,



a committee was formed as per the directions of the Chief Minister which visited three panchayats in the region Shaur, Purthi and Rai. During the visit the team held meetings with panchayat representatives and local farmers to share detailed information about the concept, benefits and methods of natural farming.

Apart from this, a meeting was held in Killar under the chairmanship of the Resident Commissioner. This meeting was attended by the BDC Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, BDC members and the heads and deputy heads of all 19 panchayats in Pangri. The meeting included detailed discussions on adopting

natural farming, planning its implementation across various areas and collecting suggestions from different panchayats.

The spokesperson added that the Resident Commissioner shared key aspects of natural farming with the local representatives and encouraged the people of the valley to adopt this eco-friendly method. Experts from Shimla, who were part of the committee also gave detailed presentations on various aspects of natural farming.

He said that this initiative by the government would not only strengthen the farming sector in Pangri but also help establish it as a model natural farming valley. It was expected to bring significant economic improvement in the region.

Hotel and Restaurant Association's concerns increased over falling tourism business

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAY 21

Hotel and Restaurant Association Dharamshala has raised concerns over the continuously falling tourism industry. It has demanded the government to take decisive steps in this matter. During a press conference in Dharamshala on Thursday, the officials of the Hotel and Restaurant Association said in angry words that the tourist season is on but the tourists are missing. After Operation Sindoor, the bookings made earlier by the tourists in the hotels for the season are being cancelled, due to which the hoteliers have suffered huge losses. Addressing the journalists, Hotel and Restaurant Association Dharamshala President Ashwani Bamba said that he expresses his heartfelt condolences to the victims of



the recent Pahalgam massacre. We strongly condemn this act of violence, which has raised concerns among travelers in the country and abroad. In view of the incident and the ongoing hostility between the two countries, tourism in many areas including Himachal Pradesh has been temporarily affected. However, we want to assure all the tourists that Dharamshala and the entire Himachal region is completely peaceful and safe. There has been no security threat or disturbance in the state. Himachal has a

proud record of being one of the most peaceful and tourist-friendly destinations in India. The Himachal Pradesh government, local authorities and hospitality providers continue to maintain the highest standards of safety and service. He said that after the Operation Sindoor incident, tourists are thinking that Himachal is not safe, whereas the state is completely safe. He said that the Hotel and Restaurant Association has made a provision of 50 percent discount in hotels for tourists, so that tourists can come to Himachal without any fear.

Ex-Servicemen lead Tiranga Yatra in Gagret to celebrate Operation Sindoor

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB, MAY 22

Ex-servicemen in Brahmpur village of Gagret area organised Tiranga Shaurya Samman Yatra to celebrate the historic success of "Operation Sindoor". Through this Yatra, India's precise and decisive attack on terrorism was celebrated, which sent a clear message to the world that now the Indian Army will not tolerate terrorism at any cost.

The ex-servicemen participating in the program filled the atmosphere with the spirit of patriotism by raising passionate patriotic slogans. Many dignitaries including former MLA Balveer Singh, former MLA Chaitanya Sharma, District BJP President Sham Minhas, Colonel Joginder Pal Sharma, Colonel Mohinder Singh,



Colonel R.C. Parashar, Colonel K.P.S. Chanjotra, Shaurya Chakra winner Captain Sushil Kumar, Captain Jeet Singh, Captain Yuddveer Singh, Captain Happy, District Councillor Sushil Kalia, BJP Mandal President Ajay Thakur, General Secretary Pt. Rajiv Parashar, Narendra Thakur Nindi, Subedar Sadhu Singh, Tarsem Simi, Balwant Singh were present in this Tiranga Yatra. Former MLA Balveer

Singh said that it is a matter of pride that the country has got a strong leadership like Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Under his leadership, the Indian Army has given a strong blow to Pakistan and has crushed terrorism. He said that today Pakistan is being identified as a nation that supports terrorism, while the policies of the Indian Army and the Government are being appreciated all over the world.

Delegation meets CM Sukhu, demands reinstatement of Patwar circles into Sadar Tehsil



AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR: In a significant move reflecting strong public sentiment, a delegation of elected representatives from the Sri Naina Devi Ji Assembly constituency, led by MLA Randhir Sharma, met Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and submitted a memorandum urging the reversal of the recent administrative change that added several Patwar circles to Namhol sub-tehsil. The memorandum emphasized that when Namhol Tehsil was initially formed in 2007, Patwar circles such as Chhakoh, Soldha, Kharsi, Bholi Ranikotla, Siola, and Niharkhan Vasala were included, but widespread public protest led to their reallocation to Sadar Tehsil in 2012. The delegation strongly objected to the current government's decision to revert the change without public consultation. It was pointed out that Gram Panchayats falling under these Patwar circles have already passed unanimous resolutions opposing the inclusion in Namhol and demanded immediate issuance of a notification to reattach them to Sadar Tehsil.

He said that this initiative by the government would not only strengthen the farming sector in Pangri but also help establish it as a model natural farming valley. It was expected to bring significant economic improvement in the region.

World Hypertension Day with vital health awareness drive marked at AIIMS Bilaspur

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, MAY 22

In observance of World Hypertension Day, AIIMS Bilaspur organized a comprehensive health awareness program at the Department of Cardiology with the theme "Measure your blood pressure correctly, control it and live a long life." The initiative, conducted under the visionary leadership of Executive Director Prof Dr D N Sharma, aimed at educating the public on the critical importance of blood pressure control to prevent heart disease and stroke. Assistant Professor of Cardiology, Dr Navdeep Singh Sidhu, addressed the



gathering and explained the symptoms, causes, and preventive strategies related to hypertension. Senior Resident, Dr Bilal Rashid, further elaborated on the effective diagnosis and clinical management of the condition, emphasizing the role of regular screening and lifestyle changes. The event witnessed active participation from faculty members, resident doctors,

nursing officers, students, and a large number of patients and citizens. The program was efficiently coordinated by Nursing Officers Mrs Anita Kumari and Ms Anshu Sharma, ensuring smooth execution and active engagement. As a gesture of compassion, fruits were distributed among patients and their families, sending a message of care and well-being.

Model bye-laws issued for solid waste management and sanitation in rural areas

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: The State government has issued model bye-laws for solid waste management and sanitation-2025 under Section 188 of the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 to strengthen solid waste and sanitation services in the rural areas of the state.

A spokesperson of the Rural Development department has informed that all Gram Panchayats have been directed to adopt these model bye-laws within six months. The bye-laws focus on the proper segregation of waste at source, door-to-door collection, imposition of penalties for violations and recovery of user charges from every household and establishment. He said the funds collected would be used for operation and maintenance of sanitation assets and hiring manpower for daily waste collection. The panchayats have also been given the flexibility to decide user charges and penalties according to local conditions. The new rules aim to address the increasing problem of solid waste in villages and it would encourage panchayats to provide regular waste management services. The citizens, in turn, would be empowered to demand these services. The effective implementation of these bye-laws would also ensure proper utilization of the financial support being provided by the State government for solid waste management. As per the new guidelines, Gram Panchayats would be responsible for arranging door-to-door waste collection through waste pickers or authorized agencies and the collected waste would be taken to segregation sheds set up at the panchayat level.

Terrorism must end or not a drop shall flow from the Indus: BJP's Karan Nanda warns Pakistan

DINESH AGARWAL
DHARAMPUR/SOLAN, MAY 22

BJP's Himachal Pradesh media in-charge Karan Nanda issued a stern warning to Pakistan during a Tiranga Yatra organised by the Dharampur Mandal, stating that if terrorism is not stopped, Pakistan will not receive a single drop of water from the Indus River. "This is a decisive stance by the Modi government — one that no previous government dared to take," Nanda declared, addressing the gathering alongside Scheduled Caste Morcha President Rakesh Dogra, former minister Dr Rajeev Saizal, Mandal President Madan Mohan Mehta, and others. The Tiranga Yatra

witnessed enthusiastic participation from NGOs and various social organisations. Praising the Indian Army's bold action in Operation Sindoor, Nanda said the operation exposed Pakistan's lies about terrorism before the world. "PM Narendra Modi has made it clear — blood and water cannot flow together," he asserted.

Nanda added that the Modi-led central government has redefined India's global posture and made it clear that terrorism and trade cannot go hand in hand. "If Pakistan continues to shelter terrorists, every form of bilateral engagement must cease," he said, crediting leaders like Modi, Amit Shah, JP Nadda, and

Rajnath Singh for taking firm and fearless decisions that strengthen the nation. Recalling past military operations like the surgical strikes and Balakot air strikes, Nanda noted that Operation Sindoor went beyond, striking deep — 100 kilometers into Pakistan's territory. "This time, we didn't just respond. We made sure Pakistan would remember this for generations," he declared. "Our soldiers weren't driven by rage, but by purpose." He said the Indian forces decimated the headquarters of terror outfits like Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba and destroyed nine training and weapons storage facilities, along with 11 enemy airbases.

NEWS BRIEF

Government High School Basrai students shine in board exams



VERMA GURDASPUR: The students of Government High School Basrai have once again achieved commendable results in the annual examinations conducted by the Punjab School Education Board. In the 10th grade, Harmanpreet Kaur, Rajni, and Monika led the way with impressive scores of 89%, 88%, and 87%. Similarly, the 8th-grade students also excelled, with Priyanka, Jasleen, and Simranjit Kaur securing top positions with 96%, 94%, and 89% marks. The school celebrated a 100% pass rate, with 27 students from class X and 26 from class VIII achieving first division, bringing pride to their school, parents, and teachers. Head Master Vijay Kumar congratulated everyone on this success and urged parents to continue supporting their children's education.

War Against Drugs: Dabulian Village becomes a beacon of hope through Basketball



ARVIND PATHAK SULTANPUR LODHI: As part of the Punjab Government's village-level campaign against drugs, Dabulian, a small village in Kapurthala district with just 65 households, is leading by example, using basketball to steer youth away from drugs and establish itself as a sports model for the state. Each evening, the village's two national-level basketball courts come alive with floodlights, where young athletes train with passion, aspiring to excel in the sport. Dabulian's contribution to basketball mirrors the legacy of Sansarpur and Mithapur in hockey, earning its recognition across Punjab.

CM Dhama chairs meeting to discuss campaign against corruption; visits Shri Hemkunt Sahib

AGENCY
DEHRADUN, MAY 22

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama held a meeting at his official residence on Thursday. According to an official statement in the meeting, CM Pushkar directed officials to conduct the campaign against corruption more effectively and submit a detailed report of the actions taken so far in cases related to conversion. Further, CM Dhama directed the officials to continue the verification campaign. He also said that immediate and strict action should be taken upon receiving information about any suspicious activity or person. The Chief Minister also pointed out that while making the Aadhar card and other government documents, it should be ensured that no document is issued without proper verification. Meanwhile, regarding property encroachment,



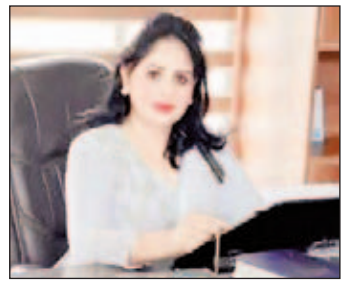
the Chief Minister directed the officials to continue the ongoing campaign against it and ensured that land that has been made encroachment-free does not recur. Dhama has further directed officials to conduct a detailed assessment of enemy property encroachment and submit a comprehensive report. During a

review meeting, the CM emphasised prioritising local workers for construction work on government buildings while incorporating the state's cultural identity and traditional mountain architecture in their design. Additionally, CM Dhama instructed officials to bolster security arrangements in border

areas and launch intensive checking campaigns to ensure safety and vigilance. Meanwhile, in a separate event today, CM Pushkar Singh Dhama, accompanied by Governor Lt Gen Gurmit Singh (Retd.), offered prayers at Gurudwara Shri Hemkunt Sahib in Rishikesh. The duo will flag off the first batch of pilgrims for Shri Hemkunt Sahib Gurudwara in Chamoli district, marking the start of the annual pilgrimage season. Hemkunt Sahib is considered to be Uttarakhand's fifth Dham. This Gurudwara is one of the most revered Sikh pilgrimage sites. Hemkunt Sahib (also known as Hemkund Sahib) is visited by thousands of devotees from all over the globe every summer. The Gurudwara is situated beside a lake, and it is believed that the 10th Sikh Guru, Gobind Singh, had meditated at the site.

Advocate Sukhwinder Kaur Nangla calls for strict action against Pakistani spies and traitors

VERMA
GURDASPUR, MAY 22



Advocate Sukhwinder Kaur Nangla, Chairperson and Legal Advisor of the Anti-Crime and Corruption National Foundation (Punjab Cell), has demanded strict action from the central government against Pakistani spies caught in India. She said that such traitors should be tried in special courts and given the death sentence at the earliest to send a strong message to those who threaten the country's security. Advocate Nangla emphasized that if timely action is not taken against these traitors, their strength and audacity within the country will continue to grow. Referring to a historical example, she mentioned that even the great Indian warrior Prithviraj Chauhan suffered defeat due to traitors like Jaychand. Hence, those who compromise the internal security of the nation should not be spared under any circumstances. She also stressed

the need for a strict approach towards terrorism. Referring to the U.S. operation where Osama bin Laden was eliminated and buried in the Arabian Sea, she said India should adopt a similar policy by immersing the bodies of terrorists in the Indian Ocean to ensure they are neither glorified nor worshipped posthumously.

Advocate Nangla stated that terrorism and treason have no religion—they are simply enemies of humanity. Showing any leniency towards such elements could threaten the unity and integrity of the country.

PNB MetLife takes lead at inaugural state-level insurance committee meeting in HP

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 22

PNB MetLife India Insurance Company Limited (PNB MetLife), in its role as the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)-appointed lead life insurer for Himachal Pradesh, is tasked with driving life insurance initiatives tailored to the state's unique needs. In furtherance of this goal, PNB MetLife jointly organized with IRDAI-appointed lead general insurer, Raheja QBE General Insurance, the inaugural State-Level Insurance Committee (SLIC) meeting in HP, under the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India's (IRDAI) State Insurance Plan. The meeting focused on strategies to enhance



penetration and awareness across the state, addressing protection gaps in both rural and urban regions, and outlined plans to leverage 1,638 branches of public sector banks, regional rural banks, and cooperative banks across the state. It also outlined the formation of 12 district level and 78 block level insurance committees, alongside localized marketing campaigns to drive

adoption. Mohit Bahuguna, Chief Distribution Officer, Partnerships & Group, PNB MetLife, said, "We are committed in our ambition to enhance financial security and raise insurance awareness across the state. The formation of the State Level Insurance Committee in collaboration with the state government and IRDAI, marks a significant step towards this goal.

Punjab's first school-based community leaf composter inaugurated in Patiala

RAKESH JINDAL
PATIALA, MAY 22

In a significant step towards establishing sustainable environmental conservation practices in place, Punjab's first Community Dry Leaf Composter (DLC) was inaugurated today at Meritorious School, Punjabi University Patiala, under Project PRITHVI, the flagship environment conservation initiative of Patiala Foundation.

The installation ceremony was graced by Ms. Anindita Mitra, IAS, Administrative Secretary, School Education, Government of Punjab, as the Chief Guest, together with the Special Invitees, Dr. Jagdeep Singh, Vice Chancellor of Punjabi University Patiala, Smt. Preeti Yadav, IAS, Deputy



Commissioner Patiala and Sh. Paramvir Singh, IAS, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, along with a host of dignitaries. This installation marks Punjab's first Community DLC set up within a school campus. Patiala Foundation will now work with the school to establish an Eco-Conscious Society of students who will be actively

sensitized and trained in environment conservation, waste-to-resource practices, and sustainable living. This step aims to nurture responsible environmental stewards of the future. Under Project PRITHVI, 100 Household DLCs and 10 Community DLCs are being installed free of cost across Patiala and its vicinity and are generously sponsored by Jana

Small Finance Bank Ltd. The initiative promotes decentralized composting of dry leaf waste, helping reduce harmful biomass burning and improving urban air quality. Ms. Anindita Mitra, IAS, while addressing the gathering, appreciated the initiative led by Patiala Foundation and said "I am truly impressed by the simplicity and impact of this initiative. Installing a community Dry Leaf Composter within a school is not just symbolic—it's visionary. Schools are where young minds are shaped, and if we can instill environmental responsibility here, it will ripple across generations. Encouraging students to be part of an eco-conscious society will build a culture of accountability, awareness, and action toward our environment."

Kirpal Sagar Academy's joyful trip to Funcity Water & Amusement Park: Gurjit Singh



CHEET RAM RATTAN NAWANSHAHR: Kirpal Sagar Academy organized a thrilling and memorable trip to Funcity Water & Amusement Park, one of the most loved adventure spots in North India. Principal Gurjit Singh told the press club of SBS NAGAR PB that Nearly 200 students, including hostellers and day scholars, participated in the fun-filled day under the guidance of dedicated teachers and staff. Mr. Kamaljit Singh, Mr. Pritpal Singh, Madam Kajal Chaudhary, Mrs. Sandeep kaur, Mr. Nirmal Singh Saini, Mrs. Balwinder kaur and Caring Staff of ksa were managing all the activities of the trip. The day began with excitement as students posed at the entrance of Funcity, beaming with anticipation. The backdrop of water slides, castles, and palm trees set the perfect tone for adventure. Water Fun & Splash Moments: A delightful capture of junior students in their swim gear shows their joy as they prepared to enjoy pools, water slides, and splash zones—always under the watchful eyes of teachers. Amusement Rides & Group Spirit: The park's roller coasters, swings, and rides were equally enjoyed.

Shri Chaitanya Techno School's CBSE 10th and 12th results excellent

KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA, MAY 22

In the latest results of Punjab School Education Board and CBSE, the students of Shri Chaitanya Techno School Barnala achieved great results in the 10th and 12th results. To honor them, the school organized a program in which the children who secured good positions in the 10th and 12th results and their parents were honored. On this occasion, the school's principal Mrs. Anila Joshi informed the media that in the 10th class, Jashanpreet Singh got 96.4%, Navyas got 95.6%, Khushpreet got 90%, Jagandeep Kaur got 91.6% and Mauli Verma got 90% marks and brought glory to the city of Barnala, their parents and the school. Similarly, in class XII, Ishita scored 91.4%, Lavanya 90.8%, 86 scored 90.2% and Harinder Singh scored 86% and Manav scored 88%,



bringing glory to the school and parents. Principal Madam Mrs. Anila Joshi, in her speech, congratulated the children, their parents and teachers and said that Chetnaya Techno School is not only a school of the region but also a school in the whole world which is taking the children forward through new methods. He said that in the school, where children are taught through new methods and curricula, keeping in mind their activities, they are connected with new

technologies including social, religious. He said that 15 students of the tenth standard of Sri Chaitanya School have obtained 100 percent marks out of 100 in Punjabi subject, including Khushpreet Kaur, Anmol Preet Singh, Anmol Preet Singh Jawanda, Jashanpreet Singh Harshit Kumar, Arin Ravneet Kaur, Khushveer Kaur Shaganpreet Kaur, Harmanjot Kaur, Armaan Preet Kaur Jagandeep Kaur, Kulwinder Singh, Priyanshu, Amreen Kaur.

KU Media Institute expands admission intake for 2025-26

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, MAY 22

The Institute of Mass Communication & Media Technology at Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, is set to begin the application process in the last week of May 2025 for its undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in Printing, Packaging, Graphics, Multimedia, and Journalism for the academic session 2025-26. Notably, the institute is a pioneer in offering degree-level programmes in emerging fields such as printing, packaging, graphics, and multimedia. These disciplines are in high demand across industries including pharmaceuticals, food and beverages, cosmetics, and tools manufacturing.



Additionally, there is growing demand for skilled professionals such as web designers, animators, and graphic artists in the multimedia and design sectors. Courses in mass communication also open pathways to careers in journalism, photography, film production, and editing. Professor Maha Singh Poonia, Director of the Institute, stated that all programmes are aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The curriculum has been

designed in collaboration with industry partners to ensure students gain practical, job-oriented skills. Industrial training is embedded into all courses, promoting self-reliance and entrepreneurial potential among students. In a recent Academic Council meeting, chaired by Vice Chancellor Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva, the university approved an increase of 30 seats across several programmes in response to growing interest of admission seekers.

Massive Tiranga Yatra held in Kutlehar under leadership of former minister Virendra Kanwar

JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA, MAY 22

A grand Tiranga Yatra was taken out in the Kutlehar Assembly constituency today under the leadership of former minister Virendra Kanwar. The rally witnessed overwhelming participation from local residents, BJP workers, ex-servicemen, and retired military officers. The yatra culminated at Dera Baba Rudra Nand amid fervent chants of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Vande Mataram", reverberating with patriotic fervour. Addressing the gathering, Kanwar said, "The Tiranga is not merely a flag; it is a symbol of our self-respect, sacrifice, and unity." He



dedicated the event to the brave soldiers who laid down their lives in the service of the nation, adding that the spirit of nationalism was at its peak throughout the region. The program saw a heartfelt moment when ex-servicemen and veer naris were honoured on stage, evoking both pride and emotion among the

attendees. Kanwar remarked that honouring soldiers is a sacred duty of every citizen. Women, adorned in traditional attire, enlivened the atmosphere with patriotic songs, while the youth marched enthusiastically, proudly waving the national flag. Their energy and participation formed the backbone of the rally.

Donate blood and eyes for human cause: Hardev Singh Aasi

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, MAY 22

District Public Relations Officer of Hoshiarpur, Hardev Singh Aasi, and Tanda Incharge of Eye Donation Association Hoshiarpur, State Awardee Bhai Barinder Singh Masiti, said during a special interaction that every individual should donate blood while alive and pledge to donate their eyes after death. Bhai Barinder Singh Masiti explained that the eyes of a deceased person can be donated within 4 to 6 hours of death. He said that two blind individuals can gain vision from one eye donation. He further informed that the Eye Donation Association Hoshiarpur has been



continuously running awareness campaigns since the year 2000 to educate people about blood donation during life and eye donation after death. Bhai Masiti added that the Eye Donation Association Hoshiarpur is currently being efficiently managed by District President Manmohan Singh, Secretary Baljit Singh, and Chairman Bahadur Singh Sunet. He said that the

organization has helped many visually impaired individuals regain their sight through free surgeries conducted by specialist doctors. On this occasion, DPRO Hardev Singh Aasi highly appreciated the initiative taken by the Eye Donation Association Hoshiarpur. Assistant Public Relations Officers Lokesh Chabey and Rajneesh Kumar Guliani were also present.

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



DALJEET AJNOHA 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.

NEWS BRIEFS

Painting competition organized in Nivedita Public School

HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA: A painting competition was organized in Nivedita Public School, Kurukshetra today.



Students of different classes participated in this competition. In their paintings, the students made various pictures of soldiers fighting against terrorism. In which the image of national unity of Indian heroes, their sacrifices for the country and their bravery was clearly visible. School Director Mewaram Kashyap encouraged the students and gave the message of staying united to all students.

CM urges Pal Gadaria community to give priority to children's education

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, MAY 22

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini, urged the Pal Gadaria community to prioritize their children's education, emphasizing that knowledge is the most powerful weapon to break all barriers.

The Chief Minister was addressing members of the Pal Gadaria community on late Wednesday evening in Chandigarh while launching a public awareness campaign marking the 300th birth anniversary of Mateshwari Ahilyabai.

Paying floral tribute to the portrait of Ahilyabai, the Chief Minister said that the awareness campaign will continue until May 31, culminating in a grand celebration in Kurukshetra on the same day.

He said that the Pal Gadaria community is a living representation of India's great traditions, culture, and hardworking spirit. This community has been the backbone of India's rural economy for generations. Their heritage is proud and glorious. The community traces its lineage to



the Holkar dynasty, which ruled Indore in Madhya Pradesh for a long time. The community has produced valiant figures such as warrior Malhar Rao Holkar and the revered Mateshwari Ahilyabai, said Sh. Nayab Singh Saini.

The Chief Minister further said that when we speak of a 'Atm Nirbhar Bharat' (Self-Reliant India), the role of hardworking communities like the Pal Gadaria becomes extremely significant. Even in adverse circumstances, they have demonstrated with their inner

strength, and dedication that if India resides in every village, it certainly carries the fragrance of their hard work. He said that, unfortunately, many communities were deliberately neglected for decades after independence, with no policies or direction made for them.

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that under the leadership of Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi, today's India is a new India, guided by the mantra 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, and Sabka Prayas'. The government not only makes

policies but also ensures their benefits reach the last person standing in line.

The Chief Minister said that just as Mateshwari Ahilyabai built temples and fought for the poor, Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi has also renovated many temples and initiated several schemes for the social and economic empowerment of Scheduled Castes. The Haryana Government recognized that some Scheduled Caste groups still did not benefit from reservation. To bring them into the mainstream, the government has implemented sub-categorization within the Scheduled Caste reservation, said Sh. Nayab Singh Saini.

The Chief Minister further said that within the 20 percent reservation quota for Scheduled Castes in direct recruitment in government services, half (10 percent) has now been reserved specifically for the Deprived Scheduled Castes. Additionally, the state government had previously provided 20 percent reservation to Scheduled Castes in Class I and II posts.

Horticulture Department holds a camp in Chhapari

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, MAY 22

Horticulture Department organized a farmer awareness camp in Chhapari village with aim of promoting horticultural crops. HDO Gagandeep Singh told the farmers who came to the camp that if farmers are aware of schemes of department and adopting latest technology to do farming in a scientific way and about different varieties of fruit trees, then only farmers can earn a good profit by planting orchards. He gave detailed information to farmers about various schemes being run by government like Bhavantar Bharpai Yojana, Chief Minister Horticulture Crop Insurance Scheme and Mera Pani Meri Virasat and also told that in July August farmers can plant orchards of



fruit trees of improved varieties like guava, lemon, litchi, peach, pear and mango. For this, farmers should get information about these schemes from horticulture department of their area. Farmers who do farming as per advice of experts of horticulture department, should get benefits. Seminars, excursion programs and training are also

organized by Horticulture Department. Farmers become aware by joining these programs, so that they get information about the schemes of Horticulture Department and they can take advantage of them. A large number of farmers were present in this camp along with Fieldman Subhash, Fieldman Purn Singh of Horticulture team.

Youth held for snatching

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR : Police

spokesperson said that Superintendent of Police Surendra Singh Bhauria has given strict instructions to district police to crack down on crime and criminals. Acting under these instructions, team of Crime Branch-1 has succeeded in arresting an accused in case of snatching a purse from woman. Stolen items were recovered from the accused. He was produced in court and sent to judicial custody. Police is investigating matter. Incharge Varinder Walia, while giving information, said that his team received secret information that a young



man is roaming near Gausshala Colony Mode Jagadhari to commit a crime. On this information, a team of ASI Umesh, Head Constable Amarjeet, Vipin, Dharamveer was formed. Youth roaming there was caught on the spot. On interrogation, he was identified as Harpreet Singh alias Luv, son of Lal Chand, resident of Gausshala Colony, Jagadhari. Upon strict questioning, accused confessed to crime of snatching a woman walking in Jagadhari market on 19th May along with one of his accomplices while riding an Activa and running away.

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Gas consumers must get KYC done for transparency: Meena Chauhan Raisan

ROHIT LAMSAR

TARAORI: To set an example of excellent quality service and transparency, Indian Oil Corporation's LPG distributor company Indane is getting e-KYC done for all consumers afresh. Meena Chauhan Raisan, director of Nigdu Indane Gas Agency, said that Area Manager Sudhakar Giri has instructed the operators of all gas agencies to get e-KYC done for all consumers so that duplicate connections or some connections that are still running illegally in the name of the same customers after the death of the customer are removed and the facilities that are to be given to the BPL card holders can be provided to the beneficiaries with transparency and fairness. Alert is being given for this. She said that customers should buy only the best quality registered gas pipe provided by the company, because there is no guarantee of pipes bought from the market and in such a case if any accident happens then the company and the gas agency do not take responsibility for it. Apart from this, she emphasized on three points and said that to get your authentication done, you can get authentication done through biometrics from the delivery man who comes during delivery or you can get authentication done by going to the gas agency or you can also get authentication done yourself through Indian Oil One App which is very important. He said that the agency has come under the category of regular distributor and we are ready to serve our customers 24 hours a day for their convenience.



Town planning office demolishes illegal colony

PRITI SAINI YAMUNANAGAR-JAGADHARI-MAY 22

Action has been taken by the district town planning office to demolish the illegal colony with the help of the district administration.

As per the orders of Deputy Commissioner Parth Gupta, during the action, District Town Planner Rajesh Kumar along with his staff, Naib Tehsildar Sadhaura who was appointed as duty magistrate to maintain law and order and Police Station Manager, State Enforcement Bureau, Yamuna Nagar along with his team were present on the spot during the demolition. During this, the District Town Planner demolished the kutcha roads built in these illegal colonies whose area was about 11 acres.

The District Town Planner informed that notices



were issued to the defaulters as per the Urban Area Act No. 8 of 1975 and the defaulters did not follow the departmental orders and the land owners also did not take the necessary permission before setting up the illegal colony, hence demolition action was

taken on this illegal colony/ construction.

Deputy Commissioner Parth Gupta and District Town Planner Officer have appealed to the residents of the district that no one should buy or sell any plot etc. in any illegal colony. If

still any person was found developing an illegal colony/constructing, then he himself will be responsible for it and the district administration will continue to take action against him as per rules in future as well.

Admissions begin at Sant Mohan Singh Khalsa Labana Girls College, Barara

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER BARARA: Admissions have officially commenced at Sant Mohan Singh Khalsa Labana Girls College, Barara, for the academic year, according to College Principal Dr Indu Vij. The college is offering undergraduate courses in B.A., B.Com., and B.Sc., and students who have passed their Class 12 examinations from the Haryana Board or CBSE are eligible to register.

Dr Vij informed that the college uploaded its seat matrix on the government admission portal on May 17. Students can register for admission between May 19 and June 6. Online verification of documents began on May 21. The admission process will follow a merit-based system. The first provisional merit list will be released on June 18, followed by the final merit list on June 19. Selected candidates must submit their fees between June 20 and 23. The second provisional list will be released on June 25, and the final list on June 26, with fee submissions scheduled from June 27 to 29. Admissions against the third list for remaining seats will be conducted from July 1 to July 15.

The college has been allotted the following seats by the government: 240 for B.A., 80 for B.Com., 60 for B.Sc. (Science), 40 for PGDCA, and 50 for M.Com. Interested students may register through the government admission portal and opt for Sant Mohan Singh Khalsa Labana Girls College, Barara, as their preferred institution.



CM given warm welcome

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, MAY 22

Haryana Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, after participating in Tiranga Yatra program organized in Ladwa, while going to Delhi, stopped for some time near rest house of irrigation department in Indri. MLA and Government Chief Whip Ramkumar Kashyap, along with BJP leaders and workers, gave a warm welcome to Chief Minister on his arrival in Indri. Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini met all BJP workers present on the spot and inquired about their well-being. Saini also talked to MLA Ramkumar Kashyap about preparations for state level Maharsi Kashyap Jayanti celebrations to be held in Ladwa on 23 May. MLA assured Chief Minister that all



preparations for the Maharsi Kashyap Jayanti celebrations organized in Ladwa have been completed and there is an atmosphere of enthusiasm among all the workers and people regarding this Jayanti celebration. He told Chief Minister that lakhs of people

from all communities from various parts of Haryana would be reaching Maharsi Kashyap Jayanti celebrations. SDM Ashok Kumar Munjal, Sarpanch Association Indri's head Pratap Singh and a large number of BJP leaders and workers were also present.

Review meeting held on work at Shri Adi Badrinath, Shri Kedarnath and Shri Mantra Devi Temple

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 22

Deputy Commissioner and Co-Chief Administrator of Shri Kapal Mochan, Shri Badri Narayan, Shri Mantra Devi and Shri Kedar Nath Shrine Board, Yamuna Nagar, Parth Gupta held a review meeting with the concerned officials regarding the development work going on in Shri Adi Badrinath, Shri Kedarnath and Shri Mantra Devi Temple at Garuda Resort in Adi Badri. He inspected the completed works like langar hall, kirtan/satsang hall, priest house, demolition of kitchen, parking area work, retaining structure etc. He ordered the concerned officials to complete the pending works soon which included development of the temple and external development works like development of park, wire crate and retaining structure on the river bank, beautification of stairs, construction of gate, demolition of 3 rooms, development of temple, upgradation of old existing stairs, construction of gate and laying of paver blocks at the entrance, development

of platform for sitting near the stairs leading to Adibadri, provision of wire crate and retaining wall on the river bank, provision of fire fighting and rain water harvesting system etc.

Sub-divisional officer Jaspal Singh Gill, District Information Officer Vinay Gulati, Range Officer Ajay Nain, GM Roadways San-



jay Rawal, XEN of Public Health Anil Kumar, Naib Tehsildar Daljit Singh, SDE Zafar Iqbal, SDO of PWD department Ajay Bhati, SDE RS Pawar, JE Rajendra Kumar, Anurag Jindal, Lalit Kumar from Architecture department, Tarsem Kumar, Pankaj Aggarwal from Shrine Board and other officers were present in the meeting.

State level function to be organized on the occasion of Lord Parshuram Jayanti at Pahrawar in Rohtak on May 30: Dr. Arvind Sharma

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 22

Haryana's Cooperation, Heritage and Tourism Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma reached Brahmin Dharamshala in Karnal district late Wednesday evening. Dr. Arvind Sharma was given a warm welcome on his arrival here. On this occasion, Dr. Arvind Sharma said that a state level function will be organized on the occasion of Lord Parshuram Jayanti at Pahrawar in Rohtak on May 30. Brahmin Dharamshala's Pradhan Surendra Sharma Badouta honored Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma by putting a turban on him. He said that this function is being organized by state government under Sant-Mahapurusha Vichar Samman and Prasar Yojana. Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini will attend function as chief guest and the program will be presided over by BJP State President Mohan Lal Baroli.



Cabinet ministers and MLAs as well as other dignitaries will also attend 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 devotees about birth anniversary celebrations. Brahmin society and all the society from every corner of state will participate in this state level function. Cabinet Minister said that with the blessings of people, BJP government

has been formed in state for third time under leadership of Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini and this has been possible only with the cooperation of the people. He said that state government is working to celebrate birth anniversary of all great men at state level, in which all societies contribute. A few years ago, during tenure of Union Minister and former Chief Minister Haryana Manohar Lal, Parshuram Jayanti was also celebrated in Karnal and this

time celebration of Lord Parshuram Jayanti will be celebrated at state level in Pahrawar, Rohtak. He said that government is working together with all societies and contribution of all societies will be ensured in birth anniversary celebrations of all great men. Highlighting important contribution of Gaud Brahmin Vidya Pracharini Sabha, he said that this is an educational 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 Pahrawar village, which was earlier controversial, but Union Minister and former Chief Minister of Haryana Manohar Lal intervened and made land available to institution. Today, children from 36 communities study in these educational institutions, which makes their future bright.

Admission process underway at Shaheed Udham Singh Govt. College, Principal reviews online facilitation

MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, MAY 22

The admission process for the academic session 2025-26 has commenced at Shaheed Udham Singh Government College, Matak Majri, Indri, Karnal, with around 70 online applications already received. College Principal Dr Mahendra Singh Baghi chaired a meeting regarding the centralized online admission programme and also inspected the help desk set up for applicants.

Following the directives of Dr Baghi, various faculty coordinators and nodal officers have been assigned specific responsibilities. Dr Rajeev Gupta has been appointed overall in-charge of the admission committee, along with Dr Rajkumar. Dr Shalini is coordinating the online admission committee, while Dr Ranbir Singh (Arts), Dr Manju Rani (Commerce), and Dr Gulab



(Science) are the nodal officers for their respective faculties. Dr Harish Kumar (BA Hons English), Dr Anil Kumari (BA Hons Economics), and Prof Vibha (BCA) are also involved in the process.

The Department of Higher Education, Panchkula, has issued a detailed schedule under the centralized

online admission system. Important dates include OTP-based correction of application forms from May 19 to June 10, publication of the objection/variation list on June 11, and online document verification and objection resolution by colleges from May 21 to June 15. The final list of eligible candi-

dates will be released on June 16, followed by the merit list publication on June 18. Dr Baghi encouraged prospective students to visit the college help desk for assistance and directed all admission committees to strictly adhere to the guidelines issued by the Department of Higher Education.

Editorial

Green court

The Supreme Court has barred the Indian government from granting retrospective environmental clearances. Conceived as a one-time opportunity in 2017, ex-post facto environmental clearances became routine when the Union ministry of environment, forest and climate change notified a standard operating procedure for the identification and the handling of cases of violation in July 2021. Arguing that the move was consistent with the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the 'polluter pays' principle, the ministry reasoned that denying developers an opportunity to regularise their projects would lead to demolition, which would also cause environmental damage. This not only set a dangerous precedent but also incentivised illegal construction in the hope of regularisation through back-door clearances. The apex court has thus hit the nail on the head by pointing out that the ministry's logic goes against the fundamental principle of green jurisprudence, which lays down that development cannot come at the cost of the environment. However, between 2017 and the recent ban by the apex court, over 100 projects have already benefited from this escape clause. Besides this, the ministry also issued 'terms of reference' to at least 150 other projects that will allow them to bypass an environmental impact assessment.

The top court has, time and again, taken on the role of protecting the environment from the depredations of a rapacious State. For instance, last week, the court asked the Telangana government to restore the ruined acres of the Kancha Gachibowli forest where vegetation was cleared to build an information technology hub without an EIA. However, there are some legal loopholes that may still allow such predation on the environment to continue. For instance, in India, environmental clearance is not a mandatory requirement for land acquisition under the Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. This is not all. Implementation of existing laws remains lax under an executive that is apathetic to the green cause. Worse, legal protection is being weakened by passing questionable legislations: in 2023, the Centre passed the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Act that allegedly dilutes the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980. As such, conscientious civil society organisations and the courts remain the last hope for environmental protection. But this cannot be deemed as adequate given the apathy of the State and the people at large.

CAR T-cell therapy cuts cancer treatment cost by 90%

Burjeel Medical City in Abu Dhabi has announced a major medical breakthrough with the development of an innovative CAR T-cell therapy for blood cancers, which could reduce treatment costs by up to 90 per cent. This advancement marks a significant step towards localising biopharmaceutical industries, reinforcing the UAE's position as a regional hub for cellular therapies and medical innovation, while also enhancing healthcare and economic security. Speaking to Emirates News Agency (WAM) on the sidelines of the Make it in the Emirates forum at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC), Dr. Ajlan Al Zaki, Director of the Centre for Haematology, Oncology and Cellular Therapy at Burjeel Hospital in Abu Dhabi, described the event as an ideal platform to introduce this advanced treatment.

The therapy involves collecting T-cells from the patient, genetically modifying them in a laboratory to recognise and attack cancer cells, then reinfusing them into the patient's body. Al Zaki said the forum offers a strategic opportunity to showcase the UAE's capabilities in locally manufacturing CAR T-cells and exploring export potential for this technology to regional and international markets. He noted that this approach exemplifies the integration of science and biotechnology, supporting the knowledge economy and building a sustainable healthcare ecosystem. He highlighted that the hospital's success in reducing treatment costs by up to 90 percent is unprecedented in the region and strengthens the UAE's standing as a regional centre for advanced therapies. The achievement also paves the way for greater global scientific collaboration and reflects the country's significant progress in the medical field.

Al Zaki, who previously held research and clinical roles at Stanford University and the MD Anderson Cancer Center, expressed his commitment to leveraging his expertise to provide effective and affordable cancer treatments across the UAE and the wider region, while raising awareness of CAR T-cell therapy for difficult-to-treat blood cancers.

He explained that CAR T-cell therapy is a form of personalised, precision medicine usually administered in a single session, with promising recovery rates. This represents a paradigm shift in the future of cancer care in the UAE and strengthens Abu Dhabi's role as a regional centre for clinical research and cancer treatment innovation. The CAR T-cell ini-



tiative, he added, demonstrates the UAE's capacity to localise advanced biotechnologies, empower national talent, and bridge scientific research with precision medicine and personalised therapies.

While the treatment was initially designed for blood cancers such as leukaemia and lymphoma, research is expanding its application to solid tumours, including breast, pancreatic and lung cancers, as well as complex brain tumours like glioblastoma and metastatic cancers resistant to conventional

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therapies. Al Zaki also emphasised the growing role of artificial intelligence in genomic analysis and precise molecular target identification, along with the use of cutting-edge gene editing tools like CRISPR to enhance cell engineering.

He pointed to the UAE's collaborative efforts with scientific partners and non-profit institutions such as Caring Cross to manufacture these therapies locally, helping to make them more widely accessible across regional medical centres, rather than limited to a handful of global facilities.

Literature & Health

N Korea fires multiple cruise missiles towards East Sea

North Korea fired multiple unidentified cruise missiles, according to a report in South Korean state media on Thursday morning. The multiple cruise missiles were fired toward the East Sea, also known as the Sea of Japan, according to South Korea's JCS, the Yonhap news outlet reported. The Joint Chiefs of Staff said it detected the launches at about 9 am from the Sondok area in South Hamgyong Province, noting that South Korean and US intelligence authorities are conducting a detailed analysis. Pyongyang had on May 8 fired multiple short-range ballistic missiles into the East Sea as per Yonhap. Meanwhile, North Korean state-run media reported a major accident at a



launch ceremony for a new North Korean naval destroyer. North Korea's leader, Kim Jong Un, termed the mishap a "criminal act".

The incident occurred at a shipyard in the port of Chongjin, the 5,000-ton destroyer lost balance while on a flatcar, crushing some lower sections and preventing it from leaving the shipway, the official Korean Central News Agency said

on Thursday, as cited by Yonhap. Kim who was present at the launch said the accident caused by "absolute carelessness, irresponsibility and unscientific empiricism which is out of the bounds of possibility" led "the dignity and self-respect of our state to a collapse in a moment," KCNA reported. According to the South Korean military, the destroyer remains partially capsized.

Israel planning first ever waste to energy facility

Israel is planning the construction of a new facility for recovering energy from waste, to be located in Neot Hovav in the Negev.

Israel's Ministry of Environmental Protection, in cooperation with the Accountant General's Department of Finance, the Municipality of Beer Sheva, and the Neot Hovav Local Industrial Council, presented the environmental project to establish the first facility of its kind in Israel to recover energy from waste.

The project, which will be implemented through a PPP (public-private partnership) method, is expected to reduce landfilling in the Negev and form part of a sustainable solution for the waste of approximately 800,000 residents in the



Beersheba metropolitan area.

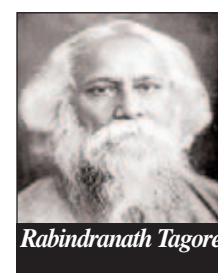
This is a strategic move by the Ministry of Environmental Protection and the Accountant General's Division at the Ministry of Finance, as part of implementing a long-term policy to reduce landfilling in Israel and increase the fight against the climate crisis and environmental pollution. The new facility will include an advanced sorting system and a thermal energy recovery facility, which will convert non-recyclable waste residues into energy that will be fed into the national electricity grid.

In doing so, it will provide a solution while reducing emissions of air pollutants and greenhouse gases, reducing the burden on landfill sites, and preventing soil and groundwater pollution.

POEM

Baby's Way

If baby only wanted to, he could fly up to heaven this moment. It is not for nothing that he does not leave us. He loves to rest his head on mother's bosom, and cannot ever bear to lose sight of her. Baby know all manner of wise words, though few



Rabindranath Tagore

on earth can understand their meaning. It is not for nothing that he never wants to speak.

The one thing he wants is to learn mother's words from mother's lips. That is why he looks so innocent.

Baby had a heap of gold and pearls, yet he came like a beggar on to this earth. It is not for nothing he came in such a disguise.

Rabindranath Tagore

India's Private Sector growth hits 13-month high in May

India's private sector activity expanded sharply in May, reaching its highest pace in over a year, driven by a robust performance in the services sector. According to the HSBC Flash PMI data released on Wednesday, the HSBC India Composite PMI Output Index surged to 61.2 in May from 59.7 in April, indicating a strong rate of expansion in both the manufacturing and services sectors.

The HSBC Flash India Services PMI Business Activity Index rose to 61.2 in May from 58.7 in April, marking the fastest rise in output in 14 months. This jump was supported by strong demand conditions, a solid inflow of new business, and improved sentiment. HSBC said "The increase was the most pronounced since April 2024. There was a mild loss of growth momentum in the manufacturing industry but service providers reported the fastest rise in output in 14 months". The manufacturing sector how-



ever, showed a slight dip in momentum. The HSBC Flash India Manufacturing PMI Output Index fell marginally to 61.4 in May from 61.9 in April.

But, the broader HSBC Flash India Manufacturing PMI, which accounts for new orders, output, employment, suppliers' delivery times, and stocks of purchas-

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es, edged up slightly to 58.3 from 58.2 in April, reflecting a continued sharp improvement in the health of the sector. The overall upturn in private sector output

was the strongest since April 2024. This acceleration was mainly due to the services segment, which saw faster expansion in business activity and employment. Firms across the board reported strong inflows of new business, both domestically and from international markets. In addition, business confidence improved for the first time since January, signaling optimism among firms regarding future business prospects. Companies attributed the growth to strong demand conditions, investments in technology, and expanded production capacities. However, inflationary pressures also increased during the month. The HSBC Flash PMI data pointed to the fastest rise in input costs and output charges since late 2024, with inflation levels hitting their highest since April 2024. While manufacturers noted the slowest output growth in three months, service providers led the expansion, lifting the overall private sector performance to a 13-month high.

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Mayor Renu Bala Gupta held a public hearing in the Municipal Corporation office on Thursday and got the problems of the common people resolved on the spot. She heard the problems of the citizens who came to her office one by one and called the concerned officers and employees



and got their problems resolved. During the public hearing, the mayor received complaints like

correcting the error in property tax ID, filling potholes on the roads and getting the sewerage lines cleaned. The mayor instructed the officials to resolve the complaints of the common people as soon as possible. She clarified that special care should be taken so that the complainant does not have to visit the office again and again. She

said that development works should be completed on a priority basis. She said that the state government has no shortage of funds for development works. He said that first of all, basic facilities should be provided to the citizens like making the roads pothole free, cleaning of rain drains and maintaining street lights.

NEWS BRIEF

Lok Adalat held at District Jail, six inmates released on legal grounds



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Under the guidance of District and Sessions Judge and Chairman of the District Legal Services Authority, Ajay Kumar Sharda, a Lok Adalat was organised on Thursday at the District Jail by the District Legal Services Authority. The Lok Adalat proceedings were presided over by Chief Judicial Magistrate and DLSA Secretary, Iram Hasan. During the jail Lok Adalat, six cases were presented, all of which were resolved, resulting in the release of six inmates based on specific legal conditions. CJM Iram Hasan also interacted with other inmates, informing them about the availability of free legal aid and inspecting the facilities being provided to them in the jail.

Operation Sindoor- a wonderful example of humanity, technical expertise and sharp politics: Nayab Singh Saini

VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA, MAY 22

Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini said that Operation Sindoor was a wonderful confluence of humanity, technology, efficiency and sharp politics. This Operation Sindoor Yatra will be remembered for ages as a tribute to the brave soldiers of the country. Tiranga Yatras were organized not only in the country but in the entire state to salute the valour and courage of these soldiers. The zeal and enthusiasm of crores of people of the state was seen in these Tiranga Yatras. Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini was addressing the people of the state in Operation Sindoor Tiranga Yatra organized at Ladwa new bus stand on Thursday. After this, a historic and memorable Tiranga Yatra proceeded from the new bus stand under the leadership of Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini. This Tiranga Yatra



passed through Shri Ram Kundi Chowk, Main Bazaar, Sangam Market, Hinori Chowk, Dr. BR Ambedkar Chowk and concluded at Shri Ram Kundi and Dharamshala. The enthusiasm and passion of this Tiranga Yatra was seen in every street of Ladwa. This Yatra was welcomed with flower showers at many places and people raised slogans in honor of the brave soldiers of the country. The

sound of these slogans was heard in every corner of Ladwa city. Not only this, Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini paid tribute by offering flowers to the statue of martyr Madan Lal Dhingra on the route of the Tiranga Yatra. After this, Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini paid tribute to the martyrs of Pahalgam by offering flowers in the auditorium of Ram Kundi Dharamshala.

MLA Balkar Sidhu inaugurates development works of school under education revolution campaign

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL, MAY 22

As part of the ongoing series of inauguration ceremonies of development works conducted in schools under the Education Revolution Program by the Punjab Government, the development works of Government Senior Secondary School for Girls (Digi Wala) Rampura Mandi, Rampura Phool, were inaugurated by Constituency MLA Balkar Singh Sidhu. In this regard, Media Coordinator Lecturer Narinder Kumar said that two new classrooms were constructed in the school during the past period. The development works of renovation of ten classrooms and sports ground, the construction of which costs a total of about Rs 32 lakh, were inaugurated. The MLA was accompanied by Municipal Council Rampura President Kirandeep Kaur Brar, Vice President Ravinder Singh Nikka,



Truck Union President Sher Bahadur Dhaliwal, AAP Block President Robby Brar, Senior Leader Gurbhajan Singh Dhillon, Councillor Karnail Singh Mann, Councillor Ankush Garg, Councillor Darshan Devi, Councillor Suraj Rajora, Nirmal Singh JE, Harmesh Kumar Meshi etc. On this occasion, Education Coordinator of Rampura Constituency Gurmil Singh Lecturer, Block Local Officer Rampura Chamkaur Singh Sandhu, Principal Deepak Kumar, Head Master Maninder Singh and Mandeep Singh congratulated all the staff

and students for dedicating the development work of the school to the students. MLA Balkar Singh Sidhu said that the Punjab government is making great efforts for the development of schools and the school teachers are spending the funds provided by the government wisely. The school principal Sunil Kumar Gupta presented a report on the achievements of the school and the development work done before the guests present. The school students entertained the guests by presenting a colorful program.

Eight-day long 53rd Shri Shyam Mahotsav will be held in Hansi from May 25: Jagdish Rai Mittal

MANMOHAN SHARMA HANSI, MAY 22

With the special blessings of Shri Shyam Prabhu, the incarnation of Kalyug, the 80-day long Shri Shyam Mahotsav was being organized in a grand manner from May 25 to June 1 at Shri Shyam Mandir, Hansi. Shri Shyam Toran Gate to the temple will be decorated with special electrical lights. This information was given by the head of the organization Jagdish Rai Mittal in a press conference held at Shyam Bhawan on Wednesday. On this occasion, social worker Vinay Jain, Agroha Vikas Trust, Laxmikant Garg alias Lichhu along with Gaurav Jain (trophy holder), Rakesh



and spokesperson Raghav Goyal, other members were also present. Pradhan Jagdish Mittal informed that on May 25, the eternal flame would be lit by the city's prominent social workers Ajay and Kamal Kambri. On May 26, the Mehndi program named Shri Shyam will be presided over by social worker Sunita Jain. On May 27, the grand Kalash Yatra from the main

markets of the city will be presided over by Mrs. Surekha and Arun Mittal Bagdi Saree Wale from Delhi. On May 28, the grand Nishan Yatra program will be presided over by JCI Fort patrons Vijay Goyal and Ram Avtar Goyal. On May 29, Harinagar Sankirtan will be conducted by Bahadurgarh, Rohtak and Hisar ISKCON.

Students of Govt High School Rajpura Town who performed excellently in Class X board results honored

BHUPINDER KAPOOR RAJPURA, MAY 22

Students of Government High School Rajpura Town performed excellently and secured first, second and third positions in their respective classes in the Matriculation Examination conducted by the Punjab School Education Board in March 2025. On the occasion of these excellent results, the school's Head Mistress Sudha Kumari honored the students who secured first, second and third positions in Section A, B and C of Class X. During the honor ceremony, those students were presented with medals and stationery as gifts. Along with this, the school's Scout



Master Rajinder Singh Chani also gave cash prizes of Rs. 1100-1100 to the students who came first in each Section A, B and C of Class X. Sudha Kumari Head Mistress said in her address that 100% students of class X of the 2024-25 session have been able to get admission in the next category, which is

the result of the hard work of the school teachers and the dedication of the students. On this occasion, Jaswinder Kaur Nanda, in-charge of class X A, Rajinder Singh Chani, in-charge of class X B and Rozi Bhateja, in-charge of class X C also gave their best wishes and blessings to the students.

Drug Detoxification Yatra reaches villages Badbar, Bhure and Harigarh in Barnala constituency



KULDEEP SOOD

BARNALA: During the drug detoxification yatra launched by Punjab Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, village guards and other residents were gathered in villages Badbar, Bhure and Harigarh in Barnala constituency. Addressing on the occasion, Halqa Incharge S. Harinder Singh Dhaliwal said that this campaign is an initiative of the state government to eradicate drugs through which direct contact is being maintained with the people. He said that this is helping in completely eradicating drugs from the state on a large scale. He appealed to the panchayats of those villages to bring drug addicts to government detoxification centers for their detoxification. He said that the youth of the state is now coming out of the swamp of drugs and Punjab is moving towards becoming a healthy Punjab again.

IG School players win Net ball championship



SANJAY SHARMA

KAITHAL: IG school players won gold and silver medals in Netball Championship and brought glory to the school. PTI Rajesh Kumar said that in the Second Mixed Sub Junior in Haryana State National Championship IG School players also participated and won the gold medal and illuminated the name of the college and the state. Not only this, two players Lakshya Vyatini were also selected for the National Games. Along with this, a team of boys and girls of IG School also participated in Fourth Fourfast five Sub Junior Haryana State National Championship and won the silver medal. As soon as it was reported, there was a wave of happiness in the entire school premises. School head J Bikurania and Principal Mrs. Ranju Gupta honored all the players in the prayer meeting and also gave them open heartedly praising all the sports teachers of the school Rajesh Kumar, Kapil Vats, Praveen Kumar and Rani Devi.

Students guided through Yoga practices at Government High School Mandhar



NIRMAL SAINI

RADAUR: Students at Government High School, Mandhar, were introduced to various yoga techniques and educated on their health benefits during a special session held on campus. The session was presided over by DPE and School Principal Rohit Arora. Arora shared that, like every year, the school will actively participate in the International Yoga Day celebrations on June 21, which will be observed with great enthusiasm at the district and block levels. In line with the Deputy Commissioner's directive, the school will conduct yoga practice sessions for students from May 22 to 24 to ensure meaningful participation in the upcoming event. Emphasizing the importance of incorporating yoga into daily life, Arora urged students to dedicate at least an hour each day to the practice. "Yoga can help alleviate even the most serious ailments. It not only keeps the body fit but also reduces medical expenses," he said. The event saw active participation from all staff members of the school.

Top performers honoured at PM Shri Govt Sr Sec School, Sarawa



PREETI SAINI

SADHOURA: A special felicitation ceremony was organized at PM Shri Government Senior Secondary School, Sarawa, to honour students who excelled in the recently declared Haryana Board examination results. The event celebrated students who emerged as toppers at both school and block levels, with the school administration presenting shields to encourage and recognize their achievements. Principal Akshay Kumar congratulated the students on their success and advised them to make wise choices for their future. He also extended his appreciation to the parents and teaching staff, attributing the school's collective success to their dedicated support and cooperation. Notably, Ashinka, a student of Class 10, secured the first position in the block with an impressive score of 481 marks. The programme was attended by all teaching staff and students, who shared in the celebration of academic excellence. The honoured students, in turn, credited their success to their teachers and parents.

DPS Yamunanagar students vow to become guardians of nation on Anti-Terrorism Day



RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: Students of Delhi Public School, Yamunanagar observed 'National Anti-Terrorism Day' on May 21 with a solemn pledge to uphold the unity, integrity, and sovereignty of India. In a patriotic atmosphere, the entire student body took an oath to become vigilant protectors of the nation and echoed slogans of "Vande Mataram", "Jai Hind", and "Jai Hind ki Sena". Marking the occasion further, a painting competition was held on May 22 for students of classes VI to XII. The theme was dedicated to the valor and strength of the Indian Army, with students creating artwork that vividly depicted acts of courage and national pride. The recent events in Pahalgam, where Indian forces successfully countered terrorist threats under 'Operation Sindoor', served as a stark reminder of the ongoing fight against terrorism and the sacrifices of the armed forces. School Chairman Shri Ramniwas Garg, Director Hitesh Garg, and Principal Mrs. Manisha Singh collectively emphasized the importance of instilling a sense of national duty in the students. "It is our moral obligation to safeguard the nation's unity and peace. Through this pledge, we aim to nurture a spirit of selflessness, where national interest is placed above personal gain," they stated.

Awareness rally organised at Shrimad Bhagavad Gita Primary School under Operation Sindoor



HANS RAJ

KURUKSHETRA: Even young children also have a sense of patriotism and dedication to the nation. On Wednesday, an awareness rally was organized by young children and Acharyas under the Operation Sindoor program at Shrimad Bhagavad Gita Primary School Bal Ghar, affiliated to Vidya Bharati and run by Hindu Education Committee. The rally was flagged off by Principal Chetna Vashistha by giving awareness message to the children. The main objective of the rally was to support Operation Sindoor and Shaurya of Indian Army for their unparalleled show bravery. The program was to support this brave work of the country. In the rally, mother power and positive messages and slogans were raised in the rally. Chetna Vashistha said that patriotism in the society, discharge of our duties and awakening in society was the purpose of all of them.

Children of Bal Vatika celebrate pool party at Baba Siddhnath International Public School



HANS RAJ

KURUKSHETRA: A pool party was organized for the children of Bal Vatika at Baba Siddhnath International Public School. In this party, all the children of Bal Vatika had a lot of fun and played water games. During the pool party, the children experienced both cool and joy. The children played various water games in the pool, such as throwing balls in water and swimming in the pool. During this time, all the children had fun with their friends and enjoyed it. It was a memorable experience for children. All the teachers also had fun with the children and contributed to making the event a success. The school atmosphere was filled with happiness during the pool party and everyone had a smile on his face. On this occasion, Director Ishwar Singh and Vice President Mrs. Rekha Devi said that such activities make special contribution in the all-round development of young children. Principal Smt. Geeta Sharma said that in the school premises, such activities lead to the development of confidence in young children and the spirit of learning together.

BJP Karnal holds meeting to promote 'Mann Ki Baat' at booth level



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: A meeting was organized under the chairmanship of BJP Karnal District President Praveen Lather in BJP office Karna Kamal on Thursday in which BJP Karnal Mandal President Naveen Batra was present along with other Mandal officials. On this occasion, District President Praveen Lather put forward guidelines on the subject of Mann Ki Baat program to everyone present and said that everyone should not only listen to the Mann Ki Baat program by sitting at their home, but this program should be heard at the booth level and all the workers should be made aware about this. Giving information on the occasion, he said that Mann Ki Baat was joined billions of people of India through the program. Apart from politics, this program was inspired by public sentiments. Many unforgettable stories of the country have been shared so far in this program. The common people got recognition in the country and the world for their works whether it was a clean India mission or empowerment of women and young children. The episode of Mann Ki Baat has emerged as a secular practice crossing regional, linguistic and geographical obstacles. Apart from Karnal District President Praveen Lather, Karnal Mandal President Naveen Batra, Divisional Vice President- Gaurav Nagpal, Akash Arora, Charanjit Channi.

Registrations start from 27 May for Diploma Engineering and 26 May for Diploma Engineering Lateral

PARDEEP MEHTA

NILOKHERI: The Department of Technical Education under the Higher Education Department has invited applications for Diploma Engineering, Diploma Pharmacy and Diploma Engineering Lateral Entry. Online registrations are starting from 27 May 2025 for Diploma Engineering and



26 May 2025 for Diploma Engineering Lateral. For more information, visit www.hstes.org.in and www.techeduhry.gov.in. For admission in G.B.N. Government Polytechnic Nilokheri, apply on the link given above. Senior lecturer Ravi Saini, Admission Incharge of this institute, said that this institute is the best institute in North India, which has been working for the overall development of students since 1947. It offers 3 year diploma programs in 6 branches of engineering (Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Electronics & Communication Engineering, Instrumentation & Control Engineering and Mechanical Engineering) and 2 year Diploma Lateral Entry Program for 12th in Science stream and ITI Diploma holders. All students get free bus pass facility. There is no tuition fee for girl students and students of TFW category who get admission. Scholarships are provided under schemes like PMS, Pragati, Saksham, Indian Oil scholarship etc.

NEWS BRIEF

Godrej Food Trends Report 2025 Unfolds Seasonality, Storytelling, and the Rise of Regional Revival
Chandigarh: The curtain rose, the table was set, and the future of food took centre stage. At a spectacular showcase in Mumbai, Godrej Vihroo Cucina launched the eighth edition of the Godrej Food Trends Report (GFTTR) 2025 in a way India has never seen before - through an evocative food theatre performance 'Bliss Feast for the Future'. Themed "Seasons," this year's edition was unveiled not through conventional speeches or slides, but through storytelling, satire, and sensory drama that celebrated food as memory, identity, and emotion. Based on contributions from over 150 culinary voices, including chefs, nutritionists, mixologists, food writers, and entrepreneurs, the 2025 edition of the report offers a deep dive into the forces shaping India's evolving food and beverage landscape.

Honda Expands Production Capacity by Adding New Production Line at Fourth Motorcycle Plant in India
KARNAL - Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India Pvt. Ltd. (HMSI), Honda's motorcycle production and sales subsidiary in India will build a fourth production line at its fourth plant (Vitalapur, Ahmedabad district, Gujarat). Planned to begin operation in 2027, the new line will have an annual production capacity of 650,000 units, bringing the total capacity of the fourth plant to 2.61 million units, making it Honda's largest assembly plant for Honda motorcycles in the world. HMSI currently has four production plants in India with a total annual production capacity of 6.14 million units. In addition, the cumulative production volume reached 70 million units in April of this year, after 25 years since start of production in 2001. Tsutsumi Otani, President & CEO, HMSI "Honda has long been investing and expanding its production capacity in India, the world's largest motorcycle market, to bring joy to its customers. 25 years on, with much support, HMSI has reached the milestone of 70 million units of cumulative production."

Infosys Foundation Announces Fourth Edition of the Aarohan Social Innovation Awards
GURUGRAM : Infosys Foundation, the philanthropic and CSR arm of Infosys, announced the launch of the fourth edition of its Aarohan Social Innovation Awards. Continuing its commitment to fostering social innovation in India, Infosys Foundation is inviting innovators and social entrepreneurs from across the country to participate in the awards. The Aarohan Social Innovation Awards 2025 aim to recognize and reward individuals, teams, NGOs, and social enterprises developing unique technology-based solutions that have the potential to create a significant impact on the underserved communities across India, at scale. Infosys Foundation commits up to INR 50 lakh per winner, with a total award purse of INR 2 crore. "At Infosys Foundation, we believe in the power of innovation to address real-world challenges and uplift communities. Through the Aarohan Social Innovation Awards, we are committed to identifying and supporting changemakers who are driving impactful solutions in education, healthcare, and environmental sustainability. We encourage social innovators from across India to step forward, share their ideas, and make a tangible difference."

Razorpay partners with MeitY startup hub to boost deep tech innovation in India's Tier 2 & 3 Cities
Chandigarh: All startups associated with MSH will gain access to Razorpay Fize - benefit from the Incorporation Service, support for YCombinator applications, and Mentorship & Support from Razorpay Leadership & Infrastructure, among others. In its commitment to support India's startup ecosystem, Razorpay, India's Leading Full-Stack Payments and Banking Platform for Businesses, announces a partnership with the MeitY Startup Hub (MSH), an initiative under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. With this partnership, Razorpay and MSH, together, aim to empower the next wave of deep tech and emerging tech startups by providing them access to advanced fintech infrastructure, tailored mentorship, product credits, and an innovation-first ecosystem. Commenting on the partnership, Arif Khan, Chief Innovation Officer at Razorpay, said, "Most transformative ideas often begin in unlikely places, with a lone founder solving a real problem, fueled by belief more than resources."

Vi Enhances Family Plan Flexibility with 299 Per Member Add-On
GURUGRAM / HISAR : Vi, India's leading telecom operator, today announced a new add-on feature in Family Postpaid plans, wherein up to a total of 8 secondary members can be added to your existing family plan at just Rs 299 per member. This provides a convenient way for customers to add family members to their existing Vi Family plan via Vi App, allowing all members to enjoy superior benefits. Vi's new add-on feature ensures each member, who is part of the plan, gets 40GB high-speed monthly data. At Rs 299 per connection, it is one of the most competitive options in the market, offering excellent value and convenience. The plan complements Vi's existing Family Postpaid range, which includes data, OTT, voice and SMS benefits for two to five members, starting at Rs 701. With the introduction of the Rs 299 add-on feature, Vi customers can now add up to 8 secondary members to their account, offering greater flexibility without upgrading to a higher-tier plan.

Epic taste and epic savings with KFC's new value offer
Amritsar/Ludhiana - Calling all chicken lovers - KFC is here with an EPIC offer! Fans across India can feast on their KFC favorites with the all-new EPIC SAVERS. An offer so good that you'll be repeating 9 for 299 all day. Why? Because with KFC Epic Savers, chicken lovers can enjoy 9 pieces of finger lickin' good chicken at ₹299/- only. Get 7 droolworthy Boneless Chicken Strips, and 2 crunchy, juicy pieces of Hot & Crispy Chicken at this unbelievable price. Valid for dine-in only across any of KFC's 1300+ restaurants in India. The campaign film sees big screen's favourite Munal Thakur and Internet funnyman Danish Sait screaming with joy at the jaw-dropping 9 for 299 offer. Because why choose between EPIC tasteful EPIC savings when you can have both? So, what are you waiting for? Gather your friends and family and get together for an EPIC time at your nearest KFC. Walk into any of the 1300+ KFC restaurants across India today and check it out for yourself.

U.S. Research institute at New York named after Dr. Achyuta Samanta



NEW YORK: The City University of New York (CUNY) has named a newly established research institute after well-known educationist Dr. Achyuta Samanta. The institute, titled the "Achyuta Samanta India Initiative (ASIICCI)", was inaugurated on Tuesday in New York. The inauguration took place in the presence of academicians and dignitaries from the United States. This is the first time a research institute in the U.S. has been named after

an Indian. The institute will support research by American students on Odisha's art and heritage. It will also focus on Dr. Samanta's work in education and tribal development. The initiative was proposed by Dr. Milton Santiago, President of Bronx Community College under CUNY, after his recent visit to KIIT and KISS in Bhubaneswar. Impressed by Dr. Samanta's work, Dr. Santiago suggested naming the institute after him. The proposal was approved by the university board. Dr. Samanta attended the inauguration on an invitation from Dr. Santiago. At the inauguration, Dr. Santiago remarked, "The Achyuta Samanta India Initiative will help American students from diverse backgrounds understand and engage with India's tribal communities, cultural roots, and one of the world's most impactful educational models." At the event, Dr.

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SHIMLA: India's journey to a trillion-dollar economy has a powerful, yet often overlooked, ally—culture. Recognising this untapped potential, the Atal Incubation Centre at the Indian School of Business (AISB), in partnership with the Punjab Cultural Project (PCP) and Network of Indian Cultural Enterprises (NICEorg), has launched Culture Catalyst 2025–26, a first-of-its-kind accelerator dedicated to scaling cultural brands and entrepreneurship across the states of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, J&K, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh. The Culture Catalyst 2025–26 programme aims to build a robust ecosystem that empowers cultural entrepreneurs to launch, grow, and scale purpose-driven and profitable brands—turning cultural heritage into sustainable business across the region. This is a unique opportunity for artisans and cultural entrepreneurs to scale their enterprises and play a catalytic role in nation-building—by transforming local heritage into global brands. The Culture Catalyst 2025–26 programme spans 6 months where entrepreneurs will learn through a blend of in-person immersions, virtual masterclasses, sector deep dives, and custom mentorship to help them build profitable and purpose-driven cultural businesses that can compete globally. The Culture Catalyst programme is now open for applications and invites start-ups and entrepreneurs in the areas of fashion, home décor, food & beverage, experiential tourism, and wellness to apply. Ten selected start-ups will receive hands-on mentoring, access to investors, market networks, and a seed grant of ₹1 lakh. Applications are open until May 31, 2025 for cultural entrepreneurs from Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, J&K, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh.

Airtel Payments Bank delivers another strong performance, posting revenue of 2,709 crores

HISAR: Airtel Payments Bank today announced its results for the financial year ended March 31, 2025. For the full year, revenue stood at ₹ 2,709 crores, a growth of 47.5% year-on-year. The net profit rose to ₹ 63 crores, up by 81.4%, while EBITDA increased by 64% YoY to ₹ 299 crores. Customer balances reached ₹ 3,659 crore, up by 30.6% and the Gross Merchandise Value (GMV) stood at ₹ 3,808 billion. Airtel Payments Bank is today the third-largest mobile bank in the country by user base. For the fourth quarter ended FY25 revenues were at ₹ 726 crore, a 34.7% increase over the same period last year, while profit stood at ₹ 26 crores, an increase of 138% YoY. Over the past four years, the bank has delivered a strong 44% CAGR in revenues. Anubrata Biswas, MD and CEO, Airtel Payments Bank, said, "Our strong growth this year reflects the unwavering trust of our customers, and diversified scale of our businesses. The rapid adoption of our Safe Second Account offering reflects the growing need for a secure alternate bank account for digital payments. Today we are processing one in two domestic remittances and one in every five Aadhaar-enabled payments in the country. As we continue to scale, our commitment remains in empowering every Indian with simple and seamless banking solutions to bridge the digital divide." With growing adoption of its safe second account, the bank has become a preferred choice for reliable daily digital payments. In tier-3 and beyond areas, the bank has 5,00,000 active banking points, majority of which are operated by women banking correspondents. It also sees strong demand for its RuPay NCMC On-The-Go cards, with over 2.5 million users. In the B2B space, it is seeing strong growth in omnichannel digital payments with top aggregators and enables seamless transit payments across five major metro networks, including the DMRC.



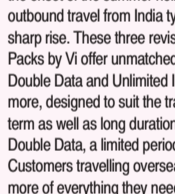
Doctor Suggests Ways to Protect Yourself From the Heatwave

PATIALA: As temperatures continue to rise, it is recommended to everyone to take precautions against the dangers of extreme heat. Heatwaves can lead to serious health problems such as heat exhaustion, dehydration, and even heatstroke. Dr. Gurpreet Singh Dang, Senior Consultant- Internal Medicine at Manipal Hospital Patiala shares five simple yet effective ways to protect yourself during a heatwave. 1. Stay Hydrated: Drinking enough water is the most important step in preventing heat-related illnesses. It is recommended to drink at least 8-10 glasses of water a day, and more if you are outdoors or sweating heavily. Avoid alcohol and caffeine, as they can lead to dehydration. 2. Dress Appropriately: Wear loose, light-colored clothing made from breathable fabrics like cotton. Dark colours absorb more heat, making you feel even hotter. A wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses can also help shield you from the sun. 3. Avoid Going Out During Peak Hours: Try to stay indoors between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., when the sun is at its strongest. If you must go out, take frequent breaks in the shade or air-conditioned spaces. 4. Eat Light Meals: Heavy meals can raise your body temperature and make you feel sluggish. Stick to light, fresh foods like fruits, salads, and yogurt. Water-rich foods like watermelon and cucumber are great choices. 5. Use Fans or Air Conditioning: Staying cool indoors is essential during a heatwave. Use fans, air conditioning, or take cool showers to lower your body temperature. If you don't have air conditioning, spend time in public places like malls or libraries. 6. Extra Care for Children and the Elderly: Special caution should be taken for children and elderly people, as they are more sensitive to heatwaves.



Vi enhances IR packs for summer holiday travel

LUDHIANA: 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. With the Double Data, a limited period offer, Vi Customers travelling overseas can now do more of everything they need on the go like navigate through foreign cities using maps, make uninterrupted video calls, stream entertainment, share photos, or catch up on work emails, all without worrying about running out of data. Vi Customers can also schedule their roaming pack activation up to 80 days in advance, eliminating last-minute anxiety. Vi's commitment to innovation, offering consumers a smarter and more effortless washing experience. The new range of Samsung washing machines is designed to deliver long-lasting performance backed with a 20-year warranty on the Digital Inverter Motor, ensuring durability and efficiency. Available in multiple capacities—8kg, 10kg, 12kg, and 14kg—these washing machines cater to diverse household needs.



Hyatt launches the third edition of 'GoanHYline'

CHANDIGARH: Hyatt today announced the launch of the third edition of its much-celebrated GoanHYline campaign—Hyatt Hideaways, an immersive and enriching experience across its portfolio of distinctive hotels and resorts in Goa. From serene beachside stays and wellness-led escapes to vibrant social hotspots and family-friendly resorts, this exclusive seasonal offer brings together the best of Goa through customised-curate packages for avid travellers. Participating properties under the campaign include Grand Hyatt Goa, Allia Diwa Goa & The Diwa Club, Roni Goa – a JdV by Hyatt Hotel, Hyatt Centric Candolim Goa, and Hyatt Place Goa Candolim.

Samsung Introduces Bespoke AI Top Load Washing Machines with AI Wash for Smarter

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, has announced the expansion of Bespoke AI to its Top Load Washing Machine category, following the remarkable consumer response to Bespoke AI Front Load Washing Machines. Designed to redefine laundry care with intelligent and efficient solutions, the new range brings advanced AI-powered features for enhanced fabric care, energy efficiency, and seamless convenience. With this expansion, Samsung reinforces its commitment to innovation, offering consumers a smarter and more effortless washing experience. The new range of Samsung washing machines is designed to deliver long-lasting performance backed with a 20-year warranty on the Digital Inverter Motor, ensuring durability and efficiency. Available in multiple capacities—8kg, 10kg, 12kg, and 14kg—these washing machines cater to diverse household needs.

Celebrate International Burger Day with BOSS Burger's Limited-Time 50% Discount

CHANDIGARH: BOSS Burger by SOCIAL, the gourmet burger delivery brand, is celebrating International Burger Day with an irresistible menu and an unmissable offer with up to 50% off on select burgers, available exclusively on Swiggy and Zomato on 28th May. Available across 10 cities in India, BOSS Burger's menu brings bold, indulgent flavours crafted with high-quality ingredients, delivering a premium burger experience straight to your doorstep. Whether you're ordering in for yourself or hosting friends, BOSS Burger is designed to elevate your burger moments with its signature mix of juicy patties and punchy sauces. The menu at BOSS Burger is a bold celebration of flavours and indulgence, featuring a lineup of drool-worthy burgers crafted to satisfy every craving. Leading the charge are the indulgent Smash Burgers, with the succulent Chicken Smash Burger front and centre, available in a double-patty variant for those craving an extra bite of decadence. For spice enthusiasts, the fiery Peri-Peri Grilled Chicken Burger delivers a kick of heat, perfectly balanced with creamy guacamole and crunchy veggies. The Korean Fried Chicken Burger brings an exciting Asian twist with its bold, saucy glaze and rich flavour profile, promising a taste adventure in every bite. For something truly unique, the Shams' Signature Steak Burger combines succulent steak bits, a sunny-side-up egg, and hot mayo for a savoury, indulgent masterpiece. Vegetarian options shine just as bright. The chatpata Sarnasocial Smash Burger blends a spicy aloo patty with classic chutneys for a desi-inspired delight, while the Paneer Cheese Bomb Burger offers a mouthwatering mix of panko-crumbed paneer, mozzarella, and crunchy veggies that's hard to resist. Crafted using premium ingredients and packed with bold flavours, BOSS Burger's line-up offers something for everyone—from cheesy to spicy to indulgently meaty-delivered straight to your doorstep. Celebrate Burger Day with up to 50% off on select burgers available exclusively on Swiggy and Zomato, for one day only, 28th May.

Closing the portal is depriving students of right to education Kulbhushan Sharma

CHANDIGARH: The Right to Education (RTE) Act provides every child the fundamental right to receive quality education. But the portals of non-aided schools and schools run by minority communities (Sikh, Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Parsi (Zoroastrian) and Jain) have been closed by the Education Department, which is causing serious hindrances in the admission of children. Kulbhushan Sharma says that due to the closure of these portals, the process of admission, transfer and issuance of School Leaving Certificate (SLC) of students is being disrupted, due to which not only children are being deprived of admission in the desired school, but students and parents are facing huge difficulties. Apart from this, minority schools do not come under the mandatory provisions of RTE, yet keeping their portal closed by the department is not only unfair but also playing with the future of the children. The Federation said that Section 12(1)(c) of the RTE Act 2009 is not binding on minority schools, which has been clarified by Article 30(1) of the Constitution and Supreme Court judgments. However, the Department has kept the portals closed because these schools have not given admissions under 12(1)(C), which is contradictory to the Supreme Court order and the Right to Education Act. The Federation has informed the Education Department about this serious issue through email and written letter and has demanded to open the portal immediately so that the admission process can be completed on time and educational loss of children can be prevented. The Federation has appealed to the Department to take a quick decision keeping in mind the educational future of the students.



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Tata Motors Launches the All-New Altroz

CHANDIGARH : Tata Motors, India's leading automobile manufacturer, today announced the launch of the All-New Altroz at a starting price of INR 6.89lakh. Ushering in a new era of premiumness with its striking design, luxurious interiors, and advanced features, the All-New Altroz is designed to captivate and is built on the core pillars of Premium Design, Unmatched Safety, Cutting-edge Technology, and Thrilling Performance. From its refreshed exterior and luxurious tech-rich cabin to its enhanced connectivity and expanded multi-powertrain line-up — now featuring an AMT option for the first time — the Altroz is engineered to turn everyday drives into extraordinary journeys. The Altroz has firmly established itself as a benchmark in the premium hatchback segment. Being the first and only one in its category to have received 5-star GNCAP rating, it set new standards in safety early on. Building on this strong foundation, the All-New Altroz now elevates the game with a bold new expression of premiumness. It features segment-first design elements such as flush door handles and Infinity connected LED tail lamps, while Luminate LED headlamps with integrated DRLs and a striking 3D front grille add to its sophisticated road presence. Inside, the executive lounge-style rear seats with enhanced thigh support, the soft-touch Grand Prestigia dashboard, ambient lighting, and spacious layout together create an indulgent, refined cabin experience.



Seagram's Longitude 77 Collector's Edition Unveiled, Celebrating Indian Art and Craftsmanship

Amritsar/Jalandhar/Ludhiana: Seagram's Longitude 77 named after the line of longitude that passes through the length of India from North to South at 77° East, pays homage to the country's diversity, historical craftsmanship and breathtaking landscape. Crafted in small batches, it encapsulates the essence of India's diverse terrain and indigenous ingredients. Longitude 77 Collector's Edition was unveiled at the official India Pavilion in an exclusive event where the centerpiece of this unveiling was the exceptional packaging designed by one of India's most celebrated artists, Paresh Maity. Each pack showcased Mr. Maity's artistic interpretation of India's Longitude 77 – from North to South. "This collaboration is about capturing India's soul through art and craftsmanship", said Mr. Paresh Maity. "Longitude 77, the meridian that inspired this creation symbolizes the finest of what India has to offer the world, blending tradition with modernity." Karik Mohindra, Chief Marketing Officer, Pernod Ricard India, said, "Longitude 77 Collector's Edition embodies our commitment to elevating Indian craftsmanship to global standards while celebrating the richness of our cultural heritage. Its debut at Cannes is more than the unveiling of an exquisite spirit—it is a tribute to India's rich identity, captured with creativity, and timeless elegance." Shalini Passi said "As someone deeply committed to elevating Indian art on the global stage, I'm thrilled to be part of this groundbreaking collaboration that showcases India's finest creative vision and craftsmanship to the world. Representing the essence of India, Paresh's visualization of India's Longitude 77 on this dress, designed by Manish Malhotra, combines my three passions—India, art and fashion", Designer Manish Malhotra said.



IGCSE: Grade X Students of First Steps School, Sector-26 Shine

CHANDIGARH: Grade X students of First Steps School, Sec 26, affiliated with Cambridge International Education (CIE), have come out with flying colours by achieving 100% results in the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) March 2025 examinations. It is noteworthy that IGCSE uses a letter grading system (A*-G). Students delivered stellar performances, with Anuj Jha securing A* in all seven subjects, followed by Aarav Nijhawan with 4 A* & 3 A grades, and Pranjal Agarwal also with 4 A* & 3 A grades. The consistent success by students over the past seven years, reflects the school's commitment to academic rigour, innovative teaching methods, and holistic student development. Chairperson Jajji Cheema stated, "The students have once again upheld our legacy of academic excellence. We are immensely proud of our students' achievements. These results are a testament to the dedication of our faculty and the school's focus on nurturing independent, critical thinkers equipped for global success." IGCSE, offered in March, June, and November series, is globally recognized and encourages student-centred learning and strong problem-solving skills.



Get UK study visa without IELTS and interview for Rs 8 lakhs-Royal Travels

ARVIND PATHAK, SULTANPUR LODHI: Royal Travels a famous company of Punjab which has been helping thousands of students to fulfill their dreams by providing them with UK study visas in the right way for the last 26 years, is organizing a mega seminar at Sultanpur Lodhi on May 24 from 12 to 5 pm.



Arvind Pal Singh said that now students can get UK study visa without IELTS and interview with a guarantee, that too at a cost of just Rs 8 lakhs. He said that after the changes made by UK Immigration in its visa rules now study visa can be obtained easily.

On this occasion renowned visa expert SP Singh Happy said that the visa success rate of Royal Travel has always been 100 percent.

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD (A Chandigarh Administration Undertaking) 8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9-D, CHANDIGARH



PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Transfer/Mutation of Allotment/ Registration D.U.No. 3330-1 of Category EWS in Sector 47-D, Chandigarh in the names of (I) MRS.SITA DEVI W/O LATE SH.MOHINDER SINGH (II) MRS.NEELAM SAMIAL D/O LATE SH.MOHINDER SINGH, W/O SH.RAJAJINDER SINGH CHAUHAN (III) MR.SURJIT SINGH S/O LATE SH.MOHINDER SINGH on the intestate Demise of allottee/transferee SH.MOHINDER SINGH S/O SH.DUNI CHAND.

In case anybody has any objection regarding the claim/right/interest in the dwelling unit which is proposed to be transferred by the Chandigarh Housing Board in favour of (I) MRS.SITA DEVI (WIFE) (II) MRS.NEELAM SAMIAL (DAUGHTER) (III) MR.SURJIT SINGH (SON) he/she may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of the above claimant's.

Secretary Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE FOR REGISTRATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN e-TENDERING PROCESS FOR ALLOTMENT OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSES OF INDIAN MADE FOREIGN LIQUOR, IMPORTED FOREIGN LIQUOR, BEER, WINE AND COUNTRY LIQUOR (L-2/L-14A) FOR THE YEAR 2025-26 IN U.T., CHANDIGARH.

This is for the information of General Public that the process of online registration of persons to participate in the e-tendering process for allotment of liquor vendes for the year 2025-26 in U.T., Chandigarh, will commence from 23.05.2025.

All willing persons may visit the official website of the department i.e. www.etdut.gov.in/exciseonline for information/ to know the procedure and those who intend to participate in the e-tendering may get themselves registered at https://etenders.chd.nic.in.

It is further, informed that all prospective bidders will have to get themselves registered for e-tendering on the Chandigarh Administration's e-tender website i.e. https://etenders.chd.nic.in.

A helpdesk has also been set up in the office of the Assistant Excise & Taxation Commissioner, U.T., Chandigarh for providing assistance to the participants for e-tendering.

Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Union Territory, Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD (A Chandigarh Administration Undertaking) 8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9-D, CHANDIGARH



PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Transfer/Mutation of Allotment/ Registration D.U.No.166 of LIG Category in Sector 41-A, Chandigarh in the names of (1)SMT.SUDESH KUMARI W/O LATE SH.RAMESH KUMAR (2) SH.SANJEEV KUMAR S/O LATE SH.RAMESH KUMAR, (3) SH.SANJAY KUMAR S/O LATE SH.RAMESH KUMAR, (4) SH.DEEPAK KUMAR S/O LATE SH.RAMESH KUMAR (5) SH.RAJ KUMAR S/O LATE SH.RAMESH KUMAR (6) SMT.MANISHA MAHAJAN D/O LATE SH.RAMESH KUMAR, W/O SH.ASHWANI KUMAR on the intestate Demise of allottee/transferee SH.RAMESH KUMAR (ROMESH KUMAR MAHAJAN) S/O LATE SH.DHANI RAM.

It is hereby notified for the information of the General Public and all concerned that SH.RAMESH KUMAR (ROMESH KUMAR MAHAJAN) S/O LATE SH.DHANI RAM owner of Dwelling Unit No. 166 of LIG Category in Sector 41-A, Chandigarh expired on 12.03.2016 at CHANDIGARH as informed by his legal heirs (1) SMT.SUDESH KUMARI W/O LATE SH.RAMESH KUMAR (2) SH.SANJEEV KUMAR S/O LATE SH.RAMESH KUMAR, (3) SH.SANJAY KUMAR S/O LATE SH.RAMESH KUMAR, (4) SH.DEEPAK KUMAR S/O LATE SH.RAMESH KUMAR (5) SH.RAJ KUMAR S/O LATE SH.RAMESH KUMAR (6) SMT.MANISHA MAHAJAN D/O LATE SH.RAMESH KUMAR, W/O SH.ASHWANI KUMAR have requested for transfer of ownership of Dwelling Unit No. 166 of LIG Category in Sector 41-A, Chandigarh in their names on the basis of intestate demise of SH.RAMESH KUMAR (ROMESH KUMAR MAHAJAN) S/O LATE SH.DHANI RAM. They have further stated that no other legal heir has been left out.

In case anybody has any objection regarding the claim/right/ interest in the dwelling unit which is proposed to be transferred by the Chandigarh Housing Board in favour of (1)SMT.SUDESH KUMARI (wife) (2) SH.SANJEEV KUMAR (son) (3) SH.SANJAY KUMAR (son)(4) SH.DEEPAK KUMAR (son) (5) SH.RAJ KUMAR (son) (6) SMT.MANISHA MAHAJAN (daughter) he/she may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of the above claimant's.

Secretary Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-AUCTION NOTICE. Table with columns: Sn., Auction Catalogue No., Description, Lot Start Date / Time. Includes details for various commercial advertisements and railway station operations.

File No.: 2397100/2025/Olo SR.DCM/JMB/NR 1499/2025

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Axis Bank Ltd., Retail Asset Centre, 2nd Floor, Property # 7-E, Municipal 3903/1142/16, Malhar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana-141001.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that Parkash Chand S/o Jai Singh R/o Village Juhar Nagar, Behllopur Sah Nagor Mohali are the present owner/seller of property situated at house at gali no 1 village Behllopur, Dist SAS Nagar and Mr Sarfaraj S/o Hasam Ali and Mrs Babita Kuman W/o Mr Sarfaraj R/o H 96 village Butera sector 41 Chandigarh, is the proposed owner/purchaser of property situated at, house at gali no 1 village Behllopur, Dist. SAS Nagar is raising loan to purchase said property from ROHA Housing Finance Pvt Ltd SCO-21-22 FF Sector-19 Chandigarh. Previous Sale Deeds of said property bearing Registration No. 3441/1 Dt:27/08/2015 registered in the o/o Sub Registrar, SAS Nagar Mohali, have been lost and an FIR/DRO has also been got registered in this respect having details: LR no. 2848730/2025 dated 19/05/2025 Police Station crime branch Delhi Any body having claim or claiming any prior rights or interest in any manner in this property or has raised loan by depositing the aforesaid Documents to any person/Bank/ Corporation/Financial Institution may approach and may submit objections to the undersign within 7 days from the date of this public notice. After the expiry of the period of this notice it will be deemed that no body has any sort of claim over the above said property and further no claim shall be entertained and such claim shall be deemed to be false, fake, frivolous, fraudulent and baseless claim and shall be illegal. It shall also be deemed that nobody has any objection for mortgaging the aforesaid property with ROHA Housing Finance Pvt Ltd

Ankur Rishi, Advocate, SCO No. 87, 1st Floor, Royale Estate, Lohgarh, Chandigarh-Ambala Highway, Zirakpur, Dist: SAS Nagar, Punjab, Ph: 99141-38484

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of property measuring 12 Marlas 8-1/2 sarsai 3 sq.ft i.e 2337/128 share of land measuring 19 kanal 16 marlas comprised in khasra no 351/16/2(3-7), 15/2(0-5), 26(0-18), 35/2/11/2(6-17), 9/1(1-2), 10/1(7-7), khexat no 2681 khatuani no 3436 as per jamabandi for the year 2013-2014 situated within revenue limits of Moga Jit Singh-1 Tehsil and Distt Moga registered in the name of Mrs Nirmal Garg vide sale deed no 2020-21/2/12721 dt 17-12-2020. East: Yadav 69'4", West: Prem Kumar 72', North: 50' Street 20', South: Bachan Singh/FCI Godown 50'.

Date: 21-May-2025 (Authorised Officer) Axis Bank Limited

AXIS BANK

Retail Asset Centre: AXIS Bank Ltd, 2nd Floor, Property # 7-E, Municipal 3903/1142/16, Malhar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana-141001.

Corporate Office: 'Axis House', Block-B, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400025

Registered Office: 'Trishul', 3rd floor, opposite Samartheswar Temple, Law garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmadabad-380006

[Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable Property)

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

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account.

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

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Table with columns: Sr. No., Name of Borrower/ Co-borrower/Address, Date of Demand Notice, Date of Possession, Amount in Demand Notice (in Rs.).

Description of mortgaged Property- All That Part And Parcel of The Residential Property/House Having Mc No-B-y-803/B/1 Measuring 00kanal-10 Marle (300 Sq. Yds) Being 1/2 Share of 01Kanal-00Marle Comprised in Khexat No. 400, Khatuani No-726, Khasra No. 1970/3(1-0), Kite-1, As Per Jamabandi For The Year 1998-99, Situated At Agar Nagar, Tehsil Malerkotla District- Sangrur Registered In The Name of Rakesh Bansal S/O Om Parkash Bansal Vide Gift Deed Having Vasika No- 424 Dated 17/05/2004. Boundaries (As per Documents), East: House Roop Chand Side 60', West: Passage -Street 15'Wides i d e 6 0', North: Passage -Street 15'Wideside 45', South: House of Anil Kasalside 45'

The above-mentioned borrower(s) / co-borrower(s) / guarantor(s) are hereby given a 30 days' Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days' from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: 23.05.2025, Place: Punjab SD/- Authorised Officer, Axis Bank Limited

कार्यालय पंचायत सामुदायिक केंद्र सुत्याली विकास खण्ड नूरपुर जिला कांगड़ा (हिप्रो)

Table with columns: क्रम संख्या, सामग्री का विवरण, मात्रा जिसमें मूल्यांकित है. Lists items like 1. रेशा क्रेन्चर, 2. बजरी क्रेन्चर, 3. बोल्टर पत्थर, etc.

नोट: निम्नलिखित के पास: GST नम्बर होना जरूरी है। बिना GST नम्बर के निम्नलिखित को रद्द किया जाएगा। धाम पंचायत के पास निम्नलिखित रद्द करने का पूर्ण अधिकार होगा। निम्नलिखित सामग्री सर्व निम्नलिखित सामग्री से पूर्व सुनाई जाएगा। धाम पंचायत सुत्याली

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD (A Chandigarh Administration Undertaking) 8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9-D, CHANDIGARH

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the General Public that the following person(s) have applied for Permission for the Sale/Purchase of Dwelling Unit in their names under Regulation of the Chandigarh Housing Board (Allotment, Management and Sale of Tenements) Regulations 1979:-

Table with columns: Sr. No., NAME OF THE PURCHASE SH/SMT/MRS, NAME OF THE SELLER SH/SMT/MRS, D.U. NO., CAT., SECTOR. Includes details for SH. AMAN DEEP BHALLA S/O SH. RAGHIB CHAND BHALLA & MRS. NAVJOT KAUR BHALLA.

In case anybody has any objection for the Sale/Purchase in respect of above said dwelling Unit he/she may submit the objection, if any, in writing within 21 days of the publication of this notice before the undersigned alongwith documentary evidence, if any.

SECRETARY CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD, CHANDIGARH

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF EXCISE & TAXATION

Notice for inviting e-tenders for allotment of licences for Retail Sale Vends (L-2/L-14A) from the general public for the year 2025-26 in U.T., Chandigarh

- 1. It is hereby notified for the information of general public that e-tenders are invited for the grant of 11 retail sale i.e. L-2/L-14A licences in the form of licensing units for the Excise Policy, 2025-26 (commencing from 1st April, 2025 to 31st March 2026). Each Licensing Unit will comprise L-2/L-14A (Indian Made Foreign Liquor, Imported Foreign Liquor and Country Liquor) under one roof.
2. The Retail sale vends shall be allotted to the highest eligible bidder, quoting equal to or above the reserve price of the licensing unit. In case of more than one bid quoting the same highest price is received, the allotment shall be determined by draw of lots among the bidders quoting the same highest price.
3. All willing participants may visit the official website of the department i.e. www.etdut.gov.in/exciseonline for information/ to know the procedure. The detailed procedure for e-tenders and submission of participation fee and earnest money, in accordance with the Excise Policy 2025-26, is available on the official website of the department i.e. www.etdut.gov.in/exciseonline as well as in the Excise Office of the Department.
4. In order to submit e-bids, every prospective bidder is required to get himself registered at https://etenders.chd.nic.in.
5. The terms & conditions and the detailed List mentioning localities/sectors of Licensing Units Code, permissible no. of vends/ retail sale outlet, quota and reserve price can be downloaded from the official website of the Excise & Taxation Department i.e. www.etdut.gov.in/exciseonline under 'Public Notices' section.
6. All licenses shall be granted subject to the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 (as applicable to U.T., Chandigarh) and the Rules framed there-under and the Excise Policy for the year 2025-26. The Excise Policy for the year 2025-26 is available on the official website of the Department www.etdut.gov.in/exciseonline.
7. E-tenders will be available at https://etenders.chd.nic.in on 23.05.2025 at 11:00 AM and the bidders may start to submit their bids from 23.05.2025 (11:00 AM).

Schedule of dates for allotment of liquor vendes:-

Table with columns: Starting date and time for bid submission, Closing date and time for bid submission, Opening of Technical e-bids, Opening of Financial e-bids.

Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Union Territory, Chandigarh

L&T Finance Limited (formerly known as L&T Finance Holdings Limited) Registered Office: L&T Finance Limited, Brindavan Building Plot No. 177, Kalina, CST Road, Near Mercedes Showroom Santacruz (East), Mumbai 400 098 CIN No.: L67120MH2008PLC181833 Branch office: Jalandhar

DEMAND NOTICE Under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (Herein after referred to as The Act)

We have issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Act to you all (Borrower/s, Co-borrower/s & Guarantor/s) through Registered Post Acknowledge Due, as you have defaulted in payment of interest and principal installments of your loan account, and have failed and neglected to clear the said outstanding dues. As a result, the loan account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset (NPA) in the book of account in accordance with the directives relating to asset classification issued by the Reserve Bank of India. The Notice has been returned as "undelivered" and therefore we are now issuing this notice to you all under 13(2) of the Act and hereby calling upon to repay the amount mentioned in the notice appended below to the L&T Finance Limited. (Erstwhile, L&T Holdings Finance Ltd) within the period of 60 Days from the date of this Paper Notification together with further interest and other charges from the date of Demand Notice till payment or realization. In case you are not discharging your liabilities under the terms of this notice, we shall be constrained to exercise all or any one of the rights conferred under Section 13(4) or Section 14 of the Act. *This is without prejudice to any rights available to us under the Act and/or any other law in force from time to time.*

Table with columns: Loan Account Number, Borrower/s & Co-borrower/s Name, Demand Notice date / NPA date / Outstanding Amount, Outstanding Amount (? As On), Description of the Immovable Property (Mortgaged). Includes details for H141HL240 313122724.

Date: 23.05.2025 Place: Jalandhar

Authorized Officer For L&T FINANCE LIMITED

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD (A Chandigarh Administration Undertaking) 8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9-D, CHANDIGARH

PUBLIC NOTICE

Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh

Subject: Mutation / Transfer of ownership right of in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 3371-1(First Floor) of LIG/MIG(D) Category in Sector 47-D, Chandigarh on the basis of Transfer Deed in the name of SMT.POONAM D/O SH.BRAHAM DUTT DHAWAN, W/O SH.SUKHVINDER SINGH, from the name of allottee/transferee/co-allottee SMT.JOGINDER KUMARI W/O SH.B.D.DHAWAN (FROM MOTHER TO DAUGHTER)

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all 71-1 of UJ concerned that the Dwelling Unit No. No. 3371-1 of LIG/MIG(D) Category in Sector 47-D Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee SMT.JOGINDER KUMARI W/O SH.B.D.DHAWAN. It has been reported by SMT.POONAM D/O SH.BRAHAM DUTT DHAWAN, W/O SH.SUKHVINDER SINGH who has applied for transfer of ownership right of in respect of said Dwelling unit on the basis of Transfer Deed in her name which was Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh on 13.03.2025

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice failing which the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s)

SECRETARY CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD, CHANDIGARH

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD (A Chandigarh Administration Undertaking) 8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9-D, CHANDIGARH

PUBLIC NOTICE

Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh

SH.TARSEM LAL S/O SH.RAM SARAN DASS R/O House No.75, ASTLETON ROAD, GOODMAYES, ILLFORD ESSEX, IG39QP, UNITED KINGDOM has approached to the Chandigarh Housing Board for the issuance of Duplicate copy of ALLOTMENT LETTER & POSSESSION LETTER in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 5115, Sector 38(w), Chandigarh due to loss of this document. There has also furnished application P.S.Maloya serial No. 427660 LAR NO.2025/0162932 registered with CHANDIGARH Police on dated 21.05.2025 regarding the loss of above said document. Any person having any objection, against the issuance of Duplicate copy of allotment letter & possession letter in respect of the above said Dwelling Unit, he/she should file the objection before the undersigned in writing within 15 days from the publication of this notice, failing which the documents shall be issued. Further, in case original documents as mentioned above are found by anyone, the same should be submitted in the above noted Police Station or in the office of the undersigned.

SECRETARY CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD, CHANDIGARH

NEWS BRIEFS

Injured in a road accident will get cashless treatment up to Rs 1.50 lakhs

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL: On January 24, a video conference related to the cashless scheme was organised by Director General of Police Haryana Shatrughan Kapoor, in which it was told about the cashless scheme, in case of a vehicle accident, the victim will be given free treatment up to Rs 1,50,000. Regarding the said scheme, as per the order of SP Aastha Modi, a meeting was organized with the nodal officers and ambulance drivers of the hospitals involved in the cashless scheme of Kaithal in the police line on Thursday under the chairmanship of DSP Sushil Prakash. In which DSP Sushil Prakash said the necessary things for effective implementation of the cashless scheme and eDar app. Let us tell you that the central government has made it legally mandatory to provide cashless treatment up to Rs 1.50 lakh to the injured.

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 22

There will be no problem of water drainage in Bawa Colony of Ward No. 16 of Municipal Corporation bow. The Municipal Corporation will lay underground pipelines in various streets of Bawa Colony at a cost of 38.40 lakhs. MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora and Mayor Suman Bahamani laid the foundation stone of this development work on Thursday in the presence of councillor Sandeep Dhiman and inaugurated the work of laying pipeline in the streets by breaking coconut. Thousands of residents of the area will benefit from this development work. Mayor Suman Bahamani said that an NP 2 pipeline of 200 mm and 300 mm diameter will be laid in the streets of Bawa Colony. This project will not only improve the drainage system, but the roads here will also remain



safe and durable for a long time. MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora said that our triple engine government is developing every city and village keeping in mind the public interest. Networks of roads are being laid in the country and the state. Storm water drains, underground drains, and intermediate pumping stations are being installed for water drainage. So that the path of every citizen becomes easy. Mayor Suman Bahamani

said that development works worth crores of rupees have been done in every ward of the corporation area. Development works worth crores of rupees are being done. In many wards, estimates are being prepared for new development works, while in some estimates, tenders have been placed. Tenders are being placed for development works worth crores. Streets, drains and other development works are under construction in

many wards, including projects worth crores. Soon a park will be built on nine acres of land near River Front, Hamida Head in the Municipal Corporation. Parks are being beautified in the city. The city is emerging as a tourism hub. Surendra Sharma, Dinesh Upadhyay, Dr. Virendra Singh Chaukar, Surendra Kumar, Vijay Kumar, Ramkumar Kamboj, Dinesh Rana, Anirudh etc. were present on the occasion.

Rice mill's tin sheets torn off in strong storm, many panels damaged



ROHIT LAMSAR
TARAORI, MAY 22

Due to strong storms, trees fell down at many places in the city and power supply came to a halt due to breaking of electricity wires. Apart from this, tin sheets on sheds built in many rice mills of the city were torn off. Not only this, along with the sheets being torn off in the rice mill, even the panels of the machines were damaged. G.V. Rice Exports Pvt. Ltd.

Taraori, situated on GT Road of the city, also suffered a lot due to the strong storm. Many sheets of the shed of the rice mill broke and fell down. Not only this, the solar panel installed in the rice mill also suffered heavy damage.

Thankfully, when the storm came, the employees of the rice mill had gone on leave. G.V. Rice Exports Pvt. Ltd. Taraori CMD Vinit said that due to the strong storm, solar panels broke and tin sheets were

torn off in the rice mill causing losses worth lakhs of rupees. Apart from this, many trees broke and fell down on Anjanathli Road in Tarawadi. The road remained blocked for a long time due to many trees breaking and falling down near Lalyani and Saunkra. Apart from this, tin sheds were torn off in other rice mills due to the storm and the goods kept on the roofs flew away, causing a lot of loss to the people.

The rise of coding literacy: A must for India's future

In the contemporary digital world, coding is no longer just for engineers; it is becoming as essential as reading and writing. As India promotes itself as a global tech hub, being able to code is crucial for accessing future prospects. India must integrate programming into its syllabi in order to stay up with the rest of the world's educational institutions.

Countries like the UK and Estonia have incorporated coding into elementary school because of its capacity to foster creativity and problem-solving abilities. While Maharashtra and Karnataka are two Indian states that have made strides in this direction, more work needs to be done on a national level. The New Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which em-



phasizes computational thinking, signals a shift towards tech-driven learning. Beyond IT positions, coding abilities are useful in industries including banking, medical care, and farming. Both startups and large organizations are looking for experts who can innovate, analyze data, and automate operations. The gap is being closed

by projects like "Atal Tinkering Labs" and "Code.org" partnerships, but accessibility is still an issue in rural areas.

Through gamified platforms like Scratch or Python for kids, parents and educators should promote early exposure to coding. Cheap online courses like those offered by Coursera and Khan Academy further democratize education.

Knowing how to code will become essential as automation and artificial intelligence transform sectors. Building digital fluency in its youth is essential to India's transition to a knowledge economy. Now is the moment to act.

By Parul Sood,
 Assistant Professor,
 Chandigarh University

Republican Party to hold Bharat Zindabad Yatra across country

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, MAY 22

The Republican Party of India (Athawale) state media in-charge Ashwani Walia said that party chief Union Minister Ramdas Athawale has announced that the Republican Party will hold Bharat Zindabad Yatra across the country. Preparations are also being made for this in Haryana under the guidance of state president Ravi Sonu Kundli. Walia said that terrorists brutally attacked innocent Indian tourists in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir and killed 28 people. To avenge this terrorist attack, India launched Operation Sindoor, in which more than 100 terrorists were killed while destroying terrorist hideouts in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.



This campaign was successfully completed under the precise leadership and direction of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Indian Army displayed amazing bravery, ensured the security of the country and taught Pakistan a tough lesson. Party chief Union Minister Ramdas Athawale has said in a message given across the country that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given a strong message to the terrorists that India's war against terrorism will continue. Praising the Indian Army for this bold and successful operation, the Republican Party has announced to take out Bharat Zindabad Yatra across the country. State media in-charge Ashwini Walia said that this information was given by Republican Party National President and Union Minister

of State for Social Justice Ramdas Athawale in Mumbai.

Ramdas Athawale said that this operation under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is a symbol of the strength and harmony of the country. The Indian Air Force, Navy and Army have performed excellently in this operation, which makes us proud. Bharat Zindabad Yatra is also being taken out. He has appealed to all the workers of the Republican Party and countrymen to actively participate in making this yatra successful. This yatra will not only honor the indomitable courage and patriotism of our soldiers, but will also give a strong message to terrorism and Pakistan, which promotes it, that India is determined against its enemies.



State Level Function

Chief Guest

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini

Chief Minister, Haryana

May 23, 2025 | 11 AM | Ladwa, Kurukshetra

You are cordially invited



Government of Haryana

Heartiest Greetings
 to all on the Birth Anniversary of
 The Great Yogi
Maharishi Kashyap Ji



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- नरेन्द्र मोदी

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