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Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi along with Chief Ministers of all States in the 10th meeting of Governing Council of Niti Ayog at New Delhi on May 24, 2025

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Don't worry, everything will be normal: Rahul consoles school children in Poonch



POONCH : Congress leader Rahul Gandhi Saturday reached out to school students here who lost two of their mates -- 12-year-old twins Zain Ali and Urwa Fatima -- to Pakistani shelling, consoling as well as encouraging them to "study hard, play hard and make lots of friends".
"Don't worry, everything will come back to normal," he said while interacting with the friends of the two deceased children.
During an hour-long whirlwind tour of Poonch town bruised by heavy shelling from across the LoC during the India-Pakistan military standoff earlier this month, the leader of the opposition in the Lok Sabha interacted with the students of the convent school which lost Ali and Fatima.

Intense heat continues to grip Rajasthan as temperatures soar above 45 degrees C in several places

JAIPUR: Rajasthan continued to experience intense heat as temperatures soared above 45 degrees Celsius during the day at several places on Saturday, the weather office said.
Barmer was the hottest in the state logging a maximum temperature of 47.6 degrees Celsius, followed by Jaisalmer where the day temperature was 47 degrees Celsius, it said.

Mukul Dev dies at 54



MUMBAI: Actor Mukul Dev, best known for his roles in films such as "Son of Sardaar", "Yamla Pagla Deewana" and "Jai Ho", has passed away, his brother Rahul Dev said on Saturday. He was 54.
"My brother Mukul Dev passed away peacefully last night at New Delhi due to ailing health," Rahul Dev told a news agency.
According to Mukul Dev's close friend Vindu Dara Singh, the actor died at a hospital.

PM Modi urges States to work with Centre to speed up development

At Niti Aayog's Governing Council meet, PM asks States to develop world-class tourist hubs, integrate women into the workforce; T.N. seeks a higher share of Central tax revenues; Punjab bemoans "step motherly treatment"

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NEW DELHI, MAY 24

Even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi exhorted the States to come together with the Centre to speed up development across the country, several States — such as Tamil Nadu and Punjab — voiced their grievances with the Centre, while others presented plans to boost their growth.

The Niti Aayog Governing Council held its 10th meeting on Saturday (May 24, 2025), chaired by Mr. Modi, on the theme of 'Viksit Rajya for Viksit Bharat@2047'. The meeting was attended by most Chief Ministers and Lieutenant Governors of the States and Union Territories, as well as Union Ministers.

"We have to increase the speed of development," Mr. Modi said, according to a Niti Aayog statement. "If the Centre and all the States come together and work together like Team India, no goal is impossible."

The Prime Minister urged every State to develop at least one tourist spot to international standards, in line with a 'one State, one global destination' approach. "We must work towards the inclusion of women in our workforce," he added. "We must make laws and policies so that they can be respectfully integrated in the workforce."

States had their own concerns. Tamil Nadu CM M.K. Stalin "demanded a rightful 50 percent share for States in central taxes," he said in a post on X following the meeting. He noted that the States currently receive just 33.16% from the Central tax pool, against the promised 41%.

Haryana CM presents Vision Document-2047 outlining State's Roadmap at NITI Aayog Meeting

CHANDIGARH: 10th meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog was held in New Delhi on Saturday under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi. The meeting was attended by Chief Ministers from various states, including Haryana Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini.
During the meeting, the Prime Minister emphasized the need to accelerate the pace of development. He said that if the Centre and all states work together as Team India, no goal is beyond reach. A developed India is the aspiration of every citizen. When every state progresses, the nation progresses. This is the collective dream of 140 crore Indians.



In the meeting, Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini presented Haryana's Vision Document-2047, highlighting the state's active contribution in achieving the national goal of 'Developed India @2047'. The document outlines Haryana's target of becoming a one trillion-dollar economy by 2047 and aims to create 50 lakh new jobs.
The Chief Minister said that the Prime Minister's vision, policies, and decisions have consistently served the national interest. The vision of a developed India encompasses self-reliance, prosperity, empowerment, capability, inclusiveness, and technological advancement. It is our shared responsibility to realize this vision. To ensure Haryana's active contribution to the national vision, the Haryana Government has developed the State Vision Document-2047 in alignment with the Nation's Vision Document.
He said that the State Vision Document sets a target of transforming Haryana into a one trillion-dollar economy by the year 2047. He further urged that, once finalized, the Haryana Vision-2047 be integrated into the national-level Developed India Dashboard.
Foundation of the future: Haryana created 'Department of Future'
Sh Nayab Singh Saini said that special emphasis has been placed on six key areas to contribute towards building a developed India.

CM advocates for release of pending dues of Himachal

NEW DELHI : Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu attended the tenth Governing Council meeting of Niti Aayog at New Delhi today. The meeting was chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
Discussions were held on this year's theme Viksit Rajya for Viksit Bharat@2047. Focus was laid on development challenges being faced and overcoming them to achieve the objective of developed nation.
He said that special needs of the hill states should be taken into account and considered for higher allocation of funds thereby relaxing eligibility criteria in various schemes. Chief Minister also demanded release of funds due to the state which were pending since long. If the long pending dues were released by the centre well in time, Himachal Pradesh will itself become self reliant, stated the Chief Minister.



Chief Minister elaborated on the state government's vision to bring Himachal Pradesh as the most favorite tourist destination on the tourism map of the country. The State Government envisions a compact package for tourism promotion which includes and will integrate Religious tourism, Eco tourism, Water Tourism, Nature Tourism, Health Tourism etc which can attract all kinds of tourists from the country and as well from abroad. We are also expanding the Kangra Airport to facilitate the landing of the larger Airplanes which will add to the economy of the region as footfall of tourists will increase manifold. He also strongly pleaded about State's rights in hydro power projects and raised the issue of free royalty and handing over the projects under PSUs and CPSUs which had completed 40 years.
Chief Minister raised the matter of royalty aligned with the State Government's energy policy. He outlined the policy, which mandates 12 percent royalty for the first 12 years, 18 percent for the subsequent 18 years and 30 percent for the next 10 years in the power projects. He said that private companies already comply with this policy and emphasized that central PSUs should also follow it as well.
Chief Minister also informed that Himachal Pradesh is the Lungs of North India and has contributed a lot to preserve the green cover.

Kataria highlights Chandigarh's commitment to Sustainable Growth

NEW DELHI: Punjab Governor and Administrator of Union Territory Chandigarh, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, participated in the 10th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the meeting was attended by Chief Ministers and Lieutenant Governors from 24 States and 7 Union Territories, under the theme "Viksit Rajya for Viksit Bharat @ 2047." The session began with a solemn minute of silence to honor the victims of the Pahalgam terrorist attack, reflecting the nation's collective resolve against terrorism.
Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address reaffirmed the country's commitment to inclusive and cooperative federalism, emphasizing that the aspiration for a developed India transcends political affiliations and belongs to all 140 crore Indians. He urged all States and Union Territories to unite in making every city, village, and State a developed entity, accelerating India's journey to becoming a Viksit Bharat well before 2047. Highlighting India's progress as one of the world's top five economies and the upliftment of 25 crore citizens from poverty, the Prime Minister encouraged leveraging manufacturing strengths, skill development aligned with modern technologies like AI and semiconductor manufacturing, and expanding opportunities in green and hydrogen energy. He also stressed the importance of developing at least one global-standard tourist destination per State, urbanizing sustainably, empowering women, enhancing cyber security, and interlinking rivers to address water challenges.

Stop injustice with Punjab: CM at Niti Aayog

SHASHI PAL JAIN
NEW DELHI, MAY 24:

Flagging the issues pertaining to step motherly treatment being meted out with Punjab by the Union government, the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Sunday said that this type of biased and discriminatory treatment with the state is unwarranted and undesirable.



Taking part in the meeting of 10th Governing Council of the Niti Aayog here today, the Chief Minister raised the important issues pertaining to the state on the platform and reiterated that Punjab has no surplus water for any state. Asserting that in wake of grim situation of water in the state Yamuna-Sutlej-Link (YSL) canal should be considered for construction instead of the Satluj Yamuna Link (SYL) canal, Bhagwant Singh Mann said that Ravi, Beas, and Sutlej rivers are already in deficit and water should be diverted from surplus to deficit basins. He said that Punjab has repeatedly requested to be included in negotiations for the allocation of Yamuna waters as a pact for Yamuna-Sutlej-Link Project was signed between the erstwhile Punjab and Uttar Pradesh on March 12, 1954 which entitled the erstwhile Punjab to two-thirds of the Yamuna waters.

The Chief Minister said that this agreement did not specify any particular area to be irrigated by Yamuna waters adding that before the re-organization, the Yamuna River, like the Ravi and Beas flowed through the erstwhile State of Punjab. However, he bemoaned that while apportioning the river waters between Punjab and Haryana, the Yamuna waters were not considered, whereas the waters of Ravi and Beas were duly taken into account. Citing 1972 report by the Irrigation Commission, constituted by the Government of India, Bhagwant Singh Mann said that it states that Punjab (post-1966, after its reorganization) falls within the Yamuna River Basin.

Therefore, the Chief Minister said that if Haryana has a claim over the waters of Ravi and Beas rivers, Punjab should also have an equal claim on the Yamuna waters. He said that these requests have been ignored adding that due to non-construction of storage structure on Yamuna River, water is going to waste. Therefore, Bhagwant Singh Mann pleaded that Punjab's claim should be considered during the revision of this agreement, and Punjab should be given its due rights to Yamuna waters.

Raising the issue of bias approach of Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), the Chief Minister said that the Board was constituted under the provisions of the Punjab Reorganization Act, 1966, with the mandate to regulate the supply of water and power from the Bhakra, Nangal and Beas projects to the partner States of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi and Chandigarh. He said that in the past Punjab has been very liberal in sharing water with the partner States to meet their drinking water and other genuine requirements as Punjab was relying upon its groundwater reserves to meet its demand of water, particularly for the paddy crop. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that as a result, the groundwater level has depleted to a huge extent, so much so that 115 blocks out of 153 blocks of the State of Punjab (76.10%) are over-exploited adding that this percentage is the highest amongst all the States in the country.

The Chief Minister said that now with upgraded canal structure Punjab itself is running short of its water requirement and even its water share in the river waters is not sufficient to meet these requirements. Despite our repeated request, he said that BBMB did not take any action to advise the other partner states to regulate the release of water to Haryana and as a result which it exhausted its share by 30th March 30th, 2025.

Bhagwant Singh Mann said that considering the request of the Government of Haryana on humanitarian grounds, the state decided to release 4000 cusecs of water out of Punjab's share to meet its drinking water requirement though Haryana has only a genuine demand of 1700 cusecs of water.

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Sikh luminaries to be honoured with state awards at Chandigarh event on Miri-Piri Day

CHAMANLAL

KARNAL: An initiative to showcase the inspiring lives of Sikh personalities across India is being launched from Haryana, with notable figures set to receive special honours and state-level awards. This announcement was made during a press conference by Pritpal Singh Pannu, Managing Director of Ek Onkar Group and General Secretary of the International Sikh Forum. The state-level event is scheduled for July 6 in Chandigarh, marking the historic Miri-Piri Day in Sikh tradition. Sikh individuals who have achieved remarkable success in various fields—including religion, judiciary, administration, armed forces, agriculture, medicine, politics, military, sports, and business—will be honoured for their contributions.



NEWS BRIEF

Drugs take you to hell disguised as heaven: Romesh Mahajan



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GURDASPUR: Under the mission NMBA the Red Cross Integrated Rehabilitation Center for Addicts (IRCA), Gurdaspur organized an drug awareness camp with kind support and guidance of Sh. Shiv Dular Singh Dhillon IAS retd., Secretary Indian Red Cross society, punjab State branch Chandigarh and Deputy Commissioner Gurdaspur Sh Dalwinderjit Singh IAS, at Government Sr Sec school Babbehali Gurdaspur under the supervision of its Principal. The team of IRCA Gurdaspur comprising of Mrs Saroj Bala, mr Raghbir Singh Counselors and Mrs Daljit Kaur yoga therapist while addressing the gathering informed about the functioning of Red Cross IRCA Gurdaspur and said that Increasing stress and peer pressure on students have also led to drug abuse.

HP leads with implementation of 18 key electoral innovations to strengthen democracy

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY

BILASPUR: Himachal Pradesh has taken a major step forward in fortifying its democratic framework by implementing 18 transformative innovations introduced by the Election Commission of India. Chief Electoral Officer Nandita Gupta informed that these reforms are being actively executed across the state to enhance transparency, efficiency, and inclusivity in the electoral process. These innovations, categorized into six focus areas, include the capping of 1200 voters per polling booth to ease congestion, swift removal of deceased voters from the rolls through coordination with the Registrar General of India, and increased transparency through the unique identification of EPIC cards. In a remarkable show of political coordination, 257 representatives from various parties participated in consultations at district and sub-division levels, ensuring inclusive dialogue.



Providing timely and quality health services supreme responsibility of government: CM Dhami

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Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has said that providing timely and quality health services to every citizen is the goal and supreme responsibility of the state government, a press release from Uttarakhand CMO said.

He said our government is committed to providing free treatment facilities to the poor and needy through the Ayushman Bharat Yojana.

In compliance with the instructions of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, Uttarakhand Health Secretary Dr. R. Rajesh Kumar has clarified that under the Ayushman Bharat Yojana, the Golden Card holders will continue to get full treatment facilities in three major private hospitals of Dehradun.

He said that the services of treatment with Golden Card will continue regularly in Jolly Grant Hospital, Shri Mahant Indresh Hospital and Graphic Era Hospital and all the necessary medical facilities are being provided to the eligible patients coming to these hospitals.

The Health Secretary said that the government's objective is that every eligible citizen of the state should get timely and proper health care. Through the Ayushman Bharat Yojana, free treatment facilities are being provided to lakhs of poor and needy families, and the state government is committed to successfully implementing this scheme.

The Health Secretary said that in future also the services provided through the Golden Card will be further strengthened so that every citizen of the state can get accessible, affordable and quality health care.

Dhami has said that his government is continuously working while giving top priority to the conservation and revival of water sources in the state. To fulfil this objective, the state government has constituted the Spring and River Rejuvenation Authority (SARRA).

He said, "Spring and River Rejuvenation Authority (SARRA) has been constituted to fulfil this objective, through which 929 water sources have been successfully treated so far."

The Chief Minister said that this initiative is not only an important step towards environmental balance but is also a far-reaching effort towards dealing with the water crisis and securing the future.

Deputy CM announces relief in bus pass fare for students of private schools



DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA, MAY 24

The parents of children studying in private schools in Shimla met Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri today to apprise him about various problems including recently increased bus pass fare. The Deputy Chief Minister informed that earlier there were two slabs for bus pass fare including Rs 1800 for 0 to 5 kilometers and Rs 2500 for distance more than 5 kilometers. He said now three slabs have been created to give relief to the students studying in the private schools in Shimla city. Under the first slab, the fare has been reduced by Rs 600 to Rs 1200 for the distance from 0 to 6 kilometers. The distance has been increased by one kilometer under first slab which earlier was 0 t0 5 kilometers. Under second slab, the fare has been reduced by Rs 700 and fixed at Rs 1800 for the distance from 6 to 12 kilometers, while under third slab, now the fare of bus pass for distance more than 12 km will be Rs 2000. The Deputy Chief Minister also announced that very soon the facility of bus pass for students will be made available online, so that parents do not need to visit offices. He said that Himachal Road Transport Corporation is providing services in the state with the spirit of public welfare and this decision is an important step towards fulfilling the same objective.

BMS to hold 70th anniversary closing ceremony in Delhi on July 23

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

GURUGRAM, MAY 24



The Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), India's largest trade union, is set to conclude its year-long celebrations of 70 years of existence with a grand closing ceremony on July 23 at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi. Themed 'Swarnim 70 Saal – Bemisaal', the event marks the culmination of a series of national events including youth and women's conferences held throughout the past year. A preparatory meeting of the BMS publicity team was held on July 22, where National Organizational Secretary B. Surendran, Regional Organizational Secretary Anupam, and State General Secretary Dr. Deependra Chahar addressed media personnel and social media workers about the upcoming event and the year-long campaign. B. Surendran noted that the BMS began its journey in Bhopal in 1955, and this 70th anniversary celebration started from the same city. He highlighted that BMS, once a union with zero members, has grown to become India's number one trade union, now boasting over 6,200 affiliated unions and more than 2 crore members. He also emphasized BMS's commitment to working in the human, social, and national interest, recalling how in 1974, the organization pioneered the formation of a union for domestic workers — a first in India. The meeting was attended by several prominent figures, including Publicity Head Sarvesh Mishra, National General Secretary of Working Journalists of India Narendra Bhandari, Working President Sanjay Upadhyay, Senior Vice President Sanjay Saxena, and journalists like Shivaji Sarkar, Narendra Dhawan, Sandeep Sharma, Ish Mallik, Jagjit Singh (photojournalist).

CM Naib Singh Saini honours Maharishi Kashyap, announces government initiatives in his name

VIJAY KAUSHIK

LADWA, MAY 24



Haryana Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, while addressing the state-level Maharishi Kashyap Jayanti celebration held under the Sant-Mahapurush Vichar Samman Evam Prasar Yojana in Ladwa, announced that a government institution in the state will be named after the revered sage Maharishi Kashyap.

This move aims to honor the inspirational personality whose teachings have guided humanity through ages. In addition, the Chief Minister declared financial assistance of Rs. 21 lakh each for the expansion of Kashyap Rajput Dharamshalas at the sacred sites of Kurukshetra and Kapal Mochan. He also announced that a chowk in Ladwa will be named after Maharishi Kashyap and land will be allocated in Ladwa, Kurukshetra, or Indri for establishing another Kashyap Rajput Dharamshala after feasibility studies. Highlighting Maharishi Kashyap's immense contributions to Indian culture and spirituality, Saini noted that the sage's wisdom, austerity, and scholarly works like Smriti Granth and Kashyap Samhita provided a new direction to human civilization. He described Maharishi Kashyap's personality as an eternal guiding light for humanity. Paying tribute to the Kashyap community, the Chief Minister recalled their proud history dating back to ancient times, including King Nishad from the Ramayana era, who sheltered Lord Shri Ram during exile.

He also appreciated the community's significant role in India's freedom struggle. The program saw the presence of notable dignitaries including Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Krishna Bedi, MLA Indri and Government Chief Whip Ramkumar Kashyap, MLA Karnal Jagmohan Anand, former Minister Subhash Sudha, and several others. CM Saini praised the Kashyap community's role in nation-building inspired by Maharishi Kashyap's ideals.

Surendra Agarwal meets Punjab Finance Minister, announces grand Agrasen Jayanti celebrations



DALJEET AJNOHA

HOSHIARPUR: Surendra Agarwal, State President of the Akhil Bharatiya Agarwal Sammelan (Punjab), paid a courtesy visit today to Punjab's Finance Minister, Hon'ble Mr. Harpal Singh Cheema, and Senior Supreme Court Advocate Mr. Ajay Jain in Chandigarh. During the meeting, Mr. Surendra Agarwal briefed the Minister on the wide range of social, religious, and community service activities being carried out by the Agarwal community across Punjab. Impressed by the community's initiatives, Minister Harpal Singh Cheema appreciated the proactive role of the Agarwal community and said, "The Punjab government stands firmly with the Agarwal community and is committed to supporting all efforts for its welfare and development." Agarwal also announced that this year, Maharaja Agrasen Jayanti will be celebrated with great enthusiasm, unity, and grandeur throughout Punjab. He stated that the event will showcase the strength of community unity and will include several social reform initiatives aimed at uplifting and empowering society.

Rupnagar Police arrest 5 persons, recover gold looted from house, within 11 hours

BAHADURJEET SINGH

RUPNAGAR, MAY 24



Rupnagar Police claimed to have arrested 5 persons who looted gold from the house with 11 hours of one crime and recovered the gold from them. Giving information in this regard, Senior Superintendent of Police Rupnagar . Gulneet Singh Khurana said that on May 23 at 11.15 am, an incident came to light in which 03 unknown persons threatened Mrs. Pragati Jain w/o Mr. Akshay Jain, resident of Ranjit Avenue Rupnagar, with a sharp weapon and snatched away 04 gold bangles weighing 40 grams from her.

Gulneet Singh Khurana said that acting swiftly on the information of incident, the police registered a case No. 116 dated 23.05.2025 under Sections 332 (C), 309(4), 3(5) BNS against unknown persons at Police Station City Rupnagar. Separate teams of District Police and CIA were formed to trace this robbery incident. He said that during the investigation of the case, under the supervision of DSP Rajpal Singh Gill, the team of Police Station City Rupnagar and CIA led by SHO Pawan Kumar, Police Station City Rupnagar, after examining the footage of CCTV cameras and establishing intelligence sources, arrested the persons Navjot Singh, resident of village Phool Kalan, Police Station Sadar Rupnagar, Sukhwinder Singh alias Deepu, resident of village Asron, Police Station Kathgarh, District SBS Nagar, Akashdeep Singh alias Pintu, resident of Phool Kalan, Police Station Sadar Rupnagar, District Rupnagar.

SSP said that after thorough interrogation, these persons revealed that Ravi Kumar, resident of Rail Majra and Tony are our friends, who told us that we have to snatch the gold bangles of lady who is acquaintance of ours.

Dr Akshita Gupta interacts with SoE Lehragaga under Pb Govt's School Mentorship Scheme

GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA

LEHRAGAGA, MAY 24



Dr. Akshita Gupta, Municipal Commissioner and Additional Deputy Commissioner, Phagwara visited the School of Eminence, Lehragaga in Sangrur. Dr Gupta interacted with students to motivate and mentor them towards academic excellence and personal growth as part of the Government of Punjab's, School Mentorship Scheme.

Dr. Gupta, while addressing around 100 students of classes IX-XII, shared four key principles to be focused upon for an enriching and fulfilling academic journey. First, ask as Many Doubts as Possible – students were encouraged to be inquisitive and unafraid of asking questions. "Asking doubts shows that you are thinking. Don't hesitate—curiosity is the first step toward learning," she said. Second, Focused Study for at least Three Hours Daily – Emphasizing consistency, Dr. Gupta advised students to dedicate at least three undistracted hours each day to studies. "Focused study matters more than long, distracted hours. Be consistent," she noted. Third, Study for Yourself, Not Due to External Pressure – Students were urged to find their own motivation rather than studying out of fear or obligation. "Study because you want to build your own future, not just to please parents or teachers," Dr. Gupta advised. And finally, have Clear Goals in Life: "Ask yourself: What do I want to become? Why? Goals give direction to your efforts," she said, encouraging students to introspect and set meaningful personal aspirations. Commissioner, Dr. Akshita Gupta also shared her own inspiring journey – from her early education in a small town to securing a top rank in NEET and Civil Services Examination, the two most competitive and prestigious examinations in India. She spoke about the challenges she faced, the discipline she maintained during her preparation, and the importance of staying focused and believing in oneself.

Attack on MLA Ashok Arora during council meeting an assault on democracy: Lalit Butana

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KURUKSHETRA, MAY 24



Reacting strongly to the attack on Thanesar MLA Ashok Arora during a Nagar Parishad meeting, Congress leader and former Haryana Staff Selection Commission member Lalit Butana called it a grave threat to democratic values. He termed the incident, in which a councillor representative allegedly attempted a murderous assault on Arora, as a "blatant assault on democracy." Butana, who is also the National Convenor of the Congress Kisan Cell, said that such behavior during an official house meeting—especially from individuals not formally part of the council—undermines the dignity of elected representatives and democratic institutions.

He criticized the presence of outsiders from the ruling party during the meeting, stating that it was "completely inappropriate and disrespectful to the mandate of the people." Questioning the legitimacy of a councillor's representative attending the session, Butana said, "What business does a representative have in the House, and how can such hooliganism be tolerated?"

Highlighting Ashok Arora's long-standing role as a responsible legislator and his history of holding various constitutional positions, Butana said that such an attack on a senior legislator is deeply condemnable. He demanded that the state government take strict action and initiate a fair inquiry into the matter.

Butana also called upon Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and the Governor to intervene and ensure that justice is served. He asserted that the Congress party will not tolerate such acts of political intimidation or hooliganism.

Excelsior 2025 strengthened students' entrepreneurship and leadership skills: VC KUK

DALBIR MALIK

KURUKSHETRA, MAY 24



Excelsior 2025, the flagship event organized by the University Institute of Engineering and Technology (UIET), Kurukshetra University, concluded on a high note. Speaking at the awards ceremony as the chief guest, Vice Chancellor Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva praised the institute's efforts in nurturing leadership and entrepreneurial skills among students. Prof. Sachdeva commended UIET as one of the premier institutes in the country, noting its consistent performance in various academic and extracurricular surveys. "Kurukshetra University holds a distinct identity in research, sports, and culture. It has produced several notable artists who have made significant contributions to the film industry," Prof Sachdeva said. Prof Sachdeva emphasized the university's commitment to supporting student entrepreneurship and encouraged students to remain determined and inspired by the teachings of Swami Vivekananda. "Success comes to those who work hard with discipline and confidence," he added. The Vice Chancellor also felicitated the student organizing team and participating students for their dedication. UIET Director Prof. Sunil Dhingra highlighted the institute's ongoing efforts to blend technical education with artistic development and stressed the importance of discipline in achieving success, noting that Excelsior provides an ideal platform to cultivate this quality.

NHPC awarded with "GEEF Global Environmental Excellence Company of the Year 2025 in Power Sector"



BUREAU

FARIDABAD: NHPC, a Government of India Navratna Enterprise has been awarded the prestigious "GEEF Global Environmental Excellence Company of the Year 2025 in Power Sector" award, recognizing its outstanding commitment to environmental sustainability and clean energy development. The award was presented to Shri R.K. Chaudhary, CMD, NHPC during the Global Energy Leaders' Summit & Awards 2025 on 23.05.25 at New Delhi. The award highlights NHPC's ongoing dedication to sustainable practices and excellence in the renewable energy sector. Executive Director (EDM), NHPC along with other officers from NHPC were also present on the occasion.

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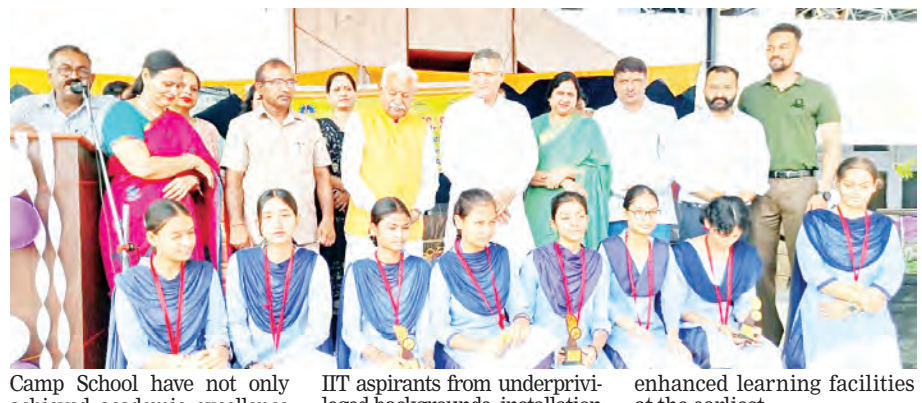
MNREGA Must Be Made More Effective and Transparent: Harpal Singh



YAGYADUTT SHASTRI PEHOWA: Former Sugarfed Haryana Chairman and Director of the Punjabi Department at Haryana Sahitya and Sanskriti Academy, Sardar Harpal Singh, stated that the government is continuously working to provide employment to people through the MNREGA scheme. Alongside the guarantee of 100 days of employment, efforts are underway to make the scheme more transparent and effective.
Interacting with locals, Singh listened to the concerns of MNREGA workers, who pointed out that they are not being provided work in Kurukshetra district, while labourers in other districts are actively employed under the scheme. Responding to their concerns, Singh assured them that he would speak with the concerned officials to resolve the issue promptly.

Top performers of government model school honoured; Former Minister Kanwar Pal highlights educational reforms

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, MY 24



Former Cabinet Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar, along with MLA Ghanshyam Dass Arora, Mayor Suman Bahmani, and DEO Dharmendra Chaudhary, honoured the top-performing students of Class 10 and 12 at the Government Model Sanskriti Senior Secondary School, Camp Yamunanagar, affiliated with the CBSE Board.

Speaking on the occasion, Kanwar Pal Gurjar recalled how, during his tenure as Education Minister, he worked to fulfill the aspirations of meritorious students across Haryana who wished to study in English-medium CBSE schools but were unable to do so due to the high fees in private institutions. To address this, he said, the state government established Model Sanskriti Schools throughout Haryana to provide quality English-medium education free of cost.

The former minister emphasized that the students of the Camp School have not only achieved academic excellence but also validated the state government's progressive educational policies. He mentioned that during his previous term, a grant of nearly Rs 5 crore was allocated for the development of the school.

Gurjar also highlighted initiatives like the free distribution of Samsung tablets with internet connectivity for students from Classes 10 to 12 in government schools, the "Super 100" scheme for coaching NEET and IIT aspirants from underprivileged backgrounds, installation of smart TVs and CCTV cameras in classrooms, provision of modern furniture, and improved sports facilities.

During the visit, the dignitaries inspected the under-construction building of the school, which is being developed with the previously sanctioned Rs 5 crore grant. They appreciated the ongoing efforts and urged that construction be expedited to ensure students get access to enhanced learning facilities at the earliest.

Principal Surajbhan thanked former Minister Gurjar for the generous grant and the transformation it has brought to the school. Other prominent attendees included DEO Dharmendra Chaudhary, Rekha Gupta, Dr. Gopal Singh, Manpreet Walia, BJP leader Neeraj Gupta, Daksh, BJYM district president Nishchal Chaudhary, and BJP Yamunanagar media in-charge Kapil Manish Garg.

Gohana-Baroda will have important participation in Lord Parshuram Janmotsav

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
GOHANA, MAY 24

Cooperative, Prison, Election, Heritage and Tourism Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma said that thousands of people from Gohana-Baroda assembly will reach the state level function of Lord Parshuram Janmotsav proposed on May 30 in Paharwar, Rohtak.

On Saturday afternoon, Cooperative Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma reached Lord Parshuram Ashram located in Sector 7. After offering flowers to the statue of Lord Parshuram, he interacted with the dignitaries from all over the area in the Ashram Hall. Cabinet Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma said that Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini will reach as the chief guest in the state level Janmotsav function. Thousands of people from Gohana and Baroda assembly will reach it. He said that today there is a lot of enthusiasm and excitement about the Janmotsav celebration in every corner of the state. He said that preparations have intensified for this event to be held in the third campus of Gaud Brahmin Vidya Pracharini Sabha in Paharwar. He said that the entire society is finalizing the preparations by holding daily meetings in different areas. On this occasion, Bhagwan Parshuram Ashram head Subhash Sharma, Jai Kishan Sharma, Shiv Kumar Sharma, Shyam Lal Vashisht, Surajmal Sharma, Rajkumar Fauji, Roshan Mohana, Kuldeep Kaushik, Vijay Pulatsya, Reena Sharma, Kamlesh Saini, Praveen Kapoor, Valmiki Ashram Garhi Sarai Ramesh Maharaj, Bhupendra Mudgil, Praveen Khurana, Randhir Lathwal, Krishna Saini, Arun Ninaniya, Prabhu, Ramu Valmiki etc were present.



Inspired by Ahilyabai Holkar's ideals, contribute to nation-building: Praveen Lather

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAY 24:

As part of the mass awareness campaign launched by Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Saini on the 300th birth anniversary of Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar, a seminar was organized at the BJP district office, Karn Kamal, Karnal. The event aimed to familiarize party workers with the life, contributions, and values of Ahilyabai Holkar.

The gathering began with a floral tribute to the statue of Lokmata Ahilyabai. Speaking on the occasion, BJP District President Praveen Lather described Ahilyabai as a symbol of righteousness and public welfare, highlighting her as a paragon of women's leadership, justice, and public service. "Her life is a beacon of leadership, women's empowerment, and cultural renaissance," Lather said, adding that the country's Prime Minister also draws inspiration from her ideals in his service to the nation.



He called upon attendees to emulate Ahilyabai Holkar's principles and actively participate in the process of nation-building. State Co-Chief Avneet Kaur, while addressing the gathering, said Ahilyabai was a unique embodiment of Indian culture who devoted her life to the restoration of dharma, temple reconstruction, and public service.

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

CHANDIGARH | 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 Parliament (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 and paramilitary personnel.

Career Counseling session held at government high school Mandhar



NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: A career counseling session titled "Gyaan Career Counseling" was organised at Government High School, Mandhar, for students of Classes 9 and 10. The session was chaired by School Principal Rohit Arora, while retired Principal Ashok Kumar was present as the chief guest.
During the program, Ashok Kumar interacted with the students and shared his insights on the importance of education in shaping one's future. He emphasized that without education, life can be extremely difficult, and that a well-guided academic path can lead to success and fulfilment. He also explained in detail the online and offline resources available for exam preparation and encouraged students to utilise them effectively. The interactive session included a Q&A round, where students who answered correctly were rewarded with prizes as a token of appreciation.

Little Millennium, Sector-3 Kurukshetra hosts joyful pool party for young learners

HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: Little Millennium School, Sector-3 Kurukshetra, organized a vibrant pool party for over 150 children from the Developing Roots to Ready to Fly classes. The event was aimed at providing fun and refreshment to the young learners ahead of the summer vacations.



Dressed in colorful swimsuits, the children gleefully participated in various water activities. The poolside was filled with excitement, as music, water games, and delicious snacks added to the festive spirit. The cheerful environment brought joy and energy, making it a memorable day for the tiny tots.
Beyond entertainment, the event also promoted values such as social interaction, teamwork, friendship, and mutual cooperation. Being in an open and playful setting boosted the children's confidence and encouraged them to interact with new peers. Speaking about the event, Jyoti Khaneja, the school's CLO, emphasized the importance of such activities in the holistic development of children. "These experiences help children grow not just physically, but also mentally and socially," she said. Teachers Daljeet Kaur, Monika Sharma, Jai Bharti, Ishika, Poonam, Manisha, Anjali, and Priya played a vital role in coordinating the event and guiding the children. They also took the opportunity to educate students on the significance of water and how to stay safe while playing in it.

Scoda Tubes Ltd Rs. 220 crore IPO to open on May 28

CHANDIGARH : Scoda Tubes Limited ("STL" or "The Company") shall open its Bid / Issue in relation to its initial public offer of Equity Shares on Wednesday, May 28, 2025.
The Anchor Investor Bidding Date shall be Tuesday, May 27, 2025. The Bid/Issue will open on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 for subscription and will close on Friday, May 30, 2025. Bids can be made for a minimum of 100 Equity Shares and in multiples of 100 Equity Shares thereafter. ("Bid Details")
The Price Band of the Issue has been fixed at ₹130 to ₹140 per Equity Share. ("Issue Price")
The total Issue size of Equity Shares with face value ₹ 10 each aggregating up to ₹ 2,200 million (₹ 220 crore) comprises only of fresh issue of Equity Shares. ("Total Issue Size")
The company proposes to utilize the net proceeds from the issue towards the following objects –(i) Capital expenditure towards expanding production capacity of seamless and welded tubes and pipes estimated to be ₹ 769.90 million (₹ 76.99 crore); (ii) Funding the part incremental working capital requirements of the company estimated to be ₹ 1,100 million (₹ 110 crore) and general corporate purposes. (the "Objects of the Issue")
This Equity Shares are being offered through the "Red Herring Prospectus" of the Company dated May 22, 2025 filed with Registrar of Companies, Ahmedabad at Gujarat("RHP") and are proposed to be listed on the BSE Limited ("BSE") and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE"). For the purposes of the Issue, the Designated Stock Exchange shall be NSE.

Epic taste and epic savings with KFC's new value offer

AMBALA : 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. 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 Mrunal Thakur and Internet funnyman Danish Sait screaming with joy at the jaw-dropping 9 for 299 offer. Because why choose between EPIC taste and 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.

Tobacco awareness campaign conducted at J.N. Kapoor DAV (C) Dental College, Yamunanagar

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 24



As part of the ongoing Tobacco Prohibition Awareness Campaign, J.N. Kapoor DAV (C) Dental College in Yamunanagar organized a series of events aimed at spreading awareness about the dangers of tobacco use. The campaign commenced with a pledge-taking ceremony on May 20, 2025, held in the college auditorium. The event saw active participation from Principal Dr. I.K. Pandit, faculty members, and both undergraduate and postgraduate students.

All attendees pledged to remain vigilant about the harmful effects of tobacco and to actively promote awareness within society. During the session, medical experts elaborated on the health risks associated with tobacco consumption, including cancer, cardiovascular diseases, respiratory issues, and oral health problems.

Following this, a dental check-up camp was held at DPS School, Yamunanagar on May 21 and 22. Led by Dr. Anmol Khajuria and Dr. Sumit, the camp examined nearly 1,000 students. Participants also took a pledge against tobacco and were educated about its adverse health effects.

On May 24, the college hosted a poster and slogan competition in which around 20 students showcased their creativity and commitment to the cause. The entries were evaluated by Dr. Nymphia Pandit and Dr. Neeraj Gugnani. Undergraduate BDS students and interns presented powerful anti-tobacco messages through their artwork and slogans, underlining the importance of a tobacco-free future.

Rising Vascular Disorders call for timely diagnosis and expert care: HCMCT Manipal Hospital extends specialized services to Rohtak

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
ROHTAK : Artery and vein disorders—such as peripheral artery disease (PAD), varicose veins, aortic aneurysms, and deep vein thrombosis—are increasingly becoming a silent yet significant health challenge in India. Often underdiagnosed due to vague symptoms or a lack of awareness, these conditions can lead to serious consequences, including limb loss, stroke, or even death, if not treated in time.



People with diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, or a history of smoking are at a higher risk of developing these disorders. Even something as common as leg pain while walking, swelling in the limbs, or visible veins could be an early warning sign of a vascular issue. These issues can be addressed with timely diagnosis, medicines or vascular surgery, which includes minimally invasive procedures for a variety of blood vessel problems. Raising awareness and conducting frequent screenings will assist in improving vascular survival rates and lowering the burden of vascular illnesses in Rohtak.

Dr. Tapish Sahu, HOD - Vascular and Endovascular Surgery, Manipal Hospital, Dwarka, New Delhi, said, "We are seeing a significant increase in conditions associated with arteries and veins due to irregular lifestyle such as poor eating habits and lesser physical activity. One of the most common conditions is peripheral artery disease, which is a silent risk that affects blood flow to the limbs and frequently goes neglected until late stages. Vascular surgery, if required, not only restores blood circulation through advanced surgical or endovascular techniques but also raises awareness about vascular health, enabling timely diagnosis and intervention. By identifying issues early and providing targeted treatment, it helps prevent complications such as limb loss, impaired mobility, and even life-threatening conditions."

ISB launches Culture Catalyst – an accelerator programme for startups to power North India's cultural economy

CHANDIGARH: 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 (AIC-ISB), 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.

24 cms ovarian cyst successfully operated and removed in 20-Year-Old Student at Fortis Ludhiana



LUDHIANA: In a rare and complex case, doctors at Fortis Hospital, Ludhiana has given a new lease of life to a 20-year-old student, who had presented with a massive 24-cms-cyst in her right ovary and was in severe abdominal pain for three consecutive days. A Laparoscopic Ovarian procedure was performed under the guidance of Dr. Arti Tuli, Senior Consultant, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Fortis Ludhiana with support from the hospital's radiology team. Despite the complexity of the case, doctors were able to preserve her ovary. She recovered well post her surgery and was discharged in stable condition the very next day.
The Patient, a resident of Ludhiana, had initially consulted a local physician and was prescribed painkillers. However, her condition got worse prompting an emergency visit to Fortis Hospital Ludhiana. She arrived late at night, experiencing severe abdominal pain and extreme discomfort, which had persisted for past three days. Though her vitals were stable, she was in significant distress. Initial tests including a CT scan and tumor markers were conducted. The scan revealed a giant 24-cmscyst in the abdominal cavity. Due to its massive size, the exact ovarian origin could not be initially determined, but it was later confirmed during surgery to be in the right ovary. The cyst had caused ovarian torsion, a painful and potentially fertility-threatening condition. The team opted for a laparoscopic ovarian cystectomy, a minimally invasive approach rarely used for cysts of this size. The surgery lasted approximately one hour and involved carefully removing the cystic fluid during the procedure to reduce its volume and safely remove it through small keyhole incisions. Dr. Arti Tuli, Senior Consultant – Obstetrics and Gynecology, Fortis Hospital Ludhiana, explained, "Given the patient's young age, unmarried status, and the benign nature of the cyst as confirmed by negative tumor markers, we opted for a laparoscopic surgery.

TECNO to Launch POVA Curve 5G on 29th May – A Futuristic Design with Smarter Connectivity and AI

CHANDIGARH : POVA, TECNO's dynamic series that has captivated interest from tech enthusiasts and digital natives with its previous series, is set to recreate the magic and take the bar higher with the upcoming edition. After generating significant intrigue with the space-themed teasers, TECNO is proud to announce the upcoming launch of the POVA Curve 5G on 29th May 2025, a bold reimagination of what smartphones can and should be.



POVA has never followed the crowd, and the POVA Curve 5G makes that loud and clear—quite literally. With space-inspired teasers already generating serious buzz, TECNO is introducing a design that stands out. Inspired by the contours of starships and the curved display, POVA Curve 5G brings together visual identity and ergonomic comfort in one futuristic frame.
on the legacy of the POVA series, the POVA Curve 5G introduces a futuristic back panel design that redefines the look and feel of smartphones in its category. Inspired by the aerodynamic form of starships, the back panel teases a slim, curved frame built for both comfort and style. It's sleek, edgy, and stands apart in a market crowded with similar-looking devices.
However, the POVA Curve 5G is more than just design—it's built with intent. It's powered by TECNO's 3Bs philosophy—Best Design, Best Signal, Best AI—an all-in-one approach to delivering real value in everyday performance. Built for those who want their phone to work as hard as they do, the POVA Curve 5G is tuned for seamless multitasking, reliable 5G connectivity, and a smarter interface powered by AI. Taking a bold step forward in the AI space, TECNO introduces a level of intelligence that transcends the boundaries of accessories and practicality.

ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund inaugurates first branch in Gurdaspur

GURDASPUR - ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund inaugurated its first branch in Gurdaspur. The branch was formally inaugurated by Mr. Deepak Sharma, Regional Head - Retail, ICICI Bank and Mr. Vipul Ghai, Regional Head - Retail Sales & Distribution - PHHJ, along with other key distributors. Also present at the inauguration were Mr. Pranav Gupta, Cluster Head and Mr. Rajan Kumar, Branch Head - Gurdaspur, along with other staff members of the fund house.



Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Vipul Ghai thanked all the channel partners and acknowledged their contribution as fundamental to the success and growth of the company. He stated, "We strive to create a distinctive customer experience and make financial solutions simpler and more accessible. The opening of this branch is another step in this direction." This location is one of our key growth markets, making it an important milestone in our expansion.
Over the past two and a half decades, ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund has gone from strength-to-strength to emerge as one of the leading players in the fund management space with total average assets under management worth Rs. 9.14lakh crore (As on March 31, 2025). Serving over 12.4 million customers, through 480+ branches, the fund house is a leading player in equity, debt, hybrid and commodity offerings. Several of their products over time have turned into category builders, helping investors turn their financial dreams into realities.

Persistent neck pain That Won't Go Away? It Could Be Cervical Spondylosis

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
JHAJJAR : Cervical spondylosis, also known as cervical osteoarthritis, is the degeneration of the bones and cartilage in the neck. Over time, the spinal discs lose moisture and shrink, which may lead to the formation of bone spurs and stiffness in the neck. It's especially common in people above the age of 40, but younger people who spend long hours hunched over laptops and phones are increasingly showing early signs too.
Dr Puneet Kant Arora said, "If you have persistent neck pain or numbness in the arms, consult a specialist. Maintaining good posture, staying active, and taking screen breaks can help prevent the condition. In severe cases, surgeries like Anterior Cervical Discectomy and Fusion (ACDF), Cervical disk replacement, posterior spinal decompression, and fixation may be needed, but early diagnosis can often prevent complications."
Dr Puneet Kant Arora, Consultant – Neurosurgeon, Manipal Hospital, Gurugram, regularly visits Jhajjar to offer consultations to patients suffering from Cervical Spondylosis. He is available for OPD consultations at Medicare Hospital and Trauma Center, Jhajjar.
Most people with cervical spondylosis have no symptoms. However, when symptoms do appear, they usually start with neck discomfort and stiffness. This illness causes changes in the spinal canal, which is the area between the vertebrae through which the spinal cord and nerve roots flow.

- Tingling, numbness and weakness in the arms, hands, legs or feet
- Lack of coordination and difficulty in walking
- Loss of bladder or bowel control
- Chronic neck pain and stiffness

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Opinion

Look at the sky. We are not alone. The whole universe is friendly to us and conspires only to give the best to those who dream and work.

A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

EDITORIAL

Row over Presidential Reference

A fair system of checks and balances and a perfect understanding of the respective powers of the Legislature, Executive and Judiciary are critical for the healthy functioning of democracy. In the last few years, the policies of the NDA government have led to avoidable friction among various constitutional functionaries. Particularly alarming are the instances of misusing the gubernatorial positions to cause pinpricks to the non-BJP governments. Amid the raging debate over the implications of the over-centralisation of powers, the Presidential Reference on the Supreme Court's verdict fixing deadlines for gubernatorial and presidential assent to State Bills has raised significant questions, both constitutional and political. President Droupadi Murmu, invoking her powers under Article 143 of the Constitution, sent a 14-point questionnaire to the apex court seeking its advice, primarily concerning Articles 200 and 201, which outline the procedures for consent for legislative Bills by the Governor and the President. The President's main concern is whether, in the absence of any clear constitutionally prescribed time limit, the court can impose such deadlines through judicial orders.

The Presidential Reference has raised questions about the court's advisory jurisdiction and its implications in a case already adjudicated by the nation's top court. The move comes in the wake of a recent SC judgement which imposed timelines on Governors and the President to act on Bills passed by State legislatures. Care must be taken to ensure that the issue does not turn into a turf war between the Executive and the Judiciary.

The Presidential Reference addresses various aspects of the SC judgement, delivered last month on the Tamil Nadu Governor case, setting aside Governor RN Ravi's decision to reserve 10 Bills passed by the Tamil Nadu Assembly for the President's consideration. It held that all consequential steps taken by the President on the Bills were void. The DMK-led Tamil Nadu government has used the Presidential Reference to rally other opposition-ruled States to work together on their views on the Union government's approach. Chief Minister MK Stalin has written to seven opposition-ruled States and the Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir to coordinate legal strategy on the matter to preserve and protect the basic structure of the Constitution. In fact, the apex court has already made it clear that its invocation of Article 142 in the Tamil Nadu Governor case was meant to do "complete justice" in the case. Article 142 of the Constitution allows the top judiciary to take over the role vested with the Governor in the law-making process. The extraordinary power to pass orders to do "complete justice" is sparingly used by the Court, especially when it involves other constitutional authorities. The ongoing discourse on the question of the supremacy of one organ of the state over the others is deeply problematic. All the wings of the state have to work in cooperation to provide citizen-centric governance.

"Germany recognises India's right to defend itself against terrorism": EAM S Jaishankar



During an interaction at the German Council on Foreign Relations, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar spoke on the recent Pahalgam terror attack, India's subsequent Operation Sindoor, and the strong international support it has received, particularly from Germany.

Addressing the issue, he said, "When it comes to terrorism, today, there is virtually no country which would say they approve of what was done and won't condemn it. If I say I have the right to defend myself, my people and secure my country, much of the world will agree with me. Germany does. We are encouraged by the very early condemnation of the terrorist attack, as well as the clear message we got on May 7th and again today from Minister Wadephul that Germany recognises India's right to defend itself."

He further elaborated on the nature of the terror attack, stating, "This was a terrorist attack, which is part of a pattern which has targeted not only Jammu and Kashmir but other parts of India as well. This was meant to create a fear psychosis, destroy the tourism economy of Kashmir, and sow religious discord."

EAM Jaishankar added, "What we were responding to was terrorism, and when we responded, there was a lot of international understanding. We targeted terrorist headquarters and terror sites. Our campaign is against terrorism, and in this case, terrorists happen to be located in the country next door because that country, for many years, has used terrorism as a tool."

The minister's remarks highlight India's firm stance on counterterrorism and the strong international support it has received, particularly from Germany, regarding its right to self-defence and actions against terrorism.

As India and Germany mark 25 years of their strategic partnership, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also shared his vision for upgrading bilateral ties, suggesting collaboration in several key areas to further strengthen the relationship.

EAM Jaishankar made the remarks while speaking at the DGAP's Centre for Geopolitics, Geoeconomics and technology.

Jaishankar said in his speech that his visit comes as the two countries are celebrating 25 years of their strategic partnership.

He said, "To be here early in the tenure of this government, so that we really lose no time in forging a pathway towards taking after 25 years to look at the next 25 years and see where we can take our relationship".

Listing down the challenges which the modern world has brought forth, such as the chip war, climate change, poverty, damage done by the COVID pandemic, among others.

The EAM expressed confidence in the India-Germany ties to face them. He said, "The global picture is very challenging... for that I would argue that the partnership between India and Germany, and India and the European Union, of which Germany is a crucial and invaluable member, has acquired an importance and a salience much more than it has had before".

Sharing his engagements in Germany, the EAM noted that the time is ripe to think about the next 25 years and how we can fully realise the potential of India-Germany ties.

Sharing his thoughts on what can be done to upgrade the relationship, he listed down areas of collaboration. The first area he highlighted was "A good start would be defence and security. We've had sort of an off and on relationship here. There have been times decades ago when there were actually active defence ties between us. Then for whatever reason, there's a certain conservatism about taking it forward. But I have seen that in the last few years, once again, there is a realization in both countries that there is something that we have to offer to each other.

All-party delegation in Japan emphasises India's zero tolerance to terrorism



The all-party Parliamentary delegation, led by MP Sanjay Kumar Jha, interacted with members of the Indian diaspora at the Indian Embassy in Japan on Saturday and pointed out that terrorism and dialogue cannot coexist, using the powerful metaphor "blood and water cannot flow together."

This message resonated deeply with the Indian diaspora, who were urged to spread awareness about India's zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism. The delegation talked of the dastardly April 22 Pahalgam terror attack and, subsequent Operation Sindoor and India's stance of zero tolerance on terrorism.

"The delegation presented a unified front of India, clearly explained the role of Pakistan in the gruesome terror attacks in Pahalgam on April 22 and how India through Operation Sindoor destroyed the terror bases in Pakistan and Pakistan occupied Kashmir. They emphasized India's zero tolerance to Terrorism and conveyed the messages that terror and talks cannot go together; blood and water cannot flow together," the Embassy of India in Japan posted on X. The delegation highlighted India's commitment to combat terrorism and urged the diaspora there to spread this message to every corner in Japan.

"They reaffirmed India's unwavering commitment to combating cross-border terrorism and urged the Indian diaspora to continue to spread this message to every corner of Japan. They also expressed deep appreciation for the community's recent tribute at the Embassy to the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack--echoing the powerful message: Never Forget Never Forgive," the statement said.

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Earlier in the day, the all-party delegation of Members of Parliament led by Sanjay Kumar Jha interacted with dignitaries from Japan's political, governmental, and academic spheres on aturday, a statement by the Indian Embassy in Japan said.

The delegation conveyed a strong and unified national message of zero tolerance for cross-border terrorism. In a post on X, the Embassy said, "All-Party Delegation of Hon'ble Members of Parliament led by Shri Sanjay Kumar Jha interacted with dignitaries from Japan's political, governmental, and academic spheres and conveyed a strong and unified national message of zero tolerance for cross-border terrorism at a dinner hosted by Ambassador Sibi George at India House."

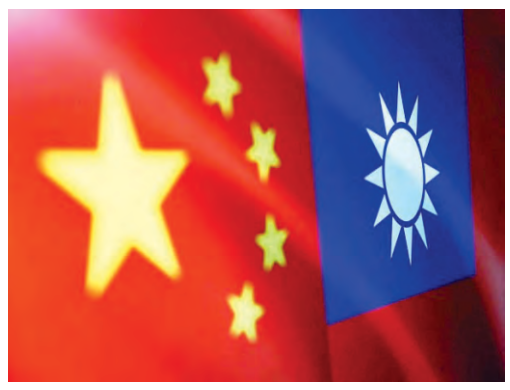
China urges Kinmen and Lienchiang residents to obtain Chinese IDs to "Blur" Taiwanese identity

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is urging residents of Kinmen and Lienchiang counties to obtain Chinese ID cards to "blur national identities." This initiative is part of China's strategy to create a "Kinmen-Xiamen twin-city living sphere, which includes a cross-strait integration pilot zone within China's Fujian Province," as reported by Taipei Times.

"The CCP is treating individuals from these outlying islands as Chinese citizens. Additionally, it has amplified its 'united front' strategies and the infiltration of these islands." "There is growing evidence of espionage activities in Kinmen, particularly involving the recruitment of Taiwanese military personnel by the CCP," the Taipei Times reported.

The CCP's distribution of Chinese IDs and residence permits to obscure the identities of Taiwanese nationals in Kinmen and Lienchiang mirrors a tactic previously used by Russia in the Donbas region before the Russia-Ukraine conflict. "Bestowing citizenship upon a large number of pro-Russian residents resulted in numerous individuals with dual identities who were less resistant to invasion," they noted, adding that China aims to replicate this approach in light of its potential invasion plans.

In the past, Taiwanese citizens could only apply for Chinese residence permits after residing in Fujian for over six months, but China has recently removed that stipulation to hasten integration. "In certain instances, Taiwanese individuals can even request Chinese ID cards without relinquishing their Taiwanese ID or passport, effectively allowing for dual identity." "The CCP is fully cognizant of Taiwan's single-household registration policy, which states that holding a Chinese ID would nullify one's Taiwanese citizenship, so it intentionally refrains from disclosing the number of Taiwanese who possess Chinese ID cards," as mentioned in a Taipei Times report. An investigation revealed that residents of Kinmen are more inclined to have Chinese ID cards compared to those living in Taiwan proper, indicating that Taiwanese individuals with



Chinese ID cards face potential coercion from the CCP, according to the Taipei Times. "The more Kinmen residents acquire Chinese IDs, the more advantageous it will be for an invading force," stated Ho Cheng-hui, Deputy Secretary-General of the Taiwan National Security Institute. "Prolonged infiltration in the region would facilitate any invasion or influence operation. The current situation heightens the risk of annexation of these outlying counties," he remarked.

POEMS

Street Food

The redolence of rose and new road. The attar of grass, recently cut. The fish-whiff of anchovy.

The spinning NYC glizzys in a tank of murky water.

The famous Coney Island corn dog on a pale wooden stick.

The black mud of Slovakia, drinking Tatratea, Borovi ka, Slivovica, Zlatý Bažant.

The misted pastry shop windows of Vienna.

The rød pølse in Copenhagen's main square, Rådhuspladsen.

The grilled weisswurst of East Berlin.

The straw baskets of washed-rind cheese of the Piedmont.

The spill of Barolo, tar and roses.

The shelled seafood from the Venetian lagoon.

The delicate, damp fish of Lima in lime and cilantro.

The numbing citrus of mock peppercorns from Chengdu.

The tang of fermented pickle. The ginger off boiling wok oil.

The blue smoke of lamb at night on the braziers of Tangier. The steam of Ramadan harira at midnight in Tangier's Socco Grande.

By Daniel Halpern

No health without mental health: Let's break stigma together, prioritize mental fitness every day :Lauds experts



Chandigarh: As part of ongoing World Mental Health Awareness Month, MindPlus, a NABH-accredited rehabilitation centre and a regional pioneer in holistic mental health care organized an impactful awareness session today at the Chandigarh Press Club to mark World Schizophrenia Day.

Schizophrenia, a chronic brain disorder which continues to be one of the most misunderstood and stigmatized mental health conditions. Affecting nearly 1% of India's population (approximately 80 lakh individuals), the condition severely impacts thinking, perception, emotional responsiveness and social interaction. Unfortunately, over 75% of affected individuals in India do not receive adequate treatment due to systemic challenges including stigma, lack of resources and limited mental health services.

Experts emphasized the growing need for mental fitness in daily life. "Everyday life can be tough at times. That's why keeping your mind fit is just as important as keeping your body fit, Improving mental fitness can significantly reduce stress, depression, anger and more." said Dr. Ankush Bhatia, psychiatrist.

During the session, he highlighted the alarming trend of rising mental health disorders in India, where 10.6% of adults are reported to suffer from some form of mental illness. In light of these figures, the role of early intervention, community support and structured rehabilitation becomes more crucial than ever.

MindPlus showcased its comprehensive six-stage rehabilitation program for schizophrenia, which includes Assessment, Stabilization, Skill Building, Family Intervention, Community Testing and Pre-/Post-Discharge Care. This approach targets not just acute symptoms like hallucinations and delusions, but also negative and cognitive impairments—helping individuals reintegrate into society and lead meaningful lives.

Present on the occasion, another psychiatrist Dr Lakshmi Shodhana elaborated on the latest understanding of schizophrenia's root causes, which include neurodevelopmental disturbances and imbalances in neurotransmitters such as dopamine and glutamate. Symptoms range from hallucinations and delusions to social withdrawal, impaired cognition and emotional blunting.

By hosting such awareness sessions across the region throughout the month, MindPlus aims to bridge the existing treatment gap and challenge prevailing misconceptions. "Schizophrenia is not a life sentence. With the right support, individuals can recover and thrive." said Rajiv Thapar, Vice President, Mindplus.

Some patients also shared heartfelt testimonials which reflected their personal journeys of recovery.

MindPlus calls on communities, media and policymakers to join hands in dismantling stigma and advocating for inclusive mental health care across India.

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Pre-inspection of drug de-addiction centre done

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: CMO Sanjeev Verma along with his team conducted a pre-inspection of Jeevan Jyoti Drug Prevention Center in Bhajal on Friday. He has given instructions to the director of the drug prevention center to complete all the formalities. On this occasion, District Health Officer Dr. Sanjeev Verma, Sub Divisional Officer Gagret Somil Gautam, Block Medical Officer Dr. Pankaj Parashar,



Dr. Ankit Chaudhary, Dr. Navdeep Joshi, ASI Sandeep Dadwal from Police Station Ambar and staff members were present.

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Bar Association taken out Tiranga Yatra in honor of Indian Army



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: Bar Association Amb organized a Tiranga Yatra on Saturday in the honor of Indian Army. During the Tiranga Yatra led by President of Bar Association Amb Prince Sood, Indian Army's action against terrorism and Pakistan was appreciated. Prince Sood said that Indian Army has taken revenge of Pahalgam terrorist attack in a very good manner. After this action of Indian Army, Pakistan has also realized that confrontation with India is not in its power. On this occasion, members of Bar Association including Secretary Rakesh Sharma, Vice President Sunil Chaudhari, Rajkumar Dhanotiya, Ramesh Chaudhari, Purna Gautam, Rakesh Chaudhari, Kartik Soukhla, Anita Chaudhari, Shikha Bhardwaj and other advocates were also present.

Inter house Kabaddi tournament organised in school



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: School Inter House Kabaddi Tournament was organised in Government Adarsh Senior Secondary School Amb, in which the teams of four houses of the school performed very well, school Principal Vinod Vanyal said that Kabaddi match was organised in the school after noon, the students showed their talent, the entire school staff was delighted to see the game of the players, Swami Vivekanand House secured first place in this Kabaddi competition, SMC Head Deep Kumar honoured the players by giving them medals, games should be organised in school so that the students can get physical development along with education and they should remain free from addiction, DP Amarjeet and Physical Teacher Sanjeev Kumar played the role of referees in the Kabaddi competition.

SP Shimla files defamation suit against BJP MLA

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SHIMLA, MAY 24



Superintendent of Police, Shimla, Sanjeev Gandhi has approached the Himachal Pradesh High Court seeking action against BJP MLA Sudhir Sharma for allegedly circulating a video clipping of court proceedings held on May 21.

Gandhi termed the circulation of the video as a conspiracy intended to tarnish his image of honesty and integrity. He claimed that the video, which showed him speaking in the court of Justice Ajay Mohan Goel, was deliberately shared to portray him negatively. "We are investigating a criminal case against Sudhir Sharma and others for indulging in horse-trading. It appears that feeling the heat of the investigation, Sharma chose to demonize my public image by circulating a court video without seeking prior permission from the court. I have filed a case against Sharma before the High Court for his attempt to malign me," he said. He further alleged that some individuals were politicizing the death of Vimal Negi for their own motives and targeting the independent investigation led by Shimla Police. "Such actions will be given a befitting reply," he added. Referring to the recent verdict of the Himachal Pradesh High Court on May 23, Gandhi said the SIT probe was being targeted for political reasons. "We have decided to challenge the verdict and will file a plea in the interest of justice for the victim's family," he stated. He emphasized that the SIT had thoroughly investigated all aspects of the case, collecting vital testimonies and evidence. "Neither I nor any member of the SIT attempted to shield anyone. The DGP has filed an independent affidavit against me in the High Court, which we will challenge in a revision petition. I will not comment on the court's verdict, but we have uncovered important aspects of the case which may not have been fully considered." He claimed that ever since he submitted a dissenting note on police recruitment from 2019 to 2021, he was systematically targeted by officers within the force. "That note eventually exposed the police recruitment scam, and now political opponents should explain the status of the CBI probe into that scam." Gandhi also pointed to a letter he wrote to the Director General of Police regarding a drug peddling case and CID investigation, which was allegedly leaked at the instance of the DGP. He accused top police officials of acting out of vengeance. He further alleged that chief secretary Prabodh Saxena interfered in the investigation into a property dispute involving Brahma Samaj's temple in Shimla by not taking action against illegal encroachers. "I have filed a case in the High Court regarding this matter and the involvement of senior bureaucrats," he said.

He also accused former DGP Sanjay Kundu of targeting him in connection with the Himachal Pradesh Rosoi blast case. "Kundu tried to convert a simple LPG blast into a terrorist incident by calling in an NSG team and fabricating samples using RDX from an outside lab.

Health Minister meets Union WCD Minister, seeks urgent resolution of key welfare issues of state



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 24

The Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. (Col.) Dhani Ram Shandil met Smt. Union Minister of Women and Child Development Annapurna Devi at New Delhi on Friday evening to highlight pressing welfare issues requiring immediate attention.

The Minister sought the release of Rs.132.41 crore under the Nirbhaya Fund for the "Mukhya Mantri Aadarsh Gram Sukh Aashray Parisar". He apprised the Union Minister about this innovative project which was aimed at providing integrated residential, training, and recreational facilities for orphans, abandoned children, elderly citizens and women from Shakti Sadans at a single location. He requested the release of Rs. 3.68 crore towards pending liabilities of Child Care Institutions in the State for the financial year 2023-24, which was being run under the aegis of the Himachal Pradesh State Council for Child Welfare. He raised the issue of pending dues under the National Creche Scheme/Palna Scheme, including Rs. 91.33 lakh for financial year 2020-21 and 2021-22, Rs.1.80 crore for 2022-23, and Rs. 2.22 crore for 2023-24.

Implementation begins on 18 ECI innovations to ensure transparent, efficient elections in Himachal

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, MAY 24

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has initiated the implementation of 18 innovative measures across Himachal Pradesh aimed at making the election process more transparent, inclusive, and technologically advanced. Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer Jatin Lal confirmed the rollout, following directives issued by the state's Chief Electoral Officer, Nandita Gupta.

According to an official press release from the CEO's office in Shimla, these innovations are categorized under six major areas: voter services, coordination with political parties, procedural reforms, legal provisions, empowerment of election personnel, and administrative improvements.

A key initiative is the capping of voters at each polling station to a maximum of 1,200, aimed at reducing queues and crowding. Additional polling stations will be set up in multi-storey buildings and densely populated colonies. The voter list will now be updated in real-time using data directly sourced from the Registrar General of India's death registry. The CEO noted that all-party meetings were organized at district and sub-division levels, involving 57 and 200 party representatives, respectively. Constructive dialogues were held with national and state political parties. Furthermore, booth-level agents underwent specialized training at the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management.

A new ECI-NET dashboard has been launched, consolidating all election-related services onto a single platform. To eliminate duplication, each EPIC (voter ID) number is now unique. Training materials are being developed tailored to 28 key stakeholders, including voters, candidates, political parties, and election officials.

The ECI is focusing on the empowerment of electoral personnel, providing standardized photo IDs to Booth Level Officers (BLOs). So far, over 3,000 booth supervisors have been trained, with a target of training 100,000 BLO supervisors in the coming years. Himachal's first batch is set to undergo training on May 26–27.

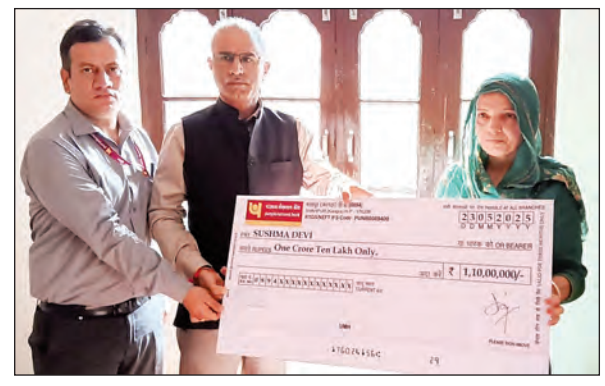
Orientation sessions have also been conducted for media and social media nodal officers at the state and district levels. Additionally, biometric attendance and e-office systems have been introduced in election offices to promote a paperless workflow.

Park and Panchavati to be built in memory of martyr Dilwar Khan in Gharwasda; Deputy CM to lay foundation stone



JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA: A memorial park and Panchavati will be constructed in Gharwasda village of Bangana sub-division in honour of martyr Dilwar Khan. The foundation stone for this environmentally sustainable project will be laid by Himachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri on Monday at 4 PM. Local MLA Vivek Sharma visited the construction site on Saturday and shared that a statue of the martyr will also be installed within the park premises. The project aims to not only pay tribute to the martyr's sacrifice but also to serve as a symbol of national pride and inspiration. On the same day, the Deputy CM will also interact with villagers under the "Prashasan Aapke Dwar" programme, a government initiative designed to provide information about various schemes and address public grievances on the spot. The park will feature a play area for children, a relaxation zone for the elderly, and a Panchavati grove with sacred trees such as peepal, banyan, bel, mango, and amla. The initiative seeks to blend ecological values with patriotic remembrance.

Cheque of Rs 1 crore 10 lakh presents to family of martyr Pawan Kumar



SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: Punjab National Bank presented a cheque of Rs 1 crore 10 lakh as relief amount to the family of Subedar Major Pawan Kumar, who hails from Shahpur and was martyred in the shelling by Pakistan in Poonch, Jammu and Kashmir. Circle Head of Punjab National Bank Sanjay Dhar and Manager of Shahpur Branch Rakesh Sharma went to the house of martyr Pawan Kumar and handed over the cheque of the above amount to his wife Sushma Devi. This amount has been provided to the martyr's family under the Rakshak Plus scheme of Punjab National Bank. On this occasion, the martyr's father Garjo Ram, son Abhishek, daughter Anamika Ashwani Sharma were also present. Martyr Pawan Kar had already taken this scheme from Punjab National Bank.

International Minjar Fair to be celebrated from July 27 to Aug 3

BALKRISHAN PRASHAR
CHAMBA, MAY 24



Presiding over a meeting regarding arrangements for the celebrations of International Minjar Fair of Chamba here today, Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania said that the International Minjar Fair would be celebrated from July 27 to August 3. On this occasion, the Speaker said that the famous and historical and internationally renowned Minjar Fair of Chamba district is a symbol of the identity and pride of Chamba district in the country and abroad. Apart from this, the Minjar Fair is also a symbol of the ancient rich culture of Chamba district and mutual harmony and brotherhood of different sections of the society, Pathania said. He said that it is the responsibility of all of us to maintain the original cultural identity of the fair. He expressed hope that like last year, this year also the fair would be organized in a completely pleasant and peaceful manner with the cooperation of the administration and the people. He directed all the administrative and departmental officers of the district to perform their respective responsibilities related to the preparations of Minjar Fair 2025 celebrations with honesty and seriousness and ensure that there is no lack in the management of arrangements during the fair.

Install Solar panels on rooftops, avail subsidy: 'PM Surya Ghar' Scheme launched in Una

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, MAY 24



The Municipal Corporation of Una has officially launched the 'PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana', offering a new opportunity for local residents to embrace clean energy. Under the scheme, homeowners in Una can receive direct financial assistance of up to ?45,000 for installing rooftop solar panels on their residential buildings. Mahendra Pal Gurjar, Municipal Commissioner and Additional Deputy Commissioner of Una, stated that the initiative—executed by the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy—is aimed at making clean, reliable, and affordable energy accessible to all. The central subsidy will be directly transferred to the beneficiaries, and all processes related to application, installation, and verification will be streamlined through the National Rooftop Solar Portal. The Municipal Corporation of Una will assist citizens throughout every step to ensure widespread adoption of the scheme. In addition to reducing electricity bills, the initiative promotes environmental sustainability, helping move Una toward becoming a greener city. Residents can significantly reduce their electricity expenses and even achieve near self-sufficiency in power generation. A subsidy of up to Rs. 45,000 is available, making solar energy both affordable and practical. Any homeowner within the Una Municipal Corporation limits is eligible. To apply, residents must register on the National Rooftop Solar Portal (https://solarrooftop.gov.in), select an approved vendor, and follow the process of installation, inspection, and approval, after which the subsidy will be disbursed.

To assist applicants, a help desk has been established at the Municipal Corporation office. In addition, awareness camps, door-to-door campaigns, and local workshops will be organized to ensure that information about the scheme reaches every household.

Prem Kaushal questions halt of Operation Sindoor, demands justice for Pahalgam martyrs



RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: The Indian Army's courageous and successful campaign to demolish terrorist hideouts in Pakistan, known as Operation Sindoor, has been widely praised across the country for the bravery and valor of our armed forces. The nation expressed immense gratitude towards the Indian Army and its brave soldiers for their relentless efforts. However, Prem Kaushal, former Chief Spokesperson of the Haryana Congress, expressed concerns in a statement to the media. He pointed out that the daughters of the nation who were martyred in the Pahalgam terrorist attack remain without clear justice even today. According to him, it is highly unfortunate that while the army was making strides toward justice by targeting terrorist bases, foreign pressure caused the operation to be abruptly halted. This not only spread disappointment among the public but also adversely affected the morale of the armed forces. Kaushal also criticized the Prime Minister's statement claiming that "hot sindoor flows in his veins," calling it laughable and an attempt to cover up failure and weakness. He asserted that the truth is that those responsible for the Pahalgam attack are still beyond the reach of law, and instead of taking strict action, the Prime Minister succumbed to foreign policy pressures, compromising the nation's honor and the dignity symbolized by the martyred daughters' sindoor.

Under CM Sukhu's leadership, Himachal emerges as model for natural farming

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, MAY 24



Himachal Pradesh, under the leadership of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, is steadily transforming into a model state for natural farming, with concrete steps being taken to double farmers' income and promote sustainable agricultural practices.

In a successful development, natural wheat was procured from 41 farmers at the Takarla and Rampur grain markets in Una district. A total of 425.818 quintals of wheat was purchased for Rs 26.40 lakh, which will be directly transferred to the farmers' bank accounts via the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system.

Virender Bagga, Project Director of the ATMA Project (Una), informed that 193.14 quintals were purchased from 17 farmers in Rampur and 232.678 quintals from 24 farmers in Takarla. He noted that the state government is offering a Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Rs 60 per kg for natural wheat, along with an additional Rs 2 per kg as transport subsidy — a first-of-its-kind initiative in the country.

Bagga highlighted that approximately 16,000 farmers in Una district have adopted natural farming across 2,000 hectares, producing five varieties of chemical-free wheat. This shift not only ensures soil fertility and environmental protection but also safeguards human health. With reduced input costs and increased profits, farmers are seeing a tangible economic boost. The initiative, rooted in the Chief Minister's visionary policies, has not only benefitted those already practising natural farming but also inspired others to adopt this eco-friendly, profitable method.

Operation Sindoor is India's fitting reply to terror attacks, not just condemnation: Ashish Sharma

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR, MAY 24



To honour the valour of the Indian Army and pay tribute to the country's brave soldiers, a Tiranga Yatra was organised on Saturday in Lambloo Bazaar by the BJP Mandal (Rural) unit. The event saw the active participation of ex-servicemen, BJP workers, and local residents, with Sadar MLA Ashish Sharma leading the march. During the rally, patriotic slogans were raised in praise of the armed forces, and the story of India's retaliatory action against Pakistan during Operation Sindoor was shared with the public. The gathering also paid floral tributes to the martyrs who laid down their lives in service to the motherland. Speaking at the event, MLA Ashish Sharma said that Operation Sindoor exemplifies the courage and strength of the Indian Armed Forces. "Gone are the days when the response to terror attacks was limited to strongly-worded condemnations. Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, we now deliver powerful counterstrikes through surgical operations like Operation Sindoor," he said. Sharma added that due to the unmatched bravery and strength of India's military, Pakistan is now on the back foot and will think a hundred times before attempting such heinous acts again. He saluted all soldiers and paid homage to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation. Among those present were BJP Rural Mandal President Jasveer Singh, Urban President Shripal Sharma, General Secretary Rakesh Kanungo.

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Avalon Girls Sr Sec School achieves 100% results in Class 10 & 12 board exams



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GURDASPUR: As in previous years, Avalon Girls Senior Secondary School, located on Mission Road in Pathankot, has once again achieved 100% results in the Class 10 and 12 board examinations. In the Class 12 Medical stream, student Mantisha secured the first position with 96.2%, followed by Mehak with 90.4%, and Kashish with 90%, securing the second and third positions respectively. In the Non-Medical stream, Garima stood first with 95%, Bharti came second with 94.4%, and Natasha secured third place with 93%.

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Pathfinder Global School students start practicing for summer sports



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL: The school's physical education department organized a 6 km run (long race) outside the school in the morning for the physical fitness of the children and to perform well in the upcoming summer sports. This run was flagged off by the school's Managing Director Sumit Bansal, Principal Isu Rani and Senior Secondary Department Coordinator Jagmohan Singh. After this, the runners reached the school via the National Highway via Bus Stand Gill Kala and Phirni Gill Kalan. About 80 players participated in this run. After reaching the school, all the players finished the run and rested their bodies. On this occasion, the school's physical education teachers Harmanpreet Singh, Kulwinder Singh and computer teacher Manpreet Singh were also with the children.

Silent killer disease 'hypertension' is spreading rapidly in country: Dr. DP Singh



ARVIND PATHAK
SULTANPUR LODHI: Awareness seminar organized in Sultanpur Lodhi as World Hypertension Awareness Month. Under the instructions of Civil Surgeon Dr. Rajiv Parashar people were made aware on the occasion of Hypertension Day under the leadership of SMO Dr. D P Singh in Civil Hospital Sultanpur Lodhi. On this occasion Dr. Jaspreet Singh, Dr. Navneet Kaur, Baljit Kaur Nursing Sister, Amarendrajit Singh Pharmacy Officer and staff etc were present. Blood pressure was also checked on this occasion. Giving information in this regard SMO Dr. D P Singh said that high blood pressure (hypertension) is a silent killer disease. Which is spreading rapidly in our country.

Pioneering excellence: Punjab Introduces 3-day orientation program for class 9th students of schools of eminence

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, MAY 24



In a bid to nurture students' personal growth and seamlessly integrate them into the Schools of Eminence (SOE) ecosystem, the Punjab Government has introduced first-of-its-kind a transformative 3-day Orientation Program for newly admitted Class 9th students for the academic session 2025-26, announced S. Harjot Singh Bains, Minister of School Education, Punjab.

He stated that the orientation plan, all set to commence from 26th to 28th May, 2025, will help students integrate into the SOE Ecosystem, building a strong base for their personal development in the coming two years. This program will provide practical insights into competitive examinations and career paths. Highlighting the plan's key features, S. Harjot Singh Bains revealed that students will interact with esteemed experts, including cabinet ministers, MPs, MLAs, bureaucrats, judges, senior advocates, doctors, vice chancellors, college principals, professors, and industry leaders, providing students with a unique opportunity to learn from their experiences and gain practical knowledge.

To inspire and motivate students, the Education Minister said that accomplished alumni will be invited to SOE under this program to share their success stories, offering valuable guidance on preparation strategies, time management, and goal-setting. Additionally, students will also engage in reading sessions, discussions, and activities such as reading English newspapers and 'Headline of the Day' to foster a culture of reading and intellectual curiosity.

3 Punjabis rescued in Colombia escape again after contacting Agent: Minister Dhaliwal



AMRITSAR: Punjab Cabinet Minister for NRI Affairs Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal revealed today that three of the five Punjabi youths recently rescued from captivity in Colombia have again escaped, reportedly after contacting their agents. Speaking in Ajnala, Dhaliwal said that following the viral video showing the youth in distress, the Punjab government, in coordination with the Ministry of External Affairs, secured their release through the Indian Embassy in Colombia. The embassy had placed them in a hostel for safety while arranging their return to India.

Water Resources Minister directs Irrigation Department to conduct on-ground inspection of all canals in the state

RAKESH JINDAL
PATIALA, MAY 24



Punjab Minister for Water Resources, Mining & Geology, and Water & Soil Conservation, Mr. Barinder Goel, has directed the Irrigation Department to carry out on-ground inspections of all canals across the state to ensure that no leakage issues arise. He visited the leakage site on the Bhakra Main Line near village Passiana in Patiala around 6 AM today to review the ongoing repair work.

Minister Barinder Goel expressed satisfaction that due to the department's vigilance, the leakage in the Bhakra Main Line was identified and plugged in time. He mentioned that recently, the water level in the canal had been lowered for repair work, and when water was released again on May 21, a leakage was detected near Passiana. Acting swiftly, the officials immediately plugged the leakage. He added that the Water Resources Department and its officials are thoroughly inspecting the entire canal line to prevent any recurrence.

Responding to media queries, the minister explained that such leakages often occur when rats create burrows during periods of low water flow in the canals. On this occasion, Mr. Goel instructed the officials to conduct a complete inspection on both sides of the Bhakra Main Line and to immediately repair any weak embankments found, in order to avoid future leakages. He emphasized that the Water Resources Department is fully vigilant and that comprehensive monitoring is being conducted to prevent such incidents.

SGRD Thalassemia Welfare Society hosts awareness drive, collects 100 units of blood

CHARNJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR, MAY 24



SGRD Thalassemia Welfare Society and Amritsar Academic of Pediatrics hosted an impactful awareness program on 24/05/2025, in honour of World Thalassemia Day. This event brought together a diverse group of enthusiastic participants, including students, family members of patients and dedicated voluntary blood donors, who came together on 06/05/2025 & 07/05/2025 and contributed over 100 units of blood, showcasing a remarkable spirit of community and compassion.

In addition to the blood donation drive, the organization hosted a vibrant program featuring a variety of engaging activities such as talent shows, role plays, poster making and storytelling, designed to uplift the spirits of children affected by thalassemia.

On this occasion, Dr. Gursharan Singh Narang, General Secretary, SGRD Thalassemia Welfare Society, highlighted that approximately 180 children affected by Thalassemia disease from Amritsar, Tarn Taran and Gurdaspur districts, who are unable to produce their own blood from birth and require blood transfusions once or twice a month, are associated with the organization. He said that the children who need bone marrow transplant are guided by HLA matching. He further said that SGRD Thalassemia Welfare Society hosts such events at the Sri Guru Ram Das Charitable Hospital, Vallah, Sri Amritsar and plays a vital role by offering free treatment facilities such as expert care under the able guidance of Dr. Shruti Kakkar and Dr. Preeti Malhotra, both specialists in blood diseases, essential treatment, medications and blood management services and filters etc., so that families of these effected children do not encounter financial burdens during their treatment.

Grand lift inauguration at G. Holy Heart Public School, Mehal Kalan



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA DEHATI: G. Holy Heart Public School, Mehalkalan took another major step toward modernization by installing a new lift within the school campus. The inauguration was held in a special ceremony where the honor of cutting the ribbon was given to the school's pride, Ms. Harpreet Kaur, who scored an impressive 96.2% in the CBSE Board Exams of Class 12th and secured third position in the district.On this occasion, Managing Director Mr. Sushil Goyal Ji congratulated Harpreet on her exceptional achievement and stated, "Harpreet is not just an academic topper, but an inspiration to all. We feel proud to inaugurate this new facility through a student who has made us all proud. We pray that she continues her journey with the same determination and becomes an IAS or IPS officer one day." The newly installed lift will make commuting easier for students, teachers, and especially those who require assistance, reflecting the school's inclusive and forward-thinking vision.

No child will be deprived of quality education: MLA Gurlal Ghanaur



BHUPINDER KAPOOR
RAJPURA: Kabadi Association Punjab President MLA Gurlal Ghanaur said that the future of school children is getting a new direction through the Punjab Education Revolution movement launched by the Punjab government. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann and Education Minister Punjab Harjot Singh Bains, the state government is committed to providing quality and standard education to every child. MLA Gurlal Ghanaur dedicated development works worth Rs 29 lakh to Government High School and Government Primary School Alamdipur and Rs 15 lakh to Government Middle School Sarala Khurd during the inauguration ceremony of various government schools in the constituency. These include science laboratory, boundary wall, playground for primary school and smart classroom etc. MLA Gurlal Ghanaur, while mentioning the progress being made in the education sector in the constituency, said that under the education revolution of the Punjab government, government schools are being equipped with modern technologies. Through these efforts, the education system will be strengthened and the learning ability of children will be improved.

Investiture ceremony 2025- Celebration of leadership and responsibility



RADHE SHYAM SHARMA
MORINDA: The prestigious Investiture Ceremony 2025 at Cambridge was conducted with dignity and zeal, heralding a new chapter of student leadership. The solemn event marked the official induction of the newly elected Captains, Vice-Captains, and House Representatives, who have been entrusted with the responsibility of upholding the values and ethos of the institution. The ceremony commenced with an impressive march past by the Captains, Vice-Captains, and house contingents, exemplifying discipline, unity, and pride. This was followed by the administration of the oath, during which the young leaders pledged to lead with integrity, accountability, and a sincere commitment to serve their peers. A moment of pride and honour followed as the Principal and House Masters ceremoniously presented the leadership badges to the council members. Each badge symbolised not only authority but also the trust placed in them to be role models of excellence and dedication. In a motivating address to the student body, the Principal congratulated the appointees and highlighted the true essence of leadership — one rooted in empathy, resilience, teamwork, and humility.

Workshop on 'Counsel the Counselors' held at Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Engineering College

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAY 24



Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Engineering College, Fatehgarh Sahib, in collaboration with the District Education Office, Fatehgarh Sahib, successfully organized a one-day workshop titled "Counsel the Counselors" . The workshop focused on the theme "Fostering Mental Health in Schools" and was specifically designed for school counselors of the Fatehgarh Sahib district.

The event aimed to empower school counselors by enhancing their understanding of mental health issues and equipping them with tools and strategies to support student well-being. The workshop began with a warm welcome to the participants and dignitaries, setting a positive tone for the day. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Damanjit Sandhu, Dean, Directorate of International Affairs, Punjabi University, Patiala. In her insightful session, she highlighted the growing mental health challenges faced by children and adolescents in the post-pandemic world.

She stressed the importance of early intervention, emotional support systems, and the crucial role school counselors play in creating a nurturing educational environment. An engaging session by young historian Simar Singh followed, where he emphasized the value of historical storytelling in motivation and counseling. Harmanjit Singh from the Employment Generation Department shared key initiatives and government schemes focused on youth empowerment and employability. His session aimed to bridge the gap between education and skill development.

Parking of heavy vehicles on roadsides a hazard

KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH, MAY 24



The parking of heavy vehicles, such as trailer trucks, along roadsides has become a significant hazard, posing a risk of accidents and obstructing the flow of traffic on major sites across city. It is worth mentioning that the trucks coming to unload goods at the FCI godown located on the national highway passing through the middle of Sardulgarh city are parked in long lines on the national highway, due to which the traffic system has to face huge problems. Along with this, there is also the fear of a major accident happening at any time.

When we spoke to Darshan Singh, president of Sardulgarh Truck Union, in this regard, he said that the FCI gate is on the road and truck drivers bringing goods to the godown are forced to park their trailers on the national highway. When asked about accidents caused by trailers parked on the road, he said that parking trailers on the road is a big compulsion for truck operators. He also said that if FCI opens the gate of its godowns towards the back side on Grain market Road, then this could solve the problem because then the trailers would be parked on Mandi Road instead of the main road.

When we talked to FCI manager Prem Singh in this regard, he said that we cannot do anything in this matter because FCI is a central department and higher officials can do something in this matter. He also said that we will send a written request to the senior officials of the department to open the gate of our FCI warehouse on the road leading to the grain market at the back.

Hondh Chillar Sikh Massacre: After 41-year struggle, ground marked under leadership of Bhai Darshan Singh Gholia

JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA
MOGA, MAY 24



In the village of Hond Chillar in Haryana, which was destroyed during the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, despite a tireless struggle of 41 years and countless difficulties, a historic milestone has been achieved under the leadership of Bhai Darshan Singh Gholia, an active leader of the Sikh Justice Committee. On May 15, 2025, the work of marking the land of the victim families and Singh Sabha Gurdwara Sahib was completed, which awakened the hope of justice in the wounded hearts of the Sikh community. Local administration officials, such as Tehsildar, Kanungo, Patwari and Mukesh Kumar, participated in this important process. During this, a 7-acre plot of land and a perimeter of three to four roads around it was marked out. The land of Singh Sabha Gurdwara Sahib as well as the road on its southern side, which was earlier merged with the farmers, was also marked out. The illegal encroachments on the lands of the victims by the influential Chaudharies of the local area were also exposed and rectified. Marking stones were installed in the presence of the administration, which are a tangible testimony to this struggle. Hod Chillar, once a bustling village of the Sikh community, was reduced to ruins during the anti-Sikh riots that followed the assassination of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1984. In this horrific massacre, 32 Sikhs were martyred, many were injured, and many families were displaced. The terrified and frightened victims settled in different states, leaving behind their lands and deserted mansions.

Demand for appointment of general category commission chairman and members gains momentum again

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, MAY 24



Deputy Mayor of Mohali Municipal Corporation, Kuljit Singh Bedi, has written a letter to Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, demanding the immediate appointment of a new Chairman for the General Category Commission.In his letter, he wrote, "Just as various welfare boards and corporations are formed for other communities and their Chairmen and Directors are appointed, similarly, the General Category also faces several issues for which the appointment of a Chairman and members is necessary for redressal."Deputy Mayor Bedi stated that during the Congress government, the "Punjab State Commission for General Category" was established on December 29, 2021, and Dr. Navjot Singh Dahiya was appointed as its Chairman. However, after the announcement of the Vidhan Sabha elections, the commission's activities came to a halt, and even after three years of the new government, no Chairman or member has been appointed.He mentioned that the problems faced by the General Category — whether related to students or senior citizens — are not being heard anywhere. "If a Chairman is not appointed immediately, this section will continue to be ignored," he emphasized.He said that the Commission was set up by Charanjit Singh Channi's government in 2021, but after the Aam Aadmi Party came into power in 2022, it remained merely on paper.He also said that the "Chief Minister Scholarship Scheme," started by the Channi government, has also fallen victim to the circumstances.

Record set by 100 per cent marks in Punjabi subject of class 10th



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL: Recently, the Punjab School Education Board declared the result of class Tenth. In which Simranjit Kaur, a student of Government High School Khokhar, has achieved the distinction of being the only student from Bathinda district by scoring 150/150 marks in Punjabi subject. During the conversation, Simranjit Kaur's Punjabi teacher Vikas Garg said that due to this great achievement of Simranjit Kaur, my pride as a Punjabi teacher has increased not only in the entire district but also in the entire Punjab. He warmly congratulates Simranjit Kaur, her parents, town residents and the entire school staff on this magnificent achievement.

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Workshop on National Curriculum Framework Enhances Teaching Skills

HANS RAJ

KURUKSHETRA: A one-day workshop on the National Curriculum Framework was organized at Dhanna Bhagat Public School with the objective of enhancing teaching skills and promoting innovative educational practices. The program commenced with a warm welcome extended to the guests of honor, Dr. Pradeep Kumar and Pooja Sharma, who were greeted with floral bouquets by the school committee chairman, Mr. Jagtar Singh Kajal, along with other committee members. As resource persons, Dr. Kumar and Ms. Sharma shared key insights related to the National Curriculum Framework, offering valuable guidance to teachers on how to implement curriculum changes effectively. The workshop witnessed the participation of 60 teachers, Venue Director Manjeet Verma, Vice Principal Mrs. Neelam Kundu, and Principal Mrs. Neelam Dahiya. The resource persons introduced innovative teaching techniques aimed at positively transforming India's school education system through meaningful curriculum reform. Their engaging presentation and rich experience were widely appreciated by all attendees, who found the session both informative and inspirational.

NEWS BRIEF

Man held with illegal arms, Fake-number car in Jagraon

JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR):- Under a campaign launched by District Ludhiana Rural Police SSP Dr. Ankur Gupta against anti-social elements, the Jodhan Police have successfully arrested a person with illegal weapons and a vehicle with a fake number plate. Providing details about the case, DSP Varinder Singh Khosa of Police Dakha, Ludhiana (Rural), stated that the team of SHO Sahibmeet Singh, in charge of Jodhan Police Station, recently arrested Harshdeep Singh alias Harsh, a resident of Majri, Police Station Dakha, District Ludhiana. Upon his arrest, two illegal weapons were recovered from him — a .32 bore pistol and a .30 bore pistol. "Harshdeep Singh was presented in court on May 23, 2025, where the police obtained a two-day remand. During interrogation, he confessed that he, along with his accomplice Sarbjot Singh (son of Hakim Singh, also a resident of Majri), had planned to use the illegal weapons to commit robberies and loot people. Based on this information, Sarbjot Singh has been named as an accused in the case," he added. DSP Khosa further revealed that the accused also admitted to stealing a Baleno car with Sarbajot Singh, which they fitted with a fake number plate. Based on Harshdeep's identification, the Baleno with the fake number was recovered, and a case has been registered against Sarbajot Singh.

National meet of directors of central and state Forensic science laboratories concludes in Chandigarh



GAURAV GOEL

CHANDIGARH: The two-day National Meet of the Directors of Central and State Forensic Science Laboratories concluded at the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), Chandigarh today, May 24, 2025. The meet focused on aligning forensic services with India's newly enacted criminal laws to build a justice system that is fast, transparent, and rooted in scientific evidence.

Organized under the theme "Strengthening Forensic Science Services as per the New Criminal Laws", the event brought together CFSL and State FSL Directors, senior officials from the Ministry of Home Affairs, and experts from law enforcement and academia.

The event was attended by the Directors of CFSLs and State FSLs from across the country, as well as key officials from the Ministry of Home Affairs and law enforcement agencies. The meet aimed to strengthen the forensic ecosystem to support the implementation of the new criminal laws — Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam.

"India is entering a new era of justice where scientific evidence and forensic expertise are pivotal to ensuring transparency, speed, and accuracy in investigations"

Addressing the Directors of Central and State Forensic Science Laboratories and other stakeholders at the valedictory session of the two-day Meet, the Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar, who was the Chief Guest for the valedictory session, said that with the introduction of three new criminal laws, India is entering a new era of justice where scientific evidence and forensic expertise are pivotal to ensuring transparency, speed, and accuracy in investigations. The Minister said that the Government of India is fully committed to establishing modern forensic laboratories in every district. "Under the recently approved National Forensic Infrastructure Scheme (NAFIS), an amount of 2,254.40 crore will be invested to build and upgrade forensic facilities, train personnel, enhance research, and develop indigenous technology to make India self-reliant in forensic science. We aim to ensure mandatory forensic investigation in all crimes involving punishment of more than seven years, and align the criminal justice system with technology-driven evidence collection and analysis."

The Minister said that the four pillars of this transformation will be infrastructure development, Skilled human resources, Technological upgradation (AI, machine learning, national data networks) and standardization through SOPs and integration with systems like ICGS and CCTNS.

MLA Bhagwan Das Kabirpanthi announces Rs 16 lakh each for Kashyap Chaupal in three villages



PARDEEP MEHTA

NILOKHERI; MLA Bhagwan Das Kabirpanthi attended multiple events held in villages Raipur, Bastali, and Guniana on the occasion of Rishi Kashyap Jayanti, where he was welcomed as the chief guest with great enthusiasm. During his visit, the MLA announced a grant of Rs 16 lakh each for the construction of Kashyap Chaupals in all three villages.

In his address, Kabirpanthi highlighted the profound contributions of Maharishi Kashyap, stating that his wisdom, penance, and research laid a foundation for human civilization. "Through the creation of sacred texts like Smriti Granth and Kashyap Samhita, Maharishi Kashyap gave invaluable guidance to society, and his inspirational life continues to illuminate the path for humanity," he said.

He also spoke about the Kashyap community's illustrious legacy, referencing their contributions since ancient times, including King Nishad from the Ramayana era who provided shelter to Lord Ram during his exile. He noted the community's significant role during India's freedom struggle and praised their continued dedication to the nation following the ideals of Maharishi Kashyap.

Kabirpanthi further stated that the Haryana government has been committed to celebrating the birth anniversaries of great historical figures at the state level. He referenced the recent state-level Maharishi Kashyap Jayanti celebration held in Ladwa, calling it part of a broader initiative to bring the legacy and teachings of such revered personalities to the masses.

IIJS Jewellers Cricket League 2025 Grand Finale Set for May 25 at PCA Stadium, Mohali



RAJIV JAIN

CHANDIGARH: The highly anticipated final of the IIJS Jewellers Cricket League (JCL) 2025 is set to take place on May 25, 2025, at the iconic PCA Cricket Stadium in Mohali. Organised by the Chandigarh Sarafa Association, this month-long celebration of sportsmanship and unity has brought together jewellers from across North India in a unique and spirited display of camaraderie and athleticism. The grand finale will witness a face-off between the two top-performing teams — Amritsar Warriors and Jalandhar Super Kings — culminating a thrilling series that began on April 11, 2025. A total of 10 teams showcased their sporting talent: Amritsar Warriors, Chandigarh Suraj Kings, Golden Hawks Bathinda, Jalandhar Super Kings, Kotkapura Blasters Faridkot, Ludhiana Babbars, Manimajra Rising Stars, Mohali Gems XI, Panchkula Gold XI, and Yuva Sarafa Dehradun.

The Title Partner of JCL 2025 is IIJS – the India International Jewellery Show, the flagship show of the Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC). GJEPC, the apex body of the gem and jewellery trade in India, has been instrumental in advancing the industry. IIJS, which has nurtured and driven the trade for over four decades, continues to be a pivotal platform for the sector's growth. JCL 2025 is powered by Ambe Xpress Logistics and proudly supported by esteemed sponsors including Limelight Diamonds (Mumbai), Luxmi Jewellers (Chandigarh), Prabha Jewels (Mumbai), Prem Kumar & Sons (PKS) by Munish Chauhan (Amritsar), and Tanush Karat & Carat (Chandigarh).

AIMS Mohali Successfully Conducts the First Gynaecological Cadaveric Workshop in Tricity and Punjab



SHASHI PAL JAIN

MOHALI ; The Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, in collaboration with the Department of Anatomy at AIMS, Mohali, proudly hosted the first-ever Gynaecological Cadaveric Workshop in the Tricity and Punjab region. This landmark event, held under the esteemed leadership of Dr. Bhavneet Bharti, Director-Principal of AIMS Mohali, marked a significant milestone in the pursuit of surgical excellence and advanced medical education. Organising Chairpersons, Dr. Sushmita Sharma (HOD, Obstetrics & Gynaecology) and Dr. Maneesha Sharma (HOD, Anatomy), led the event, ensuring a seamless and impactful experience for all attendees. This workshop is the fourth in the series of cadaveric workshops conducted by AIMS Mohali during the year 2024–25, further highlighting the institute's consistent efforts to integrate cadaver-based surgical training into postgraduate education.

The workshop featured expert-led live surgical demonstrations by renowned gynaecological surgeons—Dr. Arvind Guru, Dr. Shweta Tahlan, and Dr. Amarinder. Participants witnessed and engaged in advanced surgical techniques, including retroperitoneal pelvic dissection and internal iliac artery ligation—complex, life-saving procedures taught in a realistic, hands-on cadaveric environment. This immersive learning platform offered unparalleled opportunities.

Top leaders honored by Anti-Corruption Foundation of India for their efforts in promoting anti-corruption awareness



SHIV KUAMR SHARMA

KARNAL: A grand event titled "Top Leaders & New Family Members Meet" was organized by the Anti-Corruption Foundation of India under the leadership of National Supremo Narendra Arora. The event saw the felicitation of top leaders from Karnal for their outstanding contributions to anti-corruption awareness. During the ceremony, the honorees were presented with garlands and mementos in recognition of their efforts. Speaking on the occasion, Narendra Arora highlighted that the foundation has been consistently working for the past eight years to promote anti-corruption awareness across the country. He informed that the foundation is actively running national-level campaigns such as "Corruption-Free India" and "Integrity Pledge", which have been instrumental in raising awareness among the public. The Top Leaders Award was presented to the following individuals for their significant efforts in the field: Pawan Sharma, Sudarshan Kansal, Khurshid Alam, Sumit Lalit, Ashish Malik, Dr. Sushma Panwar, Nitin Kumar Goyal, Inspector Satpal Singh, Priyanka Goyal, Renu Sharma, N.D. Goyal, Dr. Narendra Singh, Pooja Goyal, Tarun Batra, Ajit Kumar, Vinod Kumar, Vikramjeet Singh, Rajeev Goyal, Dr. Ram Kumar, Ravindra Kumar, Ramesh Kumar, Sanjeev Kumar, Anil Kumar, Sabnoor, Alzahin, among others. Narendra Arora further stated that through the Integrity Pledge Campaign, people are encouraged to take a solemn oath to uphold integrity and are also asked to fill out pledge forms affirming their commitment to honesty. He emphasized that the foundation is spreading the message of living a truthful and honest life throughout the nation. Notably, the Anti-Corruption Foundation of India has also been recognized by the World Book of Records, London (UK) for its exceptional work in the field of anti-corruption. He concluded by stating that the foundation has already administered the Integrity Pledge to millions of citizens across India and continues to conduct special awareness drives to eradicate corruption from society.

India's most awaited dance extravaganza, Super Dancer Chapter 5, returns on Sony Entertainment Television!

Chandigarh : Sony Entertainment Television's iconic dance reality show Super Dancer is all set to return with its fifth season. The new season will see 12 extraordinarily talented young contestants, each handpicked by 12 renowned choreographers who have personally chosen these young prodigies for their extraordinary talent and popularity. Each contestant will be paired with an individual Guru – a mentor who will help nurture their talent into extraordinary artistry. But Super Dancer – Chapter 5 isn't just about dance, it's also about emotion and dives deeper into the emotional bond between the contestants and their first Gurus aka Mothers, celebrating the unconditional love and sacrifices behind every superstar child. The soul of the show is brought alive by the much-adored judges — the stunning and spirited Shilpa Shetty Kundra, the ever-graceful Geeta Kapur (fondly known as Geeta Maa), and bringing fresh energy to the judges' panel this year is none other than the celebrated choreographer Marzi Pestonji. Together, they bring heart, humor, and honesty to the journey of each young performer.

SPRAY's MVR Innovation Wins India Global Praise at RegaTec 2025 in Germany

SHASHI PAL JAIN

CHANDIGARH; India's leadership in sustainable innovation took center stage at RegaTec 2025, as Vivek Verma, Managing Director of Spray Engineering Devices Limited (SEDL), unveiled a transformative vision for transitioning from fossil fuels to renewable energy through MVR-based heat recycling.

Held on 20th and 21st May, 2025 in Weimar, Germany, his presentation, titled "Biomass to Bioenergy & Green Chemicals," was widely applauded for its commercial viability, underlining Spray's industry-ready, scalable solutions for a greener future. The presentation particularly highlighted the elimination of biomass burning—a critical step in boosting second-generation ethanol production and achieving net zero targets (zero carbon emissions). Joining Verma were Dr. Kaleem Ahmad and Dr. Malli, whose technical insights further strengthened India's representation at this prestigious international forum. The session spotlighted key innovations and strategies, including the transformation of the hydrocarbon value chain by replacing fossil fuels with renewable alternatives, the deployment of MVR-based systems for jaggery production and water processing, and advancements in biofuels, green chemicals, and second-generation ethanol. Additionally, the presentation emphasized the role of biomass-based energy in supporting India's drive toward self-reliance in sustainable power generation.

This breakthrough—designed, developed, and manufactured entirely in India—garnered strong interest from European and global stakeholders, showcasing how Indian innovation is not only solving local challenges but also contributing meaningfully to global sustainability goals.

SPRAY's MVR-based systems exemplify how Made-in-India technologies can drive worldwide impact.

Beyond the keynote, SPRAY actively engaged with international stakeholders including top companies, research institutions, government bodies, and policymakers—fostering dialogue around collaborative pathways in the renewable gas space.

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ADMISSION NOTICE 2025-26

National Sports University invites applications from the eligible candidates for admission to the following programmes:

PROGRAMMES OFFERED

LEVEL	NAME OF THE PROGRAMME	DEGREE	DURATION	
			YEARS	SEMESTER
Undergraduate	Bachelor of Science in Sports Coaching (Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Football, Shooting, Swimming, and Weightlifting)	B. Sc. (Sports Coaching)	4	8
	Bachelor of Physical Education and Sports	BPES	3	6
Postgraduate	Master of Science in Sports Coaching (Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Football, Shooting, Swimming and Weightlifting)	M.Sc. (Sports Coaching)	2	4
	Master of Arts in Sports Psychology	M.A. (Sports Psychology)	2	4
	Master of Physical Education and Sports	MPES	2	4
	Master of Science in Applied Sports Nutrition	M.Sc. (Applied Sports Nutrition) *	2	4
		Exit Option: PG Diploma in Sports Nutrition	1	2

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Admission to the programmes will be based on the National Sports University Entrance Examination (NSUEE), as well as programme-specific assessments, including the Physical Fitness Test, Game Proficiency, Viva Voce, and Sports Achievement of the candidates. The Entrance Examination, Physical Fitness Test, etc., will be conducted offline at the admission test centres.

For more details on admission, such as eligibility criteria, prospectus, how to apply, fee, payment details, examination centre, admission schedule etc. please visit the University's website: www.nsu.ac.in

Those candidates whose examination results are awaited can also apply. However, admission will be subject to meeting the eligibility criteria on the date of admission.

Registration and filling of online application form is open from 25th May 2025 to 25th June 2025 through www.nsu.ac.in

Candidates are required to regularly check the University website for the latest updated information, further announcements, and changes.

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Dr. Ashok Mittal Joins Indian Parliamentary Delegation to Russia



J S SODHI

JALANDHAR: Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and Founder Chancellor of Lovely Professional University, is participating as a key member of the Indian Parliamentary Delegation to Russia on May 23–24. The visit, part of Operation Sindoor following the Pahalgam terrorist attack, aims to foster global unity against terrorism. The delegation, comprising MPs from BJP, DMK, AAP, and others, met Russian lawmakers in Moscow to discuss counter-terrorism cooperation, regional connectivity, and inter-parliamentary dialogue. Dr. Mittal stated, "We exchanged views on global security challenges, especially terrorism. Russia remains a steadfast partner in promoting peace." The Russian side expressed solidarity with India and backed a unified stand against extremism. India and Russia's decades-old strategic partnership spans defence, trade ($65 billion in FY24), and collaboration through BRICS and SCO, promoting a multipolar world order and collective security.

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Michael Jackson biopic 'Michael' delayed, likely to release in 2026



The Michael Jackson biopic titled 'Michael' release date is expected to be delayed to 2026, reported Variety. It is being directed by Antoine Fuqua. During Lionsgate's Q4 2025 earnings call, CEO Jon Feltheimer shared an update on the film starring Jackson's nephew Jaafar Jackson, who makes his screen debut in the project."In regard to our Michael Jackson biopic, we're excited about the 3 1/2 hours of amazing footage from producer Graham King and director Antoine Fuqua, and we will be announcing a definitive release strategy & timing in the next few weeks. I would note that it is likely we will move 'Michael' out of the fiscal year which will impact fiscal '26 financial results but will bolster an already strong fiscal '27 slate," said Feltheimer as quoted by Variety. The fiscal calendar ends on March 31, 2026, so Feltheimer's statement indicates that the film (or films) will likely debut after April 1, 2026.Last month, Variety reported that the film would likely be split into two parts and be pushed from the initially announced release date of Oct. 3, 2025.

As per Feltheimer's statement, the film is likely to debut after April 1, 2026, as the fiscal calendar of 2026 ends on March 31. The highly awaited 'Michael' was a major part of last year's Lionsgate CinemaCon presentation, however, no footage from the project was shown during this year's outing. The film is produced by "Bohemian Rhapsody's" Graham King. The principal photography of the film was wrapped in May 2024, but John Logan's script is in the process of being revised in advance of reshoots, reported Variety. As per the outlet, the'Michael,' stars Colman Domingo and Nia Long as family heads Joe and Katherine Jackson, while Miles Teller will play Jackson's attorney and advisor John Branca.Larenz Tate will star as Motown Records founder Berry Gordy, while Laura Harrier will portray pioneering female music executive Suzanne de Passe and Kat Graham will appear as the legendary Diana Ross.Other cast members of the film include Jessica Sula as La Toya Jackson, Michael's older sister; Liv Symone as Gladys Knight; Kevin Shinick as Dick Clark; KeiLyn Durrel Jones as Jackson's former security-turned-trusted friend and confidante Bill Bray; and Kendrick Sampson as industry icon Quincy Jones, who first met Michael Jackson when he was just 12 years old, reported Variety. The pair would go on to collaborate on three of Michael's most successful albums: 1979's "Off the Wall," 1982's "Thriller", and 1987's "Bad."

Actors Reveal What's Inside Their Bags!





CHANDIGARH: A bag is more than just a place to carry personal belongings; it offers a unique window into their world. From beauty essentials and health must-haves to thoughtful keepsakes, what they keep speaks volumes about their routines, values, and the little comforts that help them navigate their demanding schedules. &TV actors also open about the meaningful items they never leave home without. These include Smita Sable (Dhaniya, Bheema), Himani Shivpuri (Katori Amma, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan), and Shubhangi Atre (Angoori Bhabi, Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai). Smita Sable, who portrays Dhaniya in Bheema, shares, "One of the most essential items I always carry with me is a bandage. It might sound unusual, but this habit began after a spot boy once got injured on set, and I happened to have a bandage in my bag. I was able to help immediately, and that moment made me realise just how important it is to be prepared. Since then, I have made it a point to carry some basic first-aid items wherever I go. Alongside that, I have a few beauty essentials that I cannot do without, like a hydrating lip balm, a compact mirror, and a kajal. A quick touch-up can do wonders and make you feel fresh and camera-ready. I also keep a small bottle of rose water; it is my go-to for feeling refreshed and rejuvenated between scenes. And of course, I never forget to pack a handful of almonds. They are my energy boosters during long hours of shooting. My bag may appear simple outside, but it contains everything I need."

Himani Shivpuri, who plays Katori Amma in Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, reveals, "My handbag is like a little treasure chest full of things that serve both practical and emotional purposes. One item I always have is a packet of biscuits, not for myself, but for the street dogs I encounter on my way to the set or while travelling. Feeding them gives me an immense sense of peace and joy. It may be a small gesture, but it holds great meaning. Apart from that, I always carry my reading glasses and a good paperback novel. I love reading during breaks on set as it helps me relax and recharge. I also have a small pouch of homoeopathic medicines, something I have been accustomed to for many years now. A scented handkerchief is another staple in my bag; it is a habit I picked up during my theatre days and have held on to ever since. Naturally, my bag also contains essentials like a hand sanitizer, wallet, comb, and dependable lipstick for quick touch-ups. Every item in my bag has a purpose and a story, which makes it so special to me."

Salman Khan cheers for Sooraj Pancholi ahead of actor's big screen return with 'Kesari Veer'



Bollywood superstar Salman Khan cheered for actor Sooraj Pancholi by sharing a picture featuring their strong bond ahead of his movie release 'Kesari Veer'. Salman Khan never hesitates to show support or appreciation for his loved ones on social media. This time, he came out in support of actor Sooraj Pancholi, who made his debut with the film 'Hero' made under the banner of Salman Khan Productions. Taking to his Instagram handle, the 'Bajrangi Bhaijaan' actor shared a montage-style video featuring images of himself with Pancholi, set to the soulful track 'Main Hoon Hero Tera' which was sung by Salman Khan himself. While sharing the photo, Salman penned his best wishes for Pancholi on his big screen return with the movie Kesari Veer, which was released today. "Abhi raat hai, subah Sooraj chamkega (It's night, morning sun will shine)," wrote Salman Khan.

As per a press note, Kesari Veer delves into the inspiring tale of unsung warriors who fought and sacrificed their lives to protect the Somnath Temple from invaders in the 14th century AD.Apart from Sooraj, the film also stars Suniel Shetty, Vivek Oberoi and Akanksha Sharma in key roles.Helmed by director Prince Dhiman, the film is produced by veteran producer Kanu Chauhan. The film is set to hit theatres on May 23.On the professional front, Salman Khan was last seen in action drama 'Sikandar', where he starred alongside Rashmika Mandanna.

Cinépolis Expands Presence In India



CHANDIGARH- Cinépolis has announced the launch of its newest multiplex in Patna at Gravity Mall, Kankarbagh. This opening marks the brand's second property in the city and is a strategic step in strengthening its footprint in Eastern India.

Located in one of Patna's most densely populated and rapidly growing neighbourhoods, the new cinema offers a world-class moviegoing experience tailored to the preferences of today's discerning audiences. With three state-of-the-art screens, including one 3D and two 2D screens, and a total seating capacity of 563, the Gravity Mall multiplex stands out for its comfort-driven design. Notably, over 54% of the seats are recliners an unparalleled feature in the regional market alongside executive premium and standard seating options. All screens are equipped with Dolby 7.1 surround sound and advanced 2K Laser Projection, ensuring immersive audio-visual experiences for cinema lovers.

Commenting on the launch, Devang Sampat, Managing Director, Cinépolis India, said, "Patna continues to be a high-potential market for Cinépolis, and we're thrilled to expand our presence in the city with a second cinema. The launch of our new property at Gravity Mall allows us to reach a wider audience in a vibrant, fast-developing part of the city. At Cinépolis, we are committed to elevating the moviegoing experience by combining global standards .

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CHANDIGARH: Welcome to the race where speed meets style, and rubber burns just as brightly as diamonds sparkle! The Monaco Grand Prix isn't just another date on the Formula 1 calendar—it's the crown jewel and also the 75th year of the race's official debut, making it special for reasons more than one . Held on the winding streets of Monte Carlo, this legendary race blends high-octane racing with A-listers as well as jaw-dropping coastal views. Whether you're here for the wheel-to-wheel drama, the cinematic skyline, the thrill of witnessing history unfold on hairpin turns, or just soak in some glitz and glamour of the most celebrated celebs, F1 Monaco 2025 is your unmissable pit stop. And with Tata Play Value Added Service – FanCode Sports bringing you front-row coverage, there's no excuse not to tune in for the ultimate fusion of adrenaline, opulence, and motorsport glory.

It's narrow, it's twisty, and it's merciless -Monaco's track is a street-racing spectacle. The Circuit de Monaco pushes drivers to their absolute limits, leaving zero room for error. It's the ultimate test of driver skill – blink and you're in the barriers. These turbocharged engines turn into absolute beasts and promise the most exhilarating experience to all motorsport enthusiasts across the globe. Expect daring overtakes, dramatic crashes, and edge-of-your-seat moments from the first lap to the last.

F1 fanatics swear by this circuit and we couldn't agree more, Monaco isn't just a race, it's a legend. From Ayrton Senna's six wins to Schumacher's calculated magic, the track is a living museum of motorsport glory. Monaco is famously hard to overtake in — so when someone does pull off a daring move, it's an instant highlight-reel moment. If you like tension, risk, and edge-of-your-sofa action, this is your race. Each tunnel, and hairpin is soaked in legacy –promising to add a fresh chapter to this timeless tale.

"Being part of Kumkum Bhagya is an absolute delight," says Jaya Bhattacharya about her character in Zee TV's Kumkum Bhagya



CHANDIGARH: Zee TV's iconic and long-running show Kumkum Bhagya continues to captivate its loyal audience with an emotionally charged new chapter that follows the evolving love story of Prarthana (Pranali Rathod) and Raunak (Akshay Dev Bindra). With the recent entry of Namik Paul as the intense and mysterious Shivansh, the drama has reached new heights. Now, adding further intrigue to the storyline is the entry of popular television actor Jaya Bhattacharya, who joins the cast in a pivotal role as Shivansh's Bua Maa Respected and revered by Shivansh, Bua Maa may appear to be the guiding matriarch of the household, but there's more than meets the eye. Known for portraying powerful, layered characters, Jaya steps into a grey-shaded role marked by control, manipulation, and hidden intentions. While she projects warmth and care for Shivansh, her character hides a simmering desire for revenge against Smita (Gurdip Punjj), which is set to spark intense drama in the episodes to come.

Jaya Bhattacharya said, "Coming back to a show on Zee TV truly feels like a homecoming. Being part of Kumkum Bhagya is an absolute delight. It's heartening to see so many familiar faces and witnessing how they've grown is incredibly fulfilling. Balaji Telefilms was the first production house to trust me with a negative role, which became a turning point in my career. I haven't looked back since."

"Jaha Bharti, Waha Hansi," says Bharti Singh as Khatra Khatra Khatra Brings Laughter Back on COLORS Rishtey

CHANDIGARH: The screens are buzzing again with unstoppable laughter as COLORS Rishtey brings back its one-of-a-kind comedy show Khatra Khatra Khatra – now airing on DD Free Dish! A complete departure from scripted drama, this show blends humor, games, pranks, and celebrity chaos in a format that redefined how audiences consume comedy on Indian television. From dares that had celebs crawling with laughter to prank wars no one saw coming – this show is pure madness, served fresh every episode.



Born out of a desire to create unscripted fun, Khatra Khatra Khatra thrives on its unpredictability. Each episode features hilarious tasks, over-the-top games, and savage punishments, with celebrities willingly stepping into the madness. The show includes actors such as Aly Goni, Aditya Narayan, and Punit Pathak breaking into laughter, slipping into slime pits, and grooving on embarrassing dares – all in the spirit of fun. In an age where comedy often takes a backseat, Khatra Khatra Khatra boldly brings it to the front row, making it a perfect anytime-watch for all age groups.

At the heart of this unstoppable entertainment are the real-life couple and comedy power duo — Bharti Singh and Haarsh Limbachiyaa. Their effortless chemistry, tongue-in-cheek humour, and quick comebacks form the soul of the show, keeping both the audience and celebrity guests on their toes.

Bharti Singh, talking about the return of the show, shares, "Khatra Khatra Khatra has never been just a show for me — it's my playground! Harsh and I wanted to create something that brought laughter without filters, something silly, smart, and spontaneous. It's amazing to know that this madness is now reaching every corner of the country through DD Free Dish. In times like these, we all need a little more laughter in our lives – and we're here to deliver it. What makes it even more special is the people I got to share the stage with – like Aly Goni, who's become like a younger brother to me over the years. We've had the best time playing pranks, pulling legs, and laughing till our stomachs hurt.

Adorn your wedding story with ORRA's 'Aekta' - The Wedding Collection featuring new designs & irresistible offers

CHANDIGARH | LUDHIANA: ORRA Fine Jewellery, India's leading diamond jewellery brand, is thrilled to present the latest designs within its celebrated 'Aekta' - The Wedding Collection. Perfectly timed for the wedding season, these new additions enhance the existing beloved collection, which beautifully intertwines stories of love, heritage, and modern grandeur. To make this season even more special, ORRA is extending a suite of exclusive offers, available for a limited time until June 1st, 2025.'Aekta' - The Wedding Collection continues to resonate with the evolving desires of today's brides and their tribes, who seek the enduring elegance and versatility of diamonds. It offers a diverse array, from delicately crafted lightweight cocktail jewellery to opulent statement sets – ensuring that brides, bridesmaids, mothers, and sisters shine brilliantly through every wedding festivities. Showcasing attractive diamond jewellery sets with green and red gemstones, inspired by gradient leaf motifs. The highlight of this collection is traditional diamond layered necklaces, blending tradition with contemporary allure.Mr. Dipu Mehta, Managing Director of ORRA Fine Jewellery, commented, "'Aekta' - The Wedding Collection has always been a tribute to the sacred and joyous journey of the Indian weddings. With the introduction of new designs and our special seasonal offers, we aim to make this experience even more delightful and accessible for our valued customers.

From childhood mischief to lifelong bonds, Zee TV actors share heartfelt memories on this National Brothers Day





CHANDIGARH: National Brothers Day, celebrated every year on May 24th, honours the special bond we share with our brothers — the silent protectors, mischievous companions, and lifelong friends who walk with us through every phase of life. From childhood games and friendly squabbles to life's deeper lessons and triumphs, brothers often leave a mark that words can't capture. Whether by blood or by choice, these relationships grow with us, becoming pillars of strength and shared nostalgia. On this heartfelt occasion, some of Zee TV's most beloved actors like Priya Thakur from Vasudha, Anushka Merchande from Saru, Rohit Suchanti from Bhagya Lakshmi, Ayushi Khurana from Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile, and Namik Paul from Kumkum Bhagya open up about the brothers in their lives — recounting treasured memories, expressing their gratitude, and celebrating the unspoken love that defines this sacred bond.

Priya Thakur, who essays the role of Vasudha in Zee TV's Vasudha shared, "For me, the bond with my brother is one of the purest and most grounding relationships in life. Growing up, I was his built-in protector, late-night storyteller, and he was the person who could read my silence better than anyone. We fought like all siblings do, over the TV remote or who got the last piece of chocolate. But behind every argument was a deep-rooted love and unshakable loyalty. There's one memory I cherish the most - I had a rough day at school once and came home, and I remember sitting in my room and being overwhelmed, and he just walked in, no questions asked and handed me a chocolate bar. He said, 'You're more than just your worst day, and you shine in ways that can't be measured.' That moment stayed with me forever. Even today, in the middle of my chaotic workdays, he's the one call that brings me back to myself. This Brother's Day, I plan to send him a surprise with passes for a weekend getaway so he can finally take a well-deserved break."

Anushka Merchande, who essays the role of Anika in Zee TV's Saru shared, "I grew up in a household of girls, Brothers' Day holds a special place in my heart because I have grown up with my cousin brother, who has always felt like a real brother to my sisters and me. We didn't grow up under the same roof, but every vacation, every festival, and every family celebration was incomplete without him. He isn't just a cousin — he is my brother in every sense of the word. I remember one summer, the power went out, and instead of panicking we ate Maggi, told ghost stories while holding torches under our faces. That kind of magic, the kind only childhood gives you, is what I associate with him. Even now, when adulting feels hard and the world feels too fast, I think back to those moments, and they remind me of the simplicity and joy he brings into my life. For Brother's Day, my sisters and I have planned a nostalgic movie night with him. Our favourite movies, some gossip, along with popcorn and Maggi. Some traditions are just too precious to let go."

Rohit Suchanti, who essays the role of Rishi in Zee TV's Bhagya Lakshmi said, "My elder brother is my first friend and biggest protector. He was the one who taught me how to ride a bicycle, and even how to bounce back from failures. One memory I often revisit is of him patiently running alongside me, steadying the back of my bicycle, letting go only when he knew I had found my balance. It wasn't just about learning to ride, it was about learning to trust myself. We used to come home from school, toss our bags aside, and rush out to play cricket until sunset. Those days were about Maggi made with extra masala, fights over the last piece of chocolate, and dreaming of becoming superheroes. Now, as adults, we live in different cities, and life has taken over in many ways. But whenever I see him with his daughter, so gentle, so involved, it reminds me of the nurturing big brother I've always known. On this special day, I just want to say thank you to him for being the reason I never feared falling, because he was always there to catch me."

Ayushi Khurana, who essays the role of Reet in Zee TV's Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile said, "Brotherhood isn't just about having birth from the same mother, sometimes, it's about shared stories, trust, and an unspoken connection. On set, Rohit Dhiman, who plays my brother Dhruv, has become that person for me. What started as a professional equation slowly turned into a bond I now genuinely cherish. We had this running joke on set, he'd hide my script, and I'd lock his vanity room. Between rehearsals, prank wars, and long conversations about everything, we started confiding in each other. There was a day I was feeling really low, he just sat beside me, tried to have a conversation and make me laugh. Somewhere between those shared laughs and intense emotional scenes, something clicked. I treat him like my own brother, even off-screen—looking out for him, teasing him, and cheering him on like family, and so does he. Some bonds aren't written in blood, but they're just as deep."

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