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NEWS BRIEFS

Hry Launches 'Bhu-Mitra': A WhatsApp Chatbot for Round-the-Clock Land & Revenue Services

BUREAU CHANDIGARH: The Haryana Revenue & Disaster Management Department has launched Bhu-Mitra, a WhatsApp-based chatbot that provides 24x7 assistance to citizens seeking land and revenue-related services. Available in both Hindi and English, Bhu-Mitra is designed to make government services more accessible, transparent, and efficient for every citizen of the state. Giving more information in this regard, Financial Commissioner Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Dr. Sumita Misra, stated that Bhu-Mitra is a smart, conversational chatbot accessible directly through WhatsApp — a platform already widely used by citizens of Haryana. Citizens no longer need to visit government offices or navigate complex portals. With just a few taps on their smartphones, they can access a range of essential revenue services from the comfort of their homes, at any hour of the day. Dr. Misra further stated that through the Bhu-Mitra chatbot, citizens can currently avail four core revenue services — Copy of Jamabandi for land ownership and cultivation records, Copy of Mutation for changes in land ownership, Compensation Registration for related requests, and Deed Registration for property deed assistance.

India seeks safe passage for 22 vessels stranded near Strait of Hormuz

NEW DELHI : President Donald Trump said US forces "obliterated" military targets on Iran's Kharg Island, home to the main terminal that handles the country's oil exports. The speaker of the Iranian parliament had warned that such strikes would provoke a new level of retaliation. Meanwhile, an American official said 2,500 more Marines and an amphibious assault ship are being sent to the Middle East nearly two weeks into the US-Israeli war with the Islamic Republic. Iran has continued to launch widespread missile and drone attacks on Israel and neighbouring Gulf states, and has effectively closed the Strait of Hormuz, through which a fifth of the world's traded oil passes, even as US and Israeli warplanes pummel military and other targets across Iran.

LPG supply crunch: Govt bans domestic cylinders for households with PNG connections

NEW DELHI : As the LPG supply crunch continues and panic booking escalates, the government on Saturday banned domestic LPG for homes with Piped Natural Gas (PNG) connections. Amending the LPG Regulation of Supply and Distribution Order, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas issued a notification asking PNG users to surrender domestic LPG connections. The amendment seeks to prevent duplication of subsidised domestic fuel connections, sources said. Under the new regulation, households with PNG connections are ineligible for domestic LPG cylinders. **Piyush Goyal reaffirms commitment to US trade deal, says "India economically resilient amid West Asia conflict"** **NEW DELHI :** Amidst the ongoing West Asia conflict and evolving world order, Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal on Saturday asserted that India remains economically resilient with strong fundamentals. While speaking during the CNBC-TV18 India Business Leader Awards 2026, Goyal mentioned that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has guided the country to look for opportunities amid challenges. "With a war raging on, people of India understand the situation and are ready to work with the government to find solutions," said Piyush Goyal.

We expected Amit Shah to speak about MSP, loan waiver or special package for Punjab: CM Bhagwant

SHASHI PAL JAIN
SAS NAGAR, MAR 14

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Saturday strongly criticised Union Home Minister Amit Shah for failing to address Punjab's key concerns during his visit to the state, stating that people had expected announcements on MSP, farm loan waiver and a special package but were left disappointed. The Chief Minister said the BJP-led Centre has consistently discriminated against Punjab by withholding its rightful funds, ignoring farmers' demands and failing to act on major drug seizures outside the state, while attempting to defame Punjab.

The Chief Minister asserted that despite such challenges, the Punjab Government is taking decisive steps to curb drugs, strengthen the economy and attract investment, adding that the Progressive Punjab Investors Summit has received overwhelming support from industry leaders exploring new opportunities in the state.

Interacting with the media on Saturday on the sidelines of the Progressive Punjab Investors Summit, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated that farmers and citizens of Punjab had hoped for concrete decisions addressing their concerns. "We expected Amit Shah to speak about MSP, loan waiver or special package for Punjab, but he left after merely abusing Punjabis," stated CM Bhagwant Singh Mann. He added that people of Punjab were expecting big announcements such as a legal guarantee of MSP for crops, waiver of farm loans and other measures for farmers. The Chief Minister also criticised the Centre for withholding Punjab's rightful funds. "The Modi Government has withheld Punjab's RDF and GST funds, and has still not released 1,600 crore flood relief compensation," stated CM Bhagwant Singh Mann.



Investor Summit receiving tremendous response from investors, proof of Punjab's progress: CM Mann

BUREAU SAS NAGAR: Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the Progressive Punjab Investors Summit is receiving an overwhelming response from investors and industry leaders, describing it as clear evidence that Punjab is rapidly emerging as a preferred destination for investment and economic growth.

During a media interaction at the Progressive Punjab Investors Summit, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated, "Investor Summit is receiving tremendous response from investors, which is proof of Punjab's progress," stated CM Bhagwant Singh Mann.

The Chief Minister said that the Punjab Government is focused on building a development model that connects the state's strong agricultural base with industrial growth, ensuring greater opportunities for farmers and youth. "Our aim is to connect Punjab's agricultural strength with industry so that new opportunities can be created for farmers and the youth of Punjab," stated CM Bhagwant Singh Mann.

Highlighting the potential of the agriculture and allied sectors, the Chief Minister said, "Punjab has immense potential in the fruits and vegetables sector."

BJP to go solo in 2027 Punjab Assembly election, aims to form govt: Amit Shah



JAGRAJ SANGHA MOGA: Sounding the election bugle for the 2027 Punjab Assembly poll, Union Home Minister and senior BJP leader Amit Shah declared on Saturday that BJP will contest the election on its own to form the next government in the state. Addressing an impressive 'Badlav Rally' at Killi Chahlan, near Moga, and appearing in a saffron turban, Shah said the era of BJP playing the 'Chhota Bhai' (younger brother) in Punjab politics was over. He asserted that the party would go solo in the 2027 election and form its own government.

"Punjab needs change, and BJP will provide decisive leadership to restore the state's pride and safety," he told the gathering. Amit Shah said BJP secured around 19 per cent vote share in Punjab in the 2024 election, which, he asserted, would serve as the foundation for the party's future government in the state. He said similar political trajectories had been witnessed in several other states,

where the party gradually expanded its support base.

"Once our double-engine government is formed in a state, it remains stable for a long time and ensures sustainable development," he added. In his high-decibel address, Shah was sharply critical of the ruling AAP and the Congress, blaming them for the problems plaguing Punjab. However, he refrained from mentioning the name of BJP's former alliance partner, the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), while announcing the party's decision to contest the 2027 Vidhan Sabha election independently.

Amit Shah asserted that 'Hindu-Sikh Ekta' (unity) is the bedrock of Punjab's progress. He maintained that only a BJP government in 2027 could ensure this social cohesion while simultaneously delivering a final blow to the drug menace. Shah told the gathering that a unified Punjab, backed by the strength of a 'double-engine' administration, is the only way to restore the state's lost glory and secure its borders.

India strongly condemns Pakistan's deadly air strikes in Afghanistan

NEW DELHI/KABUL: Terming it as another act of aggression by a Pakistani establishment that remains hostile to the idea of a sovereign Afghanistan, India on Saturday severely condemned the latest strikes by Pakistan inside Afghan territory which has led to the death of several civilians and massive loss to local infrastructure.

Afghan officials on Saturday confirmed that several civilians have been killed in the Pakistani airstrikes on Friday in Kabul, Kandahar, Paktika and Paktia provinces.

"India condemns the air strikes by Pakistan in Afghanistan's territory, leading to the death of several civilians and destruction of civilian infrastructure. This is yet another act of aggression by a Pakistani establishment that remains hostile to the idea of a sovereign Afghanistan," Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in response to media queries on the recent attacks by Pakistan on Afghanistan.

"India reiterates that Afghanistan's sovereignty and territorial integrity should be fully respected," the statement added. Deputy spokesman of the Afghan government, Hamdullah Fitrat said on Saturday that at least four people have been killed and over 25 injured in the Pakistani airstrikes on Kabul.

Unified BRICS position on West Asia remains elusive; India engaged to find consensus

NEW DELHI: India on Saturday admitted that a common BRICS position on the West Asia conflict remains elusive due to "differing views" among member-nations, and New Delhi is engaged to forge a consensus on the issue.

Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, without naming any country, said some BRICS members are directly involved in the conflict, which has impacted finding a unified stance for the grouping.

India is the current chair of the influential bloc, which recently expanded to include Iran, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and some other countries.

Iran's counter-offensive against the UAE and other Gulf nations following the February 28 US-Israel strikes on Iranian targets has triggered some disquiet within the grouping.

As the current chair of the BRICS, India is now navigating the challenge of finding a common position for the bloc on the conflict.

"Some members of the BRICS are directly involved in the current situation in the West Asia region, which has impacted forging a consensus on a common BRICS position on the ongoing conflict," Jaiswal said at a media briefing.

He said India has been facilitating

discussions among the BRICS members through the Sherpa channel. The last Sherpa meeting was held virtually on March 12. "We are trying our best to develop a position, but because of differing positions, it has been difficult. In addition, our leadership is also engaged with member-countries of BRICS," Jaiswal said. "We continue to remain engaged with BRICS member-nations so that we can arrive at a position on this conflict," he said. The issue figured in a phone conversation between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Iranian counterpart, Seyed Abbas Araghchi, on Thursday night.

Chief Justice of India urges graduates to server society, remember family sacrifices

Education is a tool for Nation Building, not just personal success-CJI

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 14

The 12th Convocation Ceremony of the Central University of Haryana (CUH) was held with great enthusiasm at the university campus on Saturday. Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court Justice SheelNagu and Director of IIT Ropar Dr. Rajeev Ahuja attended as Guests of Honour. Several other distinguished dignitaries, including Justice Sanjay Vashisth, Punjab & Haryana High Court, Justice N.S. Shekhawat Punjab & Haryana High Court, Sh. Chandra Shekhar, Registrar General, Punjab & Haryana High Court and Sh. NarendrSura, District and Session Judge, Narnaul, DC Capt. Manoj, SP Pooja Vashisth were also present at the ceremony. Vice-Chancellor honoured the Chief Guest and other distinguished guests with memento. Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof.Pawan Sharma along with University Court Members, Members of Executive Council, Academic Council and Finance Committee, Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments, faculty members, and officials of the district administration, were also present on the occasion.

Justice Surya Kant, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of India extended his greetings to all the distinguished guests, university officials, faculty members, students, parents, and members of the media present at the ceremony.

Justice Surya Kant remarked that the occasion held special significance



for him personally. Having grown up and completed his education in Haryana, he reflected on his own journey and the challenges he faced during the early stages of his career. He shared that, unlike many of his peers, he did not initially have strong professional networks or connections. By sharing his experiences, he aimed to encourage students who may come from similar backgrounds, particularly those belonging to middle-class families and reassured them that modest beginnings often prepare individuals for greater achievements in the future. He also highlighted the remarkable

progress made by the Central University of Haryana, noting that the institution had achieved notable accreditation and recognition within a relatively short period since its establishment. Justice Surya Kant commended the university community for its dedication and commitment to academic excellence.

In addition, he congratulated the fifty gold medalists being honored during the convocation ceremony, noting with appreciation that thirty of them were women. He described this as a positive indicator of the growing participation and success of women in higher education.

First LPG ships in two weeks cross Strait of Hormuz under Indian Navy escort



Two LPG-laden ships, the Shivalik and the Nanda Devi, have crossed the Strait of Hormuz under escort of the Indian Navy.

A Navy warship, with all its air defence systems operating, has escorted the two tankers out of the Hormuz, a 33 kms wide water body between Iran and Oman, sources confirmed on Saturday.

These are the first India-bound LPG ships to cross the Hormuz in almost two weeks. Both are India-flagged Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) tankers and are collectively carrying almost 85,000

metric tonnes of natural gas. At the pace an LPG tanker can travel at sea, the ships are expected to reach Indian shores by Monday night. Sources said the passage has come about after a series of conversations the Indian and the Iranian leadership have had.

On Thursday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also held talks with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian. Modi expressed deep concern over escalating hostilities and the loss of civilian lives. "The safety and security of Indian nationals, along with the need for unhindered transit of goods and

energy, remain India's top priority," Modi posted on X. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has had four rounds of phone calls – since February 28 – with his Iranian counterpart Seyed Abbas Araghchi. Sources said the vessels are being escorted and guided by the Indian Navy to ensure safe passage through the sensitive maritime corridor, which remains one of the world's most critical energy transit routes. To keep an eye on the situation in the waters, the Navy warship gets live feed from its own radars besides connectivity of indigenous satellites.

NEWS BRIEF

Women celebrate CM Mother-Daughter Satkar Scheme in Barnala constituencies



KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: Women celebrated by breaking the fast in all three constituencies of the district in the joy of the Chief Minister Mother-Daughter Satkar Yojana brought by the Punjab government for financial assistance to the women of the state. Meanwhile, while women held a vigil in Barnala's Kachhari Chowk, a vigil was held in the old market of Mehal Kalan. MLA Mehal Kalan and Chairman of the Special Powers Committee (Punjab Vidhan Sabha) S. Kulwant Singh Pandori, who was present on the occasion, said that in the budget, programs have been drawn up to give an honorarium of Rs. 1000 to women belonging to the general category and Rs. 1500 to women belonging to the Scheduled Caste.

Aman Arora puts questions to Centre ahead of Amit Shah's Moga rally

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, MAR 14

Ahead of Union Home Minister Amit Shah's rally in Moga, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab President and Cabinet Minister Aman Arora on Saturday put eight pointed questions to the BJP-led Central Government, demanding clear answers on issues ranging from Punjab's withheld funds and massive GST losses to flood relief, industry, drug trafficking, employment and rising LPG prices. Stating that the visit cannot be reduced to political rhetoric, Aman Arora said three crore Punjabis are expecting accountability from the Union Home Minister and deserve concrete answers, not hollow slogans or "jumlas," on the serious economic and governance concerns facing Punjab.

Addressing a press conference in Chandigarh, AAP Punjab



President and Cabinet Minister Aman Arora stated that Punjabis have a long tradition of welcoming guests with respect, but this time the people of Punjab expect accountability from the Union Home Minister. "Home Minister Amit Shah has come to the land of Punjab, and we welcome him. But the concern of three crore Punjabis is simple, do not make empty promises and tell jumlas again," said Aman Arora.

The AAP Punjab President

noted that two days ago he had raised several important issues concerning Punjab and expected the BJP's Punjab leadership to respond or present some announcements before Amit Shah's visit. "However, in the last two days not a single BJP Punjab leader has spoken about these concerns," said Aman Arora. He also urged the media to question Amit Shah and BJP Punjab leaders on the issues being raised by the people of Punjab.

Raising the first issue, Aman Arora asked the Union Home Minister to clarify under which law the central government has withheld Rs. 8,300 crore belonging to Punjab under the Rural Development Fund (RDF) and Market Development Fund (MDF) for the past four years. "This money belongs to the hardworking farmers and people of Punjab. It is meant for rural development. Why has the Centre stopped it, and when

will it be released?" asked Aman Arora. Highlighting the financial losses suffered by Punjab under the GST regime, Aman Arora stated that the compensation mechanism lasted only five years, leaving Punjab with massive losses. "The GST compensation was given only for five years, but Punjab suffered losses worth nearly Rs. 60,000 crore. How does the central government plan to compensate Punjab for this huge loss?" asked Aman Arora.

Referring to the devastating floods that struck Punjab, the Cabinet Minister reminded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced a relief package of Rs. 1,600 crore during his visit to the affected areas. "Is Amit Shah bringing the cheque of Rs. 1,600 crore with him today? If yes, he should hand it over to Punjab. If not, he must explain in his rally why that money has still not been released," said Aman Arora.

'Budget 2026-27 will lead Uttarakhand towards prosperity': CM Dhami

AGENCY
UDHAM SINGH NAGAR, MAR 14

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Saturday stated that the state's 2026-27 budget is aimed at boosting balanced growth across sectors such as agriculture, industry, youth employment and women's empowerment, adding that the financial plan will help move the state toward prosperity while supporting skill development and innovation. He added that the budget was passed after over 41 hours of discussion in the Assembly.

Speaking to a news agency, CM Dhami said, "It is our resolve that Uttarakhand becomes the best state in the country... We are continuously working hard, formulating plans. This time's budget is moving in that very direction so that every sector progresses, there is immense potential in our mother power. Our mothers and sisters possess



great capability. Even after difficult circumstances, the products made by them are continuously gaining recognition... Provisions have been made in this budget for the skills, employment, and innovation of the youth. Agriculture is a major sector." He added, "The budget has been prepared keeping everyone in mind. Here, along with the industrial sector, we are working to promote the agriculture and horticulture sectors.

Release Punjab's pending funds during visit, Baltej Pannu urges Amit Shah

TAPINDER SINGH
PATIALA, MAR 14

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab General Secretary and State Media Head Baltej Pannu has strongly said that Union Home Minister Amit Shah should release the blocked funds of the state during his Punjab visit. Baltej Pannu was talking to the media today on the second day of a three-day camp organized at Greenfield Sant Enclave in Patiala to register and make cards for the 'Chief Minister's Health Scheme'. On this occasion, Baltej Pannu said that the Punjab government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, has to make health scheme cards of 65 lakh families of the state and so far these cards have been made for about 15 lakh people. Talking to reporters, Baltej Pannu surrounded the Central



government and said that if the Home Minister has come to hold a rally in Punjab, then he should release the state's blocked RDF towards the Central. And also bring funds for other schemes. Accusing the Central Government of treating Punjab like a stepmother, Baltej Pannu said that the Center has always discriminated against Punjab. He said that the Center has always confused the state

on important issues like Punjab's rights over Chandigarh and Panjab University. Pannu appealed to the people of Punjab to definitely ask Amit Shah about these serious issues of Punjab. He further reminded that during the floods, Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself had made an air visit to Punjab and announced a fund of Rs 1600 crore to compensate for the damage.

Dr. Inder Kumar Pandit leads ISPPD CONVENE 2026, over 1400 delegates attend National Dental Convention

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: Dr. Inder Kumar Pandit, who as Convention Secretary of the 22nd Postgraduate Convention of the Indian Society of Pedodontics and Preventive Dentistry "ISPPD CONVENE 2026" held between 12-14 March at Visakhapatnam, played a pivotal leadership role in steering the academic, organizational, and professional framework of the convention. With his vast experience in dental education and academic administration, he provided strategic direction in planning scientific deliberations, strengthening postgraduate participation, and ensuring smooth coordination among organizing committees, faculty, delegates, and invited dignitaries. His guidance significantly contributed to aligning the convention theme, "Pedo-AI – A Digital Leap in Child Oral Health Care," with contemporary academic relevance and national professional expectations. Through his senior mentorship and administrative insight, the convention reflected both scientific excellence and organizational distinction with the whole hearted planning and execution by the team of Anil Neerukonda Institute of Dental Sciences, Vizag who organised this convention. More than 1400 delegates participated from all over India and it was observed as the best PG Convention held so far in the history of ISPPD conferences/ meets/conventions by students.



Aware consumers form the foundation of strong economy: Dr Anant Sharma

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, MAR 14

The "Consumer Awareness Bharat Yatra," organised by the Consumers Confederation of India (CCI) to promote awareness about consumer rights across the country, received a grand welcome in the holy city of Kurukshetra. On the occasion, a consumer awareness conference was held at the International Jat Dharamshala where detailed discussions were held on consumer rights, product quality, consumer safety and grievance redressal mechanisms. The nationwide yatra is being led by Dr Anant Sharma, national chairman of the Consumers Confederation of India and the coordinator of the campaign. Officials from the Bureau of Indian Standards,



including scientist Ramesh, Navita Yadav and Aarti, also participated in the programme and informed participants about product quality standards, reliability of certified products and ways to identify safe products. The programme was chaired by CCI Haryana state president Rajkumar Bhola, while International Jat Dharamshala Kurukshetra president Chaudhary Krishna Shyokand welcomed the guests. The event was conducted by CCI chief

advisor Mukesh Sharma. Addressing the gathering, CCI national chairman and yatra coordinator Dr Anant Sharma said the objective of the Consumer Awareness Bharat Yatra is to ensure that every citizen of the country becomes aware of consumer rights. He said transparency and quality in the market can only be ensured when consumers are aware, adding that an informed consumer is the foundation of a strong and healthy economy.

Shri Sukhmani Sahib Path held at Rayat Bahra Professional University



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: A sacred religious gathering was organized at Rayat Bahra Professional University to celebrate the establishment of the new university and to seek blessings for the continued progress and prosperity of the institution and its students. On this occasion, the recitation of Shri Sukhmani Sahib was performed in the holy presence of Dhan Dhan Sahib Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji. During the programme, students presented soulful Gurbani Kirtan, filling the entire atmosphere with spiritual devotion. The melodious Kirtan deeply inspired the congregation. On this occasion, Sant Baba Nihal Singh Ji of Haryan Bela graced the gathering and shared enlightening Gurmat Vichaar with the sangat. Renowned Raagi Bhai Harjinder Singh Ji from Aslamabad, Hoshiarpur along with his companions also performed Gurbani Kirtan. University Chancellor Gurvinder Singh Bahra also paid obeisance in the holy presence of Guru Sahib. Vice Chancellor Dr. Chander Mohan was also present and joined the congregation in the Ardas. At the conclusion of the programme, prayers were offered for the continuous progress of the institution, the bright future of students and the welfare of all humanity, "Sarbat Da Bhala".

YS GeNxt celebrates February-March birthdays with joy



KARANPREET KARAN BARNALA: YS GeNxt School recently celebrated the birthdays of nearly 120 students born in the months of February and March in a joyful and vibrant gathering on campus. Parents were also warmly invited to be a part of the celebration, making the occasion even more special and memorable. The program began with a cake-cutting ceremony, where the birthday stars shared smiles and happiness with their friends and teachers. The celebration continued with fun games, music, dance, and cheerful activities, filling the atmosphere with excitement and laughter. The event created beautiful moments of bonding among students, parents, and teachers. Such celebrations at YS GeNxt reflect the school's commitment to creating a happy, caring, and joyful learning environment, where every child's special day is celebrated with love and enthusiasm.

Baba Shravan Nath Primary School declares annual examination results



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI PEHOWA: The annual examination results of Baba Shravan Nath Primary School located in village Arunai were declared on Friday. Mahant Vishwanath Giri, secretary of Sangameshwar Mahadev Temple, attended the programme as the chief guest and blessed the students on the occasion. Addressing the gathering, he said the school, being run under the guidance of Mahant Ravindra Puri, secretary of Shri Panchayati Akhara Mahanirvani and national president of the Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad, is setting new benchmarks in the field of education. He added that the institution has always aimed to impart not only education but also moral values to children so that they can grow into responsible citizens and contribute to the nation. Bharatiya Shiksha Samiti secretary Bhushan Gautam said the school recorded a 100 per cent result in the annual examinations. He credited the achievement to the dedicated efforts of the teachers and added that the number of students has been increasing every year. In view of this growth, Baba Shravan Nath School, Pehowa, will be converted to the CBSE system from the upcoming academic session.

Samman ceremony for Sadbhav Yatra fourth phase to be held today in Yamunanagar

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: A felicitation ceremony to mark the fourth phase of the Sadbhav Yatra being led by senior Congress leader and former MP Brijendra Singh will be organised in Yamunanagar on March 15. The programme will be held at Saubhagya Resort in Yamunanagar and will begin at 9.30 am. Brijendra Singh said that all workers and supporters who contributed to the successful completion of the fourth phase of the Sadbhav Yatra will be honoured during the ceremony. He added that the yatra has so far covered 62 Assembly constituencies across the state. He further informed that on March 12 he was invited for a meeting by senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. During the meeting, Rahul Gandhi unveiled the Sadbhav Yatra T-shirt and also expressed his desire to join the yatra. MP Harish Chandra Meena from Dausa in Rajasthan and MP Rahul Kaswan from Churu will attend the ceremony as chief guests. Besides them, Sadhoura MLA Renu Bala, Jagadhri MLA Chaudhry Akram Khan, urban district president Devender Singh and rural district president Narpal Singh will also be present on the occasion. The fourth phase of the Sadbhav Yatra had commenced from Yamunanagar on January 27, 2026. The yatra passed through Jagadhri, Sadhoura, Kalka, Panchkula, Naraingarh, Mullana, Ambala Cantt, Ambala City, Shahabad, Kurukshetra, Radaur, Ladwa and Pehowa before concluding at Guhla Cheeka on March 2, 2026.



Kumari Selja inaugurates new petrol pump at Urjani village in Yamunanagar



PREETI SAINI SADHOURA: A new petrol pump was inaugurated on the Jagadhri-Paonta National Highway at village Urjani in the Chhachhrauli area of Yamunanagar district on Friday. The petrol pump has been opened by Congress leader and social worker Shyam Sundar Batra. Senior Congress leader and Sirsa MP Kumari Selja attended the event as the chief guest and formally inaugurated the petrol pump by cutting the ribbon. A large number of Congress workers and local residents were present at the inauguration ceremony held in the village. After inaugurating the Jio petrol pump, the MP inspected the premises and interacted with the people present there. She congratulated Shyam Sundar Batra on starting the petrol pump and wished him success in the venture. Selja said such initiatives contribute to regional development and also provide convenient facilities to local residents.

55th National Safety Week closing ceremony held at Trident Complex Dhaula



KARANPREET KARAN BARNALA: The closing ceremony of the 55th National Safety Week was celebrated with great enthusiasm and participation at Trident Complex Dhaula. The main objective of the function was to spread awareness about workplace safety as well as public safety. Shri Sahil Goyal, Deputy Director of Factories (DDF), Barnala attended as the Chief Guest on this occasion. During the program, Shri Sahil Goyal and the senior management of Trident honored the employees who actively participated in various activities organized during the National Safety Week. These activities included safety poster making, safety slogans, safety skits, fire hydrant drills and other safety related initiatives. In his address, Shri Sahil Goyal ji emphasized the importance of overall safety from home to workplace. He said that safety should not be limited to the factory only, but it should become a part of every person's lifestyle.

Two arrested for Rs. 21.5 lakh house theft in Samalkha within 36 hours



ASHOK CHUGH PANIPAT/SAMALKHA: Samalkha police in Panipat district solved a theft case involving Rs. 21.5 lakh within 36 hours and arrested two accused in connection with the incident that took place in Garhi Chhaju village. The accused have been identified as Dinesh, a resident of Kilo village in Rohtak, and Naveen, a resident of Deroli village in Mahendragarh district. Both were arrested from Garhi Chhaju village. Station House Officer Sub-Inspector Gulshan said that during interrogation both accused confessed to committing the theft.

They told the police that they work in separate companies in Gurugram and live there in rented accommodation. The two have been friends for around eight years. According to the police, Dinesh was in need of money and shared the issue with Naveen. The two then allegedly planned the theft and reached the Samalkha area on a motorcycle late on the night of March 12. They broke into the house in Garhi Chhaju village and stole the cash.

National Lok Adalat in Barnala settles 14,032 cases, awards over Rs. 6.29 crore

KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: As per the directions of National Legal Services Authority, New Delhi and Punjab State Legal Services Authority, SAS Nagar, National Lok Adalat was organized at District Court Complex, Barnala. While giving information, Ms. Anshul Beri, Honorable District and Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority Barnala said that a total of 8 benches were constituted to settle all types of pre-litigation and pending cases through compromise.

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Punjab Emerging as Preferred Investment Destination

CM Bhagwant Mann's Policies Drive Industrial Growth

Punjab is witnessing a renewed phase of industrial investment, with several major companies announcing projects across manufacturing, research and infrastructure sectors. The developments come amid the state government's push to strengthen the industrial ecosystem under the leadership of Bhagwant Singh Mann.

State Industry and Commerce Minister Sanjeev Arora said the government is focused on creating an environment that encourages both domestic and international investors to expand operations in the state. Recent months have seen multiple investment proposals and expansion plans in sectors including steel, textiles, chemicals, research and healthcare.

Among the significant announcements, industrialist Sajjan Jindal held discussions with the state government regarding a ₹1,500-crore investment in the steel sector at Rajpura. The project is expected to strengthen the region's manufacturing capacity and generate employment opportunities.

The state has also attracted ₹1,003.57 crore in greenfield investment in the special steel manufacturing sector. In addition, companies in the textile sector have proposed around ₹750 crore investment in woollen and fancy yarn production units. Another major proposal involves the Trident Group, which has announced plans to invest ₹2,000 crore in Punjab as part of its expansion strategy. Further industrial activity includes a ₹500-crore research and development facility proposed by Amber Group at Rajpura. Energy sector player HPCL-Mittal Energy Limited has also outlined expansion plans worth ₹2,600 crore in the state.

In the chemicals and manufacturing segment, Pidilite Industries Limited has announced a ₹300-crore facility for adhesives and waterproofing products. Meanwhile, Mahindra Group has strengthened its manufacturing presence in Punjab through expansion initiatives.

Industrial & Business Development Policy 2026 to make Punjab No. 1 investment destination



Punjab is witnessing renewed industrial momentum with policy reforms and rising investment proposals, developments that the state government attributes to the leadership of Bhagwant Singh Mann. The recently unveiled Industrial & Business Development Policy 2026 is being projected as a major step towards strengthening the state's position as a preferred destination for industry and investment.

The policy, launched in Ludhiana, introduces a flexible framework that allows investors to select incentives suited to their business models. Officials said investors can choose up to 20 incentives to design customised packages, a move intended to accommodate the diverse cost structures and operational requirements of different sectors.

For the first time, the state government has introduced a capital subsidy mechanism to reduce the initial financial burden on investors. The policy also allows incentives of up to 100 percent of Fixed Capital Investment. The definition of fixed capital investment has been expanded to include components such as land, labour housing, research and development facilities, effluent treatment plants and other sustainability-related infrastructure.

Another major provision is the extension of incentive support for up to 15 years, which officials say is particularly relevant for capital-intensive sectors such as semiconductors, pharmaceuticals and data centres that require longer gestation periods.

The policy also seeks to support smaller industries by lowering the eligibility threshold for Employment Generation Subsidy to ₹25 crore investment and 50 workers. This change is expected to benefit a large number of small and medium manufacturing units across industrial clusters in Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Batala and Mandi Gobindgarh.

Additional incentives have also been proposed for industries located in border and Kandi regions, including Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Amritsar, Ferozepur and Fazilka. Officials said this measure is aimed at encouraging industrial activity in areas that have historically received lower investment.

Sector-specific policies have also been introduced for industries such as IT and ITes, Global Capability Centres, electric vehicles, electronics manufacturing, semiconductors, filmmaking and tourism.

Punjab is rapidly emerging as a preferred destination for investment because our government is committed to providing a transparent, industry-friendly environment. We are simplifying procedures, improving infrastructure and ensuring that investors receive full support from the administration. Our aim is not only to attract investment but also to create large-scale employment opportunities for the youth of Punjab and strengthen the state's economy through sustainable industrial growth



—Bhagwant Singh Mann, Chief Minister of Punjab

Global industry leaders hail Punjab as emerging investment hub under leadership of CM Bhagwant Singh Mann



Captains of industry from across the globe on Friday hailed Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann for transforming Punjab into a major investment destination during the Progressive Punjab Investors' Summit, with leading industrialists praising the policies of the Punjab Government and announcing fresh investments and expansion plans in the state.

Executive Chairman of the world's leading steel company ArcelorMittal Lakshmi N Mittal said, "It is a great honour for me to be in Punjab because this land teaches hard work, resilience and generosity. Punjab is not only a state but a spirit of energy, courage and the determination to keep moving forward. Punjabis have a unique identity wherever they are in the world because of their unprecedented hard work and devotion." He added, "Punjabis have created empires with firm commitment from farms to trades across the globe. The Bathinda refinery is a strong foundation for the upcoming industry in Punjab with the latest technologies. We have made investments worth more than Rs.60,000 crore in Punjab which is the biggest investment in Punjab so far. In view of the current LPG shortage, the refinery has increased production from 1000 tonnes to 3000 tonnes per day. With the constant support of the Punjab Government, we have also established a mega world-scale petrochemical complex at an outlay of ₹26,000 crore which is giving a major boost to MSMEs and accelerating social and economic growth in Punjab."



Steel Sector Investment in Rajpura ₹1,500 CRORE PROPOSAL AFTER MEETING WITH SAJJAN JINDAL

The steel sector is set to receive a major boost following discussions between the Punjab government and industrialist Sajjan Jindal. The meeting resulted in an announcement of a ₹1,500 crore investment in Rajpura, expected to expand manufacturing capacity and create employment in the region.

Greenfield Investment in Special Steel ₹1,003.57 CRORE PROJECT TO STRENGTHEN INDUSTRIAL BASE

Punjab has attracted ₹1,003.57 crore in greenfield investment in the special steel manufacturing sector. The project is expected to strengthen the state's industrial supply chain and support downstream industries.

Textile Sector Sees Fresh Investment ₹750 CRORE PLANNED FOR WOOLLEN AND FANCY YARNS

The textile industry is also witnessing renewed activity, with companies announcing ₹750 crore investment in woollen and fancy yarn manufacturing units. The move is expected to expand Punjab's traditional textile sector and generate employment.

R&D Investment in Rajpura AMBER GROUP PLANS ₹500 CRORE FACILITY

Amber Group has proposed a ₹500 crore research and development facility in Rajpura. The investment aims to support product development and advanced manufacturing in the electronics sector.

Trident Group will invest Rs. 2000 crore in Punjab

CHANDIGARH: Aiming to build a robust, responsive and forward-looking industrial ecosystem and making the Punjab industrial hub under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble National Convenor of AAP Sh. Arvind Kejriwal and Chief Minister Punjab S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, Cabinet Minister Shri Sanjeev Arora informed that Trident Group whose market cap 18k crore and turnover 10k crore is going to invest Rs. 2000/- Crore in Punjab. In this regard, he revealed that Rs. 1500/- crore will be invested in Barnala to expand Terry Towel production and modernisation in paper manufacturing and Rs. 500/- crore in Mohali for setting up a corporate office and capacity building centre. Mainly, 2000 semi skilled rural women will get employment through this investment.

He added that Punjab Government progressive policy interventions and ease of doing business reforms are making the state choicest place for investors. This reflects Punjab Government commitment towards industrial friendly policies which are gaining



momentum day by day.

Chairman Trident Group and Member of Parliament Rajya Sabha Padma Shri Rajinder Gupta said that we are going to expand Yarn Business and augment our existing textile capabilities to cater to increasing domestic and export demand.

Furthermore, he added that modernisation of paper manufacturing is being done by upgrading technology and infrastructure to ensure eco-friendly and efficient production processes.

HMEL's Major Industrial Expansion Plans of 2600 Crores in Punjab

Cabinet Minister for Industries & Commerce, Investment Promotion, Power & NRI Affairs, Government of Punjab, Sanjeev Arora highlighted the significant industrial contribution and future expansion plans of HPCL-Mittal Energy Ltd. (HMEL), reaffirming the State Government's commitment under the visionary leadership of National Convenor Arvind Kejriwal and Chief Minister Punjab S. Bhagwant Singh Mann to support large-scale investments and strengthen Punjab's industrial ecosystem.

Prabh Das, Managing Director & CEO, HMEL said that we are going to invest in a refinery and petrochemical complex in Bhatinda. We produce fuels like petrol, diesel, LPG, ATF, along with polymers including



polyethylene and polypropylene. We got full support from people of Punjab as well as the government during construction and operations of this massive complex. So far, neither construction or operations have

been affected even for a day during the last so many years. This is mainly due to proactive policies and ease of doing business of the Punjab government. We are fortunate to have a farsighted leader, Shri

Sanjeev Arora, who is dynamic, reform centric, development oriented and outcome focused. He said that under Sanjeev Arora dynamic leadership, Punjab's industrial growth will create new opportunities for entrepreneurs, industries, and youth of the state.

Sanjeev Arora said that HMEL stands as a landmark public-private partnership between Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)—a Navratna and Fortune 500 PSU—and Mittal Energy Investment Pte. Ltd., Singapore (Lakshmi N. Mittal Group), and has emerged as one of Punjab's most significant industrial success stories. He assured them that they will get full government support for expanding their plant in Punjab.

EDITORIAL

Save children from toxic social media

Reasonable restrictions on social media access are an idea whose time has come. Nations need to start honest conversations on how to curb the harmful effects of digital addiction, particularly among teenagers and young adults. For policymakers in a country like India, this new-age affliction presents a complex challenge with no legal compass to guide them. Now, two politically divergent southern States —Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka — have taken the lead and set a policy template for others to follow. They have announced plans to ban social media use for children below the age of 16, citing concerns over digital addiction, mental health and cyberbullying. Generally, a blanket ban on any social practice is not desirable and, in some cases, could prove counterproductive. However, there is a strong case for raising guardrails to protect children from becoming victims of screen addiction and cybercrime. The exponentially growing social media is like a double-edged sword. On the one hand, the penetration of the internet and smartphones has democratised the flow of information; on the other, it has spawned a dangerous trend of spreading cyber offences. Cyberbullying, digital addiction and mental illness are the worst nightmares for parents of teenage children. Safeguarding their kids from the potential harms of social media platforms is one of the biggest challenges parents face today. "Where and how to draw the line?" is the typical dilemma for present- day parents, fretting over their wards fiddling with mobile phones all the time. Underage children constantly glued to their mobile screens — sucked into the algorithm-driven platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X and YouTube — run the risk of becoming disconnected from the real world and socially awkward. Moreover, the online world is a minefield of dangerous allurements. At a time when social media has become an integral part of our lives, parents around the world constantly worry about how to shield their children from the risks associated with these platforms until they are mature enough to navigate them responsibly. Australia has become the first country in the world to come up with a solution, though a radical one. It has passed a law banning access to social media platforms for children under 16 years. The new federal law, which came into effect in December last year, is the most sweeping measure to date aimed at shielding young people from the potential harms of social media platforms. It puts the onus on social media companies to prevent children from accessing their platforms. In the Indian context, it is a challenging task for the government to formulate an institutional mechanism to regulate social media in a manner that strikes a healthy balance between the imperatives of national security and social order, and the need to protect citizens' privacy, particularly the safety of children.

US to move 7th Fleet's USS Tripoli strike group to West Asia as tensions with Tehran escalate around Strait of Hormuz

The United States is sending an amphibious Ready Group (ARG) led by the USS Tripoli and around 2,500 Marines to West Asia as tensions rise near the Strait of Hormuz following recent attacks linked to Iran, Fox News, citing a defence official, said. According to the report, the Pentagon is deploying the USS Tripoli ARG, along with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), part of its own strike group. The ship is currently based in Japan and is expected to reach the US Central Command's (USCENTCOM) Area of Responsibility (AOR), West Asia, within one to two weeks. The Marines will join a large American military presence already in the region. According to New York Times, more than 50,000 US troops are currently operating across West Asia. US Pentagon's want for this new deployment comes amid increasing tensions in and around the Strait of Hormuz. Iran's recent attacks near the waterway have disrupted maritime traffic through one of the world's most important energy routes. The Strait of Hormuz is considered one of the most strategically important waterways in the world. It connects the Persian Gulf with the northern Arabian Sea and is a key route for global energy supplies. Iran's southern coastline runs along the strait. Ships passing through the waterway are often contacted by Iranian authorities through maritime radio communications when they enter



or exit the Gulf.

The Strait handles a major share of global oil transport. Around one-fifth of the world's oil passes through the route on large commercial tankers. Recent security concerns have already affected oil shipments in the region. Tanker traffic slowed after strikes carried out by the United States and Israel against

Iran in later part of February.

The USS Tripoli is part of the Tripoli Expeditionary Strike Group operating under the US Seventh Fleet. The group includes the USS Tripoli amphibious assault ship, the guided missile cruiser USS Robert Smalls and the destroyer USS Rafael Peralta, along with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

The USS Tripoli is one of the largest amphibious assault ships in the US Navy. Nearly the size of an aircraft carrier, the ship can carry dozens of helicopters, MV-22 Osprey aircraft and F-35B Joint Strike Fighter jets, along with more than 1,700 Marines and their equipment. Amphibious ships like the USS Tripoli are designed to

operate close to shore and support amphibious operations. They can deploy landing craft and aircraft to move troops and equipment from sea to land, as per the US Navy. As the regional conflict enters its second week with ongoing exchanges of projectiles, the US President had earlier labelled Tehran's leadership as "deranged scumbags".

Human rights compliance and Pakistan's GSP+ in focus at Geneva UNHRC event



Aside event during the 61st Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council will focus on Pakistan's Generalised Scheme of Preferences Plus status and the human rights obligations attached to it. The discussion is scheduled to take place at the United Nations in Geneva on March 25. Titled "Pakistan's GSP+ status: human rights conditionality, treaty obligations and accountability," the one-hour panel will examine the relationship between trade preferences granted by the

European Union and compliance with international human rights conventions. Under the EU's GSP+ framework, beneficiary countries receive preferential market access in return for ratifying and implementing a set of core international treaties related to human rights, labour standards, environmental protection and good governance. The event aims to assess whether these obligations are being effectively implemented in Pakistan and whether monitoring mechanisms are ensuring accountability. Organisers say the discussion

will highlight concerns raised by critics who argue that issues such as civil and political rights, democratic freedoms, due process and the protection of vulnerable communities continue to raise questions about the credibility of the conditionality attached to Pakistan's trade preferences. The event will also present selected cases involving individuals reportedly affected by actions of the Pakistani authorities, providing real-world examples to accompany broader legal and policy discussions about treaty compliance and international accountability. The proposed panel features political leaders, parliamentarians and analysts, including Barbara Bonte, Naseem Baloch, Sayed Zulfikar Abbas Bukhari, Kasim Khan, Nikolaos Vrettos and geopolitical analyst Raphael Kalyviotis. According to organisers, the discussion will explore the legal architecture of GSP+ conditionality, the international conventions underpinning the scheme and the extent to which those treaty obligations are reflected in domestic practice. It will also consider the role of European institutions and international human rights bodies in monitoring compliance.

Air Canada suspends Toronto-Dubai flights till May 1, expands capacity to Delhi

Air Canada has suspended all its Toronto-Dubai flight operations till May 1 amid the escalating tensions in West Asia. The airlines said that they will resume their flight operations when safe passage is ensured. The airlines further said that it will continue to add to its capacity to Delhi to provide travellers with options to Canada. "Due to unrest in the Middle East, our Toronto-Dubai flights are cancelled until at least May 1. We plan to reintroduce service gradually when flights can safely resume. We continue to add capacity to Delhi to provide travellers with options to Canada," Air Canada said in a post on X. Meanwhile, Air India and Air India Express will operate a total of 80 scheduled and non-scheduled flights to and from the West Asia region on March 14, the airline said. According to a press release, the two carriers continue to operate their respective scheduled services to and from Jeddah and Muscat on March 14, operating a total of 10 flights to and from Jeddah and Air India Express operating 8 scheduled flights to and from Muscat. Additionally, Air India will operate one round-trip from Delhi and two round-trips from Mumbai to Jeddah. Air India Express will operate one flight each from Kozhikode and



Mangaluru to Jeddah and back.

Air India Express will also operate its scheduled services to Muscat, including one round-trip each from Delhi, Kochi, Kozhikode and Mumbai. In addition to the scheduled services, Air India and Air India Express would operate a total of 62 non-

scheduled flights to and from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Saudi Arabia, subject to the availability of slots and other prevailing conditions at the departure stations at the time. These flights are being operated with the requisite permissions from the relevant Indian and local regulatory

authorities.

Earlier, nearly 500 Indian nationals travelled from Qatar to India and other global destinations on flights operated by Qatar Airways, the Indian Embassy in Doha said in an advisory. In a post on X, the embassy on Friday said the passengers travelled on Qatar Airways flights to Kochi and other destinations. The airline also facilitated the transportation of the mortal remains of two Indian nationals who died of natural causes, along with their accompanying family members, to Kochi on humanitarian grounds. The embassy said Qatar's airspace is only partially open, resulting in limited flight operations by Qatar Airways. The limited flight operations follow an escalating West Asia security crisis, triggered by Iranian missile and drone strikes targeting US military bases, embassies, and civilian infrastructure across the Gulf region, including the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, and Jordan. The conflict has caused significant disruptions to global energy supplies, particularly around the Strait of Hormuz, where approximately 20 per cent of the world's oil transits.

Two Indian flagged LPG carriers granted transit through Strait of Hormuz by Iran

Two Indian flagged vessels carrying liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) have been granted transit through the Strait of Hormuz by Iranian authorities. One of them is the Shivalik which as per Vessel traffic monitoring site marinetraffic was last reported to be in the Gulf of Oman and expected to reach its destination by March 21. On Friday, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways provided an update on the maritime situation in the Persian Gulf region and the steps being taken to ensure the safety of Indian seafarers and vessels. As per the Ministry, 24 Indian-flagged vessels with 668 Indian seafarers are currently operating in the Persian Gulf. 76 Indian seafarers remain on three vessels east of the Strait of Hormuz.

The Ministry said that DG Shipping continues coordination with ship owners, RPSL agencies and Indian missions, and all Indian vessels and crew are being actively monitored. The Ministry added that since activation of the 24-hour control room, DG Shipping has handled over 2,425 calls and 4,441 emails and facilitated the safe repatriation of more than 223 stranded Indian seafarers. Earlier, Iran's Ambassador to India, Mohammad Fathali, confirmed that Tehran will provide safe passage to vessels bound for India through the Strait of Hormuz amid the ongoing conflict in West Asia, citing the longstanding friendship and shared interests between the two countries. Answering a question on whether Iran would



allow Indian-bound ships safe transit through the Strait, which is one of the

critical routes for global energy trade, Fathali said, "Yes. Because India and I

are friends. You can see the future, and I think that after two or three hours.

Because we believe that. We believe that Iran and India are friends. We have common interests; we have a common fate." He emphasised the mutual responsibility between the two nations, adding, "Suffering of the people of India is our suffering and vice versa. And for this reason, the government of India help us, and we should help the government of India because we have a common fate and common interest." Meanwhile, Abdul Majid Hakeem Ilahi, Representative of Iran's Supreme Leader in India, said that Iran never wanted the Strait to be blocked, but "some ships are still passing". Noting that Iran has not closed the strategically significant Strait of Hormuz and ships are unable to pass through the strait amid the prevailing

situation in West Asia, Ilahi told ANI that world leaders should put pressure on US President Donald Trump to stop the war against his country and that the people across the world are suffering due to the rise in oil prices. "Iran has not closed the Strait. It remains open; however, due to current conditions and circumstances, ships are unable to pass through the Hormuz. Otherwise, Iran never wanted the Strait to be closed or blocked. Some (ships) are still passing through," the representative said. "Those who initiated this war are the very ones who must stop it... Many people across the world are suffering due to this war. World leaders must unite and exert pressure on the President of the United States, urging him to put an immediate stop

to this unjust war," he added. The current round of conflict in West Asia, which started on February 28, has witnessed fighting between Israel and the United States on one side and Iran on the other. The conflict escalated following the killing of 86-year-old Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, in joint military strikes by the US and Israel, after which Iran, in its retaliation, targeted Israeli and US assets in several Gulf countries and Israel, causing disruption in the waterway and affecting international energy markets and global economic stability. Due to the conflict in the region, the Strait of Hormuz, a critical transit route for global energy supply, has reportedly been rendered inoperational.

NEWS BRIEF

Kultar Singh Sandhwan condoles demise of Haryana Speaker's Mother

BUREAU CHANDIGARH: Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker, S. Kultar Singh Sandhwan, today expressed deep sorrow and heartfelt condolences following the passing of Smt. Prem Kaur Kalyan, mother of Haryana Vidhan Sabha Speaker, Harvinder Kalyan. In a poignant tribute, Speaker Sandhwan highlighted the irreplaceable role of mothers in shaping lives and careers. "The kindness and unwavering support of a mother are debts we can never fully repay," Sandhwan stated. "Whatever heights we achieve in life are a direct result of the values and blessings bestowed upon us by our parents."

Poster competition on eye care held at Dhanaula CHC during World Glaucoma Week



KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: On the orders of Civil Surgeon Dr. Harpal Singh Sidhu and as per the guidelines of ophthalmologist Dr. Amoldeep, a poster making competition was organized at Community Health Center Dhanaula on the topic "The world is bright, save the light of your eyes" in which students of Guru Nanak Dev Nursing College participated enthusiastically. On this occasion, Senior Medical Officer Dr. Satwant Singh Aujla said that the objective of this competition organized in the context of the World Glaucoma Week is to make nursing students aware about the prevention and treatment of glaucoma (cataract) and also to encourage their creativity. He said that 'Glaucoma', also known as cataract, is the biggest cause of untreated blindness in the world and due to lack of awareness, the sufferer takes painkillers without medical advice when he experiences unusual headaches or constant pain in the eyes, considering it as normal pain, whereas it can also be a sign of cataract.

Vipul Anekant reaches Qadian to promote organ and body donation during 4600 km bicycle journey



VERMA QADIAN: In an inspiring example of dedication to humanity, IPS officer Vipul Anekant of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands cadre arrived in Qadian during his remarkable 4600-kilometre solo bicycle journey from Kanyakumari to Kashmir aimed at spreading awareness about organ and body donation after death. Contrary to the common perception that senior police officers remain distant from ordinary citizens, Shri Vipul Anekant has demonstrated how leadership can remain firmly connected to the grassroots. Originally hailing from Bhadra Tehsil in Hanumangarh district, he has undertaken this unique mission solely to motivate people to pledge their bodies for medical education and organ donation. Speaking during a special interaction with journalists after reaching Qadian via Batala, Shri Vipul Anekant said that he began this journey on January 16, 2026, with the objective of encouraging citizens across the country to consider body donation as a noble act of service to humanity.

AAP's Kiranpreet Kaur elected Doraha Block Samiti Chairperson, Jarnail Singh Vice-Chairperson

AMRISH ANAND DORAHA, MAR 14

A special meeting of the elected members of the Doraha Block Samiti was held at the Samiti office to elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. During the meeting, Kiranpreet Kaur, wife of Kuljinder Singh and a resident of Dhamot, was unanimously elected as the Chairperson of the Doraha Block Samiti, while Jarnail Singh was elected as the Vice-Chairperson. It is noteworthy that the Doraha Block Samiti consists of 17 zones, out of which 7 members belong to the Aam Aadmi Party, 6 to the Congress Party, 3 to the



Shiromani Akali Dal, and one member is Independent. The elected AAP members include Karamjit Singh (Rajgarh), Manjit Singh (Jarg), Jarnail Singh (Maksudra), Sarabjit Kaur (Katari), Jagdeep Kaur (Malipur), Lakhvir Singh (Aujla) and Kirandeep Kaur (Dhamot). On this occasion,

Payal constituency MLA Manwinder Singh Giaspura congratulated the newly elected Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. He said that the Block Samiti plays a vital role in the development of villages and in resolving the basic issues of the people.

AAP government undermined democracy in Doraha Block Samiti Chairman Election: Former MLA Lakha

AMRISH ANAND DORAHA, MAR 14

Strongly reacting to the election process of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Doraha Block Samiti, District Congress President and former MLA from Payal, Lakhvir Singh Lakha, alleged that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government has openly undermined democracy in the election. Addressing journalists, Lakha said that out of the 17 zones of the Doraha Block Samiti, only seven members belong to AAP, while six members were elected from the Congress Party, three from the Shiromani Akali Dal and one as an Independent candidate. Despite this, he alleged that the election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson was conducted even though the required quorum for the meeting was



not fulfilled. Lakha further stated that the Congress Party would strongly oppose the election process and would consult legal experts before approaching the High Court regarding the matter. Meanwhile, Gagandeep Singh chahal, a Congress member elected from the Buani zone and a former Sarpanch, alleged that the administration failed to provide proper information about the meeting to the opposition members belonging to the Congress and Shiromani Akali Dal. He claimed that details about the election were communicated

only shortly before the meeting and that several members were not even provided with the meeting agenda in advance. Among those present on the occasion were former Chairman Bant Singh Doburji, Mahila Congress President Satinderdeep kaur Deepy Mangat, payal President Malkiat Singh Goga, former Vice-Chairman Sukhdev Singh Bowani, former Chairman Rajwinder Singh Begowal, former Sarpanch Kuldeep Singh Rampur, Dhanna Singh Rampur, former Councillor Mandeep Singh Mangat (Sony).

13037 cases disposed of by 18 benches established in National Lok Adalat

TAPINDER SINGH FEROZEPUR, MAR 14

As per the directions of the Hon'ble National Legal Services Authority Delhi, National Lok Adalat was organized all over India. As per these directions, following the orders of Hon'ble Executive Chairman, Punjab State Legal Services Authority, Mohali, under the guidance of Shri Sumit Malhotra, Hon'ble District and Sessions Judge Sahib Ferozepur, the District Legal Services Authority, Ferozepur organized the National Lok Adalat in the courts of Ferozepur district, under which a total of 18



benches were formed in the district Ferozepur, out of which 12 benches have been formed in the courts of Sessions Division Ferozepur, 1 bench in the Permanent Lok Adalat, 3 benches in Zira and 2 benches in Gurusarshahi. According to the information, a total of 22396 cases were filed in this Lok Adalat, out of which 13037 cases were

disposed of. In this Lok Adalat, various types of cases such as civil cases, criminal cases eligible for resignation, check bounce, recovery cases, traffic challan and domestic dispute cases, expenditure reports, adultery reports, motor accident claim tribunal cases and pre-litigation cases including bank recovery private finance company.

Checking of LPG gas supply and rates on directions of DC

RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR JAITO: As per the directions of Deputy Commissioner Faridkot Madam Poonamdeep Kaur, District Food and Supply Controller S. Gurjit Singh Deol formed different teams and checked the supply of LPG gas and the rates being charged in different areas of the city. This checking was done in view of the rumors being spread regarding LPG gas. During the checking, the people present at the spot were also talked to. The people said that



they were not facing any problem regarding LPG gas cylinders and neither were they being charged more money by any agency. On this occasion, DFSC S. Gurjit Singh Deol appealed to the people to be cautious about the rumors related to LPG gas. He said that if any dealer or any person sells LPG gas in black or charges more for gas cylinder, then this matter should be brought to the notice of the department immediately so that appropriate action can be taken against the concerned persons.

HC order on pay dues big victory for employees: Balbir Sidhu

LK BANSAL MOHALI, MAR 14

Former Health Minister and senior Congress leader Balbir Singh Sidhu welcomed the historic decision of the Punjab and Haryana High Court directing the state government to pay pending dues of the Sixth Pay Commission and outstanding installments of Dearness Allowance to its employees and pensioners along with 6 percent interest. He described the decision as a major victory for employees. In a statement issued to the press here today, Mr. Sidhu said that the court has shown a mirror to the Bhagwant Mann government, which repeatedly claims that the state treasury is full. He said the court's observation is extremely serious: "Crushing employees' rights by citing financial crisis is the height of irresponsibility, negligence, and insensitivity on the part of the government." He further stated that it is very unfortunate that nearly 35,000 employees and pensioners passed away while waiting for the installments of their rightful earnings. This figure, he said, is a living proof of the government's failure.



The senior Congress leader appreciated the crucial role of employees in the administrative structure of any government in Punjab, saying, "Employees are the backbone of the state. Whether it is the health department, education or any other administrative unit, the state functions because of the day-and-night efforts of these employees."

Comrade Mattu, Sodhi to receive 2025-26 Ganga-Yamuni Harmony Award

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: Social awareness organisation Savera has announced that the 2025-26 Ganga-Yamuni Harmonious Award will be conferred upon communist thinker and social worker Comrade Darshan Singh Mattu and Sikh scholar Tajinder Singh Sodhi, former Chairman of the Hoshiarpur Municipal Improvement Trust. Sharing this information, Savera convener Dr. Ajay Bagga said that the award has been instituted in memory of former MP Chaudhary Balbir Singh and former MLA Principal Om Prakash Bagga, who dedicated their lives to promoting communal harmony, national unity and secular values. Principal Om Prakash Bagga passed away on June 2, 1984, while Chaudhary Balbir Singh died on May 10, 1985. Dr. Bagga said that honouring Comrade Mattu and Tajinder Singh Sodhi would inspire people to strengthen the spirit of brotherhood, love and harmony in society. He added that both leaders, despite their political backgrounds, have spent more than four decades working selflessly for public welfare and for maintaining communal harmony. The award ceremony will be held on Labour Day in May, during which both awardees will be presented with a memento, a shawl and a cash prize of Rs. 21,000 each. On this occasion, the organisation will also provide financial assistance to deserving students. Around 15 students, who deliver newspapers door-to-door every morning while continuing their studies, will be given a monthly scholarship of Rs. 1,000 each as encouragement for their dedication and hard work. Dr. Bagga said that the aim of the award and scholarships is to keep alive the ideals of unity, secularism and social service for which Chaudhary Balbir Singh and Principal Om Prakash Bagga devoted their lives.



National Lok Adalat organised in Faridkot



RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR FARIDKOT: As per the guidelines of the Hon'ble National Legal Services Authority, Delhi, National Lok Adalats were organized all over India today. On this occasion, Lok Adalat was also organized smoothly in District Faridkot, in which 7 benches, 1 bench in Permanent Lok Adalat and 2 benches in Sub-Division Jaito were set up. Out of a total of 12,173 cases, 10,664 cases were disposed of in this Lok Adalat and awards worth Rs. 13,52,47,214/- were passed. Out of 11,352 cases in pre-litigation stage, 10,255 cases were disposed of and awards worth Rs. 1,73,75,510/- were passed. Civil cases, cheque bounce, recovery, traffic challan, domestic disputes and criminal cases which are eligible for resignation were disposed of in the Lok Adalat. Honorable Judge Miss Gurpreet Kaur told the people that there is no appeal against the decision in Lok Adalat and the decision gets the status of a decree, which saves the parties from litigation. She also informed about the importance of Mediation Center and said that people can get their cases heard in Mediation Center with mutual resignation and after the decision, the community of the parties remains.

Balihar Singh Chunni stakes claim for Congress ticket from Fatehgarh Sahib seat



Balihar Singh Chunni said his greatest strengths are commitment, consistency, and a deep connection with the people. "I have always walked on the principles of the Congress party and stood firmly with the party in every situation. I have served people not just during elections, but throughout the year in their joys and sorrows. My service record is my true identity," he stated. He added that in a democracy, every individual has the right to put forth their claim,

and it is the overwhelming support from local residents and party workers that motivated him to step forward. Chunni emphasized his family's decades-long dedication to public service. "Since 1992, my family and I have been serving the Congress and the people of this constituency with full honesty. My wife has served as Chairperson of Block Samiti Khara, while I have worked wholeheartedly for the constituency during my two terms as a Zila Parishad member.

NEWS BRIEF

Special Lecture at Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University Highlights Women's Health after 40

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB: The Women Development cum Grievance Redressal Cell of Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib, organized an enlightening special lecture on the theme "Empowering Women over 40: Mastering Menopause, Bone Vitality & Lifelong Strength." The session aimed to raise awareness about women's health issues and promote a healthier lifestyle among women above the age of forty. The lecture was delivered by renowned dietitian Ms. Kamal Bajwa, who shared valuable insights into women's health with a special focus on nutrition, menopause management, bone health, and strategies for maintaining lifelong strength and overall well-being. She emphasized that balanced nutrition, regular physical activity, and positive lifestyle changes play a vital role in maintaining hormonal balance and strengthening bones during and after menopause. Earlier, Dr. Richa Brar, Member of the Women Development cum Grievance Redressal Cell, welcomed the guest speaker and participants while highlighting the importance of such awareness programmes for women's physical and mental well-being.

Progressive Punjab Investors' Summit- 2026: Renewable Energy Offers Immense Opportunities in Punjab

CHANDIGARH: The Government of Punjab on Saturday gave a green light to investors to tap the vast renewable energy potential in the state, stating that Punjab has the capacity to cater to nearly 20 percent of the country's energy demand.A special session on "Renewable Energy" held during the Progressive Punjab Investors' Summit-2026 focused on deliberations regarding new and renewable energy sources, highlighting the untapped potential of Punjab in this sector.Addressing the session, Basant Garg, Chairman-cum-Managing Director and Power Secretary, said that the Punjab Government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann is fully committed to encouraging investments in the renewable energy sector.He pointed out that the Government of India had awarded Punjab for its outstanding performance in renewable energy initiatives. Garg further announced that the state government has initiated the tender process for installing 3000 MW solar energy projects.He added that Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) is actively considering serving as a bridge between farmers and investors, while the government is facilitating investors.

Residents Protest Over Water, Power Crisis in Nayagaon

J.K. BATTIA
CHANDIGARH: Residents of Wards 14, 15, 16 and 17 of Janta Nagar in Naya Gaon, Punjab staged a protest outside the Municipal Council Water Department office on Saturday, alleging prolonged disruption in drinking water and electricity supply in the area.According to the residents, they have been facing severe problems related to irregular water supply and frequent power cuts for the past several days, causing inconvenience to hundreds of households.Angered by the situation, residents gathered at the Water Department office and raised slogans against the department and the Municipal Council, demanding immediate resolution of their grievances. They warned that if the issues are not addressed soon, they would be forced to stage a sit-in protest.Among those present during the protest were Manjit Singh Sidhu, Vice President of the District Mohali Congress Committee, social worker Anil Kumar, along with residents Vikas Bagga, Kela Devi, Raji Devi, Sonia Bhatia, Mamta, Suraj Mukhi, Rekha, Manju, Lakshmi, Sunny, and others.The residents urged the authorities to restore regular water and electricity supply at the earliest to avoid further agitation.

Goldsmith community under threat, alleges association

VERMA
GURDASPUR: Raising serious concerns over the deteriorating law and order situation, Kashmir Singh Rajput, National President of the All India Goldsmith Association, has alleged that goldsmiths, traders and shopkeepers across the country are increasingly becoming targets of criminal gangs.Rajput said incidents such as daylight robberies, planned murders, extortion and dacoities are no longer isolated events but are turning into a disturbing pattern in several regions. "The situation appears as if a parallel rule of gangsters is operating instead of a democratic system," he remarked.Describing the situation as a "new form of extremism," Rajput stated that when the business community is forced to live in constant fear, it reflects a serious breakdown of the system. He alleged that criminals are openly collecting extortion, forcing shop closures and even killing those who attempt to resist or lodge complaints.He further claimed that in many cases the culprits are not apprehended, and even when arrests are made, the looted gold, silver and cash are rarely recovered or returned to the victims. Rajput also alleged that victims sometimes face intimidation and illegal demands under the pretext of recovering stolen property.Questioning the safety of ordinary citizens, he asked that when political leaders and senior officials move with heavy security, who is responsible for protecting common traders, shopkeepers and goldsmiths.

86 Domestic LPG Cylinders Seized in Patiala During Second Day of Raids

RAKESH JINDAL
PATIALA: The district administration continued its special enforcement drive against the illegal use and black marketing of domestic LPG cylinders for the second consecutive day on Saturday, conducting raids across several parts of the district.Acting on the directions of Deputy Commissioner Varjeet Wallia, teams led by District Food Supply Officers (DFSOs) and Assistant Food Supply Officers (AFSOs) remained in the field and inspected gas agencies to verify stock positions and ensure smooth LPG supply to consumers.District Food Supply Controller Ravinder Kaur said that the stock of gas agencies was thoroughly checked and confirmed that LPG supply in the district remains adequate at present.In addition to agency inspections, enforcement teams also carried out raids at commercial establishments such as eateries, restaurants and roadside dhabas to check the illegal use of domestic LPG cylinders meant for household consumers.According to officials, eight enforcement teams conducted inspections at multiple locations across the district. During the drive, 86 domestic LPG cylinders being used illegally at commercial establishments were confiscated.The seized cylinders included 19 from Nabha, 25 from Patran, 30 from Samron and 12 from Rajpura, officials said.Deputy Commissioner Varjeet Wallia urged residents not to panic or indulge in unnecessary bookings or hoarding of LPG cylinders based on rumours, assuring that supply in the district is normal.

Administrator UT Chandigarh conducts surprise inspection at Sector-26 vegetable mandi

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH: The National Lok Adalat held today at the New District Courts Complex, Sector-43, Chandigarh resulted in the disposal of more than 45,946 cases, including pending matters, pre-litigative cases and traffic challans, with settlements amounting to 27,22,25,076.

The Lok Adalat was organized by the State Legal Services Authority, U.T. Chandigarh and the District Legal Services Authority, U.T. Chandigarh under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority. A total of 13 benches headed by serving Judicial Officers were constituted to take up criminal compoundable cases, matters under Section 138 of the N.I. Act, bank recovery cases, MACT claims, matrimonial and labour disputes, arbitration matters, civil cases, municipal issues and traffic challans, which were dis-



posed of with the consent of the parties. In addition to the above, 89 pre-litigative cases involving 1.90 lakh were settled by the Permanent Lok Adalat (PUS), while 7 labour dispute cases involving 1 lakh were disposed of by the Labour Court. The State and District Consumer Commissions, Chandigarh disposed of 53

cases involving 1,44,93,446. Further, 192 cases involving 57,83,44,707 were disposed of by DRT-II, Chandigarh, and 183 mutations were settled by the Tehsildar (Revenue), U.T. Chandigarh. The Learned District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, U.T. Chandigarh, visited the

venue and reviewed the proceedings. He appreciated the coordinated efforts of Judicial Officers, advocates and administrative staff. Emphasising the need for mutual understanding in matrimonial disputes, he observed that both parties should make sincere efforts to resolve their differences and that unnecessary interference by family members

should be avoided. Significantly, more than 23 cases pending for over five years were also disposed of during the Lok Adalat, marking a notable achievement in reducing long-pending litigation. Organised under the able guidance of the District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, U.T. Chandigarh, the Lok Adalat once again demonstrated its effectiveness as an alternative dispute resolution mechanism rooted in Gandhian principles. Sh. Arun Kumar Aggarwal, Learned Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority, U.T. Chandigarh, and Sh. Sunil Kumar, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Chandigarh, thanked all stakeholders for making the Lok Adalat a success and appealed to citizens to utilise this forum for speedy and economical resolution of disputes.

NABARD Hosts "Grameen Bharat Mahotsav – Exhibition & Sale 2026" in Chandigarh



CHANDIGARH: The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is organising "Grameen Bharat Mahotsav – Chandigarh 2025-26" from March 13 to March 22, 2026, at the Exhibition Ground, Opposite Furniture Market, Near Pathania Petrol Pump, Sector 34, Chandigarh.The exhibition was inaugurated by Mr. C. G. Rajni Kaanthan, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Haryana.The Mahotsav features around 40 stalls supported by NABARD, representing rural artisans, Farmer Producer Companies and Self Help Groups from nearly 20 States across India. The exhibition showcases a vibrant range of handicrafts, handloom products, paintings, organic produce and GI-tagged products.Visitors can explore traditional crafts such as Madhubani painting, Gond painting, Dokra art, cane and bamboo products, Phulkari, Pashmina and silk items, along with a variety of home furnishings and handcrafted artefacts.

PIB Chandigarh journalists' delegation concludes Rajasthan tour successfully



JAIPUR/CHANDIGARH: Press Information Bureau (PIB), Chandigarh-organized journalists' delegation tour to Rajasthan concluded successfully from March 8 to 14, 2026. During the tour, the delegation visited various institutions, projects, and development works of the Union Government in Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, and Jaipur, and obtained detailed information about their functioning.During their stay in Jaipur, the journalists' delegation paid a courtesy call on the Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Shri Bhajanlal Sharma. On this occasion, Shri Ahmad Khan, Media and Communication Officer of PIB Chandigarh, briefed them about the objectives of the press tour and the outline of the programme.The delegation also visited the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly. On this occasion, Deputy Director of the Assembly, Dr. Lokesh Sharma, provided detailed information about the functioning of the House, digital arrangements, and the museum.

Mayor Inderjit Kaur, MLA Grewal launch major project worth Rs 95 lakh to install water supply lines in Grewal colony



SARBJITSUFI
LUDHIANA: Reiterating their commitment to ensure potable water supply to every household, Mayor Principal Inderjit Kaur and Ludhiana East MLA Daljit Singh Bhola Grewal inaugurated a major project to install new water supply lines in Grewal colony of ward number 13 on Sunday. The old water supply lines had deteriorated over the time and the new lines are now being laid in the area at a cost of around Rs 95 lakh. Area residents/volunteers were also present during the inauguration ceremony. Mayor Inderjit Kaur and MLA Grewal stated that the residents of the area had raised the issue in past and demanded replacement of water supply lines. Fulfilling the demand of the residents, the project to lay new water supply lines has been launched and the concerned officials have been directed to complete the project within stipulated time period. Mayor Inderjit Kaur and MLA Grewal stated that working under the guidance of Chief Minister (CM) Bhagwant Singh Mann and Local Bodies minister Sanjeev Arora, they are working tirelessly to upgrade the infrastructure and to facilitate the residents at large. Be it water-sewer lines, installation of tubewells, reconstruction of roads etc, major projects are being taken up to develop quality infrastructure for residents at the ground level.

Tiny Tots graduate at go ahead play way school



MEHARJOT SINGH
SHAHKOT: The Go Ahead Playway School, functioning under the aegis of the Go Ahead Institute of Success Shahkot, hosts the annual kindergarten graduation ceremony with immense enthusiasm and grandeur. Spearheaded by the institution head, Baljit Kaur, the vibrant event witnessed the young scholars receiving their kindergarten diploma certificates and special accolades. Addressing the gathering, Baljit Kaur extended her heartfelt congratulations to the tiny tots and wished them a prosperous journey ahead. Emphasizing the paramount importance of early childhood education, Kaur stated that primary schooling serves as the fundamental building block of a child's future. "Our institution's primary objective is to fortify this foundation while instilling a strong sense of self-confidence in our students, preparing them for the challenges ahead," she remarked. The memorable ceremony saw an overwhelming turnout of parents, who beamed with pride watching their children don traditional graduation gowns and caps to receive their esteemed certificates.

Athletes, Authors and Experts Converge at PlayWrite Sports Literature Festival



CHANDIGARH (R N KHERA): The ninth edition of the PlayWrite Sports Literature Festival brought together sports enthusiasts, athletes and sports fraternity celebrating stories, journey and insights from the world of Indian sports held at The Laait, Chandigarh on Saturday. In the inaugural session, Kiran Kanjolia, an Indian para-athlete and India's first women "Blade Runner", shared her deeply inspiring journey with the audience. Recalling the life-altering train incident in Hyderabad in 2011 when she lost her limb a day before her birthday while resisting bag snatchers. She said her journey did not begin on the track but in a hospital ward. Encouraged by her father's words, "You may have lost a limb, but not your courage,".

"Sport builds character," she said, adding in Hindi, "Log problems se bhagte hain, aur main problems mein bhagti hoon. (People run away from problems," she remarked, "but I run through them)." Later, during a session on "Ice Breaking - Ice hockey", speakers highlighted both the challenges and the growing promise of the sport in India. Harjinder Singh, Founder, Indian Ice Hockey Association (IIHA) recalled the early journey of promoting ice hockey in the country, noting that despite players getting barely two months to train in the harsh upper Himalayan regions, India managed to secure medals in the international arenas which is an achievement reflecting the grit of the athletes.

The main objective of Lok Adalat is to resolve disputes with the mutual consent of both parties



ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA: Today i.e. 14.03.2026, as per the directions Punjab State Legal Services Authority, S.A.S. Nagar and under the able guidance of Sh. Karunesh Kumar, Ld. District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairperson, District Legal Services Authority, Bathinda, Ms. Baljinder Kaur, Mann, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Bathinda organized National Lok Adalat in District Court, Complex, Bathinda and at Sub-Division, Phul and Talwandi Sabo. Sh. Karunesh Kumar, Ld.

District & Sessions Judge, Bathinda apprised that during this National Lok Adalat various types of cases i.e. Criminal Compoundable Cases, Cases U/s. 138 of NI Act, Bank Recovery Cases, MACT cases, Matrimonial Cases, Labour Dispute cases, Land Acquisition Cases, Electricity and Water Bills Cases, Services Matters relating to pay allowance, Revenue cases, Retrial benefits and other Civil Cases (rent, injunction suits, specific Performance suits) etc. were put up in the said National Lok Adalat.

60-Year-Old Man Goes Missing Under Mysterious Circumstances; Scooter Found Near Chhotepur Canal

SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT: A sense of concern has gripped the area after a nearly 60-year-old man, Ram Singh, a resident of the Kaache Quarters locality, went missing under mysterious circumstances. Acting on a complaint lodged by his family, the police have initiated an investigation into the matter.According to family members, Ram Singh left his house on March 11 on his scooter without informing anyone and did not return home thereafter. When repeated searches by the family failed to trace him, the matter was reported to the police.Relatives Rakesh Kumar and Rahul stated that Ram Singh worked as an e-rickshaw driver and had been under mental stress for the past few days. When the police traced the location of his mobile phone, it was found near the "Chhotepur Canal on the Pathankot-Sujanpur Road.Police officials, accompanied by family members, rushed to the spot where Ram Singh's scooter was found parked on the bank of the canal, but there was no trace of him in the vicinity.

"There is No Metric to Measure Such a Magnanimous Gift of Life": Prof. Vivek Lal, PGIMER Director Pays Tribute to Organ Donor Families

CHANDIGARH: In a deeply moving tribute to the spirit of humanity and compassion, 16 brave-heart donor families were honoured at PGIMER for their extraordinary decision to consent to organ donation in the midst of their personal tragedy—an act that has impacted 80 lives, including giving a second lease of life to 52 patients suffering from end-stage organ failure and restoring sight to 28 corneal blind patients through organ and tissue transplantation at PGIMER.



without the courageous decisions and selfless gestures of these families. There is no metric to measure such a magnanimous gift of life. It is deeply gratifying that the donor families trusted PGIMER with their noblest wish to save others' lives and that the institute could live up to that trust." Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Anil Kumar, Director, National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation, New Delhi, who attended as Guest of Honour, said that the only sustainable way to bridge the gap between organ.

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APPENDIX-IV-A [See proviso to rule 8(6)] Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s)/ Co-Borrower (s)/Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED**, the same shall be referred herein after as AFL. The Secured Assets will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis through E-Auction for recovery of amount mentioned in the table below along with further interest, cost, charges and expenses being due to AFL viz. Secured Creditor.
It is hereby informed you that we are going to conduct public E-Auction through website <https://sarfaesi.auctiontngier.net>

Loan A/c Number / Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagers	Dues As on	Date & Amount of 13(2) Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of Property	Reserve Price For Property	Earnest Money For Property	Date & Time of E-Auction	Date of Bid Submission	E-Auction Place of Tender Submission	Contact Person, Property Visit Date & Time
(AC NO.) LNKRRK02921-220180952 Gulayachigulayachi, Mr. Breej Mohan Guarantor : Mr. Ramesh Kumar, Mr. Harpal Singh	Rs. 10,96,553.00/- - Dues As On 14 Mar 2026	8 Feb 23 Rs.546243/- - Dues As On 7 Feb 23	11 Dec 24	Residential Property Situated At H No 948, Ppid 78c26bu207, Khasra No 24/117, Kaili Mandir Colony, Shanti Colony, Jagadhri, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar, Haryana Admeasuring 65 Sq. Yard	Rs. 943280/-	Rs. 94328/-	11.00 Am To 01.00 Pm 30 Mar 2026	On Or Before 29 Mar 2026	1st Floor, Sco-142, Sector -17, Huda, Jagadhri-Yamuna Nagar-135003, Haryana-a-India	Ramesh Choudhary – 8690001158, Property Visit Date 28 Mar 2026 9:00 am TO 5:00 pm

The terms and conditions of e-auction sale:-
(1.) The E-Auction sale of Secured Asset is on "as is where is", "as is what is", "whatever there is" and "no recourse" basis for and on behalf of the Secured Creditor viz. AUSFB and there is no known encumbrance, which exists on the said property. (2.) For participating in online e-auction sale, Bid document, copies of PAN Card, Board Resolution in case of Company and photo ID, address proof are required to be submitted along with EMD, which is payable by way of RTGS/NEFT/DD in the name of **AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED**, secured account No.00548470000107 AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED, Regd. & Corp Office : 201-202, 2nd Floor, South End Square, Mansarovar Industrial Area, Jaipur 302020 IFSC Code: HDFC0000054, Once an Online Bid is submitted, same cannot be withdrawn. Further any EMD submitted by bidder will be required to send the UTR/Ref no/DD No of the RTGS/NEFT/DD with a copy of cancelled cheque on the following email ID: i.e. auction@aaas.in (3.) All interested participants /bidders are requested to visit the website <https://sarfaesi.auctiontngier.net> & <https://aaas.in/sarfaesi-sale-notices> for further details. hel procedure & online training on AAVAS.in prospective bidder may contact including Terms & Conditions, to take part in e-auction sale proceeding and are also advised to contact e-mail of auction@aaas.in & ramprasad@auctiontngier.net, Contact No. 8000023297 (Avas Contact Person): Ramesh Choudhary – 8690001158, Mohd. Kalim – 7849821425)
Please Note:- This is also a 30 days notice Under Rule 8(6) read with Rule 9(1) to the Borrowers/Co Borrowers/Mortgagors of the above said loan account about sale through tender / inter se bidding on the above-mentioned date. The property will be sold, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full by the borrower in the given notice period.
Place : Haryana Date : 15-03-2026

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NEWS BRIEFS

Every Household Stove First, Factories Later’:
Deputy Commissioner
Dr. Virender Dahiya

RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT : The district administration in Panipat is fully alert regarding the supply of LPG gas. Deputy Commissioner Dr. Virender Dahiya said that several important steps have been taken, from increasing production to improving the distribution system, to ensure that common people do not face any inconvenience. He informed that earlier around 1800 metric tons of LPG was produced daily in Panipat, which has now been increased to 2200 metric tons. For this, some operations at other IOCL plants have been temporarily limited so that more focus can be placed on LPG production. The Deputy Commissioner said that the gas produced in Panipat is not only meeting the needs of the district but is also being supplied to meet the requirements of the entire state of Haryana. If necessary, the supply of gas being sent outside the state may also be restricted to first fulfill the demand within the state. Priority to Domestic Consumers
Dr. Dahiya clearly stated that the administration’s first priority is to ensure LPG supply to domestic consumers. Due to this, the refilling of commercial LPG cylinders has been restricted for the time being.

Harvinder Kalyan’s mother passes away, last rites performed

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MARCH 14

Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan’s mother, Prem Kaur Kalyan (87), passed away late Friday night after a prolonged illness. She had been unwell for some time. Her last rites were performed on Saturday afternoon at Shivpuri in her native village Kutel. Harvinder Kalyan, along with his brothers Devender Kalyan, Haryana Election Commissioner, and Samar Singh Kalyan, lit the funeral pyre. A large number of villagers and people from political, religious and social organisations attended the cremation to pay their respects. Prem Kaur Kalyan breathed her last around midnight on Friday. She had been ill for a long time and had returned home about a week ago after being discharged from hospital. Her mortal remains were brought from the family residence, Kalyan Farm in Madhuban, to Shivpuri for the final rites, where the Kalyan brothers carried the bier on their shoulders before performing the cremation rituals.



Among those present at the funeral were BJP district president Praveen Lathar, Kutel Medical University vice-chancellor Vikas Bhatia, Union minister’s representative Kavinder Rana, former minister Shashi Pal Mehta, former MLA Ramesh Kashyap, Narendra Sangwan, senior BJP leader Brij Gupta, Gharaunda municipal

chairman Happy Luck Gupta, Market Committee chairman Rajkumar Paliwal, district general secretary Subhash Kashyap, former chairman Nirpal Bairagi, ADGP Ravi Kiran, SDM Rajesh Soni, DSP Manoj Kumar, HCS officer Gaurav Kumar, municipal secretary Ravi Prakash, Chand Bhatia, son of former MP Sanjay Bhatia, Harpal Dhandra, brother of the education minister, Sanjay Khainchi, Gaurav Kalyan, Virender Lathar, Ramkishan, Anil Rana, Naib Tehsildar Arvind and many others.

Invitation extended in Kaithal for 26th Aggarwal matrimonial introduction conference

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL, MAR 14

Representatives of Aggarwal Yuva Sangathan, Karnal, visited Kaithal to formally invite members of Aggarwal Yuva Sabha Kaithal for the 26th Aggarwal matrimonial introduction conference to be organised in Karnal. The invitation was presented to the president of Aggarwal Yuva Sabha Kaithal, Ram Pratap Gupta, and other office-bearers of the organisation. During a brief meeting held on the occasion, various social issues concerning the community were also discussed. The delegation informed that the conference will be organised on Sunday, March 15, 2026, at 9 am at Agrasen Bhawan, Sector 8, Karnal. The aim of the event is to provide a dignified platform where young men and women of the Aggarwal community, along with their families, can interact and find suitable life partners. Ram Pratap Gupta ap-



preciated the efforts of Aggarwal Yuva Sangathan Karnal and said such social initiatives play an important role in strengthening unity and cooperation within the community. He added that in changing times, such introduction conferences have emerged as a positive platform for youth and families, helping to strengthen trust and traditional values within society. He said the Aggarwal community has always been known for service, values and social unity, and people should actively participate in such events to carry forward this spirit. He also appealed to families of the Aggarwal community in Kaithal to participate in large

numbers and contribute to the success of the conference. Among those present were Aggarwal Yuva Sabha Kaithal president Ram Pratap Gupta, chairman Ramkumar Bansal, vice-president Sanjay Bansal, general secretary Mohanlal Goyal, joint secretary Himanshu Goyal (advocate), treasurer Subhash Bansal, Ashok Goyal (advocate), Aggarwal Yuva Sangathan Karnal president Ramesh Jindal, general secretary Bhushan Goyal, treasurer Pradeep Aggarwal, vice-president Arun Aggarwal, joint secretary Ashish Mangal, joint secretary Praveen Gang, Lalit Goyal, Balinder Goyal, Ashok Mangla and other members.

MP Naveen Jindal donates Rs 11 lakh for construction works at Saini Samaj Sabha

HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA, MAR 14

Member of Parliament Naveen Jindal has provided financial assistance of 11 lakh for construction works at the Saini Samaj Sabha in Kurukshetra, reaffirming his commitment to community welfare and social development. The amount has been given to help complete various construction works underway at the premises of the Saini Samaj Sabha in Kurukshetra. The contribution aims to ensure that the ongoing works are completed at the earliest so that the building can offer better facilities to the community and serve as an important centre for social, cultural and educational activities. Saini Samaj Sabha Kurukshetra president Gurnam Singh Saini expressed gratitude to MP Naveen Jindal for the support. He said Jindal has always worked for the welfare of all sec-



tions of society and has generously contributed to development activities. He added that the financial assistance will play a significant role in completing the construction works and will help boost social activities in the future. He further said the generosity and spirit of service shown by Naveen Jindal reflects the values instilled in him by his father; the late O.P. Jindal. Inspired by these values, Jindal continues to contribute towards social welfare and community development.

Among those present on the occasion were Dharmveer Singh, in-charge of MP Naveen Jindal’s office, Satyawan Saini Sujuma, senior vice-president of Saini Samaj Sabha Kurukshetra, Ram Swaroop Saini, joint secretary of the Sabha, former Saini Shiksha Samiti president Suresh Pal Saini, general secretary Avtar Singh Saini, Thanesar constituency in-charge Balvinder Singh, Shyam Kaushik and other prominent members of the community.

Shri Ram Katha begins with aarti on second day at Baba Bansi Wala Ashram in Ladwa



KARAMBIR
LADWA: The second day of the musical Shri Ram Katha being organised at Baba Bansi Wala Old Age Home and Annakshetra in Ladwa began with an aarti performed by chief guests CA Sangeet Singh and former municipal council president Narendra Singh. Earlier, Pandit Naresh Nautiyal and his associates conducted the rituals of Sarvatobhadra Mandal and Navagrah Mandal with the chief yajmans Vijendra Goyal, Krishna Goyal, Mukesh Garg and Vinay Garg. During the discourse, storyteller Pandit Anil Parashar began by remembering revered saint Baba Bansi Wale and said that while bathing in the Ganga purifies the mind, saints themselves are like a moving Prayagraj. He said that association with saints through satsang helps remove suffering and negative influences from life. Narrating the story, he presented detailed episodes from the life of Lord Shiva and the birth of Goddess Parvati, which captivated the devotees present at the event. Former municipal vice-president Anil Mata, Sunil Garg, Subhash Jindal, Vikas Singhal, Anuj Goyal, Suresh Kansal, Pawan Goyal, Rajkumar Saini, Kunwar Singhal, Desraj Mangla, Pawan Singla and a large number of devotees were present on the occasion.

7-Day NSS Camp 2026 at SD PG College

RAKESH BHAYANA.
PANIPAT: A seven-day Special National Service Scheme (NSS) Camp 2026 under Kurukshetra University was inaugurated with great enthusiasm at SD PG College, Panipat on Saturday. The camp was formally inaugurated by the chief guest, noted entrepreneur and social worker Harpal Dhandra. The chief guest was welcomed by the college management committee members including President Dinesh Goyal, Vice President Rajeev Garg, General Secretary Mahendra Agarwal, Treasurer Vishal Goyal, and Principal Dr. Anupam Arora. Camp Secretary Dr. Rakesh Garg and Dr. Santosh Kumari played a key role in organizing the event. The seven-day camp will be held from March 14 to March 20, with around 100 volunteers from the college participating. All arrangements for food and accommodation of the volunteers have been made within the college campus. The program was hosted by Dr. Santosh Kumari. Camp Begins with Yoga and Meditation
The first day of the camp started with a morning yoga and meditation session, in which all volunteers actively participated. This was followed by the inaugural session. On the occasion, chief guest Harpal Dhandra planted saplings on the college campus to promote the message of environmental conservation. In the afternoon session, volunteers carried out a cleanliness drive in the college campus and surrounding areas. During this time, Dr. Rakesh Garg and Dr. Santosh Kumari guided the volunteers about their responsibilities, duties, and activities related to the NSS. The camp is being organized under the patronage of the NSS Cell, Kurukshetra University, and with guidance from the State NSS Cell, Higher Education Department, Government of Haryana. The theme of this year’s camp is “My India for Youth and Digital Literacy.”



Ignoring pollution norms proves costly

Action on CAQM Report: 11 factories under radar, 4 sealed



RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT : The district administration has initiated strict action against industrial units violating pollution control norms. Sharing details, Dr. Virender Dahiya stated that the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) had sent a list of 11 factories where air pollution control equipment was not functioning properly. He said that action is being taken against these units based on the directions of CAQM and the report of the Pollution Control Department. So far, four factories have been sealed, while notices have been issued to four other factories and the process to seal them has been initiated. Action will also be taken soon against the remaining three factories. Dr. Dahiya added that a total of 11 factories have been identified for violating pollution control norms. He clarified that under the relevant Act, the Pollution Control Department is the sealing authority, and the action is being carried out in coordination with the department.

AAP protests over growing LPG shortage, warns of agitation if issue not resolved

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PANIPAT: Amid the continuously increasing shortage of domestic and commercial LPG gas, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Panipat held a strong protest on Saturday. Party workers gathered at Chhotu Ram Chowk on Babail Road under the leadership of State Senior Vice President and Spokesperson Surender Ahlawat, raising slogans against the government and demanding immediate restoration of normal gas supply. Several party leaders including Karnal Lok Sabha President Ajay Singla, State Co-Secretary Sukhveer Malik, District President Jasvir Jassa Kadyan, Lok Sabha Vice President Narendra Jaisiya, District Secretary Yogesh Kaushik, Youth District President Manish Road, and senior leader Jitender Juneja were present during the protest. The workers carried placards with anti-government slogans and voiced strong concern over the gas crisis. Party leaders said that the shortage

of gas is creating serious problems not only for the general public but also for small industries, tea stalls, dhabas and poor families. They warned that if the issue is not resolved soon, the Aam Aadmi Party will launch a large-scale agitation along with the public.



State Senior Vice President and Spokesperson Surender Ahlawat said that several small and medium-scale industries are being affected due to the shortage of LPG. In industries where gas is used in the production process, work is

on the verge of coming to a halt. He said that if the government does not address the issue in time, industries will face financial losses and employment will also be affected.

Karnal Lok Sabha President Ajay Singla said that the government had made big claims of providing relief to poor families under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, but the reality today is that many beneficiaries are not receiving LPG cylinders on time. As a result, poor families are again being forced to depend on firewood and other traditional fuels.

District President Jasvir Jassa Kadyan said that the shortage of gas is also clearly affecting small businesses. Many tea stalls, dhabas and small hotels in the city and nearby areas are facing disruption in their work due to the unavailability of LPG.

iQOO Launches Z11x

CHANDIGARH: iQOO, the high-performance smartphone brand, launched the iQOO Z11x in India. Designed especially for students balancing academics, entertainment, and their quest, the iQOO Z11x brings together segment-leading battery, powerful processing capabilities for seamless multitasking, along with enhanced durability. Built to keep up with the fast-paced lifestyle of today’s students, the device enables them to stay productive, entertained, and connected throughout the day. Strengthening iQOO’s Z-series lineup, Segment’s fastest smartphone, the iQOO Z11x is powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 7400-Turbo, delivering a 1 Min+ AnTuTu benchmark score. The smartphone packs the segment’s biggest 7200 mAh battery** paired with 44W Flash-Charge and offers up to 6 years of battery health***. It also comes with IP68 & IP69+ dust and water resistance and military-grade durability, and features a 50 MP Sony AI-powered main camera with 4K video recording on both front and rear cameras. Running on OriginOS 6, the iQOO Z11x supports AI features along with 2 years of OS updates and 4 years of security updates. Talking about the newest addition to the Z series, Nipun Marya, CEO, iQOO, said, “At iQOO, the Z series has always been about delivering dependable performance and all-day power for young consumers.

vivo launches the Y51 Pro 5G

CHANDIGARH / AMRITSAR : vivo India launched the vivo Y51 Pro 5G, the latest addition to its Y Series. The newly introduced Y51 Pro is designed for users who prioritise smooth, reliable performance and immersive entertainment, delivering a consistent and dependable smartphone experience that keeps pace with dynamic daily routines. With a strong focus on endurance, seamless multitasking, and everyday ease of use, the device reflects vivo’s commitment to creating practical innovation that supports both productivity and leisure, offering lasting value within the Y Series portfolio. The Y51 Pro 5G houses a massive 7200 mAh Battery2 and is powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 7300 Turbo chipset. It also comes equipped with an IP68 and IP69 rating for enhanced durability, and supports a 50MP HD Wide-angle main camera with 4K video recording capabilities. The vivo Y51 Pro 5G features refined craftsmanship with a seamless one-piece frame and 3D quad-curved back, offering a comfortable grip. Big radius corners and a metallic camera deco enhance its premium appeal. It is available in Festive Red color, inspired by the warm glow of festival lanterns with a contrasting black bezel, and Noble Gold, featuring vivo’s signature Gradient Grating design for a dynamic 3D depth effect.



Truecaller Launches Family Protection in India

CHANDIGARH: Truecaller, the leading global communications platform, is shifting the narrative from simple identification to proactive family immunity with the launch of Family Protection in India. This follows its successful rollout in several global markets, including Sweden, Chile, Malaysia and Kenya. Truecaller’s Family Protection is a sophisticated digital shield, designed to protect the entire household, especially elders, from the rapidly evolving landscape of predatory scams. Every family has a tech-aware individual or CTO (chief technology officer) who manages the digital well-being of their parents, elders and children. Family Protection gives the CTO real-time fraud alerts and a remote call hang-up feature, allowing them to end suspicious calls for any member of the group instantly. It also includes shared block lists, customizable security levels and a dashboard to monitor device safety settings, ensuring seamless protection across both Android and iOS devices. Importantly, Family Protection is free to use, allowing people to begin safeguarding their family members immediately. “Just knowing who is calling is no longer enough. Today, the real question is whether the call is safe to answer,” said Rishit Jhunjhunwala, CEO, Truecaller. “As scams become more sophisticated and emotionally manipulative, protection needs to move beyond the individual to the entire household. With Family Protection in India, we’re empowering the most digitally aware member of the family to act as a safety anchor, helping ensure that everyone in their circle benefits from the same level of trusted communication”.

ISB, Punjab Police and CyberPeace Launch India’s Premier Cybersecurity & AI Safety Hackathon 2026

CHANDIGARH :The Indian School of Business (ISB), through its Institute of Data Science (IDS), in collaboration with the Punjab Police State Cyber Crime Division and the CyberPeace has announced the launch of the National Hackathon on Cybersecurity & AI Safety 2026 — a major national initiative to strengthen India’s capabilities in cybersecurity, digital resilience and responsible artificial intelligence. The hackathon will bring together students, researchers, technologists, law enforcement professionals, and policy experts from across India to develop innovative solutions addressing emerging threats in digital security and AI Safety. The initiative seeks to catalyse grassroots innovation, generate open-source tools and datasets, and contribute to national policy discussions on AI safety. By fostering collaboration between academia, industry and law enforcement, the initiative aims to generate practical technologies and research insights that can strengthen India’s Cyber defence Ecosystem. Registration for the Hackathon on Cybersecurity & AI Safety 2025–26 is now open and closes on March 22, 2026. Interested participants can register at: www.isb.edu/events/hackathon-on-cybersecurity-and-ai-safety-2025-26.

THINK Gas Assures Continued Availability of CNG and PNG in Ludhiana and Moga

LUDHIANA: THINK Gas, one of India’s leading City Gas Distribution (CGD) players, today reassured its customers that the supply of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Piped Natural Gas (PNG) in the region remains stable with prices remaining unchanged at present, and continues to maintain normal operations across its distribution network. Addressing recent concerns around global energy market volatility, the company stated that there is currently no disruption in gas supply across its operational areas, and CNG and PNG services are continuing as usual for domestic, essential services and transport customers with no changes to current prices. Commenting on the evolving global energy situation, Mr. Vinukumar Balakrishnan, Chief Marketing & Commercial Officer, THINK Gas, said: “The Government of India’s decision to invoke provisions under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and issue the Natural Gas (Supply Regulation) Order, 2026 reflects a proactive approach to safeguarding natural gas availability amid disruptions in LNG shipments through the Strait of Hormuz and force majeure declarations by certain suppliers as a result of the war-like situation in the Middle East. At THINK Gas, our immediate priority remains ensuring uninterrupted supply to Households & Essential Services (PNG) consumers and to the transport sector (CNG), across our GA’s.

Amazon Business unlocks over Rs. 2,000 crore in financial value for Indian businesses in 2025

CHANDIGARH : Amazon Business today revealed that it has enabled businesses across India realize over 12,000 crore in financial value in 2025. From micro-enterprises and SMBs to large corporations, organisations of all sizes benefited through cashback rewards, bulk discounts and exclusive deals on Amazon Business. A significant portion of this value was also driven by seamless GST-compliant invoicing on Amazon Business, which has brought long-overdue transparency to business procurement — a space where accessing GST invoices has historically been cumbersome and inconsistent across offline channels.

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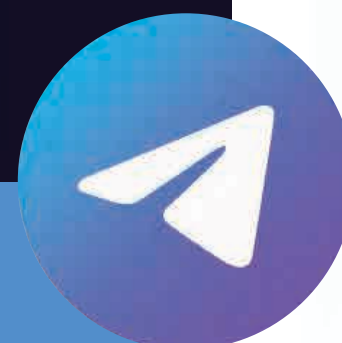
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