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NEWS BRIEFS

One dies, 16 injured in Chhattisgarh ropeway tragedy, FIR filed

RAIPUR: In one of the worst ropeway accidents in the state in recent years, a cable trolley carrying devotees up the Khallari temple hill in Mahasamund district snapped, sending the trolley crashing down and killing a young woman from Raipur. Reports suggest that at least 16 others were injured, some critically.

The mishap occurred on Sunday around mid-morning when the temple was packed with pilgrims who had gathered for Chaitra Navratri festival. Witnesses said that the trolley was moving steadily along the cable when it gave way without warning. The trolley fell with a loud thud which triggered panic among the thousands gathered at the hilltop shrine.

By evening, police had registered a criminal case against the Kolkata based firm operating the ropeway and two of its local staff members. The complaint was filed by the Khallari Devi Trust, and the FIR was lodged under sections 173, 289 and 125(A) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, with negligence as the primary charge.

The injured were rushed to the district hospital in Mahasamund. Those with critical injuries were later shifted to MMI hospital in Raipur. By late night, eight of the injured had been discharged after primary treatment.

Ex-Pak PM Imran Khan undergoes another eye procedure



LAHORE: Pakistan's jailed former prime minister Imran Khan on Monday underwent a third eye procedure for an ailment in his right eye, hospital authorities said.

Khan, 73, was diagnosed with central retinal vein occlusion (CRVO), a serious eye condition, according to a report submitted to the Supreme Court in January. He was hospitalised at the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) in Islamabad, where he underwent a "third eye procedure," according to a statement by the hospital.

Pahalgam hotel booked for concealing stay of 23 foreigners

UNI SRINAGAR: J&K Police on Monday registered an FIR against a Pahalgam hotel on the charge of violating the Immigration and Foreigners Act by failing to report the stay of 23 foreign nationals, including 19 British citizens.

Hotels are required to submit the compulsory online Form C, which registers foreigners. Police said during routine checking in the Dehwaloo area of Pahalgam in Anantnag district, it was found that 23 foreign nationals, including 19 British nationals, had checked into Hotel Misty Mountains Laddi on the evening of March 22.

"The hotel management willfully concealed their stay from Police Station Pahalgam and failed to submit the mandatory Form 'C', thereby violating provisions of the Foreigners and Immigration Act, 2025 and compromising prescribed security protocols," police said in a statement.

Accordingly, an FIR under relevant sections of the law was registered at Police Station Pahalgam, and an investigation was taken up. Police in Anantnag urged all hotel operators to comply with legal requirements regarding the reporting of foreign guests strictly.

No burden of global crisis on farmers: PM in Lok Sabha Assures adequate supply of fertilisers, coal

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 NEW DELHI, MAR 23

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said that the Centre has made adequate arrangements for fertilisers amid concerns over imports due to the West Asia conflict, saying that the government has never "allowed the burden of global crises to fall on farmers." Addressing the Lok Sabha, PM Modi assured the nation that adequate coal stocks are present to generate electricity as the summer season approaches in India. The Prime Minister said, "A major question is - what will be the impact of the war on agriculture? The farmers of our country have filled our grain reserves. Therefore, India has adequate food stocks. It is also our endeavour that sowing for the Kharif season takes place properly. The government has made adequate arrangements for fertilisers to deal with such situations. In the past as well, our government did not allow the burden of global crises to fall on farmers. In the last decade, six urea plants have been commissioned, adding 76 lakhs metric tonnes of capacity of urea." There were concerns around the supply of fertilisers for farming, as India depends on West Asia for a major part of its imported fertilisers. Earlier in March, QatarEnergy had announced that it is stopping the production of some downstream products in the country, including urea, polymers, methanol, aluminium and other products amid the ongoing conflict in the region. Addressing the "major challenge" of electricity production, PM Modi said, "Another major chal-



lenge of the war is that the summer season is beginning in India. In the coming days, with rising temperatures, the demand for electricity will increase. Currently, adequate coal stocks are available at all power

plants across the country." Further, PM Modi invoked ethanol blending in fuel and electrification of railways as steps to counter the global fuel crisis, as Iran has virtually blocked the Strait of Hormuz. "Due to ethanol blending, we are saving the import of about 4.5 crore barrels of oil every year. Similarly, railway electrification is also bringing great benefits. If such large-scale railway electrification had not happened, an additional 180 crore litres of diesel would have been required every year. We have also expanded the metro network. In 2014, the metro network was less than 250 km, which has now increased to more than 1100 km," he said. He added that India has diversified its energy imports in the last 11 years, assuring the public of adequate crude oil and gas supplies.

Situation in West Asia "worrisome"

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday highlighted that the situation in West Asia amid the ongoing US-Israel-Iran conflict was "worrisome" and had a severe impact on the global economy and people's lives. As India witnesses challenges with the ongoing conflict entering its fourth week, PM Modi addressed the Lok Sabha and stated that these challenges were related to national security. He highlighted that "unprecedented challenges" due to the conflict were humanitarian as well. "The situation in West Asia is worrisome. This conflict has been going on for more than three weeks. It has a severe impact on the global economy and the lives of the people, and that is why the world is urging all sides for an early resolution to this conflict," PM Modi said. The Prime Minister informed of India's trade relations with countries in the West Asian region that were witnessing war, stating that a large part of the country's need for crude oil and gas was met by the war-affected region. He informed that the region also remains crucial as it provides a route for India's trade with other countries as well. "This war has also posed unprecedented challenges for India. These challenges are economic, related to national security, and humanitarian as well. India has extensive trade relations with the warring and war-affected countries.

Ex-Punjab minister Bhullar arrested in official's suicide case



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Former Punjab minister and AAP MLA Laljit Singh Bhullar, accused of abetting the suicide of a state warehousing corporation official, was arrested on Monday, said sources.

Gagandeep Singh Randhawa, the district manager of Punjab State Warehousing Corporation in Amritsar, allegedly ended his life by consuming poison early Saturday. A video appeared in which he purportedly claimed harassment by Bhullar, who resigned as minister later in the day at the direction of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann amid the row.

The police on Saturday night booked Bhullar, his father Sukhdev Singh Bhullar and personal assistant Dilbag Singh under Sections 108 (abetment of suicide), 351 (3) (criminal intimidation) and 3 (5) (common intention) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Earlier in the day, the family of Randhawa issued a 24-hour ultimatum to the Punjab government to arrest him. The family of Randhawa has already said that they would not allow a post-mortem examination and cremation until Bhullar is arrested. Speaking to the media in Amritsar on Monday, Randhawa's family expressed displeasure over Bhullar not being arrested yet and demanded that he be arrested at the earliest.

Amit Shah offers CBI probe amid political standoff

CHANDIGARH: The tragic suicide of Gagandeep Singh Randhawa, a District Manager with the Punjab Warehousing Corporation, has escalated into a national political issue, with union Home Minister Amit Shah indicating a readiness to hand over the investigation to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Addressing the Lok Sabha on Monday after Congress MP Gurjeet Singh Aujla raised the matter, Shah stated that since the incident involves a state matter, he would transfer the case to the federal agency if the Members of Parliament from Punjab provided a written request to that effect.

Iran and US both 'want to make a deal': Trump



NEW DELHI: US President Donald Trump said the United States and Iran have held "very good and productive" discussions over the past two days aimed at resolving hostilities in the Middle East, and announced a temporary pause on planned military strikes.

Donald Trump's latest message moments ago appeared to be his most conciliatory since the launch of Operation Epic Fury, though it leaves several key questions unanswered.

In a post, Trump said he had instructed the department of war to postpone "any and all" military strikes on Iranian power plants and energy infrastructure for five days, citing the positive tenor of ongoing talks.

He said the discussions were "in depth, detailed and constructive" and would continue throughout the week, with the pause in strikes subject to the outcome of the negotiations. The development comes amid heightened tensions in the region, with the US and Iran engaged in a prolonged standoff involving attacks on key infrastructure and strategic assets. Trump did not provide details on the nature or location of the talks but expressed optimism about a "complete and total resolution" of hostilities. Tehran is yet to confirm regarding the talks with US. It also remains unclear whether the discussions included Iran's ballistic missile programme, nuclear enrichment, or a broader ceasefire. This comes after Iran on Monday warned to mine key communication routes in the Persian Gulf if its coastline or islands are attacked. Iran's National Defence Council said any attempt to target its territory would result in "all communication lines in the Persian Gulf" being mined, adding that vessels would only be able to transit the Strait of Hormuz in coordination with Tehran.

SC pulls up investigating agencies for 'reluctance' in Anil Ambani-linked financial probe

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 NEW DELHI, MAR 23

The Supreme Court, while hearing a PIL concerning alleged financial irregularities and fund siphoning involving entities linked to Anil Ambani, including Reliance Home Finance Limited, orally observed that the conduct of the investigating agencies has reflected a degree of reluctance. The bench, led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant, noted that despite serious allegations flagged in regulatory findings and submissions before the Court, the pace and approach of the



probe raised concerns. The Court has thus directed that the investigation carried out by the probe agencies (ED and CBI) must be transparent, fair and time-bound so as

to inspire confidence not only in the Court but also among all stakeholders. "But your investigating agencies the way they have shown reluctance - they should come out in a

time bound transparent and fair investigation. Your investigation must inspire confidence not only of the court by every stakeholder", the Court said. During the hearing, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta informed the Court that the Enforcement Directorate has constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) comprising officers from different investigating agencies, including deputy directors and assistant directors, along with forensic auditors to examine the transactions. It was further submitted that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has appointed transaction auditors and that arrests have

been made in the course of the investigation. The Court also noted that the status report filed by ED and CBI indicates that multiple cases are under probe, including those involving the role of public servants and that details have been sought from financial institutions. Senior Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing on behalf of the PIL petitioner, however, contended that despite findings in the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) report alleging fraudulent schemes and siphoning of funds by Anil Ambani and related entities, no substantial action, including arrests by the CBI, had been undertaken.

No proposal for complete loan waiver for farmers: Sitharaman

NEW DELHI: There is no proposal of a complete loan waiver for farmers under consideration with the central government, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman informed Parliament on Monday.

However, she said, the government has taken several measures to strengthen the economic conditions of the farmers, including timely and adequate credit through Kisan Credit Card (KCC), wherein crop loan up to Rs 3 lakh is provided at subsidised interest rates under the Modified Inter-



est Subvention Scheme (MISS), with additional incentives for timely repayment.

Besides, the government has enhanced collateral free short-term agricultural loans, including loans for allied activities, from Rs 1.60 lakh to Rs 2.00 lakh and ensuring adequate flow of credit from the banking system to the priority sectors of the economy, including agriculture, under Priority Sector Lending guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), she said in a reply to the Lok Sabha.

Gold, silver crash over 7% amid West Asia tensions

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 MUMBAI, MAR 23

Gold and silver prices in the domestic market witnessed a sharp decline of more than 7 per cent on Monday amid ongoing tensions in West Asia, global economic concerns and a strengthening US dollar, which has shifted investor interest away from precious metals. Gold prices fell sharply during the session, dropping from Rs 140158 in the opening trade to Rs 129595, and currently trading at Rs 134 marking a steep fall of over 7 per cent. Silver prices also saw a similar trend, declining by more than 7 per cent and trading at Rs 209,797 per kg, after hitting a low of Rs 199643 during the day, indicating high volatility in the market. Market experts at-

tributed the decline to a combination of rising inflation concerns, higher interest rate expectations and a stronger dollar. Colin Shah, MD, Kama Jewellery, said the sharp dip in gold prices is a ripple effect of the ongoing tensions in West Asia. "The disrupted oil supply has led to a rise in the price of crude, which is being perceived as a major inflationary trigger, along with which will drive cautiousness among the central banks. As a result, interest rates are expected to rise and directly impact domestic consumption," he said. He added that the strengthening of the US dollar is also pushing investors away from gold. "While the long-term outlook of the yellow metal continues to remain positive, both international and domestic economies are going to see strong tremors due to the conflict and gems and



jewellery exports will be impacted the most," he noted. Manav Modi, Commodities Analyst at Motilal Oswal Financial Services, said gold prices have been under pressure due to rising inflation concerns and expectations of higher interest rates. He noted that escalating geopolitical tensions, including the US-Israel conflict with Iran, have increased fears of prolonged disruptions in global energy supply, further fuelling inflation concerns.

Sensex plunges 1,836 pts

MUMBAI: Equity benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty plummeted on Monday, in tandem with an extremely weak trend in global markets as the war in the Middle East showed no signs of a slowdown. Rising crude oil prices due to the war, which has entered its fourth week, relentless foreign fund outflows and weakness in the rupee have also made investors risk-averse. The 30-share BSE Sensex dived 1,836.57 points, or 2.46 per cent, to settle at 72,696.39. During the day, it plunged 1,974.52 points, or 2.64 per cent, to 72,558.44.

CM Mann flays Centre for ignoring Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev



HUSSAINIWALA: At Hussainiwala in Ferozepur, on the Shaheedee Divas (martyrdom day) of Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann paid tributes at the historic National Martyrs Memorial, facilitated the families of the martyrs, and laid the foundation stone of the 24.99 crore Hussainiwala Heritage Complex, reaffirming his government's commitment to honouring the martyrs and building a Rangla Punjab rooted in their vision.

Invoking the legacy of the nation's greatest revolutionaries, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated that the occasion is not merely to remember their sacrifice but to carry forward their fearless ideals and unwavering stand against injustice. He renewed his resolve to serve

Punjab and the nation in line with their vision, while also questioning the continued denial of the Bharat Ratna (highest honours) to these freedom fighters and asserting that India's trajectory would have been profoundly different had such courageous, youth-driven leadership shaped its early years. Addressing the gathering, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated, "Selfish leaders in this country have built stadiums in their own names even while alive, but have done little to honour true martyrs like Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Shaheed Rajguru, and Shaheed Sukhdev." The Chief Minister stated, "These iconic revolutionaries sacrificed their lives at a young age, but after independence, others occupied the corridors of power and took credit for the freedom they did not fight for."

Cabinet Minister sends 25 students of Jalandhar government schools to Ahmedabad for visit to Space Application Centre



JALANDHAR (PARAMJIT SINGH): Punjab Horticulture, Freedom Fighter and Defence Services Welfare Minister Mohinder Bhagat sent 25 talented students studying in government schools of the district to visit the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) flagship centre Space Application Centre Ahmedabad.

On this occasion, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Urban Development) Jasbir Singh was also present. While sending off the students studying in 7th, 9th and 11th classes from the local Red Cross Bhawan, the Cabinet Minister said that the visit to institutions like ISRO will increase interest in science among the students. He said that this educational trip will give a new direction to their future.

Development works worth Rs 2 crore inaugurates in Tarawadi by Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
TARAORI, MARCH 23

Nilokheri MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi inaugurated development works worth around Rs 2 crore in Tarawadi town, stating that there will be no shortage of development in the constituency.

The municipal administration has approved multiple projects aimed at improving basic infrastructure in the area.

Under the projects, a mastic asphalt road from Manav Seva Dal to Annapurna Ashram up to Sonkda Road in Ward No. 11 will be constructed at a cost of Rs 15.62 lakh.

Additionally, road and drain repair works will be carried out at a cost of Rs 12.49 lakh.

An RCC box drain from Gaba Dairy to Rakesh's shop will be constructed at a cost of Rs 15.67 lakh. In the Karnal



Gate area, a yoga shed and steel railing will be developed with an expenditure of Rs 21.17 lakh. In Ward No. 4, a new road and drain up to the disposal culvert will be constructed at a cost of around Rs 21 lakh.

A community platform near the Government Senior Secondary School in Ward No. 2 will be built at a cost of Rs 21.13 lakh. Road construction from behind Jagdamba

Rice Mill to Wadhwa Farm will be undertaken at a cost of Rs 39.48 lakh. In Ward No. 3, repair works of roads and drains at various locations will be carried out for Rs 9.15 lakh.

A kitchen and store room will be constructed at the community center in Ward No. 5 at a cost of Rs 10.60 lakh, while a community center in Ward No. 6 will be completed at a cost of Rs 21.18

lakh. Similarly, road and drain repair works in Ward No. 12 will be undertaken at a cost of Rs 10.71 lakh. With the launch of these projects several new development works have also been initiated. Residents expressed that these projects will significantly improve civic amenities and provide better facilities to the public.

The municipal administration assured that all works will be completed within the stipulated time frame while maintaining quality standards.

Municipal chairman Virender Bansal, Market Committee chairman Randeep Chaudhary, vice chairman Rajeev Narang, Tarawadi mandal president Subhash Gupta, BJP mandal president Shivam Bansal, social worker Yogesh Sardana, and several councillors and dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh embodied fearless patriotism and boundless courage: Tikshan Sood

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, MARCH 23

On Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh's martyrdom day, former Cabinet Minister and senior BJP leader Tikshan Sood paid floral tribute to him, stating that Bhagat Singh's patriotism and indomitable spirit were unparalleled. This is why the youth regard him as a role model.

Born in 1907, Bhagat Singh was hanged by the cruel British regime at the tender age of just 23.

The Jallianwala Bagh massacre, where the British killed innocent people, prompted Bhagat Singh to vow to free the country. He achieved Lala Lajpat Rai's death by joining hands with his comrades Sukhdev and Rajguru to eliminate British officer John Saunders, demonstrating to the nation that even at a young age, one can achieve great feats with



the fire of patriotism in the heart.

Bhagat Singh, who played with guns since childhood, was not merely a fighter; he believed in freeing India and eradicating inequalities, injustice, and evils like untouchability. While in jail, he undertook a historic 116-

day hunger strike to improve conditions there—a feat in itself.

Sood remarked that instead of realizing Bhagat Singh's vision, some politicians today are exploiting his name for gain. If his ideals were truly implemented on the ground, India could rap-

idly progress to become the world's leading nation.

On this occasion, Shiv Sood, Satish Bawa, Jaspreet (Shri Jassa Bawa), Dikshant Thakur, Sucha Singh, Raja Pandit, Rimpu Saini, Rajinder, Sher Singh, and Sumit joined in offering floral tributes at Bhagat Singh's statue.

Classified

I, Aakanksha Dhiman W/o Sh. Sahil Prabhakar, R/o 902, GBP, ECO Homes-1, Sector-9, Barwala Road, Saidpura Gulabgarh Road, Dera Bassi, Distt. SAS Nagar Mohali (PB)-140507 have changed my name from Aakanksha Dhiman to Aakanksha Prabhakar
60013

I, Gian Chand Goyal S/o Gaury Shanker R/o Ward No. 11 House No. 1233, Street No. 8, Jawahar Nagar, Moga have changed my name to Gian Chand.
90007

I, Sonu S/o Manga Ram R/o Vpo Chaushala Tehsil Kalayat Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Sonu To Sonu Thakur. Please Known Me As Sonu Thakur In Future.
84451

I Gurpreet Singh Virk S/O Sahib Singh vpo Jundia Distt. Karnal Haryana Declared That Now I Have Changed My Name From Gurpreet Singh Virk to Gurpreet Singh So In Future Know Me Name By Gurpreet Singh.
100046

I, Arshdeep Singh S/o Balbir Singh R/o VPO. Mohem tehsil Nakodar district Jalandhar have changed my name from Arshdeep to Singh Arshdeep. All concerned note please.
100066

I Mahi D/o Rajan Mahendru R/o H.NO. B 1162, Moti Bazar, Chawindian Mohalla, Batala, District Gurdaspur. I have changed my name from Mahi to Mahi Mahendru. Please concerned note.
10005

I, Raj Kumar S/o Sh. Avtar Singh R/o Hanuman Colony, Barara, Tehsil Barara, Distt Ambala have changed my name from Raj Kumar to Raj Kumar Singh. In future I should be known as Raj Kumar Singh.
78645

I, Mahesh Gupta, resident of House No 32, Bazar No 5, Ferozpur Cantt, hereby declare that my child's name was incorrectly mentioned as Pranav Gupta in School Record. The correct name of my child is Pranav Mittal. Henceforth, my child shall be known as Pranav Mittal for all purposes.
846213

I Netra Pal Singh Army No-JC-7694541. Rank: SUB MAJ (Existing Name As Per Service Record) Residing At (Address), Vill Pipalka, Post-Bilasapur, Teh Sadar Dist-Gautam Budha Nagar, State:- Utter Pradesh, Pin-203202 have changed my name from Netra Pal Singh existing name as per service record to Netra Pal Singh Nagar (Proposed Adopted New Name) Vide Affidavit Dated: 27.02.2026 At Lem, UT Ladakh
989666

I, Harbhajan Ram S/O Karma Ram, R/o Bakhilaur, PO: Bakhilaur, Dist: Shabeed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Punjab-144422, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Harbhaj Ram.
600022

I, Dilpreet Singh S/O Gurjinder Singh, R/o Vill Rara Po Salempur, Teh Dasuya, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144203, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Dilpreet Singh Randhawa.
98731

I Savita Rani W/o Gourav Bhatia R/o Patti Natha Ki Rurka Road Goraya Teh-Phillaur Distt Jalandhar (Pb.) have changed my name from Savita Rani to Savita Bhatia After Marriage Concerned Please Note.
63372

I Gourav Kumar S/o Jawahar Lal Bhatia R/o Patti Natha Ki Rurka Road Goraya Teh-Phillaur Distt Jalandhar (Pb.) have changed my name from Gourav Kumar to Gourav Bhatia. Concerned Please Note.
63372

I, Mohinder Singh S/O Surta Singh Village Pandori P/O Ghuman Teh. Batala District Gurdaspur Have Changed My Name Mohinder Singh To Singh Mohinder Note Please.
900026

I Parmjit Kaur W/o Harbhajan Singh R/o Narotam Vihar, Kapurthala-144601, Punjab, have changed my name from Parmjit Kaur to Parmjit Kaur. All concerned may note
900026

I, Ram Mehar S/o Jaga Ram, R/o Village Pai, District Kaithal declare that I have changed my minor son's name from Baby of Seema to Jahan Singh. Concerned Please Note.
100039

I, Kamaldeep Kaur W/o Dharwant Singh Gill R/o Vpo. Machhike (Moga) have changed my name from Kamaldeep Kaur Dhaliwal to Kamaldeep Kaur.
63372

I, Jasbir Kaur W/o Lakhvir Singh R/o Vpo. Chaklan Distt. Ropar have changed my name to Kaur Jasbir.
63372

I, Kamalpreet Singh S/o Lakhvir Singh R/o Vpo. Chaklan Distt. Ropar have changed my name to Singh Kamalpreet.
63372

I, Jatinderpal Singh S/o Harvinder Singh R/o Vill: Behbalpur Teh-Nabha Distt. Patiala have changed my name to Singh Jatinderpal.
63372

I, Gurprit Singh S/o Jagdev Singh R/o Vill: Sur Singh Wala Po. Lohgarh (Ferozpur) have changed my name to Gurprit Singh Dhillon.
63372

I, Amarjit Kaur Soni W/o Ajmer Singh R/o VPO. Manuke, Tehsil Nihal Singh Wala, District Moga, Punjab-142045, have my name changed from Amarjit Kaur Soni to Amarjit Kaur Gill.
63372

I, Bhushan Kumar Kansal S/o Haricharan Dass R/o Sunam Distt. Sangrur have changed my name to Bhushan Kumar.
63372

I, Pardeep Kumari D/o Darshan Ram R/o Vpo Barnala Kalan Teh-Nawanshahr Distt SBS Nagar-144516, Punjab declare that my given name is Pardeep and my surname is Kumari.
63372

I, Navdeep Kaur Kainth W/o Natar Singh R/o Vill. Kakrala, Tehsil Nabha, Distt. Patiala have changed my name as Navdeep Kaur.
63372

I, Kulvir S/o Billu Ram R/o Vill. Mehas, Tehsil Nabha, Distt. Patiala have changed my name as Kulvir Singh.
63372

I, Pawan S/o Surinder Pal R/o Vill. Mehas, Tehsil Nabha, Distt. Patiala have changed my name as Pawan Bhullar.
63372

I, Praveen W/o Firoz Ali R/o Vpo. Ibrahimpora (Malerkotla) have changed my name to Parveen.
63372

I, Jangir Kaur W/o late S. Ajmer Singh R/o Anoop Nagar, Bathinda, declare that my son Parmjeet Singh died on 29-12-2025. I and my grandson Simranjeet Singh are the heirs of his property. If anyone has any objection, please contact us within 7 days. Mo No. 84974-22679/98158-15181
63372

I, Dhanisha Rani, W/o Arshdeep Modi, R/o VPO Dirba, Distt. Sangrur, Punjab, hereby declare that I have changed my name from Dhanisha Rani to Dhanisha Mittal. Henceforth, I shall be known as Dhanisha Mittal for all purposes.
63372

I, Paramjit Bhakher S/O Braham Das R/O VPO Bora tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India, have changed my name from Paramjit Bhakher to Paramjit Bhakar.
63372

I Balveer Singh S/O Mukand Singh Vpo Aklia Jalal Tehsil Rampura Phul Distt Bathinda Changed My Name Balvir Singh.
63372

I Gurtej Singh S/O Chuhar Singh R/O Ram Nagar Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name Gurtej Singh Bhullar.
63372

I, Sukhwinder Singh S/o Mahinder Singh R/o Vpo. Mazara Nauabad Teh-Banga Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab, India Pincod-144511 have changed my name to Sukhwinder as a given name and Singh as surname.
63372

I, Talwinder Singh S/o Joginder Singh R/o Garhshankar Road Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar Punjab, India, Pincod-144514 have changed my name to Talwinder as a given name and Singh as surname.
63372

I Shiv Murat Kumar S/O Ram Kalap R/O Kartar Nagar #361, Khanna (Ludhiana) Changed My Name To Shiv Murat.
63372

I, Davinder Paul Singh S/o Sohan Singh R/o W.No.2 City Budhlada, Teh-Budhlada, Distt. Mansa, have changed my name to Devinder Paul Singh.
63372

I Sandeep Singh S/O Paramjeet Singh R/O Vpo Roomi Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Sandeep Singh Sahota.
63372

I Ramandeep Kaur Grewal W/O Bhagwant Singh Grewal R/O Village Jassowal, Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Ramandeep Kaur Sran To Ramandeep Kaur Grewal.
63372

I Harpeet Kaur C/O Rajinder Singh Dhaliwal R/O Vpo Bhamipura Kalan Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Harpeet Kaur Dhaliwal.
63372

I Gurdev Singh S/o Harbhajan Singh R/o W.No.19 Garden Colony Patti Teh-Patti Distt Tarn Taran have changed my name from Gurdev Singh to Surname as Singh and my given name is Gurdev Plz noted it.
63372

I Manjit Kaur Sandhu W/O Bahader Singh R/O Dalia, Po Behrampur Bet Distt Rupnagar Have Changed My Name From Manjit Kaur Sandhu To Manjit Kaur.
63372

I hitherto known as Renu W/o Tarsem Lal, residing at V.P.O. Mahadipur Arayan, District Jalandhar-144102, Punjab, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Nirmal Kaur.
63372

PUBLIC NOTICES

We Sandeep Jaidka S/o Late Sohan Lal Jaidka and Tawinder Jaidka W/o Sandeep Jaidka R/o 567 Nardeep Marg, Hira Mahal Nabha Distt Patiala declares that our son Abhinav Jaidka and his wife Himani Kaushal are out of our control. So we disown all of them from our all movable and immovable properties. We and all our family members will not be responsible for their any acts deeds liabilities or any illegal activities.
63372

I, Darshan Singh S/o Naranjan Singh R/o Tajpur Distt. Ludhiana, declare that my son Hardeep Singh is out of my control, so I disown him from all moveable & immovable properties. If any body deals with his at their own risk.
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We Rim Bahadur S/O Sh. Dal Bahadur And Smt. Mofisara Darlami W/O Rim Bahadur Darlami R/O C-31, Ward No. 9, Focal Point Khanna (Ludhiana) Has Evicted Our Son Kiran Bahadur And His Wife Lalawmpull Khawthring From His Moveable And Immovable Property. My Family And I Will Not Be Responsible For Any Good Or Bad Deeds He Has Done.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Paramjit Singh Samra, S/o Udhm Singh, R/o Village Bhatija, P.O. Nussi, Distt. Jalandhar declare that my son Lakhwinder Singh and his wife Balvir Kaur are out of my control. So I disown them from my moveable and immovable properties. Anybody deals with them at their own risk and responsibility. All concerned may note.
900026

I Ram Singh S/o Gurbachan Singh Village Bagpur Distt Hoshiarpur declare that my son Lakhwinder Singh and his wife Balvir Kaur are out of my control so I disinherited them from my moveable and immovable property. I shall not be responsible if anybody dealing with them.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to Notice of General Public that Neeraj Rani D/o Bhupinderpal Singh Availing Loan from Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd. regarding Property measuring 00K.5.21Mts 18 Sq. Feet, Situated at V. Moga Mahila Singh-1 Distt. Moga. It is pertinent to mention here that sale deed bearing no. 2002-230/14934 dated 09-03-2002 executed by Yashpal Gupta S/o Khushi Ram S/o Muskhinder in favour of Manjit Kumar S/o Balwinder Kumar S/o Parkash Chand and Rakesh Kumar Grover S/o Satpal Grover S/o Mangal Ra which is lost somewhere from present owners and not found till now. DOR/FIR regarding lost of above mentioned sale deed is has been lodged, vide LR No. 4995142026 dated 23-03-2026 in Police Station PSOC City South Moga. Anybody having objection regarding mention facts in this notice, may respond or raise objection within 07 days to Sonia Advocate, Distt Courts, Faridkot, Mob. 94482-65468, 98768-48471.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Original Sale Deed No 1923 dated 18.12.2018, executed by Jamal Singh in favour of Gurnail Singh regarding property 9/1-2 Marlas comprised in Khasra No. 56/110/4 (1-18), Khewal/Khatlaur No. 483/667, Situated at Village Rauli, Moga is lost and currently owned by Ragpreet kaur and not mortgaged with any bank or Financial Institution. In this regard DOR 683919/2026 dated 16/02/2026 has got registered. Anybody having objection with mortgage of property with ICICI Bank Bathinda may respond or raise objection within 14days, to Sh.PP Singh, Advocate, Mob.no: 75080-11581
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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Jangir Kaur W/o late S. Ajmer Singh R/o Anoop Nagar, Bathinda, declare that my son Parmjeet Singh died on 29-12-2025. I and my grandson Simranjeet Singh are the heirs of his property. If anyone has any objection, please contact us within 7 days. Mo No. 84974-22679/98158-15181
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LOST & FOUND

I Sukhjit Singh Bassi S/O Bharpur Singh R/O #2451, Herbeam, Michigan USA, have lost in Chandigarh my original Lease Agreement and Addendum of my Property located in International Trade Tower, Onase. New Chandigarh Property details client ID INTT 564, Property Unit No INTT/NINETEENTH 1922. If anybody finds estimate me on mobile no 7986069958
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I Harjeet Singh Bedi S/O Jatinder Singh and Deep Gagan Bassi W/O Harjeet Singh Bedi both R/O #2451, Herbeam, Michigan USA, have lost in Chandigarh my original Lease Agreement and Addendum of my Property located in International Trade Tower, Onase. New Chandigarh Property details client ID INTT 575, Property Unit No INTT/NINETEENTH 1901. If anybody finds estimate me on mobile no 7986069958
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NEWS BRIEF

RS AAP MP Dr. Mittal on Shaheed Diwas urges youth to turn Bhagat Singh's ideas into action



JALANDHAR: On the solemn occasion of Shaheed Diwas, Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha, Punjab) and Founder-Chancellor of Lovely Professional University (LPU), accompanied by his wife LPU Pro-Chancellor Col. Dr. Rashmi Mittal, recently visited Kharkar Kalan, the ancestral village of Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh, to pay heartfelt tribute to one of India's greatest revolutionaries.

During his visit, Dr. Mittal also visited the Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh Museum, where he observed rare photographs, personal belongings, and archival records that chronicle the life and sacrifices of the iconic freedom fighter. Reflecting on the experience, he noted that the museum stands as a powerful reminder of the courage, conviction, and clarity of purpose that defined Bhagat Singh's life, and continues to inspire generations. He also shared a deeply moving interaction with a local elder that left a lasting impression. Recalling the exchange, Dr. Mittal said the elder reminded him that freedom was not inherited, but earned through sacrifice. He

Bicycle ferry dedicated to Martyrdom Day



SURINDER DAMDAMI KOTKAPURA: The Kotkapura Cycle Riders (Regd.) team, which has been active in the field of cycling for a long time, has been making efforts from time to time to make people aware of their health, environment and to create a healthy society. Under this series, a bicycle ferry dedicated to the martyrdom day of Shaheed-e-Azam Sr. Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev Ji was organized. Gurdeep Singh Kaler, Gurpreet Singh Kamon, Rajat Kataria, Dr. Kuldeep Dhir, Dr. Kanwal Sethi, Arvind Lucky and Tulsi Das participated in this bicycle ferry and they covered a 63 km bicycle journey from Kotkapura to Zeeda Toll Plaza. On this occasion, Dr. Kanwal Sethi and Dr. Kuldeep Dhir jointly said that if the dreams of the martyrs are to be realized, then first of all we must take responsibility towards our health, environment and society. Telling our children about the unparalleled sacrifice of martyrdom is the main need of today. Finally, the president of the club Gurdeep Singh Kaler thanked all the members who reached the cycle ferry.

Laljit Bhullar should be arrested immediately in Randhawa case, CBI should be handed over case: Anil



MOGA (JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA): An important press conference was held today at the BJP office in Moga district. On this occasion, BJP General Secretary Punjab Anil Sarin specially reached and while talking to the media, he targeted the Punjab government regarding the suicide case of Tarn Taran DM Gagandeep Singh Randhawa. Anil Sarin said that there should be a fair and high-level investigation into this matter so that the truth can come out.

He said that this incident has created concern among the entire administrative machinery and the people and the government should give a clear answer while fulfilling its responsibility in this matter. Giving information during the press conference Anil Sarin further attacked the Aam Aadmi Party government and said that the law and order situation in Punjab has become very worrying. He said that till now we were seeing that gangsters were firing at people, but now the government ministers are running new rackets by putting pressure on the officers. He said that serious allegations have been made against Minister Laljit Singh Bhullar in the case of DM Gagandeep Randhawa of Tarn Taran Warehouse. According to Sarin, the family has told that the minister called Gagandeep Randhawa to his house, beat him up and forcibly made a video from him at gunpoint, in which he was told to take Rs 10 lakh from him.

Rich tributes paid to martyrs on Shaheedi Diwas



DHURI (SUMER GARG): Rich tributes were paid to the nation's great martyrs, Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev on their martyrdom day at the local Chief Minister Facilitation Centre here. On the occasion, AAP leaders and residents offered floral homage and solemnly resolved to walk the path shown by the martyrs. Addressing the gathering, Chairman of Punjab Small Industries and Export Corporation, Dalvir Singh Dhillon, said that the martyrs laid down their lives to secure the country's freedom and laid the foundation of a just and progressive society. He stated that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, the Aam Aadmi Party government has undertaken several transformative and people-centric initiatives over the past four years to realise the vision of the martyrs, adding that these efforts will continue with renewed commitment. Chairman of Market Committee Dhuri, Rajwant Singh Ghullu, said that the martyrdom of the trio continues to inspire generations to stand firmly against injustice, oppression and tyranny. He emphasised that the day calls for a renewed pledge to uphold the values of justice, equality and brotherhood by following the path shown by the martyrs. AAP leaders also called upon the public to come forward and actively contribute towards fulfilling the dreams of the martyrs and strengthening the nation's progress.

Governor marks martyrdom anniversary of Bhagat Singh at Museum of Trees

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 23

The Governor of Punjab and Administrator, U.T. Chandigarh, Gulab Chand Kataria visited the Museum of Trees, Village-Daria, Chandigarh to mark the martyrdom anniversary of Shaheed Bhagat Singh by watering a genetically cloned Beri tree today. The original tree was planted by Bhagat Singh at his ancestral home in Bangey village, Faisalabad (Pakistan), in 1917, when he was only ten years old.

The Governor paid tribute to the courage and ideals of Shaheed Bhagat Singh. He said that Shaheed Bhagat Singh continues to inspire generations with his patriotism, conviction and fearless spirit.

He urged the youth to follow his ideals and work towards nation-building with



dedication and responsibility. The Governor also appreciated the efforts of the Museum of Trees, Chandigarh, to preserve historically significant trees through scientific methods and emphasized the need to protect heritage associated with national heroes.

He called upon citizens, especially the younger generation, to draw inspiration

from Shaheed Bhagat Singh and contribute towards preserving both the environment and the nation's legacy. DS Jaspal, retired IAS and Creator of the Museum of Trees, highlighted the Museum's role in preserving spiritual and historical heritage through genetic cloning of significant trees. He emphasized that India's heritage lives not

only in monuments but also in trees, stressing the importance of conserving them for future generations. The Governor was accompanied by his Principal Secretary, Vivek Pratap Singh. During the programme, the museum team shared information about their work in conserving genetically true replicas of important and sacred trees.

Non-functional ventilators at GMCH-32 matter of grave concern: Tewari

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, MARCH 23

Chandigarh MP Manish Tewari has flagged serious concerns over the state of critical care facilities at Government Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), Sector 32, Chandigarh, in the Lok Sabha. In his unstarred question number 4830, Tewari asked the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare that whether the government had taken note of reports that a large number of ventilators supplied during the COVID-19 pandemic were lying non-functional, thereby affecting critical care services.

Tewari sought details on the total number of ventilators supplied to GMCH and their functional status. The Chandigarh MP pressed further, raising concerns over non-functional ventilators due to maintenance and spare parts issues, shortages of ventilators, technicians and trained staff at the Trauma Centre in GMCH-32, as well as vacancies in nursing



and paramedical staff. He inquired about the steps being taken to strengthen critical care infrastructure.

Responding to the query, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Prataprao Jadhav acknowledged that the Government of India had supplied 99 ventilators to GMCH during the pandemic. "Of these, only 35 are currently functional", he said, while maintaining that GMCH has reportedly sufficient doctors and nursing staff at its Trauma Centre. He added that all ICU

equipment is covered under Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contracts (CAMC), suggesting that mechanisms for repair and upkeep are in place.

Later on, while expressing his views on Minister's response, Tewari said, "The scale of the problem is quite alarming with nearly two-thirds of ventilators lying idle and Minister's reply stops short of offering a clear roadmap for restoring functionality. The assurance that maintenance contracts exist does not explain why 64 ventilators remain non-operational."

Chandigarh MP further pointed out that the Minister's statement that sufficient doctors and nursing staff are available at the Trauma Centre appears to contradict the concerns raised by him about shortages of trained technical staff and paramedics.

"The reply does not directly address whether ventilator technicians or spare parts are in short supply," he added.

Sant Seechewal donates 25 water tanks to villages to make Punjab Green and Lush



SULTANPUR LODHI (ARVIND PATHAK): Rajya Sabha member Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal has donated 25 water tanks to 25 villages in the Kapurthala district to make Punjab green and lush. Today, from Sultanpur Lodhi, Sant Seechewal sent off these 25 water tanks and said that this brief event was organized in memory of the Martyrs of the Revolution—Shaheed-e-Azam S. Bhagat Singh, Raj Guru, and Sukhdev.

He mentioned that these 25 water tanks were part of a series of events that have been organized throughout the year, dedicated to the 25th anniversary of the sacred Bein. Sant Seechewal explained that one of the tanks has a capacity of 3,000 liters, and 24 tanks have a capacity of 5,000 liters each. The total cost of all these tanks is approximately 91 lakh rupees, which Sant Seechewal has provided from his own Mplads funds for the villages. The Sarpanches who received the water tanks expressed that no Member of Parliament had ever provided any grants to their villages. Sarpanch Balkar Singh from Sujokalya village said that more than 75 years have passed since India gained independence, but no MP has ever given any grants to their village. Sultanpur Lodhi constituency in-charge, Sajjan Singh Cheema, mentioned that Sant Seechewal had already given over 28 lakh rupees in grants to their village, Dabuliya.

Saraswati group of colleges hosts "Siddhasana - The Rhythm of Life" - A Transformational wellness movement begins

KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN): In a remarkable step towards holistic education and well-being, Saraswati Group of Colleges (SGC), Mohali, one of North India's premier medical institutions ranked among the Top 1%, successfully hosted a powerful wellness session titled "Siddhasana - The Rhythm of Life." The event witnessed the participation of over 300+ faculty members, doctors, and professionals, making it one of the most impactful institutional wellness initiatives in the region.

The session was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chairman, Sh. B.L. Aggarwal, Chairman of Saraswati Group of Colleges and Healthsare Hospital, whose vision continues to drive SGC towards excellence not only in academics but also in human well-being and development.

The event was further graced by Mr. Bhupinder Jain, National Convener of Vishwa Dharm Chetana Manch, who attended as the Special Guest. His spiritual presence and guidance added immense value to the session, inspiring participants to connect deeper with their inner selves.

The session was led by Ms. Namratha Mehta, Director of Siddhasana - The Rhythm of Life, an Expressive Movement Therapist and International Sound Healer. Known for her transformative approach, she guided participants through a unique journey combining therapeutic movement, breathwork, meditation, and conscious awareness. The two-hour session was thoughtfully designed to harmonize the body, mind, and soul, enabling participants to experience deep relaxation, clarity, and emotional balance. The key activities included gentle therapeutic movements to release physical tension and improve flexibility, conscious breathing techniques to energize the body and calm the mind, meditative practices to cultivate inner peace, and guided visualization exercises aimed at reducing stress and enhancing overall well-being.

Dighi School becomes new flight for golden future of thousands of girls

RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA): The famous Dighi School of the city, which is known as PM Shri Government Senior Secondary School (Girls), Rampura Phul, has emerged as an example in the education sector today. The renovation of the school with a grant of about Rs 82 lakhs by the Aam Aadmi Party government under the leadership of constituency MLA Balkar Sidhu has given it a new identity.



Developmental works like 4 new rooms, modern physics and chemistry labs, renovation of the building, renovation of the ground and beautiful painting have been done in the school. Along with this, digital boards installed in the classes are making education more quality and modern. The magnificent building, well-maintained campus and modern facilities that rival private schools are seen making the school the first choice of students. Multipurpose hall cum badminton ground, gym and latest RO system, gate and security guard facilities are testimony to the high standard of the school.

Third day of puja for idol installation and Pran Pratishtha at Sri Ram Temple Kharar on March 26



SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, MARCH 23

The ceremony and Puja for idol installation and Pran Pratishtha has started at Sri Ram Temple Kharar from March 21 to 26. In this regard, on the third day today, under the supervision of Acharya Surendra Sastri Ji, 21 Brahmins performed worship as per the Vidhi Vidan.

Apart from daily Puja, Pushpadhivas and Phaladhivas Puja of Lord Sri Ram Ji were performed today. Today, on March 24, the idols will be worshipped with Vastradhivas as per the Vidhi Vidan.

On March 26, Poornahuti will be held from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm and the Darshan of the Lord will begin.

It is worth mentioning

that there is a lot of excitement among the people of the city regarding this great festival and a large number of devotees are participating in this puja.

When the darshan of Lord Shri Ram Ji will begin after the puja on March 26, thousands of devotees and a large number of political leaders of different parties are expected to participate.

CU Punjab organises three-day workshop on emerging trends in library and information Science



ANANTDEEP KAUR
BATHINDA, MARCH 23

The Department of Library and Information Sciences, School of Information and Communication Studies, Central University of Punjab (CU Punjab), successfully organised a three-day workshop on "Contemporary Trends and Transformations in Library and Information Science" from March 18 to 20, 2026. The workshop brought together academicians, experts, researchers, and students to deliberate on the evolving landscape of library and information science in the context of digital transformation and artificial intelligence.

The inaugural session, held on March 18, commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Bhaw Nath Pandey, Head and Dean (SICS). Dr. Rishabh Shrivastava, Convener of the workshop, outlined the objectives and structure of the programme. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. M. P. Satija, Former UGC-Emeritus Fellow and Honorary Professor at Guru

Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of CU Punjab, presided over the session, while Prof. Kiran Hazarika, Hon'ble Pro Vice-Chancellor, shared his remarks. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Rubal Kanozia.

Over the three days, the workshop featured a series of expert sessions focusing on contemporary themes such as applications of artificial intelligence in libraries, AI-driven literature reviews, systematic reviews and evidence synthesis, academic social media and research visibility, sentiment analysis using social media data, automated classification and subject indexing, and efficient reference management using Zotero. The workshop witnessed the participation of eminent resource persons including Prof. Durga S. Rath, Prof. Shiva Kannuja, Prof. Vinod Kumar Mishra, Prof. Pijushkanti Panigrahi, Prof. Manoj Kumar Sinha, Prof. Neeraj Kumar Singh, Prof. Anil Kumar Siwach.

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MCM marks Shaheedi Diwas with quiz competition



CHANDIGARH: Commemorating Shaheedi Diwas with patriotic fervour, the Library of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, in collaboration with the Department of History and under the aegis of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), organised a Quiz competition on the theme "Remembering the Martyrs: Legacy of India's Freedom Fighters".

The event sought to pay tribute to the unparalleled sacrifices of India's freedom fighters Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru, and Sukhdev Thapar, while promoting historical awareness and intellectual engagement among students.

Renowned scientist Prof. Anil K. Sharma highlights Pathways to high-impact research at DBU



AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, MARCH 23

Global research icon Prof. Anil K. Sharma delivered a distinguished talk at Desh Bhagat University, inspiring students and researchers with his insights on academic excellence and scientific integrity. The talk, titled "From a Curious Mind to an Influential Scientist: Strategies for Impactful Research," attracted a full audience of scholars and faculty members.

Currently serving as Dean of Research & Development at Amity University Punjab, Prof. Sharma addressed the growing problem of predatory publishing, guiding researchers on identifying high-impact journals and avoiding cloned publications.

He demonstrated citation tools and journal verification platforms to help scholars protect their research work. Drawing from his distinguished career of over 12,000 citations, h-index 51, more than 360 publications, and a cumulative impact factor exceeding 1285, Prof. Sharma shared insights from his pioneering research on psoriasis and breast cancer. He has been ranked among the world's top 2% highly cited researchers for five consecutive years by Stanford University. The event was graced by the presence of Chancellor Dr. Zora Singh, Pro-Chancellor Dr. Tajinder Kaur and Vice Chancellor Prof. Harsh Sadawarti, along with senior academic leadership.

A Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology and the Royal Society of Chemistry, Prof. Sharma holds 23 patents and has authored 19 books. His journey from Senior Research Scientist at the University of Illinois at Chicago to a global biotechnology leader served as a powerful blueprint for aspiring Indian scientists.

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NEWS BRIEF
AAP leaders pay floral tribute to Shaheed Bhagat Singh in Doraha


AMRISH ANAND DORAHA: On the occasion of the martyrdom day of Bhagat Singh, leaders and workers of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) gathered at Doraha to pay homage at his statue. The leaders bowed in respect and offered floral tributes, remembering the supreme sacrifice made by the legendary freedom fighter. Among those present were Acting President of the Nagar Council Doraha, S. Kulwant Singh, Chairman Sukhwinder Singh Nona, S. Inderjit Singh Fojji S. Ranjit Singh, and Adv. Jaikaran Sharma, along with the entire AAP leadership of Doraha. A large number of party workers also participated in the tribute ceremony. Speaking on the occasion, the leaders highlighted the unparalleled contribution of Bhagat Singh to India's freedom struggle. They stated that his courage, vision, and dedication continue to inspire generations, especially the youth, to work towards the progress of the nation and uphold the values of justice and equality.

Shaheed Bhagat Singh and his companions sacrificed their lives for unity and integrity of the country


DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: A panel discussion under the leadership of District Governor Ally, Vivek Sahni was organized here today at the local Shiraz Hotel by Alliance Club International District 119 on the martyrdom day of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev. Alliance Club International Director Ally, Ashok Puri was specially present on this occasion. The Project Chairman of this program was District Guide Ally, Ramesh Kumar. The discussion on the martyrdom of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev, and their ideology in today's life, was initiated by Ally, Kamal K. Verma, associated with rationalist ideology. Past District Governor Ally, Naresh Chadha and Ally, Ramesh Kumar contributed significantly to this discussion. While summarizing the discussion, Vice District Governor Alliance Club, Ally, Ashwani Kumar Datta stated that Shaheed Bhagat Singh and his companions sacrificed their lives for the unity and integrity of the country, remembering them today is very important for the nation. On this occasion, Ally, Ashok Puri mentioned that he has prepared plays 'Jang Jaari Hai' in India, and 'Meri Maut Par Na Rona' on English soil. He said that Bhagat Singh's ideology is like the sun for the country and humanity. The sooner we recognize it, the better it is for the nation and mankind.

University computing school organizes industrial visit


DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: University School of Computing, Lamrin Tech Skills University Punjab organised Industrial Visit for Skilling Students, Shaping Futures. The University School of Computing, Lamrin Tech Skills University Punjab, in collaboration with industry skilling partner Lernern, organized industrial visits for BCA (AI & ML), BCA (Cyber Security), and MCA students. Students visited Techive Solutions, where they interacted with Mr. Navneet Singh, Cybersecurity Expert & Programme Head. The session focused on cybersecurity practices, emerging threats, and real-world applications in the field. Students also visited Future Finders and were engaged in technical discussions by Mr. Bonish, Director and IT Expert. The interaction provided insights into artificial intelligence, machine learning, and current IT industry trends. Department Head Amanpreet Kaur Kang said more than 130 students.

Punjab - An exposure tour of farmers under project funded by NABARD

JAGDEEP SINGH GILL JAITSU, MARCH 23

Punjab - An exposure tour of farmers under a NABARD-funded project was successfully organized at Virk Fruit Farm, Moranwali (Faridkot). Its primary objective was to promote sustainable farming systems and motivate farmers to adopt high value crops with low water requirement like dragon fruit.

Eng. Amarjit Singh Dhillon, Member, Board of Management, Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) attended the program. Representatives of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) Shri Suresh Kumar District Development Manager Faridkot and Shri Rameshwar Das Lead District Manager Farid-

Two linked to smuggling module held with 5kg heroin in Amritsar

CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA AMRITSAR, MARCH 23

In a major breakthrough amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a drug-free state as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Counter Intelligence (CI) Amritsar has busted a narcotics smuggling module with the arrest of two operatives and recovered 5 Kg Heroin from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Monday.

Those arrested have been identified as Maninder Singh, a resident of Khatrai Khurd in Amritsar and Gurjant Singh, a resident of Phirwaria in Amritsar. Apart from recovering contraband, police teams have also impounded their Hatchback Hyundai i20 car bearing registration number PB10GH0140, being used for transporting the consignment.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary investigation has revealed links of ar-



rested accused persons with a Pakistan-based smuggler and a foreign-based handler orcheestrating cross-border consignments.

Sharing operational details, he said that police teams from CI Amritsar had received specific information that foreign-based individual is in contact with a Pakistan-based drug smuggler, and together, they are operating a drug smuggling network in

the state with the help of their Punjab-based associates identified as Maninder Singh and Gurjant Singh.

The information further revealed that both associates had received a narcotics consignment from their handler and were coming in the area of Village Dhariwal in the area of Ajnala District Amritsar on their i20 car to deliver this consignment to some other party, said the DGP, while

Graduation ceremony for Kindergarten kids held

NABHA (RAKESH JINDAL): The Kindergarten campus in Nabha, a graduation ceremony for Mont-III class students was organized under the leadership of School Directress Ms. Anshu Bansal. The active participation of parents added great charm and dignity to the event. According to School Chairman Mr. Sandeep Bansal, this ceremony is not just about receiving a degree, but a celebration of sharing success and preparing for a new journey in life.

On this occasion, the children presented colorful cultural performances including dances, songs, and short speeches, which captivated everyone present. The young students were honored on stage wearing graduation gowns and caps, and their faces reflected confidence and joy. The enthusiasm of both the children and their parents was truly remarkable throughout the event. School Principal Dr. Inderjeet Pal Kaur Grewal, in her address, congratulated the children and encouraged them to keep learning continuously, stay dedicated to their goals.



Canal irrigation coverage to reach 86 percent before the upcoming paddy transplantation season: Barinder Kumar Goyal

SUMER GARG SANGRUR, MARCH 23

Punjab Water Resources Minister Barinder Kumar Goyal, while laying the foundation stone of a project worth approximately Rs 6.46 crore at Makrouh Sahib to further strengthen and raise the embankments of the Ghaggar River, said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government had earlier strengthened the Ghaggar embankments at a cost of Rs 4 crore. As a result, during the floods of 2025, although the Ghaggar River remained above the danger mark for 10 consecutive days, people were largely protected from its impact.

Earlier, while addressing the media at his office in Lehragaga regarding canal water supply, canal modernization, and the Punjab Government's claim to recover Rs 01.44 lakh crore from the Rajasthan Government for decades of unpaid water usage, the Cabinet Minister said that Rajasthan must either release Punjab's legitimate



dues or stop using its water. He stated that since 1960, Rajasthan has owed Punjab Rs 01.44 lakh crore for water drawn through the Ferozepur Feeder, and not a single rupee has been paid. According to an agreement in the 1920s between the Bikaner princely state, undivided Punjab, and the British government, Rajasthan had agreed to pay for water on a per-acre basis.

Payments were made until 1960, but after the Indus Waters Treaty, Rajasthan continued to draw approximately 18,000 cusecs of water without making any pay-

ment. Highlighting revolutionary changes in Punjab's irrigation system, Goyal said that canal irrigation, which stood at only 26.50 percent in 2022, has now increased to 78 percent and is expected to reach 86 percent before the paddy transplantation season this year.

1,446 villages have received canal water for the first time since Independence. From April 2022 till now, 6,700 crore rupees has been spent on canal lining, repair, modernization, and strengthening of infrastructure—the highest ever in Punjab's history.

Road construction work started from Brahman Majra to Sadhugarh



BIKRAMJEET SAHOTA FATEHGARH SAHIB, MARCH 23

MLA of Fatehgarh Sahib constituency, Lakhbir Singh Rai, has inaugurated the renovation work of the road connecting Brahman Majra to Sadhugarh.

This road project is expected to benefit around a dozen villages in the area. Addressing the gathering, MLA Rai stated that the Punjab government is undertaking the renovation of nearly 90% of the roads across the state to

ensure smooth and hassle-free travel for the public.

He further informed that villages such as Kotla Bhai Ka, Saddo Majra, Dhupchheri, Anaitpura Boran, and Mathi, along with several others, will benefit from this road.

The total length of the road is 9.78 kilometers, and it is being constructed at an estimated cost of around Rs 2.24 crore (Rs 2,24,81,000). He added that the Mann government has proven its commitment by fulfilling promises

made to the people. It is perhaps the first time in history that a government has delivered on its promises even before the completion of its term. He also said that the current year is being celebrated as a year of development, and development works will continue steadily in the financial year 2026-27. On this occasion, several others including Harnesh Punna, Amrinder Mandofal, Jagjit Chholti Kheri, Jagot Singh, and Kulwinder Dera were also present.

Punjab to host National Badminton Championship after 40 years

JS SODHI JALANDHAR, MARCH 23

In a major boost to badminton in Punjab, the state is set to host a national championship after a gap of 40 years.

The Badminton Association of India (BAI) has allotted the 38th Sub-Junior National Badminton Championship to Punjab. Sharing details, Punjab Badminton Association honorary secretary Ritin Khanna said the championship will be held from 9th-12th, December 2026, at the iconic Raizada Hansraj Badminton Stadium. Around 350 players from 33 states and Union Territories are expected to participate.

The last national badminton championship in Punjab was held in 1987, also in Jalandhar. Khanna said the PBA had been in continuous touch with the BAI for hosting rights, which were granted after the federation reviewed the upgraded infrastructure at the venue. He added that a total cash prize of



Rs.10 lakh would be awarded to the winners.

The championship will feature singles and doubles events in the under-13 boys' and girls' categories, with matches conducted under the supervision of BAI officials. The PBA will arrange boarding and lodging for players, coaches, managers and officials. Khanna said the event is expected to provide a major boost to budding shuttlers in the state by giving them an opportunity to witness and compete alongside top young talent at the national level.

3 members of Goldy Brar gang arrested; 1 foreign pistol and live cartridges recovered

RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR JAITSU, MARCH 23

Under the leadership of Dr. Pragna Jain, IPS (SSP Faridkot), the Faridkot Police arrested three members of the Goldy Brar gang during a significant operation—part of a strict crackdown against criminals—and recovered one foreign-made pistol and five live cartridges from their possession.

This information was shared on Monday by the DSP (Investigation) of Faridkot, Mr. Avtar Singh.

The arrested accused have been identified as Jagdeep Kumar alias Deepu (a resident of Bajigar Basti, Faridkot), Chetan Gharu alias Chetu (a resident of Awa Basti, Border Road, Ferozepur), and Sunny Singh (a resident of Bajigar Basti, Faridkot). The recovered weaponry includes one foreign-made Glock 9mm



pistol (complete with a magazine) and five live cartridges. Providing details of the operation, he stated that on March 19, Assistant Police Station Officer Parminder Singh—along with a team from the CIA Staff, Faridkot—arrested two of the accused, Jagdeep Kumar alias Deepu and Chetan Singh alias Chetu, from the 'Navi Dana Mandi' area of Faridkot while conducting routine patrolling and checking of suspicious individuals.

Invaluable sacrifice of martyrs Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev cannot be forgotten: Banni Khaira



BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA, MARCH 23

The invaluable sacrifice of the nation's great martyrs—Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev Thapar—can never be forgotten. These heroes sacrificed their youth for the country's freedom and, with smiles on their faces, embraced the gallows to liberate the nation from British rule. These sentiments were expressed by Banni Khaira, a senior Congress leader and party coordinator for the Mehal Kalan Assembly constituency, after paying floral

tributes to the portraits of the martyrs at the party office on the occasion of Martyrs' Day. He stated that in the hustle and bustle of today's modern era, we have become so preoccupied that we cannot even find the time to tell our children about the sacrifices made by these martyrs. He issued a stern warning, noting that nations that forget their martyrs are eventually destined to perish. He further added that we should take pride in the fact that Punjab has made the greatest contribution toward the country's independence.

Senior teacher Nagma's birthday celebrated at Bibi Rahimta Christian college of nursing



VERMA SHAHPURKANDI, MARCH 23

Today, Bibi Rahimta Christian College of Nursing celebrated the birthday of senior teacher Madam Nagma with a special prayer at the house of the Almighty. The event was graced by former Chairman and Minority Commission Punjab member Munawar Maseeh, who attended the celebration with great enthusiasm. He praised Madam Nagma for her exemplary life and her dedication to the students' well-being. He highlighted that she not only en-

sures proper nutrition and care for the hostel students but also teaches them with full commitment, leaving no stone unturned in her responsibilities. Madam Nagma has been serving this college for nearly 10 years, consistently contributing her best with honesty and devotion. She dedicates her life to the fear of the Almighty, maintaining discipline and moral values while guiding the students. The celebration of her birthday today was an expression of gratitude to God for granting her another special day in this year.

Grade 2 graduation ceremony organised

BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA, MARCH 23

The Graduation Ceremony for Grade 2 students of G. Holy Heart Public School, Mehal Kalan (Barnala), was held with great enthusiasm and pride, marking an important milestone in the young learners' academic journey.

The event was graced by the esteemed Chief Guest, Ms. Kritika Goyal (IAS), SDM Mehal Kalan, in the gracious presence of proud parents. As per the National Education Policy (NEP), the ceremony symbolized the successful completion of the foundation stage by Grade 2 students, who will now step into the preparatory stage, transitioning from the Little Giggle Campus to the main school building. The program commenced with the traditional lamp-lighting ceremony and a warm floral welcome of the



Chief Guest by Managing Director Mr. Sushil Goyal, Executive Director Mr. Rakesh Bansal, and Principal Ms. Geetika Sharma.

Vice Principal Ms. Pardeep Kaur, along with coordinators Mrs. Charanjit Kaur and Ms. Gurpreet Kaur, also graced the occasion with their presence and support. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest congratulated the young graduates and encouraged them to follow their parents' guidance and make

the best use of their study time. She then felicitated the students with graduation degrees and gifts, making the moment memorable for each child. Adding charm and vibrancy to the ceremony, a series of delightful performances were presented. The GHP School Choir mesmerized the audience with a soulful orchestra performance. The Nursery class extended a heartwarming welcome through their poem, "Welcome, Welcome Everyone."

Devotees danced on the tunes of 1 Le chalo Khatu Nagri Shyam Pyare'



SARABJIT SUFI LUDHIANA, MARCH 23

Weekly Shyam Sankirtan was organized at the newly built Shri Khatu Shyam Salasar Temple near Kohara Chowk on Chandigarh Road under the chairmanship of Trustees Pradeep Mittal, Sandeep Agarwal, L.R. Mittal and Anil Mittal. In the Sankirtan, the praise of Baba Shyam was done by the people of Raas Bihari Club Patiala. Before the Sankirtan Acharya Deepak Pandey, Pan-

dit Raj Tiwari, Pandit Karan Upadhyay and Pandit Keshav Upadhyay remembered Baba Shyam by chanting mantras. All the members of the main host Trust started the Sankirtan by worshipping Shyam Baba. During the Sankirtan, Baba's supernatural adornment was done by the Pramod Kumar Tiwari family, which was the center of attraction. Raas Bihari Ji Club, Patiala impressed the devotees by singing hymns like "Le chalo meujhe khatu shaam pyare",

"Mere shaam ka rang nirala hai", ". At the end of the Hari-nam Sankirtan, the aarti of Baba Shyam was performed and Bhandara Prasad was distributed.

On this occasion, Jatinder Bhatra said that only those who are called by Baba Shyam come to Baba's door. This temple of Baba Shyam built in Kohra is playing a leading role in religious as well as social work with the help of the trust members. This is a very commendable work.

Sindhu Darshan Yatra has strengthened national unity: Paramjit Singh Gill



GURDASPUR (VERMA): A meeting of the Sindhu Darshan Yatra Committee was held in Ujjain under the chairmanship of Paramjit Singh Gill, National President of the Himalaya Parivar Organization, and Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, former Member of Parliament from Ladakh. While addressing the media in Batala, Paramjit Singh Gill, National Executive President of the Himalaya Parivar Organization, stated that discussions were held regarding the preparations for the upcoming Sindhu Darshan Yatra, scheduled to take place from June 17 to June 30. Murli Dhar Makhija, National President of the Sindhu Darshan Yatra Committee, said that the Sindhu River is one of the oldest rivers in the world and is considered a symbol of India's Vedic civilization. He also mentioned that Lord Jhulelal was born on the banks of this sacred river. On this occasion, Paramjit Singh Gill stated that the Sindhu Darshan Yatra has played a significant role in uniting the country. He emphasized that the Sindhu Darshan Yatra Committee has made a special contribution in connecting the nation from Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir to Kanyakumari.

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: Parents in the BBN area have alleged that several play way schools are violating rules laid down by the school education board and charging excessive fees from guardians during the ongoing admission season. According to parents, nearly half a dozen play way schools in the area are forcing them to purchase school bags, uniforms and books directly from the school management, allegedly in violation of prescribed guidelines. They also claimed that the quality of

the items being sold is poor despite high prices. Some parents, including Ashu and Suman, alleged that schools are collecting up to Rs. 4,500 from nursery students in the name of annual charges. They further stated that for nursery admission, they were given temporary receipts after paying around Rs. 11,000. Parents said that admissions for the new academic session are currently underway and several private schools, both small and large, are ignoring education board rules and charging arbitrary fees.

NEWS BRIEF

Sarahan-Chandigarh road in deplorable condition, issue raised in Lok Sabha:

Suresh Kashyap

DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA: BJP MP Suresh Kashyap has raised concerns in the Lok Sabha over the poor condition of the Sarahan-Chandigarh road in the Pachhad constituency of Sirmour district, urging the Centre to take immediate action. Raising the matter under Rule 377,

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State govt plans to outsource catering in rest houses, says CM Sukhu

AGENCY SHIMLA, MAR 23

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu Monday informed the State Assembly that the government is considering outsourcing catering services in rest houses across the state to improve facilities for guests.

Intervening during Question Hour, the Chief Minister said the move is being explored as several rest houses currently lack proper catering arrangements, causing inconvenience to visitors. He was responding to concerns raised by MLA Kewal Singh Pathania regarding the functioning of these facilities.

Sukhu stated that the Public Works Department (PWD) would prepare a standard menu outlining



the availability of food items in rest houses. "We will shortlist nearby catering units to supply food to guests staying in rest houses," he said, adding that outsourcing would also help ensure better upkeep and beautification of these properties.

Shandil, Negi hail state budget

DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA: Health & Family Welfare Minister Dr. (Col.) Dhani Ram Shandil and Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi jointly hailed the State Budget presented by Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, describing it as a visionary document that sets new milestones for Himachal Pradesh. In a joint statement, the Ministers commended the Chief Minister for his steadfast commitment to public welfare and administrative efficiency despite a severe financial crunch. They noted that the discontinuation and drastic

reduction of the Revenue Deficit Grant (RDG) by the Central Government has dealt a massive blow to the state's finances, resulting in a staggering loss of approximately Rs. 10,000 crore, yet the Chief Minister has successfully navigated these challenges to present a budget that ensures growth remains uninterrupted. Health Minister Dr. (Col.) Dhani Ram Shandil highlighted the historic allocations made to the health sector, noting that the provision of Rs. 3,000 crore for infrastructure modernization is a significant achievement.

Heavy snowfall disrupts Lahaul-Spiti, avalanche alert issued

AGENCY SHIMLA, MAR 23

Heavy snowfall in the higher reaches of Lahaul-Spiti has triggered avalanches and landslides, disrupting normal life and blocking 104 roads across the district.

Key routes such as Darcha to Shinkula Top and Gramphu-Batal remain closed due to heavy snow accumulation, while only partial restoration has been achieved on some stretches.

The district administration has issued an avalanche advisory in vulnerable areas, urging people to avoid unnecessary travel in high-altitude regions.

Authorities have warned that snow accumulation and rising temperatures could increase the risk of avalanches and landslides, especially above 2,700 metres.

After two days of clear weather, Himachal Pradesh is set to witness a fresh spell of rain and



snowfall. The Meteorological Centre in Shimla has forecast light rain across many parts of the state from March 23, with snowfall expected in higher reaches.

A yellow alert has been issued for gusty winds of 30 to 40 kmph in Chamba, Kangra, Kullu and Mandi districts.

Deputy CM lays foundation stones for development projects worth Rs. 60 crore in Haroli

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, MAR 23

During his one day visit to the Haroli Assembly constituency on Sunday, Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri laid the foundation stones for significant projects related to road and sports infrastructure, valued at approximately Rs. 60 crore.

The realisation of these projects will not only strengthen connectivity within the region but also provide the youth with access to modern sports facilities. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri stated that the state government is prioritising the strengthening of infrastructure and the expansion of sports facilities. He noted that improved road connectivity would accelerate industrial activities and facilitate easier commuting for the general public, while modern sports



infrastructure would provide the youth with an excellent platform to hone their talents. Agnihotri further remarked that the Roda area of Haroli is rapidly emerging as a significant hub for development. In addition to a synthetic athletics track worth Rs. 10 crore, work is also underway here on projects such as a traffic park, an automated testing center costing Rs. 5 crore, and a heliport estimated at approximately Rs. 17 crore. Upon the completion of these projects, the Roda region will establish a new identity as a modern and developed urban

center. Earlier, the Deputy Chief Minister performed the Bhoomi Pujan (ground-breaking ceremony) for the upgradation of the Jeon Mor-Tahlial Chowk road (via Bhai Ka Mor), a project estimated to cost Rs. 48.69 crore. Under this project, a stretch of road spanning approximately 17.5 kilometers will undergo upgradation. He also performed the Bhoomi Pujan for the construction of a synthetic athletics track in Roda village within the Haroli region, a project estimated at a cost of approximately Rs. 10 crore.

Governor pays tributes to Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru on Shaheedi Diwas

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, MAR 23

Governor Kavinder Gupta today paid floral tributes to Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar and Shivaram Rajguru on the occasion of Shaheed Diwas and bowed in reverence to their supreme sacrifice for the nation. A tribute meeting was organised at Lok Bhawan on the occasion, in which officers and staff of Raj Bhavan also paid their heartfelt tributes to the immortal martyrs. A two-minute silence was observed in their memory, honouring their unparalleled courage, patriotism and dedication to the cause of the country's freedom. Addressing the gathering, the Governor said that the life and sacrifice of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar and Shivaram Rajguru continue to inspire generations of youth to serve the nation with courage, commitment and selflessness.



He observed that the martyrs' ideals of patriotism, social justice and national unity remain deeply relevant today and urged everyone to imbibe these values in their daily lives. The Governor said that these great revolutionaries laid down their lives for the country and became the foundation stones of India's freedom, a sacrifice that can never be forgotten. Gupta also shared his personal association with the legacy of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, having worked alongside his two nephews in

the social sector. He recalled that his father had served in Ferozepur, owing to which he visited the Hussainiwala National Martyrs Memorial every year on March 23 during the annual fair held in memory of the martyrs. The Governor emphasised that the dream of a Viksit Bharat by 2047 would be realised only when every citizen contributes wholeheartedly to nation-building, and that taking a collective pledge to strengthen the nation is the truest tribute to these great martyrs.

Renovated Shradhanjali Sthal reopens at Army Heritage Museum Shimla



DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA: Lieutenant General Devendra Sharma, PVSM, AVSM, SM, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Army Training Command (ARTRAC), today here rededicated the renovated Shradhanjali Sthal at the Army Heritage Museum, Annandale, through a wreath-laying ceremony. On the occasion, a 52-foot-high National Flag of India was also unveiled. The towering Tricolour stands as a symbol of the nation's unity and pride, and pays tribute to the supreme sacrifices made by soldiers in service of the country. It now adds to the prominence of the Army Heritage Museum, one of Shimla's key tourist attractions with significant visitor footfall throughout the year. The ceremony was attended by military personnel from Headquarters ARTRAC, station units, ex-servicemen, and NCC cadets, who paid solemn homage to the brave martyrs of the Indian Army. The Shradhanjali Sthal has been upgraded to enhance its sanctity and aesthetic appeal, reinforcing its role as a place of remembrance, reflection and inspiration.

Gratitude ceremony held for newly formed Dasmal panchayat, MLA Suresh Kumar highlights development works



ANIL KUMAR

HAMIRPUR: A grand gratitude ceremony was organised in the newly formed Dasmal panchayat under Bhoranj subdivision, where local residents expressed their appreciation to MLA Suresh Kumar. People from various villages participated enthusiastically and described the formation of the new panchayat as a significant step towards development. The Dasmal panchayat has been created by reorganising areas from the earlier panchayats of Kadohta, Bhonkar, and Khuthri, bringing together villages such as Bakhota, Jhaleha, Dadli Bardu, Khori, Jad, Gehra, and Nahalvi. Local residents said the move would ease administrative processes and accelerate development works in the region. Speaking on the occasion, Atul Kadohta said the formation of the panchayat would prove beneficial for the area. Event organiser Madan Lal Sharma thanked the MLA and also presented various demands of the panchayat.

CM Sukhu's Budget speech symbol of arrogance: Vishav Chakshu

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHAL, MAR 24

Launching a scathing attack on the conduct and methodology adopted by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu during the budget session, BJP State Co-Media In-charge, Advocate Vishav Chakshu, stated that the Chief Minister remains a prisoner of his old habits and believes that every action he takes is correct whereas the reality is quite the opposite. He remarked that the manner in which the Chief Minister attempted to belittle the opposition in the House today by resorting to unparliamentary language demonstrated that he proved to be completely dwarfed by the patience and extensive parliamentary experience of six-time MLA and former Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur. It was



solely due to the decency and dignity of the Leader of the Opposition that the Chief Minister was not only compelled to apologize for his words but was also forced to have those undignified remarks—uttered at the very outset of the budget presentation expunged from the House proceedings. Taking a jibe at the Chief Minister, Vishav Chakshu pointed out that Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu had never even served as a minister; consequently, having ascended directly to the Chief Minister's

chair, he possesses neither the decorum befitting the office nor the requisite experience a fact witnessed firsthand by the entire state and the nation today. The Chief Minister must realize that a constitutional office carries with it certain boundaries and decorum; he should abandon petty and frivolous antics akin to running a student organization and instead adopt a serious and dignified demeanor. Terming the budget presented by the Congress government as utterly arrogant, anti-people, and directionless, the BJP leader asserted that this document has laid bare the Chief Minister's administrative incompetence and failures before the people of the state, as it completely disregards the interests of the common masses in favor of prioritizing mere political vendetta and hollow rhetoric.

Students of Govt Primary School Dukhi achieve great success and selected in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya

AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB, MAR 23

Two bright students of Government Primary School, Dukhi have brought laurels to the school and the entire area by achieving a great achievement. Position secured in the merit list, Pathshala student Rihan Khan and student Anaya have passed the highly competitive Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) entrance exam and secured a place on the merit list. Being selected for this prestigious institution is considered a major achievement, a result of their dedication, discipline, and consistent hard work. The school's teachers played a crucial role in this success. Head teacher Neha Devi, teachers Pooja Devi, Neha, and Safia Bibi



provided the children with timely guidance, extra practice, and mental encouragement. The teachers' hard work and the children's dedication combined to create this success. Head teacher Neha Devi expressed her happiness on this occasion and said, "This is a moment of immense pride for our school. Despite

limited resources, our children are achieving great success through their hard work and the guidance of their teachers. This achievement belongs not only to Rihan and Anaya, but to the entire school family. We hope that these students will continue to excel in the future and bring glory to society and the country."

Historic decisions for Gaddi Community in budget: Manoj Kumar

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, MAR 23

Addressing a press conference held at Hotel Kunal in Dharamshala, Manoj Kumar, President of the Wool Federation, paid heartfelt tributes to the nation's great martyrs Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev on the occasion of their martyrdom anniversary. He stated that these brave sons of the soil sacrificed their lives for the country's independence, and today, it is the duty of all of us to uphold and strengthen the India of their dreams. Expressing his special gratitude to the Honorable Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Manoj Kumar noted that the Chief Minister himself hails from a rural background and has closely observed and understood the real-world



problems faced by villages. He highlighted that, within the budget, the Chief Minister has taken several measures to strengthen the economic condition of farmers, horticulturists, livestock rearers, sheep breeders, and, in particular, the Gaddi community. He emphasized that the sheep-rearing profession of the Gaddi community is not merely a means of livelihood but an integral part of Himachal's rich cultural heritage. He further mentioned that he had personally submitted a detailed, 14-point proposal

to the Chief Minister, outlining the fundamental challenges faced by sheep breeders along with their proposed solutions. He informed the gathering that, within a span of just 10 to 11 months, the Chief Minister has implemented a historic hike of Rs. 30 in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for wool, raising it to Rs. 100 per kilogram. He asserted that this decision is nothing short of a lifeline for the Gaddi community and will lead to a significant improvement in their standard of living.

AAP District President Abhi Chadha resigns, joins Swadeshi Jagran Manch at Swadeshi Mela 2026

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, MAR 23

In a major setback for the Aam Aadmi Party in Una district, District President Abhi Chadha has resigned from the party, citing dissatisfaction with its policies and continuous neglect. His exit is being seen as a significant political development at the regional level. The development took place during Swadeshi Mela 2026 held in Nangal, Punjab, where Chadha formally joined the Swadeshi Jagran Manch. During the programme held yesterday evening, he was inducted into the organisation in the presence of All India Co-Organizer Satish Kumar and Tri-Regional Organizer Vinay Kumar. Workers and dignitaries present at the event welcomed him and extended their best wishes for his new role. Addressing the



gathering, Chadha said he had long been influenced by the Swadeshi ideology and decided to join the Manch to work for national interest, self-reliance and promotion of local products. He expressed confidence that through Swadeshi Jagran Manch he would actively contribute to social service and nation-building efforts. On the occasion, district functionary Satya Dev Sharma and Gurvinder Singh were also present. They spoke about the

organisation's ideology, stating that the Manch is continuously working to promote Swadeshi practices, strengthen local industries and encourage economic self-reliance. Other workers present at the event welcomed the move and said that Chadha's joining would further strengthen the organisation and help it achieve its objectives more effectively. The programme concluded with a collective pledge to promote Swadeshi awareness in society.

NAVYA research meet sparks rural innovation and policy-driven solutions in Kullu

AGENCY HAMIRPUR: The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Hamirpur, serving as the Regional Coordinating Institute for Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), successfully organised the NAVYA Research Scholars Meet 2026 from March 20 to 22, 2026 at Rishi Bhumi, Sadhna Dham, Naggur, Kullu. The event marked a significant milestone in aligning academic research with grassroots realities and advancing solutions for rural and sustainable regional development. The three-day meet brought together over 60 research scholars from premier institutions, including NIT Hamirpur, IIT Mandi, Central University of Himachal Pradesh (CU-HP), Himachal Pradesh University (HPU), and faculty members of participating institutes of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan across the state, said a spokesman of the organisation here on Monday. The gathering served as a vibrant platform for interdisciplinary collaboration, knowledge exchange, and the co-creation of impactful research ideas.

Focused on addressing local and regional challenges, the meet emphasised on the integration of realworld problems into actionable research. Scholars actively engaged in developing solutions through policy innovation, technology-driven systems, and scalable product-based models. The initiative highlighted the importance of strengthening rural economies, promoting indigenous knowledge systems, and fostering sustainable development practices. A key outcome of the event was the development of actionable, research-driven solutions tailored to grassroots needs. Participants proposed practical strategies centred on policy interventions, technological integration, and community-oriented research and product innovation.

ANIL KUMAR
NURPUR: District Police Nurpur has achieved a major breakthrough in its ongoing anti-drug campaign by arresting a key drug trafficker linked to an interstate network. The accused, identified as Vijay Kumar alias VK, was apprehended



from Kathua in Jammu and Kashmir. Superintendent of Police Kulbhushan Verma said the case was registered under FIR No. 206/2025 at Nurpur police station under the NDPS Act. He said that on October 11, 2025, during a naka at Kandwal barrier, police had recovered 6.044

kilograms of charas and arrested three accused from Mandi district on the spot. As the investigation progressed, the main accused Shubhkanar, a resident of Samkehar in Jawali tehsil of Kangra district, was arrested from Chandigarh on November 1, 2025.

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NEWS BRIEF

Drunk ex-serviceman shoots 23-year-old grandson in Mandi, referred to PGI

ANIL KUMAR
MANDI: A shocking incident was reported from Lohara village in Himachal Pradesh's Mandi district, where a retired army man allegedly opened fire during a family dispute late Sunday evening, seriously injuring his 23-year-old grandson. The injured youth, identified as Umesh Chaudhary, was initially taken to Nerchowk Medical College and later referred to AIIMS Bilaspur. Due to his critical condition, he has now been shifted to PGI Chandigarh for advanced treatment. The accused has been identified as Bahadur Singh. According to a police complaint filed by his daughter-in-law Manisha Chaudhary (30), Bahadur Singh frequently indulged in abusive behaviour and violence under the influence of alcohol. On Sunday around 7:30 pm, he allegedly started arguing with Manisha and her husband Bhupendra while intoxicated. The situation escalated when he reportedly pointed his licensed gun at Manisha. Hearing the commotion, Umesh rushed to intervene and save his aunt.

Dr Sunil Panwar seeks swift action over cattle remains incident in Indri

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: The discovery of severed cattle heads in the Indri area has triggered widespread concern and anger among residents, with many describing the incident as serious and sensitive. Locals said such occurrences not only hurt religious sentiments but also pose a threat to social harmony and law and order. Reacting to the incident, Dr Sunil Panwar, national president of the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayati Raj Organisation, wrote to the Superintendent of Police, Karnal, demanding a prompt and impartial investigation. He called for the immediate identification and arrest of those responsible to prevent recurrence of such incidents. Dr Panwar urged the administration to ensure that no communal tension or violence arises in the area, recommending adequate police deployment and continuous monitoring.

ECI allots digital vouchers to political parties for free broadcast

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, MAR 23

The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Monday announced the allotment of digital vouchers to National and State political parties for free broadcast and telecast on Doordarshan and All India Radio (AIR) in the run-up to the scheduled Legislative Assembly elections in Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal. In an official press release, the ECI stated that the move has been carried out under Section 39A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. According to the ECI, digital time vouchers have been issued through an IT platform. "Digital time vouchers have been issued through the IT platform to all the recognised National and State Political Parties across 5 poll-bound States/UT for the Legislative assembly elections," the ECI noted. The



broadcast window will begin from the date of publication of the list of contesting candidates and continue until two days before polling in each phase. The scheduling of actual broadcast slots will be determined through a transparent draw of lots conducted at the State/UT level. The broadcast/telecast period will be scheduled between the date of publication of the list of contesting candidates in each phase and two days before the date of poll in the poll-bound States/UT. The actual broadcast/telecast will be

scheduled in advance through a draw of lots at the State/UT level in the presence of authorized representatives of the political parties and officials from the office of respective State/UT CEO," the press release said. Each party will receive a base allocation of 45 minutes of free airtime on both Doordarshan and All India Radio. This time will be uniformly distributed across regional networks within the respective states. The ECI also clarified that additional airtime will be granted based on parties' performance in previous assembly elections, providing an advantage to those with established electoral presence. The Commission further stated that the political parties are required to submit transcripts and recordings in advance, strictly adhering to the relevant guidelines. Recordings may be made in studios meeting the technical standards prescribed by Prasar Bharati or at Doordarshan/AIR Kendras," ECI said. Beyond individual party broadcasts, Prasar Bharati will also organise panel discussions and debates, allowing parties to present their views collectively. "In addition to party broadcasts, Prasar Bharati Corporation will organise up to two panel discussions and/or debates on Doordarshan and All India Radio. Each eligible political party may nominate one representative for the programme which will be moderated by an approved coordinator," a press note concluded. Earlier, the ECI announced the schedule for Assembly elections in four states-- West Bengal, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Assam--along with the Union Territory of Puducherry.

Changes in water supply timings for conservation; appeal issued to prevent water wastage: DC Preeti

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, MAR 23

Taking into account rising water consumption in district, unnecessary wastage of water and continuously depleting groundwater levels, Deputy Commissioner Preeti has taken a significant decision regarding water conservation.

Following consultations with officials from Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), timings for drinking water supply within city have been revised. Dinesh Gaba, Executive Engineer of Public Health Engineering Department, stated that significant water wastage is occurring in several areas due to taps being left open unnecessarily and washing of vehicles which is having an adverse impact on water table. He explained that with objective of promoting water conservation and ensuring equitable access to drinking water for all citizens, water supply schedule for city will now be



from 5:00 AM to 9:00 AM in morning, and from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM in evening. He has appealed to the residents of city to use water strictly according to their needs and to refrain from leaving taps whether located in homes or on streets running open. Every drop of water is invaluable; therefore, cooperation of citizens is absolutely essential for its conservation, for water is life and if there is water, there is a future.

National Cultural Fest held at IG College Kaithal, students from 8 states participate

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL, MAR 23

A National Level Cultural Fest was organized at Indira Gandhi (PG) Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Kaithal, to commemorate the 116th birth anniversary of Late Lala Amar Nath Khurania, former Chairman of the Market Committee. The programme began with the ceremonial lighting of the traditional lamp by the chief guest. Dr. Balpreet Singh (IAS), Chief Executive Officer, Haryana Khadi and Village Industries Board, attended as the chief guest, while Upasna (IPS), Superintendent of Police, Kaithal, was the guest of honour. Several dignitaries, including Jagdish Bahadur Khurania, Ram Bahadur Khurania, Naresh Kumar, Subhash Sharma, Narsi Mittal, Rajiv Latka, Satish



Kumar Chawla, and Narendra Miglani, were also present on the occasion. Students from Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Delhi, Chandigarh, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh participated enthusiastically in the fest. Around 15 teams from different colleges and universities showcased their talent in competitions such as role play, solo dance, Haryanvi folk song, cooking without fire, painting, online logo designing and documentary making. Winners were selected by the jury based on their

Safety takes center stage at Nalwari Fair: Transport Department drives home life-saving road awareness



AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR: Amid the vibrant celebrations of the State-Level Nalwari Fair 2026, the Transport Department, Bilaspur, has made a powerful and purposeful impact by setting up a dedicated awareness stall—turning festivity into a platform for public safety and responsibility. Drawing significant attention from visitors, the stall is actively educating people on critical road safety practices and responsible traffic behavior. Regional Transport Officer Rajesh Kaushal highlighted that the initiative is focused on instilling life-saving habits among citizens. Visitors are being sensitized about the mandatory use of helmets and seat belts, strict adherence to speed limits, and the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol or using mobile phones while behind the wheel. The stall serves as a reminder that small precautions can prevent major tragedies.

MPIPS Malsian remembers Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev



MEHARJOT SINGH
SHAHKOT: Commemorating the supreme sacrifices of India's iconic freedom fighters, Mother's Pride International Public School Malsian, organized a special memorial ceremony on Monday to pay heartfelt homage to Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev. The solemn event commenced with school Chairperson Kumari Arun Jassal and Principal Rajni Bala leading the faculty in offering floral tributes to the portraits of the legendary revolutionaries, honouring their unparalleled contribution to India's independence. Addressing the gathering, Principal Rajni Bala reflected on the enduring legacy of the freedom fighters. "It is solely because of the supreme sacrifices made by these bravehearts that we are breathing the air of a free nation today," she stated. She exhorted the staff to imbibe their spirit of unwavering patriotism and self-sacrifice, urging everyone to walk the path illuminated by these heroes to contribute meaningfully to the nation's progress. Prominent attendees at the ceremony included Vice Principal Baljit Kaur, along with faculty members Surekha Agarwal, Pankajjeet, Rajveer, and Jasmeet, who all came forward to offer their respects to the immortal sons of the soil.

Nayab gov't's development agenda boosts rural infrastructure: Kanwaljeet Kaur

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, MAR 23

Kurukshetra Zilla Parishad Chairperson Kanwaljeet Kaur said that under the Nayab Sarkar, all the villages were being developed with equal vision. Proper arrangements for education, medical care, water and electricity are being done smoothly in all the villages. She said that the farmers, soldiers, students, elders, shopkeepers and laborers of the village were all very happy with the working style of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini. Chairperson Kanwaljit Kaur said that the villagers now talk among themselves that the earlier governments used to promote regionalism and casteism but ever since Naib Singh Saini became the Chief Minister, every region and every section of the Haryana state has been



developing equally. To keep the youth away from drugs, proper arrangements of playgrounds and sports equipment have been made by the Haryana Government. English medium schools have been opened to provide modern and better education to the students. Kanwaljit Kaur said that along with science labs, computer and other subject labs have also been set up in the schools and excellent arrangements for

mid-day meals have been made in the schools. Like big schools, studies are conducted on smart boards in small schools also. She said that the Zilla Parishad has provided lecture stands and sound systems in the schools due to which the students and teachers are happy. Zilla Parishad Chairperson Kanwaljit Kaur said that under the Nayab government, crops were being purchased at MSP besides elderly were given better pension. Women are being provided excellent facilities under government schemes. She said that Chief Minister Nayab Saini has ordered that special attention should be paid to cleanliness, electricity, medical care, education, streets and drains in the villages due to which the Haryana government has been providing city-like facilities in the villages.

No one should do politics on issue of sacrilege: Dhami

TAPINDER SINGH
PATIALA, MAR 23

The day of Panchmi was celebrated with devotion and enthusiasm by the devotees at Gurdwara Sri Dukh-Niwaran Sahib, the place where the ninth Guru, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji, was touched. On this occasion, Shiromani Committee President Advocate Harjinder Singh Dhami also attended the religious function organized at Gurdwara Sahib, along with former President Prof. Kirpal Singh Badungar, Inner Committee member Jathedar Surjit Singh Garhi, Jathedar Jasmer Singh Lalru, Jathedar Avtar Singh Riya, Advocate Dharni were also present. After the function, SGPC President Advocate Harjinder Singh Dhami, in response to a question, said that the Punjab



Vidhan Sabha had brought the 'Punjab Prevention of Offences against Sacred Religious Scriptures Bill 2025', but the government's approach in this regard so far has been disappointing. SGPC President Dhami said that Bhai Gurjit Singh is campaigning in Samana for the law related to sacrilege. SGPC has been fully supporting this campaign from the first day itself. He said that no party should do politics on the issue of sacrilege, but should stand united on this

serious issue. On this occasion, former President Prof. Kirpal Singh Badungar paid tribute to the martyrs and demanded that the Government of India announce the status of national martyrs to Shaheed-e-Azam S. Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru. Prof. Badungar said that the governments have been indifferent towards the martyrs and it is regrettable that the governments have not been able to give due respect to the martyrs.

Strict law needed against cow slaughterers," says Harvinder Soni

VERMA
GURDASPUR: Today, cow protection leader and State Deputy Chief of Shiv Sena (Balasaheb Thackeray faction), as well as senior member of Sanatan Kranti Dal, Harvinder Soni expressed strong anger. He stated that the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath, should issue strict directives to the Uttar Pradesh Police.



He also demanded a high-level investigation into the killing of "Farsa Baba" in Mathura and the alleged mistreatment of cow devotees. He further stated that the murder of the devout cow protector "Baba Farsa" should be investigated impartially by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) so that the conspiracy behind the incident can be uncovered. He condemned the harassment and arrests of innocent cow devotees under the pretext of the Mathura violence, calling it highly objectionable. He added that under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, who himself is a saint, such incidents are shocking and unacceptable. "Double standards will no longer be tolerated," he said. Shiv Sena (Balasaheb Thackeray faction) and Sanatan Kranti Dal have demanded the immediate release of all innocent cow devotees. They also called for strict action against police officials who allegedly abused and physically mistreated them, warning that failure to act could shake the faith and trust of Sanatan Hindus. Expressing confidence in Yogi Adityanath, he said that the Chief Minister is not just a political leader but also a committed Sanatani saint.

No LPG shortage in Panipat, strict action against black marketing: DC

RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT: Deputy Commissioner Dr. Virendra Kumar Dahiya has clarified that there is no shortage of LPG gas in the district and sufficient stock of cylinders is available. He appealed to consumers not to panic or rush for gas booking and to follow the normal booking process.



The DC said that if any gas agency or individual is found charging extra money or involved in hoarding, strict action will be taken. Consumers have been advised to book LPG cylinders only through the official apps, websites, or toll-free numbers of gas companies to avoid fraud. Urging people not to believe rumours, he stated that the district administration is continuously monitoring the supply system and keeping a close watch on the situation. He warned that anti-social elements involved in black marketing of LPG will face strict legal action. Dr. Dahiya further informed that there is no crowding at any gas agency in the district and the home-delivery system is functioning smoothly. He added that even on Monday, which is normally a weekly holiday for gas agencies, home delivery services continued to ensure convenience for the public.

Prabhat Pheri from ancient Shri Ram Mandir sets new records

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAR 23

Under the presidency of Shri Surjit Singla, the Pracheen Shri Ram Mandir Management Committee organized a magnificent 'Shri Ram Palanquin and Flag Procession' to mark the auspicious birth anniversary celebrations of Lord Shri Ram. With the active cooperation of various organizations, and thousands of devotees from Bassi Pathana city and nearby villages, the procession echoed with powerful chants of "Jai Shri Ram."



The sacred palanquin was ceremoniously flagged off from the Ancient Shri Ram Mandir, Mohalla Chakkari, after worship performed by Shri Sachidanand Chetan Saraswati Ji Maharaj, President Surjit Singla, and the temple's chief priest Pt. Sewak Ram Sharma. Moving through the city, the procession distributed 'Prasaad at various points and passed through main bazaar and mohallas before concluding back at the Ancient Shri Ram Mandir. Throughout the route, the devotees of the city welcomed the procession with heartfelt devotion,

showering flowers and expressing their reverence for Lord Shri Ram. Addressing the gathering, Temple Committee President Surjit Singla said that this day would be remembered as a golden chapter in the history of the city. Committee member Marut Malhotra urged all devotees to light lamps in their homes to celebrate the sacred day and encouraged everyone to participate in religious activities with devotion.

Employees hold protest on Martyrs' Day in Indri, pay tribute to Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI, MAR 23

Employees from various organisations held a protest in Indri on Monday to mark Martyrs' Day, paying tribute to freedom fighters Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev. The programme was organised jointly by the Sarv Karamchari Sangh Haryana, CITU, and the Retired Employees Association Haryana (Block Indri). The event began at Ambedkar Herbal Park, where participants paid homage to the martyrs. Employees then staged a strong demonstration in the town and proceeded to Shaheedi Chowk, where they offered floral tributes at the statues of the three martyrs. The programme was jointly chaired by Sarv Karamchari Sangh block president Rishipal, Retired Employees Association block



president Balwan Singh, and CITU president Sudesh. Addressing the gathering, district secretary of the Retired Employees Association Haryana, Om Prakash, spoke about the lives, struggles, and sacrifices of the martyrs, stating that their contribution to India's freedom is invaluable and that following their ideals is the true tribute to them. Several representatives from different employee organisations were present, including Budhram from the Municipal Employees Union, Shiv Kumar from the Class IV Employees Union, Vijay Kamboj, Madan from the Rural Chowkidar Sabha, Kamlesh from the ASHA Workers Union, Suman Shahpur, Master Jagdish Singh, Balkar Singh, Rekha from the Anganwadi Workers Union, Rajiv Rathi and Sanjeev Malik from the Electricity Department, Man Singh from the Teachers' Union, and Arjun from the Fire Brigade, along with many others.

NEWS BRIEFS

Coach Aman Verma conferred with honorary Doctorate

MAHENDE GOYAL

HISAR. Gym coach Aman Verma has been conferred with title of 'Honorary Doctorate' by Constitution Club of India, Delhi, an institution recognized and approved by Government of India and NITI Aayog. This prestigious honor has been bestowed upon him in recognition of his outstanding contributions and excellence in field of fitness and wellness. Aman

Verma currently serves as General Secretary of Indian Bodybuilding Federation (Hisar Chapter). A dedicated fitness and yoga coach, Aman Verma is passionately committed to bringing positive changes to people's lives, improving their health and helping them achieve physical well-being. He also continuously works to raise health awareness among students in schools and colleges, imparting valuable fitness lessons to youth. Prior to this, he was honored with 'National Best Achievement Award' by former MP Sunita Duggal for his work related to FinTech. He has also received an award for his contributions to sports and fitness from Bollywood actress Sara in Mumbai.



Sustainable agriculture is the foundation of future prosperity: CM

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, MAR 23

Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini on Monday inaugurated the Kharif Krishi Mela-2026 at Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University (CCSHAU), Hisar, and appreciated the initiative of bringing farmers, scientists and innovation onto a common platform. He said the soil of Hisar symbolizes hard work, livestock prosperity and the sacrifices of brave soldiers. Rakhigarhi represents the pride of our ancient civilization, while Agroha narrates the story of Maharaja Agrasen's ideals of social harmony and trade prosperity. Upon arrival at the fair, the Chief Minister first paid floral tributes to the statues of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev on the occasion of Shaheed Diwas.

On this occasion, the Chief Minister also released publications brought out by the university's Directorate of Extension Education, Cotton Section, Oilseeds Department and other departments to disseminate information among farmers. Vice Chancellor of CCSHAU, Prof. B.R. Kamboj, presented a memento symbolizing prosperous farming in the form of a plough to the



Chief Minister.

He said the auspicious occasion of Navratri, dedicated to Maa Skandamata, coinciding with the martyrdom day of Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev, inspires us with the values of sacrifice, penance and dedication. The agricultural fair, based on the theme "Sustainable Agriculture - Path to Prosperity," reflects this spirit.

The Chief Minister said that the fair organized by CCSHAU is a symbol of farmers' hard work and scientists' foresight. The university has made sig-

nificant contributions in the areas of improved seeds, water conservation, soil health and climate-smart agriculture. He further informed that a Nutri-Cereals Research Centre has been inaugurated at Gokulpura village in Bhiwani district, spread over 64 acres and built at a cost of Rs. 11.67 crore. The centre will work towards developing disease- and pest-resistant varieties of millets, enhancing shelf life of millet flour, establishing market linkages for producers, and promoting value addition. It will also develop modern processing technologies for millet-based products.

During the fair, the Chief Minister honoured 42 progressive farmers, including 21 women, describing them as a source of inspiration for the state's progress. He said Haryana has now become the second-largest contributor to the country's food grain pool, which is a result of farmers' hard work, scientific research and government policies.

Referring to the vision of Viksit Bharat-2047, the Chief Minister said that farmers are the backbone of this goal. The double-engine government is working towards transforming agriculture into a profitable enterprise and empowering farmers.

Youth should draw inspiration from Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev, says Dr Rajesh Vaidya Valmiki



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MARCH 23

Tributes were paid to Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev on the occasion of Martyrs' Day at Ayan International School in Karnal. District Congress Committee (Rural) president Dr Rajesh Vaidya Valmiki urged youth to take inspiration from the lives and sacrifices of the freedom fighters.

Dr Valmiki said Bhagat Singh sacrificed his life for the country's independence without hesitation, and his martyrdom ignited a new wave of energy and inspiration among the youth of the nation.

On the occasion, school director Dr Pooja Malhotra, Professor Multan Singh, Ramesh Chauhan, Kuldeep Singh, district vice-president Sanjay Mehla, and Sardar Mahal Singh Dacher, along with several others, paid floral tributes and called upon students to follow the ideals of the martyrs.

A separate programme was also held in Dacher village under the chairmanship of district rural vice-president Sardar Mahal Singh Dacher, where tributes were paid to the martyrs.



Congress workers also paid homage at Manav Seva Sangh in Karnal by garlanding the statue of Bhagat Singh in the presence of Congress Seva Dal district president Anil Sharma.

Dr Valmiki reiterated that today's youth must learn from the courage and ideals of these great martyrs. Among those present were Mitrapal Sharma, Robin Michael, Jasbir Pannu, Ravindra Sharma, Sarpanch Kechar Singh, Sonu Kashyap, Rajesh Kumar, Sarpanch Gulzar, Professor Multan Singh, Ramesh Chauhan, Baljit Chauhan, Sunita Rani, and several Congress workers.

Sacrifice of Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev for nation's freedom can never be forgotten: Parag Gaba



CHAMAN LAL KARNAL, MARCH 23

On the occasion of Martyrs' Day, programmes were organised in Karnal with great reverence and respect. The District Congress Committee paid floral tributes to Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev at a park located near the bus stand. Under the leadership of District President Parag Gaba, Congress leaders and workers gathered at the park to offer their homage. Speaking on the occasion, Parag Gaba stated that the nation at-

tained its freedom through the sacrifices of millions of brave heroes, and we must always remember their selflessness. He remarked that valiant sons of the soil like Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev laid down their lives for the country at a young age, embracing the gallows with a smile. The nation will forever remain indebted to these martyrs. Parag Gaba further emphasized that it is crucial to educate the younger generation about the country's history and its brave martyrs, thereby fostering a spirit of patriotism within them.

A large number of party workers were present on this occasion, including Dr. Sunil Panwar, Dilsher Dacher, Binder Poswal, Joginder Valmiki, Lalit Kumar, Pankaj Gaba, Harpal Kalamura, Deepak Mahajan, Vinod Titoria, Rakesh Dhakwala, Vijender Khokhar, Amit Shamgarh, Dr. Sanjay, Gurmeet Singh, Bharat Dhillon, Narendra Kumar Agghi, Gurvinder Kaur, Sapna Rana, Sunita Rani, Ramesh Jogi, Surender Nambardar, Paramjit Puwal, Gaurav Sharma, Jitender Panchal, Parveen Punia, Romak Ram etc.

Satsang essential for clarity and wisdom in life: Dr Ashok Pandey

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA NILOKHERI, MAR 23

During the Shri Ram Katha Mahotsav organised at Shri Sanatan Dharam Mandir, Neelgaur

on the occasion of Ram Navami, renowned narrator Dr Ashok Pandey emphasized the importance of satsang in human life, stating that without it, true understanding and wisdom are not possible.

He explained that the presence of satsang removes delusions and enables realization of the divine. Citing a religious reference, he said that even Goddess Bhavani, despite being with Lord Shiva, became confused upon witnessing the divine and could not resist testing Lord Ram by assuming the form of Sita due to the absence of satsang in life. He

added that listening to and internalizing divine narratives can make life meaningful.

Dr Pandey further said that Ravana, despite being a great scholar, failed to recognize Lord

Explaining the manifestations of the divine, he said that God incarnates in various forms whenever dharma declines or to protect devotees. He cited examples of Lord Vishnu appearing as Ram, Parashuram, Krishna, and Narasimha to uphold righteousness and safeguard devotees like Prahlad.

President of Shri Sanatan Dharam Mandir Sabha, Shiv Nath Kapoor, informed that the event will conclude on March 26 with a grand community feast. On the occasion, former chairman of the Haryana Staff Selection Board and Congress rural district president Dr Rajesh Vaid was present as the chief guest and was honored with a memento by the organizers.



Ram even when he stood before him, as he lacked satsang. He noted that while Ravana possessed knowledge, he was unaware of his own ego, which ultimately led to his downfall.

Tributes paid to martyrs at Jindal House on Shaheed Diwas

DALBIR SINGH MALIK

KURUKSHETRA: Martyrs were remembered with deep respect and reverence at Jindal House in Kurukshetra on the occasion of Shaheed Diwas. Members of MP Naveen Jindal's team and others paid floral tributes to the bravehearts and pledged to follow the path shown by them.

Office in-charge Dharmveer Singh said that MP Naveen Jindal also paid homage to the immortal sons of Mother India—Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, and Rajguru—stating that their unmatched courage and unwavering love for the nation continue to ignite the spirit of patriotism in every Indian. He added that their devotion to the nation will always inspire efforts towards building a strong India. Dharmveer Singh further said that the lives of the martyrs serve as a source of inspiration for all. He noted that the freedom and open environment enjoyed today are the result of their unparalleled sacrifices, which can never be forgotten.

He added that the ideals of the martyrs teach the values of service to the nation, sacrifice, and dedication to duty. He urged everyone to follow their path and work continuously towards strengthening the unity, integrity, and development of the country.



Nation gained freedom through struggle and sacrifice: Ratan Mann

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MARCH 23

Speaking on the occasion of 'Shaheed Diwas' (Martyrs' Day)—observed at the protest site—Ratan Mann, the State President of the Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU), stated that the freedom we enjoy today is solely the result of the sacrifices and struggles undertaken by our ancestors during the independence movement. It is because of their efforts that we were liberated from the shackles of slavery, enabling us to breathe the air of freedom in an independent environment today. Therefore, we can never forget their struggles and sacrifices. At the protest site today, farmers paid floral tributes and offered their homage to the portraits of freedom fighters and martyrs Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev. The farmers raised spirited slogans of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" (Victory to Mother India) and "Kisan-Mazdoor Ekta Zindabad" (Long Live Farmer-Laborer Unity).

It is noteworthy that an indefinite sit-in protest by farmers is currently under-

way near Sheikhpura Sohana village on the Karnal Ring Road, demanding the construction of a service lane. On Monday, the protest entered its 46th day. While observing Shaheed Diwas, the agitating farmers paid homage to the nation's martyrs, offer-



ing flowers to honor their supreme sacrifices. A large number of farmers gathered at the protest site and, while recalling the sacrifices of the martyrs, resolved to carry forward their struggle for their rights with even greater determination. The farmers affirmed that, drawing inspiration from

the struggles of the martyrs, they would fight this battle for their rights until the very end. BKU State President Ratan Mann stated that, on the occasion of Shaheed Diwas, we pay our humble tributes to all those brave sons of the nation—including Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, and Rajguru—who sacrificed their lives for the sake of the country and society.

He further asserted that the ongoing farmers' agitation near Sheikhpura Sohana village is entirely just and legitimate. He warned that if the construction work for the service lane is not initiated soon, the BKU would escalate this movement to a much larger scale. He emphasized that the farmers remain completely united and are resolved to fight this battle for their rights to the very end. He stated that, following the path shown by the martyrs, the farmers are waging a struggle that is peaceful yet resolute. There is absolutely no question of backing down until their demands are met.

Prayas Samaj Seva Sansthan holds blood donation camp dedicated to martyrs

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER BARARA, MARCH 23

Prayas spokesperson Rakesh Kaushik stated that, under the leadership of senior Prayas members Jangbir Rana, Ram Saini, and Aman Garg, 65 individuals voluntarily donated blood at the camp held today. DSP Barara, Suresh Kumar, attended the event as the Chief Guest, while Barara Station House Officer (SHO) Surinder Singh, Mullana SHO Pramod Singh, Barara Outpost In-charge Hakam Singh, and Kallati Outpost In-charge Vishwabandhu attended as Guests of Honor. Dr. Kuldeep Gupta, Monica Kalra, Dr. Indu Vij, and Preeti Garg were notably present at the camp. The Chief Guest encouraged all blood donors by distributing certificates of appreciation to them.



Sunil Jain, Aman Garg, Dinesh Sharma, Dinesh Mangla, Lucky Bharara, Akshay Rana, Rajneesh Mehta, Dr. Baldev Saini, Vijay Gupta, and Nareish Panchal provided special assistance in organizing the blood donation camp. On behalf of the organisation, certificates of appreciation were distributed to all those who donated blood. Addressing the gathering on this occasion, Chief Guest DSP Suresh Kumar remarked that "blood donation is the greatest donation," adding that there is no

noble deed greater than saving a human life. He also commended the social service activities being undertaken by the Prayas organisation.

He praised the immense enthusiasm and spirit for blood donation displayed by the youth present at the camp, stating that everyone should make it a point to donate blood periodically; doing so not only helps save someone's life but also contributes to maintaining one's own physical health.

Strict action against irregularities in commercial, domestic gas cylinder supply: DC Rahul Narwal

DINKAR GAWRI

HANSI: Deputy Commissioner Rahul Narwal has clarified that any form of irregularity or black marketing in the supply of commercial and domestic gas cylinders will not be tolerated. Issuing a stern warning, he stated that strict legal action will be initiated against those who flout the rules. The DC informed that LPG gas cylinders are being made available on a priority basis to essential services within the district—such as hospitals, educational institutions, and hostels. The Deputy Commissioner added that if additional gas cylinders are required for weddings, social gatherings, or other events, the concerned individual may apply at the SDM office by following the prescribed procedure. It will be mandatory to attach the event's invitation card (program card) and an identity card along with the application. He also clarified that it is essential to verify the availability of stock with the concerned agency or department before submitting an application.

Reassuring the general public, DC Rahul Narwal stated that there is currently no shortage of commercial or domestic gas cylinders, and adequate stock is available. Therefore, citizens should pay no heed to any rumors, nor should they panic unnecessarily. He further directed that if any gas agency charges an amount exceeding the prescribed rates or engages in any form of irregularity, a complaint regarding the same should be lodged immediately with the concerned officials. Upon receipt of such a complaint, strict action will be ensured against the concerned agency in accordance with the rules.

Appealing for the cooperation of citizens, the Deputy Commissioner urged everyone to support the administration, adhere to the rules, and refrain from spreading any form of misinformation, so that the gas supply system continues to operate smoothly.

Congress is Sapanath, BJP is Nagnath, and another party is Bichchhunath: Abhay Singh Chautala

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA NARWANA/CHANDIGARH, MAR 23

The Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) organized a state-level youth conference at the grain market in Narwana on Monday, witnessing a massive turnout of young participants from across the state. The conference was held under the coordination of INLD Youth Cell national in-charge Karan Chautala, with Rania MLA Arjun Chautala conducting the proceedings.

During the event, several leaders joined INLD, including Dharmendra Dhull, who had contested the Julana Assembly seat in 2014 and 2019 on a Congress ticket, along with his supporters. Former district councillor and BJP SC Cell district president Rati Ram also joined the party, along with several sarpanches and public representatives.

Addressing the gathering, INLD national president Abhay Singh Chautala paid tribute to Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev, stating that their sacrifice for the nation would always be remembered. He accused both Congress and

BJP of exploiting the state, saying Congress ruled for ten years and looted the state, while BJP has continued the same for the past eleven years.

He remarked that "Congress is Sapanath, BJP is Nagnath, and another party is Bichchhunath,"



criticizing all major parties. He urged the youth to take inspiration from the martyrs and stand against injustice, adding that not only committing injustice but also tolerating it is a crime. Chautala announced that INLD aims to form the government in 2029 and will allocate 50 percent of tickets to youth in the Assembly elections. He promised one government job per household, a monthly unemployment allowance of Rs 21,000 for those without jobs, and interest-free loans of up to Rs 1 crore to help youth become self-reliant.

EDITORIAL

Fertiliser imports at risk ahead of sowing season

India's fertiliser supply is facing growing risks ahead of the sowing season as the ongoing conflict in West Asia disrupts key trade routes, with around 26 per cent of fertiliser imports coming from the region, according to a report by CareEdge Ratings. The report highlighted that India sources over a quarter of its fertiliser imports from West Asian countries, making it vulnerable to supply disruptions amid geopolitical tensions. It stated, "Impact on Fertiliser Imports Concerning Ahead of Sowing Season... India sources over a quarter of its fertiliser imports from West Asian countries." Data in the report showed that West Asia accounts for 26.2 per cent of India's fertiliser imports, followed by Jordan at 19.2 per cent and Russia at 15.5 per cent. Other contributors include Morocco at 10.4 per cent, China at 5.7 per cent, Egypt at 5.6 per cent, Canada at 3.8 per cent and Togo at 3.6 per cent, while others account for 10 per cent.

The ongoing conflict in West Asia has disrupted key supply routes, particularly through the Strait of Hormuz, which is one of the most important global channels for energy trade. The report noted that such disruptions could pose challenges for India during the upcoming Kharif season, especially amid rising concerns over the possible occurrence of El Nino. According to the report, supply disruptions could lead to higher fertiliser prices, driven by a sharp rise in LNG prices, which are a key input for fertiliser production. This, in turn, could increase the government's subsidy burden.

The report further highlighted the critical importance of the Strait of Hormuz for India's energy security. It noted that 89 per cent of crude oil and condensate transported through the strait went to Asian markets in the first half of 2025, led by China, India, Japan and South Korea. Additionally, around 40 per cent of India's crude oil imports are transported through this route, underlining the country's dependence on the region. The report cautioned that continued disruptions in West Asia could have a cascading impact not only on energy supplies but also on fertiliser availability, which is crucial for agriculture. Overall, the report emphasised that geopolitical tensions in West Asia could pose significant risks to India's fertiliser supply chain and agricultural output, particularly at a time when weather uncertainties are also rising.

Trump's rhetoric in the war with Iran

US President Donald Trump speaks in a way unlike any of his predecessors. His distinctive and highly recognisable style may even play a role in his appeal to his political base. Since the infamous Access Hollywood tapes, he has got away with saying things none of his predecessors would have ever dreamed of saying in public.

This is particularly striking in a country that was shocked to learn in the 1970s that Richard Nixon used dirty words in the Oval Office.

Scholars have described Trump's rhetorical style as "unbalanced vituperation", stressing his constant use of demeaning language, false equivalences, and exclusion.

Even more strikingly, a recent study found Trump's use of violent vocabulary, especially language linked to war and crime, represents a radical departure from US political tradition.

Since the beginning of the war with Iran, Trump's rhetoric has become even more combative and outrageous, marking an even sharper shift from the language used by his predecessors on similar occasions.

What effect does this have, and what does it tell us about the commander-in-chief's state of mind? Trump announced the death of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei by calling him a "wretched and vile man". Later, in a Truth Social post, he called him "one of the most evil people in history" and referred to "his gang of bloodthirsty thugs".

A few days later, he continued denigrating leaders of



the Iranian regime, describing them as "deranged scumbags" whose killing was for him a "great honor". He has also insulted Mojtaba Khamenei, who succeeded his father as Iran's Supreme Leader, describing him as "unacceptable" and a "lightweight". He also stated during an interview that he believes Mojtaba is alive but "damaged".

Americans are no strangers to their presidents using strong language to describe adversaries. Ronald Reagan famously referred to the Soviet union as an "evil empire", and George W. Bush warned of an "Axis of Evil".

Yet such rhetoric rarely extended to personal insults

against individual foreign leaders. Leaders generally bring a mood to these speeches that recognises their words will be frightening for many people. It also acknowledges that in a war situation, lives will inevitably be lost.

George W. Bush, for example, simply stated that US forces "captured Saddam Hussein alive". Barack Obama announced to the nation Osama bin Laden's killing by addressing the mastermind of the worst terrorist attack on US soil simply as "Osama bin Laden, leader of al Qaeda, and a terrorist".

Trump has also shown little restraint in issuing threats. At the beginning of the conflict, he stated in an interview that they

had not even started hitting Iran hard and that the "big wave" was coming soon. He later posted on Truth Social that he was ready to hit Iran "twenty times harder" and threatened to "make it virtually impossible for Iran to ever be built back, as a Nation, again", adding that "death, fire and fury will reign [sic] upon them". At one point, he even suggested that he might strike Iran's Kharg Island oil export hub again "just for fun".

This language is not only vitriolic. It is also in sharp contrast with the rhetoric of past US presidents who often emphasised restraint in the use of force and showed willingness to de-escalate military conflicts.

Previous presidents have been very clear about the

strength of the US military, but they have also tried to focus on diplomacy and negotiation.

Obama, talking about Syria, famously remarked that "the United States military doesn't do pinpricks". Yet, moments later, he asked Congress to postpone a vote authorising the use of force while his administration pursued diplomatic options.

Nixon stated during the Vietnam War that "The peace we seek to win is not victory over any other people, but the peace that comes 'with healing in its wings'; with compassion for those who have suffered; with understanding for those who have opposed us; with the opportunity for all the peoples of this Earth to choose their own destiny".

Trump's threats of escalation also raise concerns about the safety of civilians and the protection of critical infrastructure. He recently stated he "didn't do anything to do with the energy lines, because having to rebuild that would take years". This remark suggests some awareness of the consequences of such actions.

Even so, earlier presidents often distinguished explicitly between military targets and civilian populations. George H W Bush, during the Gulf War, declared, "Our quarrel is not with the people of Iraq. We do not wish for them to suffer".

In 2003, George W Bush warned Iraqi military and civilian personnel: "Do not destroy oil wells, a source of wealth that belongs to the Iraqi people. Do not obey any command to use weapons of mass destruction against anyone, including the Iraqi people".

Gold logs worst weekly fall in 40 years



Gold prices have witnessed a sharp decline since last week, marking the worst weekly fall in the past 40 years, with prices dropping to USD 4,354 per ounce. The precious metal has fallen significantly from around USD 5,200 per ounce on March 13 to USD 4,354 per ounce by March 23, reflecting a steep correction in a short span. Gold, which had earlier touched an all-time high of 5,595.51, has now come under pressure amid changing global market dynamics.

Market experts noted that despite ongoing

geopolitical tensions, gold has failed to sustain its traditional safe-haven appeal in the current environment.

According to a report by The Wall Street Journal, the recent pullback in gold prices may offer opportunities for long-term investors. Phillip Nova's senior market analyst, Priyanka Sachdeva told WSJ that gold's ongoing correction could provide "staggered" long-term accumulation opportunities at lower levels. The report noted that the fall below USD 4,400 per ounce has "opened the door" to the 200-

day moving average of USD 4,154 per ounce, which is emerging as a potential downside target before prices stabilise.

"This correction is a golden opportunity for staggered entry by long-term buyers," the analyst told WSJ. Data from ICE showed that spot gold was 2.0 per cent lower at USD 4,400.44 per ounce after earlier touching USD 4,320.08 per ounce, the lowest intraday level since early January.

The report also highlighted that gold prices edged lower amid prospects of liquidity-driven selling

in global markets during the ongoing Middle East conflict.

Saxo Bank's Head of Commodity Strategy, Ole Hansen told WSJ, that speculation is emerging that some economies may need to raise liquidity, potentially including gold sales. "While not a confirmed driver, it adds to the more cautious tone," Hansen said.

He added that gold's inability to rally despite geopolitical stress indicates that other factors are currently dominating the market. "Gold's failure to rally despite geopolitical stress highlights the current dominance of higher real yields, a firmer dollar and position adjustment over its traditional safe-haven role," he said. Overall, analysts suggest that while gold prices have corrected sharply, the current levels may present selective buying opportunities for long-term investors even as near-term volatility persists.

The Science of Happiness Behind Adventure



Dr Rajesh K Pillania

Adventure is an essential part of the human spirit, the human soul, and human life. Adventure has many benefits and some risks. Adventure is a great way to add happiness to one's life. Historically, if we study the evolution of Homo sapiens, facing adventures—either by choice or to overcome obstacles—has been part of human life, and it has been a powerful tool that has helped Homo sapiens reach its current stage of evolution.

Adventure offers many benefits, and this article focuses on its impact on happiness and well-being. There are many benefits of adventure for happiness and well-being, as shown by multiple studies. Here are some of the most prominent benefits of adventure on happiness, backed by research in multiple disciplines such as psychology, neuroscience and others.

First, adventure brings excitement to life. Excitement is a strong positive emotion that builds happiness and well-being, as shown by the research of many positive psychologists, including Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi at the University of Chicago.

Second, adventure and taking risks build confidence, self-belief, and self-efficacy, and doing things for adventure leads to an overall positive self-belief and self-concept, which is a big help in building happiness in life, as shown by social cognitive psychologists.

Prof Albert Bandura at the Stanford University.

Third, while planning adventures, one looks forward to life with hope and positivity, which is a very strong positive emotion that supports happiness, as shown by Prof R. Snyder at the University of Kansas.

Fourth, seeking adventure also motivates one to prepare for it and invest in good physical health, leading to better physical health, as shown in the work of motivational and self-deterministic psychologists such as Professor Edward Deci at the University of Rochester.

Fifth, the success of adventure leads to a sense of achievement and the release of dopamine, as shown by neuroscience research. Even when an adventure fails, with the right mindset, one can still feel good about at least doing what is in one's control, that is, going for the adventure.

Sixth, going on adventures together with others strengthens relationships and builds social bonds, which are very important for happiness.

There are some more advantages of adventure for happiness and well-being.

However, one needs to be careful about the risks involved in adventure and make sure that all possible precautions are taken. One should choose adventures where the benefits can be enjoyed while the risks are properly managed.

Sometimes in life, it is not possible to take long breaks or go on big adventures, but one can make small adventures part of daily life. If nothing else, one can think about and dream of adventures, which also leads to positive emotions and happiness. Thus, by integrating adventure into life in a balanced way and managing potential risks, one can improve physical and mental health, overall well-being, and happiness.

Goa values its traditions, yet it has also embraced adventure over time. This Goan spirit of adventure can help people find more happiness in their lives.

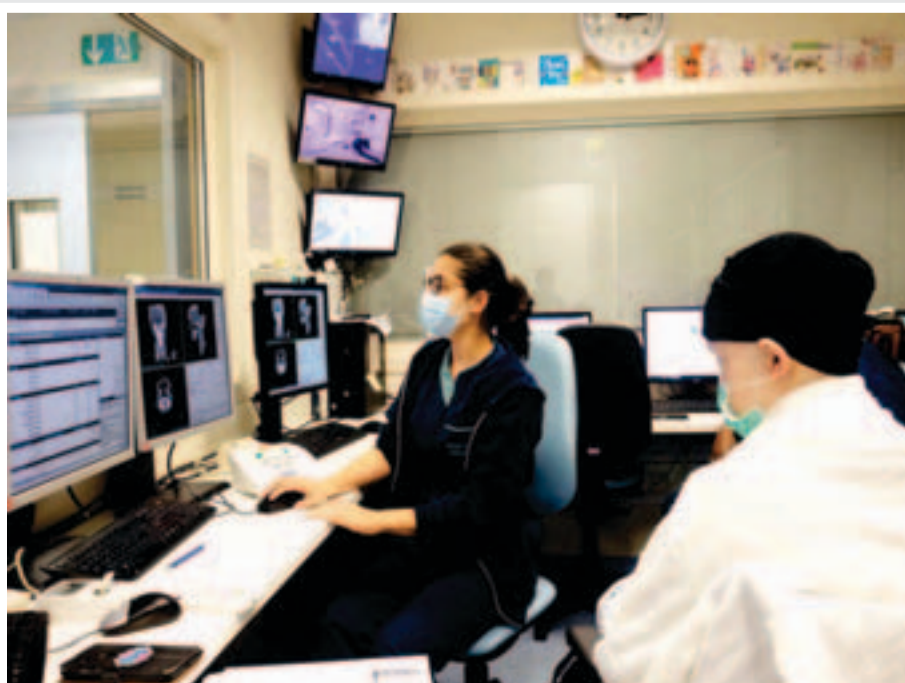
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AI outperforms conventional diagnosis for certain types of heart attacks

An artificial intelligence (AI)-based method for interpreting ECGs performed better than standard approaches in detecting occlusive myocardial infarction (MI), according to a study presented at ESC Acute Cardiovascular Care 2026, the annual congress of the Association for Acute Cardiovascular Care (ACVC), a branch of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC). In patients with suspected acute coronary syndrome (ACS), a specific change on an ECG, called an ST elevation, is an indicator that the patient may have an occlusion in a coronary artery.

This type of heart attack is known as an ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) and it

requires immediate percutaneous coronary intervention to restore the heart's blood flow. In patients who do not have an ST elevation, the cause of the chest pain can be less certain and further tests are needed to confirm if the MI is due to an occlusion. Presenter, Doctor Federico Nani from Central Hospital Bolzano, Italy, explained: "Many patients without an ST elevation have an occlusive MI, but it can be difficult for clinicians to quickly and accurately recognise this, leading to delays in providing emergency treatment. We investigated whether AI-based interpretation of the initial ECG could improve the accuracy of detecting occlusive MIs in the absence of an ST elevation to optimise patient



management."

This single-centre prospective study included 1,490 patients who had symptoms suggestive of ACS but without an ST elevation on the initial ECG. The mean age was 63 years and 42 per cent were female. Clinicians interpreted the initial ECG, tested levels of the cardiac biomarker troponin, and performed coronary angiography, when required, to diagnose occlusive MI based on ESC Guidelines. In parallel, the initial ECG was interpreted by a smartphone-based CE-certified AI-ECG algorithm.

AI-based ECG interpretation ruled out occlusive MI in 1,382 patients and detected it in 108 patients (7per

cent). The AI-based method correctly identified obstructive MI in 84per cent of cases. Sensitivity was 77per cent, specificity was 99 per cent, and the negative predictive value was 98 per cent. There were 27 false negatives (2per cent) and 17 false positives (1per cent). According to the standard diagnostic pathway, occlusive MI was ruled out in 1,207 patients based on troponin levels, and 283 patients underwent coronary angiography to confirm or exclude the diagnosis. Overall, human ECG-interpretation correctly identified occlusive MI in 42per cent of cases. Doctor Nani concluded: "This simple, accessible AI-based approach

demonstrated superior accuracy in identifying and excluding occlusive MI compared with conventional diagnostic pathways in patients without an ST elevation. The results of our single-centre study require further validation, but these findings suggest that AI ECG interpretation is a valuable addition to existing decision-making tools to improve early recognition and timely, effective treatment." The power of AI to support the management of cardiovascular disease will be further explored as the spotlight theme of this year's annual ESC Congress, taking place from 28-31 August 2026 in Munich, Germany.

SUBHASH MAHAJAN
CHAMBA: The first edition of MTB Chamba 2026 concluded successfully, marking a significant step towards promoting adventure tourism in Himachal Pradesh. The event was organized by the Chamba Cycling Association with support from Himachal Tourism under the "Chalo Chamba" initiative. Cyclists from 10 states and 16 cities across the country participated



in the competition, reflecting the growing popularity of mountain biking in India. The

race began from the historic Millennium Gate, covering a challenging distance of 65 kilometres with an elevation gain of nearly 2,000 metres. The route passed through rugged and scenic mountain trails, including Badram, Deolihatti, Sungul, Sangera, Sarahan, Ran, Panela, Bath, Badidera, and Panchpandoh. The demanding terrain tested both endurance and technical skills of the participants.

NEWS BRIEF

PRTC Chairman Harpal Juneja meets Arvind Kejriwal



TAPINDER SINGH PATIALA: Senior leader of Aam Aadmi Party and PRTC Chairman Harpal Juneja today met the party's National Convener Arvind Kejriwal. On this occasion, he expressed gratitude for the responsibility entrusted to him by the party and received his blessings. Kejriwal inspired him to work continuously for the progress of the party. During the meeting, Chairman Juneja said that the people are getting benefitted on a large scale from the public welfare schemes being implemented by the Punjab government under the leadership of Chief Minister Mr. Bhagwant Singh Mann. He expressed confidence that on the basis of the party's pro-people policies, the Aam Aadmi Party government will be formed again in 2027. During this, the Chairman also presented a report regarding the duties given by the party and PRTC.

DC assures enough petrol, diesel and LPG in stock in the district

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAR 23

Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh said that the supply of petrol, diesel and domestic LPG gas in the district was completely normal. The stock of gas cylinders is available in sufficient quantity in the district. As per rules, gas cylinders are being supplied to consumers after 25 days as before. There is no need for the general public to panic. Common people should not pay attention to any kind of rumours. He urged the residents of the district to take cylinders as per requirement and desist from hoarding. By doing this, an atmosphere of fear is created among people and people start competing to get the gas cylinder. There will be no shortage of any kind in the supply of LPG or petrol-diesel in the district. District Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Controller (DFSC) Mukesh Kumar said that there was no shortage of domestic gas cylinders in the district. There are 42 gas



agencies in the district and domestic gas cylinders are being made available to the consumers regularly through all these authorized gas agencies. He said that the availability and distribution system of gas cylinders was being continuously monitored by the District Administration and Food and Supplies Department, so that consumers did not face any kind of inconvenience and the supply system remained smooth. Black marketing, hoarding and unauthorized use of gas cylinders is being closely monitored in the district.

3 day 'Fit India Carnival' has concluded: Rajbir Singh Ranga

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: District Sports Officer Rajbir Singh Ranga announced that the three-day 'Fit India Carnival'—organized jointly by SAI (Sports Authority of India) and 'Fit India'—concluded today at the Karn Stadium. MLA from Assandh, Yoginder Singh Rana, graced the closing ceremony of the event as the Chief Guest. He was joined by special guests including Kavinder Rana (representative of Union minister Manohar Lal), renowned fitness influencer Ankit Baiyanpuria, former Indian Handball Vice-Captain and Haryana singer Naveen Punia, and District Sports Officer Rajbir Ranga. Encouraging the participants, all the guests delivered a collective message



emphasising the importance of making fitness an integral part of one's life. Through the 'Fit India Movement'—an initiative organized by the Government of India—people were inspired to adopt a fit and healthy lifestyle.

We cannot repay debt of martyrs even in our lifetime: Ghanshyam Das Arora



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, MAR 23

The Samaj Hitakari Sangathan Yamunanagar celebrated the Martyrdom Day of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdevji in Bhagat Singh Park on Monday. Giving information, General Secretary of Samaj Hitakari Sangathan Dr Surendra Mehta and Secretary Sukhbir Singh said that the organization has been celebrating Martyrdom Day continuously since 1982. Martyr Bhagat Singh's companion Shiv Ram Verma in 1986 and Martyr Bhagat Singh's brother Kultar Singh in 1989, Devi Dayal Pandey, descendant of the first Martyr Mangal Pandey, Haryana Governor Dhanik Lal Mandal, many ministers, MPs, MLAs and

officials attended the Martyrdom Day as chief guests. Roshan Lal Sharma, President of the Social Welfare Organization, while welcoming and congratulating the families of the freedom fighters, all the patriotic citizens present at the function and the chief guest MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora, BJP District President Rajesh Sapra, said that celebrating Martyrdom Day of martyrs should not only be about paying tribute to the martyrs by paying obeisance to them by offering flowers, this was not enough but every person should learn the spirit of love and sacrifice for the country made by the martyrs. MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora stated that we cannot repay the debt of the martyrs even in a lifetime; they did not receive the respect they deserved after the country's independence.

Transforming Haryana: Development without discrimination: Sushant Bharti



YAGYADUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: State Executive Member of BJP Legal Cell, Sushant Bharti said that under the able leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, development work was being done equally in all the areas of the state. He said that the main objective of the government was to provide the benefits of development schemes to every section and every area without any discrimination. Sushant Bharti, who reached village BhaurSyedan to inquire about the wellbeing of the party workers, said that the present government was continuously working to strengthen the basic facilities like roads, education, health and drinking water. He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, work was being done in a planned manner to balance the pace of development in the rural and urban areas of the country and the state, due to which the common people were getting direct benefits. He said that local problems were being solved by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini by organizing meetings at village and block level, due to which the benefits of government schemes were reaching the last person. He also informed that during the previous tenure, development works worth crores of rupees were carried out by the government in Pehowa and Ismailabad area, which included many important projects including modern hospitals, agricultural centres.

Pravesh Utsav 2026 launched from Kabri Village, Panipat targets 10,000 new enrollments



RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT: The district-level Pravesh Utsav 2026 campaign was launched on Monday from Kabri village with great enthusiasm, marking the beginning of a major enrollment drive by the education department across Panipat district. The programme started at Government Senior Secondary School, Kabri, and soon turned into a village-wide awareness campaign promoting the importance of education. Under the leadership of District Education Officer Rakesh Boora, the education department team conducted door-to-door outreach in the village, interacting with parents and encouraging them to enroll their children in government schools. The initiative received a positive response from local residents. This year's campaign carries the special target "Abki Baar 10 Hazaar Paar", aiming to enroll around 10,000 new students in government schools across the district. The goal remained the central focus throughout the event. Led by District Coordinator Sandeep Rattawal, slogans such as "Padhega Panipat, Aage Badhega Panipat" and "Shikshit Panipat, Viksit Panipat" created an energetic atmosphere, with villagers, parents and children actively participating in the campaign.

Bhagat Singh was great martyr and revolutionary of India: Dr. Balam Sharma



CHAMAN LAL
KARNAL: The Bhagat Singh Foundation organised a programme in Karnal on the occasion of Martyrs' Day. Dr. Balam Sharma, Head of the Department of Political Science at DAV College, Karnal, graced the event with his presence. Upon their arrival at the venue, Dr. Sharma and all other guests were welcomed by the office-bearers of the Foundation with bouquets of flowers. Speaking on this occasion, Dr. Balam Sharma stated that Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev were great freedom fighters of India. They made the supreme sacrifice for India's independence at a very young age. Bhagat Singh envisioned a future for India characterised by economic, social, political, and educational equality; to realize this dream, he actively endeavored to awaken and mobilise the youth of the nation. He was a staunch secularist. Dr. Balam Sharma urged the youth to follow in the footsteps of Bhagat Singh and adhere to his ideals. Renu Kadyan, National President of the Bhagat Singh Foundation, remarked that the sacrifice of martyrs is not merely a chapter in history, but serves as a guiding light for our present and future.

Operation commercial crackdown: SDM Gill launches drive against LPG misuse



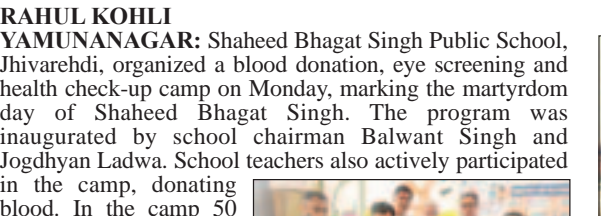
PREETI SAINI
SADHORA: Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) Vyaspur Jaspal Singh Gill, informed that a special inspection campaign was launched to prevent the misuse of domestic gas cylinders at commercial sites in Sadhora town of Vyaspur subdivision. This action was carried out by Team No. 6, formed under the direction of the district administration, with the aim of ensuring compliance with regulations and maintaining safety standards along with stop black-marketing. He said the team inspected various eateries, sweet shops and other commercial establishments in Sadhora town. During the inspection, the use of gas cylinders was closely examined to ensure that domestic gas cylinders were not being used commercially. Commercial gas cylinders were found to be in use at all inspected sites. The SDM stated that the use of domestic gas cylinders for commercial purposes is against regulations and can pose safety risks. Therefore, all establishment operators have been strictly instructed to use only commercial gas cylinders. They have also been warned of strict action if any irregularities are found in the future.

We gained freedom due to sacrifice of martyrs: Balwant Singh



NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: On occasion of Martyrs' Day, a program was organized at Inquilab Mandir in Gumthala Rao. Balwant Singh, watchman of Government Primary School in Gumthala Rao, served as chief guest at event. Proceedings were presided over by temple's founder, Advocate Varyam Singh. During program, chief guest, joined by villagers, paid homage to Martyrs Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev by offering flowers at their statues. Balwant Singh stated that names of Martyrs Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev are inscribed in golden letters in pantheon of martyrs. He remarked that they watered Motherland with their own blood to secure our freedom. It is solely thanks to sacrifices and supreme acts of selflessness rendered by them that we are able to breathe in air of freedom today.

Jhivrehdi School organises blood donation and health check-up camp on martyrdom day



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Shaheed Bhagat Singh Public School, Jhivrehdi, organized a blood donation, eye screening and health check-up camp on Monday, marking the martyrdom day of Shaheed Bhagat Singh. The program was inaugurated by school chairman Balwant Singh and Jogdhyan Ladwa. School teachers also actively participated in the camp, donating blood. In the camp 50 people voluntarily donated blood. The health camp screened 500 people. Free medicines and spectacles were distributed to people. Free eye check-up was conducted of all children in the camp. On this occasion, chairman Balwant Singh and Jogdhyan Ladwa said that blood donation was a great donation. Everyone should donate blood in large numbers. Such programs are a true tribute to the martyrs. True tribute to the martyrs can only be paid through social service. We should also serve the nation by participating in such programs. We should fully cooperate in building the India of the martyrs' dreams.

8th district conference of Gyan Vigyan Samiti held



MAHENDER GOYAL
HISAR: Addressing general body members on occasion of 8th District conference of Haryana Gyan Vigyan Samiti held at Jat Dharamshala in Hisar. Dr. O.P. Bhureta General Secretary of Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti stated that this organization is performing vital work across various corners of country by translating academic knowledge into tangible action and bringing it within reach of common people at grassroots level. Activists from Haryana and Hisar district have played a pivotal role in establishing social justice while working on theme of social renaissance.

Police team arrests absconder



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: District Police are currently conducting a special drive to apprehend absconding accused persons and bail jumpers. Acting under directives of Superintendent of Police, Kamaldeep Goyal, Proclaimed Offenders Staff team has achieved yet another significant success in this regard. Team has arrested an accused individual who had been declared a proclaimed offender by court and has produced him before court for further legal proceedings. Providing details on matter, a police spokesperson stated that a special team was constituted under leadership of Inspector Jagbir Singh, In-charge of P.O. Staff. This team comprised ASI Ashwani, Head Constables Sandeep, Bijender and Mahavir along with Woman Constable Sonia. Through a concerted effort and acting on a tip-off, team successfully apprehended absconding accused—identified as Asif alias 'Tindi', son of Sagir, a resident of Purana Hamida Khadda Colony. Accused was implicated in a criminal case and had been declared a proclaimed offender by Court due to his failure to appear for court hearings.

Naveen Jindal champions temple cleanliness drive with dedicated vessels

HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA, MAR 23

Member of Parliament Naveen Jindal has taken a commendable initiative, combining religious faith and environmental protection. Through the Naveen Jindal Foundation, three dedication vessels have been provided at each of the eleven temples in the district intended to collect the waste generated after worship. All these dedication vessels have been kept in the premises of Kali Temple, Saraswati Temple of Pehwa constituency, Bagla Mukhi Temple and BalaSundari Temple situated in Dhanirampur, Maa Bhadrakali Temple, Kali Kamali Temple and Bala Sundari Temple Hathira in Thanesar constituency, Devi Temple in Ladwa constituency and Devi Temple Dharamshala in Shahabad constituency, Shiv Temple Dharamshala near Civil Hospital and Markandeshwar Temple. All these offerings have been divided into three categories: incense and Agarbatti, worship flowers and new clothes offered to deities. This arrangement will not only maintain cleanliness in the temple premises



but will also promote proper management of organic and inorganic materials. During festivals, temples see a large number of devotees, leading to the accumulation of large quantities of worship materials. If not properly disposed of these materials can be harmful to the environment. This initiative will not only keep the temple premises clean but will also significantly contribute to environmental protection.

Shikhar - Cyber Chakravayuh's new benchmark in youth digital safety unveiled

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, MAR 23

In a visionary leap towards securing the digital future of its youth, the Bilaspur District Administration today unveiled 'Shikhar: Cyber Chakravayuh'—a pioneering framework aimed at empowering adolescents with essential digital literacy, awareness, and protection tools. The initiative was formally launched by Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar at Bachat Bhawan, marking a significant milestone in the district's commitment to cyber safety. Designed as a comprehensive model of "Safe Habits for Internet Knowledge, Healthy Awareness, and Responsibility," the guidelines address pressing challenges such as cyberbullying, online



grooming, data security threats, and digital addiction. Backed by structured Standard Operating Procedures for counseling and intervention, the initiative ensures timely support and safeguards for students navigating the digital space. Developed through a collaborative effort involving the district administration, 'Cyber Chakravayuh,' and partner organizations 'Mother Sudha' and 'Independent Thought,' the framework aligns seamlessly with the National Education Policy 2020 and national cyber safety protocols. Superintendent of Police Sandeep Dhawal emphasized its district-wide implementation across educational institutions, coupled with specialized police training programs to combat cybercrime against children. Officials highlighted that 'Shikhar' represents a collective responsibility—bringing together schools, law enforcement, NGOs, and families to build a secure and accountable digital ecosystem.

Sukhu govt's budget bundle of falsehoods meant to mislead people: Jairam Thakur

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur launched a sharp attack on the Sukhu government's budget during a discussion in the Vidhan Sabha, alleging that it lacks substance and is designed to mislead the people of Himachal Pradesh. Addressing the media after the discussion, Thakur said that most schemes announced by the government have been introduced without adequate budgetary provisions and that none of the major schemes announced over the past three years have been fully implemented on the ground. He added that while budgets typically increase annually, the current budget remains at par with figures from three years ago, indicating stagnation. He claimed that key sectors have witnessed significant cuts. Compared to the 2024-25 budget, there has been a reduction of Rs. 2,354 crore (21 percent) in major sectors, followed by a further cut of Rs. 3,188 crore (41.77 percent) in the upcoming financial year. He questioned how public welfare could be ensured without sufficient financial allocation. Thakur also highlighted a continuous decline in capital expenditure over the past three years, stating that it has reduced by Rs. 3,089 crore, effectively halving. He further pointed out that the state's revenue deficit has been rising steadily, averaging Rs. 10,620 crore over the last four budgets. On employment, he said that government jobs have declined under the present regime.



Lexus India Launches the All-New ES

CHANDIGARH : Lexus India today launched the All-New ES500e in India, marking a significant milestone in the brand's electrification journey with the introduction of Lexus's first Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) for the Indian market. Announced at the Japan Mobility Show 2025, "Discover" lies at the core of Lexus's brand ethos. The mission to discover better products, better services, and better experiences—and to help guests discover new value in their lifestyles. Launched alongside the flagship LS in 1989, the ES has been a core model in Lexus, earning global acclaim for its quietness, ride comfort, and spacious interior. The model has been sold in more than 80 countries worldwide. Since the launch of the RX 400h in 2005, Lexus has led the way in electrification consistently pursuing both dynamic performance and environmental responsibility. With continued focus on HEVs, PHEVs and BEVs, Lexus is working towards realizing a carbon-neutral society while responding to the evolving diverse needs of guests and markets. Lexus is committed to delivering unique brand experience by advancing core vehicle performance through electrification.

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World's Fastest Growing Millionaire Spirits Brand Crosses 10 Million Cases Milestone

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Allied Blenders and Distillers Limited (ABD), the largest domestic spirits company by volume in India and the maker of ICONIQ White International Grain Whisky, reports another historic milestone as its flagship brand surpasses the 100 Lakhs, or 10 million cases in FY26 and still counting. With the financial year drawing to close, this landmark achievement showcases one of the fastest growth trajectories within the relatively high-margin Prestige & Above segment. Speaking on the achievement, Alok Gupta, Managing Director, ABD, said, "The journey from zero to 10 million cases in such a short period is a landmark achievement that redefines the growth playbook in the spirits industry."

Fashion, Fame and 20 Years of Max Fashion: Kalki Koechlin, Siddhant Chaturvedi and Alaya F Take Over Lakmé Fashion Week

SHIMLA : Two decades, millions of wardrobes, and countless style moments later, Max didn't just celebrate its anniversary it threw a full-blown fashion party on one of India's most iconic runways. The lights dimmed. The music dropped. And just like that, the runway stopped being a runway. What unfolded over 35 looks was less a traditional fashion show and more a living, breathing snapshot of how young India actually dresses. Experimental. Confident. Unapologetically itself. The showcase opened on an electrifying note as Siddhant Chaturvedi stepped onto the runway, instantly transforming the fashion show into a moment of culture and performance. With the beat dropping and the lights shifting, Siddhant set the tone for the Max Urban segment bringing his signature swagger, spontaneity and effortless cool to the stage.

Tata AIA Life Insurance Launches Three New Funds

AMRITSAR: Tata AIA Life Insurance, a leading private life insurance company in India, today launched three new funds offering investors a unique opportunity to capitalize on India's growth potential and global technological advancements, all while benefiting from life insurance protection through Tata AIA's Unit Linked Insurance Plans (ULIPs). Harshad Patel, Chief Investment Officer, Tata AIA Life Insurance, commented, "Innovation is reshaping economies, both in India and globally. With the launch of the Tata AIA Large Mid Cap Innovation Fund, Tata AIA Large Mid Cap Innovation Pension Fund, and the Tata AIA Global AI & Technology Leaders Fund, we are providing our policyholders with the opportunity to invest in these transformative sectors while continuing to benefit from the protection of life insurance."

ASCI study finds Gen Alpha living in a seamless world of content and commerce

CHANDIGARH : Shorts blended into vlogs, which dissolve into gameplay, which give way to sponsored content that feels like a friend's recommendation. The screen never goes dark. Gen Alpha doesn't watch the digital stream, it lives inside it. It is this really—immersive and commercially active—that the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) Academy set out to understand. In collaboration with Futurebrands Consulting, ASCI Academy has released "What the Sigma?", a pioneering ethnographic research study examining how children aged 7 to 15 years (belonging to Generation Alpha) interact with media and content, and identify, classify and interpret commercial messaging in a hyper-digital environment. Unveiled at the inaugural ASCI AdTrust Summit 2026, the study draws on immersive ethnographic research across six Indian cities, including in-home interviews, sibling and peer discussions, and conversations with parents.

Ai+ Smartphone Unveils the Nova Series: Flagship 5G Lineup Set to Launch on April 9, 2026

CHANDIGARH : Ai+ Smartphone today announced the launch of its highly anticipated Nova Series, with the Nova 2 and Nova 2 Ultra set to debut on April 9, 2026, across Flipkart and other channels of distribution. The remaining three devices in the series, Nova 2 Pro, Nova 2 Neo, and Nova 2 Flip, will follow in the months ahead. The launch marks the next phase of Ai+'s evolution as it expands into a full-spectrum smartphone portfolio, built around distinct user needs, lifestyles, and self-expression. The Nova Series is not just an upgrade, it is a statement of intent bringing together bold design, intelligent performance, and deeply personal experiences in a way the category has not seen before. At the center of the lineup is the Nova 2 Ultra - Customisable Technology that responds to you, the most expressive device Ai+ has ever built. Its customisable back-panel lighting responds to calls, messages, music, and notifications, turning everyday interactions into something visual, personal, and immersive.

UTCA Organises 'Energy @ Synergy' prog for holistic development of players

CHANDIGARH: The UT Cricket Association organised the Energy @ Synergy program for players who represented BCCI tournaments during the 2025-26 season at JW Marriott, Sector 35 on Monday. In the keynote address, Sanjay Tandon, Founder President, UTCA and Governing Council, WPI (BCCI) said the event was organised to address players' shortcomings by motivating them through interactions with eminent speakers and experts, especially on mental stress and health. He said the initiative aims to make players mentally stronger, more confident, and better prepared for competitive pressure, and is planned to be an annual feature to boost performance, energy levels, and overall development. Aligning the tone, Suneel Kaswani urged the players to regard the UTCA management and support staff as their "social parents" as these professionals who nurture their talent, guide their discipline, and provide them with opportunities and platforms beyond the boundaries of their homes and families.

Isuzu I-Care Pre Summer Camp kicks off in Hisar

HISAR: Isuzu Motors India is conducting a nation-wide 'ISUZU I-Care Pre-Summer Camp' for its range of ISUZU D-MAX Pick-ups and SUVs at its dealership in Hisar. This service camp is aimed at offering customers exciting benefits and preventive maintenance checks for a hassle-free driving experience during the season across the country. An initiative of 'ISUZU Care', the pre-summer camp will be organised across all ISUZU authorised dealer service outlets, between 23rd - 28th March 2026. During this period, customers can also avail special offers & benefits for their vehicles which includes free 37-Point Comprehensive Check-up, 10% discount on Labour, 5% discount on Parts, 5% discount on Lubes & Fluids, 20% Discount on Retail RSA, 5% on PPO/CAE, 20% on Extended Warranty and Free 'REGEN' with certain conditions.

Annual conference of India's leading transplant surgeons concluded successfully



CHANDIGARH : Organ transplantation remains one of medicine's greatest achievements—and one of its least understood. For millions of Indians living with end-stage organ failure, a transplant represents not merely a treatment but a second life. Yet awareness of transplant sciences, Organ donation, and the complex clinical ecosystem that sustains these programmes remains critically low amongst the public. The policy makers are also aware of increasing numbers of

patients and stage organ failure, It has been struggling to initiate organ donation after death across the country. It is precisely this gap that organisations such as the Indian Society of Transplant Surgeons (ISTS) work to bridge—not only by advancing the science among specialists, but by Developing protocols By working with various centers who have achieved success in the field of organ donation and transplantation. Against this backdrop, ISTS 2026 — the Society's 2nd Annual Conference and Live Operative Workshop — convened over three days from 19th to 21st March 2026 at PGIMER and Hotel Mountview, Chandigarh. Around 180 faculties and delegates participated in this phenomenal event. The conference opened with a day of cadaveric dissection workshops that allowed the delegates to study and that trained in organ retrieval after death. Live operative demonstrations formed the scientific heart of the

Innovartan Technologies partnered with leading educational institutions

KARNAL: Innovartan Technologies has partnered with leading educational institutions in Karnal to deploy Classview.AI, its AI-powered classroom intelligence platform aimed at strengthening teaching effectiveness and improving student learning outcomes. The platform will be implemented at Karnal International School under the leadership of its Director Prakash Sharma, Genesis International School led by its Principal Anika Thareja, The Genesis School led by its Principal Monika Chopra, and Genesis Classes under the

guidance of its President Sandeep Khanna, bringing AI-driven classroom insights into everyday teaching practices. Through this collaboration, educators and academic leaders will gain deeper visibility into classroom engagement and learning patterns. Classview.AI analyses classroom sessions and converts them into structured insights, enabling teachers to better understand how lessons are received and where students may require additional academic support. The platform is designed to support educators in refining instructional approaches and strengthening student

engagement. By providing a data-backed understanding of classroom interactions, Classview.AI enables teachers to continuously improve lesson delivery while helping institutional leadership identify broader academic trends across subjects and grades. With the adoption of Classview.AI, these institutions are taking a step toward integrating technology-driven insights into classroom environments, supporting more responsive teaching practices and improved academic outcomes. Prashant Sharma, Founder and CEO of Innovartan Technologies, said that Teachers play a critical role in shaping learning outcomes.

Spinnny Breakfast Drive Together we go far, celebrating, mornings and conversations and the love for a good drive

NEW DELHI : Mornings, open roads, and great company, that's what the Spinnny Breakfast Drive is all about. Driving things off from Chandigarh to Morri Hills, Spinnny's first Breakfast Drive brought together a community of like-minded people who share a love for driving, conversations, and the simple joy of the journey. From early morning meet-ups at the Spinnny Car Hub to winding roads and scenic views, the experience was all about slowing down, connecting, and soaking it in. Captured through a slice-of-life video, the drive

unfolds just like it felt — effortless, unplanned, and full of moments that remind us why journeys are better when shared. As India's most-trusted car home, Spinnny believes that together, we go far. The Breakfast Drive brings people together to enjoy the road as much as the destination, while always prioritizing safe driving and following traffic rules. Spinnny Breakfast Drive marks the beginning of a broader series of community experiences that Spinnny plans to roll out across cities. The aim is to create more opportunities for

customers to step out, meet other owners, and enjoy the everyday moments that come with driving. Because sometimes, the best part of owning a car is simply taking it out for a drive together. About Spinnny: Founded in 2015, Spinnny is a full-stack used-car retailing platform in India that aims to bring trust, simplicity, and transparency to the purchase and sale of pre-owned cars. Spinnny operates across the entire used-car value chain, embedding technology and robust processes to deliver a premium customer experience.

Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospital Expands Presence in Haryana, Launches Fourth Eye Hospital in Rohtak

ROHTAK : Strengthening its commitment to expanding access to advanced eye care across North India, Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospital has launched a new state-of-the-art eye care centre in Rohtak, Haryana. This marks the group's fourth facility in Rohtak, further reinforcing its presence in the city and enabling residents to access specialised ophthalmic care closer to home. The new centre aims to serve patients from Rohtak and nearby districts across Haryana, reducing the need for patients to travel to larger cities for advanced eye treatments and surgical procedures. The launch ceremony was inaugurated by Shri Ramavtar Valmik, Mayor of Rohtak, who attended the event as the Chief Guest. The senior leadership team of Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospital was also present on the occasion, including Dr. Ashar Agawal, Chief Business Officer; Mr. Sudheer, Chief Growth Officer; and Mr. Vasudev Prakash, Executive Vice-President, along with the clinical team led by Dr. Abhishata Dhanraj, Consultant



Ophthalmologist. Dr. Ashar Agawal, Chief Business Officer, Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospital, said, "We are pleased to strengthen our presence in Rohtak with the launch of our fourth facility in the city. Our focus remains on making advanced eye care accessible to communities while maintaining the highest standards of clinical excellence. With this centre, we aim to provide comprehensive ophthalmic services supported by modern technology and experienced specialists for patients across Rohtak and surrounding areas." The newly launched centre offers a wide range of comprehensive ophthalmology services under one roof, including cataract treatment, specialised retina care, glaucoma management, refractive procedures, paediatric ophthalmology, cornea services, and treatment for various vision-related conditions.

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to the Lakmé Fashion Week runway felt like the perfect way to mark the milestone. 'Sumit Chandna, CEO, Max Fashion. The showcase opened on an electrifying note as Siddhant Chaturvedi stepped onto the runway, instantly transforming the fashion show into a moment of culture and performance. With the beat dropping and the lights shifting, Siddhant set the tone for the Max Urban segment bringing his signature swagger, spontaneity and effortless cool to the stage. Kalki Koechlin stepped onto the runway for the core segment as the showstopper, bringing with her an unmistakable sense of individuality and quiet power. With her poised presence and distinctive style, Kalki commanded the runway, adding a striking elegance to the showcase. The evening culminated in a celebratory grand finale as Kalki Koechlin was joined by Siddhant Chaturvedi and Alaya F on the runway, bringing all three brand ambassadors together. The trio closed the show in a vibrant, high-energy moment that felt less like an ending and more like a celebration of fashion, personality and the spirit of Max.

IHCL Marks 4 Years of Paathya with Global Bharat EkSaath Walkathon



CHANDIGARH: Indian Hotels Company (IHCL) marked four years of its ESG+ framework, Paathya, by organising the Bharat EkSaath Walkathon—an inclusive 3 km walk held across 200+ locations in 14 countries. The initiative brought together employees, their families, partners, vendors and local communities, reinforcing the company's commitment to responsible tourism and social impact. Funds raised through the walkathon will support the Taj Public Service Welfare Trust (TPSWT), further strengthening IHCL's community outreach efforts. Speaking on the occasion, Gaurav Pokhriyal, Executive Vice President – Human

Resources, IHCL, said that Paathya has evolved into a comprehensive framework guiding the company's approach to sustainability, governance, social responsibility and heritage conservation. He highlighted IHCL's progress towards its 2030 goals, including the installation of over 84 bottling plants, recycling 53% of water, sourcing 41% of energy from renewables, and establishing 83 skill centres that have trained more than 42,000 underprivileged youth. Built on six key pillars—environmental stewardship, social responsibility, governance, heritage preservation, value chain transformation and sustainable growth—Paathya continues to drive IHCL's long-term vision. Participants actively engaged in the sessions, gaining insights into how everyday choices can contribute to safer roads within their communities. HMSI's road safety initiatives align with its global vision of "Safety for Everyone," focusing on intuitive and age-appropriate learning modules. Across India, the company has reached millions through Traffic Training Parks and Safety Driving Education Centers, promoting road safety through interactive formats. As part of its CSR commitment, HMSI is working towards its 2050 global goal of zero traffic collisions fatalities involving Honda vehicles, in line with the Government of India's target to halve road fatalities by 2030. Central to this vision is instilling a strong road safety mindset among young people, empowering them to become responsible citizens and ambassadors of safer mobility.

GI Mahotsav to Arrive in Shimla, Showcasing 100+ Authentic GI-Certified Products from Across India

SHIMLA : Shimla is all set to welcome the Xpo Originals GI Mahotsav from 26th to 29th March 2026 at The Patshahi Hotel, Chaura Maidan, Shimla, bringing a first-of-its-kind showcase of 100+ Geographical Indication (GI) certified products from across the country. The exhibition



creating a direct marketplace for traditional artisans, farmers, and small businesses to connect with consumers. Visitors can explore an extensive range of GI-certified offerings, including handwoven sarees, textiles, jewellery, handicrafts, home décor, fabrics, organic and other region-specific specialties. Each product carries a unique GI tag, assuring authenticity, superior quality, and a deep cultural connection to its place of origin. By bringing together these original, high-quality products across 100+ categories, the Mahotsav enables visitors in Shimla to experience India's diverse craftsmanship under one roof. It also emphasizes direct-from-source purchasing, ensuring genuine products while supporting the livelihoods of artisans and local communities across the country. With a strong focus on awareness and accessibility, the GI Mahotsav serves as a platform to educate consumers about the importance of GI tags and the need to preserve traditional skills and indigenous products.

Ajmal Dubai Announces Ranveer Singh as Brand Ambassador and Unveils "Your Unseen Power" campaign

NEW DELHI : Ajmal Dubai announces the appointment of Ranveer Singh as its brand ambassador, marking a bold new chapter with the launch of its latest campaign, "Your Unseen Power". Known as a generational performer and the ultimate showman, Ranveer Singh over 575+ PVR screens nationwide today. The "Your Unseen Power" campaign spotlights three iconic Ajmal Dubai fragrances, each representing a distinct facet of modern expression. Aristocrat is a refined woody-fresh masculine fragrance with a hint of Oud that reflects structure and depth; Aarum Summer is a vibrant fruity-floral unisex scent that captures warmth and effortless charm; while Wisal Layl is a sensual woody fragrance designed for intimate, memorable moments. Together, these fragrances capture the many dimensions of charisma and confidence, qualities that perfectly embodies the brand's philosophy of celebrating one's personality through fragrance. The collaboration brings together Ajmal's rich heritage in perfumery and a contemporary voice that resonates with a new generation of fragrance enthusiasts. In a moment that mirrors the scale of his stardom, the campaign takes



GB Legends-Tee Box Junior Golf Championship Held



CHANDIGARH: The GB Legends - Tee Box Junior Golf Championship concluded on a high note, witnessing enthusiastic participation from young golfers across multiple categories. This was the 11th Edition of the championship. The young participants displayed remarkable resilience, determination, and sportsmanship, truly reflecting the spirit of the game with a total of 64 junior players competing at the Chandigarh Golf Club. Notably, the main objective of The Tee Box Golf Series (TTBGS) is to create more opportunities for juniors in order to make them competition ready. The prizes were given away by President Chandigarh Golf Club (CGC) RS Virk and CEO of GB Legends Amit Sood in the presence of Darvesh Kumar, Founder, Chashma Shah Sports. Amit Sood, CEO, GB Legends which is the sports vertical of renowned realty organisation GB Realty, said, "Our mandate at GB Legends is clear. We work at the grass roots level to identify sporting talent and then support promising youngsters in honing their skills. GB Legends, associated with the Tee Box Championship, as it is a strong platform for nurturing young talent and promoting the growth of junior golf - a goal which is aligned with our vision at GB Legends. The age categories under which the junior golfers participated were: A:-18-21 years, A: 15-17 years, B: 13-14 years, C: 11-12 years, D: 09-10 years, E: 07-08 years and F: 06 years and below. The event saw impressive performances across boys' and girls' categories, with several players delivering outstanding scores.

Obesity Treatment: Science Sets GLP-1 medicines Apart

CHANDIGARH : Picture trying to fill a bucket that has a small leak at the bottom. You can pour more slowly or more carefully, but unless the leak is sealed, for decades, weight loss advice focused mainly on diet. But scientists recognized that obesity is not about how much or what you eat, it involves complex biological pathways that influence hunger, satiety (fullness), and energy balance. GLP-1 Receptor Agonists (RAs) like semaglutide are treatments that work by addressing these underlying mechanisms. As awareness grows, it is important to recognize that precision is everything and not all GLP-1 RAs are created equal when it comes to obesity treatment. Mirroring Nature To understand how semaglutide works, we need to know the biology behind it. The gut naturally produces a hormone called GLP-1 that acts as a "fullness switch," telling the brain to stop eating and the stomach to slow down. However, in people living with obesity, this signal is often muffled, leading to constant hunger and food noise (persistent thoughts about food). Modern science has found a way to amplify this natural GLP-1 signal using semaglutide. What sets this molecule apart is its 94% structural similarity to the human GLP-1 hormone. Because it is such a close match to the original, it can effectively regulate appetite and metabolism. Dr. Sanjay Kalra, consultant at Bhati Hospital, Karnal, and Treasurer, International Society of Endocrinology/Vice President, South Asian Obesity Forum says,

HMSI Drives Road Safety Awareness in Panchkula, Engages Over 2400 Youth

PANCHKULA: Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India (HMSI) reinforced its commitment to safer mobility by organising a Road Safety Awareness Campaign in Panchkula, engaging over 2400 participants from Government



Polytechnic Nanakpur and Swami Devi Dyal College of Law. The initiative transformed routine traffic awareness into an interactive learning experience through sessions, games, quizzes and scenario-based discussions. Designed to promote practical understanding, the campaign focused on alertness, discipline and responsible behaviour among young road users. Highlighting the urgency, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) "Road Accidents in India 2023" report recorded

Honda Expands Two-Wheeler Production Capacity in India with New Line at Tapukara Plant

KARNAL : Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India Pvt. Ltd. (HMSI), Honda's motorcycle production and sales subsidiary in India is advancing its capacity expansion to meet the growing and diversifying demand for two-wheelers in the country. HMSI is expanding its manufacturing



capacity with the installation of a new third production line at its Tapukara plant in Alwar District, Rajasthan. This milestone underscores HMSI's unwavering promise of The Power of Dreams, aimed at empowering millions of Indians to achieve their ambitions with confidence. leading this journey with responsibility and purpose. Strengthening our production ecosystem at Tapukara is an important step towards building greater resilience, flexibility, and future readiness across our supply chain.

Ai+ Smartphone Signs as Official Smartphone Partner for 2 Leading IPL Teams

AMRITSAR : Ai+ Smartphone today announced as the Official Smartphone Partner for 2 leading teams - Mumbai Indians and Kolkata Knight Riders for the upcoming T20 season. The partnership places Ai+ Smartphone at the centre of one of India's most powerful and biggest cultural platforms connecting the brand directly with millions of passionate cricket fans across the country offering exclusive fan experiences including player meet and greet, match tickets, and signed merchandise and access to exclusive player content shot on Ai+ Smartphone.



Commenting on the partnership, Madhav Sheth, CEO of Ai+ Smartphone and Founder of NxtQuantum Shift Technologies, said: "Sport has a unique ability to bring people together in moments of shared excitement and enthusiasm. Commenting on the partnership, Madhav Sheth, CEO of Ai+ Smartphone and Founder of NxtQuantum Shift Technologies, said: "Sport has a unique ability to bring people together in moments of shared excitement and enthusiasm. Our partnership with Mumbai Indians and Kolkata Knight Riders allows Ai+ Smartphone to connect with millions of fans where India's energy is most visible and alive. It reflects our belief that technology should move at the same pace as the ambition and passion of the people who use it." A Mumbai Indians spokesperson said: "Ai+ Smartphone's focus on delivering accessible, high-performance technology aligns well with the evolving expectations of today's fans. We look forward to collaborating on initiatives that enhance how fans engage with the game."

KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH The martyrdom day of Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru and Sukhdev Thapar was observed as Anti-Imperialist Day in Sardulgarh following a joint call by various organisations. On the occasion, labour and farmers' unions gathered near Hanuman Mandir and carried out a protest march through the town. Participants raised slogans against imperialism and reiterated their commitment to fulfilling the ideals of th

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Sarpanch Murder Case: Main Accused, Wife Held with Contraband in Shahkot

MEHARJOT SINGH
SHAHKOT: In a major breakthrough, police in Shahkot have apprehended the prime accused in the high-profile murder of a village Sarpanch, along with his wife, and seized a significant quantity of illicit psychotropic pills from their possession. Addressing a press briefing, Superintendent of Police (Investigation) Vineet Ahlawat, accompanied by DSP Sukhpal Singh and SHOs Balwinder Singh and Labh Singh, shared details of the operation. They referred to the recent murder of Mohinder Singh, Sarpanch of Village Bute Dian Chhama, allegedly carried out by local drug peddlers. While several co-accused had already been arrested, the main accused had been absconding. The breakthrough came on March 22 when Sub-Inspector Kashmir Singh of Mehatpur police station received specific intelligence about the suspect's movement. Acting on the tip-off, police intercepted the accused, identified as Amandeep Singh alias Raja, along with his wife Kulddeep Kaur, near the grain market of Sangowal village. A search operation led to the recovery of 149 illicit intoxicating pills from their possession. A fresh FIR (No. 59) under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act has been registered against the duo. Police confirmed that Amandeep Singh has also been formally arrested in connection with the Sarpanch murder case, marking a significant development in the investigation.

Harley-Davidson launches new X440-T model in Himachal, redefining premium riding experience

SOLAN: A new era of style and power has arrived in Himachal Pradesh with the launch of the globally renowned motorcycle brand Harley-Davidson's latest model, the X440-T. The grand launch event was successfully held at the state's first Premium showroom, Runway Moto Dreamz, in Solan, drawing enthusiastic participation from bike lovers and riding enthusiasts. A large number of visitors gathered to witness the new retro cruiser up close, appreciating its robust build, striking road presence, and premium riding appeal. The launch event reflected the growing passion for high-end motorcycles in the region. The Harley-Davidson X440-T stands out with its classic retro cruiser design, making it well-suited for the challenging terrain of hill roads. It features switchable rear ABS for enhanced safety and switchable traction control for improved grip and control on difficult roads. The strong and stylish fuel tank design adds to its bold character, while the engine promises a smooth yet powerful riding experience. With its premium build quality, advanced features, and commanding presence, the X440-T is emerging as a strong contender in the premium motorcycle segment.

Income Tax Department Commemorates Shaheedi Diwas in Chandigarh



CHANDIGARH: Under the aegis of the Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, North West Region, Shri Ashok Kumar Saroha, the Income Tax Department solemnly commemorated the Shaheedi Diwas at the NITTR Auditorium, Sector 26, Chandigarh. On the occasion, the Department honoured and felicitated the families of martyrs from the region who made the supreme sacrifice in service of the Nation. The valour and sacrifice of Major Anuj Rajput, Captain Satish Chandra Sehgal, Captain Ramesh Chander Sharma, Lance Naik Harchand, and Lance Naik Vikram Singh were remembered with deep respect and gratitude. The programme was graced by senior officers of the Department, including the Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Panchkula & Shimla, Ms. Vidisha Kalra, I.R.S.; the Director General of Income Tax (Investigation), Ms. Vatsalaa Jha, I.R.S.; the Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Amritsar, Dr. G. S. Phani Kishore, I.R.S.; and the Chief Commissioner of Income Tax (OSD), Ms. Komal Joggal, I.R.S. A specially designed commemorative trophy was presented to the families of the martyrs as a token of the Department's enduring respect and gratitude. The cultural segment featured performances by students and teachers of Satluj Public School, including group and solo patriotic renditions. The performing arts group, Manthan, Chandigarh, presented a theatrical performance on Bhagat Singh and other freedom fighters, which deeply resonated with the audience. Earlier in the day, blood donation camps were organised at Aayakar Bhavan, Chandigarh and Panchkula in collaboration with PGMER, Chandigarh, the National Integrated Forum of Artists and Activists (NIFAA), led by Shri Rakesh Kumar Sangar, and the Shree Shiv Kanwar Mahasangh Charitable Trust. The programme was compered by Ms. Poonam Rai, I.R.S., and witnessed enthusiastic participation from officers and staff, making it a dignified and memorable tribute to the spirit of sacrifice and patriotism.

UTCA Organises 'Energy @ Synergy' prog for holistic development of players

CHANDIGARH: The UT Cricket Association organised the Energy @ Synergy program for players who represented BCCI tournaments during the 2025-26 season at JW Marriott, Sector 35 on Monday. In the keynote address, Sanjay Tandon, Founder President, UTCA and Governing Council, WPL (BCCI) said the event was organised to address players' shortcomings by motivating them through interactions with eminent speakers and experts, especially on mental stress and health. He said the initiative aims to make players mentally stronger, more confident, and better prepared for competitive pressure, and is planned to be an annual feature to boost performance, energy levels, and overall development. Aligning the tone, Suneel Kaswari urged the players to regard the UTCA management and support staff as their "social parents" as these professionals who nurture their talent, guide their discipline, and provide them with opportunities and platforms beyond the boundaries of their homes and families. He motivated the players to respect the system, trust their mentors, and make the most of the opportunities provided to them, reminding them that success in sports is not achieved alone, but through the support and guidance of many people who work behind the scenes. Keswari lauded the players not only for their physical strength but also stressed the importance of emotional and spiritual strength, which together create the aura of a complete player.

Manisha National Pool Championship to Bring India's Top Cueists to Ludhiana

SHARMA LUDDHIANA: The Punjab Billiards and Snooker Association (PBSA) will host the Manisha National Pool Championship 2026 (9-Ball & 10-Ball) from March 24 to April 4, 2026, in Ludhiana, Punjab. Organized under the aegis of the Billiards and Snooker Federation of India (BSFI), the championship will feature the country's finest cueists competing across Men, Women, and Under-21 Boys & Girls categories. With a total prize pool of ₹6,00,000, the tournament stands as one of India's premier national-level pool events and will serve as a key selection platform for international representation. The Championship will be inaugurated tomorrow evening March 24th at 5 pm, by Shri. Rajan Khinvasara, CMD of Manisha Group and Ex-President, BSFI, in the presence of Shri. Sunil Bajaj, General Secretary of BSFI, and Smt. Ashwini Purnak, Vice-President, BSFI, Padma Shri & Padma Bhushan Pankaj Advani 28 Times World Champion. According to Sandeep Jalota, Treasurer of PBSA, the championship will witness participation from over 20 states, with over 300 players expected to participate, bringing together a high-caliber field of established champions and emerging talent. Key players expected to compete include: With a strong blend of legacy, elite competition, and national representation, the Manisha National Pool Championship 2026 is set to be a landmark event in India's cue sports calendar, further strengthening the pathway from national excellence to global success.

IndiGo Appoints Alok Singh as Chief Strategy Officer

CHANDIGARH: The Board of InterGlobe Aviation (IndiGo) today approved and announced the appointment of Mr. Alok Singh as Chief Strategy Officer. In this role, Mr. Singh will lead the Company's long-term strategic planning function and drive enterprise-wide transformation initiatives focused on accelerating growth, enhancing operational efficiency and strengthening competitive positioning in a rapidly evolving global aviation landscape. He will partner closely with the leadership team on cross-functional priorities designed to improve agility, elevate customer experience and deliver sustainable shareholder value. Mr. Singh brings over three decades of aviation industry experience spanning Strategy, Planning, Operations and Commercial functions. He has a proven track record of leading complex operational and cultural transformation, driving rapid growth and managing large-scale expansion programmes. More recently, Mr. Singh served as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Air India Express, where he played a pivotal role in the airline's transformation, delivering operational improvements and driving rapid growth.

Divine Transformation Begins: Shri Naina Devi to Shine as North India's First 'White City'



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BILASPUR: In a visionary move set to redefine spiritual tourism, the revered Sri Naina Devi Ji Temple is poised to be transformed into a stunning 'White City', marking a new chapter in its rich legacy as a prominent Shakti Peeth of North India. The ambitious pilot project, recently approved, aims to drape the entire temple town in a pristine white hue—creating a unified, serene, and spiritually uplifting landscape. Temple Trust Chairman and Sub Division Magistrate Dharampal Chaudhary shared that the development draws inspiration from iconic destinations like Anandpur Sahib and Udaipur, known for their distinct architectural identity. Once implemented, the entire Naina Devi region will glow in a mesmerizing milky-white radiance at night, offering devotees an ethereal and unforgettable experience. Beyond aesthetics, the project also focuses on enhancing infrastructure, safety, and overall convenience for pilgrims. Modern facilities and improved security arrangements are set to elevate the pilgrimage experience, ensuring comfort alongside devotion. Recognizing the importance of community participation, the Temple Trust plans to involve local residents in maintaining uniformity and preserving the sanctity of the initiative. Their cooperation will play a vital role in shaping this grand transformation. This landmark initiative is expected to significantly boost religious tourism, attract visitors from across the country, and invigorate the local economy.

Sanjay Tandon pays tributes to Swami Chandrapal Anarya, hails his lifelong service to humanity



CHANDIGARH: Senior BJP leader Sanjay Tandon on Monday paid heartfelt tributes to Adi Dharm Guru Swami Chandrapal Anarya Ji while attending his last rites, offering a respectful farewell to the revered spiritual leader. Expressing deep sorrow over the demise, Tandon said that Swami Ji dedicated his entire life to social service, spiritual awakening and the upliftment of humanity. "His ideals and teachings will continue to inspire generations to come," he remarked. Tandon extended his sincere condolences to the bereaved family members and followers of Swami Ji during this difficult time. He prayed to the almighty to grant strength and courage to all those grieving the irreparable loss.

Highlighting the teachings of Bhagwan Valmiki Ji Maharaj, Tandon noted that they guide society on the path of truth, righteousness and moral conduct. "Following these noble ideals, Swami Chandrapal Anarya Ji worked tirelessly to spread awareness and bring positive transformation within society," he added. He further stated that Swami Ji's contributions towards fostering social harmony and spiritual consciousness will always be remembered with reverence. Praying for eternal peace, Tandon said, "May the Almighty grant the departed soul a place at His divine feet and provide solace to all those mourning this profound loss."

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/General, North Western Railway, Bikaner for & on behalf of the President of India invites E-tenders for the following work (1) Tender Notice No. 36-EL-BN-E-Tender-25-26 Name of work: Electrical work in c/w augmentation of 9F shelter at 15 Nos. HSCG stations (Gogamari, Mandi Chakrawal, Mahendragarh, Chakkri Daud, Koshi, Shaloti, Mandi-Adampur, Anuggarh, Hansi, Kalanwali, Raisingnagar, Elnahad, Gasingpur, Hanumangarh Town & Jaitpur) over Bikaner Division (Total 81 Bays at 23 PPs). Approx Cost: ₹ 2,89,07,226/- EMD/SD: ₹ 2,94,500/- Tender Document Cost: Nil (1) Complete details of tenders can be seen on website: <http://www.rwgs.gov.in> (2) Date and time of closing E-Tender: 13.04.2026 at 15:00 Hrs. (3) Date and time of opening E-Tender: 13.04.2026 after 15:00 Hrs. 406/02/26

NORTHERN RAILWAY
CORRIGENDUM
The e-Auction Notice published on 21.03.2026 for contract leasing of parcel space (4 MT/3.9 MT) in SLR/SLRD compartments of Brake Vans in various Mail/Express Trains over Ambala Division vide Auction Catalogue No. UMB-SLR-05-2026 (04 lots) dated 16.03.2026 stands withdrawn with immediate effect.

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AXIS BANK LTD. Retail Asset Centre: AXIS Bank Ltd. 2nd Floor, Property 7-E, Municipal Colony, 114276, Malhar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana - 141001.
Corporate Office: Axis House, Block 6, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana - 141001.
Merg. Work, Mumbai-400025, Registered Office: "Ankur", 3rd floor, opposite Samarthwara Temple, Law Garden, Ludhiana - 141006

[RULE-8(1)] (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)
Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFESI Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinbefore calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on lender under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account.

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

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

Name of Borrower/Guarantor/Address	Demand Notice No.	Date of Possession
1. Mr. Lakha Singh S/o Jaginder Singh (Borrower/Mortgagor) and 2. Mr. Sikander Singh S/o Lakha Singh (Co-Borrower)	1419-Feb-2025 Rs.249682/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lacs Seventy Thousand and Eighty Seven Only)	20th-Mar-2026

Description Of Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of the Residential Property House built upon Plot having No.12, measuring 81 Sq Yds. Comprised in Khata No.11/142/11/25, 11/16, 11/26, 26/27, 11/23/1, 11/14/1, 11/15 min. Khata Khata No. 11/3/218 to 224/1, 753/1078, as per Jamabandi for the year 2018-2019 situated at Village Kala, Ghoghar, Sub-Urban Navi Abadi Ghoghar (Sunny Enclave), Tehsil-Amritsar-2, District-Amritsar registered in the name of Sh. Lakha Singh S/o S. Joginder Singh vide Sale Deed having document No. 2022-23/93/1-9690 dated 28-10-2022. **Saleable (For Sale Deed), East-Other Owner: West-Street 24' Wide North-Plot No.12-A. Boundaries: Plot No. 11**

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

Dated: 24.03.2026, Place: Ludhiana 56/- Authorized Officer: Axis Bank Ltd

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

The Executive Engineer Bhamour Division, HPPWD Bhamour-176315 on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the online bids on item rate in electronic tendering system in 2 covers for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved class of contractors/Firm registered with HPPWD.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Cost of tender form (Rs.)	Class	Completion period
1	Annual Maintenance of Holi to Sulkar road km 0/000 to 4/500 under AMP for the year 2026-27 (Village Road) (SH- Providing and laying 30mm thick Bituminous concrete in km 2/000 to 3/500).	2043099/-	40862/-	500/-	C & D	Three Month
2	Annual Maintenance of Lamu to Phali road km 0/000 to 4/000 under AMP for the year 2026-27 (Village Road) (SH- Providing and laying 30mm thick Bituminous concrete in km 0/000 to 0/400).	541553/-	10831/-	350/-	C & D	Three Month
3	Special repair of Girl Hostel at GSSS Bhamour. SH: Old Boundary wall RCC gutter repair toilet, PUF aluminum window, painting work plinth, protection supply of dining table and others Minor repair work	3016111/-	60322/-	2000/-	C & D	Three Month
4	Annual Maintenance of Link road to Village Kuleth road km 0/000 to 1/700 under AMP for the year 2026-27 (Village Road) (SH- Providing and laying 30mm thick Bituminous concrete in km 0/000 to 1/000).	1250913/-	25018/-	500/-	C & D	Three Month
5	Annual Maintenance of Deol to Kiur (T-01 to Guxala) km 0/000 to 7/000 under AMP for the year 2026-27 (Village Road) (SH- Providing and laying 30mm thick Bituminous concrete in km 0/000 to 2/000).	2756838/-	55137/-	2000/-	C & D	Three Month
6	Block A regarding retrofitting of Govt. Sen. Sec. School Mehla SH: Special repair work	682448/-	13700/-	350/-	C & D	Three Month
7	Block B regarding retrofitting of Govt. Sen. Sec. School Mehla SH: Special repair work	1387032/-	27800/-	500/-	C & D	Three Month
8	Block C regarding retrofitting of Govt. Sen. Sec. School Mehla SH: Special repair work	1158022/-	23200/-	500/-	C & D	Three Month
9	Block D regarding retrofitting of Govt. Sen. Sec. School Mehla SH: Special repair work	1211670/-	24300/-	500/-	C & D	Three Month

Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online on website <http://tenders.gov.in>. The bidders are advised to note the other details of the tenders from the website <http://tenders.gov.in>.

Key Dates:-

1	Date/Time of online publication	30.03.2026
2	Documents download Start and end date/time	30.03.2026 11:00 AM to 04.04.2026 11:00 AM
3	Bid submission Start and end date/time	30.03.2026 11:00 AM to 04.04.2026 11:00 AM
4	Date of technical bid opening	04.04.2026 at 3:00 AM

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid up date the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the bids without declaring any reasons therefor.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Bhamour Division
HPPWD Bhamour

DPR-HP-7359/2025-2026

HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED
Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) Of The Sarfesi Act, 2002

Regd. Office: "Rachita", 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-380029 Branch Office: SCO 70, 1st Floor, Sector 47 - D, Chandigarh-160047

You the below mentioned borrower, co-borrowers and guarantors have availed loan(s) financial facility(ies) from HDB Financial Services Limited by mortgaging your immovable properties (secureties) and defaulted in repayment of the same. Consequently your loan was classified as non-performing asset. Subsequently, the Company has issued demand notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the Act), the contents of which are being published herewith as per section 13(2) of the act read with Rule 3(1) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 as and by way of alternate service upon you. Details of the borrowers, co-borrowers, loan account no., loan amount, demand notice under section 13(2) date, amount claimed in the notice, NPA date and securities are given as under:

(1) NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BORROWER/CO-BORROWER/GUARANTOR; (2) LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBER; (3) LOAN AMOUNT; (4) DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE; (5) CLAIMED AMOUNT IN INR; (6) DETAILS OF SECURITIES; (7) NPA

NAME OF THE BORROWER & CO-Borrowers : 1. Parveen Kumar Mehta S/o Ramesh Chander Mehta H No 2565 US Chowk Katra Khazana Opp Nath Mandir Amritsar-143001 And Aashop "Bubby Paint Store Main Bazar Katra Khazana Wala Gate Near Mahajan Hospital, Circular Road, Amritsar-01312 2. Poonam Mehta D/o Ratan Singh Ali H No 2565 US Chowk Katra Khazana Opp Nath Mandir Amritsar-143001 LOAN ACCOUNT NO.744043 LOAN AMOUNT: Rs.3417478/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Eight Only) DEMAND NOTICE DATE: 16.03.2026. AMOUNT CLAIMED: Rs.1081978.14/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Eight and Paise Fourteen Only) as of: 10.03.2026 and future contractual interest till actual realization together with incidental expenses, cost and charges etc. NPA Date: 04.03.2026. DETAILS OF SECURITY: All that piece and parcel of Property bearing no 173 min measuring North: 56.4 H South: 58.8 East: 56.9 West: 65.67.5 min measuring total area of 418 Sq Yds bearing Khazana no 428 min situated in the area of Tughalba Urban Abadi Green Avenue Development Scheme Amritsar Improvement Trust Amritsar bounded East: Remaining portion of plot no 173 min West: Road 16.8 min North: Plot no 172 South: Road 40 ft wide

NAME OF THE BORROWER & CO-Borrowers : 1. H. K. Jaspal Singh H.K. Jaspal Singh, 31-A Batti Hatti New Shop No. 22619 New IDH Market Amritsar-143001 And Also Property Plot Private No 109 Measuring Towards East & West 34 Feet North & South 60 Feet, Total Measuring 226.66 Amritsar-143001 And Also 62/16/1/1, 192, 62/11/1, 11/2, 18, 62/20, 17, 14/1 min Khata Khatori no 145249, 250, 341/590, 342/591, 343/592, Jamabandi year 2017-18, Owned by Harjit Kaur W/o Jaspal Singh W/o Jaspal Singh vide sale deed no. 2022-23/93/1-9623 dated 04.10.2022 Bounded as East: Vicant Plot no 94, West: Road; North: House no 108, South: Road, situated at Village Muradpura Abadi Thakur Ji Vihar Near Silver City, Janta & District Amritsar

NAME OF THE BORROWER & CO-Borrowers : 1. Baldev Enterprises, Near Janta Nagar Shimlaque H. No.8948 Near Chand Marriage Palace St No 3 Kaulgarh Road Ludhiana-141003 And Also: Khazara No-88790004 Khatta No-158/330 Situated At Vill Gull-1 H B No-263 Ludhiana-141003 2. Jagjit Singh S/o Mandeep Kaur Both R/o H No: 1839/241 Street Number 11 Suraj Nagar Shimlapur Ludhiana-141003. LOAN ACCOUNT NO. : 45635724 LOAN AMOUNT: RS. 2330000/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Thirty Thousand Only) DEMAND NOTICE DATE: 16.03.2026. AMOUNT CLAIMED: Rs.2231516.2/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Five Hundred Sixteen and Paise Twenty Two) as of: 10.03.2026 and future contractual interest till actual realization together with incidental expenses, cost and charges etc. NPA Date: 04.03.2026. DETAILS OF SECURITY: All that piece and parcel of Property Measuring 80 Sq Yds. Comprised in Khazara No. 88790004, Khatta No. 158/330 as per Jamabandi for the year 2010-2011, Situated at Village Gull-H, H B No 263, Abadi known as Near Shimlapur, Teh. & Distt. Ludhiana Owned by Mandeep Kaur D/o Sh. Baldev Singh and Jagjit Singh S/o Sh. Gurdip Singh

You the borrower/co-borrowers and guarantors are therefore called upon to make payment of the above mentioned demanded amount with further interest as mentioned herein above in full within 60 days of this notice failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to take action under the act to enforce the above-mentioned securities. (Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (B) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.) Please note that as per section 13(1) of the said Act, you are restrained from transferring the above-referred securities by way of sale, lease or otherwise without our consent and any non-compliance of section 13(1) of the Act is punishable under section 29 of the said Act.

FOR ANY QUERY PLEASE CONTACT MR. Amandeep Kalia M-98992254 & NIKHIL KISHORE 789442536

Place: Punjab Date: 24.03.2026 Sd/- For HDB Financial Services Limited, Authorized Officer

Census work must be carried out with responsibility and transparency: Dr Lalit Jain

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Haryana Census Director Dr Lalit Jain emphasized that census work, being a crucial national responsibility, must be carried out with complete accountability, transparency, and integrity. He directed officials to take the task seriously and ensure that all preparations are completed within the stipulated timeline through effective coordination.

Dr Jain was chairing a review meeting held at the district secretariat on Monday to assess preparations for Census 2027. He informed that the upcoming census will be conducted entirely through digital means, ensuring greater transparency, speed, and accuracy. He stressed the need to equip officials and staff with the required technical skills to handle the digital process efficiently.

He further stated that there is no scope for negligence in such an important exercise and urged all appointed officials and employees to discharge their duties with utmost responsibility. He highlighted that census data forms the foundation of national development, making accuracy and reliability of data extremely critical.

During the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Abhishek Meena briefed about the preparations undertaken in the district. He informed that field trainers have already been trained and duty allocation has been completed. Necessary arrangements are also being made to ensure smooth execution of the digital census process.

The Deputy Commissioner assured that



the district administration is fully committed to successfully conducting the census and that all departments will work in coordination to complete the process on time.

Dr Jain also called for awareness campaigns to educate the public about the impor-

ance of census work. He suggested organizing activities such as speech and quiz competitions in schools to encourage students to spread awareness among their families about the significance and reliability of census data.

SDM Rewari Suresh Kumar, SDM Kosli Vijay Kumar Yadav, SDM Bawal Manoj Kumar, CTM Jitender Kumar, District Coordinator Deepak Kumar, Training Nodal Officer Amit Kumar, and other officials were present at the meeting.

"I play a very intense role": Kalki Koechlin on working in upcoming series 'Anarth'

Alia Bhatt lauds Ranveer Singh starrer Dhurandhar



Actor Alia Bhatt congratulated the makers of 'Dhurandhar' for their "historic run" at the box office after the impressive response of 'Dhurandhar: The Revenge' worldwide. Taking to her Instagram handle, Alia Bhatt shared a still from 'Dhurandhar: The Revenge' featuring the emotional homecoming scene of Ranveer in the movie. While sharing the snap, the actress wrote, "Jaskirat Singh Rangi and this moment... is everything. The magic of the director and the actor in complete sync! Congratulations, Team Dhurandhar, for this historic run at the movies." by Jio Studios

and B62 Studios, 'Dhurandhar: The Revenge', the latest instalment in the franchise, was released in theatres on March 19.

After its release, the film has garnered praise from members of the film fraternity, including SS Rajamouli, Ram Gopal Varma, Anupam Kher and others. Kangana Ranaut lauded Dhar's achievement, calling him a "superstar filmmaker" and emphasizing his growing influence. She noted that in global cinema, directors such as Steven Spielberg, Quentin Tarantino and Christopher Nolan are often regarded as central creative forces, suggesting Dhar's

success could inspire emerging filmmakers. Filmmaker SS Rajamouli praised the project for "hitting it out of the park," while Rakesh Roshan credited it with ushering in "a new era of filmmaking". Actors including Mahesh Babu, Jr NTR and Allu Arjun also expressed their admiration. The film features an ensemble cast, including Sanjay Dutt, R. Madhavan, Rakesh Bedi and Arjun Rampal, among others. The movie was directed by Aditya Dhar and stars R Madhavan, Arjun Rampal, Rakesh Bedi and Sanjay Dutt in the lead roles.

Hungama OTT's Zung Dives into a Twisted Game of Desire, Deceit and Deadly Secrets

AMRITSAR : Hungama OTT launched its latest crime drama, Zung, a gripping crime drama that premiered on 18 March 2026. Set against the stark, unforgiving landscape of the Alang Ship Breaking Yard in Gujarat, the series brings together a story steeped in betrayal, survival and buried truths.

At the heart of Zung is Kaveri, a lonely housewife stuck in a loveless marriage with her quiet, unassuming husband Bakul. In search of an emotional escape, she begins a secret relationship with a scrappy worker. What begins as a fleeting moment of connection quickly spirals into blackmail, pulling her into a dangerous spiral of crime, manipulation and murder. As the situation intensifies, the investigation is led by Inspector Sarthak, a man who shares a complicated past with Kaveri. With every layer he uncovers, the truth grows darker. What emerges is a chilling revelation — Kaveri has been unknowingly caught in a far larger game, one orchestrated by her own husband, who is secretly running a powerful drug empire and using her as a pawn to eliminate his enemies.

As loyalties fracture and danger closes in, Kaveri is forced to confront the reality of her circumstances. Pushed to the edge, she makes a choice that changes everything — stepping out of the shadows and into a final, deadly confrontation in the heart of the Alang shipyard, where survival comes at its ultimate cost.

Pavitra Punia, who essays the role of Kaveri, said, "Kaveri is an incredibly layered character who goes through a very intense emotional journey. At first, she appears vulnerable and trapped in circumstances beyond her control, but as the story unfolds, her resilience begins to shape. What drew me to this role was how the narrative explores a woman's fight for freedom and survival in a world filled with betrayal, manipulation and danger."

Zohaib Ashraf, who portrays Sarthak, the police officer leading the investigation, added, "Zung is a gripping crime thriller that keeps audiences guessing at every turn. Playing a police officer in a story filled with secrets, betrayal and unexpected twists made it both challenging and exciting. What makes the show particularly compelling is how the investigation gradually unravels a much deeper and darker truth keeps raising the stakes."

Sandeep Anand, who plays Bakul's business partner Nakul, shared, "My character, Nakul, is closely connected to the larger world of power and crime that unfolds in the story. What I found most fascinating about Zung is how every character has layers and hidden motives. The narrative constantly shifts, and viewers will realize that things are never as simple as they first appear."



Fashion, Fame and 20 Years of Max Fashion: Kalki Koechlin, Siddhant Chaturvedi and Alaya F Take Over Lakmé Fashion Week



CHANDIGARH : Two decades, millions of wardrobes, and countless style moments later, Max didn't just celebrate its anniversary it threw a full-blown fashion party on one of India's most iconic runways. The lights dimmed. The music dropped. And just like that, the runway stopped being a runway. What unfolded over 35 looks was less a traditional fashion show and more a living, breathing snapshot of how young India actually dresses. Experimental. Confident. Unapologetically itself. Three names lit up the stage. Three very different energies. One unmistakable message. Siddhant Chaturvedi, Alaya F and Kalki Koechlin. The showcase opened on an electrifying note as Siddhant Chaturvedi stepped onto the runway, instantly transforming the fashion show into a moment of culture and performance. With the beat dropping and the lights shifting, Siddhant set the tone for the Max Urban segment bringing his signature swagger, spontaneity and effortless cool to the stage. As the energy carried forward, Alaya F took over the runway for the Urban showcase. Radiating confidence and playful attitude, she embodied the bold, expressive spirit of the line. Her walk felt vibrant and instinctive, the kind of fashion moment that reminds you style today is about personality, experimentation and owning the room. Siddhant returned to the runway once again, this time transitioning into the brand's core aesthetic. Moving from the high-energy urban mood into a more relaxed and versatile fashion narrative, his second appearance reflected Max's approach to contemporary everyday style effortless, confident and easy to wear. Kalki Koechlin stepped onto the runway for the core segment as the showstopper, bringing with her an unmistakable sense of individuality and quiet power. With her poised presence and distinctive style, Kalki commanded the runway, adding a striking elegance to the showcase. The evening culminated in a celebratory grand finale as Kalki Koechlin was joined by Siddhant Chaturvedi and Alaya F on the runway, bringing all three brand ambassadors together. The trio closed the show in a vibrant, high-energy moment that felt less like an ending and more like a celebration of fashion, personality and the spirit of Max. At the heart of the showcase was "Unserious Everything," a concept that blends thoughtful craftsmanship with a playful, carefree attitude to fashion. The collection unfolded through three key style directions, Urban, Sports Core and Core Casual, reflecting an effortless and expressive approach to modern dressing.

Fabindia celebrates Chikankari with The Second Verse of 'The Song of Spring'

CHANDIGARH : Fabindia, India's leading lifestyle brand, has announced the launch of Spring 2026 campaign, 'The Song of Spring,' featuring the new Chikankari collection. It spans diverse categories including Ethnic and Western styles for Men, Women, and Kids. Reimagining centuries-old embroidery for the modern wardrobe, the collection fuses traditional craftsmanship with bold textile innovation.

Moving beyond classic pastels, the range introduces a vibrant palette of plum, berry, and fuchsia across cotton, crepe and yarn-dyed textures. From versatile co-ord sets and tailored vests to fluid resort dresses and saris, the silhouettes offer a sophisticated mix of heritage and "sharp" contemporary style. The collection's centerpiece is a striking monochrome series, using high-contrast black-and-white embroidery to transform this traditional craft into a bold, modern statement. While commenting on the launch, a Fabindia spokesperson said: "Behind every thread is a heartbeat: behind every pattern, a lifetime of devotion. To provide deeper context to the craftsmanship, we have released a film highlighting the master craftspeople within the artisan clusters. It offers an intimate lens into our cluster communities, going behind the stitches to reveal the patience and precision that define Chikankari. It is a tribute to the human element, the master craftspeople who transform a rhythmic needle-pull into a cultural legacy." Extending this vision to the entire family, the collection features menswear highlighted by long and short kurtas and shirts with intricate yoke embroidery and ombre finishes alongside a vibrant kids' line with all-over embroidered kurtas and checkered shirts in a palette of sun-washed yellows, tender pinks, and breezy blues. Every garment in the collection is verified by the Craftmark Tag, ensuring the authenticity of the hand-crafted work, across all 350+ stores. The full range is now available at over 350 Fabindia stores nationwide and online at www.fabindia.com.



Amanda Peet reveals Stage I Breast Cancer diagnosis

Actress Amanda Peet has publicly shared her breast cancer journey in a heartfelt note, revealing how the diagnosis coincided with her parents' final days. The piece, titled 'My Season of Ativan', provides an intimate account of the actor's medical experiences, family challenges, and treatment process. As per Deadline, Peet, known for her roles in 'Something's Gotta Give' and 'Your Friends & Neighbors', wrote in an essay for The New Yorker that she had been undergoing biannual breast checkups when a routine scan prior to Labour Day last year raised concerns. "Dr. K. usually chatted me up while she examined me, but this time she went silent," Peet recounted. Following a biopsy, she immediately

sensed something was wrong as her doctor personally delivered the sample to Cedars-Sinai Pathology. The initial report revealed a small tumor, prompting further tests to determine its receptor status, which Peet described as crucial in assessing the cancer's severity. She shared the anxious moments spent waiting for results alongside her husband, Game of Thrones co-creator David Benioff. The news brought relief: Peet's cancer was hormone-receptor-positive and HER2-negative, considered more favourable for treatment. Despite the encouraging results, a subsequent MRI revealed a second mass in the same breast, delaying a planned lumpectomy and requiring an MRI-guided bi-

opsy. Peet described the procedure as "excruciating", likening the process to a "perverse game of Battleship" due to the precision required, as per Deadline.

Fortunately, the second mass was benign, and her treatment was limited to a lumpectomy and radiation, avoiding chemotherapy or a double mastectomy. Peet confirmed her cancer was Stage I.

Reflecting on the radiation treatment, Peet admitted it was largely manageable but noted discomfort toward the end. "Radiation wasn't bad compared with Tom's waffle iron, until the last stretch, when my nipple became charred and blistered, like an over-roasted marshmallow," she wrote, as quoted by Deadline.



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