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Lawyer and former AAP leader HS Phoolka joins BJP

NEW DELHI: Senior Supreme Court advocate and former Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader H S Phoolka, best known for representing 1984 anti-Sikh riots victims in their quest for justice, joined the BJP on Wednesday. The move is being seen as a shot in the BJP's arm as it gears up to oust the AAP government from Punjab in the Assembly polls due next year.
Phoolka joined the party in the presence of Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Delhi minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa, BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh, Punjab unit chief Sunil Jakhar and party chief spokesperson Anil Baluni.

GST collection records uptick of 8.2pc at Rs 1.78 lakh cr in March

NEW DELHI: The net Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections for the month of March increased to Rs 1.78 lakh crore registering an uptick of 8.2pc compared to the previous month, official data released on Wednesday said.
Gross GST revenue for March stood at Rs 2 lakh crore, which is an 8.8pc increase over the same month last year.
The refunds for March totalled Rs 0.22 lakh crore, up 13.8pc on a year-on-year basis, which resulted in net GST collections of Rs 1.78 lakh crore while the domestic GST revenue reached Rs 1.46 lakh crore, registering a growth of 5.9pc.
Further, the revenue from imports was recorded at Rs 0.54 lakh crore, rising sharply by 17.8% during the period.
Those states who recorded uptick in the post-settlement SGST collections were Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, among others.

Chd Admn seeks panel of HCS officers for deputation

CHANDIGARH: The Haryana Government has invited consent from Haryana Civil Service (Executive Branch) officers who are willing to serve on deputation in the Chandigarh Administration.
A letter in this regard has been issued by Chief Secretary Sh. Anurag Rastogi.
According to the letter, the Chandigarh Administration has requested the Haryana Government to send a panel of HCS (Executive Branch) officers who have a minimum of five years of service seniority and are willing to work on deputation in the Chandigarh Administration.
In this connection, the state government is required to prepare a panel of three HCS officers with appropriate seniority.

CBI registers fresh case against Reliance Com, Anil Ambani

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NEW DELHI: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Wednesday said it has registered another case against Reliance Communications, Anil Dhirajlal Ambani and others on allegations of causing a wrongful loss of Rs 3,750 crore to the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC). The FIR was registered on April 1 based on a complaint received from LIC, alleging offences of criminal conspiracy, cheating, misappropriation, and violations under the Prevention of Corruption Act. According to the CBI, LIC was allegedly induced to subscribe to Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) worth Rs 4,500 crore on the basis of false representations made by Reliance Communications .

ATF hike for domestic airlines limited to 8.5%, commercial LPG prices rise

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Aviation turbine fuel (ATF) prices for domestic airlines were raised by a calibrated 8.5 per cent on Wednesday, instead of more than doubling as warranted by a war-driven surge in global oil prices, even as rates for commercial LPG and premium petrol were also increased amid firm energy trends.

ATF or jet fuel for domestic carriers was hiked by Rs 8,289.04 per kilolitre, or 8.56 per cent, to Rs 1,04,927.18 per kl from Rs 96,638.14 per kl last month, according to state-owned oil firms.

Domestic airlines will pay half of what foreign airlines, as well as other carriers such as non-scheduled, ad hoc, and charter, would pay. For them, the prices have gone up by Rs 1,10,703.08 per kl, or 114.5 per cent, to Rs 2,07,341.22 per kl.

Alongside, rates of commercial LPG - the other petroleum product apart from ATF, whose pricing is deregulated - were increased by Rs 195.50 per 19-kg cylinder.

Price of select premium, or branded petrol and diesel, which make up for 2-5 per cent of all auto fuels sold in the country, too, was increased by Rs 1.50 a litre to Rs 92.99 for 'Extra Green' diesel and by Rs 11 to Rs 160 a litre for 100 octane petrol (XP100).

Prices of normal, or unbranded petrol and diesel, remain unchanged, and so do the rates of domestic cooking gas LPG.

The Petroleum Ministry stated that while the international oil prices have jumped to over USD 100 per barrel in one month, "only a partial and staggered increase of 25 per cent (only Rs 15 per litre or Rs 15,000 per kl)" was being passed on to airlines. The Civil Aviation Ministry also endorsed the number.

The difference between the two was explained by Sujata Sharma, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, as one was the final rate inclusive of all levies and taxes, while the 25 per cent number was the increase on the "base price" of ATF.

At a media briefing, Sharma said a calibrated approach has been taken on revision of ATF prices so as to have minimal impact, while Asangba Chuba Ao, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation, said the move would ensure that carriers' domestic operational costs remain manageable and will not lead to the levy of additional fuel surcharge on airline tickets.

With the partial hike in ATF price, airlines would recalibrate their pricing and the move prevents a potential industry-wide crisis, he added.

The jet fuel price rise is likely to further strain airlines, which are already burning more fuel in taking longer routes for flying to Western destinations due to the war. Fuel makes up around 40 per cent of an airline's operating cost. Explaining the rationale for the jet fuel price hike, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, in a post on X, said ATF prices in India were deregulated in 2001 and are revised on a monthly basis, based on a formula of international benchmarks. "Due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz and extraordinary situation in global energy markets, the price of ATF for domestic markets was expected to increase by more than 100 per cent on April 1," it said. "In order to insulate the domestic travel costs from the substantial increase in international prices, PSU Oil Marketing Companies of the Ministry of Petroleum.

Protests escalate at Punjab-Himachal border over toll, demanding full waiver



UNI
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 1

Tensions flared at the Punjab-Himachal Pradesh border on Wednesday as protesters intensified their agitation against the hike in entry toll taxes.

Despite the Himachal Pradesh government's decision to roll back the increased rates following public pressure, members of the 'Ilaka Bachao Sangharsh Committee' and various socio-political organizations continued their stir, demanding a total abolition of the toll tax.

The protest led to a massive road blockade on the Mehatpur and Nangal-Anandpur Sahib routes, disrupting traffic for several hours.

The protesters, including representatives from various political parties, religious bodies, and social groups, alleged that the state government has "deceived" the public with its new notification. While the government claimed to have restored old rates, agitators pointed out a discrepancy in the figures. According to the protesters, the toll, which was originally 70, was hiked to 100. Although there were reports of a 100 reduction, the actual relief provided was reportedly only 70, effectively maintaining the new rate of 100 per vehicle starting April 1.

The Ilaka Bachao Sangharsh Morcha has issued a stern warning to the Himachal Pradesh administration, stating that their struggle will persist until the toll is completely scrapped. Leaders of the front accused the Himachal government of being "arrogant" due to its flourishing tourism industry and even appealed to travelers to visit other states instead. The Morcha further threatened to show black flags to Himachal ministers during any of their upcoming visits to Punjab, signaling a further escalation of the conflict. The situation at the toll plaza became particularly tense when Nihang Sikh organizations intervened, briefly stopping toll employees from issuing slips to vehicles. For a period, vehicles were allowed to pass through the border without paying any fee as the Nihang groups insisted that no charges be collected until a final, favorable decision is reached by the government. Gurdyal Singh, an official from the toll plaza company, confirmed to the media that the revised rates, effectively setting multiple slip categories to a flat 100, have been implemented, and the displayed rate lists are being updated accordingly.

Fruit Production, natural farming to boost farmers' income: Haryana CM

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini, while chairing a review meeting of the officers of the Agriculture and Horticulture Departments on Tuesday, laid special emphasis on crop diversification, horticulture and expansion of high-value fruit crops to enhance farmers' income. He directed that cluster-based farming models be developed in the state in accordance with soil and climatic conditions to ensure higher productivity and better returns to farmers in a shorter time.



The Chief Minister said that, alongside traditional crops, fruit cultivation should be promoted on a large scale. He directed officers concerned to identify suitable areas and develop clusters for key fruit crops such as strawberry, lemon, guava and dragon fruit. Acknowledging the growing market demand and remunerative prices of these fruits, he stressed linking farmers with production, availability of planting material, processing and marketing to ensure a significant increase in their income.

He further directed promotion of tissue culture-based production of crops such as arhar, soybean, groundnut, pulses, fruit crops and sugarcane. He said that the agricultural and horticultural potential of each district should be scientifically assessed. The government's objective, he added, is to connect farmers with multi-cropping, multi-product and high-value farming systems to create sustainable income opportunities.

The Chief Minister directed that new hybrid and high-yielding varieties of cotton (narma), mustard, arhar, soybean, groundnut and pulses be developed. He also called for promoting research on seeds and planting materials that can withstand hailstorms, climate change and adverse weather conditions. He said that land available with agricultural universities, colleges and at the panchayat level should be identified for research and trials so that new varieties and technologies can be tested under local conditions and quickly disseminated among farmers. He also directed that students and research institutions be actively involved to accelerate innovation.

Punjab govt spent Rs 3847 cr on rural development in four years: CM Mann

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 1

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Wednesday presented a report card of his government's works for rural development and panchayats, highlighting higher spending on the development of villages in the state.

Addressing the media under the 'Shandaar Char Saal Bhagwant Mann de naal' campaign, Mann said in the past four years, his government spent Rs 3,847 crore on rural development as against Rs 1,883 crore spent during the previous Congress government.

He was accompanied by Rural Development and Panchayat Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond.

The chief minister further said Rs 1,030 crore was spent on panchayat buildings, libraries, Anganwadi centres, sports grounds, streets and other development works in villages.

He said Rs 1,336 crore was spent on drinking water supply, sanitation, solid waste management and other works. "These funds were released through zila parishads, panchayat samitis and panchayats", he added.

Mann further said that 3,000 sports grounds are coming up in the state, involving an outlay of Rs 1,166 crore.

"The work on 2,400 sports grounds is underway," he said, adding that it will be completed by June He further



said 500 panchayat bhawans have been set at Rs 125 crore, and 231 rural libraries have been set up in villages.

On the issue of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), he said during the past four years, Rs 5,146 crore has been spent as against Rs 4,708 crore spent during 2017-2022.

In 2025-26, a total of 63,357 new job cards were issued under the MGNREGA, Mann added. The chief minister also said that his government had earlier brought a resolution in the state Assembly against the change brought in the MGNREGA scheme by the Centre.Mann said work on cleaning 17,080 village ponds is underway. "Dewatering of 13,414 village ponds has been done so far," he added. Villages are supporting the 'Yudh Nashian Virudh' campaign, he said on his government's anti-drug drive. "Many villages in the state are now 100 per cent drug-free," he claimed.

Blast outside Punjab BJP office in Chandigarh, no casualty

CHANDIGARH: A low intensity explosion was reported outside Punjab BJP office in Sector 37 on Wednesday afternoon . After getting information about the incident, police and fire brigade officials rushed to the spot and launched an investigation. There is a situation of fear after this incident. Police have cordoned off the entire area and started investigation. CCTV cameras are being scanned.



According to information, a scooty was parked outside the Punjab BJP headquarters in Sector 37 at around 5 pm and it is suspected the battery of vehicle was exploded. No one was injured in the blast. Chandigarh SSP and IG Pushpendra Kumar were also present on the occasion.. There is no damage inside the BJP office. Fire brigades, dog squads and bomb squads have also been called to the spot. A forensic team is also present on the spot and samples are being collected.

HAFED clarifies sunflower seed MSP error

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, APR 1

The Haryana State Cooperative Supply and Marketing Federation Limited (HAFED) on Wednesday issued a strong clarification regarding a report published in a leading national Hindi daily concerning the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for sunflower seeds.



Terming the news item as "incorrect, misleading, and far away from facts," a spokesperson for HAFED stated that the Haryana Government remains fully committed to procuring farmers' produce strictly at the rates notified by the Government of India.

Providing a detailed timeline of the events, the spokesperson explained that HAFED had initially issued procurement instructions on March 19, 2026. While the MSP for most crops was accurately reflected, an inadvertent clerical error led to the sunflower seed MSP being mistakenly listed as 6,540 per quintal.

However, the federation proactively identified and rectified this oversight well before the news report surfaced.

Revised instructions were officially released on March 29, 2026, explicitly substituting the earlier document and incorporating the correct MSP of 7,721 per quintal for the current year.

HAFED expressed concern that the news report chose to focus solely on the initial, superseded document while completely ignoring the rectified instructions that had already been communicated to all relevant stakeholders. The spokesperson noted that presenting such a fragmented narrative creates an incomplete and deceptive picture of the state's procurement process.

Sensex gains 1186 pts amid hopes of easing war tensions

AGENCY
MUMBAI, APRIL 1



The stock markets closed on a strong footing on the first day of the new financial year FY27, with benchmark indices witnessing a broad-based rally across sectors, even as underlying geopolitical tensions continue to keep investors cautious.The Nifty 50 index closed at 22,679.40, gaining 348 points or 1.56 per cent, while the BSE Sensex ended at 73,134.63, up by 1,186 points or 1.84 per cent.Market participants remained optimistic during the session, supported by improving global cues and easing crude oil prices. However, experts noted that markets remain sensitive to ongoing geopolitical developments, particularly in West Asia.Ajay Bagga, Banking and Market Expert told news agency. "Today's session offered returning though cautious optimism. Asian markets rose on easing geopolitical sentiment, and Europe followed suit with healthy gains. Back home, the breadth was impressive -- 14 of 15 sectors closed in the green, signalling genuine underlying confidence in Indian equities. However, profit booking at the higher levels was expected and, frankly, rational -- smart money doesn't overstay a rally ahead of uncertainty. And that uncertainty has a name: President Trump's address to the nation tomorrow morning".He further added, "Markets globally will be parsing every word for signals on withdrawing the US from the Iran war. Expectations are high of a US withdrawal but will Iran, Israel play ball. The world is waiting for Trump...".On the sectoral front, almost all indices on the NSE closed in the green. Nifty PSU Bank emerged as a top gainer, rising 3.90 per cent.

I, Mansi Amit Dongre R/o House No.2528,Monarch Reality ,Gillco Valley, Ext.5, Sante Majra,Near Gillco Int. School, Sector-127, Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar Mohali -140301, have changed my name from Mansi Amit Dongre to Mansi Singh.

100071

PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Parveen W/o Akram Khan R/o W.No.-7, Ahmedgarh, Teh-Ahmedgarh, Distt Malerkotla, hereby declare that I am dispossessing my daughter Tamanna from all my movable and immovable property as she is beyond my control. Whoever has dealings with her will be held responsible.

63372

I, Anwari W/O Late Mohd Jamil R/O Mohalla Khatikan, Malerkotla, Hereby Evict My Son Mohd Umar And His Wife Pari Khatoon Who Are Beyond My Control And Victim Of Bad Company, Through An Affidavit. Please Note It.

63372

I, Bhupinder Kaur W/o Gurmail Singh R/o Bhai Vir Singh Nagar, Hind Hospital Road, Ahmedgarh, Tehsil Ahmedgarh, District Malerkotla, declare that my son Paramjit Singh, daughter-in-law Jatinder Kaur, granddaughter Arshpreet Kaur and grandson Ravneet Singh, all four of whom are beyond my control. Therefore, I exclude these four from my entire movable and immovable property. The person who deals with them will be responsible for himself. I or the rest of my family members will not be held responsible.

63372

I, Sanjeev Kumar S/o Bal Kishan R/o W.No. 6 Azad Nagar Mandi Mullanpur Teh & Distt. Ludhiana declare that my daughter Muskan is out of my control. So I disown with her from my moveable/immoveable property. If anybody dealing with her at his/her own risk.

63372

I, Subhash Chander Sharma S/o Radha Krishan Sharma R/o Vill: Bani Lodhi Po. Sunder Chak Teh-Pathankot Distt. Gurdaspur declare that in my son Vineet Sharma's education Certificate my name wrongly entered Subhash Chander. But my correct name is Subhash Chander Sharma. So amended my name from Subhash Chander to Subhash Chander Sharma in my son Educational Certificate.

63372

I Som Nath Father Of Ranjit Singh R/O Village Khalaspur Tehsil Bassi-Pathana Disti-Fatehgarh Sahib Punjab-140412 Declare That My Name Wrongly Written In My Son Army Record Som Nath But My Correct Name Is Som Singh. And My Date Of Birth In Army Record 1-7-1955. But My Correct Date Of Birth Is. 1-1-1958.

63372

I, Chand Rani W/o Subhash Chander R/o Vill: Bani Lodhi Po. Sunder Chak Teh-Pathankot Distt. Gurdaspur declare that in my son Vineet Sharma's education Certificate my name wrongly entered Chand Rani Devi. But my correct name is Chand Rani. So amended my name from Chand Rani Devi to Chand Rani in my son Educational Certificate.

63372

We, Harpreet singh S/o Rajinder Singh and Sumita Jassal W/o Harpreet Singh R/o H.No. 2292 Sector 42-C Chandigarh declare that we are living separately from our family and we have no relationship or connection with the below-mentioned persons: Father Rajinder Singh, Mother Balwinder Kaur, Brother Jaspreet Singh and his wife Jewel Banga. That any person dealing with the above mentioned persons shall do so at their own risk and responsibility, and we shall not be held liable for any of their acts or deeds.

63372

I, Suresh Bahadur (Aadhar No. 7772 3068 2004) S/o. Bhim Bahadur, R/o. House no. 1-A, Gulmohar Complex, Desu Majra, Kharar, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab-140301, declare that my son 's name mentioned in Aaddhar card is Samial but In Birth Certificate the name is Samuel. That The correct Name is Samuel.

100071

I Shinder Kaur W/o Harbans Singh R/o Village Rampur,Teh & Distt Fatehgarh Sahib Have Changed My Name To Sinder Kaur

666554

PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Paramjit Singh (Adhaar Card No. 7517-6073-4230) S/o S Ganga Singh S/o S Sadhu Singh hereby declare that after entering into the family settlement on 25-7-2024, I am cancelling all my registered and unregistered wills and am going to make my new registered will in April 2026 in favor of my son Tejaspal Singh as my sole successor of my all movable, Immovable and other assets. All my previous wills are hereby are declared to be cancelled. Any body having any dispute may contact in 15 days from publication of this notice.

98731

I, Suresh Kumar S/o Baldev Bansal R/o Chandana Gate , Kaithal (haryana) Declares That My Son Chintu Bansal & His Wife Sonia Bansal Are Out Of My & My Family's Control. I Disown Them From My Movable - Immovable Properties. I & My Relatives Willn't Responsible For Any Work & Dealing Of Them In Future.

84451

I, Raj Kumar S/o Rajinder Pal R/o Vill-Chaunda, Teh-Amargarh, Distt Malerkotla, state that my daughter Pirthi Sharma, who was evicted from my movable and immovable property due to her being outside my control through Pehredar Newspaper and Yug Marg Newspaper dated 25-03-2025, is now under my control. Therefore, I withdraw the eviction of my daughter. From today onwards, my daughter will be equally entitled to my property.

63372

I Mandeep Kour W/O Ranjit Singh R/O Village Khalaspur Tehsil Bassi-Pathana Dist Fatehgarh Sahib Punjab-140412. Declare That My Name Wrongly Written My Husband In Army Record Mandeep Kour. But My Correct Name Is Mandeep Kaur And My Date Of Birth In Army Record Is 10/8/1991. But My Correct Date Of Birth Is, 10/8/1992.

63372

I Shinder Kaur Mother Of Ranjit Singh R/O Village Khalaspur Tehsil-Bassi-Pathana Distt-Fatehgarh Sahib Punjab-140412. Declare That My Date Of Birth Wrongly Written My Son In Army Record 1-7-1960. But My Correct Date Of Birth Is 1-1-1961.

63372

It is for general information that I, Barinder Tumber D/o Dalvir Singh Tumber R/o Baba Shri Chand Nagar, Near Tahli Sahib Gurdwara Nawanshahr Distt. Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Punjab-144514, declare that the name of my father and my mother has been wrongly written as Dalvir Singh and Rajinder Kaur in my 10th and 12th Class Educational certificate. The actual name of my father and my mother is Dalvir Singh Tumber and Rajinder Kaur Tumber respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

63372

I, Amarpal Kaur (existing name) is legally wedded spouse of No. JC-35431211 Rank Sub Major, Kewal Singh presently residing at Vill: Gumti Po. Guram Teh & Distt. Barnala Pin-148025, Punjab, declare that have changed my DOB from 10-10-1982 to 01-01-1982.

63372

I Gurpreet Singh S/o Sucha Singh R/o Vill Sultanpur Cheema PO Dakoha, Tehsil Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur. I have declare that Gurpreet is my given name and Singh is my surname. Please concerned note.

989753

I , Akshaydeep S/o Rajinder Singh R/o Hno. 160 , Sector 19 , Part 1 , Huda, Kaithal (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Akshaydeep To Akshay Deep (name) Singh (sirname). Concerned Please Note.

84451

I, Janani W/o Lakshmanan. S, No. 4590891N, Rank Sep, S/o Salvam, R/o 95, North Street, Keelapasalai, Manamadurai Taluk, Distt. Sivagangai, Tamilnadu (India), PIN : 630606, hereby declare that in my husband's army documents are my name is mistakenly recorded as 'L.Janani'. My name is recorded as 'Janani' in all official documents. 'Janani' is my true and legal name as per official records.

977756

I,Baljeet Singh, Son of Sh. Zile Singh, resident of Village Sangatpura,Tehsil & District Kaithal declare that I have changed the name of my minor daughter from Khushi to Khushi Gopera. Concerned Please Note.

100039

I No 15677727P HAV Malay Maity R/o Village Bartana, Tehsil Egra, District East Medinipur.(West Bengal).Pin-721429.Declare that In My Army Service Record My father Name & DOB Mentioned RAI KISHOR MAITY (01-07-1949) Which is incorrect His Correct Name & DOB is RAIKISHOR MAITY (01-01-1953).

9000A

PUBLIC NOTICE

ਸ੍ਰੀ ਧਰਮਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਕੱਤਰ (ਮੁਅੱਤਲੀ ਅਧੀਨ) ਦੀ ਚੀਮਨਾ ਬਹੁਮੰਤਵੀ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਖੇਤੀਬਾੜੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਸਭਾ ਲਿਮ: ਚੀਮਨਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸਭਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਬਨ ਦੀ ਚਾਰਜਸੀਟ ਦੀ ਪੜਤਾਲ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਇਸ਼ਤਿਹਾਰ

ਇਸ ਇਸ਼ਤਿਹਾਰ ਰਾਹੀ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਧਰਮਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਕੱਤਰ (ਮੁਅੱਤਲੀ ਅਧੀਨ) ਦੀ ਚੀਮਨਾ ਬਹੁਮੰਤਵੀ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਖੇਤੀਬਾੜੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਸਭਾ ਲਿਮ: ਚੀਮਨਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸਭਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਗਬਨਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਚਾਰਜਸ਼ੀਟ ਦੀ ਪੜਤਾਲ ਸੁਣਵਾਈ ਮਿਤੀ 09-04-2026 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 11:00 ਵਜੇ ਦੀ ਚੀਮਨਾ ਬਹੁਮੰਤਵੀ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਖੇਤੀਬਾੜੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਸਭਾ ਲਿਮ: ਚੀਮਨਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ

ਸਭਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਚਾਰਜਸੀਟ ਦੇ ਦੋਸਾਂ ਦਾ ਵੇਰਵਾ:

1. ਸਭਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮਿਥੀ ਗਈ ਹੱਦ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਹੱਥ ਨਗਦੀ ਰੱਖ ਕੇ ਗਬਨ ਕਰਨ ਸਬੰਧੀ

2. ਮਨਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਰੀਖਕ ਪੜਤਾਲ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸਾਲ 2024-25 ਦੇ ਪੜਤਾਲ ਸਮੇਂ ਗੰਭੀਰ ਉਣਤਾਈ ਸਬੰਧੀ।

3. ਦੀ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਸਟੇਟ ਕੋਆਰਪਰੇਟਿਵ ਐਗਰੀਕਲਚਰਲ ਸਰਵਿਸ ਸੁਸਾਇਟੀ ਰੂਲਜ਼ 1997 ਦੇ ਰੂਲ 12 ਦੀ ਉਲੰਘਣਾ ਕਰਨਾ।

4. ਸਭਾ ਦੇ ਉਪਨਿਯਮਾਂ ਦੇ ਉਪਨਿਯਮ 12 ਚੀਫ਼ ਐਕਜੀਕਿਉਟਿਵ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ ਡਿਊਟੀਜ ਅਤੇ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਉਲੰਘਣਾ ਕਰਨਾ।

ਚਾਰਜਸੀਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਗਾਏ ਗਏ ਦੋਸ਼ਾਂ ਦੀ ਪੜਤਾਲ/ਸੁਣਵਾਈ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਆਪਣਾ ਪੱਖ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਧਰਮਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਕੱਤਰ (ਮੁਅੱਤਲੀ ਅਧੀਨ) ਵੱਲੋਂ ਦੀ ਚੀਮਨਾ ਬਹੁਮੰਤਵੀ ਸਹਿਕਾਰੀ ਖੇਤੀਬਾੜੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਸਭਾ ਲਿਮ: ਚੀਮਨਾ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਜਗਰਾਉਂ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਹੋਣਾ ਯਕੀਨੀ ਬਣਾਇਆ ਜਾਵੇ।

ਖੁਸ਼ਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ

ਪੜਤਾਲ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ

ਇੰਸਪੈਕਟਰ

ਕੋਆਰਪਰੇਟਿਵ ਸੁਸਾਇਟੀ ਫੋਕਲ

ਪੁਆਇੰਟ ਗਾਲਿਬ ਕਲਾਂ

63372

I No 15677727P HAV Malay Maity R/o Village Bartana, Tehsil Egra, District East Medinipur. (West Bengal).Pin-721429. Declare that In My Army Service Record My mother Name & DOB Mentioned SHANTABAL MAITY (01-07-1961) Which is incorrect Her Correct Name & DOB is SHANTABALA MAITY (13-04-1961).

9000A

I, Davinder Kumar S/o Sh. Birbal R/o House No. 16, Ward No. 6, Shahpur, Nanakpur, Distt Panchkula Haryana have changed my minor Daughter Name DIVYNASHI CHANDAL to DIVYANSHI.

989666

I, Archana D/o Dharmpal Singh R/o EH-07/0302, TDI Espania, Opp. Jurasik Park, Murthal Khas, Distt.-Sonepat 131027, declare that I got divorced vide court decree of Case No. 5410/2014, Dated 07.05.2015 and further I, have changed my minor daughter name Anshika to Anshika Tyagi.

989752

I, Surender Kumar S/O Sh. Jeeta Ram Resident of Dabarthala, Sub Tehsil Nigdhu, District Karnal State Haryana-132117 Declare That Surender Kumar & Surender Both Are the Same Only One Person

100046

I Suman Kumar S/o Inderpal Kakkar R/o Kotkapura Road,mai Godri Colony,near Shiv Mandir Distt Faridkot Have Changed My Name Suman Kumar Kakkar

900014

I Komal Rani W/o Suman Kumar Kakakr R/o Kotkapura Road,mai Godri Colony,near Shiv Mandir Distt Faridkot Have Changed My Name Komal Rani Kakkar

900014

I, Mandeep Singh Dhaliwal S/o Harpal Singh R/o Vpo. Machhhike Distt Moga have changed my name to Mandeep Singh.

63372

COURT NOTICE

(Publication Under Order 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of Sh. Pawandeep Singh, Naib Tehsildar-Cum-Assistant Collector 2nd Grade, Phillaur

Case No: OC/03/2023 Instituted on: 21-03-2023

Nature of Case: Khasra Girdawri Village: Ganna Pind Khewat No: 507/496

Case Title: Gurbachan Kaur Vs Rashpal Singh etc.

Notice to: 1) Rashpal Singh s/o Baldev Singh, 2) Jaswinder Singh S/o Baldev Singh, 3) Dalvir Singh S/o Baldev Singh, 4) Rupinder Singh S/o Baldev Singh, 5) Karnail Singh S/o Chanan Singh, 6) Jaspal Singh S/o Surjit Singh, 7) Sukhvir Singh S/o Surjit Singh, 8) Baljit Kaur alias Dalvir Kaur alias Daljit Kaur D/o Chanan Singh, All R/o Village Haripur Khalsa, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar. Respondents........

Whereas it has been proved to the satisfaction of this Court that the respondents named above cannot be served in the ordinary manner, therefore, this publication is issued against the respondent, named above, to appear in this Court on 21-04-2026 at 10.00 am., either personally or through any authorised agent or pleader failure which, exparte proceeding shall be taken against them according to law.

Assistant Collector 2nd Grade,
Phillaur.

63372

I Inderjit Kaur W/o Daler Singh R/o Chirag Shahwala (Moga) have Changed My Name To Inderjeet kaur and My Date of Birth 03-05-1970.

63372

I, Simranjit Kaur W/O Manpreet Singh, R/O Vpo Urapar, District. Sbs Nagar. I Declare That My Given Name Simranjit And Surname Is Kaur.

63372

I, Daljit Kumar S/o Ramji Dass R/o Vpo-Jabbowal Teh-Nawanshahr Distt. S.B.S. Nagar have changed my minor son's name from Vansh Kumar Sharma to Vansh Kumar.

63372

I, Rachpal Singh S/o Darshan Singh R/o Vpo. Toosa Teh-Raikot Distt. Ludhiana have known by both names Rachpal Singh and Rachhpal Singh is one and the same person.

63372

I, Gagandeep Kaur Maan W/o Tejinder Pal Singh Dhadly R/o Mal Majra (Ludhiana) Changed My Name Gagandeep Kaur Dhadly.

63372

I Nitan Kumar S/o Suraj Bhan R/o Lehragaga Teh-Lehra Distt. Sangrur have changed my name to Nitin Kumar Garg.

63372

I Gurjeet Singh Cheema S/o Jaswant Singh R/o Vill-Bhumsi Distt. Malerkotla-148022 have changed my name to Gurjeet Singh.

63372

I, Ajay Kumar S/o Rajan Kumar R/o Plot No. 64 Vivek Dham Colony Noorwala Road Ludhiana Punjab Pin-141008 have changed my name from Ajay Kumar to Ajay Kumar Thuhan.

63372

I, Rajan Kumar S/o Sant Ram R/o Plot No. 64 Vivek Dham Colony Noorwala Road Ludhiana Punjab Pin-141008 have changed my name from Rajan Kumar to Rajan Kumar Thuhan.

63372

I Gurdeep Kaur D/o Sohan Lal R/o Vpo Panam Teh-Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab India I have changed my name Gurdeep Kaur to Kaur Gurdeep Please Note.

63372

PUBLIC NOTICE

ਬਾ-ਅਦਾਲਤ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਕੁਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ, ਨਾਇਬ-ਤਹਿਸੀਲਦਾਰ ਬਾ-ਅਖਤਿਆਰ ਸਹਾਇਕ ਕੁਲੈਕਟਰ ਦਰਜਾ ਪਹਿਲਾ, ਗੜ੍ਹਸ਼ੰਕਰ

ਅਨੁਵਾਨ ਮੁਕੱਦਮਾ: ਤਕਸੀਮ ਕੇਸ ਹਰਭਜਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਨਾਮ ਹਰੀ ਸਿੰਘ ਆਦਿ ਵਾਕਿਆ ਰਕਬਾ ਪਿੰਡ ਅੱਭੋਵਾਲ, ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਗੜ੍ਹਸ਼ੰਕਰ, ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ।

ਮਿਸਲ ਨੰਬਰ: Misc/5/2022 ਦਾਇਰ ਮਿਤੀ: 15-12-2022

ਵਾਕਿਆ ਪਿੰਡ ਅੱਤੇਵਾਲ/350 ਅਗਲੀ ਤਰੀਖ ਪੇਸ਼ੀ: 20-04-2026

ਬਨਾਮ

ਹਰੀ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਦੇਵਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਲੱਖਾ ਸਿੰਘ, ਗੁਰਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਹਜ਼ਾਰਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਵਾਰਸ ਬਲਜਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਤਰਲੋਚਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਹਜ਼ਾਰਾ ਸਿੰਘ, ਵਾਸੀਆਨ ਪਿੰਡ ਕੁੱਕੜਾਂ, ਹਰਨਾਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰਾਨ ਬਾਬੂ ਵਾਸੀ ਭਾਰਤਪੁਰ (ਜੋਗੀਆਂ ਦਾ), ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਕੌਰ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ ਹਜਾਰਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਹਾਲ ਪਤਨੀ ਕਾਰੂ (Karu) ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਗੋਂਦਪੁਰ, ਪਾਲੋ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ ਹਜ਼ਾਰਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਾਲ ਪਤਨੀ ਜੋਗਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਜੱਸੋਵਾਲ ਰੋਡ, ਸੈਲਾ ਖੁਰਦ, ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਗੜ੍ਹਸ਼ੰਕਰ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ।

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਮੁਕੱਦਮੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਪੂਰਾ ਸੰਤੋਖ ਹੋ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਮੁਦਾਲੇ ਦੀ ਮਾਮੂਲੀ ਤਰੀਕੇ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਮਨਾਂ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਤਮੀਲ ਕਰਵਾਉਣਾ ਸੰਭਵ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਉਕਤ ਕੇਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਰਜ ਉੱਤਰਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਅਖਬਾਰ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਨਾ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਖੁਦ ਜਾਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਵਕੀਲ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਪੇਸ਼ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਆਪਣਾ ਪੱਖ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰਨ ਗੈਰ ਹਾਜ਼ਰੀ ਦੀ ਸੂਰਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਤਕਸੀਮ ਕੇਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਨਿਯਮਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਅਗਲੇਰੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਅਮਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਿਆਂਦੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

ਇਹ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਅੱਜ ਮਿਤੀ 25-03-2026 ਨੂੰ ਮੋਹਰ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਅਧੀਨ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ।

ਨੰਬਰ: 236/S/ਰੀਡਰ-1, ਮਿਤੀ: 25-03-26

ਸਹਾਇਕ ਕੁਲੈਕਟਰ ਦਰਜਾ-1,

ਗੜ੍ਹਸ਼ੰਕਰ।

63372

I Kuldip Kaur W/o Gurbachan Singh R/o Musewala (Moga) have Changed My Name To Kuldeep kaur and My Date of Birth 01-01-1967

63372

I, Navneet Kaur Rajput D/o Maninder Singh R/o Kokri Behniwal (Distt. Moga) have changed my name to Navneet Kaur. concerned noted be.

63372

I Suresh Kumar S/O Basant Rai R/O Somsons Colony Malerkotla Have Changed My Name To Suresh Gupta.

63372

I Paramjeet Singh S/O Laja Ram R/O Village Jhunda Po Amargarh Distt Malerkotla Have Changed My Name To Paramjit Singh.

63372

I Harinder Singh S/O Kartar Singh R/O Village Narike, Po Gowara, Malerkotla Have Changed My Name To Harinder Singh Birring.

63372

I, Manju Verma W/o Lalit Mohan R/o Sunam Teh-Sunam Distt. Sangrur have changed my name to Manju Rani.

63372

I, Suman W/O Lovedeep Singh R/O Village Chambal Kalan PO Barian Kalan Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, india, have changed my name from Suman to Banga Suman.

63372

I, Narinder Singh S/o Baldev Ram R/o Vill-Kotala Distt Ludhiana hereby declare that my minor son is known by both the names Akash Deep Singh and Akashdeep Singh.

63372

I Jaislin Kaur D/o Harvinder Singh R/o Nathewala, Po Nathuwala, Disit-Moga, I have changed Jaslin Kaur to Jaislyn Kaur Concerned Note Please.

63372

I, Rajvir Jassal S/o Ram Dass R/o Vpo Kariha, Teh-Nawanshahr, Distt S.B.S. Nagar, 144508 Punjab have changed the name of my minor daughter Jannat aged 14 years and shall hereafter be known as Jannat Jassal.

63372

PUBLIC NOTICE

ਬਾ-ਅਦਾਲਤ ਸਹਾਇਲਕ ਕੁਲੈਕਟਰ ਦਰਜਾ-1 (ਤਹਿਸੀਲਦਾਰ ਪਾਇਲ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਪਾਇਲ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ।

ਨੋਟਿਸ ਰਾਂਹੀਂ ਪਬਲੀਕੇਸ਼ਨ

ਦਰਖਾਸਤ ਬਾਬਤ ਮਾਲ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਵਿਚ ਨਾਮ ਦੀ ਦਰੁਸਤੀ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਸਬੰਧੀ।

ਮਾਲ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਰੁਸਤੀ ਕਰਨ ਬਾਰੇ ਸੁਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਰੂਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਮੁਖਤਿਆਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਜਰਗੜ੍ਹੀ ਤਹਿ ਪਾਇਲ ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਪਾਸੋਂ ਦਰਖਾਸਤ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ। ਜਿਸ ਰਾਂਹੀ ਉਸਨੇ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਸਦੀ ਮਾਲਕੀ ਵਾਲੀ ਜਮੀਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਸਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਸੁਖਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਰੂਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਮੁਖਤਿਆਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਜਰਗੜ੍ਹੀ ਵੱਲੋ ਹਲਫਿਆ ਬਿਆਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਸਨੇ ਆਪਣਾ ਨਾਮ ਬਦਲ ਕੇ ਸੁਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਰੂਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਮੁਖਤਿਆਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਰੱਖ ਲਿਆ ਹੈ। ਉਸ ਦੇ ਸਾਰੇ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ ਸੁਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਪਰ ਬਣੇ ਹੋਏ ਹਨ। ਪ੍ਰਾਰਥੀ ਦੀ ਦਰਾਖਸਤ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਉਸਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਮਾਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਰੁਸਤ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਆਮ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੂੰ ਇਸਤਿਹਾਰ ਜਾਰੀ ਕਰਕੇ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜੇਕਰ ਪ੍ਰਾਰਥੀ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਉਕਤ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਦਰੁਸਤ ਕਰਨ ਬਾਰੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਧਿਰ ਨੂੰ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ 15 ਦਿਨ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਅੰਦਰ ਅਸਾਲਤਾਨ ਜਾਂ ਵਕਾਲਤਨ ਹਾਜਰ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਆ ਕੇ ਆਪਣਾ ਇਤਰਾਜ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ । ਹਾਜਰ ਨਾ ਆਉਣ ਦੀ ਸੂਰਤ ਵਿਚ ਇਕ ਤਰਫਾ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਅਮਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਿਆਉਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਇਹ ਦਰੁਸਤੀ ਕਰਨ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਅਗਲੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਅਮਲ ਵਿਚ ਲਿਆਦੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

ਅੱਜ ਮਿਤੀ 22-04-2026 ਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਮੇਰੇ ਦਸਤਖਤ ਅਤੇ ਮੋਹਰ ਹੇਠ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੋਇਆ।

ਨੰਬਰ 1103/ਰੀਡਰ-1, ਮਿਤੀ 30-3-26

ਤਹਿਸੀਲਦਾਰ,

ਪਾਇਲ

63372

I Kamaljeet Singh S/o Gurdeep Singh R/o Vpo: Mutton, Teh. Balachaur, Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab, Pin -144522, Punjab, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known Kamaljeet as first name and Singh as surname.

63372

I, Saloni Mehta D/o Madan Lal Vasudev W/o Ashok Mehta R/o H.No.26, Sector-12, Municipal Colony, Pathankot,Punjab-145001 changed my name to Saloni.

63372

I hitherto known as Shindo W/o Nirmal Singh R/o H.No. 201, Vill-Dhanda, Mohalla Variam Singh, Distt. Jalandhar-144409, Punjab, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Chhindo.

63372

I, Manvir Kaur Benipal W/O Rupinder Singh. R/O H.No 341, St.No 4 W.No 17 Near Kehal Hospital Amarpura Mohalla Ahmedgarh Distt. Malerkotla 148021 Have Changed My Name To Manvir Kaur.

63372

I, Jaswinder Kaur Gill W/o Gurvinder Singh Gill R/o W.No.10, Khamano Teh-Khamano Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib have changed my name from Jaswinder Kaur Gill to Jaswinder Kaur.

63372

I Unaina Rani D/o Vikramjeet # 20 W.No. 13 Near Railway Hospital Janta Nagar Dhuri I have changed my name from Unaina.

63372

I Suman Prajapati D/o Shubha Narayan Prajapati spouse of Radheshyam Prajapati R/o AFS Halwara (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Suman Prajapati to KM Suman vide E-Stamp No. IN-PB32314220375287Y dated 20-Mar-2026 before Raikot.

63372

LOST & FOUND

I, Manmeet Kaur Deol W/o Ranbir Singh Deol R/o Benra Distt. Sangrur declare that my receipt No. 57910 dated 26 May 2021 Rs. 7861161 Agreement Dated 3 Jan 2017 Addendum Dated 3 Jan 2017, property paper of unit No. INTT/711-T1 Omaxe New Chandigarh all documents has been lost in Bansepur Distt. SAS Nagar dated 07-01-2026. If anybody found then contact at my above address/Mobile No. 8288002358

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ਸੇਲਜ਼ਮੈਨ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ

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I Gurdeep Singh Sekhon S/o Gurmeet Singh R/o Vpo Issewal Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Gurdeep Singh.

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I Palwinder Singh Haans S/o Pala Singh R/o Vpo Sujapur Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Palwinder Singh.

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I Harpreet Kaur Haans W/o Palwinder Singh R/o Vpo Sujapur Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Harpreet Kaur

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I, Sukhwinder Singh S/o Major Singh R/o Vpo Akalgarh Tehsil Raikot District Ludhiana, have changed name my minor daughter's from Amarpali to Amarpreet Kaur.

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I Sardul Singh Dhaliwal S/o Lachhman Singh R/o Vpo Lakha Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Sardul Singh.

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I Pritpal Singh Dhaliwal S/o Raj Singh R/o Vpo Lakha Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Pritpal Singh.

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I, Naranjan Ram S/o Balvir R/o Vpo Rasulpur Teh-Nawanshahr Distt-Nawanshahr (S.B.S Nagar) Punjab-144513, declare that my given name is Naranjan and my surname is Ram.

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I, Sukhjit Kaur W/o Lakhwinder Singh Pandher R/o Vill. Dhaul Khurd, Tehsil Payal, Distt: Ludhiana (Punjab) Have Changed My Name Sukhjit Kaur Pandher.

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I, Lakhwinder Singh S/o Bhagwant Singh R/o Vill. Dhaul Khurd, Tehsil Payal, Distt: Ludhiana (Punjab) Have Changed My Name Lakhwinder Singh Pandher.

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"Gurdaspur needs industry, medical college and skill university – not just streets and drains: Social Worker Sagar Sharma"



GURDASPUR (VERMA): Social worker Sagar Sharma has urged the people of Gurdaspur to raise their demands beyond basic civic issues like streets and drainage and instead focus on long-term development projects such as industries, a medical college, and a skill university. Sagar Sharma said that for a long time, political leaders in Gurdaspur have been presenting the construction of streets and drainage as major development. While streets and drainage are basic necessities, he said that the public should not limit their expectations only to these basic facilities. Considering the current situation of Punjab, especially the challenges faced by the youth, Sharma emphasized that providing employment opportunities and creating sources of livelihood for young people can be a very effective step in reducing crime. He further said that Gurdaspur is a border area where many criminal incidents occur frequently, and many youths are getting involved in such activities.

NEWS BRIEF

Punjabis suffering from Badlaav, now remembering the law and order of the Congress rule: Surinder Dawar



SARBJIT SUFI

LUDHIANA: Today, former MLA Surinder Dawar while talking to reporters at his constituency office Hargobind Marg said that AAP formed the government by showing the people of Punjab the dream of false change, but now at every turn, looting and extortion are happening, murders are being done openly and the people of Punjab are suffering by taking revenge. He said that the life of ordinary people , shopkeepers and traders has become difficult due to thefts, dacoities and looting and somehow people want to get rid of the change and are remembering the law and order of the Congress rule. He said that in the true sense, only Congress can take care of the interests of every section in Punjab. He further said that the Congress will win the constituency Central by a big margin in the upcoming assembly elections.

MCM supports blood donation cum medical camp at Buterla village



CHANDIGARH: The Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) Cell of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women extended active support to a Blood Donation cum Medical Camp organised by village councillor Mr. Hardeep Singh at Buterla village. The camp marked the 31st Blood Donation Camp, held in commemoration of the 17th memorial of Sardar Gurnam Singh Buterla. The primary objective of the initiative was to promote awareness about the importance of healthcare among rural communities and to encourage voluntary blood donation as a vital contribution towards addressing urgent medical needs.
The camp offered a range of essential healthcare services, including consultations for skin disorders, psychiatric concerns, eye and dental check-ups, along with general wellness assessments. A team of nine dedicated UBA volunteers from the Buterla unit participated enthusiastically, ensuring the smooth coordination and successful execution of the camp. Their committed efforts were duly acknowledged, and certificates of appreciation were awarded to them by the village councillor.

Punjab to conduct first-ever caste socio-economic survey to ensure equitable development: CM Mann

SHASHI PAL JAIN
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Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Wednesday presented a comprehensive four-year report card of the Rural Development and Panchayat Department as part of the Punjab Government's ongoing "Shandaar Char Saal Bhagwant Mann de naal" series, highlighting how sustained policy interventions have transformed village infrastructure, strengthened grassroots governance, and expanded employment opportunities across rural Punjab.

Positioning rural development as a central pillar of inclusive growth, the Chief Minister outlined key initiatives ranging from the launch of Punjab's first-ever caste socio-economic survey to large-scale infrastructure creation, revenue generation through transparent land management, and youth-focused development programmes. Emphasising that the caste socio-economic survey, beginning April 1, will play a crucial role in ensuring equitable and targeted policymaking, the Chief Minister said the exercise aims to assess the living standards of all communities while maintaining complete confidentiality. He noted that the rural development report card is part of a wider governance framework under which the AAP government is presenting sector-wise performance across education, healthcare, irrigation, agriculture, and other key areas, underlining its focus on accountability, transparency, and measurable outcomes. Presenting the report card of the Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "Holistic development of the villages has taken place in the last four years involving massive construction work, cleaning of ponds as the state has generated money by removing the illegal encroachments from the government lands and through other means." The Chief Minister said, "Due to strenuous efforts of the state there has been an increase in consensus for Panchayat Elections. There are 13,236 Panchayats in Punjab, the polls for which were conducted in 2024, with a large number of Panchayats elected unanimously. In 2018, around 1,870 Panchayats were elected unanimously but in 2024, as many as 2,970 Panchayats were elected unanimously."

Four booked for murder of Chandigarh University student in Kharar

SHASHI PAL JAIN
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Kharar police have registered a murder case against four individuals, including a woman, in connection with the fatal stabbing of a Chandigarh University student.The accused have been identified as Ram, Monu, Binay and Lavisha.

The victim, Aman Dahiya, was a third-semester B.A. LL.B. student at Chandigarh University.According to the complaint lodged by the deceased's uncle, Anil Kumar, he received a phone call informing him that Aman had been critically injured and was being rushed to hospital by his friends.

When he spoke to Aman, the latter, despite being seriously injured, stated that Lavisha—who studies at the same university—had visited his flat the previous night and requested him to drop her home.

As per the statement, when Aman took her to her residence early in the morning, he was allegedly attacked with a knife by the accused, leaving him grievously injured.Aman was taken to Government Medical College and Hospital, Sector 32, Chandigarh, for treatment. However, by the time Anil Kumar reached the hospital, Aman had succumbed to his injuries.Police have registered a case and initiated further investigation into the incident.

Issue of exploitation by private hospitals and insurance companies raised in Rajya Sabha

SULTANPUR LODHI (ARVIND PATHAK): Rajya Sabha Member Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal raised the issue of exploitation by private hospitals and insurance companies under the guise of healthcare services in Parliament. During Zero Hour, he highlighted how poor people are being exploited over basic issues like healthcare and warned citizens about the growing tendency of treating patients as mere 'customers'. He urged the House to take strict action to curb the exploitation by private hospitals and insurance companies. He also emphasized that insurance policy terms should be simple and available in the mother tongue so that people can easily read and understand them.Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal stated in the House that under the Chief Minister Health Insurance Scheme in Punjab, treatment up to Rs 10 lakh is provided free of cost.



29 families join AAP under Arora's leadership

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Impressed by the ongoing development works and welfare policies in the Sunam Assembly Constituency, around 80 members from 29 families of Mokha Colony joined the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Tuesday, under the leadership of Punjab Cabinet Minister Aman Arora.

The families, led by Madan Lal Manna, expressed their faith in AAP after leaving other political parties. They stated that the Punjab government's transparent administration, strict anti-corruption stance, and welfare-oriented schemes for the common people had greatly influenced their decision.

Speaking on the occasion, the new members highlighted that the development work carried out under Arora's leadership and his policy of maintaining direct contact with the public had earned their trust and confidence. Welcoming the new entrants, party leaders said that AAP remains committed to public welfare and assured that the newly joined members would be given full respect within the party. They added that the increasing number of people joining AAP reflects the satisfaction of the people of Punjab with the government's performance. They further emphasized that the party will continue to implement people-centric policies and ensure the welfare of all sections of society. The new members also pledged to work actively to take the party's policies to every household. Prominent leaders present on the occasion included Municipal Council President Nishan Singh Tony, Market Committee Chairman Mukesh Juneja, Media Incharge Jatinder Jain, Manpreet Bansal, Kulveer Bhangu, Harvinder Singh Chhajali, Yadwinder Nirman; Rishi Bagaria, Neeraj Bansal, Sandeep Bansal, Akash Jindal and Puneet Sharma, all Advocates; Lalit Kansal, Sumit Kansal, Narendra Bansal, Sushil Garg, Rajesh Gupta, Amandeep Khipal, Sonu Cheema, Swaranjit Singh, Jatinder Garg, Vijay Kansal, Ritesh Goyal, Mandeep Singh, Vinay Nagpal etc.

Food processing industry in Chabbewal on cards

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, APRIL 1



In order to give a big push to fruits and vegetables cultivation in the region, a state-of-art modern fruit and vegetable processing industry project would be set up in Chabbewal constituency as Union Food Processing Industry Ministry has given its nod.

Divulging details of this prestigious project, Lok Sabha Member Dr. Raj Kumar Chabbewal said that MLA Dr. Ishank Kumar had urged the Central Ministry to establish this project in Chabbewal constituency to boost the food processing industry. Following this, they met Union Minister of Food Processing Industries Chirag Paswan to get the approval for this project. He informed that this project would be established at an outlay of Rs 18 crore and will become operational within the next 12 months. The industry especially processing the peas and potatoes would prove a milestone in the in the region, he added. Lok Sabha Member also added that Hoshiarpur and the adjoining areas have immense potential for the production of fruits and vegetables including peas, carrot and potatoes. The Farmers are already aware of the opportunities in the food processing industry, which would further give a fillip to crop diversification thus supplementing the income of peasantry. Dr. Raj Kumar Chabbewal stated that once this project starts, it will create hundreds of employment opportunities especially for women. He added that Union Minister Chirag Paswan has given approval for this unit under the processing and preservation of fruits and vegetables.

LTSU Punjab collaborates with IIT Mandi and imarticus to offer B.Tech CSE with minor degree in AI program



DALJEET AJNOHA
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Lamrin Tech Skills University (LTSU) Punjab collaborated with IIT Mandi and Imarticus to offer a 4-year B.Tech Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) program with a Minor Degree in AI from IIT Mandi. The program is designed to equip students with industry-relevant skills and knowledge in emerging technologies and will be delivered over 4 years, with 3 years of academic coursework and 1 year of internship/On-the-Job Training (OJT). IIT Mandi will deliver AI domain related courses and major projects, while Imarticus will handle core technical, soft skills, and employability skilling courses. Internships and placement opportunities will be extended to all students. IIT immersion will be conducted after every semester, assessment will be conducted jointly by IIT & LTSU professors IIT Mandi will provide hands-on exposure to advanced technologies and professors and subject matter experts will deliver tech and non-tech course. Admitted students will get exposure to IIT experts and infrastructure, minor Degree in AI from IIT Mandi final Degree by LTSU Punjab.

Sandhwan pays tribute to Jaskaran Singh and Jaswinder Singh on the occasion of their last rites



KOTKAPURA (SURINDER DAMDAMI): Speaker Punjab Vidhan Sabha Kultar Singh Sandhwan attended the last rites of Jaskaran Singh and Jaswinder Singh, sons of Ranbir Singh, a resident of village Hari Nau, who passed away recently, and paid tributes.

S. Sandhwan said that this tragedy at such a young age has saddened the entire region and this loss can never be filled. He said that in such times only courage and patience can sustain a person. He prayed to God to grant eternal rest to the departed souls and give the family the strength to bear this unbearable grief. He also said that the Punjab government stands with the bereaved families with full sensitivity and all possible assistance will be provided if needed. On this occasion, he gave a cheque of Rs 2 lakh to the family from his salary and said that the Punjab government will help the family up to Rs 10 lakh by providing other facilities. Apart from this, he said that the government will waive off government cooperative loans, provide jobs to widows and also promised to bear the expenses of children's education.

Mohali Youth Congress President welcomes union ministry's decision, demands justice for allottees

MOHALI (TILAK RAJ): Mohali Youth Congress President Shub Sekhon has welcomed the decision of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change rejecting GMADA's proposal to swap 23 acres of forest land in Sector 90 with alternative land in Ludhiana. This decision is a step towards protecting the environment and upholding the law.



He urged the authorities to ensure justice is given to the innocent allottees who have been waiting for over a decade for possession of their plots. The alleged scam by GMADA has caused immense hardship to these individuals, and it's time they get the justice they deserve.

PIL filed by Shub highlighted the violations of environmental laws, including the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and Punjab Land Preservation Act, 1900.

"The fight for environmental protection and justice for allottees continues. I demand transparency and accountability from GMADA and the Punjab government in resolving this issue," he said.

DSP Raj Kumar launches football tournament to steer youth away from drugs



FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): In a determined effort to divert young minds from drugs and inspire them towards a healthier lifestyle, the Bassi Pathana Police, under the directives of SSP Fatehgarh Sahib Mr. Shubham Agrawal, today launched the second phase of the 'Yudh Nashian Virudh' campaign with an enthusiastic football tournament. The event was inaugurated by DSP Bassi Pathana Raj Kumar at the ITI Ground, marking a significant step in the ongoing fight against drug abuse. Addressing the gathering after flagging off the opening match, DSP Raj Kumar said that the primary objective of this initiative is to reintegrate misguided youth into the mainstream through sports. "The more our youth step into playgrounds, the fewer will step into hospitals," he remarked, highlighting how sports can transform lives and promote healthier habits. He shared that in the first phase of the campaign, police intensified action against drug peddlers, ensuring their arrest and prosecution. Simultaneously, several drug-dependent youth were admitted to de-addiction centers to help restore their health and rehabilitate them into society.

Baltej Pannu and Harpal Juneja launch health scheme for treatment of PRTC employees



PATIALA (TAPINDER SINGH): AAP State General Secretary and Media In-charge Baltej Pannu, along with PRTC Chairman Advocate Harpal Juneja, launched the Chief Minister Health Scheme for PRTC employees. They stated that this scheme is a historic step by the Punjab Government to provide better and free healthcare facilities to people. Advisor for Tourism and Cultural Affairs Deepak Bali and Vice Chairman Balwinder Singh Jharwan were also present.Baltej Pannu said that considering PRTC as a family, a special two-day camp has been organized for employees—both serving and retired.

The camp, organized with the support of Chairman Harpal Juneja, will continue the next day as well so that maximum employees can benefit.He said that under this scheme, health cards are being issued, providing cashless treatment up to ?10 lakh per family free of cost.

This includes all tests as well. Around 900 private hospitals are empanelled under the scheme, and the facility is also available in government hospitals.He informed that about 30 lakh people have already got their health cards made.

Jathedar Sri Akal Takht Sahib reaches AAP leader Karma Kabulpuri's house to congratulate him



KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN): Jathedar Singh Sahib Kuldeep Singh Gargad of Sri Akal Takht Sahib today reached the house of Senior AAP leader Karma Kabulpuri in Kharar and congratulated Karma Kabulpuri on building a new house.

It is worth mentioning that Karma Kabulpuri has built a new house in Swaraj Nagar, Kharar. Singh Sahib reached his house today on a personal visit. On this occasion, Kabulpuri's wife Jaspreet Kaur and two sons Manjot Singh and Dilmilap Singh were present at the house. Singh Sahib also shared many personal things with Karma Kabulpuri.

Tilak Raj, Dr. Aditi Bansal, and Pooja Chauhan win top titles at "North India iconic fashion show season 2"



ZIRAKPUR (BUREAU): A grand event of the North India Iconic Fashion Show Season-2 was held at Royal Park Resort, where emerging and professional models from across the country showcased their talent and confidence on the ramp.The mega event was organized by Preeti Arora Entertainment. The program featured activities such as modeling workshops, fashion shows, professional photoshoots, networking sessions, and modeling competitions, providing participants with an excellent platform to enhance their talent.Surinder Verma attended as the Chief Guest. Special guests included Rajbir Singh Bharti, Dr. Sunil Beniwal, Sumit Gupta, Amarjeet, Aniket, Saroj Bala, Avtar Singh Kalsia, Swaranjeet Kaur, Kashmir Kaur, Yoginder Aggarwal, Jagjit Kalon, Pradeep Singh Happ, Gurpreet Kaur, Savita Prinza, Baba Sukhbir Singh, Rajinder Bajaj, Alfaz Singh, and artists Sapna, Mahi, and Manisha, along with many other dignitaries.Varun Gupta (Hungru) and Hungru franchise owner Sahil played an important role in making the event successful, while Dinesh Sardana also extended his support. Media coverage was notably handled by Ramesh Gilhotra, Editor of Haryana News Flash, and Sana, Chief Editor of Parkh News Channel.

Punjab govt's entrepreneurship App created 1 lakh+ Student entrepreneurs generating Rs. 40 crore in revenue



CHANDIGARH: The Government of Punjab launched the 'Entrepreneurship Mindset Curriculum' (EMC) last year to embed job creation as a core outcome of undergraduate education across the state. Delivery was led through the 'Punjab Startup App', a mobile-first, AI-enabled platform available in Punjabi, Hindi and English, rolled out in the Academic Year 2025–26 across 20 universities, 320 ITIs and 91 polytechnics. EMC, its learning modules and the Punjab Startup App was designed in partnership with Masters' Union, one of India's leading B-schools. In its first year, the rollout reached 1.5 lakh students. Within the first term (October to February) alone,

1.2 lakh first-year students collectively generated nearly Rs.40 crore in revenue averaging Rs.4,000 per student and Rs.16,000 per team marking one of the largest live enterprise exercises embedded inside a public higher education system.

EMC was made a mandatory course for every undergraduate student in Punjab. Universities will ensure a minimum of 2 credits per semester(aligned to programme structure), with evaluation based on execution, reflections, customer feedback, revenue/impact benchmarks and mentor inputs captured on the app. To build this, Masters' Union adapted its 'Out-Class' and 'PGP-TBM' playbooks, where students 'learn by doing' through structured challenges and translated it into a simple, mobile app for all undergrad students.

Bharat Vikas Parishad, Jaito organizes 'Swamani' and blood sugar check-up camp for cows



JAITO (RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR): The newly formed team of Bharat Vikas Parishad, Jaito a renowned local social service organization dedicated to humanitarian causes—commenced its tenure for the 2026-2027 term by organizing a 'Swamani' (community feast) and a blood sugar check-up camp for cows at the Panchayat Gaushala (Cow Shelter). The initiative was carried out under the leadership of President Rulia Ram Singla (of Giji Wala Printing Press) and Project Chairman Vicky Singla (of Bhatthe Wala).

This information was shared by Rinku Bindal, the P.R.O. of Bharat Vikas Parishad, Jaito. Present on this occasion were the Council's Secretary Sudhanshu Jindal, All-Project Chairman Sunil Singla, State Member Vijay Singla (of Bishnandi Wala), Mohan Lal Jindal, Surinder Kumar Garg, Siddharth Bansal, Punni, Jasvir Singh Dhariwal, Gagan Singla, Ramesh Monga, Ladies' Wing President Parveen Garg, Ritu Jain, Ashish Kochar, Sevka Goyal, Seema Sharma, Baby Mansha Sharma, and others. Speaking on the occasion, the newly elected President, Rulia Ram Singla (Gijiwala), highlighted that Bharat Vikas Parishad, Punjab, had recently honored the Jaito unit with a special commemorative memento in Abohar, recognizing its exemplary service to humanity.

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Annual prize distribution function held with great enthusiasm at PM Shri Govt. School, Begowal



DORAHA (AMRISH ANAND):The Annual Cultural and Prize Distribution Function was organized with great enthusiasm and grandeur at PM Shri Government High School, Begowal. On this occasion, students captivated the audience with vibrant performances including Giddha, Bhangra, songs, and Shabad singing.School Headmistress, Mrs. Baljit Kaur, said that the school has been continuously achieving excellence in both academics and sports, and is committed to the overall development of students.On this occasion, students who performed excellently in various fields were honored. Prominent personalities of the village, SMC members, parents, and retired teachers were specially present at the event.

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Robotics education started at Alliance International School, Jaito

RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR

JAITO : In view of the increasing influence of modern technology, Alliance International School, Jaito Robotics education is being started from the academic session. The objective of this initiative is to equip students with science and technology knowledge and Have to prepare for future brews.Under this program, students will get training in robotic manufacturing, coding, artificial intelligence, sensors.
Basic knowledge of technology and electronics will be given.According to school principal Mrs. Gursevak Kaur Maan, robotics education enhances the creative thinking of children, Will develop problem solving abilities and scientific approach. This initiative is aimed at promoting skill-based and practical education under the New Education Policy. It is being considered an important step.Robotics study will provide better opportunities to the students in future technological fields and Will inspire them to pursue innovation and research.

Migration can be reduced if youth get employment opportunities in Country: Atul Gautam

VERMA

SUJANPUR: Describing the youth as the future ofthe nation, proprietor Atul Gautam said that if adequate employmentopportunities are provided to young people within the country, they will notfeel the need to move abroad. He stated that unemployment has become a seriousissue in the present time, due to which the youth are facing



several challenges.Atul Gautam said that many young people, after getting disappointed in theirsearch for jobs, are moving towards wrong paths. Some are turning towardsdrugs, while others are heading abroad in search of a better future. Hedescribed this situation as a matter of concern for both society and thecountry. He further said that getting a government job has become extremelydifficult nowadays. Youth have to struggle for a long time, and even then,there is no guarantee of success. At the same time, the lack of sufficientopportunities in the private sector is further increasing the problems faced byyoung people. Atul Gautam urged the government to create more employmentopportunities for the youth.

Punjab govt spent Rs 85,000–90,000 cr on education in four years: MLA Rai

FATEHGARH SAHIB BIKRAMJEET SAHOTA: The Bhagwant Mann government has spent approximately Rs 85,000–90,000 crore on education between 2022 and 2026. Around Rs 16,000–19,000 crore was allocated annually, including Rs 17,975 crore in 2025–26 and Rs 19,279 crore in 2026–27. This was stated by Fatehgarh Sahib MLA Advocate Lakhbir Singh Rai while interacting with the media.He said the Punjab government launched an "education revolution" to improve the condition of



schools. Under this initiative, schools have been upgraded with better infrastructure, including new classrooms, bathrooms, and laboratories. Facilities like electricity, drinking water, and furniture have also been improved. Many schools have been equipped with smart classrooms.Under digital education initiatives, LED screens, projectors, and interactive panels have been installed in schools. The government also introduced "Schools of Eminence," where students receive modern education, career guidance, and English-medium instruction.Thousands of new teachers have been recruited, while existing teachers have been regularized. Teachers have also been sent abroad for training. Students are being provided free books, uniforms, and other facilities.Additionally, special focus has been given to sports to encourage youth participation. Sports grounds have been developed, and students are being motivated through rewards.

Jogindra group's Rs 1,100 crore investment to accelerate Punjab's industrial growth: Sanjeev Arora

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Punjab Cabinet Minister for Industries & Commerce, Investment Promotion, Power & Local Government Sanjeev Arora shared that Jogindra Group has announced a strategic expansion plan worth Rs 1,100 crore, giving a major boost to Punjab's industrial growth and green energy transition. He stated that this investment reflects the growing confidence of industry in Punjab's progressive policies and business-friendly environment.

Sanjeev Arora said that this investment reflects the growing confidence of industry in Punjab's progressive policies and business-friendly environment. He detailed that the expansion includes Rs 700 crore investment in the steel sector, primarily through Jogindra Castings and Vardhman Adarsh, along with ?400 crore investment in renewable energy through Jogindra Green India. Highlighting the scale of impact, Sanjeev Arora noted, "The Jogindra Group's turnover is projected to increase from Rs 3,000 crore to Rs 5,000 crore, while employee strength will rise from 1,800 to 3,000, creating significant employment opportunities. He added that renewable energy capacity will expand from 37 MW to 120 MW."

Providing background, he stated that established in 1992, Jogindra Group is a leading industrial conglomerate in North India with a strong presence in steel manufacturing and a growing footprint in renewable energy.

"The Group is promoted by CMD Adarsh Garg along with Directors Sanjay Gupta and Nimit Gupta," he added. Emphasising the regional impact, Sanjeev Arora said that Mandi Gobindgarh has always been the backbone of Punjab's steel industry.

"Today, under Bhagwant Mann Government, it is regaining its strength with new investments, modernization, and a strong push towards cleaner and more efficient production.

The expansion by Jogindra Group is a clear sign that Gobindgarh is once again becoming a growth engine for Punjab's industrial economy." He further stated that Punjab continues to emerge as a preferred destination for both manufacturing and green energy investments, and that this Rs 1,100 crore investment will strengthen the industrial base, create substantial employment opportunities and promote sustainable growth.

Reiterating the Bhagwant Mann Government's commitment, the Minister said, "The AAP Government remains focused on providing a conducive ecosystem for industry, ensuring ease of doing business and encouraging environmentally responsible investments across Punjab."

19,000 ASHA workers join statewide sehat card enrolment drive

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Strengthening last-mile healthcare access, the Punjab Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has activated its extensive ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activity) workers' network to accelerate enrolments under the Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna (MMSY), with over 19,000 ASHA workers and 900 facilitators now driving registrations across villages in Punjab.

ASHA workers are playing a critical role in expanding the reach of the scheme at the grassroots level. Each worker is assigned a population of nearly 1,000 residents, covering around 250 households, where they are conducting door-to-door outreach, creating awareness about the scheme, and accompanying families for enrolment at Seva Kendras and Common Service Centres. This approach ensures that awareness reaches households directly, especially in rural areas, while also guiding families through the enrolment process so that registration and verification are completed smoothly without delays or confusion. The impact of this sustained on-ground mobilisation is already visible, with ASHA-led efforts contributing to nearly 10 lakh enrolments in the past 20 days alone, significantly strengthening the pace at which residents across Punjab are being brought under health coverage. To sustain this momentum, the ASHA-led model is supported through a structured incentive system, with workers being incentivised for successful enrolments, ensuring accountability and consistent outreach across regions.

Emphasising the intent behind the initiative, Punjab Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Balbir Singh said, "CM Bhagwant Singh Mann has made it clear that in Punjab, no family should have to suffer because they cannot afford treatment. Our ASHA workers are taking this promise to people's homes, ensuring that every family is aware and able to enrol. This is not just a scheme on paper, it is a guarantee we are delivering directly to people, one household at a time."

The scale of the Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna continues to expand across Punjab, with nearly 50,000 residents enrolling every day and over 35 lakh Sehat Cards already issued. Districts such as Ludhiana, Patiala, and Jalandhar continue to lead enrolments at scale, reflecting strong participation across both urban and rural areas.

Cheema hands over appointment letters to 11 Junior Auditors

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Punjab Finance Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema, under the ongoing 'Rozgar Kranti' initiative led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, handed over appointment letters to newly recruited youth at a formal ceremony, further strengthening the Punjab Government's efforts to generate employment. Eleven candidates were inducted as Junior Auditors in the office of Examiner, Local Fund Accounts, reinforcing the Finance Department with fresh talent selected through a transparent process.

Congratulating the newly appointed officials, the Finance Minister emphasised the importance of integrity and responsibility in public service. He stated, "I extend my warmest congratulations to all the newly appointed youth and urge them to discharge their administrative duties with utmost dedication, transparency, and absolute honesty. Your integrity is paramount to maintaining the financial health and accountability of the state's public institutions."

Highlighting the credibility of the recruitment process, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema noted that the entire exercise was conducted strictly on merit through the Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC). He stated, "This recruitment drive has been carried out purely on the basis of merit through the Punjab Public Service Commission. I am confident that this infusion of fresh, qualified talent will significantly enhance the operational efficiency and overall productivity of the Examiner, Local Fund Accounts wing within the Finance Department." Reaffirming the Bhagwant Mann Government's commitment to employment generation, he underlined the scale of progress achieved so far under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann.

He said, "Under the dynamic leadership of CM Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government has successfully provided secure employment to more than 65,000 youths to date.

Jasmel Singh Dairy Wale with his family pays obeisance at Dera Sachkhand Ballan

BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA, APRIL 1



Senior Congress leader Jasmel Singh Dairy Wale today reached Dera Sachkhand Ballan along with his family, where he paid obeisance before Guru Maharaj and sought blessings. His wife and son were also present on this occasion.

During the visit to the dera, he took special blessings from Sant Baba Niranjan Das Ji, the chief servant of Dera Sachkhand Ballan and prayed for the progress and prosperity of Halka Mehal Kalan along with his family. On this occasion, Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee SC Department District Chairman and potential candidate from Halka Mehal Kalan Jasmel Singh Dairy Wala also paid obeisance at the dera along with his family and sought blessings to contest the elections on behalf of the Congress party in the upcoming 2027 Punjab Vidhan Sabha elections. On this occasion, Chairman Dairy Wala while talking to the media said that he is always committed to serving the people and developing the area and will work hard to live up to the trust of the people in the coming times.

On this occasion, MC Rani Kaur from Ward No. 19 Barnala, Jagjit Singh Sekha and other family members were also present.

Advocate Dheeraj Kumar Legal Cell, AAP appointed District President and Gurpreet Singh Kalia Secretary for second time



BARNALA (BALWINDER AZAD): Aam Aadmi Party Punjab Punjab President Mr. Aman Arora and Punjab in-charge Mr. Manish Shishodia have appointed Mr. Dheeraj Kumar Advocate, District Court Barnala as the President of the Legal Cell of District Barnala, entrusting a big responsibility to him.

Along with this, Gurpreet Singh Kalia Advocate has been appointed as the Secretary of Legal Cell District Barnala for the second time and along with him, Harpreet Singh Sandhu Advocate, Parasdeep Kumar Advocate and Pankaj Singla Advocate (Tapa Wale) have been appointed as Vice President of Legal Cell District Barnala, Amandeep Sharma Advocate, Jaspreet Gill Advocate and Pulkit Advocate have been appointed as Joint Secretary of Legal Cell District Barnala, Gurpreet Singh Cherry Advocate has been appointed as President of Legal Cell Sub Division Bhadaur, Jaswinder Kaur Advocate has been appointed as Secretary of Legal Cell Sub Division Bhadaur and Mandeep Singh Sehjra Advocate has been appointed as President of Legal Cell Sub Division Mehal Kalan and Amandeep Singh Simak Advocate has been appointed as Secretary of Legal Cell Sub Division Mehal Kalan. On this occasion, there is an atmosphere of joy among the lawyers of Barnala Bar and Advocate Nitin Bansal, Rajnish Kumar etc, Harmandeep Jassar, Mahesh Goyal, Simranjit Kaur, Khushant Singla, Tarush Goyal, Kirat Kaushal, Chandra Shekhar, Arunjit Grewal thanked Bhagwant Singh Mann etc.

Barinder Kumar Goyal visits gas agency, takes stock of supply



GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA
LEHRAGAGA, APRIL 1

Punjab Cabinet Minister Mr. Barinder Kumar Goyal today visited a gas agency located at Lehra and took a detailed review of the gas supply system and the facilities being provided to the consumers. During the visit, he obtained information from the officials about the availability of gas cylinders, stock status, distribution process and arrangements made for the convenience of the consumers. On this occasion, he condemned the increase in the prices of commercial cylinders by the Central Government.On this occasion, the Cabinet Minister interacted with the people who came to get gas cylinders at the agency and listened to their problems and suggestions. People also brought to his attention some problems related to gas supply, which the Minister took seriously and issued necessary guidelines to the concerned officials on the spot. Mr. Goyal assured that the people would not face any kind of problem in getting gas cylinders.

Jass Bajjoana moving forward with dream of making Rampura Phul constituency a model

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, APRIL 1



Congress Party youth leader and District Vice President Advocate Jaswinder Singh Jass Bajjoana is continuously serving with the dream of developing all the villages of Rampura Phul constituency like his own village. He has been associated with the Congress Party for the last many years and is working for the welfare of the people at the grassroots level. Talking about his political journey, Jass Bajjoana said that he entered politics in 2014 as a delegate of the Youth Congress. In 2019, he was unanimously elected as the village sarpanch and during this time he set many records of development. In the same year, he also became the president of the Youth Congress.

While being the sarpanch, he removed illegal encroachments from the village, opened farm roads and strengthened the infrastructure.

A modern library, a gym, a new volleyball ground, a sports stadium and a running track were built in the village at a cost of Rs 20 lakh. Apart from this, a beautiful bus stand, a new park and an open gym were also built in the village.

Delegation led by BJP leader Rana Sodhi submits memorandum to Union Home Minister

TAPINDER SINGH
PATIALA, APRIL 1



A delegation led by Punjab BJP senior leader Rana Gurmeet Singh Sodhi met Union Home Minister Amit Shah and presented a detailed memorandum on various important issues. BJP National President Nitin Nabin was also present on the occasion.

Both the senior leaders assured the delegation that the issues raised by them will be seriously considered and priority will be given to the development of border areas. Nitin Nabin assured to visit Punjab soon. The delegation specifically included Anish Sidana (Arora Khatri community), Hansa Singh Comrade (Rai Sikh community), Puran Chand (2022 Vidhan Sabha election candidate), Baba Balwinder Singh, Davinder Singh Jung (former Zilla Parishad member) and Purushottam Kumar (OBC leader). On this occasion, Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi, while highlighting the strategic importance of Punjab to the central leaders, said that Punjab is not just a border state, but is also an important basis for the country's national security and food security. He said that the collective development of border areas is a matter of national interest. The memorandum specifically raised issues related to farmers, infrastructure and employment.

In the interest of the farmers, it was demanded that the farmers cultivating beyond the defense wire and zero line be given ownership rights of their land so that they can get security and stability. In addition, to strengthen the road infrastructure, a demand was made to declare the Ferozepur-Fazilka road as a four-lane national highway.

Philanthropists honoured at Science College for enhancing hostel security

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, APRIL 1



Sanmati Government College of Science Education and Research, Jagraon, organized a welcome ceremony to honour Shri Bhuwan Goyal, Managing Director of AP Refinery Private Limited, and Shri Rajinder Jain for their contribution towards enhancing the safety of the girls' hostel.

On this occasion, the Director of the college, Dr. Sumeet Brar, expressed gratitude to the distinguished guests for arranging and installing a protective security wire around the hostel premises. She stated that this initiative has strengthened the security of the hostel and ensured a safer environment for the students. As a token of appreciation, Dr. Sumeet Brar presented a momento and a planter to the guests. Vice Principal Mrs. Nidhi Mahajan appreciated the gesture and stated that such contributions reflect a strong sense of social responsibility towards student safety. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Geetanjali Chopra, while the stage proceedings were conducted by Dr. Karamdeep Kaur. On the occasion, hostel student Naina Masih recited a poem, while Simarjeet Kaur delivered a speech. The event arrangements were efficiently managed by Mrs. Rajni Bhardwaj, hostel clerk, whose efforts contributed significantly to the successful organization of the ceremony. Faculty members present on the occasion included Dr. Sarbdeep Kaur Sidhu, Mr. Sumit Soni, Mrs. Sarbjote Bedi, Miss Diksha, Miss Amandeep, Mrs. Neha, Miss Bhupinder and Shri Surinder Sharma.

BJP reviews preparations for foundation day celebrations in Rupnagar

DEVINDER SHARMA
RUPNAGAR, APRIL 1



A key meeting was held at the BJP district office in Rupnagar to review preparations for the party's upcoming foundation day celebrations. The meeting was chaired by district president Ajayveer Singh Lalpura and witnessed active participation from party leaders and workers.

State-level leaders, including Srinivasulu, Manjit Singh Rai and Charanjit Singh Brar, were present and were welcomed by the district unit. Discussions focused on planning and execution of programmes to be organised on the occasion.

Addressing the meeting, Ajayveer Singh Lalpura said that the BJP's journey from the days of the Jana Sangh to becoming the world's largest political party is inspirational. He said the foundation day on April 6 will be celebrated with enthusiasm, with party workers hoisting BJP flags at their homes and offices.

He added that celebrations will not be limited to a single day but will be held from April 5 to April 7, with special emphasis on booth-level activities to strengthen the organisation at the grassroots. The visiting leaders reiterated that the party's politics is centred on development and guided by the principle of "Seva Hi Sankalp." They urged workers to actively engage with the public and communicate government schemes and achievements effectively. Several party functionaries, including state executive member Varinder Rana and other senior workers, were present at the meeting.

Arya school excellent annual results: Advocate Reet Iqbal Singh Majhail honours students



NABHA (RAKESH JINDAL): Arya School Duldi Gate Nabha Vikhe Non Board Class +1 Arts and Commerce students' results were declared, in which a large number of parents of the children and the famous social worker Sardar Reet Iqbal Singh Mujhail Ji attended as the chief guest and distributed prizes to the winning students, in which the names of the students who came in the first positions are as follows: Manjinder Kaurjaskaran Mehak Harmanjot Singh Simranjit Singh Nabha's senior lawyer and social worker Reet Iqbal Singh Majhail, in his speech, said that today's parents should support the teachers and help their children improve and gave Rs 5100 as a reward to encourage the students. On this occasion, Gurpreet Kaur Ji also arrived in a dignified manner to bless the children. Principal Mr. Ashwani Madan Ji thanked the guests and parents and Mr. Amarjit Singh Ji played the role of the stage beautifully. On this occasion, the school in-charges Harinderjit Singh, Rakesh Kumar, Neeru Vohra, Mamta Rani, Ramandeep Kaur, Bandhan Rani, Soni Kumar, and all the teachers, management members were present!

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Three teachers accorded warm farewell in Bhoranj



ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR: A retirement programme for three teachers was organised with great enthusiasm and respect in Bhoranj block, where officials and staff of the education department gathered to honour their contributions. Block Primary Education Officer Rajkumar Patial informed that Vinod Kumar (Central Head Teacher) from Government Primary School Bharedi, Subhash Kumar (Head Teacher) from Government Primary School Nagarota Gajian, and Manohar Lal (JBT) from Government Primary School Bhoranj have retired from service. During the event, the education department felicitated the retired teachers and extended best wishes for their future.

NEWS BRIEF

Woman seriously injured after scooter falls, referred to PGI

ANIL KUMAR
BHORANJ: A 50-year-old woman was seriously injured after falling off a scooter near a private school in Kehrwin town of Bhoranj sub-division. According to reports, Nisha Devi, wife of Pyar Chand and a resident of Kehrwin, was traveling with her husband to a relative's place around 10:30 am when the incident occurred. As their scooter crossed a recently installed oversized speed breaker near the school, she was thrown off and fell onto the road. She was initially taken to Civil Hospital Bhoranj, from where doctors referred her to Hamirpur due to her critical condition. She was later shifted to PGI Chandigarh for advanced treatment. Former village head Tilak Raj and local residents alleged that the unusually large speed breakers were installed without any warning signboards, leading to the accident.

Ruckus in HP Assembly over panchayat reservation notification; BJP walks out

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The Himachal Pradesh Assembly witnessed uproar on Wednesday as Opposition BJP members demanded an adjournment motion under Rule 67 over the government's notification empowering deputy commissioners to decide the 5 per cent reservation roster for gram panchayats, panchayat samitis and zila parishads and other local bodies. As the House assembled for question hour, speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania informed members that BJP MLA Randhir Sharma had raised the issue. However, the Speaker ruled that the matter lacked urgency to suspend normal business and should be taken up after question hour. Opposition members insisted on immediate discussion under Rule 67, leading to noisy scenes and forcing a brief adjournment of proceedings till 11:30 am. After reconvening, Randhir Sharma alleged that the state government had pushed the panchayati raj institutions into a "constitutional crisis" by delaying elections, which were due before January 31, 2025. He accused the government of using the Disaster Management Act notification issued on October 8 as an excuse to indefinitely defer the polls, despite directions from courts. Sharma said the High Court had directed that elections be held before April 30, 2026, while the Supreme Court permitted the state to complete the process by May 31, 2026. He emphasized that reservation rosters and electoral rolls were required to be finalized before March 31. He alleged that instead of issuing the reservation notification, the government "overnight" empowered DCs to determine the 5% reservation, calling it unconstitutional and violative of provisions governing State Election Commission powers. Rejecting the motion, Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi hit back, accusing the BJP of politicizing the issue and disrupting question hour.

HP govt moves amendment bill to regulate operation of lifts in Assembly

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In order to strictly enforce the safety norms, Himachal Pradesh government on Thursday tabled a new bill 'Himachal Pradesh Lifts (Amendment) Bill, 2026' in the State Legislative Assembly to regulate increasing operations of lifts, escalators and travelators. Urban Development Minister Vikramaditya Singh introduced the bill which is likely to be taken up for discussion and passage on Friday, the last day of the ongoing Budget Session. The proposed amendment bill seeks to widen the scope of the existing 2007 Act by bringing escalators and travelators under its regulatory framework, in view of their increasing use across urban centres and tourist destinations in the state. According to the statement of objects and reasons of the amendment bill, the legislation aims to strengthen public safety by enforcing stricter administrative control, mandatory inspections and compliance mechanisms. It also provides for revision of licence fees, imposition of penalties and compulsory third-party insurance to safeguard users. The bill mandates prior government approval for installation of lifts, escalators and travelators, along with submission of detailed technical specifications such as capacity, speed and structural safety standards.

Centre grants Rs. 3,920 cr aid to Himachal under 'Pride of Hills' scheme

ASHISH SHARMA
KULLU, APR 1



Keeping in mind the holistic development of the hill states, the Narendra Modi-led Central Government has provided special assistance of Rs. 3,920 crore to Himachal Pradesh under the newly launched scheme, 'Pride of Hills – Special Developmental Assistance for Hill States.' Expressing gratitude to the Central Government for this significant decision, State BJP Spokesperson Akhilesh Kapoor in a press release issued here stated that this assistance is set to give a new impetus to Himachal's development. He noted that this scheme—specifically designed for hill states—was launched as a direct result of the repeated appeals and effective advocacy by Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda, Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur, State President Dr. Rajeev Bindal, all MPs from Himachal, and the state BJP leadership; a move from which Himachal Pradesh has directly benefited. Akhilesh Kapoor stated that this allocation will accelerate the development of roads, healthcare services, education, water supply, and other infrastructure within the state. Expressing his heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the entire central leadership, and the Central Government, he affirmed that the Modi government remains fully committed to the holistic development of the hill states. He highlighted that over the past three and a half years, the Central Government has provided assistance amounting to approximately Rs. 65,750 crore to Himachal Pradesh, a figure that underscores the Centre's unwavering commitment to the state. He further pointed out that while the Central Government continues to provide consistent assistance for Himachal's development on one hand, the state's Congress government, on the other, is imposing a burden of taxes upon the public. Recently, the state government has not only levied an entry tax but has also hiked the prices of petrol and diesel, thereby increasing the financial burden on the common man.

SJVN achieves significant milestones in energy generation in FY 2025–26

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, APR 1



Bhupender Gupta, Chairman & Managing Director (CMD), SJVN, informed that the operational Power Stations of SJVN have generated a total of 13302 million units' energy during the financial year 2025-26 setting benchmarks in energy generation. The 1500 MW Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Power Station recorded its second-highest annual energy generation since its commissioning, achieving 7506.617 million units during the fiscal 2025–26. Notably, the Power Station also crossed the historic milestone of 150 billion units of cumulative power generation in March 2026. The 412 MW Rampur Hydro Power Station has recorded its highest-ever annual energy generation of 2108.034 million units during FY 2025-26. This remarkable milestone marks the first-ever crossing of 2100 million units mark in its eleven-year of operational history. The 60 MW Naitwar Mori Hydro Power Station recorded a generation of 310.37 million units in FY 2025–26, which is its second year of O&M. This generation is 17% higher than its Design Energy of 265.5 million units. Further,1000 MW Bikaner Solar Power Station registered a record of generating one billion units of energy on 19th March 2026. Bhupender Gupta congratulated the employees and extended heartfelt gratitude for continued support of Government of India, Ministry of Power, State Governments where the Power Stations are located and all stakeholders. He stated that since the commissioning of its first project, the company has demonstrated consistent growth while catering to the energy needs of the nation. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Director (Personnel), SJVN, attributed this success to the dedication of employees and emphasized the projects have significantly contributed to the overall socio-economic development of the regions especially the project vicinities. Parthajit De, Director (Finance), SJVN, also congratulated the employees and stated that these achievements reflect strong operational capabilities of the organization and its important contribution to energy landscape of the country.

Journalism students delegation calls on Chief Minister



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: A delegation of students from the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication Himachal Pradesh University Shimla called on Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu here Wednesday. The Chief Minister interacted with the students and apprised them of various reforms being undertaken in the education sector to enhance the quality of education in government institutions. Sharing insights from his own journey, the Chief Minister spoke about his student life and university days. He said that his entry into public life began at the age of 17 when he was elected as a class representative. He subsequently went on to serve as State President of NSUI, Youth Congress and the Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee. He was later elected as a councillor of the Municipal Corporation Shimla and subsequently as MLA from the Nadaun Assembly Constituency. He said that anyone can rise to the position of Chief Minister, citing his own background from a modest, non-political family. He encouraged the students to actively participate in politics and contribute to public service. MLAs Sanjay Awasthi, Suresh Kumar, Harish Janartha and Vivek Sharma, along with Prof. Shashikant Sharma were present on the occasion.

Free skill training for SC youth; apply by April 10 in Una

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, in collaboration with the Electronics and Information Technology Institute, Shimla, is offering free skill development training for youth belonging to the Scheduled Caste category. District Welfare Officer Awas Pandit informed that the programme is being conducted under the Prime Minister's Scheduled Caste Abhyudaya Yojana with support from the Himachal Pradesh Government. The training will cover two courses: Artificial Intelligence concepts and Office Automation, Accounting, and Publishing Assistant. He stated that applicants must belong to the Scheduled Caste category and be permanent residents of Himachal Pradesh. Interested candidates can submit their applications on plain paper along with required documents at the District Welfare Officer's office in Una by April 10.



Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania presided over the proceedings on the 11th day of the Budget Session (Phase II) on Tuesday.

Preparations completed at HPCA stadium for IPL 2026 matches: Manuj Sharma

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, APR 1



The Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association (HPCA) is currently finalizing all preparations for the matches scheduled to take place at the International Cricket Stadium in Dharamshala during the month of May. HPCA Secretary Manuj Sharma stated that the association's preparations for the upcoming IPL matches are nearly complete. He noted that, in anticipation of the matches, sports enthusiasts have already begun making their way to Dharamshala. Furthermore, thousands of tourists are visiting the cricket stadium daily to catch a glimpse of the venue. It is worth noting that three matches of the IPL 2026 season are scheduled to be played at the HPCA Stadium. According to the second schedule released by the BCCI, the fixtures include Punjab Kings vs. Delhi Capitals on May 11, Punjab Kings vs. Mumbai Indians on May 14, and Punjab Kings vs. Royal Challengers Bengaluru on May 17. The second phase of the IPL is scheduled to run from April 13 to May 24. During this period, the IPL will be at its peak intensity, with teams vying fiercely for the top spot on the points table in an effort to secure a berth in the playoffs. Consequently, the battles set to unfold on the Dharamshala pitch during this time promise to be incredibly thrilling. As per the released IPL schedule, the first match between Punjab Kings and Delhi Capitals will be held on May 11. The second match will be played between Punjab Kings and Mumbai Indians on May 14, while in the third match on May 17, the Punjab team will face off against Royal Challengers Bengaluru. HPCA Secretary Manuj Sharma remarked that the Dharamshala International Cricket Stadium widely regarded as one of the most beautiful cricket grounds in the world is once again set to be steeped in the excitement of the IPL (IPL 2026).

Road blockade in Palampur's Differpat hits residents hard

KISHORI LAL BAINS
PALAMPUR, APR 1



Residents of Ward No. 6 in the Differpat area, including Neugal Enclave, have been facing severe difficulties for nearly two months due to ongoing sewerage work that has blocked all major access roads. The disruption began with excavation near Neugal Café at SSB Chowk and worsened after the closure of the road near Maggi Point, effectively cutting off the area. With no alternative routes available, residents are struggling to commute to workplaces, schools, and essential services, while vehicles frequently get stuck.

Recent rainfall has aggravated the situation, turning the stretch from Sai Temple to Differpat into a muddy and hazardous path, making even walking risky. Locals fear accidents due to slippery conditions. Residents have also raised concerns over poor coordination between the Public Works Department (PWD), IPH Department, and the Municipal Corporation, alleging that the issue remains unresolved due to lack of accountability. Calling the situation a serious safety concern, especially in emergencies, residents have urged authorities to act immediately. They have demanded reopening of the Maggi Point road, clearance of mud, and proper restoration of roads to ensure smooth movement. Warning of potential accidents, residents said any untoward incident due to delays would be the responsibility of the concerned departments.

Hilldaari project marks 6 years with grand closing event in Dalhousie

SUBHASH MAHAJAN
DALHOUSIE, APR 1



The Hilldaari Project celebrated six successful years of implementation with a concluding event held in Dalhousie, highlighting its impact on strengthening the city's solid waste management system. The event recognized the collective efforts of various stakeholders, including government departments, NGOs, citizen groups, schools, media representatives, SWM contractors, and Safai Mitras, who were felicitated for their contributions toward making the city cleaner and more sustainable. Adding a cultural touch, the programme featured live singing performances by Pratham Ghai and Vishal Hans, while students of Dalhousie Hilltop School presented a dance performance on the theme of cleanliness, spreading awareness about hygiene and community responsibility. On the occasion, 30 Safai Mitras were provided essential safety and welfare kits, including uniforms, raincoats, safety shoes, gloves, first aid kits, and ration kits, aimed at improving their safety, dignity, and well-being. The event was attended by several dignitaries, including DFO Rajneesh Mahajan, SMO Seema Attri, Hilltop School Chairman Sudhir Dhawan, and Municipal Council Junior Engineer Sanjeev Prakash Sharma, among others. Highlighting the journey of the past six years, speakers emphasized the project's role in promoting waste segregation at source, encouraging behavioral change, and strengthening community participation.

New academic session begins with enthusiasm at Vashisht Public School, Una

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, APR 1



The new academic session at Vashisht Public School, Una, commenced with great enthusiasm and joy on April 1. Teachers warmly welcomed students by applying tilak on their foreheads, creating a positive and traditional start to the session. Students arrived at school with excitement, dressed in new uniforms and carrying new books and bags. They were delighted to reunite with their friends, and their faces reflected happiness and eagerness for a fresh beginning. On the occasion, teachers distributed badges carrying motivational messages to inspire students to work hard, stay positive, and strive for success in life. The students received these badges with great enthusiasm, showing confidence and joy. During the morning assembly, teachers and the Principal guided students on the importance of discipline, education, and character building. To mark the beginning of the new session, workshops will be organised over the first two days, focusing on the overall development of students through various activities.

School Chairman Satpal Vashisht extended his best wishes to teachers, students, and parents on the new session. Director Anuj Vashisht emphasized the school's commitment to maintaining quality education while exploring new avenues of growth.

Principal Deepak Kaushal highlighted the importance of moral values, discipline, and self-confidence, stating that no goal is unattainable with hard work and determination. He also warmly welcomed all students and staff for the new academic session.

Annual prize distribution ceremony held at JNV Dungri in Hamirpur



ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR: The annual prize distribution ceremony was held with enthusiasm and dignity at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Dungri in Hamirpur district. Tehsildar Bhoranj Dr Ashish Sharma attended the event as the chief guest. School principal Vikram Kumar welcomed the chief guest with a bouquet and memento. Among the distinguished guests were Pradeep Kumar, principal of SBN B.Ed College Tarkwari; Rajendra Sharma, ADPEO Hamirpur; and Ritesh Patial, manager at State Bank of India, Tarkwari. Cultural performances by students were a major highlight of the event. Presentations including Solan Giddha, classical dance, orchestra and devotional songs captivated the audience and reflected the students' talent and discipline. Presenting the annual report, Vikram Kumar highlighted the school's achievements in academics, sports and co-curricular activities. He expressed pride in the students' accomplishments and wished them success in the future. Students who excelled in academics, sports and other activities during the year were honoured with awards by the chief guest and other dignitaries, encouraging them to strive for excellence.

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Fake LPG messages trigger panic; consumers urged to stay alert

RAKESH BHAYANA

PANIPAT: Amid concerns over LPG availability, cyber fraudsters have devised a new tactic by sending fake messages in the name of gas companies, attempting to mislead consumers into surrendering their connections. The case came to light when local resident Paramvir Dhingra received suspicious messages allegedly from Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and an Adani Group company. The messages appeared authentic, but upon verification, the companies confirmed they were fake. Dhingra also reported receiving a call asking him to send a photo for meter verification, raising further suspicion. After sharing details with the company, it was identified as a possible cyber fraud attempt. Authorities have advised consumers not to trust such messages or calls and to verify any information before taking action.



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Dr. Raman Gupta takes charge as Indri SDM, reviews procurement arrangements

MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: Dr. Raman Gupta, the newly appointed SDM of Indri, has assumed his post. Prior to this, he served as SDM Badli. He has also served as the City Magistrate in Kurukshetra district and as Joint Managing Director of the Haryana Tourism Development Corporation. Dr. Raman Gupta is a 2023 batch officer of the Haryana Civil Services. Upon assuming office, Dr. Gupta inspected the Rabi crop procurement arrangements at the Indri grain market and procurement centres. He directed HAFED, the Market Committee, the Food Supply Department, and other concerned officials to ensure all preparations for wheat procurement are in place. He advised officials to ensure that both procurement and lifting crop are prompt so that farmers do not face any difficulties in selling their wheat.



HPSEBL launches online billing system for IPPs

DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA: The Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited (HPSEBL) has launched an online system for the payment of monthly electricity bills of Independent Power Producers (IPPs), effective from April 1, 2026. The system was formally inaugurated by HPSEBL Chairman Prabodh Saxena at Vidyut Bhawan, Shimla. He stated that the new digital facility will significantly reduce processing time, minimize human intervention, and enhance transparency and reliability in payments to IPPs. Developed as part of the Board's push toward digital transformation, the integrated module allows IPPs from both solar and hydro sectors to submit bills through a dedicated web portal on the official HPSEBL website. The system is fully integrated with SAP ERP, enabling automated workflow-based scrutiny,



PM Modi vows UCC rollout in Assam; accuses Congress of 'divisive politics'

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday vowed to implement the Uniform Civil Code in Assam, while reiterating the state government's commitment to protecting tribal traditions, Sixth Schedule areas and preserving Assam's identity.Addressing a public rally in Gogamukh, the Prime Minister said that several key decisions have been taken to ensure dignity, safety and equal rights, particularly for women. "To ensure that no deceit is done to our daughters, many major announcements have also been made to ensure the dignity, respect, and safety of our daughters' lives. Implementing the Uniform Civil Code in Assam and protecting the traditions of our tribal society, Sixth Schedule areas, or saving Assam's identity are very big announcements. The BJP does what it says," he said.Launching a sharp attack on the Congress party, Prime Minister Narendra Modi accused it of pursuing divisive politics, alleging that it had earlier attempted to introduce legislation that could have created divisions in society.Referring to the pre-2014 period, the Prime Minister claimed that the Congress-led government had proposed a communal violence bill with the objective of appeasing a "particular vote bank." He also recalled the BJP's opposition to the proposed legislation, stating that the party had strongly protested against it while warning about its potential consequences if implemented." Before 2014, the Congress-led central government tried to bring a communal violence bill. Its objective was to appease its guaranteed vote bank. In this bill, the majority community would have been treated as the culprit in violence and religious minorities would have been declared victims. This was a divisive bill. The BJP fought against it. Had this bill been passed, imagine the harassment the majority of society would have faced. Now, 12 years later, Congress is trying to bring a similar bill in Assam. Congress leaders are openly saying this to win the elections," said the Prime Minister.He further alleged that similar approaches are now being attempted in Assam for electoral gains. "First, the Muslim League and now Congress are trying to divide the country," PM Modi added.Reflecting to BJP's manifesto, the Prime Minister termed it as "Mangal Patra", adding that it can only bring "Mangal" (auspiciousness) in the state. "The Assam BJP released a splendid manifesto yesterday.

One Click Governance: Bilaspur launches 'e-Dispatch' system for instant communication

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY

BILASPUR, APR 1



In a transformative leap towards digital governance, Bilaspur district has officially launched the 'e-Dispatch' system, marking a significant milestone in its journey toward a fully paperless and efficient administrative ecosystem. Spearheading this progressive initiative, Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar announced that all government mail transactions across the district will now be conducted online under the 'e-Office' project. With the implementation of the 'e-Dispatch' system, traditional methods of handling official correspondence are set to become obsolete. The new system ensures instantaneous transmission of government communications, eliminating delays associated with physical delivery while drastically reducing expenditure on printing and postage. Officials emphasized that with just a single click, documents can now be securely transmitted to any office, enhancing both speed and reliability. In its initial phase, the system has been rolled out across key administrative offices, including the Deputy Commissioner's office, Superintendent of Police office, all Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) offices, and Block Development Officer offices. Comprehensive guidelines have been issued to ensure seamless adoption and efficient functioning across departments. Describing the initiative as a cornerstone of modern governance, Rahul Kumar highlighted that the 'e-Dispatch' system will not only streamline workflows but also promote transparency, accountability, and environmental sustainability.

Maintain proper crop procurement system in grain market, officials should pay special attention to cleanliness: DC

RANVIR PARASHAR

KAITHAL, APR 1



DC Aparajita visited the Guhla area on Wednesday and inspected the Chikka grain market along with the SDM office and the tehsil office, giving necessary instructions to the concerned officials. SDM Captain Pramesh Singh and other officials were present.

The DC first visited the Market Committee office to review the wheat procurement process. She inspected the CCTV control room and computer room to assess the arrangements. She then inspected the Atal Canteen to assess the quality of the food and directed that special attention be paid to cleanliness and improved food quality. In the e-procurement room, the DC took detailed information about the crop procurement process and personally sat at the computer to verify farmers' biometric details under the e-procurement system. She gave clear instructions that farmers should not face any inconvenience and that the procurement process should be conducted with complete transparency and in accordance with the rules. During this meeting, Market Committee Secretary Satbir Ravish provided information regarding the employees.

During her visit to the market, the DC expressed displeasure with the poor condition of the internal roads and directed Marketing Board officials over the phone to have these repaired immediately. She also directed the market to ensure regular cleanliness, prevent garbage accumulation and maintain basic amenities such as CCTV cameras, toilets, drinking water, and electricity. She also directed the SDM to continuously monitor the markets and procurement centers.

IPR workshop held at Dyal Singh College, Karnal



CHAMANLAL

KARNAL: The Institution Innovation Council of Dyal Singh College, Karnal, organized a workshop on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) to enhance students' understanding of protecting creative and innovative ideas. The session commenced with a welcome address by Principal Dr. Ashima Gakhar, who highlighted the growing importance of intellectual property in today's knowledge-driven economy. She encouraged students to become aware of legal frameworks that safeguard innovation and creativity. Keynote speaker Dr. Rahul Taneja delivered an engaging and informative talk on various aspects of IPR, including patents, copyrights, and trademarks. He supported his presentation with real-world examples, explaining the significance of intellectual property across industries and research fields. Over 100 students from different streams participated enthusiastically, making the session interactive through questions and discussions.

Barnala student selected for Japan Science Tour

KARANPREET KARAN



BARNALA: Bringing pride to the district, Class 12 student Alisha Rani from Government Senior Secondary Smart School (Kanya), Barnala, has been selected for a prestigious educational tour to Japan under the Sakura Science High School Program 2026. Alisha is among 56 students chosen from across India, including three from Punjab, for the week-long visit scheduled from May 24 to May 30. The program, organized by the Ministry of Education, aims to enhance students' exposure to science and technology. Deputy Commissioner Harpreet Singh stated that such opportunities reflect the government's commitment to nurturing talent, adding that Alisha's achievement is a matter of pride for the district. District Education Officer (Secondary) Sunitinder Singh highlighted that the selection is based on national-level academic excellence. Alisha had earlier cleared the National Means Cum Merit Scholarship Examination and has been receiving Rs. 12,000 annually since Class 8. She also scored 97% in Class 10. Expressing her happiness, Alisha credited her teachers, including Principal Vince Jindal and awardee teacher Pankaj Goyal, for her success. Her parents also shared their pride, calling the opportunity a "moment of great joy" for the family.

Youth honoured for saving family from canal mishap in Panipat

RAKESH BHAYANA

PANIPAT, APR 1



In a remarkable act of bravery, Sachin Chhokkar, a resident of Narayana village, saved four members of a family after their car plunged into a canal near Narayana bridge on March 11. For his courageous deed, Panipat Superintendent of Police Bhupender Singh honoured him.

According to reports, a Honda City carrying a couple and their three children fell into the canal and began sinking. While onlookers hesitated, Sachin, a skilled swimmer, immediately jumped into the water without concern for his own safety.

Demonstrating presence of mind, he broke the car window and rescued all occupants one by one, including two-year-old children. After bringing them to safety, he took them to his home, provided first aid, food, and water, and later ensured they safely returned home. Praising his courage, SP Bhupender Singh termed the act a true example of humanity and assured that efforts would be made to ensure proper recognition for Sachin at the administrative level. The Bar Association, led by President Surender Doon, also honoured him for his bravery.

Sachin said he acted on instinct after hearing cries for help while passing by the canal. Expressing happiness over the recognition, he hoped his actions would inspire others to step forward and help people in distress.

Sisodia calls for 'Begampura' equality at Punjabi University event



TAPINDER SINGH

PATIALA, APR 1

As part of a series of programs planned by the Punjab government under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann to celebrate the 650th birth anniversary of Sri Guru Ravidas Ji on a large scale, a discussion on the Bani of Sri Guru Ravidas Ji and the concept of social equality given by Sant Samaj was started today at Punjabi University, Patiala. Attending the occasion as the chief guest, former Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi and Aam Aadmi Party's Punjab affairs in-charge Manish Sisodia invited the youth to come forward to make India a country with the concept of Begampura given by Sri Guru Ravidas Ji. Manish Sisodia said that it is a big question that even today our country is still 650 years old. Why could not a country be created with the principles of equality and equal opportunities for all as given earlier? Although Dr. B. R. Ambedkar had promoted this idea through the Constitution, there are still many bitter truths, due to which we are far from the concept of Guru Maharaj. He said that today it is necessary that the Constitution of our country be implemented properly to eliminate this inequality and inequality. Manish Sisodia congratulated Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann and the Punjab government for the steps being taken to spread the message of Sri Guru Ravidas Ji across the world and said that such events and discussions will answer the questions arising in the minds of young students about financial inequality, difference and disparity in the society.

SD College Journalism department organises workshop on 'TV Writing and Anchoring'



KARANPREET KARAN

BARNALA: The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at S.D. College, Barnala, in collaboration with the IQAC, successfully organized a one-day workshop titled 'Skills to Startup: TV Writing and Anchoring.' Mr. Dalip Singh, Digital Head of PTC Network Chandigarh, attended the event as the keynote speaker. Drawing from his extensive professional experience, Mr. Dalip provided students with vital insights into the professional standards of television scriptwriting and the technical nuances of modern news anchoring. He emphasized that the media field is vast, offering numerous career paths, and encouraged students to enter the profession by mastering specific skills such as scriptwriting, graphics, video editing, and anchoring. Approximately 50 students participated in the workshop. Dr. Rama Sharma, Principal of S.D. College, graced the occasion to bless the students. Certificates were distributed to all participants, and the keynote speaker, Mr. Dalip Singh, was honored with a special memento.

New education session of Janata Public School begins with havan

NIRMAL SAINI



RADAUR: The new academic session started in Janata Public School, Alahar with performance of Havan. During this time, Havan was organized in which children and staff members participated. Sacrifice was offered in the havan and good wishes were given to the children for their bright future. Rajkumar Shastri performed the havan according to the Vedic method. School Chairman Mukesh Shastri said that like every year, this year also the new session was started with a havan. School Principal Dr. Kalpana Bajaj said that today was the Chaturdashi date of Chaitra Shukla Paksha, which was very auspicious according to the scriptures. Today the new school session started. It is a matter of good fortune for us. On this occasion, staff members Akhil Kamboj, Ashish Sharma, Prince Sharma, Sandeep Dhiman, Ravi Kumar, Shobha, Meenakshi, Pooja and Nisha were present.

Garbage crisis dominates MC proceedings

SANJEEV TEJPAL

MORINDA, APR 1



A routine meeting of the Municipal Council here on Tuesday descended into chaos as the escalating garbage management crisis in the city led to sharp exchanges between the ruling and opposition councillors. The meeting, presided over by Council President Jagdev Singh Bhattoa, witnessed strong objections from opposition members, who alleged that no substantial agenda addressing key development issues of the city had been presented. The discussion soon turned heated over the growing heaps of garbage and the absence of a permanent dumping site.

Opposition councillors accused the council of resorting to ad hoc measures by transporting waste to nearby towns such as Lalru and Zirakpur instead of establishing a proper landfill facility, thereby causing a drain on public funds. They termed the ruling side ineffective in maintaining sanitation and cleanliness in the city. The situation escalated into verbal arguments between both sides, disrupting the proceedings for some time. However, normalcy was later restored, and several resolutions were eventually passed, both unanimously and by majority.

Providing details, Executive Officer Ravi Kumar Jindal stated that the lease for the dumping site at village Ratangarh had expired in April 2025 and was not renewed by the landowner. Consequently, garbage continued to accumulate at secondary collection points, leading to unhygienic conditions across the city.

New session of DAV Police Public School, Jagadhri started with Yagya

RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR, APR 1



The new session was started with Yagya in DAV Police Public School Jagadhri on Wednesday. The new session was initiated with a prayer to God, ensures its completion and success. With this spirit and to invoke God's blessings, a yajna (fire sacrifice) was performed at DAV Police Public School, marking the beginning of the new semester. Teacher Hoshiyaar Singh, along with students from grades 3rd to 12th and staff members, offered oblations in the yajna, praying for the students' and school's progress and prosperity. School Principal Anoop Kumar Chopra encouraged students to strive for success in both academics and sports through diligence, dedication and honesty. The new semester began with all the necessary facilities, including arts, commerce, science and medical subjects, for students in grades 11th and 12th. The Principal stated that the school will make every effort to ensure a bright future for students and ensure their quality education, providing all necessary facilities for academics and sports. The school, its teachers and faculty will work diligently and honestly to ensure the students' quality education. Students can speak to their teachers without hesitation or fear to resolve any doubts and problems they may have. The Principal extended his best wishes and blessings to all students for the new semester.

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Devendra Sharma takes charge as Karnal SDM



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Devendra Sharma has assumed charge as the new Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) of Karnal. A 2017-batch HCS officer, he has previously served as Estate Officer in HSVP in Karnal.
After taking charge, he said that ensuring time-bound resolution of public grievances will be his top priority. He added that special focus will be given to effectively addressing issues related to both urban and rural areas.
Sharma also emphasised that the benefits of various government welfare schemes will be delivered to the last person in the queue with greater transparency and ease.

Govt committed for smooth procurement of crops, says Rajesh Nagar

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 1

Haryana Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister, Sh. Rajesh Nagar said that the State Government is giving top priority to the welfare of farmers. He said that under the leadership of Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini, extensive arrangements have been made to ensure a streamlined, transparent, and smooth procurement process for mustard and wheat across all grain markets in the State.

He said that all necessary facilities and arrangements in mandis have been further strengthened to ensure that farmers do not face any inconvenience and that the lifting of their produce takes place in a timely and hassle-free manner.

Sh. Rajesh Nagar inspected the Sohna grain market in Gurugram on Wednesday and reviewed the procurement arrangements for mustard and wheat. During the visit, he also interacted with commission agents and farmers to understand their concerns.



During the inspection, the Minister also reviewed the services being provided at the help desk set up for farmers, the rooms constructed at the entry and main gates, the availability of gunny bags with commission agents, and the complaint register. He directed officers to ensure the prompt resolution of complaints received from farmers. He also reviewed the food arrangements being provided to farmers at the Atal Canteen in the mandi and directed that the quality and availability be maintained effectively.

The Minister said that the State Government has upgraded the existing e-Kharid portal with several new provisions to further strengthen the foodgrain procurement process. He said that during the Rabi procurement season 2026–27, at the time of arrival of wheat brought by farmers to mandis and procurement centres, photographs of the vehicle along with its registration number will be captured to ensure transparency in the process.

He reiterated that the State Government remains committed to safeguarding the interests of farmers and ensuring that they do not face any inconvenience while selling their produce.

SDM, Sohna, Sh. Akhilesh Yadav, Market Committee Secretary, Sh. Dinesh Kumar, officers of HAFED, along with other departmental officers, were present.

Blood donation is humanity's greatest service: Professor Dr. Rampal Saini



CHAMAN LAL
KARNAL, APRIL 1

A blood donation camp, organised under the joint aegis of the Red Cross Club, Red Ribbon Club, NSS, and NCC at DAV PG College, was inaugurated by Professor Dr. Rampal Saini—Vice-Chancellor of Chaudhary Ranbir Singh University, Jind—and the program's guest, Rajesh Khurana, the Naib Tehsildar of Karnal. Dr. Poonam Verma (Program Officer of the college's NSS Cell), Dr. Rekha Chaudhary (Coordinator of the Red Ribbon Club), and Dr. Balram Sharma (In-charge of the NCC and Red Cross Cell) welcomed the guests and the Principal by presenting them with bouquets. Professor Dr. Rampal Saini—Vice-Chancellor of Chaudhary Ranbir Singh University, Jind, and Principal of the college—stated that blood donation is not merely a social activity; rather, it is the greatest service to humanity, often referred to as Mahadaan. Through blood donation, we not only grant the gift of life to others, but it is also immensely beneficial for our own health. He emphasized that blood donation is the very foundation of life; while voluntary blood donation takes only a few minutes, it can bestow a lifetime of happiness and the gift of life upon an individual.

He clarified that the process is completely safe and does not result in any form of physical weakness or debility. There is a need for us to launch social awareness campaigns regarding blood donation. Even today, many people hesitate to donate blood due to certain misconceptions prevalent in society, despite the fact that blood donation causes no harm to our bodies. He reiterated that blood donation is indeed the supreme donation, providing the gift of life to millions of people. Every day, countless individuals sustain critical injuries in road accidents; however, timely first aid and access to blood can save the lives of thousands of such victims. Addressing the students and encouraging them to donate blood, the program's guest, Rajesh Khurana, remarked that their blood has the power to give life to another person. The spiritual fulfillment derived from giving a new lease on life to someone through blood donation is something that can neither be assigned a monetary value nor adequately expressed in words.

New Principal Apoorva Bhardwaj welcomed at DAV Public School

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA, APRIL 1

Anuja Bhardwaj assumed charge as the new Principal of DAV Public School, Barara, on Wednesday. A Havan Yajna was organised at the school to welcome her. Former Principal Sunita Kapoor, Acharya Gopal Sharma (President of Vedic Anusandhan, Bhambholi), and the school staff extended a warm welcome to her. During a staff meeting, Anuja Bhardwaj assured everyone that, under her leadership, DAV Public School, Barara, would continue to achieve high benchmarks in every field, just as it has in the past. Appreciating both the teaching and non-teaching staff, she remarked that they serve as her "right and left hands," and that the school's objectives can only be realised through their collective efforts. The school staff, in turn, assured her that they would consistently support the Principal in the school's development—across both academic and other spheres—just as they have done previously. Everyone expressed confidence that, under her able guidance, the school would continue to advance steadily on the path of progress.



DC Uttam Singh inspects mandis in Karnal, reviews procurement arrangements

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
TARAORI: Karnal Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh on Wednesday inspected the grain markets in Karnal and Tarawadi to review arrangements for wheat and mustard procurement. He directed officials to ensure that farmers do not face any inconvenience and that the procurement process is conducted in a transparent manner.

During the visit, the Deputy Commissioner instructed authorities to remove unnecessary vehicles from the mandi to facilitate smooth movement of farmers. He also stressed the need for proper cleanliness, drinking water, sanitation and other essential facilities within the market.

Mandi president Subhash Gupta welcomed the DC and highlighted issues including pending commission payments and shortage of space. Uttam Singh assured that dues of commission agents would be cleared soon and arranged additional space at a nearby rice mill to ease congestion. He reiterated that the government will not allow any disruption in procurement.



Speaking to mediapersons, the DC said procurement of wheat and mustard has commenced and several new measures have been introduced this season. Biometric verification has been made mandatory at entry gates, while CCTV cameras have been installed at exit points for enhanced transparency. A new app has also been launched to ensure transparent auction, and successful dry runs have already been conducted.

He appealed to farmers to bring their produce only in registered vehicles. In special cases, prior permission from the SDM will be required. Adequate biometric machines and counters have been installed and will be increased if needed.

The DC said the minimum support price (MSP) for wheat this year has been fixed at ₹2,585 per quintal. Basic facilities such as drinking water, seating arrangements and canteen services have been ensured in mandis. Farmers unable to visit personally can authorise up to three persons to sell their produce on their behalf. He further informed that check-posts have been activated at border points to monitor inflow of wheat from other states and protect the interests of local farmers.

Karnal BJP leader congratulates mayor, councillors on one year of achievements

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Senior BJP leader Tarlochan Singh has congratulated Karnal Mayor Renu Bala Gupta, councillors, and officials of the Municipal Corporation for achieving significant milestones during their one-year tenure. He also extended his best wishes for the successful implementation of upcoming development plans in the city.

He said that Renu Bala Gupta, who is serving as mayor for the third consecutive term, has set new benchmarks in the development of Karnal. He attributed the ongoing development works to the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar.

Tarlochan Singh added that consistent support from local representatives, including Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand, Assembly Speaker and Gharaunda MLA Harvinder Kalyan, Assandh MLA Yogendra Rana, Nilokheri MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi and Indri MLA Ramkumar Kashyap, has contributed to accelerating development works in the district.

He claimed that Karnal is witnessing some of the fastest-paced development in Haryana and said the city's residents are fortunate to have Renu Bala Gupta as mayor.

Man arrested in Karnal for Rs. 24 lakh fraud on pretext of Canada PR

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: District police in Karnal have arrested Saurav Gill for allegedly duping a couple of lakhs of rupees on the pretext of arranging permanent residency (PR) in Canada.

According to the investigating officer, the complainant and her husband, currently residing in Canada on a work permit, came in contact with Gaurav Gill, brother of the accused, in September 2024. The accused allegedly claimed expertise in immigration services and French language testing, assuring PR within a month in exchange for 40,000 Canadian dollars.

The complainant alleged that a total of ₹24 lakh was paid in instalments as per the accused's instructions, including ₹6.80 lakh transferred to Saurav Gill's bank account via cheque. Despite receiving the amount, no concrete progress was made in the case till November 2024. In March 2025, when the complainant's family demanded a refund, the accused allegedly refused to return the money and issued threats of serious consequences. Based on the complaint, a case (FIR No. 748/2025) was registered at the city police station under relevant sections. The police team acted swiftly and arrested the accused, who was produced before a court and remanded to one-day police custody. Officials said that during the remand, the accused will be interrogated to identify the involvement of other persons linked to the case.

Naveen Jindal Foundation team conducts free health camp in Murtazapur

YAGYADATT SHASHTRI
PEHOWA: With the objective of delivering free healthcare services to the public, the medical van initiative—launched by MP Naveen Jindal—arrived in the village of Murtazapur. Here, under the leadership of Dr. Pramod Singh, a team conducted OPD consultations for 93 people, providing them with free medicines. Additionally, laboratory tests were conducted for 11 individuals. Jagat Singh (Chandigarh Form)—a representative of Sarpanch Amar Bharat—stated that MP Naveen Jindal is working in the best interests of all sections of society, including women, youth, the elderly, and farmers. While beauty parlors, tailoring centers, and training camps are being organized for women, MP Naveen Jindal has also established International Skill Centers for the youth under the Skill Development Scheme. Furthermore, to connect farmers with natural farming practices and to boost their income, the MP is continuously organising agricultural fairs. A special programme for livestock owners was also recently held in Kurukshetra.



Gulf conflict causing environmental crisis, says Ram Chauhan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
SHAMLI: Raising concern over the ongoing Iran-Israel conflict, Ram Chauhan said the crisis is not just about oil and gas, but about the widespread environmental damage affecting people globally.

He stated that attacks on oil tankers, refineries and gas facilities in the Gulf region have triggered large-scale pollution, pushing the environment towards a serious crisis. The conflict, involving Iran and Israel along with allied forces, has led to oil spills, fires and toxic emissions impacting air, water and soil.

According to him, the situation is reminiscent of the 1991 Gulf War, when burning oil wells caused massive environmental damage. In the current conflict, oil spills in the Persian Gulf have endangered marine ecosystems, including coral reefs, mangroves and aquatic life. He noted that damage to oil tankers and disruption in the Strait of Hormuz has increased the risk of large-scale spills, affecting fisheries and livelihoods.

Chauhan also highlighted rising air pollution due to fires at oil depots and refineries, which have released toxic gases such as sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and particulate matter. He warned that such pollutants can lead to acid rain and serious health issues, particularly for vulnerable populations.

He added that soil and water contamination from oil leaks and explosions could have long-term consequences on agriculture and food security, with harmful chemicals entering the food chain. Biodiversity in the region is also under severe threat due to continuous environmental degradation.

Emphasising the global implications, Chauhan said that environmental damage caused by such conflicts can have lasting effects on climate and ecosystems worldwide. He called for urgent international attention, peace efforts and strict environmental monitoring to prevent irreversible damage

Rakesh Bansal unanimously elected sabzi mandi president for 49th time

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
TARAORI, APRIL 1

Rakesh Bansal has once again been unanimously elected as the president of the Taraori Sabzi Mandi Arhtiya Association, marking his 49th consecutive term in the role.

The decision was taken during a meeting of the association held in the mandi, where all arhtiyas participated. On completion of his two-year tenure, Rakesh Bansal submitted his resignation, following which the process to elect a new president was initiated.

Addressing the gathering, Navneet Bansal stated that any arhtiya was free to file nomination for the post. However, all members present proposed Rakesh Bansal's name and extended unanimous support, leading to his reappointment for another two-year term.

Members including Navdeep Bansal, Montu Bansal, Ashok Rana, Pawan Prajapat, Raju Sachdeva and Ajay Garg, among others, endorsed the decision. The proposal in his favour was passed unanimously as soon as the meeting proceedings began. Thanking the members, Rakesh Bansal expressed gratitude for their continued trust and assured that he would strive to meet their expectations. He said efforts would be made to resolve issues of the vegetable market in coordination with the administration.



The occasion was celebrated with garlands and distribution of sweets. Municipal Committee chairman Virender Bansal, along with Shivam Bansal, Saurabh Bansal and several other traders, was also present. Rakesh Bansal has been consistently chosen as the association's president for several years, reflecting strong confidence among traders in his leadership.

Wife, lover sentenced to life imprisonment for husband's murder in Karnal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, APRIL 1

A local court in Karnal has sentenced a woman and her lover to life imprisonment for the murder of her husband, bringing to an end a chilling case rooted in an illicit relationship.

The convicts have been identified as Rani and her lover Salinder, who were found guilty of conspiring and executing the murder of Rani's husband, Surajbhan alias Angrez.

According to the prosecution, Rani had lodged a missing complaint of her husband on March 8, 2021, at Sadar police station. However, during the investigation, her statements appeared suspicious, prompting the police to probe the case more thoroughly. Villagers also expressed doubts over her version of events.

A breakthrough came when a key witness, Dinesh, informed the police about Rani's alleged illicit relationship with Salinder, a resident of the same village. He suspected their involvement in Surajbhan's disappearance. The suspicion deepened when both accused fled the village after the incident.

Police first arrested Rani and, based on her interrogation, apprehended Salinder. During the investigation, it was revealed that the duo had murdered Surajbhan and disposed of his body by throwing it into the SYL canal on the road from Kachhwa to Chamar Khera in an attempt to destroy evidence.

After completing the investigation, police presented strong evidence before the court.

Additional Sessions Judge Rajneesh Kumar Sharma, after hearing arguments from both sides, held the accused guilty.

Shandilya calls for strong action against drugs, extremism in Punjab



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Anti Terrorist Front India national president Viresh Shandilya has said that Punjab needs decisive action to curb drug abuse and extremist activities, asserting that strong leadership is essential to restore peace and stability in the state.
Addressing mediapersons, Shandilya claimed that successive governments, including Congress, Akali Dal and the current Aam Aadmi Party dispensation, have failed to address the growing menace of drugs in Punjab. He alleged that substance abuse has severely affected the youth and called for urgent measures to tackle the issue. He also expressed concern over attempts by extremist elements to revive militancy in the state, stating that such forces must be countered firmly. Shandilya said his organisation would intensify awareness campaigns across Punjab against terrorism and anti-national activities. Referring to national leadership, he said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah have the capability to address these challenges effectively. He urged people to support policies aimed at ensuring security, development and protection of youth and agriculture in Punjab. Shandilya added that sustained efforts and public participation are necessary to eliminate the root causes of drug abuse and extremism, and to move towards a more stable and prosperous Punjab.

Judge sentences two accused to RI, fine of Rs 1000 each

YUGMARG NEWS
FATEHABAD, APRIL 1

Today while delivering a verdict in a significant criminal case, Deepak Agarwal, the District and Sessions Judge, Fatehabad, sentenced the accused—Lovjeet Singh and Kuldeep Singh—to rigorous imprisonment of one year and a fine of ₹1,000 (each) under Section 323/34 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), and to rigorous imprisonment of five years and a fine of ₹5,000 (each) under Section 307/34 of the IPC. The case was effectively and competently prosecuted by Mr. Arun Bansal, Deputy District Attorney (DDA). Sharing this information, Devender Mittal, District Attorney (DA), Fatehabad, stated that on October 23, 2021, information was received from the Control Room, Fatehabad, that Bhagwan Singh—son of Gurdeep Singh and a resident of Chando Kalan—had been admitted to the Civil Hospital, Ratia, due to injuries sustained during an altercation. Acting on this information, a police team immediately reached the hospital, where the doctor initially declared the injured victim "unfit for giving a statement." The following day, October 24, 2021, after the doctor declared the victim "fit for giving a statement," Bhagwan Singh recorded his statement.

In his statement, he recounted that on October 23, 2021, at approximately 8:00 PM, he had stepped out of his home to purchase medicine for his wife. At that moment, four youths riding a motorcycle passed by the spot while making a loud commotion. When he asked them to desist, they became enraged; they stopped their motorcycle and began physically assaulting him. The accused, Lovjeet Singh, struck him on his arm, nose, and head with a stick, while the accused, Kuldeep Singh, also inflicted injuries using a stick. Furthermore, their accomplices knocked him to the ground and assaulted him with kicks and punches. Upon hearing the injured victim raise an alarm, his wife and nearby residents rushed to the scene; seeing them, all the accused fled the spot. Following the incident, the police registered a case and initiated an investigation. The medical report revealed that the victim had sustained four injuries, one of which was severe and was subsequently declared "life-threatening" by a specialist medical board. On this basis, Section 307 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) was added to the case. During the course of the investigation, the accused were arrested. Acting on their disclosures, the sticks and the motorcycle used in the crime were recovered. The crime scene was inspected, a site plan was prepared, and the statements of witnesses were recorded.

Wheat procurement begins in grain markets

PRITI SAINI
SADHAURA: The procurement of wheat commenced in the state's grain markets today. Prior to this, officials issued periodic directives to the concerned authorities regarding sanitation, cleanliness, electricity, and water supply within the state's grain markets. However, the arrangements for cleanliness and the maintenance of restrooms at the Sadhaura grain market remain incomplete. Consequently, farmers have accused the market administration of negligence regarding the management of the market's facilities.

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Knowing is not enough; we must apply.
Willing is not enough; we must do.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

EDITORIAL

Counting castes, a step towards inclusive India

It would be naïve to assume that India has overcome the caste divide. The harsh reality is that the country remains a deeply unequal society with caste continuing to play a powerful role in shaping access to opportunity. Therefore, a population count that takes caste into account is an essential tool to ensure social justice, an ideal that every political party in the country vouches for. At last, the government has set the ball rolling for the most complex statistical exercise ever undertaken: a national census that includes counting castes. The two-phase mammoth task, beginning April 1, has several firsts to its credit. This is the first time since 1931 that nationwide caste enumeration is being undertaken. It is also the first fully digital exercise, with enumerators using mobile applications to record responses, making the process more efficient and less prone to errors. Also, citizens will have the option to self-enumerate by visiting the official portal and submitting their details digitally. The digital format also enables faster data processing and analysis, helping policymakers access updated information more quickly.

Another unique feature of the year-long exercise is that live-in couples, who consider their relationship a "stable union", will be counted as a married couple. The inclusion of caste in the nationwide census — delayed from its original 2021 timeline due to the Covid-19 pandemic — is a welcome development. It marks a vital step towards evidence-based policymaking aimed at building a more just and inclusive India.

After much dilly-dallying, the NDA government approved the inclusion of caste in the national census in April last year. The previous UPA government did conduct a national caste survey in 2011, but the full results were never made public. While some States, such as Bihar and Karnataka, have already conducted caste-based surveys, this national initiative aims to create uniform, standardised, and legally supported caste data to aid welfare policies and reservation decisions. According to submissions made by the Centre to the Justice G Rohini Commission, just 10 OBC castes cornered 25% of all public jobs and education seats reserved for OBCs, while a quarter of OBC castes secured 97% of the benefits. Shockingly, 38% of OBC castes received only 3% of the benefits, and another 37% got nothing at all. In such a scenario, caste enumeration is crucial to prevent the elite among the backward classes from cornering all the benefits. It will enable rational sub-categorisation within social groups, and allow a more precise definition of the "creamy layer". On a broader note, the caste census should not be allowed to ossify social divisions, but should instead be used to better target the benefits of affirmative action. The census plays a critical role in shaping government policies, allocating resources, and planning development programmes. Updated population data helps authorities make informed decisions on infrastructure, healthcare, education, and welfare schemes.

Helpless Government, Powerful Bureaucracy: Himachal's Governance crisis



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In Himachal Pradesh, the real levers of power appear to rest not with elected governments but with the bureaucracy. Political leadership, often seen as vulnerable and pressured, seems compelled to bow before the ambitions of senior officials. Amid headlines of financial distress, a fresh controversy surrounding alleged corruption has now gripped the state and drawn national attention.

The Himachal government today finds itself increasingly uncomfortable in the face of the aspirations of its own top bureaucrats particularly several current and former Chief Secretaries and Additional Chief Secretaries. The intense competition among half a dozen such officials for extensions and post-retirement "plum" positions has effectively pushed the Congress government into a corner. At a time when the state is struggling to even pay salaries to its employees, senior IAS officers have publicly questioned the functioning of the government and even turned against each other.

The situation has taken an extraordinary turn. Himachal Pradesh is witnessing conditions akin to a financial emergency. With funds drying up and routine expenditure becoming difficult, the current Chief Secretary, Sanjay Gupta, held a press conference and openly exposed alleged corruption involving several former Chief Secretaries. Notably, this political and administrative "blast" came in the middle of the ongoing budget session of the state assembly.

Gupta directly named four former Chief Secretaries, alleging that corruption and irregularities had taken place during their tenures. He further claimed that he had submitted written complaints regarding these matters both to the Government of India and the state government. Some of these officers served during BJP governments, while others held office under both Congress and BJP regimes making the controversy politically complex and deeply entrenched.

The roots of this conflict trace back to 2022, when the Congress came to power. At that time, R. D. Dhiman was serving as Chief Secretary, having been appointed during the BJP tenure. Soon after assuming power, the Congress government moved him to the position of Chief Information Commissioner. Subsequently, Prabodh Saxena, a 1990-batch officer was appointed Chief Secretary by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu despite Sanjay Gupta being senior as a 1988-batch officer.

This marked the beginning of what many now describe as a "bureaucratic power game.

Gupta has since alleged that a conspiracy was orchestrated by previous Chief Secretaries to prevent him from assuming the top post despite his seniority. He has leveled serious allegations against two former Chief Secretaries, as well as another who later served as Chairman of the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA).

The controversy deepens further when one looks at post-retirement appointments. After retirement, Saxena was appointed Chairman of the State Electricity Board, while Dhiman moved from Chief Information Commissioner to Chairman of RERA. Ram Subhag Singh, who served as Chief Secretary during the BJP regime, was appointed as an Advisor by the Sukhu government even though he had earlier faced corruption allegations during the BJP tenure, when the Congress had demanded his removal.In essence, all five Chief Secretaries who have served Himachal Pradesh over the past seven to eight years have faced one controversy or another. Yet, each of them has been rewarded with significant positions after retirement. Today, Saxena and Gupta are at odds, while Dhiman and Ram Subhag Singh is still an important figure in government .

The Sukhu government finds itself increasingly embarrassed as these internal conflicts spill into the public domain. The opposition, led by the BJP, has seized the opportunity, alleging that corruption is flourishing under government patronage. The issue has resonated strongly within the Vidhan Sabha as well.

Leader of the Opposition Satpal Satti has demanded a fair and independent probe, while former Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has refrained from naming officers such as Saxena or Dhiman.Today, Himachal Pradesh stands at a troubling crossroads. While the state grapples with financial distress bordering on insolvency, senior IAS officers appear to fight amongst themselves regardless of which political party is in power. It is also significant that despite the serious allegations raised by Chief Secretary Gupta, no concrete action has yet been initiated by Chief Minister Sukhu.Jai Ram Thakur has remarked, "The Chief Minister is caught in a web of corrupt officers.

Those we removed have been brought back as principal advisors."Chief Secretary Sanjay Gupta has stated, "The integrity of former IAS officers is doubtful."Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, however, maintains, "My government does not tolerate corruption of any kind. The law will take its own course."The unfolding developments raise a fundamental question: who truly governs Himachal Pradesh the elected leadership, or the bureaucracy?

Gold loans drive growth in India's credit supply

The Credit Market Indicator (CMI) for supply rose in the December 2025 quarter, according to the gold-loan-credit-market. This upward movement in credit supply was primarily the result of a significant increase in gold loan originations across both volume and value.



The report noted that "CMI for supply rose in the December 2025 quarter, driven by higher originations in Gold loans both by volume and value." Gold loan originations surged by 45 per cent in volume and 108 per cent in value during the three-month period ending in December 2025. This momentum established the category as the largest product by share of retail originations, accounting for 36 per cent of total volume and 39 per cent of total value.The report stated that "one of the critical factors driving Gold Loan growth in the December 2025 quarter is the sharp rise in underlying asset values, which have doubled since March 2023." As a result of this valuation spike, "average ticket sizes have increased by 1.8x, indicating that as gold valuations rise, consumers are leveraging higher-value loans to meet their financing needs."The report clarified that "the category's expansion is being shaped not only by demand but also by market-linked asset appreciation, making future growth sensitive to movements in gold prices."

Gold loans now represent the second-largest retail product by outstanding balances at 11 per cent, positioned only behind the housing sector.Geographically, while southern states continued to represent more than half of all gold loan originations, new regions showed accelerated growth. The report found that "western and northern states--particularly Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh--are now expanding at above-average growth rates." Specifically, Rajasthan saw a 79 per cent year-on-year growth in volume, while Uttar Pradesh recorded a 96 per cent increase.

According to the report, "lenders continue to focus on credit tested consumers with prime and above consumers making up 57% of all originations." Women made up approximately 40 per cent of the gold loan consumer base, and 68 per cent of originations came from rural and semi-urban areas.

he report stated that "gold loans are expanding beyond traditional strongholds and attracting more diverse credit profile consumers, positioning the product as a mainstream retail lending category." Other credit categories showed varied performance during the same period. Home loans and consumer durable loans maintained positive momentum despite declines in the previous year, with home loan values increasing by 13 per cent. Conversely, credit card originations experienced an 11 per cent decline in volume.

Retail investors' market investment in FY26 falls to one-fifth of FY25 levels

Retail investor participation in terms of investment value has declined sharply in the current financial year, with total investments standing significantly lower compared to the previous year, according to a report by the National Stock Exchange of India.The report noted that aggregate retail investments in FY26 so far, as of February 28, stood at Rs 33,537 crore, including allocations through the primary market.



This is substantially lower than the Rs 1.59 lakh crore recorded in FY25.It stated, "At an aggregate level, retail investments in FY26 thus far (As of February 28th, 2026), including allocations through the primary market, stood at Rs 33,537 crore, substantially lower than Rs 1.59 lakh crore recorded in FY25".The moderation in investment levels suggests that while individual investors continue to participate in the markets, their overall approach has become more cautious.The report highlighted that this measured stance reflects sensitivity to prevailing valuations, earnings visibility, liquidity conditions and evolving global geopolitical developments.

On a monthly basis, individual investor participation in the cash market (CM) segment has declined for two consecutive months. The number of participants fell from 1.34 crore in December 2025 to 1.33 crore in January 2026 and further to 1.26 crore in February 2026.In contrast, activity in the equity derivatives segment has shown an upward trend. Participation increased from 34.8 lakh in December 2025 to 35.8 lakh in January 2026 and further to 38.9 lakh in February 2026, marking the highest level in the past 14 months.On an annual basis, the number of individual investors trading in the cash market segment in FY26 (as of February 28) stood at 3.47 crore, while participation in the derivatives segment stood at 81 lakh.Despite the recent moderation, the long-term trend indicates a significant expansion in retail investor participation over the past decade. Participation in the cash market segment has grown from around 45 lakh during March 2015 to February 2016 to 3.57 crore in March 2025 to February 2026.Similarly, participation in the equity derivatives segment has increased from 7.1 lakh to 83.6 lakh over the same period.The report noted that this growth aligns with the broader financialisation of household savings, improved digital access to markets and increasing familiarity among retail investors with exchange-traded instruments.

Why Taiwan matters more than ever in a militarised World

The China–Taiwan dispute has entered a phase where history still explains the origins, but numbers now define the danger. What began in 1949 as the unresolved outcome of a civil war is today measured in aircraft incursions, defence budgets, and semiconductor output.

By 2026, the Taiwan Strait has become one of the world's most militarised and economically consequential fault lines—its ambiguity sustained not by diplomacy, but by deterrence, pressure, and global dependence on a single island's factories.

The origins lie in the collapse of the Chinese Civil War. The communist forces of Mao Tse tung established the People's Republic of China on the mainland, while the defeated Nationalists—claiming the legacy of Sun Yat sen's Republic of China—withdrew to Taiwan. No peace treaty followed. Two rival political entities emerged, each asserting legitimacy. Through the Cold War, Taiwan became a strategic flashpoint, especially after US naval intervention prevented a communist takeover.

Diplomatic shifts in the 1970s—Taiwan's loss of its UN seat, Washington's recognition of Beijing, and the Taiwan Relations Act—froze the conflict without resolving it.

Over time, the political distance widened. Taiwan dismantled authoritarian rule, lifted martial law in 1987, and evolved into a pluralistic democracy. China consolidated one party control. This divergence reshaped identity across the strait: more Taiwanese now identify primarily as Taiwanese, not Chinese. Beijing concluded that time was eroding its claim, a belief that increasingly shapes its behaviour.



That behaviour is visible in hard military data. Taiwan's Ministry of National Defence recorded 3,615 Chinese military aircraft entering its Air Defence Identification Zone in 2024, more than double the previous year. The tempo continued into 2025, with hundreds more sorties in the opening months.

Large scale exercises—Strait Thunder 2025A and Justice Mission 2025—rehearsed joint firepower strikes, port blockades, and encirclement operations. These drills crossed long observed buffer lines, signalling an effort to normalise constant pressure rather than trigger a single crisis.

Taipei has responded by redesigning its defence posture. In late 2025, it announced a special asymmetric defence budget of roughly USD 40 billion through the early 2030s—the largest such allocation in its history. The focus is on air and missile defence, drones, long range precision weapons, and AI enabled command systems. The aim is not parity with China, but resilience: raising the cost of coercion and complicating any rapid seizure attempt.

Yet the most decisive dimension is technological. Taiwan sits at the centre of the global semiconductor industry, making its security a global concern. By 2026, the worldwide semiconductor market is approaching USD 1 trillion. Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) dominates the foundry landscape, controlling over 70 per cent of global market share and more than 90 per cent of leading edge chip production. By late 2025, chips at 7 nm and below accounted for 77 per cent of TSMC's wafer revenue, with 3 nm production alone contributing roughly a quarter.

This technological dominance is reinforced by deep economic interdependence. Despite political hostility, China remains Taiwan's largest trading partner, with annual two way trade exceeding USD 200 billion. Crucially, the balance of trade is in Taiwan's favour, driven by its exports of high value electronics and components that feed China's manufacturing ecosystem.

The dispute has therefore become internationalised. The United States has approved its largest ever arms package for Taiwan. Japan has warned that a Chinese attack could constitute a "survival threatening situation." Australia, India, and Europe emphasise stability in the strait, recognising that any disruption would ripple through global supply chains.

By 2026, the China–Taiwan dispute endures not because it is insoluble, but because it is managed at high tension. History explains its origins. Power sustains its trajectory. Silicon ensures the world cannot look away.

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Elaborate security arrangements made for Mata Bala Sundari fair

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LADWA: This year, Ladwa Police Station Head Gurnam Singh has personally assumed the responsibility of security arrangements for the eight-day fair of Mata BalaSundari, located on the Ladwa-Rohtak road. This year, not only has the police administration made elaborate security arrangements, but police personnel in civil uniform, including women police, were



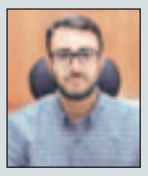
also seen patrolling the fair. Ladwa police appeared fully alert regarding the security arrangements for the devotees coming to the fair. On Wednesday, the second day of the fair, a large number of devotees of Mata arrived and not only had darshan of Mata, but also bowed their heads in her court. This time, the devotees coming to the fair were not allowed to face any kind of problem, whereas on the first day of the fair, more devotees had darshan of Mata than last year.

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Farmers should take precautions to protect ripe wheat crop from fire: DC

KULDEEP SOOD

BARNALA: Keeping in mind the wheat harvesting season, Deputy Commissioner Barnala Harpreet Singh IAS has appealed to the farmers to take full precautions to protect the ripe crop from fire incidents. He said that loose or low electricity wires, sparking of G.O. switches and piling wheat near transformers pose a risk of fire. Therefore, the farmers should always keep the 10-meter radius around the transformer wet and cut one marla of wheat around the transformer in advance so that damage can be avoided in case of sparks. He strictly instructed that bidi-cigarettes should not be used near the fields and no unauthorized person should be allowed to tamper with the electrical switches. On this occasion, Chief Agriculture Officer Dr. Sukhpal Singh Gill further said that harvester combines should be operated only during the day and constant attention should be paid to the sparks coming out of their parts.



Transformed Landscape: Now set to realise grand vision of 'Smart Karnal'

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, APR 1

The Municipal Corporation of Karnal continues to undertake remarkable work regarding the planned development of the city and the provision of modern amenities. Over the past year, the Corporation has infused new vibrancy into the city's landscape by executing 237 development projects across all wards within its jurisdiction. A budget of Rs. 91.54 crore was expended to accelerate the pace of these various initiatives. Similarly, in its mission to make the city clean and green, a dedicated team of 1,289 employees—comprising 989 sanitation workers from the Corporation and 300 staff members from the 'Sugam Swachhata' initiative—set a magnificent example of tireless effort, driven by hard work, diligence, and dedication, and supported by a budget of Rs. 47.92 crore. Furthermore, the Corporation established yet another unprecedented record during the financial year 2025-26 by surpassing its property tax collection target of Rs. 27 crore, successfully collecting a



total of Rs. 29.54 crore. Additionally, whether it involved securing official approval for eight colonies that had long awaited development, or facilitating the granting of property ownership rights to 2,066 eligible families under the 'SVAMITVA' scheme, the Municipal Corporation of Karnal has consistently set a benchmark for excellence in every sphere of its operations. Continuing in this vein, Mayor Renu Bala Gupta has unveiled a "Mega Development Plan" outlining future initiatives, marking the successful completion of one year of her tenure. Mayor Renu Bala Gupta shared this plan on Wednesday during an interaction with media personnel, held to commemorate the one-year milestone of her term. Providing detailed insights into the development projects proposed for the next four years, she stated that continuous efforts are being undertaken to transform Karnal into a smart, well-organized, state-of-the-art, and convenient city. Building upon this momentum, a "Future Vision Document" has been prepared, under the ambit of which work will be initiated on several major projects. The Mayor remarked that, drawing inspiration from the blessings of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the "Triple Engine Government" is continuously setting new benchmarks in the realm of development. No amount of gratitude would suffice to thank the State Chief Minister, Nayab Singh Saini, and the Union Minister for Power and Urban Housing, Manohar Lal, for this unprecedented achievement and success. Union Minister—Manohar Lal—demonstrating his deep affection and sense of belonging toward Haryana and Karnal, has extended unparalleled support at every stage of the city's journey toward planned development.

Basic amenities for grain procurement are lacking in mandis: Bajrang Garg



MAHENDER GOYAL
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Bajrang Garg, State President of Haryana Pradesh Vyapar Mandal and former Chairman of Haryana CONFED, held a meeting with representatives of trading community. Addressing gathering after meeting and following an assessment of grain procurement situation, he stated that despite ongoing government procurement of wheat and mustard in Haryana, mandis lack even the most basic amenities required for grain procurement. Farmers and Arhtiyas are being subjected to harassment by government through issuance of arbitrary new directives regarding grain procurement. Farmers are currently permitted to sell their produce in mandis only between hours of 6am and 8pm. This announcement will cause immense hardship to farmers and Arhtiyas, particularly given that farmers often work late into night harvesting wheat in their fields before bringing it to mandis. Government's decision to impose a time limit on grain procurement will lead to formation of long queues of tractor-trolleys both inside mandis and on roads leading to them. This will result in severe traffic congestion within mandis and on surrounding roads. He further asserted that government must immediately make necessary arrangements for supply of gunny bags and wooden crates required for procurement of wheat and mustard. He emphasized that in strict adherence to its own prior announcement, government must ensure that entire process including procurement, lifting and payment for wheat is completed within strict timeframe of 72 hours.

Mega wrestling set for Ghumarwin Summer Festival 2026 with big rewards



AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY

BILASPUR: State-Level Summer Festival in Ghumarwin will witness an exciting wrestling competitions on April 8 and 9, promising high-energy bouts and wide participation. Preparations were reviewed in a meeting chaired by SDM Ghumarwin and Fair Committee President Gaurav Chaudhary, with DSP Vishal Verma and other officials present. The festival, scheduled from April 5 to April 9, will host wrestlers from across Himachal Pradesh and other states, making it a key attraction for sports enthusiasts. Five major categories will be featured this year. The main event winner will receive Rs 51,000 along with the prestigious 'Gurz', while the runner-up will get Rs 41,000. The 'Himachal Kumar' (16–21 years) category offers Rs 21,000 for the winner, and the 'Bilaspur Kumar' (15–19 years) category carries prizes of Rs 11,000 and Rs 9,000. Adding fresh excitement, a 'Bal Kesari' category for wrestlers under 15 years has been introduced, with prizes of Rs 5,100 and Rs 4,100. A women's wrestling competition will also be held, with rewards of Rs 15,000 for the winner and Rs 11,000 for the runner-up. A grand Jaleb procession will begin on April 8 at 1:00 PM from the Municipal Council premises to the fairground, marking the start of the wrestling events. With strong participation and attractive prizes, the Ghumarwin Summer Festival is set to celebrate tradition, talent, and sporting spirit in grand style.

Grand celebration of Navras Annual Awards ceremony at Om Convent School; patriotic performance moves audience to tears

HANS RAJ

KURUKSHETRA: Annual awards ceremony Navras was celebrated with great grandeur and memorability at Om Convent School. Program commenced with ceremonial lighting of lamp by the chief guests, a ritual performed at behest of school's founder, Umashankar. All guests were accorded a warm welcome with presentation of floral bouquets. Event was graced by presence of distinguished chief guests: Dr.



Chhaya Kumari; Dr. Anuj Bhatia (from Shri Ram Hospital, Kurukshetra); and Dr. Jitendra Jangra, Deputy Registrar at Kurukshetra University. Additionally, Dr. Satpal Manda, Principal of SKS College of Education (Kurukshetra), and Shri Vipin marked their dignified presence as special guests. Throughout ceremony, students presented a series of spectacular and colorful cultural programs. Performance dedicated specifically to nation's brave soldiers proved to be a deeply moving experience, leaving everyone present at event visibly emotional. Watching this tribute, eyes of many parents and spectators welled up with tears and entire school premises resonated with thunderous applause. Children delivered magnificent performances showcasing diverse cultures of various Indian states, thereby vividly bringing to life the rich diversity and cultural unity of the entire nation on a single platform.

No school match govt schools in providing affordable and quality education: DEO



MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: The new session started with admission celebration in Government Model Sanskriti Senior Secondary School located in village Byana. At the outset of the program Havan-Yagna was organised. On this occasion a cluster level enrolment increase conference was organised in which Block Education Officer Dr. Gurnam Mandhan participated as the chief guest. The conference was presided over by Principal Ram Kumar Saini and conducted by BRC Dharmendra Chaudhary and Hindi Professor Arun Kumar Kaiharba. During the programme, new students from different schools were welcomed with Tilak and flower shower. District Education Officer Dr. Gurnam Mandhan stated that the Government Model Sanskriti School in Byana has performed remarkably in the enrolment campaign. The staff here is systematically going door-to-door in villages to ensure children's access to quality education. He stated that other schools should draw inspiration from this school. He stated that last semester they ran an enrolment campaign, which saw an increase of over 700 students in the block's government schools. This time, each school will enrol even more students. He added that over 300 students from government schools have been enrolled in MBBS and IIT courses.

Panipat gets first Robotic Knee & Hip surgeries at Prem Hospital



RAKESH BHAYANA

PANIPAT: In a major advancement for local healthcare, Dr. Prem Super Speciality Hospital in Bishan Swaroop Colony has introduced robotic knee and hip surgeries, becoming the first in the city to offer such advanced orthopedic procedures. Addressing a press conference, Chairman Dr. Pankaj Mutneja said the initiative, led by Orthopedics Head Dr. Udit Chahal, marks a significant milestone, enabling patients to access world-class treatment in Panipat without traveling to Delhi. Dr. Chahal highlighted that the hospital is equipped with cutting-edge technology for knee replacement, ligament repair, hip joint surgeries, and other bone-related treatments. He noted that robotic surgery offers greater precision, quicker recovery, and improved outcomes, allowing patients to resume normal life sooner. He also pointed out that these procedures are available at nearly 50 percent lower cost compared to Delhi, making advanced treatment more affordable. Post-surgery physiotherapy is initiated immediately under the supervision of senior physiotherapist Dr. Manish Sharma to ensure faster recovery. Vice Chairperson Dr. Rachna Mutneja congratulated the team, while Dr. Abhinav Mutneja emphasized the hospital's commitment to providing quality healthcare at affordable rates.

Panipat gears up for Hanuman Janmotsav; 1 lakh Chalisa recitations targeted



RAKESH BHAYANA

PANIPAT: The city is all set to celebrate Hanuman Janmotsav with grand preparations, as devotion and enthusiasm sweep across Panipat. Religious organizations have planned large-scale events, including a target of over one lakh collective recitations of the Hanuman Chalisa. At a press conference, Avadh Dham Temple head Ved Parashar shared details of the celebrations, highlighting that the city aims to create a record with mass participation. Agarwal Vaishya Samaj President Vikas Goyal said Panipat is known as the city of Lord Hanuman, where the festival is celebrated annually with great fervor as a major city-wide event. A grand procession will begin from Devi Mandir, passing through Salar Ganj Gate and splitting towards Avadh Dham and Kashigiri Temple.

Haryana Nambardar Association meeting to discuss various demands and problems



KARAMBIR

LADWA: A special meeting of the Haryana Nambardar Association, Tehsil Ladwa, was held at the PWD Rest House in Ladwa. The meeting was chaired by the Ladwa President of the Association, Subhash Chand. The meeting discussed various demands and problems of the Nambardars, and a strategy was formulated to address them by submitting these before the government. Addressing the meeting, President Subhash Chand stated that Nambardars serve as an important link between the government and the public. He emphasized the duty of all Nambardars to work impartially and assist in resolving public issues. He also emphasized the need to ensure that no one faces any inconvenience.

Vikas Singhal appointed president of Kanwar Seva Dal



KARAMBIR

LADWA: The election meeting of the Kanwar Seva Dal, the governing body of the Baba Bansi Wala Old Age Home and Annakshetra in Ladwa, was held at the old age home. This information was provided by outgoing General Secretary Anuj Goyal. He said that at the meeting, President Vikas Singhal presented an account of his two-year tenure. Following this, President Vikas Singhal and his team submitted their resignations, paving the way for the election of a new executive committee. In the meeting, all the members unanimously handed over the command of Kanwar Seva Dal to Vikas Singhal again. Vikas Singhal's new tenure as the head will be of two years. After the election, Vikas Singhal expressed his gratitude to all the members and said that during his previous tenure, all the members have helped a lot in running the old age home and other activities of the organization. He said that he would live up to the trust that the members have shown in him by making him the head again. Pawan Goyal, Suresh Kansal, Rajkumar Saini, Deshraj Mangala, Sanjay Singla, Kunwar Singhal, Shivi Singhal, Shivansh, Akhil Singhal were mainly present on this occasion.

Revenue department must register documents transparently using new collector rates: Vishram Kumar Meena



HANS RAJ

KURUKSHETRA: Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena stated that, effective April 1, Revenue Department has implemented new Collector Rates in Kurukshetra. Going forward, documents will be registered with complete transparency based on these new Collector Rates. These new Collector Rate tariffs have also been uploaded to administration's official website. Meena was addressing a meeting regarding new Collector Rates today at auditorium of Mini Secretariat. Prior to this, DC finalized new Collector Rates for Kurukshetra after holding consultations with all concerned officials and discussing claims and objections received—specifically, 3 from Thanesar, 1 from Babain, 3 from Pehowa, and 1 from Ismailabad.

SDM convenes meeting of officials, agencies, traders regarding wheat procurement

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LADWA, APR 1



Wheat procurement began on Wednesday at the Ladwa grain market. The administration has completed all preparations for wheat procurement, but due to moisture in the wheat, wheat procurement could not take place on the first day. It's not that the wheat crop hasn't arrived at the market. A day before the wheat procurement, many farmers, including those from village Budha, had brought their wheat to the market but due to moisture in the wheat crop, their wheat could not be procured even on the first day of procurement. As per government orders, government wheat procurement began from April 1. Two procurement agencies are ready to procure the wheat crop in the Ladwa market. This time, wheat will be procured in the market according to the government's new rules. According to government orders, this time the government procurement of wheat will begin in the market according to new rules. All tractors bringing wheat to the market will be required to have a number written on the front and back. This is because the tractor will be photographed upon entry into the market. Furthermore, wheat will not be purchased from any farmer without biometrics. Farmers will only be able to bring wheat to the market between 6 am and 8 pm, so that the wheat procurement and lifting process can run smoothly. Secretary Sant Kumar stated that this time, all wheat crops will be weighed using computer scales at all commission agents' shops in the market.

NMDC scripts history with its highest ever 53 MT production output



BUREAU

HYDERABAD: NMDC, India's largest iron ore producer and Responsible Miner, has achieved a historic landmark with the production of 53 MT of iron ore in FY26, becoming the first company in India's mining history to surpass the 50 MT annual production mark. The achievement goes beyond a numerical feat, symbolising the growing strength and momentum of India's mineral sector, with NMDC continuing to contribute a significant share to the nation's iron ore supply and powering the backbone of its steel industry. The company produced 5.35 MT and sold 5.90 MT of iron ore in the month of March 2026, with an exceptional growth of 51% and 40% respectively over CPLY. The total production output reached 53.15 MT with a marvelous growth of 21% and sales reached 50.23 MT, with a 13% jump, marking its best ever volumes since inception. The record output is driven by robust performance from NMDC's major iron ore mines - Kirandul and Bacheli in Chhattisgarh and Donimalai in Karnataka, recording their best ever performance in company history. FY26 has also been a defining year of expansion and transformation for NMDC, with the inauguration of international office in Dubai, the successful operationalisation of first coal mine in Jharkhand and the commissioning of Deposit 4 at Bailadila in Chhattisgarh, further strengthening its production capabilities and diversification strategy.

Ensure robust flood protection arrangements before monsoon: DC

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL, APR 1



DC Aparajita stated that all concerned officials must ensure robust arrangements for flood protection prior to upcoming monsoon season. Cleaning of all drains, channels and canals must be ensured in a timely manner. Ongoing works at various canals, STPs and other sites must be completed within stipulated timeframe at all costs, so as to prevent any flood-like situation during rains. All SDMs should also conduct meetings at their respective levels to monitor the ongoing flood protection works within their jurisdictions and ensure their completion on a priority basis. DC was issuing these necessary directives today during a meeting of District Flood Control Board held at auditorium of Mini Secretariat. She instructed officials from Irrigation Department to initiate work on all approved short-term flood protection projects—for which tenders have already been issued starting from April 10 and to ensure their speedy completion. DC directed that work on construction of a pump house on Ghaggar River and installation of two gates on Saraswati River be commenced immediately. Additionally, she asked for all projects to be categorized into short-term, medium-term and long-term categories and for a revised report regarding these projects to be submitted. She also directed the Health Department and the Animal Husbandry Department to maintain adequate stock of medicines, first-aid supplies and essential resources in flood-prone areas.

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Fuel & LPG Supply Normal in Pathankot: DC Urges Public Not to Panic

PATHANKOT, APRIL 1 (SHARANJEET): Amid rising tensions in the Gulf region, the District Administration in Pathankot has assured residents that the supply of domestic LPG cylinders as well as petrol and diesel remains completely normal and uninterrupted across the district. Deputy Commissioner Dr. Pallavi stated that all gas agencies and petrol pumps have sufficient stock to meet public demand. She urged citizens not to fall prey to rumours or panic buying, and to book gas cylinders strictly as per their regular requirement. The administration has issued strict directions to all fuel stations and gas distributors to maintain continuous supply of essential fuels. It has also warned against black marketing and hoarding, stating that any such activity will invite immediate and strict legal action. Residents have been appealed to maintain calm and cooperate with authorities to ensure smooth functioning of the supply system.

NEWS BRIEF

JK Maxx Paints Appoints Akshay Kumar as Brand Ambassador

SHIMLA: JK Maxx Paints has announced the appointment of Akshay Kumar as its brand ambassador. This strategic collaboration marks a key milestone in the brand's growth journey as it scales its presence in India's vibrant decorative paints market. The qualities of trust, credibility and dependabity embodied by Akshay Kumar find resonance with the brand virtues of JK Maxx Paints. Widely known for his strong connect with Indian audiences and home owners, Akshay Kumar brings authenticity and relatability that align closely with the brand's core values. Leveraging on its legacy of over four decades in the home beautification space owing to the leadership position of JK WallMaxx Wall Putty, JK Maxx Paints aims to further strengthen its connect with consumers across the country and emerge as a preferred choice for home decorative solutions.

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MANDI: Škoda Auto India continues its strong growth trajectory into 2026, recording its highest-ever quarterly sales in Q1 (January–March) with 20,028 units sold. This is a growth of 17% over the 17,138 cars sold in the same period last year. Building on a landmark 2025, Škoda Auto India has sustained its growth surge and is continuing to break its own records, further accelerating its momentum in the Indian market. Škoda Auto India's performance has been led by the strong and consistent demand for the Kylaq, which recently crossed the 50,000 sales milestone, the introduction of the new Kushaq, steady contribution from the Slavia, and the continued demand for the Kodiaq in the premium SUV segment.

Tata Motors Delivers Strong Sales with 1,32,465 Units in Q4 FY26; Sustains Robust 25% Year-on-Year Growth

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Q4 FY26 sales in the domestic & international markets stood at 1,32,465 units, compared to 1,05,643 units during Q4 FY25. March 2026 sales in the domestic & international markets stood at 47,976 units, compared to 41,122 units during March 2025. Domestic sales of MH&ICV in March 2026, was 23,805 units vs 20,474 units in March 2025 (16% YoY); In Q4 FY26 it was 64,904 units, compared to 51,551 units in Q4 FY25 (26% YoY). Domestic & International sales for MH&ICV in March 2026, was 24,703 units vs 21,226 units in March 2025 (16% YoY); while in Q4 FY26 it stood at 68,007 units, vs 53,995 units in Q4 FY25 (26% YoY). EV volumes saw 59% YoY growth in FY26 Mr. Girish Wagh, MD & CEO, Tata Motors Ltd., said, "FY26 saw a subdued first half for the commercial vehicle industry, followed by a decisive recovery in H2 as demand conditions improved with the rollout of GST 2.0 and gained momentum through Q3 and Q4.

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Press Pause, Play Big: Your Long Weekend Watchlist

CHANDIGARH,: The long weekend arrives right when the entertainment calendar hits peak momentum. Whether you're planning quiet catch-ups at home, late-night binges, or family afternoons in front of the TV, this long break offers the perfect excuse to switch off—and tune in.
From courtroom chaos and coming-of-age romances to global action dramas, the OTT slate this week is stacked. With Airtel IPTV, add to that the thrill of IPL weekend clashes, and you've got a screen-packed few days ahead—best enjoyed on the biggest screen in the house—bringing together 27 top OTT apps, 657 live TV channels, and a massive on-demand library, all on the big screen.
Here's your curated long-weekend list, featuring fresh OTT premieres and the best way to switch between streaming and live cricket without missing a moment.

Registrations Open for Gully Cricket Tournament

CHANDIGARH: The UT Cricket Association (UTCA) in collaboration with the Chandigarh Police has formally started registrations for the fourth edition of the Allengers Gully Cricket Tournament 2026 on Wednesday . The tournament is scheduled to commence on April 17, 2026. According to UTCA's Secretary Hari Singh Khurana, A total of 18 police stations have been assigned for the registration with each police station coordinating 16 teams. Overall, 288 teams will participate in the tournament, including 256 boys' teams and 32 girls' teams. Players must be Chandigarh domicile residents and fall in the age group of 14 to 18 years. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.
DSP Vikas Sheokand and Inspector Charanji Lal have been appointed as the nodal officers for the tournament coordination.
The tournament is being organised with the support of the Municipal Corporation, Social Welfare Department, Sports Department, Education Department and the Chandigarh Administration, along with other stakeholders.

A Food Festival was organized to acquaint students with better service practices in the hospitality sector

CHANDIGARH: A special food festival was organized today at Aerofly Institute located in Sector-17. The main objective of this event was to familiarize students with effective service techniques in the hospitality industry. During the festival, students not only prepared a variety of dishes but also demonstrated how to serve guests in a professional manner. Around 25 students enthusiastically participated in the event and showcased their cooking and presentation skills.
The institute's director, Rahul Salaria, stated that Aerofly Institute provides professional training not only in hospitality but also in air hostess, travel, and retail sectors, enabling students to prepare for diverse career opportunities. On this occasion, Vishal Kalia, Principal of Chandigarh Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology (CIHMCT), attended as the chief guest. He was accompanied by a team of senior chefs and also shared valuable tips with the students.

PGIMER launches Swachhata Pakhwada 2026 with walkathon & pledge



CHANDIGARH: PGIMER kickstarted Swachhata Pakhwada 2026 with great enthusiasm, reaffirming its commitment to cleanliness, hygiene, safe waste management, and community participation. The fortnight-long campaign, running from April 1 to April 15, is being observed in line with the Swachhata Pakhwada calendar issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

The inauguration was led by Director Prof. Vivek Lal, who addressed a large gathering comprising faculty members, resident doctors, sanitation staff, and supervisors. He appreciated the efforts of the institute's sanitation workforce, referring to them as "Swachhata Karamyogis," and highlighted PGIMER's achievement of securing the second prize in the National Kayakalp Awards 2025–26, recognizing excellence in hospital cleanliness and infection control.

During the ceremony, Prof. Lal administered the Swachhata Pledge to over 300 participants, reinforcing the message that cleanliness is a shared responsibility. A group photograph was also taken at the Swachh PGI Selfie Point to mark the occasion.

The Director flagged off the Swachhata Rath and launched a grand walkathon and plogging drive, witnessing enthusiastic participation from sanitation volunteers and staff. The initiative aims to promote awareness and active participation in maintaining a clean and healthy environment within and beyond the institute.

Lt Gen Amit Kabthiyal Takes Charge of Vajra Corps



BUNNY SODHI
JALANDHAR : Lieutenant General Amit Kabthiyal has assumed command of the prestigious Vajra Corps, known as the 'Defenders of Punjab', from Lieutenant General Ajay Chandpuria on Wednesday. After taking charge, Lt Gen Kabthiyal paid tribute to the martyrs by laying a wreath at Vajra Shaurya Sthal and urged all ranks to maintain high operational readiness, adapt to evolving challenges and uphold the core values of the Indian Army.

Clear the Drains: Stop the Pain: DC Sets Monsoon Deadline by June 30

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL-DC Aparajita directed all concerned officials to ensure adequate flood protection measures are in place before the upcoming monsoon season. All drains, sewers, and canals must be cleaned promptly. Furthermore, ongoing work on various canals and STPs must be completed within the stipulated timeframe to avoid any flood-like situation during the monsoon season. All SDMs should also hold meetings at their own levels, monitor ongoing flood protection work in their respective areas and ensure that these are completed on priority.

DC Aparajita was giving necessary instructions at the District Flood Control Board meeting in the auditorium of the Mini Secretariat on Tuesday. She instructed Irrigation Department officials to complete all short-term flood protection works that have been approved and tenders have been issued, starting April 10 and completing these as soon as possible. She said that work should begin soon on the construction of a pump house on the Ghaggar River and the plan to install two gates on the Saraswati River. Furthermore, all projects should be divided into short-term, medium-term, and long-term categories and a new report should be submitted. DC Aparajita instructed the Health Department and Animal Husbandry Department to keep adequate stock of medicines, first aid and essential resources in flood-prone areas. She also instructed the Panchayat Department to get the ponds in the villages cleaned on time. Similarly, while giving instructions to the officials of the Municipal Body Department, she said that it has been observed that at many places the garbage taken out from the drains is left on the roads, due to which it reaches the drains again. This garbage should be disposed of properly at the designated dumping site only. She also instructed the District Revenue Officer to get the boats etc. repaired and kept them. The condition of various pump houses, pipelines and equipment was also reviewed in the meeting. SE Neeraj Sharma of Irrigation Department informed the DC that there are a total of 98 pumps available in the district, including 70 diesel and 28 electric pumps. The work of cleaning Hansi-Butana Canal and Sarola Siphon has started, which will also be completed by June 30.

WUD opened admissions for its undergraduate and postgraduate programmes



CHANDIGARH: The World University of Design (WUD) invites young aspirants from all academic backgrounds Science, Commerce, and Arts to explore emerging career pathways in design, technology, and the creative economy. WUD has opened admissions for its undergraduate and postgraduate programmes for the academic year 2026–27, offering a future-ready, interdisciplinary education aligned with industry needs. The University offers a wide spectrum of programmes across Design, Business, Architecture, Fashion, Communication, and Visual & Performing Arts. Its curriculum has been comprehensively upgraded—especially across Master's programmes—to reflect contemporary industry demands. Key features include integration of AI and emerging technologies, interdisciplinary learning, industry-led projects, and flexible academic pathways aligned with NEP 2020. Admissions will be conducted through the WUD Aptitude Test (WUDAT) 2026, scheduled to be held online on 11th and 12th April 2026, followed by a campus interview for shortlisted candidates. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sanjay Gupta, Vice-Chancellor, World University of Design, said that many students today find themselves at a crossroads after board results—especially those who may not wish to pursue conventional paths.

Over 60% of Chandigarh Residents Experience Irregular Bowel Movements, Yet Delay Medical Consultation: Dr. Rakesh Kapoor



Chandigarh: Digestive health concerns are rising across India, driven by fast-paced lifestyles, unhealthy dietary habits, and sedentary work routines. Despite the growing prevalence of digestive problems, awareness about serious gastrointestinal diseases such as colorectal cancer remains low. To better understand how people interpret digestive symptoms and when they seek medical help, Merck Specialities Pvt. Ltd. supported a nationwide perception audit through the Lifestyle & Digestive Health Awareness Survey. The survey assessed how individuals respond to symptoms such as irregular bowel movements, acidity, and blood in stool, while also identifying awareness gaps and behavioural patterns that may delay timely medical consultation and diagnosis. The findings were shared at a press conference addressed by Dr. Rakesh Kapoor, Prof. and Unit Head, Dept. of Radiotherapy and Oncology, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh; Dr. Jatin Sarin, Director – Medical Oncology, Livasa Hospital, Mohali and Chandigarh Cancer & Diagnostic Center, Sector 33, Chandigarh; and Col. Dr. Gurjeet Singh Chowdhary, Consultant Medical Oncologist at Indus Superspeciality Hospital, Phase-1, Mohali, who emphasised the urgent need for greater awareness and timely medical consultation for digestive health symptoms.

Simiran Kaur Dhadli Drops a Soulful Verse to Chart-Topping Track 'Bairan' by Banjaare

LUDHIANA : The viral momentum of Bairan by Banjaare continues to grow as Punjabi singer-songwriter Simiran Kaur Dhadli joins the musical conversation with a compelling verse, offering a fresh emotional perspective to the widely loved track. The newly released verse expands the song's narrative, transforming Bairan into a cross-regional musical dialogue that resonates beyond linguistic boundaries.



"Bairan" by Banjaare tops the charts, giving a boost to the popularity of the track and solidifying the position of the popular track as a global hit. The popular track by Banjaare has managed to occupy the #1 position on Spotify's Viral Songs Global and #1 on Spotify's Viral Songs India, as well as #1 on Spotify's Top Songs India and #1 on Billboard India, showing how emotional regional music is breaking linguistic and geographical barriers at a rapid pace. Known for her unapologetic storytelling and emotionally charged music, Simiran's addition to this song provides a new perspective that is a contrast to the original, yet maintains the raw essence that made this song so popular.

The unexpected crossover between the Punjabi and Haryanvi music scene has given rise to a lot of conversations, signalling a growing shift in India's independent music landscape where artists from different regions are collaborating and engaging with each other's narratives, audiences, and culture.
Speaking about the collaboration, Simiran Kaur Dhadli said, "Bairan carried a raw honesty that immediately connected with me. I felt there was another emotional side to the story that needed a voice, and the reply verse came instinctively from that space. Collaborations like this show how regional music is no longer confined by language; it's driven by emotion and authenticity. When a song is real, it travels everywhere, and Bairan is proof of how deeply people connect with honest storytelling." Banjaare said, "When we created Bairan, we never imagined the kind of love and connection it would receive from listeners across regions. Watching the song grow and resonate with so many people has been incredibly humbling. Collaborating with an artist like Simiran Kaur Dhadli brought a whole new emotional dimension to the track; her perspective added depth and took the song to another level. Moments like this show how music evolves when artists come together and let the story expand beyond one voice."
Bairan continues to rise in popularity, and this song is now more than a song; it is a narrative that is moving beyond regions, linguistic barriers, and perspectives, all through the emotion-driven storytelling.

Hyatt Advances Next Phase of Growth in India and Southwest Asia with New Senior Leadership Appointment

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Hyatt Hotels Corporation (NYSE: H) today announced the next stage of growth of Hyatt's business in India with the appointment of Vikas Chawla in the newly created senior role of President – India & Southwest Asia to lead the business in the region, effective April 1, 2026. The new leadership position reflects Hyatt's commitment to accelerating its expansion and deepening its brand presence in one of Hyatt's most strategically important growth markets. The appointment comes amid strong development momentum for Hyatt in India, where it continues to expand its portfolio and pipeline across key urban and leisure destinations.

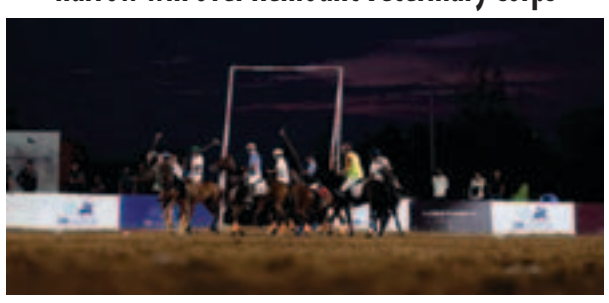


Truecaller surpassed 500 million users worldwide

AMRITSAR : Truecaller announced that it has surpassed 500 million users worldwide, marking a significant milestone in the company's mission to build trust in communication. The platform continues to see significant user growth, adding over 50 million users in 2025 alone. Truecaller has crossed 350 million in India alone and 150 million users outside of India as demand for protection against spam, scam and unwanted communication continues to grow globally. Truecaller also crossed 4 million paying subscribers globally earlier this year, further strengthening one of its key revenue streams. "This is an important milestone for us, but it also says something bigger about the world we live in," said Rishit Jhunjhunwala, CEO of Truecaller. "More and more people need help navigating spam, scams, and unwanted communication every day. Reaching 500 million users shows the scale of that need, and the trust people place in Truecaller to help make communication safer. Our commitment remains focused on continuously strengthenin g Truecaller with smarter technology and new capabilities. that protect users before, during, and after every call or message. Ultimately, our aim is to build a safer, more trusted communication ecosystem for everyone. We now have our sights set on the next milestone: 1 Billion users.



Last-seconds goal seals Army Service Corps narrow win over Remount Veterinary Corps



CHANDIGARH, A dramatic last five-second goal by Col Yatinder helped Army Service Corps (ASC) register a narrow 8–7 victory over Remount Veterinary Corps (RVC) on the fourth day of the Maharaja Ranjit Singh Polo Tournament being organised by the Indian Polo Association in collaboration with the Chandigarh Polo Association as part of the Indian Polo Season 2026 at the Chandigarh Polo Club on Wednesday.
In the first match of the day, RVC started with a four-goal handicap advantage. However, ASC struck early as Col Yatinder Singh scored in the second minute of the game. Soon after, a successful 25-yard penalty conversion by Assistant Lance Dafedar D. Santosh added two points for ASC. Sepoy Ravinder Singh then scored the equaliser to bring the score to 4–4. Sepoy Mukesh Gujjar put RVC ahead but Major Mayank Bajpayee equalised again to end the first chakkar at 5–5. The second chakkar witnessed a fierce battle between the two Army teams.

5th Foundation Day of Sardar Beant Singh State University Celebrated with Grandeur

GURDASPUR, APRIL 1 (VERMA): The 5th Foundation Day of Sardar Beant Singh State University was celebrated with great enthusiasm and grandeur on Tuesday under the visionary leadership of Vice Chancellor Dr. S. K. Misra, reflecting the institution's commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and holistic development. The event was graced by Founder Vice Chancellor Dr. Jaspal Singh Sandhu, Founder Principal Dr. J. K. Sharma, and Director D. T. S. Sidhu. Former principals Dr. Ravi Kumar and Dr. Dayal Chand were also present on the occasion, along with several former employees whose contributions have been instrumental in the university's growth.
The blessings and guidance of Harjot Singh Bains were conveyed to the university fraternity, motivating students and staff towards excellence and innovation.
Distinguished guests Shamsher Singh and Jagroop Sekhon also attended the program and extended their best wishes. Addressing the gathering, Jagroop Sekhon assured that the university's pending demands would be taken up with the Government of Punjab, reaffirming continued support for its development.

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PTC Network Channels to Launch on DD Free Dish from April 1

MOHALI: PTC Network, the world's leading Punjabi television network, has announced a significant expansion of its broadcast footprint with the launch of its flagship channels: PTC Punjabi, PTC News, and soon PTC Gold, on DD Free Dish starting April 1. As part of this rollout, viewers across India will be able to tune in to: PTC Punjabi on Channel 59, PTC News on Channel 62. PTC Gold, which will be added to the platform shortly
PTC News delivers a wide range of news programming, including dedicated bulletins such as Morning News, Prime Time News, and region-focused segments like Majha Doaba. It also features engaging debate shows like Vichar Taqrar, crime-focused programming such as Ki Samjhiye, along with continuous daily breaking news coverage to keep viewers informed at all times. PTC Punjabi entertains audiences with a vibrant line-up of reality shows, including popular titles like Voice of Punjab, Star Lounge, and Punjab De Super chef, among others, showcasing talent, culture, and entertainment. PTC Gold stands out for its extensive sports coverage, having the distinction of broadcasting prestigious events such as the World Kabaddi Cup, various Kabaddi leagues, and other major sporting events from around the world.

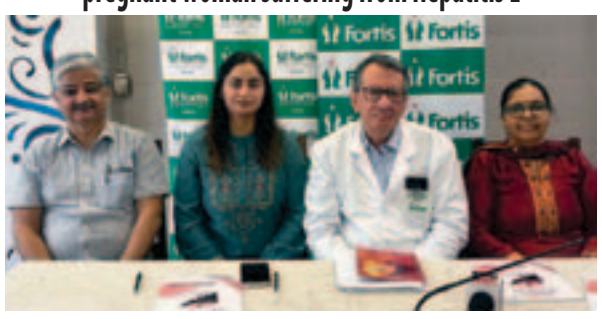


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Doctors at Fortis Mohali save severely critical six-month pregnant woman suffering from Hepatitis E



CHANDIGARH : Unified efforts by the Departments of Gastroenterology & Hepatobiliary, Critical Care and Obstetrics & Gynaecology at Fortis Hospital Mohali were able to save the life of a critically-ill 32-year-old woman, who was six-months pregnant and suffering from Hepatitis E and multi-organ dysfunction. Hepatitis E during pregnancy is a serious medical condition both for the unborn baby and the mother, who can develop Acute-on-Chronic Liver Failure (ACLF). The six-month pregnant patient was rushed to the Emergency Department at Fortis Hospital Mohali with high fever, jaundice, nausea, dark urine and pale stools. Medical investigations such as anti-HEV IgM/IgG tests confirmed that she had been suffering from Hepatitis E. Dr Divya Awasthi, Additional Director, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Fortis Hospital Mohali, treated the patient in collaboration with gastroenterology and hepatobiliary department, but she soon developed intrauterine foetal demise and multi-organ dysfunction. In view of her critical clinical state, the case was taken over by Dr Arvind Sahni, Director, Department of Gastroenterology at Fortis Hospital Mohali. Patient's condition worsened, and was found with dilated pupils.

Rising ATF (Air Turbine Fuel) Costs Force IndiGo to Revise Fuel Charges

CHANDIGARH : IndiGo will revise the Fuel Charges on domestic and international routes, for all new bookings made after 0001 hrs on 02 April 2026. IATA's Jet Fuel Monitor indicates over 130% increase in fuel prices for the region on a month-on-month comparison. However, in support of air travelers and the aviation industry, the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG) and Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) have decided to pass only a partial and staggered increase of 25% to the airlines for domestic operations. With this clarity, IndiGo has also re-calibrated its domestic Fuel Charge to vary by different travel distances. All domestic bookings made from 0001 hrs on 02 April 2026 will include the following revised fuel charges per sector.
IndiGo is thankful to the Government for timely intervention, without which April 2026 fuel cost increases would have severely impacted affordability of domestic air travel.

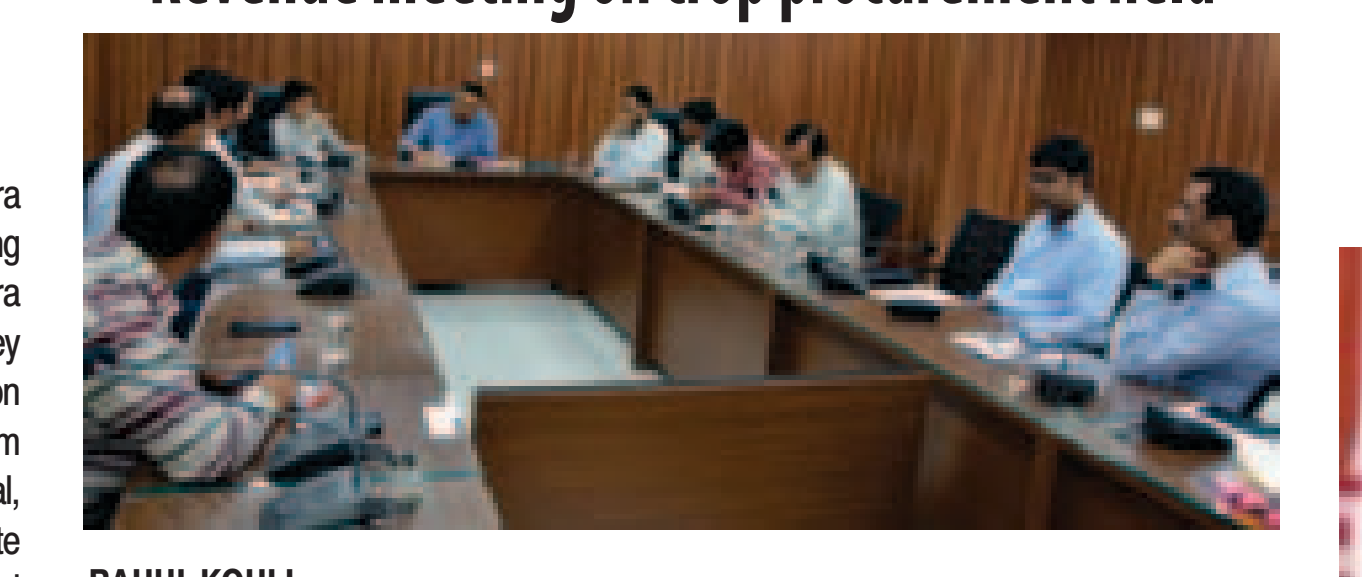
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Public Engagement with Kurukshetra's history and culture is Essential: Nayab Saini

KURUKSHETRA(HANS RAJ): Three-day global deliberation on history and culture of Kurukshetra is set to take place at Kurukshetra University. During this international conference, historians, academicians, researchers, and intellectuals will engage in discussions regarding Kurukshetra's history, culture and its historical and religious significance. Scheduled to be held from April 8 to 10 in Senate Hall of Kurukshetra University, three-day international conference titled 'Kurukshetra: Through Ages' aims to trace and understand Kurukshetra's historical journey from ancient times right up to the present day. To extend invitation for this international conference, Madan Mohan Chhabra, President of Vision Kurukshetra, visited Chief Minister's residence 'Sant Kabir Kutir' in Chandigarh and presented invitation to CM Nayab Singh Saini apprising him of conference's significance. He remarked that historical, cultural and spiritual significance of Kurukshetra sacred site where message of Gita was delivered is unparalleled across globe. He emphasized that connecting general public with this heritage is not only vital for cultural preservation but also serves as a powerful medium for establishing its prominence on a global stage. CM stated that Kurukshetra's identity is not confined merely to religious faith; rather, it stands as a central hub of Indian history, philosophy, and intellectual traditions. He underscored critical role that such events play in bridging the gap between this rich heritage and the younger generation. He further lauded the international conference, which is being organized through collaborative efforts of Vision Kurukshetra, Kurukshetra University, Centre for Studies on Shrimad Bhagavad Gita, and the Indian Council of Historical Research. Madan Mohan Chhabra, President of Vision Kurukshetra, announced that educationists and researchers from across globe will participate in conference, where they will deliberate upon Kurukshetra's history, culture, religious significance and archaeological facets. Furthermore, this event will open up new avenues for the promotion and dissemination of Kurukshetra's legacy, thereby further strengthening its identity on an international stage. Madan Mohan Chhabra stated that Gita Manishi Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj will deliver an address focusing on significance of Kurukshetra including its religious and cultural dimensions within context of Shrimad Bhagavad Gita as well as contemporary relevance of Gita's message.



Revenue meeting on crop procurement held



RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: A review meeting regarding crop procurement arrangements for Rabi season was organized in auditorium of District Secretariat, presided over by Haryana's Commissioner and Secretary, Mohammad Shayin. Officials from district administration and agencies associated with wheat procurement were present at this meeting. Shayin stated that Haryana government initiated wheat procurement across the state on April 1st. He informed that the state government has fixed the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for wheat at ₹2,585 for the year 2026. He directed officials from concerned departments to ensure that basic amenities are provided in all grain markets so that farmers do not face any difficulties while selling their produce. He emphasized that no officer or employee should show any negligence in the wheat procurement process; furthermore, gate passes for selling crops in mandis during the Rabi Season-2026 are to be issued only after the details have been registered on 'Meri Fasal-Mera Byora' portal and biometric verification has been successfully completed. He stated that gate passes would be issued to farmers between 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM; therefore, farmers should bring their produce to market only during these designated hours. He also noted that it is mandatory for tractors to display a front number plate. He directed that all wheat procurement operations must be conducted strictly in accordance with standards established by state government. Furthermore, to prevent wheat from other states from entering the region, he ordered the establishment of checkpoints (nakas) along the borders shared with neighboring states.

CM Dhami calls municipal employees 'strongest pillars' of Uttarakhand development



DEHRADUN : Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Wednesday lauded the role of municipal employees, calling them the "strongest pillars" of the state's development.

Adressing a gathering here, the Chief Minister emphasised the critical contribution of government staff in ensuring smooth functioning and public welfare. "The development of any state depends on the roles of the employees. What kind of people are working there? Therefore, the role of employees is extremely important in the development of the state. And if we talk about municipal employees, then their role is even more important than the general employees because you all are such an invisible force that is not visible, but you keep your work going. You clean our cities, you maintain the basic facilities properly, and you operate them smoothly. Sometimes, when you all get a bit disgruntled, it becomes evident at that time. Am I right?" Dhami said.

Lakshit Sareen takes charge as the first Additional Deputy Commissioner of Hansi district

DINKAR GAWRI

HANSI- April 1- Lakshit Sareen, the newly appointed Additional Deputy Commissioner of the newly formed Hansi district, assumed office on Wednesday. Lakshit Sareen is a 2021 batch IAS officer. Previously, he served as Additional Deputy Commissioner, Sonipat, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Sirsa, SDM, Kalka and SDM, Ambala Cantt. After assuming charge, ADC held a meeting with the officers and employees of the office and instructed everyone to work with promptness, transparency and accountability. He stated that ensuring timely resolution of public issues will be his priority. He also stated that special attention will be paid to effectively addressing public problems in both urban and rural areas. The ADC also stated that the benefits of various government welfare schemes will be ensured to reach the last person in line with greater ease and transparency. To achieve this, the administrative machinery will be strengthened and made more accountable. He called upon all the officers and employees to work with team spirit and give top priority to public service.

CCTV, biometric monitoring to ensure transparent wheat procurement in Indri mandi



MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: Ahead of the commencement of government wheat procurement from April 1, the administration has stepped up preparations to ensure a smooth and transparent process. Karnal Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh inspected the grain market in Indri and reviewed the arrangements. SDM Raman Gupta and other mandi officials were present during the visit.

The Deputy Commissioner issued strict directions, stating that no negligence would be tolerated during procurement. Learning from past irregularities, the administration has introduced several measures to strengthen transparency and efficiency in the process.

He informed that farmers will be required to bring their wheat only in registered vehicles and must provide vehicle details. Biometric verification will be implemented in the mandi to ensure that only eligible farmers from Haryana are able to sell their produce. Farmers unable to come personally will be allowed to authorise up to three individuals.

The entire procurement process will be monitored through CCTV cameras. Additionally, movement of wheat-laden vehicles leaving the mandi will be tracked using CCTV surveillance and GPS systems. The Deputy Commissioner added that dry runs have already been conducted across mandis and arrangements have been found satisfactory.

Facilities such as cleanliness, drinking water and food arrangements have been ensured for farmers visiting the mandi. Mandi president Sumer Chand Kamboj said that all preparations, including lifting and availability of gunny bags, have been completed. Procurement will be carried out by the Food and Supplies Department, Warehousing agencies and HAFED.

Uttarakhand CM pays tribute to retired brigadier Mukesh Joshi

DEHRADUN : Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Wednesday paid tribute to retired Brigadier Mukesh Joshi in Dehradun following his demise. The Brigadier lost his life after being hit by a bullet during a firing incident between two groups in Johri village, the day before yesterday morning, while he was out for a walk. During the visit, the Chief Minister met the bereaved family and expressed his condolences. He prayed to God to grant peace to the departed soul and strength to the grieving family to endure this immense loss. The Chief Minister stated that strict action will be taken against those responsible for this unfortunate incident. He emphasised that the safety of the general public remains the government's top priority. CM Dhami further said that officials have been directed to carry out "Operation Prahar" across the state to take stringent action against anti-social and unruly elements. He asserted that there is no place for such elements in the state, and anyone attempting to disturb law and order will not be spared under any circumstances. On Wednesday, retired Army Brigadier VK Joshi was shot dead during his morning walk in the Rajpur Police Station area of Dehradun on Monday, officials said. The incident took place near Tula Apartments in Johri village, where the victim died on the spot after being fired upon by an unidentified assailant. The Director General of Police (DGP), Uttarakhand, Deepam Seth, chaired a high-level meeting at the Police Headquarters on Tuesday in view of the sensitivity of recent criminal incidents in Dehradun.

LOST & FOUND

It is hereby informed to the general public that an important document, namely the original sale deed of a residential house situated in Pooja Colony, Pehowa, District Kurukshetra, in the name of Smt. Sinder Kaur (wife of Sh. Sewa Singh), has been reported lost. The said document pertains to Sale Deed No. 221 dated 24-04-2012. The document was reportedly misplaced on 10th March 2024 at around 4:00 PM in the vicinity of Civil Hospital, Pehowa. Despite all efforts, the same could not be traced. A formal lost property report has been lodged with Haryana Police Citizen Services vide Application No. 132320782600245, at Police Station City Pehowa, District Kurukshetra. Any person who finds or comes across the above-mentioned document is requested to kindly return it to the rightful owner or inform the nearest police station. The finder will be suitably rewarded/appreciated. The general public is hereby cautioned that any misuse of the said document shall attract strict legal action as per law.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Property ID Number 6QKFOQPZ is recorded in municipal Corporation's House Tax records in the name of Brij bala, wife of Sher Singh residing at 89 A Behind G. S.S School, Near Geeta Ram Dharmshala, main Market, ward No 15, Gharaunda, District Karnal. Smt Brij bala passed Away on may 30, 2011, and sher singh Passed away on August 16, 2012. Following the demise of the late Smt Brij bala and late sher Singh their legal heirs their Sons Sanjay Kumar, Pawan Kumar and Rakesh Tandon have submitted an application to the municipal Corporation to the aforementioned property recorded in their own names, based on the death certificates on the deceased if any person has an objection they may register their objection with in 30 days of this publication, there after no claims will be entertained.

Secretary,
Municipal Corporation
Gharaunda

AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED

(CIN:L65922RJ2011PLCO34297) Regd. & Corp. Office: 201-202, 2nd Floor, South End Square, Mansarovar Industrial Area, Jaipur. 302020

AUCTION NOTICE

Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED** Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis. The details of the cases are as under.

Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortagors	Dues As on	Date & Amount of 13(2)Demand Notice	Date of Poss-ession	Description of Property	Reserve Price For Property	Earnest Money For Property	Date & Time of Auction	Place of Tender Submission, Tender Open & Auction at Aavas Financiers Ltd.
Sunita Devi, Ajay Kumar Guarantor : Sanjay Kumar **(AC NO.) LNRRK17523-240315988**	Rs. 33,11,782.00/- Dues As On 31 Mar 2026	9 Sep 24 Rs. 2608668/- Dues As On 4 Sep 24	10 Mar 25	Part Of Khatoni Khasra No. 153 Ml Part Situated Sector Road, Near Maharaja Garden,Preet Vihar,Mauja Ganeshpur (Bahar Hadood) (At Present Within Limit Of Nagar Nigam Roorkee) Pargana And Tehsil Roorkee Distt Haridwar, Uttarkhand Pin-247667 **Admeasuring 590 Sq. Feet**	Rs. 2207245/-	Rs. 220725/-	11.00 Am To 01.00 Pm 02 May 2026	1st Floor, Opposite Bsnl Telephone Exchange, Dehradun Road, Roorke, Haridwar-247667,Uttarakhand-India

Terms & Conditions: 1). The person, taking part in the tender, will have to deposit his offer in the tender form provided by the AFL which is to be collected from the above branch offices during working hours of any working day, super scribing "Tender Offer for name of the property "on the sealed envelope along with the Cheque/DD/pay order of 10% of the Reserve Price as Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in favour of AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED payable at Jaipur on/before time of auction during office hours at the above mentioned offices. The sealed envelopes will be opened in the presence of the available interested parties at above mentioned office of AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED The inter-se bidding, if necessary will also take place among the available bidders. The EMD is refundable if the bid is not successful. **2).** The successful bidder will deposit 25% of the bidding amount adjusting the EMD amount as initial deposit immediately or within 24hrs after the fall of the hammer towards the purchase of the asset. The successful bidder failing to deposit the said 25% towards initial payment, the entire EMD deposited will be forfeited & balance amount of the sale price will have to be deposited within 15 days after the confirmation of the sale by the secured creditor; otherwise his initial payment deposited amount will be forfeited. **3).** The Authorised officer has absolute right to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone the sale process without assigning any reason therefore. If the date of tender depositing or the date of tender opening is declared as holiday by Government, then the auction will be held on next working day. **4).** For inspection and interested parties who want to know about the procedure of tender may contact AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED 201,202, IInd Floor, South End Square, Mansarovar Industrial Area, Jaipur-302020 or **Ramesh Choudhary – 8690001158** or respective branch during office hours. **Note:** This is also a 15/30 days notice under Rule 9(1)/8(6) to the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagor of the above said loan accounts about tender inter se bidding sale on the above mentioned date. The property will be sold, if their out standing duesare not repaid in full.

Place : Uttarakhand Date : 02-04-2026 **Authorised Officer Aavas Financiers Limited**

Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot

Ph: 01639-256232, 256236

E-Tender Notice

Online bids are invited through the e-tendering process for procurement of the following services/items through the E-Procurement portal of the Government of Punjab.

Last date for submission of online bids of following tender's is 24.04.2026

1) Arthoplasty Implants of Orthopaedics 2) Trauma Implants of Orthopaedics 3) Spine Implants of Orthopaedics 4) Radiopharmaceuticals of Nuclear Medicine.

Note:- Tender Document can be downloaded from http://eproc.punjab.gov.in and www.bfuhs.ac.in

Sd/-
DPR-PB-PR-Advt. No:- 3108/12/2026-27/10100 REGISTRAR

AXIS BANK LTD. Retail Asset Center "2nd and 3rd Floor, Property No. 7-E, Malhar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana -141001

Registered Office: "Trishul", 3rd Floor Opp. Samartheshwar Temple Law Garden, Ellisbridge Ahmedabad - 380006

APPENDIX IVA [See Proviso to rule 8 (6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-AUCTION 1ST SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8(6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULE, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property is mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the **Physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** on **21-Apr-2026** for recovery of **Rs.4,38,98,775/-(Rupees Four Crore Thirty Eight Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Five Only) dues as on 31-01-2022** with future interest and costs due to the secured creditor from **1) M/s Sanjog Sewing Machine Company 2) Shri Ramesh Kumar S/o Late Shri Bal Mukand Gupta 3) Smt. Raksha Rani W/o Late Shri Bal Mukand Gupta 4) Smt. Shelly Garg w/o Shri Ramesh Kumar 5) Smt. Rajni Bala Gupta W/o Shri. Mahesh Kumar** Please refer the appended auction schedule for necessary details:-

1ST PROPERTY- (Description mentioned in Schedule as Property No.1)	
KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES (IF ANY)	NIL
RESERVE PRICE (IN RS.)	Rs. 74,25,000/- (Rupees Seventy Four Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only)
EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (IN RS.)	Rs. 7,42,500/- (Rs. Seven Lakh Forty Two Thousand Five Hundred Only)
BID INCREMENTAL AMOUNT	Rs. 20,000/- (Rs Twenty Thousand only)
LAST DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS / TENDER WITH EMD	Till 20th-Apr-2026 latest by 05:00 P.M. at Axis Bank Ltd. "2nd and 3rd Floor, Property No. 7-E, Malhar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana -141001
DATE, TIME, AND VENUE FOR PUBLIC E-AUCTION	21-Apr-2026 between 11.00 A.M and 1.00 P.M. with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each at web portal https://www.bankeauctions.com e-auction tender documents containing e-auction bid form, declaration etc., are available in the website of the Service Provider as mentioned above
2nd PROPERTY- (Description mentioned in Schedule as Property No.2)	
KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES (IF ANY)	NIL
RESERVE PRICE (IN RS.)	Rs. 2,03,85,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Three Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Only)
EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (IN RS.)	Rs. 20,38,500/- (Rs. Twenty Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Only)
BID INCREMENTAL AMOUNT	Rs. 50,000/- (Rs Fifty Thousand only)
LAST DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS / TENDER WITH EMD	Till 20th-Apr-2026 latest by 05:00 P.M. at Axis Bank Ltd. "2nd and 3rd Floor, Property No. 7-E, Malhar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana -141001
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SCHEDULE – DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: - Property No. 1 All that part and parcel of the immovable property measuring 575 sq. yards comprised in khasra no.41//20-40//15/2-16-41//11/2 khata no. 185/195-187/196-188/197-189/198 as per Jamabandi for the year 2006-07, Khata no. 206/218,207/219,208/220,209/221 as per Jamabandi for the year 2011-12 situated at Seera Road, Village Seera, Rahon Road, Ludhiana Hadbast no. 72, Tehsil and District Ludhiana, Punjab mortgaged by Smt. Shelly Garg w/o Shri Ramesh Kumar and Smt. Rajni Bala Gupta w/o Shri Mahesh Kumar detailed as per sale deed no. 12319 dated: 17-11-2009. Bounded as under:- East: Passage 16ft, West: Neighbor 61ft, North: Neighbor 85ft, South: Neighbor 85ft **Property No. 2** All that part and parcel of the immovable industrial property (Double Story Industrial Unit) measuring 1496 sq. yards comprised in khasra no.40//6-15/1,41//7-8-9-10/1-10/2-11/1-12/2-13/1, khata no.137/146 as per Jamabandi for the year 2006-07 situated at Seera Road, Village Seera, Rahon Road, Ludhiana Hadbast no.72, Tehsil and District Ludhiana, Punjab mortgaged by Shri Ramesh Gupta detailed as per sale deed no.1726 dated: 22-04-2013. Bounded as under:- North: Passage 75ft, East: Street, South: Neighbor Passage 75ft, West: Neighbor

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the secured creditor's website i.e. **https://www.axisbank.com/auction-retail** and the Bank's approved service provider **M/S C1 India Private Limited** at their web portal **https://www.bankeauctions.com**

The auction will be conducted online through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s.C1 India Private Limited at their web portal https://www.bankeauctions.com.**

For any other assistance, the intending bidders may **contact Mr. Sumit Kumar (Mobile. No.9646223355) & Mr. Vipin Sharma (Mobile. No.9837010050) Concerned officer of the Bank during office hours from 9:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

This Notice should be considered as 15 Days' Notice to the Borrowers under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rule, 2002.

Date: 02.04.2026, Place:- LUDHIANA **Sd/-, (Authorized Officer), Axis Bank Ltd.**

HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG

"NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER"

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division No-1 Kasumpti Shimla-9 (HP) invites online tenders, on behalf of Governor Himachal Pradesh, from the eligible contractors through e-tendering process at hptenders.gov.in for the following work:-

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Time (Month)	Cost of Form
1.	Restoration of rain damages to LWSS Tungesh Bhaila in G.P. Cheog Tehsil Theog Distt. Shimla HP (SH:-C/O Outlet chamber, C/O storage tank 100000 ltrs. Cap., C/O head weir 10 mtrs. Length, providing laying/jointing of G.I. pipes (Heavy grade) of 80mm dia 125mm dia in Rising main (with circumferential butt welding and providing laying and jointing of G.I. pipes in distribution network etc.)(under PDNA 2023)	Rs.38,72,250/-	Rs.77450/-	6 months	Rs.2000/-
2.	Restoration of rain damages to various LWSS/LIS under JSV Sub Division Koti Section Junga and Janedghat Tehsil & Distt. Shimla HP (SH:-Prov. circumferencial welding of different dia rising main of LWSS Koti 2nd stage, LIS Peeran, S/E of NRV and sluice valve etc.).	Rs.4,97,606/-	Rs.9960/-	1 month	Rs.350/-
3.	R/M of LWSS Tarapur Patengli, LWSS Kogi Shalli, LWSS Malyana Bakhrai and LIS Syon Neri under Jal Shakti Division No.1, Kasumpti, Shimla HP (SH:-Repair and Rewinding of 75 HP motor of LWSS Tarapur Patengli alongwith P/F of MCCB volt meter, copper cable, main switch etc. repair of starter, panel board, P/F kit kat and sluice valve etc. at LWSS Kogi Shalli, P/F of start button, ampere meter, main switch etc. at LWSS Malyana Bakhari and Prov. and fixing of sluice valve at LIS Syon Neri) in Tehsil and Distt. Shimla HP.	Rs.4,92,123/-	Rs.9850/-	3 months	Rs.350/-
4.	Restoration of rain damages of LWSS Noha Lakhoti (SH:-P/F of submersible pump set alongwith control panel and submersible cable for LWSS Noha Lakhoti Set No.1).	Rs.4,40,900/-	Rs.8850/-	2 months	Rs.350/-
5.	R/R damages of LWSS Jagyalru, LWSS Mehli Pujarli and LWSS Lambidhar Lindidhar under Jal Shakti Sub Division No.1, Kasumpti, Shimla-9 (SH:-Repair of 10 HP Mono submersible pump of LWSS Jagyalru, S/E of 1 No. 10 HP Mono submersible pump of LWSS Jagyalru, Rewinding and repair of 40 HP motor LWSS Jagyalru 1st stage and Rewinding and repair of 40 HP motor starter at LWSS Mehli Oujarli stage-II and repair of stater of LWSS Lambidhar Lindidhar phase-II etc.)	Rs.4,33,324/-	Rs.8670/-	1 months	Rs.350/-
6.	Balance work of LIS Bana Jubber in G.P. Satog Tehsil Theog Distt. Shimla HP (SH:-Laying and jointing of G.I. pipes of 80mm dia with butt welding).	Rs.4,32,743/-	Rs.8660/-	3 months	Rs.350/-
7.	R/R Damages to LWSS Patti Rehana Tehsil & Distt. Shimla HP (SH:-Repair of 2 Nos. pump sets make KSB WKFI 40/14, Sr. No.9511312/751 & 9511313/751).	Rs.3,27,871/-	Rs.6560/-	1 months	Rs.350/-
8.	R/M of various LWSS under JSV Sub Division No.1, Kasumpti in Tehsil & Distt. Shimla HP (SH:-Repair of 2 Nos. multistage centrifugal pump set make kirloskar RKB 32/14H Sr. No. 12799020045 & 12799020046 installed at LWSS Lambidhar stage 2nd & 1 No. kirloskar RKB 40/14 H Sr. No.1139095022 installed at LWSS Dumi Paboo 1st stage).	Rs.3,22,900/-	Rs.6460/-	1 month	Rs.350/-
9.	R/R Damages of LWSS P.B.C. Junga Tehsil Junga and Distt. Shimla HP (SH:-Providing and fixing of starter copper wire etc. complete panel work).	Rs.2,66,200/-	Rs.5350/-	3 months	Rs.350/-
10.	R/R Damages of LWSS Mehli Tehsil & Distt. Shimla HP (SH:-Repair of 2 Nos. pump sets make KSB WKFI 40/10, Sr. No.9974628195/600/4 & 9974628198/600/3).	Rs.2,66,096/-	Rs.5330/-	1 month	Rs.350/-
11.	R/R Damages of LWSS Koti 1st stage under JSV Sub Division Koti Tehsil and Distt. Shimla HP (SH:-Repair of common header & Providing peripheral items for pump sets).	Rs.1,93,135/-	Rs.3870/-	1 month	Rs.350/-
12.	R/R Damages of LWSS Chewra Paindly Tehsil & Distt. Shimla HP (SH:-Providing and fixing of starters copper wire etc. complete panel work).	Rs.1,84,700/-	Rs.3700/-	3 months	Rs.350/-
13.	R/R Damages of LWSS Galu Khurd 1st stage under JSV Sub Division Koti in Tehsil Theog Distt. Shimla HP (SH:-Repair of pump sets make KSB WL 50/11, Sr. No.05110674/751)	Rs.1,68,660/-	Rs.3380/-	1 month	Rs.350/-
14.	R/R Damages of LIS Peeran 1st stage in Tehsil & Distt. Shimla HP (SH:-Providing and fixing of copper wire etc. complete panel work).	Rs.1,21,800/-	Rs.2450/-	3 months	Rs.350/-

The important dates for e-tender:-

I	Online publication	30.03.2026 at 05.30 PM
II	Downloading of e-tender Documents	From 30.03.2026 at 05.30 PM Up to 07.04.2026 at 05.00 PM
III	Submission of e-tendering	From 30.03.2026 at 05.30 PM Up to 07.04.2026 at 05.00 PM
IV	Physically submission of EMD and cost of tender if not submitted online	From 30.03.2026 at 05.30 PM Up to 08.04.2026 at 11.00 AM
V	Opening of technical bid	08.04.2026 at 11.30 AM
	Opening of financial bid	**Shall be intimated Separately**

Tenders forms and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from website www.hptenders.gov.in

For any clarification please contact the O/o Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division No-I, Kasumpti Shimla-171009.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
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DPR-HP-0008/2026-2027

DIRECTORATE OF SMALL SAVINGS, BANKING AND LOTTERIES, PUNJAB

Draw Time: 05:00 PM ONWARDS DATE: 01/04/2026

RESULT OF PUNJAB STATE DEAR 50 BUSTER WEDNESDAY WEEKLY LOTTERY

MRP Rs 50/- Per Ticket

1st Prize Amount (1) Rs. 15 Lakhs (On 5 digits with series)
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 1 Lakh + Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 25 Thousand, Total Prize Amount Rs. 16.25 Lakhs)
C 73768

2nd Prize Amount (25) Rs. 9,000/- (On 5 digits)
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 900/-, Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 100/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.10,000/- Each)
54494 72759 79074 80582 81132

3rd Prize Amount (50) Rs. 4,000/- (On Last 4 digits)
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 500/-, Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 100/-, Total Prize Amount Rs. 4,600/- Each)
5202 8174

4th Prize Amount (125) Rs. 2,000/- (On last 4 digits)
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 200/-, Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs.50/-, Total Prize Amount Rs. 2,250/- Each)
1736 6853 7323 9040 9313

5th Prize Amount (125) Rs. 1000/- (On last 4 digits)
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 100/-, Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 50/-, Total Prize Amount Rs. 1,150/- Each)
1240 1878 2967 7493 9091

6th Prize Amount (125) Rs. 500/- (On last 4 digits)
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 50/-, Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 20/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.570/- Each)
0080 5495 5678 7883 9867

7th Prize Amount (17,500) Rs. 100/- (On last 4 digits)
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 10/-, Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 5/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.115/- Each)

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3152	3158	3173	3188	3226	3237	3242	3255	3263	3284
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4864	4882	4888	4907	4925	4945	4948	4995	4997	5001
5007	5013	5022	5031	5051	5057	5060	5066	5079	5094
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5235	5237	5239	5268	5282	5290	5293	5298	5315	5324
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Akshay Kumar visits Mahakaleshwar Temple with mother-in-law Dimple Kapadia



Actor Akshay Kumar visited the Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple in Ujjain early Wednesday morning to offer prayers ahead of the release of his upcoming film 'Bhooth Bangla'.Akshay was accompanied by his mother-in-law and veteran actress Dimple Kapadia during the visit. Soon after offering prayers, Akshay spoke to ANI about his visit and shared that he prayed not just for himself but for the entire country and his loved ones.

"It was really good... I prayed for the entire country and my family. I prayed that our country may always excel and progress," he told ANI. The Mahakaleshwar Temple, situated on the banks of the Shipra River in Ujjain, holds immense religious significance as one of the twelve Jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva.The Bhasma Aarti is one of the most revered rituals at the Mahakaleshwar Temple, performed during the auspicious Brahma Muhurta, between 3:30 and 5:30 AM.According to temple traditions, the ritual begins with the opening of Baba Mahakal's doors in the early hours, followed by a holy bath with Panchamrit, a sacred mixture of milk, curd, ghee, sugar, and honey.Meanwhile, on the work front, Akshay Kumar is preparing for the release of 'Bhooth Bangla', directed by Priyadarshan. The film marks their reunion after nearly 14 years. The project also features Tabu, Paresh Rawal, Rajpal Yadav, Jisshu Sengupta, Asrani, and Wamiqa Gabbi in key roles.The film is backed by Balaji Motion Pictures in association with Cape of Good Films and is set to release in theatres this April.

Sydney Sweeney's 'Housemaid's Secret' locked for December 2027 release



Sydney Sweeney's 'Housemaid's Secret' is set to arrive in theatres on December 17, 2027. Directed by Paul Feig, the film is a sequel to the hit thriller The Housemaid. 'The Housemaid' became a commercial hit with nearly USD 400 million globally against a USD 35 million budget. That movie opened to a modest USD19 million but remained a major draw throughout the holiday season, as per Variety.

Lionsgate, the studio behind the twisted R-rated suspense thriller, is again positioning the film as counter-programming during the busy Christmas corridor. "The Housemaid's Secret" is currently scheduled to debut on the same day as "Avengers: Secret Wars" and "Lord of the Rings: The Hunt for Gollum," which hail from male-skewing franchises.Sydney Sweeney will return alongside Michele Morrone, who also appeared in the first film. Kirsten Dunst is joining the cast. Based on Freida McFadden's bestselling novel, the sequel picks up as Sweeney's Millie -- who was hired in the initial story as the live-in maid for a wealthy family with a dark secret -- taking a job "keeping house for a woman she's never allowed to see -- only to discover the truth behind the locked door that threatens to expose secrets far darker than her own.'"The Housemaid's Secret' will go on floors by the end of this year. Paul Feig is back to direct alongside screenwriter Rebecca Sonnenshine, who adapted the first book. Feig is also producing with Todd Lieberman of Hidden Pictures, Laura Fischer of Pretty Dangerous and Sweeney through Fifty-Fifty Films.

Want to thank them for bringing audience to theatres: Imtiaz Ali on success of Aditya Dhar's 'Dhurandhar: The Revenge'



Filmmaker Imtiaz Ali expressed his gratitude to the makers of Dhurandhar for increasing the footfall in the theatres with their film. At the International Film Festival of Delhi 2026, Imtiaz Ali shared his happiness for the massive theatrical reception of the film. He also admitted that he hasn't watched the movie yet. "I have not seen Dhurandhar yet but I know that there are many beautiful things in it. People liked it a lot. I would like to thank them for bringing audience to theatres and I hope it cotinues. I would like to congratulate the Dhurandhar team," said Imtiaz Ali while talking to media at IFFD 2026.The film was directed by Aditya Dhar and stars Ranveer Singh, R Madhavan, Arjun Rampal, Rakesh Bedi and Sanjay Dutt in the lead roles. The movie has crossed Rs 800 crore at the box office after it release on March 19. Meanhwile, Imtiaz Ali is also set to return to the big screens with another heart-warming love story titled 'Main Vaapas Aaunga'. The movie also stars Diljit Dosanjh, marking the back-to-back collaboration of the actor-director duo after 'Amar Singh Chamkila' in 2024.

"Working with an artist like Diljit is always very inspiring and this is the first time that I am working with an actor twice, one after the other in a film. This is my good fortune. Both these films, 'Amar Singh Chamkeela' and 'Main Vaapas Aaunga', are on a particular topic and in both of them Diljit Dosanjh has worked from his heart," said Imtiaz Ali while talking to media at IFFD 2026.Apart from Diljit, 'Main Vaapas Aaunga' also stars Vedang Raina, Sharvari and Naseeruddin Shah in the lead roles. The one-minute and thirteen-second teaser opened with the narration of Diljit Dosanjh, which introduces the heartbreaking love story of Naseer as he rests on a hospital bed.In the film, Vedang Raina portrays the young version of Naseer while Sharvari dons the character of his lover. As per the teaser, the makers describe the movie as a story of "love and longing" due to the partition between India and Pakistan in 1947.The music of the film is composed by AR Rahman, while the lyrics have been penned by Irshad Kamil. The movie is jointly produced by Sameer Nair, Deepak Segal, Mohit Choudhary, and Shibhasish Sarkar under the banner of Window Seat Film and presented by Applause Entertainment. The movie is slated to hit theatres on June 12.

Nayanthara joins cast of Salman Khan's upcoming film with director Vamshi Paidipally



Actress Nayanthara has joined the cast of Salman Khan's upcoming action film with director Vamshi Paidipally. The film will be produced by Dil Raju. A day after Salman announced his new project with South director Vamshi Paidipally, the makers have announced the onboarding of Nayanthara in the film. This marks the second project of the actress in Bollywood after she made her debut with Shah Rukh Khan starrer 'Jawan' in 2023. Sri Venkateswara Creations, the official production company, announced the arrival of Nayanthara in the film on their X handle on Tuesday. "The Queen Arrives. The epitome of versatility and excellence NAYANTHARA joins Salman Khan-Vamshi Paidipally Film. It's an honour to have you on board for something truly special that's underway," wrote Sri Venkateswara Creations.

On Monday, Salman Khan took to his Instagram handle to share a picture with director Vamshi Paidpally to announce his new project. He wrote, "Dil, Dimag, Jigar se from this April with Director Vamshi and Dil Raju."

The film is likely to go on floors next month.Director Vamshi Paidpally also shared the update on his Instagram, calling it an "honour" to direct Salman Khan. "Honored to collaborate with Salman Khan Sir for my next film. This One is Powered by Heart and Driven by Conviction. April. We Begin," he wrote.More details regarding the film have not been disclosed yet.Meanwhile, Salman is gearing up for the release of 'Maatrubhumi: May War Rest in Peace', which also stars Chitrangada Singh. The film was earlier titled 'Battle of Galwan'. Produced by Salman Khan under the Salman Khan Films banner, the movie is helmed by director Apoorva Lakhia. It is based on the 2020 Galwan Valley clash between India and China. A teaser released in December last year offered a first look at Salman Khan in the role of an Indian Army officer.

Ranbir Kapoor's 'Rama' glimpse from Nitesh Tiwari's 'Ramayana' unveiled In LA



After wowing audience with his powerpacked performance in 'Animal', actor Ranbir Kapoor is now gearing up for the release of his one of the most amitious projects 'Ramayana', helmed by acclaimed director Nitesh Tiwari.On Monday, Ranbir along with Nitesh Tiwari and producer Namit Malhotra unveiled a crucial asset of the film at an event in Los Angeles. Titled 'Rama', the new glimpse reportedly features Ranbir's look as Lord Ram. In India. this asset will be launched on April 2, Coinciding with Hanuman Jayanti.Several visuals from the US event have surfaced online, leaving fans excited. In one of the viral videos from the LA launch, Ranbir as seen sharing his insights on bringing Lord Rama's character to life via a cinematic project. Describing Lord Ram as "conscience keeper of billions of people", Ranbir said, "Lord Ram has been the conscience keeper of billions of people around the globe for centuries. He enlightens us about the triumph of human spirit. He stands for compassion, for courage, for righteousness and forgiveness, and is called Maryada Purushottam, which stands for an ideal man."Official pictures and videos by the team of 'Ramayana' have not been released yet.With Ranbir Kapoor stepping into the role of Lord Ram, Sai Pallavi as Sita, Yash as the formidable Ravana, Sunny Deol as the mighty Hanuman, and Ravi Dubey as Lakshman, Ramayana is one of the most awaited films of 2026.Earlier, during one of the events, director Nitesh Tiwari described the project as a cultural milestone, calling it "more than a film."

Simiran Kaur Dhadli Drops a Soulful Verse to Chart-Topping Track 'Bairan' by Banjaare

CHANDIGARH: The viral momentum of Bairan by Banjaare continues to grow as Punjabi singer-song writer Simiran Kaur Dhadli joins the musical conversation with a compelling verse, offering a fresh emotional perspective to the widely loved track. The newly released verse expands the song's narrative, transforming Bairan into a cross-regional musical dialogue that resonates beyond linguistic boundaries.



"Bairan" by Banjaare tops the charts, giving a boost to the popularity of the track and solidifying the position of the popular track as a global hit. The popular track by Banjaare has managed to occupy the #1 position on Spotify's Viral Songs Global and #1 on Spotify's Viral Songs India, as well as #1 on Spotify's Top Songs India and #1 on Billboard India, showing how emotional regional music is breaking linguistic and geographical barriers at a rapid pace.

Known for her unapologetic storytelling and emotionally charged music, Simiran's addition to this song provides a new perspective that is a contrast to the original, yet maintains the raw essence that made this song so popular. The unexpected crossover between the Punjabi and Haryanvi music scene has given rise to a lot of conversations, signalling a growing shift in India's independent music landscape where artists from different regions are collaborating and engaging with each other's narratives, audiences, and culture.

Speaking about the collaboration, SimiranKaurDhadli said, "Bairan carried a raw honesty that immediately connected with me. I felt there was another emotional side to the story that needed a voice, and the reply verse came instinctively from that space. Collaborations like this show how regional music is no longer confined by language; it's driven by emotion and authenticity. When a song is real, it travels everywhere, and Bairan is proof of how deeply people connect with honest storytelling."

Banjaare said, "When we created Bairan, we never imagined the kind of love and connection it would receive from listeners across regions. Watching the song grow and resonate with so many people has been incredibly humbling. Collaborating with an artist like SimiranKaurDhadli brought a whole new emotional dimension to the track; her perspective added depth and took the song to another level. Moments like this show how music evolves when artists come together and let the story expand beyond one voice."

Bairan continues to rise in popularity, and this song is now more than a song; it is a narrative that is moving beyond regions, linguistic barriers, and perspectives, all through the emotion-driven storytelling.

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Dollar Lehar Brings An Out-Of-This-World Twist To Summer Essentials



CHANDIGARH: Dollar Lehar is turning up the heat this summer with a new campaign that blends humour, imagination and an unexpected sci-fi twist. As the innerwear category enters its peak season, the brand brings alive an engaging narrative set in a lively highway dhaba-where an ordinary night takes an extraordinary turn. With this campaign, Dollar Lehar reinforces its positioning as a dependable everyday essential, delivered through a story that is both entertaining and memorable.

Speaking on the brand campaign and brand ambassador, Vinod Kumar Gupta, Managing Director, Dollar Industries Limited, said "Our association with Saif has delivered strong value for the brand. His sharp wit and credibility resonate particularly well with the male audience and that connect has translated into meaningful growth for us. What makes the partnership even more compelling is how naturally his personality aligns with our brand philosophy, making the renewal of this association a very natural step!"

Conceptualized by TBWA/Lintas and directed by renowned ad-film maker Uzer Khan, the new commercial brings an imaginative twist to everyday storytelling. The film follows a group of friends who unexpectedly come face-to-face with aliens, setting the stage for what first appears to be a tense encounter. However, the moment quickly turns playful, revealing Dollar Lehar innerwear in a witty and unexpected way.

Safe, Heard, Supported, the three tenets of employee wellbeing

CHANDIGARH: Scroll. Like. Share. Repeat. Curated lives are everywhere. Perfect pictures and celebrations. Effortless routines. Megha Goel, CHRO, Godrej Properties Ltd. Says "For many of us, this cycle begins long before the workday starts and continues long after it ends. In between deadlines and deliverables, there's endless stream of social media reels—sunset yoga routines, curated home offices, 'effortless' career wins - perfect routines, effortless success - that subtly tell you: 'you're not doing enough.' "When employees carry pressure at work, these comparisons can quietly deepen feelings of inadequacy. But the real story is not about what people scroll through. It is about what they experience once they step into work each day. What remains largely invisible is the struggle, the self-doubt, and the effort behind those moments.According to the Workplace Discrimination Report, 76% of employees feel safe speaking up, leaving one in four silent. When employees already feel voiceless, the curated wins they see online only intensify the feeling that they're falling behind, creating a cycle that drains productivity and mental resilience.This is why employee wellbeing cannot be reduced to programs or perks. It is shaped by everyday culture and leadership behaviour. At its core, wellbeing at work rests on three simple but powerful pillars: being seen, being heard and being supported. Like others, real estate companies are increasingly recognizing that employee wellbeing today cannot be separated. The answer lies in embedding wellbeing into the very foundation of organizational strategies. Central to these efforts, organizations must first prioritize safety—not just physical safety, but psychological safety. Leading firms are rethinking their workplace culture and rolling out initiatives that directly address functional and emotional needs—policies around flexibility, work-life balance, and career growth—while also working on data-driven insights to strengthen representation and inclusion of women, diverse age groups, ethnicities, and people with disabilities. It's worth asking: do you feel seen for who they are and what they contribute? Do they feel heard in their moments of vulnerability? Do they feel supported when life gets difficult? At its core, wellbeing at work rests on three simple but powerful pillars: being seen, being heard and being supported.

Talk More, Scroll Less: Building Healthy Minds in Children Today

CHANDIGARH: In today's rapidly evolving world, understanding a child's developmental journey is more important than ever. While every child grows at their own pace, staying aware of developmental milestones helps ensure that early signs of concern are not overlooked. From the perspective of Pediatric Neurology, early childhood is a critical phase marked by high brain plasticity, where timely identification and intervention can significantly shape communication, cognitive, and social development.Early identification of developmental signs and symptoms plays a pivotal role in supporting healthy brain development. One commonly overlooked concern is delayed speech, which is often normalized with the assumption that the child will eventually catch up. However, this can delay necessary evaluation and intervention. Since speech and language are closely linked to brain function, persistent delays may require closer observation. Other signs such as limited eye contact, reduced social interaction, or repetitive behaviors should also be noted with care rather than dismissed. At the same time, it is important for parents to understand that not every delay indicates a disorder, but persistent or multiple signs together should not be ignored.Dr. Monika Chhajed, Consultant - Paediatric Neurology, Motherhood Chaitanya Hospitals, Sector 44, Chandigarh, emphasis that, "Parents play a crucial role in early identification and timely action. Instead of relying on a "wait and watch" approach, it is important to track developmental milestones and seek medical advice if concerns persist. A structured developmental assessment by a pediatrician can help arrive at an early diagnosis and guide appropriate intervention. Simple steps such as limiting passive screen time, encouraging daily conversations and interactive play, and creating a responsive home environment can go a long way in supporting healthy development and preventing delays.Creating awareness about developmental differences is not about alarm, but about informed and proactive care. By recognizing early signs, limiting screen exposure, and fostering strong human interaction, families can support both brain development and overall well-being, helping every child grow with confidence and reach their fullest potential. In early childhood, time lost is opportunity lost—but time invested early can shape a child's entire developmental future.



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