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Three trampled to death by wild elephants in Jharkhand

RAMGARH:) Three persons, including an elderly man, were trampled to death by wild elephants in two separate incidents in Jharkhand's Ramgarh district on Friday, police said.
Both incidents happened within the Gola police station limits. One incident occurred at Banda village, where two persons died, while the second took place at Murpa village, where an elderly man was trampled to death by wild elephants, they said.
"Three people were killed by wild elephants on Friday at two different locations. All three were male. The bodies of the deceased have been recovered and are being sent for post-mortem examination at a government hospital," Officer in-charge of Gola police station, Abhishek Kumar, told

Ship carrying Iranian oil shifts course midway from India to China

NEW DELHI: A US-sanctioned tanker carrying Iranian crude oil has rerouted mid-voyage from its previously indicated destination of India - where it would have marked the first such shipment in nearly seven years - to China.
The Aframax tanker Ping Shun, built in 2002 and sanctioned by the US in 2025, is now signalling Dongying in China as its destination instead of Vadinar in Gujarat, which it had indicated earlier this week, according to ship-tracking firm Kpler.
There is no confirmation that the destination that the ship's Automatic Identification System (AIS) transponder - a tracking system mandated on most commercial vessels - is indicating is the final and it may not change at any time during the transit.

Suicide car bomb blast kills five in Pakistan

PESHAWAR: A suicide car bomb blast targeting a police station in northwest Pakistan killed five persons, including four from the same family, and wounded 13 others late Thursday, police said on Friday.
Police said the suicide bomber rammed his explosives-laden vehicle into the rear side of the police station in Domel tehsil of Bannu district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, triggering a powerful explosion.
The intensity of the blast, which was heard miles away, triggered panic among residents. Gunfire erupted immediately after the explosion, further heightening tension in the area.

Eight killed, 95 injured as US-Israeli strikes hit Iran's B1 Bridge

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At least eight civilians have been reported killed, and 95 others sustained injuries following US-Israeli strikes, Iranian state media Press TV reported. The military action specifically targeted the "B1 bridge in Karaj," resulting in a high number of casualties in the surrounding area.The victims of the strike reportedly include "Iranian travellers" and "residents of the local village" who were near the infrastructure at the time of the attack. According to Press TV, the toll also included "families who were in the area for Nature Day," a time when many people were outdoors.In the wake of such strikes, President Masoud Pezeshkian has stated that Iran remains "resolute in defending itself against American and Israeli aggressors using all of its capacities," state broadcaster Press TV reported. This comes over a month after the commencement of a military conflict that Tehran describes as an unprovoked war of aggression against the Islamic Republic.The Iranian President made these observations during a telephonic conversation with his Azerbaijani counterpart, Ilham Aliyev, on Thursday. During the exchange, Pezeshkian highlighted that Tehran was engaged in "indirect negotiations with the United States" at the moment Washington initiated its "strikes and bombing campaign."Detailing the impact of the ongoing hostilities, Pezeshkian briefed Aliyev on the destruction of "vital and industrial infrastructures," as well as strikes targeting "schools" and "hospitals." According to Press TV, the Iranian leader expressed his gratitude to the people and government of Azerbaijan for their "sympathy and support" during the crisis.In response, President Aliyev noted the adverse effects of the conflict on regional "security and stability," voicing his hope for a swift restoration of peace. Beyond the security situation, the two leaders also explored avenues to "boost Tehran-Baku cooperation in various fields."Parallel to the presidential dialogue, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi held talks with his Filipino counterpart, Maria Teresa Lazaro. Araghchi asserted that Iran's actions to "prevent the passage of vessels associated with the aggressors through the Strait of Hormuz" are "in accordance with international law," Press TV reported.The Foreign Minister maintained that such measures are "aimed at safeguarding security in the strategic waterway" and are intended to "prevent further military attacks." Despite the current tensions, Araghchi noted that Tehran has maintained a "responsible approach by facilitating safe passage for non-hostile vessels and tankers" through "coordination with relevant Iranian authorities."

Iran claims 2 US F-35 Jets shot down In 24 hours

TEHRAN: The Iranian media have once claimed that an F-35 stealth fighter aircraft was shot down over central Iran by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). Iran's Tasnim news agency shared images of the wreckage of what they called an American jet, claiming the chances of the pilot's survival were low.
It's the second F-35 aircraft that Tehran has claimed to have shot down in the past 24 hours and the third since the conflict that began on February 28. The Iranians had claimed to have shot down another F-35 fighter aircraft on April 2 and March 23. Both those claims have been rebutted by the US Central Command, which is spearheading Operation Epic Fury against Iran.

Raghav is 'compromised', says Bhagwant Mann

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Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has said that he believes his party, AAP's Rajya Sabha MP, Raghav Chadha, has been compromised. He was responding to a query during a press conference in Chandigarh today about a statement by Mr Raghav Chadha questioning the AAP's move to ask the Rajya Sabha Secretariat not to grant him time to speak in the House. Mr Chadha stated this today, after his removal from the post of deputy leader in the Upper House, yesterday. Mr Mann categorically said that if one is not following the party whip in the parliament, one has to face the action. He also said that it is a common practice for parties to change their leaders in the Parliament.

Delhi Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) President Saurabh Bharadwaj alleged that Chadha failed to toe the party's line on several matters in Parliament and did not join opposition walkouts on key issues.

"We all are soldiers of Arvind Kejriwal, the Centre doesn't care about soft PR or talking about samosas at airport canteens when bigger issues are at stake," Bharadwaj said in a video posted on X. "Whenever the Opposition staged a walkout in Parliament, you (Chadha) did not participate. You did not raise issues concerning Punjab, from where you are elected, and you hid in a foreign country when former Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal was arrested," he added.

AAP national media incharge Anurag Dhanda also criticised Chadha, questioning whether someone who "fears" Prime Minister Narendra Modi can fight for the country.

"In West Bengal, the right to vote is being snatched away. When a proposal against the CEC came up in the House, you (Chadha) refused to sign it," Dhanda said on X. "In Parliament, we get limited time to speak, and it can be used either to fight for the nation or discuss trivial matters like cheaper samosas at airport canteens," Dhanda said, adding that Chadha has been hesitant to speak on "real issues" for the last few years. The remarks came after Chadha earlier in the day said he was "silenced, not defeated", a day after being removed as the AAP's deputy leader in Rajya Sabha. Bhardwaj recalled that Chadha refused to sign the motion."Whenever there is an issue on which the opposition walks out, you do not walk out. For a long time now, I have seen that you haven't raised any issue in the House where you questioned the Prime Minister or the Bharatiya Janata Party government," he said.

Strengthening rural sanitation and drainage systems is the utmost priority: Hry CM



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CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini on Friday stressed the need to strengthen sanitation and drainage systems in rural areas, directing officers concerned to ensure regular and time-bound cleaning of village ponds and wastewater channels across the state.

Chairing a review meeting of the Haryana Pond and Waste Water Management Authority here today, the Chief Minister said maintaining cleanliness in villages must be a priority to prevent inconvenience to residents. He underlined that village ponds should remain free from foul smell, and waterlogging in residential areas must be avoided at all costs.

The Chief Minister further directed that cleaning, desilting and drainage works be carried out under a structured Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to ensure transparency, quality and accountability. He also called for improved planning and the use of modern technology and scientific design in the construction, reconstruction and modernisation of ponds. He directed officers to undertake beautification works around ponds to create clean and accessible spaces for villagers, including for morning and evening walks.

To enhance efficiency, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini suggested the use of solar pumps for regular cleaning and maintaining water flow. He warned that negligence in sanitation at the village level would invite strict action, with accountability fixed on concerned officials, sarpanches and staff.

Security alert in Chandigarh after arson threats, escape of blast suspects

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The investigation into the recent blast outside the Punjab BJP headquarters in Sector 37 has taken a dramatic turn as Chandigarh is placed on high alert following an anonymous threat to "set the city on fire."

Security agencies and the Chandigarh Police scrambled into action after an unidentified caller made a threatening call to the Police Control Room on Friday. It came amid reports that the primary suspects in the grenade attack managed to evade a joint police raid just hours before security teams reached their hideout.

Sources close to the investigation revealed that the two suspects, identified as Aman Singh alias Bholu and Gurtej Singh of village Rattangarh in Ropar district, had reportedly returned to their homes to change clothes following the attack.

Acting on a tip-off, a combined team of the local police and the Chandigarh Anti-Gangster Task Force (AGTF) conducted a massive raid in Rattangarh late Thursday evening. While the suspects were not found at the location, police detained a brother of one of the accused and another family member for questioning.

Electronic devices and a suspicious yellow envelope were seized from the premises and are currently undergoing forensic analysis to track the suspects' contacts and potential links to overseas gangsters or pro-Khalistan elements.

The escape of the suspects has highlighted a potential gap in the initial cordoning of the crime scene. While the Chandigarh Police were reportedly focusing on CCTV footage of a motorcycle seen near a neighbouring petrol pump, the suspects allegedly crossed the road toward Sector 24.

Bhagwant Mann Govt creates record, 65,264 govt jobs provided in just 4 years for first time in Punjab's history

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As part of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government's 'Shandaar Chaar Saal Bhagwant Mann De Naal' series, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann presented a comprehensive report card highlighting his government's performance across key sectors, positioning it as a decisive shift towards transparent, accountable and people-centric governance. Setting a new benchmark in public employment and governance, the Bhagwant Mann's government has delivered a record 65,264 government jobs in just four years, the highest ever in Punjab's history, while extending a 5-year age relaxation to compensate for the lost opportunities caused by previous regimes.

Backed by transparent recruitment across key sectors including education, police, power, health and local bodies, the Bhagwant Mann government has positioned itself as a clean break from past practices of favouritism, asserting that jobs are now being given to common citizens without bribes or recommendations. At the same time, the rapid expansion of Digital Punjab, with 30 lakh monthly footfall at Sewa Kendras and over 8.20 crore services delivered, underscores a broader push towards transparent governance, skill development and systemic reform aimed at reshaping Punjab's future. Presenting the report card of various departments, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "Punjab is emerging as a new digital hub which has brought transparency in its functioning thereby opening new vistas of government jobs and opportunities for the youth."

From Assembly to Streets: Mandi Meet Kicks Off BJP's Himachal Poll Push

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In Himachal Pradesh's evolving political landscape, the Bharatiya Janata Party appears to be transitioning from a reactive opposition inside the Assembly to an assertive, campaign driven force on the streets. The upcoming two-day state level meeting scheduled for 6–7 April at Atal Sabhagar is not merely an organisational ritual; it is being positioned as the launchpad of a calibrated, long-term political offensive against the Congress government. With roughly a year and a half remaining before the 2027 Assembly elections, the party seems determined to convert its legislative aggression into sustained grassroots mobilisation.

At the core of this shift lies a clear political calculations,disruptions and sharp interventions inside the Assembly may generate headlines, but they rarely translate into durable electoral momentum. The BJP leadership in the state, articulated by leaders such as Bihari Lal Sharma, has signalled that the party will now take its narrative directly to the public. This involves a structured, issue-based mobilisation strategy in which governance concerns—ranging from alleged developmental slowdown to rising taxation and cost of-living pressures, will be amplified through coordinated campaigns at the booth, district, and state levels.

The Mandi conclave is expected to function as the nerve centre for designing this multilayered outreach. Organisational strengthening will remain a parallel priority, with emphasis on booth-level consolidation, expansion of party cells and training modules aimed at transforming each cadre into an effective political communicator. The objective is not merely expansion, but message discipline ensuring that every worker delivers a consistent and persuasive narrative.

What makes this exercise particularly significant is the scale and seniority of leadership expected to converge. The presence of state figures such as Dr. Rajeev Bindal and Jai Ram Thakur, alongside national leaders like Tarun Chugh and Anurag Thakur, underscores the seriousness of this phase. Their role will extend beyond deliberation to shaping the tone, intensity, and direction of the campaign.

Equally important are signals that top national leadership, including Narendra Modi and Amit Shah, may step up engagement in Himachal following electoral commitments elsewhere, particularly West Bengal. If this materialises, it would align state-level mobilisation with national messaging an approach that has often amplified the BJP's electoral effectiveness.

Another crucial element is the party's intent to prepare a detailed, time-bound political roadmap for the coming year. This suggests a shift from episodic campaigning to continuous engagement mapping outreach programmes, public meetings, and communication efforts with precision. It reflects an understanding that consistent visibility and narrative control are key to shaping voter perception over time.

At a broader level, this strategy reflects the changing nature of political competition in Himachal Pradesh. The contest is no longer limited to governance versus opposition critique; it has evolved into a battle of narratives. The Congress government continues to highlight its policy initiatives and welfare measures, projecting administrative stability. The BJP in contrast, is attempting to question the gap between announcements and implementation, thereby challenging credibility.

This narrative contest is likely to intensify as the BJP expands its campaign into public spaces. Street-level protests, public rallies, and targeted outreach programmes are expected to become more frequent, each reinforcing specific political themes. The goal is to aggregate local concerns whether related to inflation, taxation, or service delivery into a broader critique of governance.

However, the effectiveness of this strategy will depend on execution. Booth-level mobilisation requires sustained coordination, while messaging must be adapted to local contexts across a geographically diverse state. The Congress response will also be critical; a purely defensive posture may not suffice if the BJP succeeds in setting the agenda.

Ultimately, the developments around the Mandi meeting could redefine the trajectory of Himachal's political discourse. With sufficient time remaining before the next election, yet a clear urgency to shape public perception, the BJP appears to be initiating a comprehensive political reset. The road to 2027 has begun not with declarations, but with a calculated attempt to redefine political engagement in the state.

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Dr Umesh Kalra celebrates birthday with elderly residents of Bhumi Ashram



HISAR (MAHENDER GOYAL): Dr. Umesh Kalra, Chairman of Sarvesh Hospital, celebrated his birthday with the residents of Bhumi Ashram. Accompanying him, in addition to his family, were members of hospital's team.He made special arrangements to have a meal prepared at his own hospital's canteen and served it to all elderly residents of ashram. Dr Kalra remarked that he derives true happiness from visiting Bhumi Ashram and spending time with elderly residents there. His spirit of service is not limited to this gesture alone; he also periodically provides free healthcare services to elderly residing at ashram, thereby ensuring they have access to quality medical care. Joy visible on faces of all elderly residents of ashram was truly a sight to behold and they collectively extended their birthday wishes to Dr. Kalra. Mukesh Kumar administrator of Bhumi Ashram conveyed his best wishes to Dr. Kalra on behalf of ashram and expressed his gratitude for generous support extended to the institution.

Mayor, MLA lay foundation stones for development works of Rs 1.5 crores

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, APRIL 3

Mayor Suman Bahmani and Yamunanagar MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora laid the foundation stones today for three development projects within Wards 8 and 10 to be executed at Rs 1.50 crore. In presence of councillors Vibhor Pahuja and Kiran Yadav, along with BJP Mandal Presidents Aman Saggar and Manoj Dhiman, 2 public representatives formally inaugurated the construction works by breaking a coconut. They further instructed concerned officials to complete projects within stipulated timeframe while ensuring high quality standards. Mayor and MLA laid foundation stone for renovation and beautification of the Model



Town Society Ground Park, located in Ward 8. This project is estimated to cost ?31.04 lakhs. As part of park's beautification, amenities such as new tiling, improved seating arrangements, enhanced greenery and modern lighting systems will be developed, thereby providing local residents with superior public recreational space. Subsequently, within same Ward 8, construction work for road and drainage system stretching from Govindpuri Road to HUDA Mor was inaugurated. This project entails an expenditure of Rs 72.35 lakhs. Construction of this road and drainage system is expected to alleviate problem of waterlogging in area and facilitate smoother traffic flow. Local residents noted that they frequently faced difficulties during rainy season, a problem that these construction works will resolve to a significant extent. Finally, in Ward 10, foundation stones were laid for construction of drainage channel extending from Gupta Trading to City Center, as well as for tiling work within Gandhi Market.

Ensure timely disposal of complaints received at Samadhan Shivir: DC

KURUKSHETRA (HANS RAJ): Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena while issuing directives to all Heads of Departments stated that backlog of complaints received at Samadhan Shivir must be cleared expeditiously and on a priority basis. Uploading Action Taken Report, complete background details of complaint, specific actions taken and current status must be recorded clearly and factually to ensure both quality and transparency of resolution process.



He further instructed officials across all departments to work earnestly towards swift and effective resolution of pending cases within their respective departments, thereby making entire process transparent and accountable. DC was issuing these guidelines to officials on Friday at auditorium of Mini Secretariat, following video conference session with D. Suresh, Principal Secretary of Food and Supplies Department.DC also issued directives to ensure resolution of complaints received via CM Window, SMGT and CP Gram portals within their stipulated timeframes. Between June 2024 and April, 7,822 complaints were received at district's 'Samadhan Shivir'. Of these, 5,112 complaints have been resolved, while 523 remain pending and 2,187 complaints have been rejected. DC emphasized that Samadhan Shivir serves as crucial platform for swift resolution of general public's grievances; therefore, no form of negligence in this regard will be tolerated.

He specifically directed that priority be accorded to complaints that have been re-activated, instructing officials to ensure their prompt and satisfactory resolution. He urged all departments to demonstrate proactiveness in handling these matters, ensure that actions are taken within prescribed time limits and regularly submit their progress reports to DC's office. DC stated that any citizen of district may submit their grievances or complaints in writing by visiting a Samadhan Shivir. These camps are organized at district leve specifically at Mini Secretariat as well as in Pehowa, Shahabad and Ladwa subdivisions twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays. Officials and employees from all government departments remain present at these resolution camps.

Classified

I, Anjana D/o Kesho Ram, W/o Jagdish Rai, R/o W.No. 26, Near Bahona Chowk, Nachattar Singh Teacher Colony, Moga have changed my name after marriage to Anjna Rai.

90007

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

900014

I Rajwant Singh Gill S/o Nirmal R/o VPO Landran , Distt SAS Nagar (Mohali) Punjab have changed my name from Rajwant Singh Gill to Rajwant Singh.

100071

I Shiv Kumari Wife Of Shiv Kumar. Resident Of House No.2311, Sector 52, Chandigarh 160036 Have Changed My Name From Shiv Kumari To Sushila.

491263

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ਅਸੀਂ, ਅਰੁਣਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ਼ਰਨਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਰਵਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਅਰੁਣਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀਆਨ ਪਿੰਡ ਗਲਵੱਡੀ, ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਖੰਨਾ (ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ) ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਸਾਡੀ ਲੜਕੀ ਹਰਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਸਾਡੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ। ਅਸੀਂ ਇਸਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਸਾਰੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖ਼ਲ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ, ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਸਾਡਾ ਕੋਈ ਸਬੰਧ ਨਹੀਂ। ਅਸੀਂ ਇਸਦੇ ਚੰਗੇ-ਮਾੜੇ ਕੰਮਕਾਰ, ਲੈਣ-ਦੇਣ ਦਾ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਨਫ਼ੇ-ਨੁਕਸਾਨ ਦੇ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵਾਂਗੇ।ਸਬੰਧਤ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ।

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ਮੈਂ, ਰਜਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਮੰਗਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਵਾਰਡ ਨੰ:1, ਰਹਾਉਣ, ਖੰਨਾ (ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ) ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੀ ਲੜਕੀ ਖੁਸ਼ਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਆਪਣੀ ਮਨ-ਮਰਜ਼ੀਆ ਵਾ ਮਾਨਸਿਕ ਤੰਗ-ਪ੍ਰੇਸ਼ਾਨ ਕਰਦੀ ਹੈ। ਮੈਂ ਇਸਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਸਾਰੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖ਼ਲ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ, ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਮੇਰਾ ਕੋਈ ਸਬੰਧ ਨਹੀਂ। ਮੈਂ ਇਸਦੇ ਚੰਗੇ-ਮਾੜੇ ਕੰਮਕਾਰ, ਲੈਣ-ਦੇਣ ਦਾ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਨਫ਼ੇ-ਨੁਕਸਾਨ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵਾਂਗੀ। ਸਬੰਧਤ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ।

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I, Harjit Kaur, wife of late Kulwant Singh, resident of Chauhan Colony, Saidkheri, Tehsil Rajpura, District Patiala, declare that my son Gurvinder Singh and daughter-in-law Prerna Rani are out of my control .So I disowned them from all my movable and immovable property anybody dealing with them on their own risk.

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I hitherto known as MEENU RANI w/o GURPREET SINGH R/o Dashmesh Nagar St no 4A SRI MUKTSAR SAHIB 152026 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as VEENA RANI. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

90002

It is for general information that I, PARTEJ SINGH DHALIWAL S/o KAKA RAM DHALIWAL residing at Braham Das, Village minian, Patti lambi, Minian, Moga, Punjab - 142039 declare that name of my father & mother has been wrongly written as KAKA RAM & GURMEET KAUR in my class 10th CBSE educational documents. The actual name of my father & mother is KAKA RAM DHALIWAL & GURMEET KAUR DHALIWAL, which may be amended accordingly It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection

90002

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I, Sohanpreet Kaur D/o Ex-Army Darshan Singh (No. 14498906H) R/o Vill: Shadhari Teh-Dirba Distt. Sangrur Pb, declare that in my father service record my name wrongly entered Sohanprit Kaur and my wrongly entered DOB is 28-01-1994. But my correct name is Sohanpreet Kaur and my correct DOB is 27-01-1993. So amended my name & DOB in my father service record.

63372

I hitherto known as Jagjit Singh S/o Balvir Singh resident at Vpo Halwara Distt Ludhiana, Punjab, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jagjeet Singh.

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I, Kanwaljit Singh S/o Harbhajan Singh R/O Vill Salaichan, Teh. Shahkot, Distt Jalandhar, Punjab-144702, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kamaljit Singh. It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection.

63372

I, Hitherto Known As Prita Devi W/o Kuldip Kumar, R/O VPO Dhoula Khera, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144306, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Preeta Devi. It Is Certified That I Have Complied With Other Legal Requirements In This Connection.

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I, Manjeet Kaur W/o Harmanpreet Singh R/o H. No. 888, Karma Tailor Wali Gali, Near Govt High School, Surgapuri, Kotkapura, Distt. Faridkot, Punjab- 151204, have changed the name of my minor daughter Armin, aged 09 yrs and she shall hereafter be known as Armin Kaur. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

63372

I. Anjali sodhe do shri Balram R/O 1079/ 3 Pachranga Bazar Panipat declare That Anjali Sodhe and Anjali is the one and the same person.

100046

I, Lalit Jain S/o Shri Prem Chand Jain R/o House No. 1427/B-2, near Sita Ram Mandir, Pinjore, Tehsil Kalka, District Panchkula, Haryana, hereby declare that the spelling of my daughter's name is recorded in the aforementioned Birth Certificate, the spelling of my daughter's name has been erroneously recorded as Lavanya Jain. This is incorrect. The correct and accurate spelling of my daughter's name is Lavannya Jaiin.

989666

I, Lalit Jain S/o Shri Prem Chand Jain, R/o at House No. 1427/B-2, near Sita Ram Mandir, Pinjore, Tehsil Kalka, District Panchkula, Haryana, hereby declare that the spelling of my son's name is recorded in the aforementioned Birth Certificate, the spelling of my son's name has been erroneously recorded as Nihant Jain. This is incorrect. The correct and accurate spelling of my son's name is Nihant Jaiin

989666

I, Varinder Narain S/o Mohan Chand, R/o #793, Phase-2, Baltana, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali), Punjab, state that my name has been incorrectly recorded as "Varinder Narain Sharma" in the Class 10th certificate (Roll No. 2322723) of my son, Jayant Sharma, whereas my correct name is "Varinder Narain."

98765

PUBLIC NOTICE

471258

I, Sukhwinder Kaur W/o Suraj Kumar R/o Vpo Dagham Teh-Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India, have changed my name from Sukhwinder Kaur to Kaur Sukhwinder.

63372

I, Vishal S/o Harbans Singh R/o Vill-Dansiwal Po. Paddi Sura Singh Teh-Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India, have changed my name from Vishal to Singh Vishal.

63372

I, Alisha Gupta W/o Sahil Mittal R/o H.No. 868 W.No. 28 St.No. 02 New Geeta Colony Moga Teh & Distt. Moga have changed my name from Alisha Gupta to Alisha.

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I, Dharam Pal S/o Harbilas R/o H.No. 1062 Guru Nanak Colony Dhandari Kalan Distt. Ludhiana declare that my father name from Harblas to Harbilas.

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I, Manpreet Singh Braich S/o Gurdev Singh R/o Vpo Hathan Teh & Distt Malerkotla have change my name to Manpreet Singh.

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I, Mansi Sharma W/o Deepanshu R/o H.No. 1882 W.No. 10 Professor Colony Sirhind (Fatehgarh Sahib) have changed my name to Mansi Arora.

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I, Priya D/o Harnek Singh R/o Vill-Golian Po Moela Wahedpur Teh-Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India, have changed my name from Priya to Kaur Priya.

63372

I, Sanjeev Kumar S/o Prem Kumar Shukla R/o #54, St.No.5, Sector 25-B, Mandi Gobindgarh (Fatehgarh Sahib), have changed my name from Sanjeev Kumar to Sanjeev Kumar Shukla.

63372

LOST & FOUND

I, Rekha Devi, W/o Sh. Rajinder Singh, S/o Sh. Ram Swarup, R/o Village Koyar, Tehsil Nigdu, District Karnal, hereby declared that the original Sale Deed pertaining to my Sale Deed No. 6161, dated 28.05.2005—registered with the Sub-Registrar, Thanesar, for Mauza Darshkalan, Sheela Nagar, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra—was lost on 20.03.2026 within the premises of the Kurukshetra Court Complex. Despite an extensive search, the said document could not be found. I wish to file a report regarding the loss of the aforementioned registered document.

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I Ranjeet Kaur W/o Jagtar Singh R/o Vill-Fatehgarh Bhadson Teh-Bhawanigarh Distt. Sangrur have changed my name to Ranjit Kaur.

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I, Varinder S/o Kailash Kumar R/o 768, Amrik Singh Road, Arya Nagar, Bathinda changed my name from Varinder to Varinder Kumar.

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I, Kanshi Ram S/o Bishuk Ram Village Khandoor Distt Ludhiana, Have changed my Name Kanshi Ram to Baldev Singh.

63372

I Harjit Singh S/O Bachiter Singh R/O 51., Chopra, Distt Gurdaspur Have Changed My Name To Harjeet Singh.

63372

I Rakesh Kumar S/O Ashok Kumar R/O Rampura Phul Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Minor Son Name Pranat Jain To Pranat Goyal.

63372

I, Anju Bala W/o Gagandeep Bains R/o H.No. 191 Bootan Pind Po. Model Town Distt. Jalandhar Pb, India, Pincode-144003 have changed my name to Anju as a given name and Bala as surname.

63372

I, Shinderpal Kaur C/o Hardev Singh R/o Nandu Patti, Maruke, Moga-142045, have got correction in my name from Shinderpal Kaur to Shinderpal Kaur Gill and shall henceforth be known as Shinderpal Kaur Gill.

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I Mohammad Shakeel S/o Mohd Khalil, Mohalla Maqbarian Walla, Malerkotla have changed my name to Mohammad Shakeel Jaura. Concerned may note, please.

63372

I Amar Kaur alias Amarjit Kaur W/o Amar Singh R/o Vpo Fatehgarh Korotana Tehsil Dharamkot Distt.Moga-142042 have change my name from Amar Kaur alias Amarjit Kaur to Amarjit Kaur.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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I, Abhishek S/o Amit Sharma R/o Meharban, Rahon Road, Ludhiana have changed my name to Avishek Sharma.

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I, Manjeet Kumar S/o Dhana Ram R/o H. No. 1054/17, St. No. 2, Bal Singh Nagar, Basti Jodhewal, Ludhiana have changed my name to Manjit Singh.

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I, Sandeep Kaur W/o Amrik Singh R/o Vill: Rurka Khurd, Teh. Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar (PB.)-144409 have changed my minor son's name from Jatin to Jatin Singh.

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I Manjot Kaur W/o Mandeep Singh R/o Vpo Giddarwindi Distt Ludhiana have changed my name from Manjot Kaur Sekho to Manjot Kaur (After marriage)

63372

I Harjinder Kaur Grewal W/o Bhupinder Singh Grewal R/o Vpo Sherpur Kalan tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Harjinder Kaur.

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I Shawinder kaur W/o Kuldeep Singh R/o Vpo Chakkar Tehsil jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name from Shawinder kaur Rai to Shawinder Kaur.

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I hitherto known as Rimpy Jain W/o Pankaj Goyal R/o 1780/19 PR Anand Niwas Kacha Malak Road Preet Vihar, Jagraon Distt Ludhiana, Punjab- 142026 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Reetu Goyal.

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I Dalvara Singh S/o Gurdev Singh R/o Vpo Pamal distt Ludhiana Declare that me known by both names as Dalwara Singh and Dalvara Singh.

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LOST & FOUND

I, Manmeet Kaur D/o Harjap Singh booked the unit No. INTT/FIFTH/531 in International Trade Tower, at New Chandigarh, our Receipt No. 57910 dt. 26th May 2021, for Rs. 8267141 for above said property are misplaced somewhere, if any person found Pl. Return to Hitender Kumar-9711800149.

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I Krishan Kumar S/o Munshi Ram R/o H. No. 500/9k-1, Near bagge di dairy, Shastri Nagar, Jagraon dist. Ludhiana have change my name from Krishan Kumar indora to Krishan Kumar.

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I Preeti Dhand W/o Balwant Rai R/o Sherpur Road kothe Fateh deen po Sherpur Kalan Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana Have changed my name to Priti Dhand.

63372

I, Ajay Kumar S/o Dev Raj R/o H.No.41, St.No.2, Ashok Vihar Sodal Road, Jalandhar, Punjab-144004 have changed my name to Ajay Mankotia.

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I Karamjeet Kaur W/o Bhupinder Singh Village Shamaspur, Teh-Samrala (Ludhiana) Changed My Name To Kaur Karamjeet.

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I Karamjeet Kaur W/O Bhupinder Singh Village Shamaspur, Teh-Samrala (Ludhiana) Changed Name Of My Minor Son Jasmeet Singh To Singh Jasmeet.

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I Gurwinder Singh Swaich S/o Ranjit Singh R/o Vill Bagli Khurd, Teh Samrala, Distt Ludhiana has been changed my name Gurwinder Singh.

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I Ramandeep Kaur Swaich W/o Gurwinder Singh R/o Vill Bagli Khurd, Teh Samrala, Distt Ludhiana has been changed my name Ramandeep Kaur.

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I Gurpal Singh Gill S/o Puran Singh R/o VPO Ghungrali Rajputan, Teh Khanna, Distt Ludhiana has been changed my name Gurpal Singh.

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I Gyan Singh S/o Joginder Singh R/o VPO Rupalon, Teh Samrala, Distt Ludhiana has been changed my name Gian Singh.

63372

I, Gurpreet Singh S/o Gurnam Singh R/o #96, navi basti ward no -11, Dhanaula,Distt Barnala have changed my name from Gurpreet Singh Gill to Gurpreet Singh.

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I, Arun Kumar S/o Pawan Kumar R/o Sangat Mandi Teh and Distt bathinda that both the names Arun Kumar and Arun Kumar Mittal are mine. I should be known by both the names.

63372

I Harvinder kaur W/o Gurpreet Singh R/o #96 navi basti ward no -11, Dhanaula, Distt Barnala have changed my name from Harvinder kaur Gill to Harvinder kaur.

63372

I Darshan Lal Gaba S/o Choudhari Ram R/O House No.395, Ward No.08, Bhim Nagar Camp, Moga 142001 (Pb.) have Changed My Name From Darshan Lal Gaba to Darshan Lal.

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I Paramjeet Kaur Gaba W/o Darshan Lal R/O House No.395, Ward No.08, Bhim Nagar Camp, Moga 142001 (Pb.) have Changed My Name From Paramjeet Kaur Gaba to Paramjeet Kaur.

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I, Amandeep S/O Kashmir Lal R/o VPO. Mohalla Rautan, Rahon, Teh-Nawanshahr, Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab, India-144517, have changed my name From Amandeep to Amandeep Kumaar note it.

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Service centres to remain open on holidays for continuous public services: DC Ashika Jain



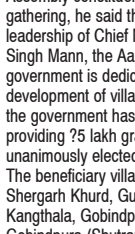
HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): Deputy Commissioner Ashika Jain announced that all service centres in the district will remain open on April 8, a Wednesday holiday, just like regular working days, to ensure convenience for citizens. She stated that people can visit these centres on that day to complete their essential tasks without hassle. The DC noted that even on April 3, a Friday holiday, the centres were open from 9 am to 5 pm, benefiting a large number of residents. She emphasized that the administration's goal is to provide maximum facilities so citizens avoid unnecessary delays. All service centres in the district operate regularly every Saturday. Additionally, select centres remain open on Sundays with one counter each from 9 am to 5 pm at District Administrative Complex Hoshiarpur, SDM Complex Mukerian, SDM Complex Garhshankar, Langarpur (Dasuya), and Tehsil Complex Tanda. DC Jain appealed to the public to make full use of these facilities and complete urgent work even on holidays. She reaffirmed the district administration's commitment to delivering seamless, accessible.

NEWS BRIEF

True success comes from contentment, not chasing desires: Joginder Singh Salaria

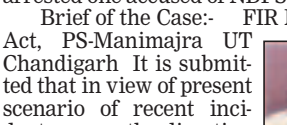
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GURDASPUR: Joginder Singh Salaria, founder of the international organization PCT Humanity, stated that in today's materialistic era, people are so consumed by their desires and ambitions that they are gradually forgetting the true purpose of life and inner peace.



He emphasized that individuals must maintain a balance between their needs and desires, as excessive greed ultimately leads to mental stress and dissatisfaction. While expressing his views, he said that history bears witness to the fact that even great conquerors like Alexander the Great, who dreamed of ruling the world, left this world empty-handed. He spent his entire life in conquest and expansion, yet in the end, he too had to face the ultimate truth of life. Therefore, one must understand that wealth, power, and fame are not the ultimate achievements in life. Salaria further stated that society often presents a misleading definition of success. People strive to appear successful in the eyes of others but fail to reflect on whether they are truly happy and content within.

Kulwant Singh Bazigar distributes grant cheques to unanimously elected Panchayats



PATRAN: MLA Shutrana Kulwant Singh Bazigar distributed grant cheques to panchayats unanimously elected during the last elections in the Shutrana Assembly constituency. Addressing the gathering, he said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Aam Aadmi Party government is dedicated to the overall development of villages. He added that the government has fulfilled its promise by providing ?5 lakh grants to each unanimously elected panchayat.
The beneficiary villages include Matoli, Shergarh Khurd, Guru Nanakpura, Kangthala, Gobindpur Sagra, Dera Gobindpura (Shutrana), Bhoondtheh, Kath, Sadharanpur Khurd, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, Sundar Nagar, Ganga Nagar, Bakraha, Joginder Nagar (Bakraha), Kartarpur, Paind Khurd, Noorpura, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Guru Arjan Nagar (Haryau), Burar, Burar Khurd, Derauli and Heera Nagar (Derauli). Prominent attendees included Market Committee Chairman Mehnga Singh Brar, Truck Union President Ranjit Singh Virk, senior AAP leader Kuldeep Singh Thind, Labh Singh, Jaswinder Singh (Shergarh), Pishora Singh, Ishwar Chand Rana and former Sarpanch Karaj Singh.

Rs 13.74 crore released for 2,694 beneficiaries under Ashirwad scheme: Dr. Baljit Kaur

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 3

Punjab Minister for Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities, Dr. Baljit Kaur, informed that under the leadership of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government has released ?13.74 crore for 2,694 beneficiaries during the financial year 2025-26 under the Ashirwad Scheme.

The scheme aims to provide financial assistance to economically weaker families at the time of marriage of their daughters.

She said that this assistance is proving to be a major relief for financially weaker families and the government is ensuring that no eligible family is deprived of the benefit of this scheme.

Providing further details, Dr. Baljit Kaur said that beneficiaries from districts Barnala, Bathinda, Faridkot, Ferozepur, Sri Fatehgarh Sahib, Gurdaspur, Hoshiarpur, Ludhiana, Mansa, Moga, Patiala, Pathankot, Rupnagar, SAS Nagar, SBS Nagar, Sangrur, Malerkotla and Tarn Taran have been provided financial assistance under the Ashirwad Scheme.



The Social Justice Minister further stated that 70 beneficiaries from Barnala, 253 from Bathinda, 13 from Faridkot, 38 from Ferozepur, 72 from Sri Fatehgarh Sahib, 211 from Gurdaspur, 267 from Hoshiarpur, 134 from Ludhiana and 275 from Mansa have received financial benefits. Similarly, 43 beneficiaries from Moga, 129 from Patiala, 212 from Pathankot, 336 from Rupnagar, 163 from SAS Nagar, 29 from SBS Nagar, 79 from Sangrur, 171 from Malerkotla and 199 from Tarn Taran have also been provided assistance.

Dr. Baljit Kaur further informed that under the Ashirwad Scheme, financial assistance of ?51,000 is provided for the marriage of girls belonging to low-income families, which offers significant financial support to such families.

The Cabinet Minister said that to avail the benefit of the scheme, the applicant must be a permanent resident of Punjab, belong to a Below Poverty Line (BPL) family and be from Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes or other economically weaker sections. She added that families with annual income below ?32,790 are eligible, and up to two daughters from such families can avail the benefit under this scheme. She further informed that the financial assistance is transferred directly into beneficiaries' bank accounts through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), ensuring transparency and timely disbursement.

Dr. Baljit Kaur reiterated that the Punjab Government is committed to the welfare of every section of society and is continuously making efforts to economically empower Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes and economically weaker sections.

Newly formed executive members hold meeting of Bharat Vikas Parishad branch Kharar



SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, APRIL 3

A significant meeting of the newly constituted Executive Committee of Bharat Vikas Parishad, Kharar Branch was successfully held today at Arya Kanya Vidyalaya, Kharar. The meeting was presided over by the newly elected President,Vishav Bandhu Arya.

In this regard, the Press Secretary of the Parishad, Rohit Mishra, issued a press note stating that the newly formed Executive Committee was unanimously assigned various responsibilities for the upcoming session. Detailed discussions were held to make the service activities of the Parishad more effective and extensive.

During the meeting, an important decision was taken to extend support to Gaushalas as part of the Parishad's social service initiatives. It was resolved that fodder will be offered to cows daily at 5:00 PM. Additionally, a proposal to provide financial assistance of Rs 5100/- for this noble cause was unanimously approved. Furthermore, emphasis was laid on promoting social and cultural activities, supporting the underprivileged, and engaging youth with the Parishad's initiatives. Apart from this, the newly formed executive president Vishwa Bandhu Arya, senior vice president Arvind Kanthwal, vice president Rajendra Arora, secretary Mahesh Verma, treasurer Kulbhushan Arora, joint secretary Harish Sidhana, press secretary Rohit Mishra, women's chief Mrs. Indu Rana, provincial representative Mrs. Poonam Singla and members like Prithvi, Vijay Dhawan, M. P. Arora, Prem Goyal, Vinay Agarwal and Vikas Garg have been elected in the meeting.

Secretary, Chandigarh state agricultural marketing board inspects New Mandi site in Sector 39

NEERAJ SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 3



Shri Mansoor Mohammad, IAS, Secretary, State Agricultural Marketing Board, Chandigarh visited the Sector 39 Mandi site today to review the existing infrastructure and assess the steps required to operationalize the new mandi at the earliest.During the visit, the Secretary conducted a detailed inspection of the site and reviewed the available infrastructure.

He interacted with the technical staff of the Board to understand the current status and requirements.

The SCO sites in the fruit and vegetable market were thoroughly inspected, along with the grain market area constituting the second phase of the mandi.

The Secretary issued several directions to expedite the development and readiness of the mandi. He directed officials to undertake repainting of the existing sheds and to level the SCO sites in the fruit and vegetable market that are under the e-auction process.

To prevent dumping of waste and encroachments, instructions were given to install chain-link fencing at vulnerable and easily accessible points around the site.

Further, directions were issued for the reconstruction of damaged portions of the boundary wall and for clearing bushes from the grain auction shed area to ensure cleanliness and usability of the premises.

Emphasizing the need for administrative presence onsite, the Secretary also directed the establishment of a temporary office of the Mandi Board at the new mandi location to facilitate smooth coordination and monitoring of ongoing works.

The visit underscores the Board's commitment to making the New Mandi in Sector fully functional in a timely and efficient manner, thereby providing improved facilities to farmers, traders, and stakeholders.

CS, district immunisation officer appeal to parents: Ensure HPV vaccination for 14-15-year-old girls



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, APRIL 3

Under the directions of Civil Surgeon Dr Mandeep Kamal and supervision of District Immunisation Officer Dr Seema Garg, the HPV (Human Papillomavirus) vaccination drive for girls' health protection continues in Hoshiarpur district. Health department officials shared that over 200 doses have been successfully administered in the district in the past month. Civil Surgeon Dr Mandeep Kamal stated that the HPV vaccine is a highly effective and safe measure to protect girls from cervical cancer. She informed that the vaccine is being provided free of cost to girls aged 14-15 years at all government health facilities in the district, including the district hospital, sub-divisional hospitals, community health centres, and primary health centres. She appealed to parents to bring their eligible daughters to the nearest health centre on Saturday, April 4, 2026, and ensure they receive the vaccine.

District Immunisation Officer Dr Seema Garg said in her statement that the HPV vaccine is highly beneficial for preventing cervical cancer, which is the second most common cancer among women in India.



Annual Jail inspection carried out by Justice Rohit Kapoor, Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court and Administrative Judge of District Courts, Chandigarh.

Man arrested with heroin under NDPS act in Manimajra

CHANDIGARH: In a significant development, under the direction of Senior Officers, Chandigarh Police officials successfully arrested one accused of NDPS.

Brief of the Case:- FIR No 42 Dt 02.04.2026 U/S 21 NDPS Act, PS-Manimajra UT Chandigarh It is submitted that in view of present scenario of recent incidents as per the direction of Senior officer's teams were constituted and searches were conducted in different areas. During search on 02.04.2026 ASI Manish 1895/CHG PS Manimajra, along with other police officials at around 3:35 PM they nabbed one person namely Mohd. Talib S/O Mohd. Yusuf R/O H.No. 244/3, Gali No. 4, Shanti Nagar, Mani Majra, UT Chandigarh, Age 28 yrs near Kaccha rasta in front of Govt model high school pocket No. 8 Manimajra Chandigarh and recovered 8.47 Grams Heroine from his possession. The recovered contraband (Heroine) was taken into police possession through a seizure memo. During the course of investigation, accused Mohd. Talib S/O Mohd. Yusuf R/O H.No. 244/3, Gali No. 4, Shanti Nagar, Mani Majra, UT Chandigarh, Age 28 yrs was arrested. On dated 03.04.2026, accused Mohd. Talib has been sent to judicial custody for 14 days.



Chandigarh BJP HQ blast probe reaches Punjab village; raids conducted, kin of suspects questioned



MORINDA (SANJEEV TEJPAL): The investigation into the blast outside the Punjab BJP headquarters in Chandigarh has extended to Ratangarh village near Morinda, where a joint team of Chandigarh Police, Punjab Police, and the Anti-Gangster Task Force (AGTF) carried out late-night raids on Thursday. The police conducted searches at the residences of two suspects, identified as Amanpreet Singh and Gurtej Singh, who are believed to have links to the incident. However, both individuals were found missing during the operation. Subsequently, Gurtej Singh's father, Makhan Singh, and elder brother, Gurjant Singh, were taken along for questioning.

According to officials at Morinda City Police Station, no prior criminal cases are registered against either of the suspects. However, police sources indicated that Amanpreet Singh had previously served a jail term in a car-snatching case. Preliminary inputs suggest that both suspects had reportedly returned to their homes briefly to change clothes, prompting swift action by the police teams.

High-Level Haryana Committee delegation meets Kurukshetra SP seeking arrest of accused in Meeri Peeri incident



LUDHIANA (SARBJIT SUFI): On April 2, at the main office of the Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee at Gurdwara Sahib Patshahi Chhevin, Kurukshetra, the office bearers and members paid their respects at the Gurdwara Sahib. Afterwards, a press conference was held where the Sikh Sangat was informed about the current situation of Meeri Peeri Medical College and Hospital, Shahbad Markanda.

It was explained that the Badal family allegedly created a trust of their family members and close associates and illegally occupied the land of the Gurdwara Sahib through that trust. It was stated that the matter would be resolved legally and brought under the management of the Haryana Committee.

On March 20, when the office bearers and members reached Meeri Peeri Medical College and Hospital, they were allegedly attacked by supporters of the Badal faction and the Shiromani Committee at the instigation of Senior Vice President Raghujeet Singh Virk and member Baldev Singh Kiyampur.

MCM students explore the living legacy of Rakhigarhi



CHANDIGARH: The Department of History at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women organised an enriching educational field visit to Rakhigarhi, one of the largest and most significant sites of the Harappan Civilisation. The visit was conceptualised as a field-based extension of classroom learning, offering students a valuable opportunity to experience archaeology in practice.

The academic exploration was facilitated by Mr. Harnoordeep Vats (Times of Yore), Heritage Walk Leader and Archaeologist, who guided students through a structured and insightful learning experience. The programme was further enriched through collaboration with the Department of Archaeology Haryana, with support from Mr. Vinit Bhanwala. Students also interacted with Mr. Chirantan Sarkar, Trench Supervisor at the site, who shared in-depth knowledge about excavation techniques, recording methods, and the practical challenges encountered in archaeological fieldwork. During the visit, students explored active excavation areas, gaining first-hand exposure to trench layouts, stratigraphic layers.

Malwa Group of Colleges records outstanding B.A. Semester-II results

KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH, APR 3



Malwa Group of Colleges, Sardulewala—an institution known for its distinct identity in the field of higher education in the Sardulgarh region—has recorded outstanding results in the B.A. Second Semester examinations conducted by Punjabi University, Patiala for May 2025.

Continuing its tradition of academic excellence, the college once again delivered an impressive performance. The remarkable results have brought a sense of pride and ???? among the management, staff, students, and their parents. The students secured high marks, further enhancing the reputation of the institution.

According to the results, Beant Kaur, daughter of Balvir Singh, secured the first position with 84% marks. Arshpreet Kaur, daughter of Kulwinder Singh, stood second with 82%, while Prachi Sharma, daughter of Devinder, achieved the third position with 81%.

This outstanding performance reflects the institution's commitment to providing quality education along with the overall development of its students.

On this occasion, Chairman Jatinder Singh Sodhi congratulated the students, their parents, and the staff, stating that the primary objective of the college is to prepare students to excel in every field. Managing Director Raj Sodhi also extended his congratulations, emphasizing that along with academics, the institution places equal importance on moral and cultural values.

A special ceremony was organized at the college to honor the students. Faculty members including Assistant Professor Baljit Pal Singh, Arvinder Singla, Gurdeep Singh, Jaspal Kaur, Raksha Rani, Harpreet Kaur, Simbalpal, and Rekha Rani, along with other staff members, were present and extended their best wishes for the bright future of the students.

Bhartiya Kisan Union Lakhowal Maha kisan rally on April 10: Daulatpura



MOGA (JAGRAJ SANGHA): District President of Bharatiya Kisan Union Lakhowal Bhupinder Singh Daulatpura has informed that the farmers' rally of BKU Lakhowal which was being held at the district office Moga on April 10 has been changed to Windsor Palace, village Duneke, Ferozepur Road, due to bad weather. Therefore, all the farmer brothers are requested that the farmers' rally of Bharatiya Kisan Union Lakhowal, which was to be held on April 10, will now be held at Windsor Palace, Ferozepur Road, Duneke, Moga at 10 am.

All the farmer leaders of Punjab are requested to be kind enough to reach on time. During the farmers' rally, the national spokesperson of Bharatiya Kisan Union, Shri Rakesh Tikait, Chaudhary Yudhveer Ji, General Secretary India, Dr. Pyare Lal Garg, Dr. Amardeep Singh Cheema will address the farmers' rally and will make all the farmers aware of the farmer-killing policies of the Central and Punjab governments. Along with this, these intellectual leaders and farmer leaders will also discuss the Centre-US agreement. On this occasion, District President Bhupinder Singh Daulatpura, Administrative Committee Member Harjit Singh Manavan, Vice President Lakhwinder Singh Rowli, Balkaran Singh Dhillon, Vice President Jagsir Singh Jaggi Bagha Purana, Karam Singh Dhillon, Malkit Singh etc. will highlight the shortcomings.

Self-enumeration work for the drug and socio-economic census will begin soon: Deputy Commissioner

ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, APRIL 3



Deputy Commissioner Bathinda Shri Rajesh Dhiman, while reviewing district-level arrangements in a meeting with district officials regarding the drug and socio-economic census, said that the Punjab Government is conducting a "Drug and Socio-Economic Census." To complete this process within given time limit, enumerators will be deployed at all 1,193 polling booths in the district. This census is expected to start soon and be carried out through a government-provided mobile application over about 45 days.

He said the main purpose of this census is to collect accurate and up-to-date data about the drug-related situation in the district and the socio-economic condition of the people, so that welfare schemes can be implemented more effectively by the government. He also shared information about district-level preparations, logistical arrangements, training plans, rural and urban coverage strategies and coordination with local institutions.

The Deputy Commissioner appealed to all residents of the district to extend full cooperation when enumerators come for door-to-door survey and to provide correct and updated information. He also stressed transparency, accuracy of data, and strict adherence to the specified timelines. He instructed the officials to ensure proper planning and inter-departmental coordination. During the meeting, he also directed that the standards, definitions and procedures under the Census Act be fully followed. He said that the census will begin soon and be completed in about 45 days, and the survey will be conducted through a mobile application provided by the government. During the meeting, all officials were asked to carry out their responsibilities with professional integrity, legal compliance, and administrative efficiency so that the census can be successfully completed in a transparent, inclusive, accurate and technology-based manner.

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Voice raised against unbridled increase in school fees in Faridkot – The fight for parents' rights begins: Arsh Sachar



FARIDKOT (SURINDER DAMDAMI): The exorbitant increase in fees by private schools in Faridkot every year has now become a serious public issue, which has affected thousands of families financially and mentally. Expressing these words, social worker and senior leader of Aam Aadmi Party Arsh Sachar has written a detailed letter to the Honorable Chief Minister of Punjab, seeking immediate intervention. Arsh Sachar said that today every parent works beyond their capacity for the education of their children, but schools are imposing an undue burden on them by increasing fees without any transparency and without a valid reason. He said that as a parent, it is not possible to remain silent after seeing this situation, because this is not just an issue of fees, but an issue related to the economic situation of thousands of families and the future of their children.

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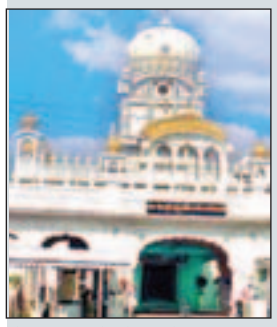
Bathinda–Varanasi reserved 'Bathinda special' express train to commence operations from the 15th



RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR
JAITO : To facilitate convenient travel for rail passengers, Northern Railway has decided to operate a bi-weekly Bathinda–Varanasi–Bathinda Express train. According to railway sources, Train No. 04520 will run from Bathinda from April 15 to July 15 (on Wednesdays and Saturdays), while Train No. 04519 will run from Varanasi from April 16 to July 16 (on Thursdays and Sundays).

The train will comprise 3-tier AC, Sleeper, and General coaches. These trains will make halts in both directions at the following stations: Rampura Phul, Barnala, Dhuri, Patiala, Rajpura, Ambala Cantt, Yamunanagar Jagadhri, Saharanpur, Najibabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Alamnagar, Utretia, Rae Bareli, and Belha Devi Dham Pratapgarh.

Two more employees suspended in Gurdwara Amb Sahib case



CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR: The President of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee, Advocate Harjinder Singh Dhami, has suspended two more employees in the land scam case related to Gurdwara Amb Sahib, Mohali, after Secretary Pratap Singh. The suspended employees include Gurmej Singh, in-charge of Gurdwara Section 85, and Assistant Supervisor Jatinder Singh. Both were suspended today. Following their suspension, Gurmej Singh's headquarters has been assigned to Gurdwara Guru Ka Bagh, while Jatinder Singh's headquarters has been set at Gurdwara Cheharta Sahib. It is also worth mentioning that Secretary Pratap Singh had earlier been suspended, and his headquarters was also designated at Gurdwara Cheharta Sahib.
Notably, Jatinder Singh had been serving as the personal assistant to Pratap Singh.

Huge enthusiasm among people for CM Mann's rally at Jaito: AAP leader



JAGDEEP SINGH GILL
JAITU : There is a lot of enthusiasm among the general public to attend the rally to be held on April 5 under the leadership of MLA Amolak Singh in the assembly constituency Jaito. These words were expressed by Jasmail Singh Dhillon, Member Block Samiti, Iqbal Singh Dod, President Truck Union Bajakhana, Kuldeep Singh Gill, Sarpanch Dod, Nirmal Singh Manta, President Cooperative Society Bajakhana, Mengal Singh Dhillon, Vice President Cooperative Society Bajakhana, Master Paramjit Singh Brar, Harjit Singh Brar, Amandeep Singh Amna and Kuldeep Singh Dhillon.

They said that the general public is praising the Punjab government in view of the development works done by the Bhagwant Mann government and the public welfare schemes being run. He said that in the last four years, due to the instructions of the Punjab government, 90 percent of the households have had zero electricity bills, and now under the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme, no poor patient will lose their life due to treatment, with the help of the SSF Force, the precious lives of lakhs of people have been saved in road accidents.

Govt intensifies ground-level action to ensure disease-free monsoon season

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 3



In a decisive move to safeguard public health ahead of the high-transmission season, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Balbir Singh and Finance and Transport Minister Harpal Singh Cheema jointly chaired a high-level State Task Force meeting, to prepare a unified response against vector-borne, water-borne, and zoonotic diseases across the state.

Addressing a diverse assembly of stakeholder departments, Health Minister Dr Balbir Singh emphasized that the battle against diseases like Dengue, Malaria, Chikanguniya, Rabies and Leptospirosis requires a "One Health" approach, integrating human, animal, and environmental health strategies.

He highlighted that the state has significantly bolstered its diagnostic infrastructure, now offering free ELISA testing for Dengue and Chikungunya at 47 Sentinel Surveillance Hospitals and extending Malaria RDT and Dengue testing to all Aam Aadmi Clinics. While reviewing the departmental contributions, Dr Balbir Singh lauded the Health Department for its consistent efforts in reducing the Dengue burden from 23,389 confirmed cases in 2021 to just 4,981 in 2025, while related deaths dropped from 55 to just 8 in the same period.

The Minister stated that the significant drop in mortality and morbidity is a testament to the department's proactive house-to-house surveillance and the strategic deployment of 15 million visits during the last transmission season. The Health Minister issued a stern directive to all departments to ensure that the "Har Shukarvaar Dengue Te Vaar" campaign—running every Friday from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM—becomes a mass movement involving students and teachers in identifying and eliminating breeding sites like stagnant water in coolers, flower pots, and overhead tanks. He noted with concern that while Dengue was once primarily an urban threat, nearly 42% of cases in 2025 were reported from rural areas, necessitating a shift in focus toward fogging, larvicidal spraying in village ponds and the release of Gambusia fish for mosquito control. Furthering the agenda on zoonotic threats, the Health Minister discussed the National Rabies Control Programme, noting that while anti-rabies vaccines are now available across 746 government health facilities across the state, departments must expedite the creation of district-wise Animal Birth Control facilities to achieve 70% herd immunity in the dog population.

Punjab accelerates urban transformation with record revenues, Rs 1,300 cr road works, and major civic reforms

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 3



Cabinet Minister for Local Government, Industries & Commerce, Investment Promotion and Power, Sanjeev Arora, today announced a series of major initiatives and reforms aimed at strengthening urban infrastructure, improving service delivery, and enhancing ease of living for citizens across Punjab.

Highlighting public relief measures, the Minister informed that the One Time Settlement (OTS) Scheme for Improvement Trusts has been reintroduced till April 30, 2026, offering a rebate of around 50% on Non-Construction Fee (NCF), providing significant financial relief to property owners.

In a major achievement, house tax collection for FY 2025–26 has reached ?600 crore, up from ?500 crore in FY 2024–25, reflecting improved efficiency, transparency, and better compliance in urban local bodies.

Giving a boost to urban infrastructure, the Minister stated that 2,120 kilometres of roads are being taken up across Municipal Corporations and Councils at a cost of ?1,300 crore, with completion targeted by end of May 2026. Special emphasis is being laid on ensuring pothole-free roads before the monsoon, using the latest technology for durable repairs.

In a major ease-of-doing-business reform, the building plan approval process has been simplified. Files will now be submitted to the Commissioner only once instead of twice, significantly reducing processing time. Further, STP approvals will now be required only for plots of half an acre and above, instead of the earlier limit of 500 square yards.

To further expedite approvals, a single-window committee system has been introduced at the district and head office level, ensuring that all concerned officers grant approvals in one go, thereby eliminating delays.

Strengthening emergency response systems, the Government is undertaking modernisation of fire services with an investment of ?131 crore, including procurement of advanced fire tenders and establishment of 13 new fire stations across the state.

The Minister also informed that desilting of the entire sewerage network is being undertaken on priority and will be completed before the onset of the monsoon. Wherever feasible, super suction machines are being deployed, with 9 specialised vendors engaged for the task.

Past four years symbolize major transformation and prosperity in Punjab: Barinder Kumar Goyal

GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA
LEHRAGAGA, APRIL 3



On the completion of four years of the Punjab Government, a campaign titled "Shandaar Chaar Saal Bhagwant Mann de naal" is being carried out. Under this campaign, Cabinet Minister Barinder Kumar Goyal interacted with residents of Ward No. 13 in Lehragaga and the villages of Bhutal Khurd, Bhathuan, Handa, Hamirgarh, and Bhundar Bhaini.

On this occasion, he shared the government's people policies and highlighted development figures in the constituency, stating that the last four years have been a symbol of significant transformation and prosperity in Punjab.

Goyal said that, for the first time, electricity is being provided to farmers during the daytime for agricultural purposes. Additionally, by strengthening the canal system, nearly 80 percent of fields are now receiving canal water, thereby reducing dependence on groundwater and improving the underground water level.Speaking about revolutionary changes in Punjab's irrigation system, Goyal said that in 2022, only 26.50 percent of irrigation was carried out through canals, which has now increased to 78 percent, and is expected to reach 86 percent before the paddy transplantation season this year.

Addressing large gatherings, Goyal highlighted key achievements of the government, stating that under the "Maavan-Dhiyan Satkar Yojana," a historic scheme has been implemented to provide Rs1,500 per month to women from Scheduled Caste categories and Rs 1,000 per month to women from general categories.Around 90 percent of households in the state are receiving up to 600 units of free electricity.

For farmers, daytime electricity and canal water to 80 percent of fields have been ensured.A total of 65,000 youth have been provided government jobs in a transparent manner.

Aryabhatta Group of Institutes' MBA first and third semester students achieve excellent success



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA, APRIL 3

Aryabhatta Group of Institutes' MBA First Semester and Third Semester students have once again achieved excellent success in the university exams.

The institute is proud that these students have brought glory to the institute with their dedication, hard work and academic excellence.First Place in First Semester Student Name: Jashandeep Kaur Father's Name: Jagraj Singh File No.: 2501475 SGPA - 8.33, Second Place, Student Name: Jannat Khurmi, Father's Name: Jatinder Kumar, File No.: 2501179 SGPA - 8.17, Third Place Student Name: Mansi GoyalFather's Name: Rakesh Kumar, File No.: 250812, SGPA - 8.08, Third Semester First PlaceStudent Name: Navreet Sharma Father's Name: Davinder Kumar File No.: 242169 SGPA: 8.46Student Name: Priyanka Singla, Father's Name: Raj Kumar, File No.: 242189, SGPA: 8.46, Second Place Student Name: Jaspinder Kaur, Father's Name: Gursewak Singh File No.: 242213, SGPA: 8.38, Third position, Student Name: Veerpal Kaur, Father's Name: Jugraj SinghFile No.: 242178, SGPA: 8.08 achieved.

The administrators and teachers of the institution congratulated the students for this wonderful achievement.

Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadaur B. A. part I semester II result excellent



BHADOUR (BALWINDER AZAD) Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadaur which is functioning under the management of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Sri Amritsar Sahib. This college is recognized by Punjabi University Patiala and All India Council for Technical Education. Under the able leadership of Education Secretary of Directorate of Education Eng. S. Sukhminder Singh, it is playing an important role in the field of education.

Recently, Punjabi University Patiala announced the result of B. A. Part I Semester II. Class Incharge Prof. Simarjit Kaur and Prof. Rajandeep Kaur informed that like every time, this time also the result of the institution was excellent. In which student Sharanjit Kaur C. G. P. A. secured the first position by securing 8.60 marks. Jasmin Kaur C. G. P. A. Second place by getting 8.50 marks and student Sandeep Kaur C. G. P. A. By getting 8.40 marks, the name of the institution was brought glory by getting the third place.

College Principal S. Malvinder Singh expressed happiness on this result and said that it is the result of hard work of teachers and students. He congratulated the students and their parents and motivated them to reach a good position by working hard in the future as well.

Sandhwan meets villagers during 'Shandar Char Saal Bhagwant Mann De Saal' programme

JAGDEEP SINGH GILL
JAITU, APRIL 3



Speaker Punjab Vidhan Sabha S. Kaltar Singh Sandhwan met the villagers during the 'Shandar Char Saal Bhagwant Mann De Saal' program at village Wada Draka.

On this occasion, in the presence of Sarpanch Sahibans and party workers, S. Sandhwan gave detailed information to the people about the achievements made by the Punjab Government during the last four years.

He said that the government has taken historic steps for the development of education, health, free electricity, drinking water and infrastructure, which has directly benefited the common people. Speaker S. Sandhwan said that the Punjab Government is committed to fulfilling the promises made to the people and many developmental projects will be implemented in the coming time. During this, he also listened to the problems of the villagers and directed the concerned officials to resolve them immediately.

A large number of villagers, panchayat members and party workers were present on the occasion.

Pre-SIR works: 73.49 percent population of 2003 voters has been mapped, DEO

ANANTDEEP KAUR
BATHINDA, APRIL 3



Under the Pre-Special Intensive Revision (SIR), the election department Bathinda is mapping the voters of 2003. 73.49 percent such voters have already been mapped in district Bathinda, while work on mapping the rest of voters is being conducted.

Mr Rajesh Dhiman, District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner said while reviewing the work on Pre – SIR today. He said that as per the orders of Election Commission of India, the data of voters of 2003 voter lists is being verified. For this the booth level officers (BLOs) are visiting their respective areas and contacting the voters to ensure that voters not present at their place are removed from the lists. He directed the Returning Officers of Rampura Phul, Bhucho Mandi, Bathinda urban, Bathinda rural, Talwandi Sabo and Maur to ensure that the voters of 2003 data, not found in present time are duly removed as per the ECI directions.

The District Election Officer added that so far 78.25 percent of electors have been mapped in Rampura Phul, 77.67 percent have been mapped at Bhucho Mandi, 54.52 percent have been mapped at Bathinda urban, 78.07 percent have been mapped at Bathinda rural, 82.69 percent have been mapped at Talwandi Sabo.

Chief Justice Sheel Nagu inaugurates New Family Court Complex at Khamanon

BIKRAMJEET SAHOTA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, APRIL 3



In a significant move toward providing speedy, accessible, and effective justice to the public, the newly constructed Family Court Complex at Khamanon was inaugurated today by Chief Justice Sheel Nagu of the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

He was accompanied by Justice Jagmohan Bansal and District & Sessions Judge Arun Gupta. During the ceremony, Chief Justice Sheel Nagu emphasized that the timely resolution of family disputes is of paramount importance. He stated that the new complex marks a milestone in judicial infrastructure and will ensure that hearings are both expedited and transparent. "Continuous efforts are being made to strengthen the judicial system, and this complex is a vital part of that mission," the Chief Justice remarked.

He noted that the facility would not only reduce the case backlog but also provide essential services under one roof. He added that the new building includes modern courtrooms, spacious and well-organized waiting halls, separate chambers for lawyers, counseling rooms, record rooms, and digital facilities. He also informed that special arrangements have been made for women and children, such as separate waiting areas and counseling facilities. Keeping in mind the needs of persons with disabilities, ramps, lifts, and other essential amenities have also been provided. Adequate arrangements for parking and security have also been ensured.On this occasion, the Chief Justice and other dignitaries appreciated the Family Court Complex and said that this building will further strengthen and make the justice delivery system more people-centric.

Bihar Diwas celebrated with cultural fervour at Desh Bhagat University

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, APRIL 3



The Faculty of Engineering, Technology and Computing at Desh Bhagat University successfully celebrated Bihar Diwas in collaboration with the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative, with the objective of promoting cultural harmony and national integration.

The event beautifully showcased the rich cultural heritage of Bihar through engaging performances, traditional presentations, and enthusiastic participation by students. The vibrant energy and dedication displayed by the participants made the celebration truly memorable.

Dr. Harsh Sadawarti, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, inspired students with his encouraging words and commended their efforts in organizing such a remarkable event. He appreciated their creativity, teamwork, and commitment. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Zora Singh, Hon'ble Chancellor, highlighted the patriotic spirit of the people of Bihar. He spoke about the strong values upheld by Bihari students, including patriotism, resource conservation, and dedication. He also emphasized their mindful habits, such as conserving water and food, and their deep sense of national responsibility. Dr. Tajinder Kaur, Hon'ble Pro-Chancellor, expressed her admiration for Bihar's rich cultural traditions and appreciated the students for presenting them so gracefully. Dr. Butta Singh, Pro-Vice Chancellor, motivated students to actively participate in cultural and academic initiatives that foster unity and holistic learning.

Next SAD govt to implement special industrial package for Kandi area: Sukhbir S Badal

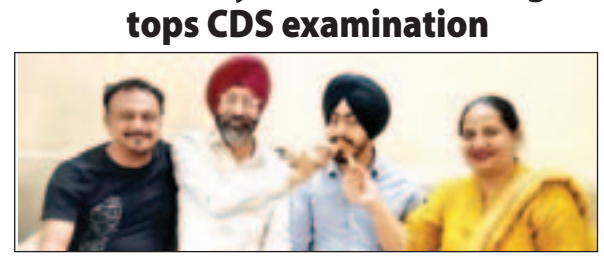
DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, APRIL 3



Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal today announced the next SAD government would implement a special industrial package in the Kandi area besides establishing a Kandi Area Development ministry once it formed the government in 2027.

Making this announcement while addressing a massive gathering, which did not stir from the rally 'pandal' despite heavy rain, along with senior leader Harminder Singh Sandhu, the SAD president said the SAD is committed to implementing a special industrial package for the Kandi belt, including power and tax subsidies, besides creating twin highways from Pathankot to Chandigarh and Amritsar to Anandpur Sahib to improve road connectivity in the region. Mr Sukhbir Badal announced the SAD would also form a Kandi Area Development ministry once it formed the government. "The ministry will focus on developing the Kandi region and would focus on establishing government tubewells and provide drip irrigation and underground pipe facilities to farmers". The SAD leader also spoke on how law and order had reached its nadir in the AAP regime with ministers ganging up with gangsters to intimidate and extort. He said the situation had reached such a stage that chief minister Bhagwant Mann had broken all access with the people and was busy in fulfilling AAP Convener Arvind Kejriwal's agenda. "Bhagwant Mann now does not even have the confidence to visit his own village without implementing a lockdown and confiscating all weapons in the village and nearby areas".

Pathankot youth Jasnoor Singh tops CDS examination



PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): Bringing pride to Pathankot, Jasnoor Singh has secured the first position in India in the Combined Defence Services (CDS) examination and the Air Force pilot selection process through his hard work and dedication.

Jasnoor Singh completed his Class X from St Joseph's School, Pathankot. Thereafter, he joined Maharaja Ranjit Singh Academy, Mohali, which provides specialised training and interview preparation for students aspiring to join the National Defence Academy (NDA).

Later, he took admission to Chandigarh University, where he pursued a degree in Computer Science. Alongside his graduation, he continued preparing for the CDS written examination and the subsequent interview process.

After securing high marks in the written examination, Jasnoor also performed exceptionally well in the Services Selection Board (SSB) interview, eventually achieving the top position in the All-India merit list.

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Lecturers' Association expresses gratitude to govt for releasing principal promotion list

AVINASH CHAUHAN

AMB: The Himachal Pradesh School Lecturers Association has expressed its gratitude to the state government for releasing the principal promotion list. The association's chief patron, Lokendra Negi, head Ajay Negi, provincial chief media secretary Rajan Sharma, president Surinder Pundir, executive head Deep Singh Khanna, chief guidance Rajesh Saini, state vice president Vikas Ratan, general secretary Indra Singh Thakur, Satish Kalia, Varun Lakhanpal, Mukesh Salaria, and the entire state executive welcomed this decision. The union's provincial chief media secretary Rajan Sharma said in a press conference that the state Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu is known for fulfilling his promises and he has released the principal promotion list fulfilling the long-standing demand of the lecturer union.

NEWS BRIEF

BBN Cricket League Season 6 postponed again amid toll entry dispute



SHANTI GAUTAM

BADDI: The much-awaited BBN Cricket League Season 6 in the industrial hub of Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh (BBN) has once again been postponed, this time due to an ongoing toll entry dispute in the region. Organisers have decided to defer the tournament until normalcy is restored. The league was initially scheduled to be held from March 20 to 22 at Nimantran Palace but was postponed to April 3 to 5 due to inclement weather. However, with the toll-related issue leading to traffic congestion and uncertainty, the organisers have now deferred the event indefinitely.

Govt expands CBSE-fold to 7 more schools; Minister says move will boost quality

UNI
SHIMLA, APR 3

Himachal Pradesh Government has brought seven more government senior secondary schools under the Central Board School Education (CBSE) curriculum, taking forward its policy of aligning state-run institutions with national standards. With this addition, around 146 government schools in the state have already been shifted to the CBSE framework.



According to a notification issued by the Department of School Education, the newly included schools are located across Mandi, Kullu, Hamirpur and Kangra districts. The order, issued by Additional Chief Secretary (Education) , directs immediate implementation of the affiliation process. Education Minister Rohit Thakur said the expansion would improve enrolment in government schools and significantly enhance the quality of education. He maintained that adopting the CBSE system would reduce the economic burden on the state by optimising existing infrastructure while also lowering education costs for parents seeking better academic exposure for their children.

The minister further noted that under the Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education system, many meritorious students faced difficulty in national-level competitive examinations due to relatively less competitive or scoring evaluation patterns. The shift to CBSE, he said, would provide students of Classes X and XII better opportunities to secure admission in professional courses by aligning them with national testing standards.

However, the transition has also led to some confusion among parents. Many believe that the CBSE curriculum is entirely different from the state board syllabus. In reality, much of the non-board curriculum under CBSE is based on NCERT textbooks, and for classes other than V, VIII, X and XII, the content remains largely similar.

Echoing this view, Gain Chand Rajta from Theog said there is little difference at the foundational level. He observed that his grandson's books under the Himachal Pradesh Board and CBSE are almost identical, suggesting that the shift is more about evaluation patterns and exposure than a complete overhaul of course content.

Officials said the reform is aimed at ensuring uniform academic standards, improving student competitiveness, and preparing Himachal's youth for opportunities at the national level while retaining continuity in core learning material.

Government strengthening entrepreneurship and driving inclusive industrial growth in state

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, APR 3



The present state government under the able leadership of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu is taking decisive steps to strengthen entrepreneurship and accelerate industrial growth in Himachal. Through innovative policies and focused initiatives, the government is actively empowering youth and creating a robust startup ecosystem across the state. Himachal Pradesh has recently been recognized as a top performer in the fifth edition of the Startup Ranking conducted by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. It reflects the state's growing prominence in the national startup landscape. Further reinforcing this momentum, the successful organization of the Him MSME Fest-2026 has provided a strong platform for entrepreneurs, investors and industry stakeholders. In the 2026-27 budget, the government has introduced special provisions to position Himachal Pradesh as a preferred investment destination. A key highlight is the upcoming "Him Startup Scheme," which will offer both financial and non-financial support to startups and incubators, enabling young entrepreneurs to transform innovative ideas into sustainable enterprises.

BJP alleges corruption, administrative lapses in Himachal, seeks probe

AGENCY
SHIMLA, APR 3



The opposition BJP on Friday launched a scathing attack on the Himachal Pradesh government over the Chester Hill land controversy, the entry tax issue, and the delay in Panchayati Raj elections, alleging corruption and administrative mismanagement. Addressing a press conference in Shimla on Friday, BJP MLA and party spokesperson Randhir Sharma questioned the silence of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on the Chester Hill controversy and demanded that the case be investigated under the supervision of a sitting High Court judge. Sharma said the controversy surrounding the Chester Hill land issue in Solan had raised serious questions about the credibility of the state's administrative system. Describing it as unprecedented, he stated that an acting Chief Secretary had to hold a press conference to respond to allegations related to the matter. According to the BJP leader, the situation had created confusion and concern among the public as well as within the bureaucracy. "When senior officials themselves come forward to clarify allegations, while the government maintains silence, it gives rise to questions about transparency and accountability in the administration," he said. Sharma further alleged that the naming of several former and serving senior officials in connection with the issue had created a sensation across the state and led to speculation about whether irregularities were being overlooked at higher levels of governance. He also claimed that the government was protecting certain officials while continuing to give them important assignments. Targeting the government over the recently introduced entry tax, Sharma said the Chief Minister made one statement in the Assembly, but a different notification was issued later the same evening, creating confusion among the public. He said the imposition of Rs 100 entry tax on five-seater vehicles entering the state would directly burden travellers and residents.

Food Commission Chief inspects ration depots, Schools, anganwadis centers

ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR, APR 3



During his four-day visit to Hamirpur district, Dr. S.P. Katyal, Chairman of the State Food Commission, inspected various facilities including ration depots, warehouses, flour mills, Anganwadi centers, schools, old-age homes, and several other institutions. Addressing a press conference at the Circuit House here on Friday, Dr. Katyal stated that he had conducted a ground-level assessment of the schemes being implemented under the National Food Security Act (NFSA). He noted that, while the implementation of all schemes was generally satisfactory, he has issued specific directives in several key areas to ensure the quality of food items and improve their delivery to consumers. Dr. Katyal emphasised strict instructions for propoer storage, accurate distribution, and cleanliness at all ration depots. He added that the environment within these depots should be maintained like a clean, convenient, and modern commercial establishment. Helpline and complaint numbers must be prominently displayed to enable consumers to register grievances immediately regarding food grains. Fair Price Shops operating in an exemplary manner may also be recommended for ISO certification. Special attention must also be paid to hygiene at Anganwadi centers and the kitchens where Mid-Day Meals are prepared in schools. Here too, all relevant helpline and complaint numbers should be displayed prominently. All concerned officials are required to conduct regular field inspections of Fair Price Shops, warehouses, and flour mills, while ensuring proper sampling and testing procedures are followed. The complaint numbers of the respective authorities should also be displayed at these locations, he said. Furthermore, an effective monitoring mechanism must be established to ensure strict oversight during the milling of wheat allocated to flour mills under the NFSA. Dr. Katyal also informed that, during an inspection of an old-age home, certain food items past their expiration dates were discovered, and immediate instructions were issued for their disposal.

State-level Haroli Utsav from April 11–14, grand procession to mark opening

KISHORI LAL BAINS

UNA: The state-level Haroli Utsav-2026 will be held from April 11 to 14 at the Haroli ground near the Haroli–Rampur bridge on the banks of the Somabhadra river. The four-day celebration, associated with the festival of Baisakhi, will commence with a grand procession on April 11, making it the only state-level fair in Himachal Pradesh linked to the harvest festival. Preparations for the event are in full swing, with Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri reviewing arrangements in a meeting with officials. He directed that the newly developed Haroli ground at Roda be prepared to host the festival with grandeur, proper organisation and wide public participation to showcase the cultural vibrancy of Baisakhi. SDM and Mela Committee chairman Vishal Sharma said various committees have been constituted to ensure the smooth conduct of the event, with all teams actively working to make the festival memorable for the region. The inaugural procession will begin from the newly constructed Jal Shakti Department rest house and proceed to the Haroli ground. It will feature participation from mahila mandals, self-help groups, youth clubs and cultural troupes, reflecting a diverse cultural spectrum from across the state and beyond. Cultural evenings will be organised from April 11 to 14, featuring performances by renowned Himachali and Punjabi artists. During the day, local schools, women's groups and cultural organisations will also get an opportunity to perform on stage. Auditions for local artists will be held on April 6 and 7 at Lata Mangeshkar Kala Kendra in Samoor Kalan from 11.30 am onwards. Interested participants can submit applications via email or on the spot. A multi-colour souvenir highlighting Haroli's development, cultural heritage and various aspects of the festival will also be published as part of the celebrations.

JUIT SIAM Chapter tops global membership drive, secures No.1 rank

DINESH AGARWAL

SOLAN: The student chapter of Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics at Jaypee University of Information Technology has secured the first position globally in an international membership recruitment competition, outperforming over 200 chapters worldwide. The competition, held at the end of 2025, evaluated student chapters based on the number of new members enrolled during a defined campaign period. The JUIT chapter emerged as the top performer, credited to its strategic outreach, coordinated efforts, and sustained academic engagement.

The chapter functions under the guidance of Prof. (Dr.) Vivek Sehgal, whose mentorship has been instrumental in its growth, officials said. Over the past year, the chapter has organised a series of academic and outreach activities, including technical workshops on applied mathematics, expert lectures, coding sessions, and awareness programmes on research opportunities. In recognition of its achievement, the chapter has been awarded a SIAM merchandise package, a coupon for SIAM book publications, and an invitation to feature in SIAM News. The chapter also acknowledged the contributions of its former presidents — Anant Sharma, Shambhavi Singh, Ayush Vaish, and Achyut Tiwari — for laying a strong foundation through sustained leadership and academic initiatives.

Cong govt fleeing from elections due to apparent impending defeat in Panchayati Raj Polls: Amit Sood

ASHISH SHARMA
KULLU, APR 3



The Congress government, which has been continuously evading the Panchayati Raj elections, has all but conceded its likely defeat and is resorting to various new stratagems to postpone them. Amit Sood, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) District President for Kullu, issued this statement here while launching a scathing verbal attack on the Congress party. He asserted that the upcoming Panchayati Raj elections would serve as a mirror reflecting the current Congress government's performance and would set the stage for the elections scheduled for 2027. Questioning the government's intentions, he stated that the state government—driven by its misguided political motives—has repeatedly postponed the elections originally scheduled for December 2026 for a period of four months. He noted that while the High Court had ordered the government to conclude the Panchayati Raj elections in April, the Congress government challenged this directive in the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court, too—effectively holding up a mirror to the government—has now issued orders directing that these elections be conducted in May. Since Panchayats play a pivotal role in the foundational development of the state and receive substantial central assistance, the government's intent behind postponing the Panchayati Raj elections appears to be the misappropriation of the central financial aid allocated to these institutions; otherwise, the government's continued efforts to delay the polls—even after judicial directives—remain utterly incomprehensible. He added that the Congress party is well aware that if any section of society has been most deceived by the "ten guarantees" promised prior to the elections, it is the rural populace of the state; consequently, the rural masses are now eagerly awaiting these elections to teach the state government a fitting lesson.

Sukhu govt moving forward with accountability: Jagjit Sharma

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, APR 3



Applauding the work of the Congress government in Himachal Pradesh, Congress spokesperson Jagjit Sharma stated that the administration is operating with public interest and development at its core. He noted that, under the leadership of the Chief Minister, the government is advancing with transparency and accountability, thereby delivering direct benefits to the general public. Jagjit Sharma remarked that, immediately upon assuming power, the Congress government took rapid strides toward fulfilling its electoral promises. Decisions taken in the interest of employees, women, the youth, and farmers have proven that this government is living up to the trust reposed in it by the public. Taking aim at the BJP, he asserted that the previous government had severely weakened the state's economic condition. Despite inheriting a heavy debt burden and chaotic financial management, the Congress government has successfully stabilized the situation, accelerated development initiatives, and established financial discipline. He added that the government is also working earnestly to address critical issues such as unemployment. Recruitment processes have been made transparent, and better employment opportunities are being made available to the youth to ensure the security of their future. Citing the reforms underway in the health and education sectors, he stated that expanding facilities in hospitals and strengthening infrastructure in schools remain key priorities for the government. Launching a scathing attack on the BJP, Jagjit Sharma concluded by saying that the opposition currently lacks any substantive issues to raise; consequently, they are resorting to a brand of politics centered solely on spreading lies and misinformation.

Randhir Sharma seeks HC probe into Chester Hill case, targets Cong govt over 'corruption'



DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and MLA Randhir Sharma on Friday demanded a probe under the supervision of a sitting High Court judge into the alleged Chester Hill land scam in Solan, while launching a sharp attack on the Congress government in Himachal Pradesh over what he termed as "deep-rooted corruption" and administrative failures. Addressing a press conference here, Sharma alleged that the controversy has raised serious questions about the credibility of the state's administrative system, especially after senior officials publicly responded to the allegations. He claimed that the government's silence indicated that "something is seriously wrong" and accused it of shielding tainted officials. The BJP leader further alleged the existence of a "commission culture" in the functioning of the government, claiming that payments to contractors were being influenced by alleged commissions. Targeting the state government over the entry tax issue, Sharma said contradictory statements by the Chief Minister had led to confusion among the public. He claimed that the imposition of ?100 entry tax on certain vehicles would burden common people, traders and transporters, while also affecting tourism and fuelling inflation.

AIIMS Bilaspur showcases 'BHISHM Cube': 12-minute portable hospital set to transform disaster response



AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY

BILASPUR: In a powerful leap towards next-generation emergency healthcare, AIIMS Bilaspur stunned stakeholders with a live demonstration of the revolutionary Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog, Hita and Maitri (BHISHM) Cube—an indigenous, rapid-deployment hospital designed to redefine disaster response in challenging terrains like Himachal Pradesh. Engineered for speed and precision, the BHISHM Cube can be transformed into a fully functional medical facility in just 12 minutes.

Capable of handling up to 200 patients, this cutting-edge unit is equipped with everything from a portable operation theatre and ventilators to ultrasound, X-ray systems, and essential life-saving medicines—making it a complete hospital on the move, revealed AIIMS Registrar Dr Rakesh Singh. What makes this innovation truly remarkable is its adaptability.

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APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(I)] POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)** under the "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice on the date as mentioned below calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice as per the details given in below table: -

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor/Guarantor/Loan A/c No.	13(2) Notice Date & Amount	Description of Mortgaged Property	Date of Possession Taken
(Loan A/C No.) L9001060729290032, Manoj Kumar (Borrower), Smt.Dashoda Devi (Co-Borrower)	11-Nov-25 Rs. 12,74,847/- Rs. Twelve Lakh Seventy-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Seven Only As On 10-Nov-25	All That Part And Parcel Of Residential/Commercial Property Land / Building / Structure And Fixtures Property Situated At Khata No. 7 Khatauni No. 7 Kitte 50 To The Extent Of 2/9 Share Of Land Measuring 0-80-86 Hectare Out Of Total Land Measuring 03-63-86 Hectare Situated At Mohal Gohari Hadbast No. 478 Tehsil Arki District Solan Hp As Per Jamabandi For The Year 2019-20 Issued By Halka Patwari Tehsil Arki, Solan,Himachal Pradesh **Admeasuring 0-80-86 Hectare**	31-Mar-26
(Loan A/C No.) L9001060130718938, Dharm Pal (Borrower), Sukh Ram (Co-Borrower)	20-Dec-25 Rs. 4,99,344/- Rs. Four Lakh Ninety-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Four Only As On 19-Dec-25	All That Part And Parcel Of Residential/Commercial Property Land / Building / Structure And Fixtures Property Situated At Khewat/Khatoni 273/287 Khasra No. 480 Share Of 9/20Rd, Land Measuring 00-03-00 Bighas (Along With House/ Structure In Khasra No. 480) Out Of Total Land 00-06-00 Bighas Situated At Mohal Saryanj Hadbast No. 312 Tehsil As Per Jamabandi For The Year 2016-17 Issued By Halka Patwari Of Patwar Circle Saryanj Tehsil-Darlaghat, District- Solan, Hp **Admeasuring 00-03-00 Bigha** East- Khem Raj Gupta House 25'10" , West- Own Land/ Road 25'10" , North- Khem Raj Gupta House 29' , South- Prem Lal Land/ House 29'	31-Mar-26

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, therefore notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein above mentioned table in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said [Act 2002] read with Rule 8 of the said rule on the date mentioned in the above table. "The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 (6), in respect of time available, i.e. 30 days from this intimation, to redeem the secured assets."

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)** for the amount and interest thereon mentioned in the above table.

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ADC Sushil Kumar issues instruction at District-Level Narcotics Coordination Committee to prevent drug abuse

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL: ADC Sushil Kumar said that for a drug-free society, all relevant departments and every segment of society must work together. The on-going campaign against drug abuse should be made more effective and intensified. Information boards regarding



de-addiction centres, hospitals and helpline numbers should be installed at bus stands and public places in every village. This will increase public awareness and convey the administration's strictness. ADC Sushil Kumar was giving necessary instructions to officials at a meeting of the District-Level Narcotics Coordination Committee in the auditorium of the Mini Secretariat on Friday. Officials from various departments attended the meeting and discussed concrete strategies for preventing drug abuse at the grassroots level.

NEWS BRIEF

Ancient manuscripts, records to be preserved under Gyan Bharatam Mission: DC

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL: DC Aparajita stated that under Gyan Bharatam Mission, government is conducting a survey to identify and document ancient historical, religious and other types of



manuscripts and archival records. Primary objective of this initiative is preservation and documentation of our ancient manuscript heritage.Public appeal is being issued requesting that anyone in possession of any manuscript or record should provide this information to administration so that these valuable artifacts may be preserved. She further directed officials to complete survey within the stipulated timeframe. She was addressing meeting of officials following state-level video conference chaired by State Chief Secretary regarding survey of manuscripts and records. She emphasized that ancient historical and religious records of any nature hold immense significance from perspective of Archaeology Department.

World Autism Awareness Day observed



MAHENDER GOYAL
HISAR: Divyang Ekadhikar Rehabilitation Trust, Sector-15, organized an awareness program on occasion of World Autism Awareness Day. Parents of children with special needs, special educators, psychologists and people from various sections of society participated enthusiastically in this event. Primary objective of program was to provide accurate information regarding autism and to enhance awareness about it within community. Experts explained that autism is a neuro-developmental condition and with timely identification and appropriate intervention, positive improvements in children's behavior, communication, and social skills are possible.

J-K LG Sinha orders magisterial probe into Ganderbal encounter

AGENCY
SRINAGAR, APR 3



Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has ordered a magisterial inquiry into a recent encounter in the Arhama area of Ganderbal district that resulted in the death of Raashid Ahmad Mughal, a resident of Chuntwaliwar Lar.The official order, issued by the Home Department, follows an overnight security operation on April 1, which reported one "terrorist" eliminated by security forces during a cordon and search operation in the Arhama area of Ganderbal district of Jammu and Kashmir. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has directed that the probe be "thorough and impartial" to ascertain the specific facts and circumstances surrounding the incident that led to the death. The move comes amid speculation surrounding Mughal's link to terrorism. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah also called for transparency, citing the claims from the deceased's family."I believe the claim of the family should not be dismissed out of hand. At the very least, this encounter needs a transparent & time bound probe with the facts made public. Any attempt to obfuscate or delay the announcement of a probe will only damage credibility & that is not in anyone's interest," the CM wrote on X. The District Magistrate of Ganderbal has been tasked with leading the investigation and is required to submit a comprehensive report to the Home Department within seven days."The issue has been examined and accordingly, you are requested to get a thorough and impartial magisterial inquiry conducted into the matter to ascertain the facts and circumstances leading to the death of Raashid Ahmad Mughal," the official order said. According to the Indian Army, the mentioned operation was launched on Tuesday night, following which intermittent firing was reported, prompting security forces to tactically reorganise the cordon. The Army said troops responded effectively with a calibrated approach, leading to the elimination of one "terrorist".

Kumari Selja inspects hailstorm-hit fields, demands Rs. 50,000/acre relief for farmers

MAHENDER GOYAL
FATEHABAD, APR 3



Kumari Selja, MP of Sirsa Lok Sabha and National Secretary of All India Congress Committee, on Friday inspected the fields in the villages affected by hailstorm and storm in all the districts of Sirsa Lok Sabha constituency. On this occasion, officials of various departments and District Congress Committee President Arvind Sharma, MLA Balwan Singh Daulatpuriya and many senior leaders were present. She visited many villages of Fatehabad district like Dhani Dult, Bhuthan, Jhalaniya, Bhidana, Chandrawal, Majra, Saniyana, Chamar Kheda, Saniyana and while inspecting the affected crops, she also talked to the farmers and heard their problems. MP Kumari Selja directed the officials of the concerned department to get a special survey of the fields in the affected villages done as soon as possible and a report should be prepared and sent to the government as soon as possible. The MP also appeals to the government to open the portal as soon as possible to upload the details of the damage, because the government has a rule that it is mandatory to file the report of crop damage within 72 hours. The portals have not been opened yet. In favor of the farmers, he has demanded from the government that a compensation of at least Rs 50 thousand per acre should be given to the affected farmers. The government will have to adopt a sensitive attitude towards the farmers. MP Kumari Selja said that that the BJP government of the state has become completely insensitive towards the farmers. On one hand, natural disaster has destroyed the crops of the farmers, while on the other hand, the negligence and slow functioning of the government has increased the problems of the farmers.

Villagers of Badya Brahman seek removal of liquor shop

MAHENDER GOYAL
HISAR, APR 3



Villagers in Badya Brahman are facing difficulties due to presence of a liquor shop. Villagers have resolved to formally lodge a complaint with Inspector General of Police (IG), Deputy Commissioner (DC) and Superintendent of Police (SP) of Hisar, demanding removal of liquor shop.They have further decided that if their grievances remain unaddressed despite these efforts, they will seek a meeting with CM. Government Girls' School in Badya Brahman serves students from seven neighboring villages; hundreds of girls from these villages commute to and from school via buses, utilizing main bus stand located nearby. According to villagers, liquor shop is situated too close to a public area; they argue that in accordance with regulations, such an establishment should be located at a minimum distance of 500 meters from public spaces. Hundreds of girls from villages of Boora, Badya Jatan, Harita, Badya Brahman, Daya and Boora Dubeta attend local school.Villagers report that as women pass through this area, intoxicated individuals and local miscreants loitering near liquor shop often make lewd comments or pass remarks at them.This behavior has caused significant distress among village women, leading villagers to collectively demand immediate removal of liquor shop from this location. Furthermore, villagers have alleged that area adjacent to liquor shop near bus stand has been converted into a drinking enclosure.

Chandsamand Siege: Villagers point finger at Sarpanchover encroached water tank

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: The filth and waterlogging in front of the Public Health Department's water tank in Chandsamand village has increased the problems of the villagers. Piles of dung and stagnant water outside the water tank are becoming a breeding place for mosquito and fly infestation posing a risk of spreading disease. Villagers Sanjeev Kumar, Ajmer, and Balbindra stated that they have repeatedly complained to the Deputy Commissioner of Karnal, SDM Indri, BDPO Kunjpura and at the Chief Minister's Window, but no action was not taken. They alleged that the village Sarpanchwas illegally encroached on the water tank by dumping dung in front of it, further worsening the situation. When contacted, Sarpanch Pooja asked to speak with her brother Praveen and hung up. Praveen, the Sarpanch's brother, dismissed all the allegations as baseless, stating that they have no ownership of the land and that some people are making baseless accusations. Gaurav Saini, SDO of the Public Health Department, stated that the matter did not fall under his jurisdiction however, if the water damages the water house wall, the department will take necessary action. Villagers have demanded that the administration resolve the problem quickly to protect the village from filth and potential diseases. Repeated calls to Kunjpura's BDPO, Gurmulak, regarding this matter did not elicit any reply.



Residents of areas where PNG pipeline laid should take connection withen three months: ADC

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Additional Deputy Commissioner Rahul Raiya has appealed to the people to immediately take PNG connections in the areas where the pipeline has already been laid by the authorized organization, otherwise their LPG connections will be disconnected after three



months. To ensure efficient use of energy and widespread use of Piped Natural Gas (PNG), a public notice in this regard has been issued today. According to ADC, application for PNG connection will have to be made within three months. LPG supply to the applying consumers will be discontinued after three months from the date of intimation provided the application has been approved by the Authorized Entity under item. He has advised the concerned residents to apply for PNG connection immediately to avoid any kind of inconvenience. The applicant for PNG connection must be the legal owner of the building. PNG connection facility is available in these areas in Karnal are Sectors 4 to 9 of the city, Sector-12, 13, 14 Part-1, Sector-16, 32, 35, 36, 45, LIC Colony, Mann Colony, Model Town, New DC Colony, Aryapuram, Ashoka Colony, Dayal Singh Colony, Duggal Colony, NirmalVihar, Generali Colony, Noorsi Village Part-1, Noorsi Village Part-1. PNG pipeline has been laid in 2, Palam Colony, Ashoka Nursery, DC Colony, Dewan Colony, Karan Vihar, Ranjit Enclave, Shaktipuram Part-I and Part-II, Prem Nagar, Ram Nagar, Rajiv Puram, Vikas Nagar, VasantVihar, Gharaunda, Vikas Colony, Dadupur (Nilokheri), Bank Colony, Samora Village (Indri) and Kabir Nagar (Assandh).

SVSU's Dinesh wins Silver Medal at India Skills; eyes world skills championship in Shanghai

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
PALWAL, APR 3



Dinesh, a B.Voc Mechatronics student of Shri Vishwakarma Skill University (SVSU), won a silver medal in Industrial Control and Automation at IndiaSkills 2025–26 held in Noida on Thursday. Earlier, he had secured a gold medal at the IndiaSkills 2025–26 North Regional Competition. With this achievement, Dinesh Kumar has entered the race for the WorldSkills Championship to be held this year in Shanghai, China. Minister of Youth Empowerment and Entrepreneurship, Shri Gaurav Gautam, congratulated him on this accomplishment. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dinesh Kumar congratulated and felicitated Dinesh on Friday. He stated that Dinesh earned this medal through his hard work, training at SVSU's Centre of Excellence, and guidance from the university's industry partner, Hero MotoCorp. He also announced advanced training support for Dinesh in preparation for the WorldSkills Championship. The Vice Chancellor also congratulated his mentors—Dr. Sanjay Rathore, Dr. Mani Kanwar Singh, and Dr. Jagbir Singh. Registrar Prof. Jyoti Rana extended her congratulations and best wishes as well. Dinesh shared that he worked tirelessly for months to achieve this milestone. He credited his teachers and experts from Hero MotoCorp for training him in Industrial Control and Automation. Despite adverse circumstances—his father, Rakesh, is differently abled, and his mother has passed away—Dinesh remained focused on developing his skills and secured a silver medal at the national level.

Procurement arrangements completed, wheat will be procured under new rules: Market Committee Secretary

KARAMBIR
LADWA, APR 3



Wheat procurement remained elusive for the third consecutive day on Friday at the Ladwa grain market, despite the arrival of approximately 1,739 quintals of wheat and the issuance of 38 gate passes. The primary reason for this lack of procurement is the high moisture content of the wheat arriving at the market. The wheat currently arriving at the market does not meet the standards set by government procurement agencies. This is why wheat procurement remained elusive even on Friday, the third day after government procurement began. The changing weather has not only disturbed the sleep of farmers and commission agents, but the wheat harvest is also delayed by approximately ten days this year compared to last year due to the weather.

When Market Committee Secretary Sant Kumar Saini was asked about this, he said that all preparations for wheat procurement were complete. Wheat will be procured as per the new rules. He said that procurement could not be done due to high moisture content in the wheat brought to the market. He said that wheat will be procured in the market as per the new rules only. It is mandatory for all farmers to have a number written on their tractor-trolleys carrying wheat. Gate passes will be issued in the market only from 6 am to 8 pm, so that the lifting of wheat purchased in the market can also proceed smoothly. Mandi Secretary Sant Kumar Saini said that even according to the new rules, farmers would not be allowed to face any kind of problem in the Mandi. Strong arrangements have been made for this. Currently, six centres have been created for farmer biometrics, in which the Market Committee Office, Mandi Dharamshala and Shop No. 47 have been selected. Shop No. 54 and Shop No. 3 have been selected for the expansion Mandi. Apart from this, a biometric centre has also been set up at Shop No. 101-A where farmers can get their biometrics done.

Flag hoisting to be conducted at booth level on BJP Foundation Day: Praveen Lather



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: A meeting was held at the BJP District Office, 'Karn Kamal,' under chairmanship of BJP District President Praveen Lather to finalize preparations for celebrating BJP Foundation Day on April 6. In addition to former BJP District President Ashok Sukhija, meeting was attended by State Executive Members Amarnath Sauda and Ashok Bhandari; District General Secretary Manav Puri; District Office Chief Madan Gurjar; District Media In-charge Dr. Ashok Kumar; and Mandal Presidents Naveen Batra, Sanjeev Bajaj, Ilam Singh, Naveen Kumar, and Harbans Singh, along with other party workers. Speaking on the occasion, District President Praveen Lather announced that prior to the main Foundation Day program at the BJP District Office, all party workers would hoist the BJP flag at their respective booths as well as at their own homes. He stated that, under the leadership of the nation's illustrious Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, the BJP is working on the mantra of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas". He emphasized that the BJP is not merely a political party, but rather an ideology dedicated to nation-building and public welfare.

Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Engineering College successfully organised "Tech Titans 2026"



AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB: Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Engineering College successfully organized its much-awaited tech fest "Tech Titans 2026" with great enthusiasm and vibrancy. Under the able coordination of Dr. Doordarshi Singh, students participated in large numbers and showcased their technical skills with remarkable excellence. During the morning session, the project exhibition set up by the students was inaugurated by the members of the college trust, Advocate Amardeep Singh Dharni and Advocate Satnam Singh. They keenly observed various technical activities and highly appreciated the efforts of both faculty and students.

INLD opens Kisan Grievance Redressal Centres in grain market to resolve farmers on the spot

KARAMBIR
LADWA, APR 3



INLD has opened Kisan Grievance Redressal Centres in the grain market, where the problems faced by the farmers in the markets will be resolved by meeting the officials. Three Kisan Grievance Redressal Centres have been set up by the INLD party in Ladwa grain market, in which two centres have been set up at the shops of commission agents Sweety Bhullar and Jaidev alias Babla Bapdi in Vistar grain market and one centre has been set up at the shop of commission agent Harish Chhabra in BadiMandi. These three centres have been opened on the directions of former MLA Sher Singh Badshami and on the orders of the party's national president Abhay Singh Chautala. Inaugurating the centre at his shop on Friday, the party's urban district president, Harish Chhabra, briefed farmer Praduman Singh Shahpur, who had brought wheat to the market, on the government's regulations and provided him with complete information about the new rules. He strongly criticized the new crop procurement rules implemented by the government, saying that these rules are far from ground reality and will cause significant problems, especially for small and marginal farmers. Sweety Bhullar, district president of the party's trade cell, raised the concerns of small farmers while opening the centre at her office in the market, saying that farmers with two to two and a half acres of land often bring their crops in small carts or tempos instead of tractor-trolleys, while many farmers use rented trolleys or other vehicles.

Strict warning on laxity in grievance redressal: ADC

RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT, APR 3



A weekly review meeting of the Samadhan Cell was held on Friday at the District Secretariat auditorium through video conferencing. During the meeting, the administration adopted a strict stance on grievance redressal and directed officials to work with seriousness and accountability. The meeting was chaired by Haryana Government's Principal Secretary, Fisheries Department, D. Suresh (IAS). He clearly instructed all Deputy Commissioners across the state that any complaint can only be rejected with solid and logical reasons. Rejecting complaints without proper justification will not be acceptable under any circumstances. Following the video conference, Additional Deputy Commissioner Ankit Choksey held a meeting with district-level officials and issued necessary directions. He warned that strict action would be taken against officers who send representatives or clerks in their place instead of attending meetings themselves. The ADC emphasized that any kind of negligence or formality in grievance redressal will not be tolerated. Every decision must be transparent, factual, and accountable. Officials attempting to evade their responsibilities will face strict administrative action. He further directed that all rejected complaints must include clear reasons, relevant court references, and complete details of estimates and budget related to development work demands.

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NEWS BRIEFS

ATFI burns Khalistan flag in Pinjore protest over Chandigarh BJP office grenade attack

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
PANCHKULA: Members of the Anti Terrorist Front India (ATFI) staged a protest near Pinjore bus stand against the alleged grenade attack on the BJP office in Chandigarh, during which they burnt a Khalistan flag and raised slogans against separatist forces. The protest was led by ATFI national president Vireesh Shandilya, with participation from a large number of organisation members.
Addressing the gathering, Shandilya urged Union Home Minister Amit Shah to bring a stringent law in Parliament prescribing capital punishment for those promoting the Khalistan movement. He alleged that such elements pose a threat to national unity and are backed by external forces.
ATFI state president Thakur Balwan Singh said that service to the nation is above all else and reaffirmed the organisation's commitment to opposing separatist activities. Protesters carried the national flag and portraits of freedom fighters including Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, Sukhdev, Subhas Chandra Bose, Chandrashekhar Azad, Madan Lal Dhingra, Ashfaqulla Khan and Khudiram Bose.

Govt approves Rs. 747 crore budget for PM Poshan Shakti to boost children's nutrition

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 3



Haryana Chief Secretary Sh. Anurag Rastogi, on Friday, chaired a high-level meeting of the State Level Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee (SLSMC), where the panel approved a budget of 747 crore for the Financial Year 2026–27 under the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman Scheme — a flagship programme aimed at strengthening nutritional support for school children across the state.

The approved outlay comprises a central share of 222 crore and a state share of 525 crore, underscoring the government's strong financial commitment to expanding the quality and reach of the scheme. The meeting conducted a comprehensive review of the programme's current implementation status, financial performance, and roadmap for the year ahead.

Director, Elementary Education, Manita Malik, informed the meeting that over 14.8 lakh children — from Bal Vatika to upper primary classes — are proposed to be covered under the scheme in the upcoming financial year. The committee reviewed the existing meal menu and nutritional interventions being provided to students, which include supplementary items such as milk, protein-based food products, peanut pinni, and instant kheer. The Chief Secretary called for strict adherence to quality, hygiene, and nutritional standards across all districts, leaving no room for compromise in the delivery of meals.

Sh. Rastogi directed officials to further reinforce monitoring mechanisms at both the district and school levels. He emphasised the need for regular inspections and systematic collection of student feedback to ensure that meals are nutritious, palatable, and consistently served to the required standards. The meeting also deliberated on measures to enhance efficiency in fund utilisation and ensure the timely release of instalments.

Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Sh. Vijay Singh Dahiya, Commissioner & Secretary, Women & Child Development Department, Sh. Shekhar Vidyarthi, committee members from various departments and other senior officers were present in the meeting.

Accountability must be fixed for RS, Assembly poll defeats: Brijendra Singh



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, APRIL 3

Senior Congress leader and former MP Brijendra Singh has called for fixing responsibility for the party's defeats in the Rajya Sabha elections and the 2024 Assembly polls, while also alleging irregularities in the electoral process. Speaking during his ongoing Sadbhav Yatra in Karnal, he raised questions not only about the BJP but also about the Congress leadership in the state.

Addressing a gathering at a programme organised by the Karnal Bar Association, Singh said issues such as cross-voting and cancellation of votes in the Rajya Sabha elections must be examined, and accountability should be fixed. He warned that if the party continues in a "status quo" mode even after losing three consecutive elections, it will not be able to move forward.

He alleged that the election outcome pointed towards horse-trading, claiming that MLAs were influenced through monetary inducements, thereby harming the democratic process. Singh also criticised the Rajya Sabha voting mechanism, stating that it has become one of the few elections where even after casting a vote, its validity remains uncertain due to technicalities.

Highlighting concerns, he said votes are often rejected over minor errors such as incorrect marking, additional dots or use of a different pen, and alleged that such technical provisions are being misused to invalidate votes.

However, he emphasised that beyond procedural issues, the larger concern lies with those who defected or allegedly succumbed to inducements.

He said strict action should be taken against such legislators, while also underlining the need for introspection within the party. Singh questioned the state Congress leadership, noting that those reportedly involved in cross-voting were closely associated with the leadership, raising concerns over internal management and oversight. He added that when leaders begin to leave or lose faith in the party, it reflects deeper organisational issues rather than individual motives.

Earlier, the Sadbhav Yatra led by Brijendra Singh reached Karnal on its 181st day. The yatra passed through various parts of the city including Ram Nagar, Prem Nagar, Hansi Chowk, Sadar Bazaar, Bus Stand, Model Town and other areas before concluding at Dayalpur. Several Congress leaders and workers participated in the programme, and members of the Karnal Bar Association welcomed the yatra.

Staff shortage at Pratap Nagar Tehsil causes distress to public

PRITI SAINI
SADHAURA, APRIL 3



The public is facing significant difficulties in Pratap Nagar Tehsil due to the absence and negligence of staff members. Consequently, on Friday, a group of people created a commotion within the Pratap Nagar Tehsil premises owing to the staff's non-attendance. Residents allege that for nearly a month now, the persistent absence of staff at Pratap Nagar Tehsil has been adversely affecting the processing of routine public matters. People are compelled to make daily rounds of the Tehsil office to get their work done; however, they are forced to return empty-handed as the staff members remain absent from their desks. A video highlighting the staff's absence and negligence at Pratap Nagar Tehsil has also gone viral on social media. In the video, residents warn that if the operational efficiency of the staff at Pratap Nagar Tehsil is not rectified promptly, they will be compelled to stage a sit-in protest within the Tehsil premises.

Villagers—including Ayub (Sarpanch of Bombaypur), Aryan Gujjar, Salim, Sattar, Vinod, Mayank, Sumit, Ajay Kumar, Rahul Kumar, and others—stated that they have been making rounds of the Tehsil for nearly a month to obtain land records (fards) and attend to other administrative tasks. However, due to the absence of both staff and officials at the Tehsil, they are forced to return disappointed and with their work unfinished, having faced frustration and inconvenience for several days. Issuing a warning to the administration in the viral video, they declared that if the functioning of Pratap Nagar Tehsil does not show improvement within the next few days, they will be left with no choice but to stage a protest.

Responding to this matter, the Tehsildar of Pratap Nagar, Anand Rawal, acknowledged that there is indeed a staff shortage. He explained that the Patwaris (revenue officials) who do report for duty are frequently assigned to court-related matters.

Sanitation drive carried out on GT Road stretch in Taraori

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
TARAORI, APRIL 3



A large-scale cleanliness drive was carried out by municipal workers on the main road connecting GT Road to Tarawadi, following directions from Municipal Secretary Ajit Kumar Arora and Municipal Council president Virendra Bansal. The campaign aimed to improve sanitation in the area and raise public awareness about cleanliness.

Sanitation teams began work early in the morning, clearing garbage accumulated along both sides of the road. Plastic waste, paper and other debris were collected and removed to ensure a cleaner environment. Officials also visited the site to inspect the progress and issued necessary directions to workers to expedite the process.

During the drive, shopkeepers were sensitised about maintaining cleanliness outside their establishments and advised against littering. Warnings were also issued to those found dumping waste illegally at various spots.

Sanitation inspector Vikram Kumar said the campaign is not a one-time effort and will be continued regularly. Municipal officials stated that special vehicles have been deployed to collect and transport waste to designated disposal sites.

They emphasised that maintaining cleanliness is not solely the responsibility of the administration but also of citizens, urging residents to cooperate. Highlighting health concerns, they noted that poor sanitation can lead to the spread of diseases and stressed the importance of keeping surroundings clean.

Officials added that similar drives will be conducted in other areas in the coming days. Several sanitation workers, including Anil Kumar, Amit, Mukesh, Sanjeev, Rahul, Gurmel and Babu Ram, were present during the campaign.

Nilokheri hospital construction resumes after eight years, MLA inaugurates work

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
NILOKHERI: Construction work on the long-pending government hospital in Nilokheri has resumed after nearly eight years, with MLA Bhagwan Das Kabirpanthi inaugurating the project by performing a ceremonial coconut-breaking ritual. The balance work of the hospital will be completed at an estimated cost of ₹5.82 crore.



According to officials, the agreement amount for the remaining work stands at ₹4.62 crore, and the contract has been awarded to M/s Ram Niwas Jangra. The project had earlier stalled during the Covid period after the previous contractor left the work midway.
Providing details, the MLA said the ground floor will house a laboratory, dressing room and X-ray room, while the first floor will include OPD facilities, doctors' rooms, an MT room and a high-risk ward. The upper floor will accommodate a school health officer lab, nursing station and the SMO office.
He recalled that the plan to upgrade the hospital from 50 to 100 beds was announced in 2008, and work had initially begun but slowed down significantly during the pandemic before coming to a halt.
Public Works Department Executive Engineer Rajkumar and SDO Sanjeev Tanwar said the remaining work is expected to be completed within a year.
Senior Medical Officer Vandana Aggarwal, Market Committee chairman Shivnath Kapoor, Municipal Chairperson Sanmeet Kaur Ahuja, her representative Satnam Ahuja, councillor representative Kewal Krishan Kukreja and several other public representatives, BJP workers, hospital staff and local residents were present on the occasion.

College students compete in various programmes in presence of DC

HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA: College President Ishwar Singh and Management Committee member Kashish attended the programme as distinguished guests. In the final round, the panel of judges—comprising the Deputy Commissioner of Kurukshetra, Vishram Kumar Meena; Assistant Professor at the Department of Law, Kurukshetra University, Dr. Priyanka Chaudhary; and the Honorable Advocate Kuldeep from the District Bar Association, Kurukshetra—enhanced the dignity of the competition through their impartial and scholarly evaluation.
Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena lauded the students, stating that such competitions are immensely helpful in shaping a bright future for law students and play a pivotal role in strengthening both society and the legal system.

The competition witnessed a high level of rivalry among the various participating teams, with first-year students Simran and Navneen securing the first position based on their exceptional reasoning skills and presentation. In the individual categories, Navneet Kaur was named the Best Researcher, Sakshi the Best Speaker, and the team comprising Radhika, Payal Sharma, and Payal was awarded the title of Best Memorial. College students—Anshul, Ishan, Dhruv, Aryan, Amit, Jovil, Riya, Aitya, and Abhishek—made a significant and commendable contribution to the successful and organized execution of the program by serving as student managers under the guidance of Assistant Professor Rajat Jangra. On this occasion, the Moot Court Society was formally inaugurated by Kurukshetra Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena and other distinguished guests; this marks a significant step toward strengthening the practical legal training of the students. At the conclusion of the program, College Principal Dr. C.R. Jilowa formally welcomed the chief guests, expressed her gratitude to them, and extended her best wishes and congratulations to the winning team. Other college faculty members—Rajat, Shalu, Dr. Rinkle, Dr. Deepshikha, Vikram, Ravindra, Chanchal, Urvashi, and Anjana—were also present on this occasion.This competition proved to be an impactful and educational platform for the students, contributing significantly to the development of their legal knowledge, practical understanding, and self-confidence.

Karnal civic chief reviews Swachh Survey preparations, warns vendors against littering

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, APRIL 3



Karnal Municipal Commissioner Dr. Vaishali Sharma chaired a review meeting to assess preparations for the upcoming Swachh Survekshan 2025–26, directing officials to intensify cleanliness efforts across the district. Representatives from various departments, including NHAI, HSVP, HSIIDC, Karnal Roadways and the Sugam Swachhta agency, attended the meeting along with Additional Commissioner Ashok Kumar and Chief Minister's Good Governance Associate Shruti Mishra.

The Commissioner instructed all departments to take individual responsibility for maintaining cleanliness in their respective areas and ensure better coordination. She emphasised that sanitation workers should not be granted unnecessary leave, limiting it to around five per cent, warning of action against officials who fail to comply.

Officials were directed to ensure cleanliness of main roads, markets, public places and community toilets, while also promoting IEC activities and uploading them on the Swachhatam portal. Strict action was ordered against illegal advertisements, including registration of FIRs if required. Regular lifting of construction and demolition waste was also stressed.

The Sugam Swachhta agency was asked to strengthen waste segregation practices and ensure proper marking of garbage collection vehicles for wet and dry waste. Vehicles must display complaint numbers, and door-to-door waste collection should be carried out regularly in licensed colonies. The Commissioner also directed proper maintenance of the solid waste management plant.

Issuing a stern warning to vendors setting up temporary vegetable markets, Dr. Sharma said they must maintain cleanliness and keep dustbins at their stalls. She gave them two days to comply, after which inspections will begin. Vendors found violating norms will face penalties, and repeated violations may lead to denial of permission to set up markets.

She also ordered strict action against defacement of wall paintings, stating that FIRs will be registered against those putting up posters or pamphlets on them. Special monitoring teams will be formed under zonal in-charges to oversee cleanliness on major roads and ensure prompt action on any lapses.

The Commissioner directed that individuals found littering will be fined 5,000 under Solid Waste Management Rules 2026, while bulk waste generators may face penalties of up to 25,000 for violations.

Adi Mahalakshmi temple to give Agroha global recognition: Naresh Bansal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Tarawadi Rice Association president Naresh Bansal on Thursday said that the grand Adi Mahalakshmi Temple being constructed at Agroha Dham will give the historic town a new global identity. He described the temple as a symbol of faith and unity for the Aggarwal community.



Speaking on the occasion, Bansal, who is also national vice chairman of Agroha Shaktipeeth Annakshetra, said the temple will not only serve as a major spiritual centre but also boost religious tourism in the region.
He noted that Agroha already holds significant historical and religious importance, attracting devotees from across the country and abroad, and the new temple is expected to further increase footfall.
He said more than 80 per cent of the construction work has been completed and efforts are underway to give the temple a grand form. Once completed, Agroha is expected to emerge as a prominent hub for religious, cultural and social activities, which will also create employment and business opportunities in nearby areas.
Bansal added that members of the Aggarwal community are contributing generously to the project, with several families donating substantial amounts and becoming trustees. He expressed gratitude to all donors for their support in the construction of the temple. Former councillor Sunita Bansal was also present on the occasion.

Massive crowd expected on April 5 for Lord Parashurama's Sankalp Diwas: Rajkumar

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Former Deputy Advocate General Rajkumar Sharma has announced that Lord Parashurama's Sankalp Diwas is being organised on April 5 at the Nimantran Palace in Pipli. A massive crowd is expected to gather for this state-level event. He stated that people from all sections of society across the entire state will participate in this conference in large numbers. Senior BJP strategist Sanjaybhai Joshi will be present as the Chief Guest at this program, while MLA Dada Ramkumar Gautam will attend as the Guest of Honor. He informed that preparations for the conference are currently underway with great vigor. Invitations are being extended to people from the Brahmin community as well as other sections of society to attend this gathering. There is immense enthusiasm among the public regarding this conference. Speaking in Karnal, he emphasized that the objective of the conference



is not only to foster mutual brotherhood within society but also to stress the need for greater political participation by the community.
He noted that this conference is poised to prove a milestone in taking the community forward. He pointed out that, currently, the Brahmin community is lagging behind in political, administrative, and educational spheres. There is a need to establish the youth of the community in politics, train them for government jobs, and encourage them to become entrepreneurs. This conference is being viewed as a means to unite the entire Brahmin community under a single banner. Prominent dignitaries present on this occasion included Praveen Sharma, Ashok Sharma, Jaipal Sharma, Rajbir Sharma, Ved Prakash Sharma, Vijay Sharma, Ajay Sharma, Suresh Sharma, Satpal Sharma, Shashi Sharma, and others.

Hundreds of lush green trees felled in Parshwanath Colony

MEGH RAJ LUTHRA
KARNAL: While social organisations and the government are striving to purify the environment, the government's own Electricity Department appears to be wielding an axe against greenery somewhere or other within the city on a daily basis. The department cites the contact between power lines and trees as the reason for its actions; however, in instances where merely trimming a few branches would suffice, entire trees—or even multiple trees—are instead cut down. It is alleged that contractors harbor a vested interest in this practice, as they are able to pocket some money by selling the felled timber.



Hundreds of Champa trees had been planted in the park within Parshwanath Colony on Meerut Road. Just as these trees had matured enough to begin providing shade, the Electricity Department ordered them all to be cut down completely.
They refused to heed the objections raised by the residents of the colony. Given the dilapidated condition of the colony's roads, dust constantly swirls throughout the day; trees not only provide oxygen but also serve to protect people from dust and dirt. Sanjeev Lakhanpal, President of the 'Sarthak' organisation, stated that while the Forest Department and social service groups collectively spend lakhs of rupees annually on tree-planting initiatives, the Electricity Department appears to have absolutely no concern for the city's environment. Their relentless campaign of felling trees continues unabated. He added that they intend to meet with the Deputy Commissioner (DC) shortly to lodge a formal complaint regarding this matter.

Two-month-old Karnal girl battling rare disease needs Rs. 16 crore injection, appeal for help grows

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, APRIL 3

A two-month-old girl from Karnal is battling a rare genetic disorder, with her survival hinging on a life-saving injection costing nearly 16 crore. The child, Garvika Goyal, has been diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), a serious condition that can prove fatal without timely treatment.



Her mother Rohini, a resident of Madhuban Police Academy campus, said the baby appeared healthy for the first month after birth, but soon began facing breathing difficulties and gradually lost movement in her limbs. Following medical advice, the family conducted tests that confirmed the rare disease, after which the child was taken to PGI Chandigarh, where doctors termed her condition critical.

Doctors have initiated oral medication, but clarified that it is not a permanent solution. They advised gene therapy through a specialised injection, which offers the best chance of recovery if administered before the age of six months. Delay, they warned, could lead to permanent muscle damage and life-threatening complications.

The high cost of treatment remains the biggest challenge for the family. While the pharmaceutical company has agreed to provide the drug in instalments, an advance amount of around 9.5 crore is required to begin treatment. For a middle-class family, arranging such a sum is nearly impossible.

An online fundraising campaign has been launched, with around 2,300 people contributing so far and raising over 24 lakh. However, the amount is still far short of the required funds. Rohini described the effort as a mother's fight to save her child, urging people to contribute whatever they can.

Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan visited the family and assured all possible support. He said such cases are not just a family's concern but a collective responsibility of society, and added that the matter will be taken up with the government for assistance.

The family continues to reach out to relatives, friends and organisations, but wider public support is crucial.

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RBI unveils Rs 2.54 lakh crore state borrowing plan for April-June quarter

State governments and Union Territories across the country are expected to raise a total of Rs 2,54,509 crore through market borrowings during the first quarter of the 2026-27 financial year. According to an indicative calendar released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Thursday, these borrowings will take place between April and June 2026 as part of the states' efforts to manage their financial requirements. The central bank, acting as the debt manager for the states, has scheduled regular auctions throughout the three months to facilitate the capital raising.As a feature of this quarter's borrowing plan, the RBI introduced the Benchmark Issuance Strategy (BIS) on a pilot basis, which the bank has decided to implement starting this financial year. This pilot involves nine specific states, including Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Telangana, and Uttar Pradesh.These nine states alone are projected to borrow Rs 1,53,900 crore during the quarter under the new framework.

"Reserve Bank has been sensitising States about the adoption of Benchmark Issuance Strategy (BIS) for their market borrowings. Adoption of this strategy is aimed at enhancing transparency and providing greater clarity to investors," the release noted.The central bank explained that the move toward a more structured strategy is part of a long-term effort to stabilise the market for state-level securities. Under this new strategy, the participating states will issue securities within specific benchmark tenor buckets according to the pre-announced schedule. While the nine states in the pilot lead the borrowing volume, the remaining states and Union Territories are scheduled to raise Rs 1,00,609 crore through traditional market borrowing methods during the same period.The RBI indicated that other states are expected to adopt the benchmark strategy as the program moves forward.The RBI maintains the authority to modify the auction dates and the specific amounts in consultation with the respective state governments and Union Territories if market conditions require such changes.The central bank is committed to managing the process in a way that does not cause volatility in the broader financial system.The actual amount of borrowings and the details of the States/UTs participating in the auction will be announced two to three days before the actual auction.

India's arms exports rocket upwards

India has emerged as among the 25 largest exporters of arms in thew world by selling some USD 4.11 billion or Rs 38,424 crore worth of defence equipment in 2025-26, with much of it going to Armenia which imported about USD 2 billion worth of Akash-1S Surface-to-Air Missile systems, Pinaka Multi-Barrel Rocket Launchers and Swathi weapon-locating radars and ATAGS howitzers.

The hike in Indian armament sales over the previous 2024-25 is about 62 per cent, a government statement said. Besides Armenia, India is selling armament components to the USA, France, Russia and Israel, and complete defence systems to the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, the Maldives, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Mauritius, Seychelles, Nigeria, Botswana, Suriname and Kenya.

"With the recent spate of hostilities between US, Israel and Iran and the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, most countries will be increasing their defence imports as a reflective measure and since India's missiles and air defence systems have battlefield provenance and are cost-effective, demand for them is likely to go up," Commodore Ranjit Rai, former Director of Naval Intelligence, told UNI.

The two top favourites from India in the arms market are the BrahMos, which is one of the fastest supersonic cruise missiles, while Pinaka, often dubbed 'baby BrahMos', is seen as a cost-effective, high-precision artillery rocket system at competitive prices.



"We have been steadily increasing our exports of Pinaka and Brahmos supersonic cruise missiles. Philippines bought some USD 375 million worth of Brahmos in 2024, then last year Indonesia became a customer for our cruise missile and now Vietnam, which has bought a few naval crafts, is finalising a deal for USD 400 million of Brahmos missiles," said Commodore Rai.

India's armament support for Armenia, which has fought two wars in 2016 and 2020 with Azerbaijan, is because of a mix of historical ties and modern geopolitical strategy where India and Russia have been trying to counterbalance the "Three Brother Alliance" between Pakistan, Turkey and Azerbaijan.

"Following Russia's focus on the war in Ukraine, Armenia turned to India for reliable, high-tech weaponry that is easily compatible with its existing Russian-origin systems," defence ministry officials said on condition of anonymity.

Armenia is also a critical node in India's ambition to reach European markets without passing through Pakistan or China-controlled routes and that former Soviet province is a key partner in the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) project, which could connect India to Europe via Iran.

India's arms exporter tag is new, as New Delhi was better known as the world's second largest arms importer, according to Stockholm International Peace Research Institute's 2026 fact sheet, "India was the world's second largest recipient of major arms in 2021–25 with an 8.2 per cent share of total global arms imports." In a statement on Thursday, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh emphasised the strategic transition underway, noting that India, historically reliant on imports, is now "moving fast" toward becoming an exporter of defence equipment.

India currently exports defence products to more than 80 countries, spanning a wide spectrum that includes artillery systems, drones, electronics, and naval platforms. "The expansion reflects a broader policy push toward indigenisation, with the government promoting domestic manufacturing across domains ranging from small arms to fighter aircraft and submarines, often in collaboration with foreign partners," government officials added.

While state-run ordinance factories accounted for nearly 55 per cent of defence exports out of India in 2025-26, private manufacturers such as L&T, Tata Advanced Systems, Mahindra Defence and Bharat Forge, which manufacture components for Western arms manufacturers or for systems exported from India, accounted for nearly 45 per cent of the exports.

US imposes 100% tariff on patented pharma imports; India faces mixed impact



US President Donald Trump's decision to impose a 100 per cent tariff on patented pharmaceutical imports--citing national security and supply chain risks following a Section 232 probe--is expected to have a mixed impact on India.Crucially for India, the proclamation clarifies that generic drugs--a segment in which Indian firms dominate globally--are exempt "at this time," adding that such products "shall not be subject to Section 232 tariffs."For India, the impact is likely to be mixed.

In the near term, the exclusion of generics offers a buffer, ensuring continuity in exports of low-cost medicines that form the backbone of India's pharmaceutical trade with the US. Indian drugmakers, which command a significant share of the US generics market, are unlikely to face immediate disruption."Generics, which constitute the majority of Indian pharma exports, are exempt from tariffs, but the Commerce Department will evaluate the state of generics reshoring and re-evaluate tariffs accordingly," a senior White House official told ANI.Despite this, the longer-term implications are more complex. The steep tariffs on patented drugs and active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) could ripple through global supply chains in which Indian firms play a critical role, particularly in contract manufacturing and as suppliers of intermediates to multinational pharmaceutical companies."A 100% tariff applies to patented products. Any patented drug imports from India made by companies that do not get approval for a reshoring plan will be subject to a 100% tariff," the White House official clarified.

The proclamation's emphasis on fragile supply chains and foreign dependence signals a broader policy push that could encourage US and global firms to shift production away from established hubs like India.At the same time, incentives tied to onshoring production and research and development (R&D) may redirect future investments toward the US, potentially affecting capital flows into India's pharmaceutical sector.

The hidden cost of normalising autism signs in India

At 18 months, a child who doesn't respond to their name or avoids eye contact isn't always seen as a cause for concern in many Indian homes. More often, it is explained away - "Boys talk late," families say. "He's just reserved. His father was the same," another common interpretation.

According to developmental experts, these everyday reassurances may be quietly delaying crucial autism diagnoses across India.

Dr Naeem Sadiq, a Neurologist and founder of Bengaluru-based Plexus Neuro Center, points to a pattern that rarely makes headlines: parents don't just miss the signs of autism, they reinterpret them. "Delayed speech is one of the most important early indicators," he explains. "But families often normalise it. They attribute it to gender, genetics, or personality."

This cultural buffering of symptoms, where early red flags are ignored as harmless quirks, means children often reach specialists years too late. Autism, clinically referred to as Autism Spectrum Disorder, typically begins to show signs as early as 12–18 months. Some of the earliest indicators include: Lack of eye contact, delayed or absent speech by 18–20 months, limited social interaction or preference for isolation, and not responding to simple commands.

Yet, as Dr Sadiq notes, these are frequently dismissed. "A child staying aloof is called 'independent'. Not following instructions is seen as stubbornness. Families don't immediately think of a developmental issue," he added.

Even when concerns arise, many parents first pursue hearing tests. If results come back normal, they are often advised to "wait and watch," a delay that can prove costly.



In autism care, timing is not just important; it is decisive. "There is no fixed benchmark for time," Dr Sadiq said, "but earlier is always better. Eighteen months is better than 19 months."

Intervention before the age of three can significantly improve outcomes. After that, progress becomes slower and less complete.

"The earlier you intervene, the more complete the results," he said. "After four or five years, you may only achieve 60–70 per cent improvement."

This is because early childhood is a critical period for brain development, when therapies can more effectively shape communication, behaviour, and sensory responses.

Contrary to popular belief, autism treatment is not about medication but therapy, specifically, customised therapy.

"No two children with autism are the same," Dr Sadiq emphasises. "So therapy cannot be uniform." A cornerstone of intervention is occupational therapy, particularly sensory integration therapy, which focuses on how children process sensory input.

Some children may be hypersensitive, covering their ears at loud sounds or avoiding touch. Others may seek excessive stimulation, such as prolonged swinging or fascination with bright lights.

"These children are living at extremes," he explained. "Therapy helps bring them to a balanced state, where the brain can function more typically."

From deluge to drought: Rethinking climate policy in Himachal

Traditionally, the days following Holi mark a gradual shift in weather as winter gives way to the summer months. Climate change has upended such traditions of slow transition. Within a single year, Himachal Pradesh swung from deluge to drought.

For this western Himalayan region, climate extremes are no longer aberrations. They are reshaping fiscal planning, infrastructure design, and administrative priorities. The irony is that Himachal Pradesh contributes less than 1 per cent of India's greenhouse gas emissions. Yet, it absorbs the negative effects of climate change disproportionately. However, such negative effects won't be limited to just this "mountain state".

In 2025, Himachal Pradesh endured one of its most disruptive climate years. Monsoon rainfall ran nearly 46 per cent above normal. Cloudbursts, floods, and landslides claimed over 360 lives and caused losses exceeding Rs 4,000 crore. Months later, December recorded just 0.1 mm of rainfall, the driest in more than a century.

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu recently said that any form of disruption to the Himalayas would result in serious consequences for the nation as well. He was speaking on the occasion of a report launch, 'Scientific Assessment of Tackling Non-CO2 Emissions: Pathways for Himachal Pradesh. Focus on non-CO2 emissions such as methane, black carbon, and Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) is in line with policy and governance attention steadily shifting towards ways to achieve faster, near-term mitigation of climate change.

Methane and black carbon influence temperature and air quality over shorter timeframes than carbon dioxide. In mountain systems, black carbon deposited on snow reduces reflectivity and accelerates melt. Methane contributes to near-term warming and to ground-level ozone formation. Much of this pollution travels from outside the state, yet its impacts are intensely local-on crops, hydrology, and public health.

For Himachal, this linkage is practical rather than abstract. The state has more than 10 GW of installed hydropower capacity. River flows determine electricity output, irrigation supply, and household water access. Faster melt alters seasonal flow patterns and complicates reservoir management. Managing non-CO2 emissions, therefore, connects climate mitigation with water security and energy stability.

Sectoral data indicate where action can be embedded within existing policy frameworks.



Livestock accounts for the majority of methane emissions, even as animal husbandry anchors rural incomes. Balanced feeding, improved fodder management, and breed optimisation reduce methane intensity per unit of milk. When aligned with milk procurement systems, efficiency gains can raise farm income without expanding herd size.

Manure-based biogas systems add another channel: lowering household fuel costs while producing organic fertiliser. In this sector, mitigation and income enhancement reinforce one another.

Transport represents a second pressure point. Rapid vehicle growth, tourism mobility, and freight movement increase emissions of nitrogen oxides and particulate matter. Steep gradients and congestion amplify per-vehicle emissions in hill towns. Electric buses and fleet renewal programmes are underway, but their impact depends on charging infrastructure, grid reliability and coordinated mobility planning.

Industrial activity will expand with economic growth. Effective enforcement of pollution-control systems, including scrubbers and continuous monitoring, can reduce sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter even as output rises. Cleaner backup power through solar and storage reduces reliance on diesel generator sets, which otherwise elevate particulate and black carbon emissions.

Waste management presents a targeted opportunity. Emissions are modest in aggregate but concentrated in districts such as Kangra and Mandi. Segregation at source, composting, and biomethanation reduce methane while easing landfill pressure. Because these emissions originate from identifiable urban clusters, administrative accountability is feasible.

Residential cooking illustrates how transition can work. Expanded LPG access has lowered household particulate exposure. Sustaining these gains requires refill affordability in cold districts and reliable last-mile delivery in remote terrain. As household emissions decline, policy focus shifts toward transport, industry, and diesel backup systems.

The challenge now is integration. Livestock reform sits within rural development. Transport electrification falls under the mobility and energy departments. Waste management rests with urban local bodies. Yet climate risk cuts across each of these domains. Embedding measurable non-CO, reduction targets within sectoral planning would align adaptation and mitigation within the same fiscal cycle.

The scientific case for this alignment is strengthening. For example, rising temperatures accelerate ozone formation from nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds, intensifying heat-air quality co-exposure in valley regions. Heat stress and pasture decline can also increase methane intensity in livestock systems.

Addressing these linked dynamics offers a practical pathway to moderate near-term warming while protecting agricultural productivity.

Himachal is absorbing climate shocks despite its limited emissions footprint. Its experience raises a broader national question. Climate policy often measures success through aggregate carbon reduction. Mountain regions require an additional metric: reduction of near-term warming drivers that intensify glacier melt, disrupt hydrology and degrade air quality within years rather than decades. Himachal cannot control global emissions. But it can influence the pace at which local risk accumulates.

Acting on methane and black carbon is one of the few levers capable of delivering climate stability, air-quality improvement and rural income gains within the present decade, a rare convergence in an era of escalating extremes.

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Hanuman Jayanti celebrated with great reverence at St. Peter Convent School

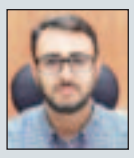
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KURUKSHETRA: Hanuman Jayanti was celebrated with great reverence and enthusiasm at St. Peter Convent School, Mohan Nagar. On this occasion, the school Principal, Vipin Sharma, shed light on the significance of Lord Hanuman's birth anniversary. In his address to the students, he stated that Lord Hanuman is the most beloved devotee of Lord Rama, renowned for his strength, courage, and unwavering devotion to his Lord. He further informed the students that Hanuman Ji played a pivotal role in the search for Mother Sita. To mark the occasion, prayers and rituals were performed at the school; the 'Hanuman Chalisa' and 'Sundarkand' were recited, and supplications were offered to Lord Hanuman for peace, harmony, and strength.



NEWS BRIEF

Cluster officer appointed for checking of Mandis in view of wheat procurement season: DC

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BARNALA: Deputy Commissioner Barnala Mr. Harpreet Singh IAS has appointed Cluster Officers to ensure smooth management and smooth procurement in view of the arrival of wheat crop in the mandis in the coming days. The Deputy Commissioner said that the government procurement of wheat has started from April 1st. Last year in Barnala district, the crop arrived in the mandis around April 10th and this time due to the bad weather, the crop is expected to arrive around April 15th. He said that wheat will be procured in 45 temporary procurement centers in addition to 104 Mandis under five Market Committees in Barnala district. In the last Rabi season, 475536 metric tons of crop was received and this season, 486951 metric tons of wheat is expected to be received.



Agriculture Minister Rana tours mandis; Reviews crop procurement arrangements

JAIBIR RANA THAMBER
BARARA/MULLANA, APR 3



Haryana's Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Animal Husbandry, Dairying, and Fisheries, Shyam Singh Rana, visited the grain markets (mandis) of Barara and Mullana on Friday to conduct a detailed inspection of the procurement arrangements for mustard and wheat. During his visit, he conducted a thorough review of all arrangements—including facilities provided to farmers within the mandis, the crop verification process, electricity and water supply, sanitation, drinking water facilities, and the biometric system—and issued necessary directives to the concerned officials. Minister Shyam Singh Rana stated that the state government's primary objective is to ensure that farmers bringing their produce to the mandis do not face any kind of inconvenience. He instructed officials to complete the crop verification work on the 'Meri Fasal-Mera Byora' (My Crop-My Details) portal on a priority basis and with utmost speed, so that farmers encounter no hurdles in selling their produce.

Minister Shyam Singh Rana clarified that it is the responsibility of the officials to ensure the timely implementation of all arrangements related to electricity, water, sanitation, weighing, lifting (transportation), and payments within the mandis. He emphasized that the convenience of farmers and a transparent procurement process remain the government's top priorities. Providing further details, he informed that the government procurement of wheat commenced on April 1, with the government purchasing the crop at a Minimum Support Price (MSP) of ?2,585 per quintal. Meanwhile, mustard is being procured at an MSP of ?6,200 per quintal. During his tour of the mandis, Minister Shyam Singh Rana also visited the Soil and Water Testing Laboratory located within the Mullana mandi complex. He inquired about the facilities available there and familiarised himself with the procedures involved in the various tests conducted at the laboratory. Officials were directed to further strengthen the soil and water quality testing mechanisms.

SDM Satindra Siwach stated that all necessary arrangements for farmers have been duly ensured within the mandis. Furthermore, officials from various departments have been assigned specific duties to ensure the smooth and efficient functioning of the procurement process. He stated that crop verification work is being expedited on the portal, and necessary instructions have also been issued to the concerned Patwaris (revenue officials). Speaking on the occasion, former MLA Santosh Chauhan Sarwan remarked that, under the leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, the state government remains fully committed to safeguarding the interests of farmers; consequently, transparent procurement and timely payments are being ensured at the mandis.

Providing an update, the Secretary of the Market Committee informed that gate passes are currently being issued at the mandi through a biometric system.

Agriculture Minister inspects grain market, takes stock of wheat procurement



PREETI SAINI
SADHAURA, APR 3

Agriculture and Farmer Welfare Minister Shyam Singh Rana visited the Sadhaura grain market on Friday to review the wheat arrival and lifting process as well as to take stock of other facilities. He also provided necessary guidance regarding procurement to market committee officials and agency officials. According to reports, Mandi PradhanRajkumar Agarwal and Market Committee Chairman Naveen Bhasin welcomed Minister Shyam Singh Rana with a bouquet of flowers. During this, the Market Committee Chairman and Mandi Pradhan informed the Minister about the problems related to the Mandi. After the inspection, the Agriculture Minister spoke with the farmers and assured them that every grain of their crop will be purchased at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) and that no problems will be faced in selling their produce. According to the Agriculture Minister, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini government is very serious about wheat procurement. State ministers and MLAs are also regularly inspecting the Mandis to ensure that farmers do not face any portal-related or other problems in selling their produce. He also appealed to farmers and commission agents that they can resolve the problem of crop procurement through mutual cooperation and coordination with the administration.

DC Uttam Singh inspects mandis; reviews procurement



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
ASSANDH/KARNAL: Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh visited the Assandh grain market (mandi) on Friday to take stock of the wheat procurement arrangements. During his visit, he directed concerned officials to ensure that farmers arriving at the mandi do not face any kind of inconvenience. He emphasized that the procurement process must be conducted with complete transparency. Furthermore, he directed that all necessary arrangements—including sanitation, drinking water facilities, and the maintenance of restrooms—be ensured within the mandi premises. Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Sumit Sihag and Assandh MLA Yogender Rana were also present on this occasion. Interacting with journalists, the Deputy Commissioner stated that wheat procurement has commenced at the Asandh mandi starting today. Keeping the interests of farmers in mind, the government has introduced certain changes to the procurement system this time around. Biometric attendance has been made mandatory at the mandi's entry gate, and cameras have been installed at the exit gate to ensure security and transparency.

Pravesh Sharma appointed Director of Haryana Electricity Distribution Corporation for 4th time



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Senior Income Tax Advocate Pravesh Sharma has been nominated as a Director of the Haryana Electricity Distribution Corporation for the fourth consecutive time. Associated with numerous social service organizations in the city, Pravesh Sharma—who has been practicing as an advocate for a considerable period—is regarded as a close associate of Union Minister and Karnal MP, Manohar Lal. Following this appointment, BJP District President Praveen Lathar congratulated him and offered him sweets to celebrate the occasion at the party's district office, 'Karan Kamal'. Pravesh Sharma has been serving as a Director on the Electricity Board in Haryana since 2017, and throughout his tenure, he has undertaken significant work in resolving electricity-related issues. Advocate Pravesh Sharma's initial appointment to this position was as a Director of the Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (Southern Haryana Electricity Distribution Corporation). Recognising his competence, he was re-appointed to the Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam, and subsequently—for the second consecutive time—he has been entrusted with the same responsibility at the Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (Northern Haryana Electricity Distribution Corporation). Speaking on the occasion, Pravesh Sharma shared that, among the various companies across the country responsible for overseeing electricity distribution, Haryana's DISCOM (Distribution Company) ranks third in terms of operational efficiency.

NIILM University successfully organises industrial tour for students



SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL: School of Commerce and Management, NIILM University Kaithal successfully organized an industrial visit to Yakult Danone Private Limited, Rai, Sonipat with the aim of providing practical experience to the students and enhancing their understanding of industrial operations. This visit was organized by Dean Dr. R.K. Gupta and Dean (Commerce and Management) Dr. Rekha Gupta. He wished the students all the best and appreciated this initiative to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical education. The industrial visit was efficiently organized by Professors Reena Devi and Manish Mor, who ensured smooth coordination and active participation of the students throughout the program. In the industry, the students were warmly welcomed by Mr. Shagun and introduced them to the organizational environment and operations. A detailed and informative presentation was given by Yakult faculty, giving information on the company's production process, quality standards and marketing strategies. Students of the Faculty of Commerce and Management actively participated in the visit and gained valuable knowledge and real-world experience, making the visit extremely informative. Students actively participated in the industrial visit and gained valuable knowledge and real world experience.

Lucknow's Pooja Garg becomes FICCI FLO's 43rd National President



BUREAU
LUCKNOW: The FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) proudly announces that Pooja Garg from Lucknow has assumed office as the 43rd National President of FLO for the 2026–27 term. Addressing a press conference today at Hotel Fortune on Jopling Road, she stated that during her one-year tenure, she would focus on empowering women. To this end, she intends to create an enabling ecosystem that fosters entrepreneurship, industrial participation, and the economic advancement of women. Under her leadership, FLO will undertake several initiatives to encourage greater contributions by women to India's industrial and economic growth narrative. Newly appointed National President Pooja Garg remarked, "As I take on the responsibility of leading this extraordinary collective of women across India, my vision is clear and deeply committed: to strengthen FLO from within and to expand its impact on a broader scale. This guiding theme—'Strength Within, Scale Beyond'—reflects a strategic focus on institutional excellence, enhanced coordination among chapters, and a bold expansion of our national and global influence." She added, "FLO is not merely a network; it is a powerful institution built on the pillars of leadership, entrepreneurship, collaboration, and meaningful impact. It represents the collective power of women shaping India's economic and social future.

`Pravesh Utsav' celebrated at Thamber Govt School; students welcomed with tilak



JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA: At the Government Senior Secondary School, Thamber, the 'Pravesh Utsav' (Admission Festival) was once again celebrated with great enthusiasm to encourage students transferring from private schools for the 2026-27 academic session. During the event, students transitioning from Class 5 to Class 6, and those moving from Class 8 to Class 9, were warmly welcomed with floral garlands and the application of a tilak. On this occasion, the school Principal, Manbhavani Bhalla, encouraged the students and extended her best wishes for their bright future. Subsequently, an awareness rally was organised within Thamber village as part of the admission drive campaign. Through slogans and street plays, the students urged the villagers to enroll their children in the Thamber Government School.

Naveen Jindal Foundation's medical van provides free medical services



YAGYADUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: With the objective of conducting health check-ups for people right at their doorsteps, the medical van operated by MP Naveen Jindal's foundation arrived in the villages of Kanthla and Malikpur on Friday. On this occasion, a team led by Dr. Puran Mal examined the health of 60 individuals and provided them with free medicines. Additionally, free laboratory tests were conducted for five of these individuals. Speaking on the occasion, Kanthla Sarpanch Malak Singh stated that MP Naveen Jindal's vision is to provide healthcare services to people right near their homes, thereby offering them relief from expensive medical care that is increasingly becoming out of the common man's reach.

PO staff team arrests fugitive absconding for a year



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Police spokesperson stated that District Police is currently conducting special drive to apprehend fugitive accused persons and bail jumpers.Acting under directives of SP Kamaldeep Goyal in this regard, Proclaimed Offender Staff team has achieved another significant success.Team has arrested accused who had been declared a fugitive by the court nearly a year ago, and has produced him before court for further legal proceedings. Police spokesperson further informed that a special team was constituted under leadership of Inspector Jagbir Singh, In-charge of the PO Staff, comprising ASI Ashwani, Head Constables Sandeep, Bijender, and Mahavir, and Woman Constable Sonia. Through a concerted effort and acting on a tip-off, team successfully arrested Krishan, resident of Shanti Colony, Yamunanagar who had been absconding for year. Krishan was implicated in criminal case and had been declared a fugitive by Court due to his failure to appear for court hearings.Accused had been evading police and remaining at large for nearly a year; thanks to team's vigilance and persistent efforts, he was finally apprehended.

Wheat procurement halted at Indri Grain Market due to high moisture; arrivals remain sluggish



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: While government procurement of wheat commenced across state on April 1, procurement process at Indri grain market has not yet fully taken off. The primary reason cited for this delay is the excessive moisture content in wheat which has also resulted in sluggish arrivals at market. Market administration has completed all necessary preparations to ensure the convenience of farmers. Special attention has been paid to sanitation, drinking water, and other amenities within the market to ensure that farmers do not face any difficulties. This season, three agencies—the DFC, HAFED, and Warehouse Corporation—will be responsible for procuring wheat at the market. Sumer Chand Kamboj, President of the Market Association, stated that wheat arrivals are currently very low due to the high moisture levels.

Moot Court final competition successfully organised in Ambedkar Law College, Kurukshetra

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, APR 3



On Friday the final competition of Moot Court was organized very successfully and dignified at Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Law College, Kurukshetra. The theme of the competition was "Matrimonial Dispute", through which the participants displayed excellent knowledge of legal provisions, judicial approach and advocacy skills. College President ShriIshwar Singh and Management Committee member Kashish were present as special guests in the program. In the final round, District Deputy Commissioner, Kurukshetra - Vishram Kumar Meena, Dr. Priyanka Choudhary, Assistant Professor, Law Department, Kurukshetra University, and Advocate Kuldeep from District Bar Association, Kurukshetra, as the jury in the final round, further enhanced the dignity of the competition by providing impartial and scholarly evaluation. On this occasion, District Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena, while appreciating the students, said that such competitions were very helpful in building the bright future of law students and played an important role in strengthening the society and the legal system. The competition saw high level competition among different teams, in which first year students Simran and Navneen got first position on the basis of excellent reasoning and presentation. In the competition, Navneet Kaur got the title of best researcher, Sakshi was the best speaker and the team of Radhika, Payal Sharma, Payal got the title of best memorial.

GNDU College Sujanpur records excellent result in MA Punjabi Semester-III



SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT: Guru Nanak Dev University College, Sujanpur, has recorded an excellent result in the MA Punjabi Semester-III examinations conducted by Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. Students of the college delivered an impressive performance, bringing laurels to the institution. Sharing this information, college Principal Dr Satinder Kaur Kahlon said that under the able guidance of Dr Vishal Kumar, Head of the Postgraduate Punjabi Department, the result of MA Punjabi Semester-III remained outstanding. Komal Devi secured the first position in the college by obtaining 67 per cent marks. Manisha and Shivani jointly bagged the second position with 62 per cent marks each, while Akash secured the third position with 60 per cent marks. On this occasion, Dr Kahlon congratulated the position holders and also appreciated the efforts of the Punjabi Department faculty members — Dr Vishal Kumar, Prof Sukhdeep Kaur, Dr Gurjit Kaur and Prof Geetanjali — whose dedication helped the students achieve excellent results.

Alleged exam paper tampering case in Jhanduta sparks outrage, forensic findings raise serious questions

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, APR 3



An alleged case of examination answer sheet tampering from Jhanduta has triggered widespread concern, after students and their families claimed serious irregularities in the evaluation process, calling for strict action and accountability. At a press conference held at the Circuit House in Bilaspur, students from Government Senior Secondary School, Jyora—including Ankit Kumar, Monika, Anjali, Shreshtha Bharti, Shalini, Nidhi Sharma, and Akshay Kumar—along with their families, alleged that discrepancies emerged following the declaration of results. They claimed that despite strong academic performance, several students received unexpectedly low marks, particularly in Drawing. According to the families, the answer sheets allegedly remained at the examination center for a period before being dispatched to the Board, raising concerns over possible lapses. Based on complaints submitted to the School Education Board, an inquiry was initiated, and as per information accessed, a forensic report has allegedly indicated irregularities in handwriting and recorded answers on certain answer sheets. Officials, however, are yet to publicly confirm the final conclusions. The families further alleged that the issue appears to be limited to 11 students from the Jyora school, intensifying suspicion. They also claimed that the same location was allegedly used both as an examination center and a collection center, which they believe may be against prescribed norms.

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iQOO 15 Arrives in Apex Colour

CHANDIGARH: iQOO announced the launch of the iQOO 15 Apex, a new color variant of the flagship iQOO 15. Building on the succes
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particle design with laser holographic technology, creating a fluid 3D-like effect that shifts with light, making the device feel alive in motion. Featuring the industry's best, Samsung 2K M14 LEAD OLED panel, the iQOO 15 display delivers significantly higher resolution than conventional FHD+ screens, resulting in sharper text, more detailed visuals, and superior color accuracy. Whether it's spotting fin
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visibility even under harsh sunlight.

NEWS BRIEF

Allied Blenders & Distillers Onboards Industry Stalwart Amar Sinha

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Allied Blenders and Distillers Limited (ABD), India's largest domestic spirits company by volume, announced that the Board of Directors approved the appointment of Mr. Amar Sinha as Managing Director (MD) Designate effective 2nd April 2026. As Mr. Alok Gupta's tenure as Managing Director nears completion, Mr. Amar Sinha's appointment aligns with ABD's strategy of value creation and long-term growth and underscores the Company's commitment to a seamless leadership transition. Mr. Amar Sinha brings over three decades of leadership experience across the alco beverage and consumer sectors. Over the course of his career, he has led corporations through phases of transformation and growth while building strong brands and businesses.

Franklin Templeton Announces Launch of Sapphire Equity Long-Short SIF – Its First Specialised Investment Fund Strategy

CHANDIGARH: Franklin Templeton (India) today announced the launch of Sapphire Equity Long-Short SIF, its first offering under the Specialised Investment Funds (SIF). It is an Equity Long Short Fund under the SIF framework, investing across Nifty 500 stocks to enable diversified exposure across large, mid and small-cap segments. Sapphire Equity Long-Short SIF aims to seek long-term capital appreciation across market cycles, through a proprietary, model-driven quantitative strategy, anchored in disciplined stock selection, dynamic allocation, and robust risk management. The NFO for Sapphire Equity Long-Short SIF will be open for subscription from April 10, 2026, to April 24, 2026.

Gaudium IVF Introduces AI-Led Infertility Treatment, Marking an Industry First in India

LUDHIANA: Gaudium IVF, an innovation leader and a pioneering force in India's fertility healthcare sector, has introduced artificial intelligence (AI)-led infertility treatment, marking yet another industry first—just one month after becoming India's first publicly listed IVF chain. The development involves the integration of advanced AI-driven embryology systems, including SiD (Sperm Identification Device) and ERICA (Embryo Ranking Intelligent Classification Assistant), into routine clinical practice. This milestone was formally inaugurated by Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari, Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, who emphasised the role of innovation and technology in shaping the nation's future. Commenting on the development, Dr. Manika Khanna, Chairperson and Managing Director, Gaudium IVF, said, "Fertility care is entering a new era where precision and intelligence will define outcomes.

Turkish Airlines Adds Timişoara as Its Fourth Destination in Romania

CHANDIGARH: Turkish Airlines, the airline that flies to more countries than any other, has launched flights to Timi oara, marking its fourth destination in Romania following Bucharest, Cluj-Napoca, and Constanta. The launch of Timişoara flights, scheduled as five weekly frequencies, has increased the flag carrier's total weekly flight frequency in the country to 47. Commenting on the launch, Turkish Airlines CEO Bilal Ekşi stated: "Romania continues to be one of the strategically important markets for Turkish Airlines in Eastern Europe. The launch of our Timi oara flights expands our presence to a fourth city in the country, offering our guests more travel options while strengthening access to our Istanbul-centered unparalleled global network. We believe that this new route will contribute to both commercial and tourism activity in the region."

Sonalika Tractors Posts Record FY'26 sales of 1,80,504 Tractors in Its Landmark 30th year!

CHANDIGARH: Sonalika Tractors has registered an all-time high 1,80,504 tractor sales in FY '26.The achievement reflects the company's disciplined execution, farmer-first approach, and continued focus on delivering technologically advanced, heavy-duty tractors. This staggering achievement also reflects the ever-growing trust of farmers and company's readiness and strong synergy to meet the diverse agricultural needs across different regions. At a time when the global environment is full of challenges, Sonalika has maintained tremendous momentum through focused execution, product innovation and manufacturing excellence at its World's No. 1 tractor plant. On the back of its exciting launches in FY'26, Sonalika is poised to strengthen its Research and Development (R&D) capabilities to deliver cutting-edge solutions for driving future growth.

Axis Finance Launches AI Monitoring of Collection Calls, Sets New Benchmark in Customer Protection

CHANDIGARH:– Axis Finance Limited (AFL), one of India's fastest-growing non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), today announced the rollout of a fully AI-led quality monitoring framework for its collection calls, aimed at elevating customer protection, strengthening compliance, and reinforcing fair, transparent and responsible communication during repayment interactions. Commenting on the initiative, Sai Giridhar, Managing Director & CEO, Axis Finance Limited said, "At Axis Finance, we remain committed to strengthening customer trust through responsible and transparent practices. The introduction of our AI-led monitoring framework reinforces this commitment by ensuring every interaction is conducted with fairness, clarity and respect. Technology continues to play an important role in deepening governance across our processes, and this initiative further supports our focus on building customer-centric, compliant and well-supervised operations."This development is part of Axis Finance's broader commitment to responsible lending, customer-first operations, and governance-driven processes.

Royal Stag Unveils 'Live It Large' Campaign with Star-Studded Line-up

AMRITSAR/JALANDHAR/LUDHIANA: Seagram's Royal Stag Packaged Drinking Water has launched its new campaign, 'Live It Large', marking a major evolution in the brand's journey and positioning it as a cultural voice for today's aspirational youth.
The campaign features a diverse mix of prominent personalities, including Rohit Sharma, Jasprit Bumrah, Badshah, Sidharth Malhotra, Naga Chaitanya, and Payal Dhare. Each personality represents the bold, confident, and expressive mindset that defines the brand's "Generation Large" philosophy. Speaking on the launch, Debasree Dasgupta, Chief Marketing Officer at Pernod Ricard India, said the campaign celebrates ambition, individuality, and cultural diversity across India. She emphasised that "Living It Large" is about owning one's journey and redefining success beyond conventional boundaries.

Punjab Govt committed to spreading Guru Ji's teachings worldwide: Bhagat



BUNNY SHODHI

JALANDHAR: Punjab Horticulture, Freedom Fighters and Defence Services Welfare Minister Mohinder Bhagat and Advisor to the Tourism and Cultural Affairs Department Deepak Bali today flagged off the Damri Yatra for Haridwar by a special train from the local City Railway Station under the guidance of Sant Nirmal Dass Ji Jode Wale, Sant Pragat Nath and other saints and spiritual leaders. On this occasion, Chabbewal MLA Dr. Ishank Kumar and Chairman District Planning Committee Amritpal Singh were also present.

Addressing the gathering, the Cabinet Minister called upon people to adopt the teachings of Shri Guru Ravidas Maharaj Ji in their lives for the creation of an egalitarian society. He said that Shri Guru Ravidas Ji gave the message of mutual love and brotherhood to the entire humanity. He said that Guru Ji's teachings will always continue to guide mankind and inspire people to rise above differences of caste, religion and race.

Mr. Bhagat said that the Punjab Government is making tireless efforts to spread Guru Ravidas Ji's message of universal brotherhood to every corner of the world. He also said that the state government has chalked out extensive programmes to celebrate the upcoming 650th Parkash Purab of Guru Ravidas Ji on a large scale.

Advisor to the Tourism and Cultural Affairs Department Deepak Bali extended greetings to the devotees for the Damri Yatra. He said that those nations always move forward and progress which remember their Gurus, saints and spiritual leaders and follow the path shown by them. He said that the Punjab Government is also continuously working for the welfare and prosperity of every section of society by following the path shown by our great Gurus and saints.

On this occasion, Sant Satwinder Heera, Behan Santosh, AAP leader Rajwinder Kaur Thiara, Dinesh Dhall, besides members of the Sant community and a large number of devotees, were present.

TAFE Crosses 214,000 Tractor Sales in Fy26

CHANDIGARH - Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited (TAFE), one of the world's leading tractor manufacturers and India's second-largest tractor company, announced a record performance in FY26, with tractor sales approximately 2,14,951 units, the highest ever in the company's history. TAFE concluded the fiscal year on a particularly strong note, delivering 37.4% growth in March 2026, a substantial achievement against the domestic industry growth of 29% for the month. The faster than industry growth reflects TAFE's strong product line-up, deep farmer connect, and consistent demand across key agricultural regions. Commenting on the performance, Dr.Lakshmi Venu, Vice Chairman, TAFE, said, "This has been a very positive year for both the tractor market and for farmers across the country. In addition to favourable monsoons, the government's move to reduce GST has provided significant relief to the farming sector. We are now seeing a very encouraging trend in the penetration of mechanisation in rural areas. This year marks a meaningful shift in the access to mechanisation for small farmers with many first time users entering the mechanization ecosystem. This will go a long way in improving farm productivity and strengthening farmer incomes across the country. At TAFE, we have remained sharply focused on the rapidly evolving preferences of our customers in this sector, and it is this focus that has enabled us to perform well in the market this year."



New Renault Duster Launched in India

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA-- Renault India, the wholly owned subsidiary of French carmaker – Renault Group, today announced the launch of the all-new Renault Duster, with turbo petrol prices starting at INR 10.49 Lakh (ex-showroom Delhi) and dispatches now underway nationwide. Built on the advanced Renault Group Modular Platform (RGMP), the new Renault Duster has been developed with a clear focus on structural robustness, efficiency and future-readiness. Its true SUV proportions, best in segment approach and departure angles and high ground clearance reinforce off-road credibility while supporting everyday usability.
According to Francisco Hidalgo, Vice President – Sales & Marketing, Renault India, "The new Renault Duster reflects exactly what Indian customers expect today: strong performance, real-world durability and everyday usability. With 163 PS from the Turbo TCe 160 and the advanced RGMP platform, it delivers genuine gains in ride, handling and robustness. Backed by flexible ownership options including subscription and a 7-year warranty, the SUV is engineered for how India actually drives."
The new Renault Duster combines strong performance with best ride and handling, engineered and tested specifically for Indian driving conditions. The Turbo TCe 160 delivers 163 PS and 280 Nm, paired with either a 6-speed wet-clutch DCT calibrated for Indian conditions or a 6-speed manual transmission. Vehicle dynamics have been validated by IDIADA across ride, handling, steering and braking performance, with the chassis tuned for stability, comfort and confidence across varied Indian road surfaces.
Inside, the driver-focused cockpit features improved ergonomics, strong outward visibility and enhanced seating comfort, alongside Google Automotive Services integrated into the OpenR Link multimedia system for seamless access to Google Maps, Google Assistant and Google Play.
The new Duster is offered in five trims: Authentic, Evolution, Techno, Techno+ and Iconic. Key highlights include full LED lighting, OpenR Link multimedia with Google built-in, panoramic sunroof and electric powered tailgate, ventilated front seats, dual-zone climate control, 17 ADAS features, and a 360-degree camera

'Gach Laage' From Haryanvi Superstar Masoom Sharma's Most Awaited Film Licence Out Now



ROHTAK : The teaser and trailer of the most awaited Haryanvi film Licence received an overwhelming response, the makers of the film have now released the music video for the first song Gach Laage. Featuring Haryanvi superstar Masoom Sharma, the song also stars the iconic dance performer Sapna Choudhary, along with KD DesiRock and Rakhi Lochab. The powerful collaboration brings together some of the most celebrated names in the Haryanvi entertainment industry.
'Gach Laage' is blend of traditional Haryanvi beats and contemporary music, paired with vibrant visuals and captivating performances. Sapna Choudhary's dynamic screen presence and signature dance style adds a special charm to the track, while Masoom Sharma's vocals bring depth and authenticity, alongside KD DesiRock, whose signature style adds a modern twist, and Rakhi Lochab, brings grace and charm to the screen. Composed and sung by Masoom Sharma the song showcases a perfect blend of traditional Haryanvi flavour and foot tapping musical elements. The lyrics, penned by Ajmer Balambiya, bring authenticity and cultural richness, resonating strongly with the audience. Produced by Thinker, 'Gach Laage' stands out with its high-quality production, vibrant visuals, and engaging choreography.

Successful Completion of the Second Phase of "Atom on Wheels" Campaign in Haryana



HISAR –Under the nationwide nuclear energy public awareness campaign being run by the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL), Mumbai, which operates under the Government of India, the second phase of the "Atom on Wheels" mobile exhibition campaign in Haryana has been successfully concluded. This campaign was launched on January 6, 2026. Through this mobile exhibition, there is a plan to create awareness across 6 states in the country about the utility, practicality, and safety of nuclear energy at the grassroots level. The exhibition was flagged off on January 6, 2026, by Project Director Mr. Satyajit Rath at the Gorakhpur Haryana Nuclear Power Project. The objective was to spread awareness among the villages located in the vicinity of the upcoming plant, helping people understand the benefits and usefulness of nuclear energy and addressing their concerns and apprehensions.
Under this campaign, approximately 46,140 people from 140 villages in Fatehabad and Hisar districts were made aware of nuclear energy. Efforts were made to eliminate misconceptions related to nuclear power among the public. Awareness activities were conducted across tehsils in both Fatehabad and Hisar districts, covering a total of 140 villages. During the program, the Sarpanch of Gunjar Gram Panchayat in Hisar tehsil stated that the campaign helped people understand that the upcoming nuclear plant would lead to development, progress, and prosperity in the surrounding region.

Daikin India Inaugurates New Office Extension in Karnal; Unveils High-Efficiency 2026 AC Range and AI-Powered VRV Alpha Series

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL – Daikin Airconditioning India Pvt. Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Daikin Industries Ltd., Japan, inaugurated its new and upgraded office in Karnal. The ceremony was led by Chairman & Managing Director - Kanwaljeet Jawa, and attended by dealers, employees, and



media.The ceremony also featured the screening of a video clip in which Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, while addressing a gathering, cited Daikin's success to underscore the 'Make in India' message.
Daikin also announced the launch of its 2026 product lineup, introducing a new generation of Room Air Conditioners and the advanced VRV Alpha series—marking a significant step forward in energy efficiency and smart climate control.
Commenting on the launch, Kanwaljeet Jawa said, "Our 2026 range reflects Daikin's commitment to delivering reliable, energy-efficient solutions tailored for Indian conditions. With over 60 models and expanded manufacturing capacity, we are well positioned to meet growing demand while contributing to a more sustainable HVAC ecosystem."
The new Room AC range is designed to meet and exceed the latest BEE 2026 star rating standards, delivering superior performance, energy savings, and durability. Key features include advanced air purification, inverter technology, IoT-enabled smart controls, anti-corrosion protection, and reliable cooling performance even in extreme temperatures up to 54°C.

ASC to Face GB Legends Chandigarh in Maharaja Ranjit Singh Polo Final

CHANDIGARH: The Army Service Corps (ASC) will hosts GB Legends Chandigarh in the final of the Maharaja Ranjit Singh Polo Tournament, being organised by the Indian Polo Association in collaboration with the Chandigarh Polo Association at the Polo Club on Saturday.
ASC stormed into the final with a commanding 15–5 victory over Haryana in a one-sided semifinal clash. Despite Haryana starting with a four-goal handicap, the Army side quickly closed the gap with early strikes from Sepoy Mukesh Gujjar and Col Yatinder Singh, levelling the score at 4–4 by the end of the first chakkar.
In the second chakkar, Haryana's Deepak Walia, Sepoy Amar Singh and Jatinder Singh attempted to regain control, but ASC's defence held firm. Col Yatinder Singh dominated proceedings, scoring five goals, while Sepoy Ravinder Singh added two and Mukesh Gujjar contributed one, pushing ASC to a commanding 12–4 lead. ASC continued their dominance in the final chakkar, adding three more goals. Haryana managed just one goal through Sepoy Amar Singh, as the match concluded 15–5 in favour of the Army team. Earlier, former MP Kirron Kher inaugurated the match with the ceremonial ball throw during the ladies' special evening "Hats & Boots".

Xiaomi Launches REDMI Note 15 Special Edition with a Premium Design and All-Day Endurance

Chandigarh : Xiaomi India today announced the launch of the REDMI Note 15 Special Edition, a smartphone that brings together refined design, immersive visuals, and intelligent features in a form factor built for the



way users live, create, and stay connected. Designed to deliver a seamless experience across entertainment, communication, and everyday productivity.The REDMI Note 15 Special Edition features a 6.77-inch curved AMOLED display with FHD+ resolution and a refresh rate of up to 120Hz, ensuring smooth visuals across browsing, streaming, and gaming. With peak brightness of up to 3200 nits and support for a wide colour gamut, the display remains vivid and clear across varied lighting conditions, from indoor viewing to bright outdoor environments.This immersive experience is complemented by a sleek 3D-curved design, with a thickness starting at just 7.35mm and a weight of approximately 178g, offering a comfortable grip and a premium in-hand feel. Triple TÜV certifications further enhance viewing comfort during extended usage.Offered in three distinctive colourways — Crimson Reserve, Carbon Black, and Frosted White, the REDMI Note 15 Special Edition is designed to complement individual style while reinforcing its premium identity. Every detail, from display to finish, is thoughtfully considered to create a device that feels as exceptional as it looks.Powered by the Snapdragon® 6 Gen 3 mobile platform built on a 4nm process, the device delivers efficient and reliable performance across multitasking, content consumption, and gaming.

vivo Unveils V70 FE with 200MP Ultra-Clear Imaging

CHANDIGARH : vivo India unveiled the vivo V70 FE in India, further strengthening the V series legacy of design and imaging innovation.



Building on the momentum of the V70 series, the V70 FE is designed for consumers seeking a balanced premium experience, together with flagship-grade imaging, design innovation, and dependable everyday performance.
The smartphone features a 200MP OIS Ultra-Clear Main Camera with an AI Photography Suite, a northern lights-inspired design with vivo's First Darkness Glow Technology, and a 7000 mAh battery with 90W Flash Charge for reliable all-day performance, making it a strong all-rounder in its segment.
The vivo V70 FE will be available in Northern Lights Purple and Monsoon Blue, and will be priced at INR 37,999 for the 8+128GB variant, INR 40,999 for the 8+256GB and INR 44,999 for the 12 + 256GB variant inclusive of all taxes. The device will be available for purchase starting 9th April 2026 across vivo official website, Flipkart, Amazon and partner retail stores.

Chetak Screen Awards: Dhurandhar leads with 24 nods; Saiyaara and Homebound follow ahead of April 5 ceremony

AMRITSAR/LUDHIANA--: Screen Academy has unveiled the full slate of nominees across 31 categories for its upcoming Chetak Screen Awards ceremony on April 5, celebrating the best of Hindi cinema and OTT from 2025.
Aditya Dhar's spy thriller Dhurandhar received the highest number of nominations at 24, with Mohit Suri's Saiyaara earning 17 and Neeraj Ghaywan's Homebound picking up 15. The nominations span theatrical and OTT releases, reflecting the breadth and evolution of contemporary Indian storytelling.
Having been established in 1995, the Screen Awards are anchored in editorial integrity and governed by the Screen Academy, an independent, not-for-profit body of more than 50 acclaimed filmmakers, artistes, and cultural voices. Over 95% of Academy members participated in the evaluation process, with an average of 38–40 members scoring each category using a trimmed mean (Olympic) methodology to ensure fairness and neutrality.

realme 16 5G Launched in India with Slim Air Design, 7000mAh Battery, AI Cameras

HISAR : realme has launched its latest smartphone, the realme 16 5G, in India, targeting young consumers with a strong focus on photography, design, and long-lasting performance. Priced starting at ₹28,999, the device is positioned as one of the best options in the sub-₹30,000



segment and will be available via realme.com, Flipkart, and offline retail channels. The realme 16 5G comes equipped with an AI-powered dual 50MP portrait camera system, featuring a Sony IMX852 rear sensor along with a 50MP front camera. The setup is designed to deliver sharp, true-to-life portraits across different lighting conditions. A standout feature is the industry-first rear selfie mirror paired with an Aura Ring Flash, allowing users to capture high-quality selfies using the rear camera. Additional features such as gesture control, voice countdown, and AI-based editing tools further enhance the overall photography experience. The smartphone packs a massive 7000mAh battery supported by 60W fast charging, ensuring extended usage without frequent charging. Despite the large battery capacity, the device maintains a slim and lightweight "Air Design" with an aircraft-grade structural build.

Commenting on the launch, Francis Wong, Chief Marketing Officer, realme India, said, "The smartphone industry is undergoing a clear price reset, with users expecting far greater value at every price band. With the launch of the realme 16 5G, we are responding by bringing meaningful innovations and a reliable, long-term experience." Kailash Lakhyani, Founder Chairman of AIMRA, added, "The combination of an ultra-slim design, a 7000mAh battery, and dual 50MP cameras offers strong value and is expected to see wide acceptance in retail markets."

Alia Bhatt to Host Chetak Screen Awards 2026, Celebrating 'Credible Cinema'

CHANDIGARH: National Award-winning actor Alia Bhatt is set to host the prestigious Chetak Screen Awards 2026, which will be broadcast on Sony Entertainment Television. The announcement comes with



a high-energy promo that has already created a buzz across the film industry. In the promo, Alia delivers a powerful and playful monologue, promising a night focused purely on "credible cinema." With her trademark charm, she dismisses dramatic clichés and invites audiences to witness a celebration rooted in authenticity and excellence on April 5 at 8 PM. Positioned as one of India's most respected film honours, the Chetak Screen Awards emphasise merit and meaningful storytelling over glamour. The platform continues to stand out for recognising cinematic excellence based solely on performance and craft. This year's nominations feature a strong lineup. In the Best Actor (Male) category, contenders include Ranveer Singh (Dhurandhar), Vicky Kaushal (Chhaava), Manoj Bajpayee (Jugnuma: The Fable), Siddhant Chaturvedi (Dhadak 2), and Ishaan Khatter (Homebound).
The Best Actor (Female) category is equally competitive, with nominations for Kriti Sanon (Tere Ishq Mein), Triptii Dimri (Dhadak 2), Yami Gautam Dhar (Haq), Radhika Apte (Sister Midnight), and Konkona Sen Sharma (Metro… In Dino). The grand ceremony will air on April 5 at 8:00 PM on Sony Entertainment Television and stream on Sony LIV.

AGI Infra Limited Honoured by Hockey Legends for Promoting Sports in Punjab

BUNNY SODHI

JALANDHAR: AGI Infra Limited and its Managing Director Sardar Sukhdev Singh were honoured and appreciated by top officials of the Punjab Hockey Association and renowned hockey legends during a prestigious hockey championship held at Mithapur Hockey Stadium. In his message, Sardar Sukhdev Singh praised the efforts of the organisers, including the Punjab Hockey Association and Youth Sports Club Mithapur, for successfully hosting the championship for young players. He expressed satisfaction that the club is guiding village youth in a positive direction through its hockey academy, which has over 100 players. Surinder Bhambri, who represented AGI Infra Limited at the event, also appreciated the organisers and highlighted the strong support of villagers in promoting sports. He noted that such efforts have helped produce international players and Olympians like Pargat Singh, Manpreet Singh, Mandeep Singh, Swarup Singh and Kulwant Singh. During the event, outstanding players were honoured with prizes in the presence of Chief Guest Pargat Singh. Surinder Bhambri assured that AGI Infra Limited will continue to support such initiatives to promote sports and help keep youth away from drugs.



JioGames Concludes VALORANT Campus Cup at the Chitkara University

CHANDIGARH: JioGames, the digital gaming platform of Jio Platforms Limited, announced the successful conclusion of the inaugural JioGames VALORANT Campus Cup (VCC), a nationwide collegiate esports initiative designed to establish structured competitive pathways for student gamers across India. The Grand Finale was conducted on March 30–31, 2026, at the JioGames Innovation Centre at Chitkara University, Punjab. JECRC University, Jaipur emerged as the national champion, with PES University, Bangalore finishing as runners-up. The tournament brought together participation from 32 institutions across India, representing one of the largest structured collegiate esports engagements in the country to date. The JioGames VALORANT Campus Cup was executed through a multi-stage competitive format comprising Intra-campus selection rounds, Inter-collegiate national qualifiers and Knockout-stage playoffs and Grand Finale The initiative was delivered in collaboration with Riot Games and powered by ecosystem partners including MSI, CyberPowerPC and Ant Esports, enabling standardized competitive conditions and infrastructure across participating campuses. The journey to the podium was navigated by four standout squads: JECRC University (led by Rohit Madhu), IIT Roorkee (led by Satyam Prasad), PES University (led by Rahul Gopalan), and MIT Pune (led by Om Deshpande).



Dettol Launches new Campaign celebrating a mother's instinct to protect

AMRITSAR/JALANDHAR/LUDHIANA : Dettol, India's leading germ protection brand, launches a heartfelt new campaign for its iconic Dettol Antiseptic Liquid, with an emotion-led narrative that strengthens the brand's connection with families while highlighting its unmatched protection. Built on the universal truth of a mother's instinctive care, the campaign brings to life the thought: "Nothing protects like Mom & Dettol." For generations, Dettol has been more than just a product, it has been a reassuring presence in moments of vulnerability. The new film captures this emotional essence through a tender moment set in the lively chaos of a shaadi ka ghar. The film concludes with the message: "Apnon ki suraksha ka mazboot sahara." It reaffirms Dettol's timeless place in Indian homes, standing beside mothers in moments where love is instinctive, and protection is assured.

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Cabinet Minister Arora Honours Dr. Anshu Kataria with National Leadership Award

MOHALI (SHASHI PAL JAIN): Dr. Anshu Kataria, President, Punjab Unaided Colleges Association (PUCA) and Chairman, Aryans Group of Colleges, has been conferred with the prestigious 'Best Leader of Unaided Colleges of India' award by Cabinet Minister Sh. Sanjeev Arora at the Iconic Leadership Awards held at Radisson Red, Zirakpur. Expressing gratitude, Dr. Kataria thanked the Minister and stated that PUCA has been consistently working for the growth and welfare of unaided colleges in Punjab. He further highlighted that the association is now expanding at the national level with a vision to bring nearly 8,000 technical institutions onto a unified platform.



He added PUCA has already united with Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana, with plans to extend across the country to guide youth, strengthen the education ecosystem, and contribute towards making India a global superpower by 2040, in line with the vision of the Prime Minister of India.

It is noteworthy that Dr. Kataria's journey is highly inspiring — from being a school dropout after 10th to earning a Doctorate from UBS, Panjab University, Chandigarh. He began his career by working in various colleges across Punjab and later established the Aryans Group of Colleges. Over the years, he has emerged as a prominent educationist, currently serving as President of PUCA, President of the Federation of Self Financing Technical Institutions (FSFTI), All India, and Co-Chairman of the Joint Association of Colleges (JAC). Established in 2015, PUCA has been actively working for the welfare and advancement of unaided colleges across Punjab. The association has taken up several key issues related to policy, regulations, and academics, many of which have been successfully resolved in the interest of institutions and students. It continues to serve as a strong unified platform for addressing concerns and strengthening the education ecosystem.

BKS delegation meets Agriculture Minister; submits memo on issues in wheat season

RADOUR (NIRMAL SAINI): A delegation of Bharatiya Kisan Sangh met with Agriculture Minister Shyam Singh Rana at his residence. During meeting, a memorandum was submitted to Agriculture Minister addressing difficulties farmers are encountering during ongoing wheat season. Sangh's State General Secretary, Ramveer Singh Chauhan and District Secretary, Vikas Rana, stated that farmers are facing hardships due to new regulations implemented by government during wheat season. Biometric system introduced by government has not been well-received by farmers. Time-slot condition imposed for selling wheat is anti-farmer and should be revoked. This is because many small farmers transport their produce to grain market using rented tractors and trolleys; government's stipulation regarding specific time slots is causing distress among these farmers. Subsidy amount earmarked by government for vegetable and garlic-producing farmers for 2025–2026 period has not yet been disbursed to beneficiaries. Government must ensure that benefits of this scheme are extended to eligible farmers as soon as possible. He gave assurances that steps would be taken to resolve these issues.



Rotary Intl Pres-Elect Olayinka Hakeem Babalola: "Rotary's Strategic Priorities Include the Global Mission to End Polio."



ZIRAKPUR(MOHALI): As a mark of collective commitment of Rotaractors and Rotarians, Rotary International President-Elect Olayinka Hakeem Babalola highlighted global priorities, stressing the need for fast-paced inclusive global development. Babalola was sharing his views with media persons along-with KP Nagesh, RI Director (2025–27), Bengaluru & District Governor-Elect (District 3080-India) Rtn. Dr. Rita Kalra on the occasion of the 'Srijan 2026 – A New Beginning', a landmark Presidents-Elect and Secretaries-Elect Learning Seminar (PELS/SELS)' being held at Hotel Park Plaza, Zirakpur.

It is pertinent to state that Rotary International is a global service organization with over 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders in 45,000+ clubs worldwide. Founded in 1905, it focuses on humanitarian service, high ethical standards, and world peace.

Babalola said that Rotary as an organisation works for peace and called for an end of hostilities in West Asia. He said that the political leaders need to decide to end the war for the benefit of humanity. He said Rotary always helps people in war torn areas and works towards rehabilitating displaced communities. He added that Rotary enters after war ends and helps the people ravaged by violence. Babalola, a Rotaractor since 1984 and a Rotarian since 1994, told media persons that Rotary's strategic priorities included the global mission to end polio, expanding membership to 1.25 million members worldwide over the next five years and strengthening Global Grant partnerships focused on environment and sustainability, basic education and literacy, and disease prevention and treatment.

Lecture Highlights Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Journey and Rajasthan's Heritage

PATIALA: A special lecture on "Guru Gobind Singh Ji's journey from Talwandi Sabo to the South: Heritage of Rajasthan" was organised by the Punjabi University under the aegis of the Maharana Pratap Chair.

The lecture was delivered by noted historian Prof. Jaspal Kaur Dhanju, former Professor and Dean Research, who presented an in-depth account of the historic journey of Guru Gobind Singh Ji from Talwandi Sabo to the southern regions of India.

Highlighting Rajasthan's significant role during this journey, she elaborated on the region's rich historical and cultural heritage. She also emphasised the need to document lesser-explored aspects of Sikh history connected with Rajasthan, which remain underrepresented in mainstream discourse. Earlier, Dr. Sandeep Kaur, In-charge of the Maharana Pratap Chair and Head of the Department of History, introduced the topic and welcomed the gathering. The proceedings were conducted by Dr. Balraj Singh, while Prof. Daljit Singh delivered the vote of thanks. The event witnessed participation from over 150 students, researchers, and faculty members from various departments, reflecting keen interest in Sikh history and the shared heritage of Punjab and Rajasthan.

Half-Day holiday for schools, colleges In Pathankot on April 7

SHARANJEET

PATHANKOT: The district administration has announced a half-day holiday in all schools and colleges across Pathankot on April 7, 2026, in view of a grand Shobha Yatra marking the 490th birth anniversary of Goswami Shri Guru Nabha Das Maharaj. Deputy Commissioner Dr Pallavi issued the order, stating that the procession will be organised by the Goswami Shri Guru Nabha Das Mahasha Seva Samiti and will pass through various parts of the city. Due to the large-scale event, several traffic diversions will be in place across Pathankot. Keeping in mind public convenience, student safety, and the religious sentiments of devotees, the administration has directed all government and private educational institutions in the district to observe a half-day holiday. The move aims to ensure smooth conduct of the Shobha Yatra while minimising disruption and ensuring safety across the city.



Jyoti Gill Releases New Track 'Supna' After Success of Kadar EP



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA

RAMPURA PHUL: Punjabi singer Jyoti Gill has released her latest track 'Supna', following the strong response to her Kadar EP. The song has been launched under the label of Yaar Canadian and is already gaining popularity among listeners. Penned by lyricist Sukhi Dhillon, the song features music composed by Amaze. Producer Satnam Chhina stated that the project was completed under the direction of Davinder Raj. The video has been shot across multiple locations by Hammy Kahlon, with cinematography by Happy Singh and choreography by Diksha Chauhan. Editing has been handled by T.J. Tajinder, while artists including Satnam Chhinan, Era Chauhan, and Manju Mahal have contributed to the project. The concept was developed by Kulwinder Kaur. Speaking to reporters, Jyoti Gill said that Supna has been released across all social media platforms and is receiving an encouraging response. She added that fans are активно creating reels on the track, further boosting its reach online. The singer also expressed gratitude to her audience for the success of her previous EP, stating that their continued support motivates her to bring more music in the future.

Ambuja Cements drives holistic school transformation in Nawangram, Nalagarh

SHIMLA: Ambuja Cements, the 9th largest building materials solutions provider globally and part of the diversified Adani Portfolio, has strengthened education infrastructure and student development at Government Senior Secondary School (GSSS) and Government Primary School (GPS) Nawangram in Nalagarh, Solan district as part of its CSR initiatives. Nawangram, a village of 1,399 residents, earlier faced infrastructure gaps, water scarcity, limited transport access, and low higher education progression. GSSS (213 students) and GPS (60 students) required improved facilities and structured student engagement. Ambuja Cements supported construction of upgraded classrooms up to Class 12 (Arts stream), developed playgrounds, soak pits, boundary walls, entrance gates, handwash stations, toilets with water supply, a water cooler, a well-equipped science lab, BaLA artwork, and solar lighting for after-school use. Academic enrichment included STEM sessions, reading promotion programs, WASH and 5S awareness, safety workshops, and cultural activities. A GPS student successfully qualified for Navodaya Vidyalaya, reflecting strengthened academic foundations. Through the After School Program (ASP) and support to Azad Youth Sports Club, 40 students received professional Kabaddi coaching, leading to active participation in Panchayat, zonal, district, and state-level tournaments. The initiative improved discipline, fitness, and helped reduce youth engagement in harmful habits. With active involvement of School Management Committees, parents, and teachers, both schools have witnessed improved attendance, motivation, cleanliness, and overall learning environment, creating a sustainable model for rural education development.



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5	Horticulture work for upkeeping/ maintenance of lawn, park etc in the section of ADEN/UMB.	50,07,838	1,00,200	12 Months	27.04.2026

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Cowardly terror attack on Punjab BJP office in Chandigarh deserves strongest condemnation: Sanjay Tandon

CHANDIGARH: Senior BJP leader Sanjay Tandon has strongly condemned the terrorist attack on the Punjab BJP office in Chandigarh on Wednesday evening, terming it a "cowardly and deeply disturbing assault on democratic values." He stated that such incidents not only threaten the safety of political workers but also strike at the very foundation of India's democratic framework.

Expressing grave concern over the deteriorating law and order situation in Punjab, Tandon squarely blamed the AAP government for its "complete failure to take decisive and effective action against anti-social and extremist elements." He said that repeated warnings about rising threats have gone unheeded, emboldening those who seek to disrupt peace and stability in the state.

"The AAP government has done nothing vital to check the growing influence of disruptive forces. Their inaction has created an environment where such nefarious activities can take place with alarming ease," Tandon asserted in a statement.

Reiterating the BJP's firm resolve, he emphasized that the party will not be intimidated by such attacks. "This nefarious assault on a democratic political party will not be allowed to succeed in its criminal intent under any circumstances. Our commitment to serve the people and uphold democratic principles remains unshaken," he said.

Tandon also called upon law enforcement agencies to conduct a swift, transparent and thorough investigation to identify and bring the perpetrators to justice. He urged the Punjab government to rise above political considerations and take immediate, concrete steps to ensure the safety and security of all citizens and political institutions.

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Intending bidders should contact to the Branch Manager
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Place : Punjab & Chandigarh
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realme 16 5G Launched in India with Slim Air Design, 7000mAh Battery – Best Smartphone Under ₹30,000

CHANDIGARH: realme, the most popular smartphone brand among Indian youth, today announced the official launch of the realme 16 5G, a device crafted for a new generation of young users who express themselves through creativity, portrait photography, and everyday visual storytelling. With its AI-driven dual 50MP portrait cameras, breakthrough selfie innovations, and an ultra-light 7000mAh battery, the realme 16 5G redefines what a mid-range smartphone can offer.

With its advanced Dual 50MP Portrait Camera System featuring a 50MP front camera and a Sony IMX852 50MP rear camera, the realme 16 5G delivers an elevated AI Portrait Master experience tailored for a new generation of selfie-driven young users. The rear camera combines a large 1/2.93-inch sensor, an F1.8 aperture and autofocus capability to provide sharp detail and reliable image performance even in complex lighting conditions. The 50MP front camera complements this with natural skin tones and finely rendered facial features, making it well-suited for both individual selfies and group portraits abd making this the best smartphone under ₹30,000. Another standout feature is theindustry's first rear selfie mirror, which allows users to frame shots in real time when using the main camera, enhanced by an Aura Ring Flash for even lighting. With "Say Hi" gesture recognition and voice countdown, rear-camera selfies become more intuitive, interactive, and social.

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

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

Loan A/c Number / Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagers	Date & Amount of 13(2) Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of Property	Reserve Price For Property	Earnest Money For Property	Date & Time of E-Auction	Date of Bid Submission	E-Auction Place of Tender Submission	Contact Person and property visit date
A/c No.: L9001060132128619 **ANGURAL TRADERS (Borrower)**, SMT.Priyanka D/o Sham Lal (Co-Borrower), Pawan Kumar S/o Jagdish Raj (Co-Borrower)	14-Feb-2025 Rs. 2712191/- Rs. Twenty-Seven Lac Twelve Thousand One Hundred Ninety-One Only **As on 10-Feb-2025**	11-Nov-2025	Sale deed in favor of Pawan Kumar S/o Jagdish Raj, Jamabandi Year-2012-13, Hadbast no. 312, Khata/ Khatoni no. not Clear Mention in deed, Khasra no. 1758/509, 510, Vakiya Abadi Basti Danishmanda, Tehsil & district Jalandhar **Admeasuring 6 Marla (115 SQ MTR)**	Rs. 2900000/- Rs. Twenty-Nine Lakh Only.	Rs. 290000/- Rs. Two Lakh Ninety Thousand Only.	13-May-26 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM with unlimited extension of 5 minutes	On or Before 11-May-26	Au Small Finance Bank Ltd, Branch Office :- Basti Danishmanda, Vijay Nagar, Jalandhar, Punjab - 144001	Gurpreet Singh, 8288008784 & 9773358234, auctions@aubank.in visit date : 08-May-26

The terms and conditions of e-auction sale:-
(1.) The E-Auction sale of Secured Asset is on "as is where is" , "as is what is" , "whatever there is" and "no recourse" basis for and on behalf of the Secured Creditor viz. AUSFB and there is no known encumbrance which exists on the said property. **(2.)** For participating in online e-auction sale, Bid document, copies of PAN Card, Board Resolution in case of Company and photo ID, address proof are required to be submitted along with EMD, which is payable by way of **RTGS/NEFT/DD in the name of MSME AUCTION POOL ACCOUNT OF AU Small Finance Bank Limited, Current account No.1921201121711599** AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED Fifth and Sixth Floor Sunny Big Junction STC Khasra No. 64 to 67 ,Gram Sukhaipura New Atish Market Jaipur 302020, **IFSC Code: AUBL0002011,** Once an Online Bid is submitted, same cannot be withdrawn. Further any EMD submitted by bidder will be required to send the **UTR/Ref no/DD No of the RTGS/NEFT/DD** with a copy of cancelled cheque on the following **email IDs i.e. auctions@aubank.in (3.)** All interested participants / bidders are requested to visit the **website https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net & https://www.aubank.in/bank-auction** for further details including Terms & Conditions, to take part in e-auction sale proceeding and are also advised to contact **e-mail of auctions@aubank.in**
Please Note: - This is also a 30 days notice Under Rule 8(6) read with Rule 9(1) to the Borrowers/Co Borrowers/Mortgagors of the above said loan account about sale through tender / inter se bidding on the above-mentioned date. The property will be sold, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full by the borrower in the given notice period.

Place : Punjab Date : 03-04-2026
Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited

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It's wrap for Ananya Panday's 'Call Me Bae' second season



Actor Ananya Panday had been in Thailand for quite some time filming the second season of the popular show 'Call Me Bae', and on Thursday, the team finally wrapped up the shoot. Taking to Instagram Story, Ananya shared a picture from the final day of the shoot. She posted a photo of a cake on which "CMB 2 Season Wrap" was written. "See you very soon guys," Ananya captioned the post.

The upcoming season will focus on Bae's (Ananya) journey as her own news show finally goes on air. While this brings her fame and attention, it also brings new challenges in both her personal and work life. In the second season, Bae's life becomes more complicated when her ex-husband returns. At the same time, she also finds herself getting distracted by her charming boss.This leaves her confused as she struggles to balance her feelings and her growing career. Her close group of friends will also face problems in the new season. The arrival of a "Nayi Behen" in their circle will start creating tension among the group.The show is produced by Karan Johar, Adar Poonawalla and Apoorva Mehta. The series will be directed by Collin D'Cunha and written by Ishita Moitra, Samina Motlekar and Rohit Nair. Apart from Ananya, several actors from the first season will return.The cast includes Vir Das, Shruti Haasan, Gurfateh Pirzada, Varun Sood, Vihaan Samat, Muskkaan Jaferi, Niharika Lyra Dutt and Lisa Mishra. Actor Mini Mathur will also join the cast in the new season.The first season of the show was released in September 2024.

Sonakshi Batra and Farman Haider highlight the fearless spirit of policemen in Jagadhatri's upcoming track

CHANDIGARH: Jagadhatri continues to keep viewers hooked with its gripping twists and high-voltage drama. The Holi sequence has left fans shocked, as Shivaay was brutally shot in a shocking turn of events. As the story progresses, Jagadhatri begins to connect the dots and, along with her team, sets out to uncover the mastermind behind the attack.She discovers that Rudra is responsible for shooting Shivaay. Determined to bring justice, Jagadhatri takes matters into her own hands and gears up to punish him, promising an intense face-off that will keep audiences on the edge of their seats. This track also strongly portrays the true spirit of policemen, who never give up, no matter how challenging the circumstances are, and continue to fight relentlessly for justice and truth.Talking about the upcoming track and the spirit of policemen, Sonakshi Batra shared, "The upcoming episodes are going to be extremely intense and emotional. Jagadhatri is someone who stands strongly for truth and justice, and this time, it's very personal for her. When she found out the truth about Rudra, her only focus was to make sure that he pays for what he has done. At the same time, this track also highlights the strength and spirit of a police officer, no matter how difficult the situation is, they always rise and continue to fight for what is right. They stand tall in the face of danger, put duty before everything else, and continue to fight for truth and justice, often putting their lives at risk. Portraying Jagadhatri, a police officer, has been an incredibly humbling experience for me. It has given me a deeper respect and understanding of the courage, resilience, and selflessness that our policemen embody every single day. Jagadhatri represents that very spirit, fearless, determined, and committed to doing what is right. I feel truly proud and honoured to bring the story of such a brave officer, though fictional, to life on screen, and I sincerely hope that through this show, we are able to do justice to the responsibility they carry."Adding to this, Farman Haider said, "This twist is going to change everything in the story. Shivaay getting shot is a massive moment, but what's even more powerful is how he and Jagadhatri deal with it. It reflects the true spirit of policemen, who never give up, even after facing life-threatening situations. They rise stronger, with even more determination and courage to protect others and uphold justice, no matter the odds. Portraying such a character has been a deeply enriching experience for me. It has made me realise the immense bravery, sacrifice, and mental strength that our police force demonstrates every day. They are constantly putting themselves in danger to keep society safe, and that's something truly commendable. I feel proud and grateful to have the opportunity to bring this side of a fearless and committed officer to life, and I hope the audience connects with and appreciates this journey."



Chetak SCREEN Awards 2026 to Stream Live on April 5; Announces Brand Partners for a New Era of Audience Engagement

CHANDIGARH : The stage is set for Indian cinema's most anticipated night as the Chetak SCREEN Awards 2026 goes LIVE on April 5, bringing glamour, excellence, and celebration of films directly to audiences real-time across the country and beyond. For the first time ever, viewers can experience the awards as it happens. The ceremony will be streamed LIVE at 8 PM on YouTube, Sony Entertainment Television and Sony LIV, keeping in mind the growing on-demand global audience of film enthusiasts.As the nation counts down to one of Indian cinema's most respected and anticipated celebrations, the Chetak SCREEN Awards 2026 today announced its distinguished roster of brand partners—each united by a shared commitment to legacy, trust, and cultural connection with audiences across generations.For decades, the SCREEN Awards have occupied a rare and revered space in the Indian film industry—defined by editorial integrity, rigorous evaluation, and an unwavering respect for cinematic excellence. Backed by the formidable editorial legacy of The Indian Express Group, and guided by the independent, not-for-profit SCREEN Academy, the awards continue to be a benchmark of credibility in an ever-evolving entertainment landscape.Rakesh Sharma, Executive Director, Bajaj Auto Ltd., said, "Our association with the SCREEN Awards is a matter of pride. As Chetak continues to evolve into a youthful and contemporary brand, it is important for us to engage with platforms that hold deep cultural relevance while connecting meaningfully with younger audiences."Joining this narrative is Campa, a brand that has returned to the cultural conversation with renewed energy and optimism. With its deep-rooted recall and contemporary relevance, Campa mirrors the excitement of a new generation of cinema lovers—audiences who celebrate stories that feel both familiar and refreshingly new.Adding depth to the evening is Diageo, whose presence underscores a philosophy of responsible celebration—honouring success, craft, and achievement with thoughtfulness and integrity.Watch Chetak Screen Awards live on Screen Awards YouTube, Sony Entertainment Television and Sony Liv on 05 April at 08:00pm.

Selena Gomez to direct 'Wizards Beyond Waverly Place' finale, series ends this summer



The Russo family is gearing up for one final magical chapter as 'Wizards Beyond Waverly Place' prepares to conclude with a four-part special event this summer.Disney announced on Thursday that the sequel series will wrap its run across Disney+ and Disney Channel, with production set to begin next week, as per Deadline.In a major creative milestone, Selena Gomez will make her directorial debut with the premiere episode of the final installment. Gomez, who also serves as an executive producer on the series, is set to reprise her iconic role as Alex Russo in multiple episodes, continuing her longstanding association with the beloved franchise.The announcement follows a dramatic season 2 finale that left fans with significant unresolved storylines. The character Billie, played by Janice LeAnn Brown, regained her erased childhood memories, including the revelation that Alex Russo is her mother.The finale also introduced looming threats from the dark magic realm. Billie's lineage ties her to the former dark wizard Damian Pennwolf, whose presence has yet to be fully explored. Meanwhile, Lord Morsus, Damian's father, forced Billie to open a dangerous portal as part of a prophecy.In a heroic move, Alex jumped into the rift alongside Lord Morsus, sealing it from the other side to protect her family.

According to Disney's official logline, the concluding episodes will follow Billie as she grapples with Alex's disappearance. Determined to rescue her mother, she realises that the only way forward is to reunite with her estranged father. As the Russo family unites, their combined strength becomes crucial in confronting the growing evil.The original 'Wizards of Waverly Place' was created by Todd Greenwald.The ensemble cast includes David Henrie as Justin Russo, alongside Alkaio Thiele, Max Matenko, Taylor Cora, and Mimi Gianopulos. Jed Elinoff and Scott Thomas serve as writers and executive producers, joined by Gary Marsh, Jonas Agin, Rick Williams, Gomez, and Henrie.



Anshula Kapoor celebrates bachelorette in Seoul ahead of wedding

Anshula Kapoor has taken her pre-wedding celebrations overseas, sharing moments from a lively bachelorette getaway in Seoul.Kapoor offered a glimpse into her festivities through Instagram, documenting a joyful celebration with her close friends, whom she fondly referred to as the "Seoulsters for life."The post captured the spirit of a fun-filled, intimate gathering, blending classic bachelorette traditions with the vibrant cultural backdrop of the South Korean capital.Dressed in a "Bride to Be" sash and a playful pink tiara, Kapoor appeared in high spirits as she posed in a themed party setting adorned with "Team Bride" props and festive decor.The images also featured the group embracing popular Korean elements, including finger heart gestures, giving the celebration a distinct "K-drama" aesthetic.In one of the pictures, Anshula Kapoor's friends can be seen posing for a group photo, highlighting their T-shirts on which "Seoulsters for life, before she becomes a wife" is written.Alongside the carousel of pictures, she wrote, "Seoulsters for life Bachelorette behavior with my OGs."

The post drew reactions from celebrities and fans. Her brother, actor Arjun Kapoor, added a humorous touch by commenting, "Pink jacket returns !!!," referencing her signature style. Actress Priyanka Chopra was among those who liked the post, while Elnaaz Norouzi chimed in with a "Enjoy girly" comment.The Seoul celebration marks a key moment in Kapoor's journey towards her wedding with partner Rohan Thakkar. In recent weeks, she has been candid about her "bride-to-be era," sharing updates about wedding preparations, including outfit trials and setting up a new home.

Axis Bank rolls out Aadhaar Face Authentication for mobile-number updates

CHANDIGARH : Axis Bank, one of the largest private sector banks in India, today announced the launch of the Registered Mobile Number update journey via Aadhaar Face Authentication on its Mobile Banking app. With this introduction, Axis Bank becomes the first among India's leading banks to implement UIDAI's Aadhaar Face Authentication service as a Do-It-Yourself (DIY) digital journey for updating registered mobile numbers.This newly launched solution allows customers to update their registered mobile numbers digitally, anytime and anywhere, through a secure three-step Aadhaar Face Authentication journey. It offers a convenient self-service option that complements branch support, bringing added ease and security to the mobile-number update process, now available digitally.Customers can seamlessly update their mobile numbers by following this secure, three-step digital journey.Step 1: Enter the new mobile number to be updated. Step 2: Authenticate using Aadhaar Face Authentication. Download the AadhaarFaceRD app from the Play Store. If already installed, the camera will open automatically. Capture a live photo using the front camera.Step 3: Validate the OTP sent to the new mobile number. Commenting on the launch, Sameer Shetty, Group Executive – Digital Business, Transformation & Strategic Programs, Axis Bank, said, "At Axis Bank, our digital-first approach is centred on creating secure, intuitive, and reliable experiences for customers. The introduction of Aadhaar Face Authentication for mobile-number updates is an important milestone under our Safe Banking initiative, enhancing customer validation while offering a convenient self-service alternative alongside our branch network. By leveraging UIDAI's robust biometric authentication, we are strengthening a critical customer journey and enabling them to manage essential account details safely, confidently, and with greater ease."This initiative further reinforces Axis Bank's Safe Banking ecosystem, supported by innovations such as Safety Centre, Lock FD, and In-App Mobile OTP, which empower customers with greater control and protection against growing digital fraud risks.

This time, bgagwa will be hoisted in Central constituency without anyone's help - Gurdev Sharma Debi

SARBJIT SUFI

LUDHIANA: During a special meeting with Ludhiana BJP's all-rounder leader, Constituency Central in-charge and Punjab BJP's cashier Gurdev Sharma Debi, among the questions asked today, he said that the people of Constituency Central proved that saffron is going to be hoisted in the Central constituency in the Assembly elections as well that people have given us a lead of 26000 in 2024 lok sabha elections .In the next question, he said that today, drugs and chitta are being sold in every street in the Central constituency and looting and extortion are being openly done. Every section is badly disturbed. He said that the ruling MLAs who call the sealing of drains an achievement should tell why the entire New Shivaji Nagar Shivaji Nagar is drowning in the rains and why the prices of houses have decreased so much. Also, the design of the roof of nala have brought the entire area under the water.



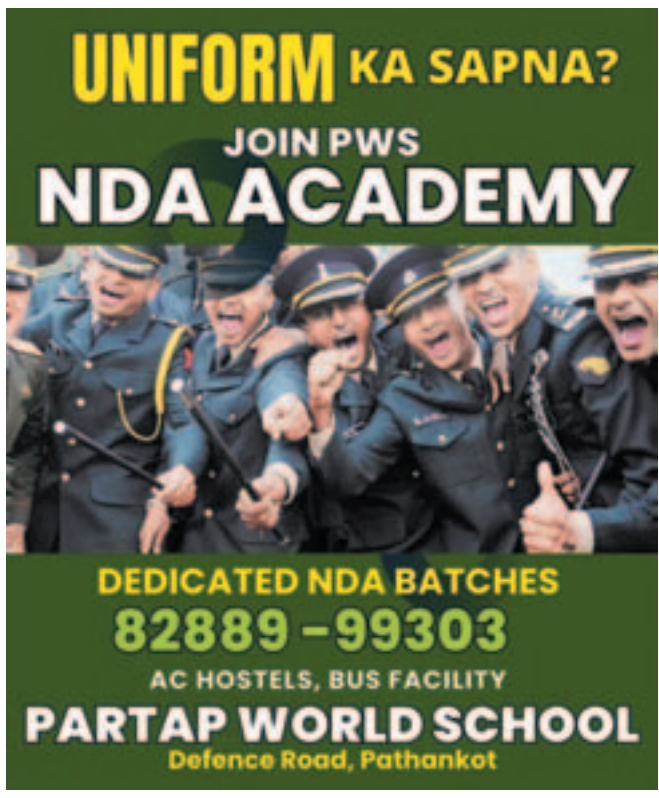
He said that this time without the help of any party, BJP will win the Central constituency And will form the government in Punjab. Debi said that wait for some time, you will see how big leaders of other parties will catch the BJP's wing.

He also called Phoolka's joining the Punjab BJP an auspicious sign. There was opposition from some people in Debi's BJP and he said that there are some differences in every party but when the elections come, one party and one symbol, everyone has to vote by looking at the symbol of the kamal ka phool . Let the time come, then you will all be seen standing on the same platform. It is right that everyone has the right to ask for a ticket. Everyone will ask for it. But when the candidate is announced Everyone will have to work for the party candidate.

AI short film 'Happy Birthday Joshi' released

On the occasion of Ajay Devgn's birthday, his company Lens Vault Studios launched its AI short film 'Happy Birthday Joshi'. Directed by Anshul Kumar Sharma and produced by Ajay Devgn and Danish Devgn, Happy Birthday Joshi is inspired by true events. The film follows a small-town computer prodigy in Mumbai who turns a deeply personal disappointment into a bold digital act that forces the world to remember his name, read a press note. Commenting on the release of the short film, Ajay Devgn, Chairman, Lens Vault Studios, said, "Lens Vault Studios was envisioned as a space to explore new-age storytelling formats that resonate with today's audiences. Happy Birthday Joshi is a reflection of that intent, where technology and emotion come together."Adittya Kappadia, who essays the role of an AI actor in the film, expressed his excitement via a note on Instagram.

"My first step as an AI actor -- thankful for the opportunity to play Joshi and bring him to life with my voice and performance. Everyone has a breaking point, His just went global. Inspired by true events#HappyBirthdayJoshi Releasing on 2nd April 2026."Danish Devgn, Founder & CEO, Lens Vault Studios, added, "With Happy Birthday Joshi, we are taking a step forward in building stories that are rooted in reality but told through a contemporary, tech-driven lens. AI allows us to push creative boundaries while keeping the narrative sharp and impactful. This film represents the direction we see Lens Vault Studios growing in.



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