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NEWS BRIEFS

"You're violating Constitutional acts, imposing Hindu Succession Act on Muslims": Owaisi slams Centre over UCC Bill in Gujarat

AHMEDABAD : All India Majlis-e-Mtehadul Muslimen (AIMIM) President Asaduddin Owaisi on Saturday slammed the central government over the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill recently passed by the Gujarat state assembly, calling it a violation of Muslim personal laws and constitutional rights. Owaisi said that the government is violating the constitutional acts that guarantee the freedom to practice the Islamic religion and imposing the Hindu Succession Act on Muslims. The requirement of proof of adultery for divorce, judicial suppression, and exceptional circumstances are all part of the Hindu religion; why is it being imposed on the Muslims? It is a violation of Article 21. He further questioned the government's approach, stating, "There is a provision of live-in relationship, where are the morals of RSS and BJP?.. This is against the Islamic belief system and ruins the sanctity of marriage." Owaisi also criticised the alignment of Muslim laws with Hindu practices in matters of family, maintenance, and inheritance. "Maintenance, alimony and succession are aligned with the Hindu religion too," he added.

CDS Gen Anil Chauhan reviews operational readiness of Chinar Corps, underlines imperative of jointness, multi-domain preparedness

NEW DELHI : Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan on Saturday visited the strategically important areas under Chinar Corps in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar. During the visit, CDS reviewed the security landscape and operational posture along the LoC in North Kashmir and commended the formation's exemplary operational preparedness, doctrinal coherence and resolute professionalism. At Baramulla, he was briefed on Future Force Application and Technology Infusion. According to the Ministry of Defence, in his address to the Officers of the Chinar Corps, he highlighted that the character of warfare is undergoing a profound transformation, necessitating a shift from Domain-Centric Approach to Multi-Domain Operations (MDO), underpinned by a robust and integrated architecture. He underscored the centrality of jointness, stressing that seamless integration across Land, Air, Maritime, Cyber, Space and Cognitive domains is indispensable for achieving decisive outcomes.

"Goal is to ensure 33% women's reservation from 2029...we have called Congress people for meeting": PM Modi in Kerala rally

THIRUVALLA : Noting that the law to provide 33% reservation for women in Lok Sabha and state assemblies was enacted during the rule of NDA-government, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday referred to the scheduled Parliament sitting on April 16, 17, 18 to pass amendment to the Nari Shakti Vandan Act and said Congress people have been called for a meeting and hoped they "will listen" to the government. Addressing a rally in the poll-bound state, PM Modi also sought to allay any apprehension about reduction of seats in the southern states due to their good performance on the population yardstick and said "no seats will be reduced" and these will increase, which will benefit states across the country. He said the aim is to ensure 33% women's representation in Parliament from 2029.

Chandigarh BJP office grenade attack: 5 arrested, links to Pakistan-based ISI module revealed



CHANDIGARH: Three days after a grenade explosion outside the Punjab BJP office in Sector 37 here sent shockwaves across the city and triggered a bitter political slugfest among rival parties, the Chandigarh Police and Counter Intelligence wing of the Punjab Police cracked the case on Saturday with the arrest of five accused, seizing a live hand grenade, a .30 bore Zigana pistol and 10 live cartridges from their possession. Chandigarh DGP Dr Sagar Preet Hooda and Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav jointly announced that preliminary investigations had revealed the attack was executed by a Pakistan's ISI-backed module operating under the directions of foreign-based handlers located in Portugal and Germany.

The five arrested accused have been identified as Balwinder Lal alias Shami of Majari village in Nawanshahr, Jasvir Singh alias Jassi of Bharapur village in Nawanshahr, Charanjit Singh alias Channi of Sujawalpur village in Nawanshahr, Rubal Chauthan of Thana village in Shimla district, and Mandeep alias Abhijot Sharma of Dhuri in Sangrur. Two key perpetrators, identified as

Gurtej Singh and Amanpreet Singh, are currently absconding, and joint police teams are conducting raids to apprehend them.

Investigations have revealed that the accused were part of a structured network involving multiple cutouts and sub-modules. They transported a consignment of hand grenades, arms and live cartridges, which was circulated through multiple operatives before being handed over to the final perpetrators. Acting on the directions of Portugal-based handler Baljot Singh alias Jot, the accused coordinated the delivery and execution of the attack, said DGP Yadav.

A case has been registered under Section 25(1)(B) of the Arms Act and Section 61(2) of the BNS at the SSOC police station, Mohali, on April 3. Further investigation is underway to uncover the complete network, trace the supply chain, and establish the backward and forward linkages of the module.

The grenade attack on April 1 had set off a fierce political firestorm, not only in Chandigarh, but also Punjab, with BJP, AAP, Congress and SAD trading barbs and attempting to score political points

off the incident. BJP blamed the AAP government's law and order record in Punjab and demanded accountability, while AAP hit back, accusing opposition parties of exploiting a security incident for political mileage and claiming that Chandigarh is a Union Territory ruled by BJP. The Congress and SAD joined the din with their own broadsides, turning the blast into a flashpoint in the state's charged political landscape.

The BJP office grenade attack was not an isolated jolt for Chandigarh. In the days leading up to April 1, the city had witnessed three separate shootouts in less than a week, sending alarm signals about deteriorating law and order in the Union Territory. However, the Chandigarh Police acted swiftly in all three cases, making arrests and solving each incident in quick succession, offering some reassurance about the force's response capability.

Saturday's breakthrough in the grenade attack case further underscored the effectiveness of joint inter-agency operations in tackling organised cross-border crime networks targeting the region.

PM Modi holds massive roadshow in Thiruvananthapuram ahead of Kerala polls



THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, APRIL 4

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday held a roadshow here as part of the BJP's campaign push for the forthcoming Kerala legislative assembly polls.

The supporters of the BJP thronged the roadshow to express support for the party. Along with the locals, Kerala BJP state president Rajeev Chandrashekar and the party's candidate for the Vattiyoor constituency, R Sreelekha, were also present in the roadshow.

Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed confidence that the BJP-NDA government will

come to power in Kerala assembly polls and said people's faith in the NDA and the immense support from women is visible across the state.

Addressing a rally in Thiruvalla to shore up the BJP prospects in the assembly polls, PM Modi said the biggest transformation is now about to take place in Kerala.

"I have come here before as well, but this time the winds of change are blowing in a different direction. The biggest transformation is now about to take place in Kerala. Voting will be held on April 9, and on May 4, the end of decades of misgovernance will be declared. It is now certain that the countdown to the exit of the LDF government has begun.

For the first time, a BJP-NDA government is coming to power in Kerala," he said.

The Prime Minister referred to the presence of large number of people while on his way to the rally venue.

"Upon my arrival, I witnessed massive crowds lining the entire route to this venue. The Left speaks of human chains, but the people of Kerala have shown their love for the NDA by forming a human wall," he said. "I recently had an extensive interaction with BJP Kerala karyakartas during the Mera Booth Sabse Mazboot campaign. Over 1,25,000 karyakartas from 5,000 Shakti Kendras across Kerala connected and shared their insights.

"Prime Minister is dreaming, we are not": Mallikarjun Kharge exudes confidence in Congress' victory in Puducherry

PUDUCHERRY : Congress National President Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday asserted confidence in the victory of Congress in the forthcoming Tamil Nadu and Puducherry assembly polls, stating that "our position in the elections is very good."

Speaking with the media, Kharge took a jibe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said that the people are with the DMK and Congress and not the BJP.

"The Congress and DMK alliance will win in Pondicherry and form an alliance government....DMK and Congress always win in Tamil Nadu. Our record has been very good. The Prime Minister is dreaming. We are not

dreaming. The people are with us, not with PM Modi. Our position in the elections is very good," he said. The Congress President earlier held a public meeting in Puducherry ahead of the polls. Addressing the gathering, he accused the ruling All India N R Congress (AIN RC) led coalition government and the alliance member, BJP, of allegedly looting the Union Territory, and asked for full status for Puducherry.

"Puducherry should be granted full status because the lieutenant governor interferes in the government process. Puducherry is suffering 30% Commission, NR and BJP both are looting the Puducherry.

Delhi HC directs immediate takedown of infringing content misusing Mohanlal's identity, orders disclosure of user details

NEW DELHI : The Delhi High Court has issued a series of stringent directions to curb the unauthorised use of actor Mohanlal's name, image, voice, and other personality attributes across online platforms, ordering immediate removal of infringing content and merchandise within a strict 36-hour timeline.

Granting an ex parte ad interim injunction, the Court restrained multiple defendants, including e-commerce websites, social media accounts, and unknown individuals, from directly or indirectly exploiting the actor's persona for commercial or personal gain. The Court made it clear that such misuse, including through Artificial Intelligence, deepfakes, and other digital tools, violates the plaintiff's personality and publicity rights.

The Court further prohibited online platforms from selling or facilitating the sale of merchandise such as T-shirts, posters, and related products bearing Mohanlal's identity, observing that such activities falsely imply endorsement and amount to passing off. It also restrained various social media users from publishing or circulating any content that exploits the actor's persona or harms his reputation, including objectionable or AI-generated material.

To ensure immediate enforcement, the Court directed e-commerce platforms (Defendants 2-14) to take down infringing links listed in Annexure-A within 36 hours. Similarly, specific social media accounts (Defendants 20-24 and 26-30) and YouTube-related defendants (25 and 31-35) were ordered to remove identified content listed in Annexures B and C, respectively, within the same timeframe. A separate direction was issued to a user on X (Defendant 36) to remove the infringing post listed in Annexure-D within 36 hours.

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 4

Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini targeted the opposition, stating that it neither has a clear policy nor any vision. He said the opposition has only one agenda—to spread confusion, tell lies, and mislead the public. "When real development takes place, those indulging in politics of falsehoods feel uncomfortable," he said. He added that opposition leaders only enjoyed power, promoted dynastic politics, and trapped people in a web of promises. "Today, the public is aware and firmly stands with the government on the issue of development, and therefore the opposition's lies and misinformation will not succeed," he added.

The Chief Minister was addressing a Dhanyawad evam Vikas Rally in Safidon, Jind, on Saturday. Earlier, he inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 10 development projects



worth 49.73 crore. These included the inauguration of 6 projects worth 19.31 crore and the foundation laying of 4 projects worth 30.42 crore.

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that the land of Safidon is known for agriculture as well as struggle and self-respect. He remarked that there was a time when people here had to struggle even for basic amenities. Roads were in poor condition, and people had to depend on influential individuals for em-

ployment. Development was limited to paper. "But today, the situation has completely changed. The positive transformation seen in the state and the country is the result of strong and visionary leadership," he added.

Praising the leadership of Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi, he said that the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 has given new energy and direction to the nation. He said that the Haryana Government is working on the principle of "Nation First" and stands firmly with the people in every crisis. He assured citizens that there is no shortage of petrol, diesel, or domestic cooking gas in the state and that adequate stock is available at all petrol pumps and gas agencies. He said that opposition leaders are spreading confusion through cheap politics during this global crisis and appealed to people not to pay attention to rumours. He said strict measures have been taken to curb black marketing and several FIRs have already been registered. Additionally, to promote

expansion of gas pipelines, lease rent has been reduced from 3 lakh to 1,000, which will help accelerate the target of providing PNG connections to lakhs of households. The Chief Minister said that earlier, people in Safidon region had to struggle for basic facilities, but now the situation has completely transformed. Concrete roads in villages, better irrigation facilities, and transparent employment opportunities for youth are now available. He informed that in the last 11.5 years, development works worth 1,594 crore have been carried out in Safidon, compared to only 552 crore spent during the previous government's 10-year tenure. He said that in the past one year, 36,000 youths have been provided government jobs without any corruption, and in the last 11.5 years, this number has reached 1.80 lakh. Highlighting welfare schemes for women, farmers, and the poor, he said that several schemes including Deendayal Lado Lakshmi Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi.

Development push continues under CM Bhagwant Singh Mann in Punjab; projects worth crores inaugurated in Moga

BUREAU
MOGA: Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Saturday reaffirmed the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)-led Punjab Government's development push, inaugurating and laying the foundation stone of projects worth several crores in Moga, even as he outlined a governance model centred on infrastructure expansion, farmer security, and administrative reform. At a state-level event, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said the overwhelming public participation reflected growing trust in honest and clean politics, asserting that from upgrading over 47 km of key road networks and strengthening urban infrastructure to launching power projects worth 18.80 crore and rolling out the Takseem campaign from April 13, the government is delivering tangible change on the ground.

He emphasised that the AAP Government is committed to procuring every grain of farmers'

wheat, ensuring no producer is left at the mercy of arhtiyas, while steadily advancing towards making Punjab a frontrunner state in the country through a development model that connects every village and city.

Addressing a gathering after laying the foundation stone of several development projects in Moga, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann asserted that the traditional parties have repeatedly betrayed the people of Punjab. "People of Punjab can never forgive Akalis as they have not only ruined Punjab and its people but have also disrespected the Guru and Gurbani," he said.

He added, "Akalis have conducted genocide of the generations of Punjab by promoting and patronising drug trade. These leaders not only patronised the drug trade but, according to reports, even used official vehicles to sell or distribute drugs."

CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "Akali leader Sukhbir Badal

claims that all development of the state has taken place during their regime, but they keep a blind eye towards the sacrilegious incidents of Bargari and Behbal Kalan. They have bruised the psyche of every common man by using religion for their vested interests, which is an unpardonable sin. They are hand in glove with forces inimical to the Panth and Punjab."

Taking a dig at the Akali Dal's so-called "Punjab Bachao Yatra", CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, "The real name of this gimmick of Akali Dal is 'Parivar Bachao Yatra'. After looting the state for 15 years, from whom are they trying to save Punjab?" He added, "People elected Akalis but they proved to be traitors and always backstabbed the state and its people. When the farming community was fighting for its rights, the Akalis supported the Modi government on draconian farm laws just to save their berth in the Union Ministry."



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, marking the first time the event will be organised along the riverfront. Linked to the Baisakhi festival, the celebration is expected to gain a unique cultural and natural appeal this year. Auditions for local artists participating in the

cultural evenings will be conducted on April 6 and 7 at Lata Mangeshkar Kala Kendra in Samoor Kalan, beginning at 11.30 am on April 6. SDM Haroli and Mela Committee chairman Vishal Sharma said interested artists can apply at the SDM office or via email, while on-the-spot applications will also be accepted. Renowned artists and winners of national-level competitions will be exempted from auditions. The Haroli

Utsav is the only state-level fair in Himachal Pradesh associated with Baisakhi, a festival that holds agricultural, cultural and spiritual significance. It marks the harvest of the rabi crop and, in Sikh tradition, commemorates the founding of the Khalsa Panth by Guru Gobind Singh in 1699. Organisers said hosting the event on the riverbank will further connect it with nature, water and local traditions.

NEWS BRIEF

BSF sub-inspector Ameen Chand honoured on retirement after 36 years of service



ANIL KUMAR HAMIRPUR: A grand felicitation ceremony was organised in village Naili of Gram Panchayat Mundkhar in Bhoranj subdivision to honour BSF Sub-Inspector Ameen Chand on his retirement after 36 years of distinguished service. A resident of Naili and son of late Tulsiram, Ameen Chand began his career as a soldier and rose through the ranks to become a sub-inspector, reflecting his dedication, courage and commitment. During his service, he served in difficult terrains, counter-insurgency operations and various operational areas, contributing significantly to national security. Villagers and people from nearby areas gathered in large numbers to congratulate him and acknowledge his service to the nation.

CM Dhama inaugurates Jugmandar Hall revamp, urban projects underway in Dehradun

AGENCY DEHRADUN, APR 4

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama on Friday inaugurated the renovation and restoration of Jugmandar Hall at the Dehradun Municipal Corporation, a project executed at a cost of Rs. 2.32 crore as part of efforts to preserve and promote the city's cultural heritage.

On the occasion, the CM also laid the foundation stone for a canal at the ABC Centre in Kedarpuram and announced the development and beautification of parks at six locations within the municipal area.

Addressing the public, Dhama said the state government is pursuing a vision of "development along with heritage", ensuring Dehradun progresses while preserving its rich cultural identity. He highlighted that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urban areas are



being modernised through missions like Swachh Bharat, AMRUT, Smart City, and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, enhancing cleanliness, water supply, sewerage, green spaces, and housing for economically weaker sections. He added that over Rs. 1,400 crore in development projects are underway to transform Dehradun into a modern city,

including a mechanised waste transfer station and an Integrated Command and Control Centre for real-time monitoring of garbage collection. Dhama noted that 35 parks, including a yoga-themed park in Kedarpuram, and special memorial parks for martyrs, have been developed, adding over 50,000 sq meters of green space. Recharge pits are being built to

conserve water, and 30 electric buses are now operational with 11 EV charging stations across the city. Dehradun ranked 19th nationally under the National Clean Air Programme.

The CM announced that the Delhi-Dehradun Expressway, set to be inaugurated soon by PM Modi, will significantly improve connectivity. Plans are also underway for elevated roads over the Rispana and Bindal rivers to ease traffic congestion. Appreciating Dehradun Municipal Corporation's performance, Dhama said revenue collection rose from Rs. 52 crore to Rs. 73 crore, and door-to-door waste collection vehicles increased from 190-200 to nearly 300. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to preventing encroachment on public land and urged officials and citizens to actively safeguard it. He concluded by calling on citizens to unite in making Dehradun a clean, beautiful, and modern city.

Vidyarambh ceremony marks new academic session at KB Scholars School



KARAMBIR LADWA: The new academic session at KB Scholars School began with a havan ceremony and the traditional Vidyarambh Sanskar for young students, organised in collaboration with Gayatri Parivar.

The ritual, considered one of the 16 important sanskars in Indian tradition marks the beginning of a child's formal education. The school campus was decorated with balloons, and several activities were organised on the first day to create enthusiasm among students. Children were welcomed with tilak and sweets, and they expressed excitement as they met their teachers and sought their

blessings. School director Dr S.C. Jindal highlighted the significance of the havan, stating that it promotes both environmental and spiritual purification. He emphasised the importance of teachers, describing them as guides who show the right path in life, and said that starting any task with devotion leads to success. School manager Sushma Jindal said that such rituals create a positive and motivating environment for students and teachers alike. She added that in today's competitive world, students must begin the academic session with determination and hard work to achieve their goals.

Agriculture minister reviews wheat procurement arrangements at Ladwa mandi

KARAMBIR LADWA, APR 4

Haryana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shyam Singh Rana visited the Ladwa grain market on Friday evening and reviewed wheat procurement arrangements, including arrival, lifting of produce, transportation and basic facilities. The minister inspected the Market Committee office and issued necessary directions to officials and procurement agencies to ensure smooth operations. He also sought details regarding availability of gunny bags from mandi secretary Sant Kumar Saini. Rana was welcomed at the mandi by committee chairman Dr Ganesh Dutt, vice-chairman Surender Singla and mandi president Rajeev Arya, who presented him with bouquets. Speaking to



mediapersons, the minister said Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has directed that mandis remain open 24 hours during the wheat procurement season to facilitate farmers. He added that gate pass issuance and sale processes will also continue round the clock to save time and ensure transparency. He assured that every grain of farmers' produce will be procured at Minimum Support Price (MSP). Farmers, he said, can

bring their produce to mandis using tractors, trolleys or even traditional means like bullock carts. In case of missing number plates, registration numbers can be written on tractors or displayed on paper. To avoid delays in issuing gate passes, additional staff have been deployed through the Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam. He further informed that farmers can register on the "Meri Fasal Mera Byora" portal themselves, through landowners or lessees.

New academic session begins with havan at Maharaja Agrasen Senior Public School

HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA:

The new academic session at Maharaja Agrasen Senior Public School, Dabkheri, commenced with a havan ceremony conducted with religious rituals and devotion. The ceremony was led by Vaishya Aggarwal Panchayat Kurukshetra president Vishal Singla and Harmesh Goyal, who offered the first oblations. The school premises resonated with Vedic chants as students, teachers and staff members participated in the havan with full faith creating a spiritual atmosphere. Prayers were offered for the bright future, good health and success of students, marking an auspicious beginning to the session. Principal Priyanka Singla motivated students to move forward with discipline, hard work and strong moral values. She expressed confidence that the new session would open doors to fresh opportunities and achievements for students. The programme concluded with the distribution of prasad, and participants collectively resolved to make the academic session successful. Among those present were vice-president Jitendra Goyal, treasurer Vishesh Garg, executive members Gaurav Mittal, Jaipal Goyal, Pramod Bansal, Kulwant Garg, Kapil Mittal, Om Prakash Singla and Jitendra Aggarwal. School administrators Vikas Bansal and Yogesh Garg, along with the teaching and non-teaching staff, were also present.



New procurement rules harassing farmers and arhtiyas, alleges Bajrang Garg

MAHENDER GOYAL HISAR, APR 4

Haryana Pradesh Vyapar Mandal president and former Hafed chairman Bajrang Garg has criticised the state government over new rules in grain procurement, alleging that farmers and commission agents are being unnecessarily harassed. He was addressing a meeting of trader representatives in Hisar, where strong resentment was expressed against the new mandi regulations.

Garg said that conditions in mandis remain inadequate, with even basic facilities missing. He claimed that recent rainfall has damaged lakhs of tonnes of wheat and mustard in the state, as there are no proper arrangements such as tarpaulins or storage support,



leaving produce exposed in open yards. He alleged that requirements like tractor verification, biometric authentication and the need for three guarantors have made the procurement process cumbersome. Calling the system "portal-driven but inefficient," he said technical issues often hamper operations, causing further inconvenience to farmers. Referring to earlier practices, Garg said farmers could previously sell their produce through open auction and receive payments smoothly, but now they are facing multiple

procedural hurdles. He demanded that the government immediately withdraw the new rules.

Raising the issue of commission, he said arhtiyas are entitled to Rs. 64.62 per quintal on wheat procurement, but are being paid only Rs. 55. He added that the traditional commission rate of 2.5 per cent has effectively been reduced, which is unjustified. Garg also demanded timely payment of commission to labourers, alleging that delays of several months are common.

Mass communication department releases newsletter 'Aagaaz' at Ambedkar Govt College, Kaithal



SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL: The Department of Mass Communication at Dr B.R. Ambedkar Government College, Kaithal, has released its departmental newsletter 'Aagaaz', showcasing academic, cultural and creative activities of the institution. The newsletter was formally unveiled by college principal Dr Manoj Bhambu. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Bhambu appreciated the initiative, stating that such publications provide a platform for students to express their creativity and enhance their writing skills. He added that newsletters also help build awareness among students about journalism and communication as career fields. Head of the department Dr Abhishek Goyal said that 'Aagaaz' features contributions from various departments and cells of the college, highlighting diverse activities and student achievements. He noted that the newsletter has been prepared by students under the guidance of faculty member Dr Surender. Faculty member Surender Sharma also praised the students' efforts, saying that such initiatives play a key role in boosting confidence and developing communication skills.

Government committed to effective Rabi procurement, says BJP leader Nepal Rana



NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR:

BJP leader Nepal Singh Rana said the Haryana government is working seriously to ensure smooth procurement during the ongoing Rabi season, emphasising that every grain produced by farmers will be purchased. During a morning visit to Sandhala and Sandhali villages, Rana interacted with residents and listened to their grievances. He also informed them about various welfare schemes being implemented by the state government. He said Haryana is among the leading states procuring crops on Minimum Support Price (MSP), with around 24 crops being purchased under the system. He added that Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini is closely monitoring procurement arrangements to ensure that farmers do not face inconvenience. Rana reiterated that farmers are the backbone of the country and the government remains committed to their welfare and prosperity. He highlighted that subsidies are being provided on seeds, fertilisers and agricultural equipment to support farmers. He also said that Agriculture Minister Shyam Singh Rana has consistently prioritised development works in the Radaur Assembly constituency.

British Laureate School sets up advanced shooting range



LK BANSAL MOHALI:

British Laureate School has further strengthened its sports infrastructure with the establishment of a state-of-the-art shooting range, providing students with an opportunity to explore precision-based sporting disciplines. The initiative marks a significant step towards promoting niche sports and enhancing skill-based training within the campus. Shooting, widely practiced and promoted by the British Army, is known for fostering focus, discipline, and mental resilience. The newly introduced facility aims to equip students with these essential qualities while encouraging them to pursue excellence in competitive shooting at various levels. The shooting range will function under the expert supervision of Arshdeep Banga, an ISSF-certified coach trained in Finland and a former core member of the Indian shooting team for three years. His expertise is expected to provide students with high-quality professional training and exposure to advanced techniques in the sport. Chairman Gurvinder Singh Bahra visited the campus to review the facility and appreciated the school's efforts in introducing such a specialized and skill-oriented sport.

Public will face price rise after state elections, alleges Congress leader Madhusudan Baveja



DALBIR SINGH MALIK KURUKSHETRA:

District president of Kisan Congress and advocate Madhusudan Baveja has alleged that the public will have to face rising prices after the ongoing elections in various states, claiming that inflation is being temporarily controlled for electoral reasons. Baveja said the recent increase in domestic LPG cylinder prices has added pressure on household budgets, linking it to global tensions such as the Israel-Iran conflict. He questioned the government's claims of adequate gas availability, stating that consumers are still seen standing in long queues outside gas agencies. He argued that if there is no shortage, people should not have to wait for hours, leaving aside their daily work. According to him, traders, salaried employees and daily wage earners are all being inconvenienced due to the situation. The Congress leader further claimed that inflationary trends are being managed temporarily due to elections, and prices of fuel and essential commodities may rise once the electoral process concludes. He said such increases would put additional financial burden on common citizens. Baveja also criticised the BJP, alleging that it does not contest elections on issues such as unemployment, inflation, education or farmers' welfare. He said the Congress, on the other hand, continues to focus on these concerns and raises public issues both on the streets and in Parliament. He added that people are becoming aware of what he termed anti-public policies and expressed confidence that voters would respond accordingly.

Apply for PNG connection within three months or LPG supply may be discontinued: Karnal ADC

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:

Additional Deputy Commissioner Rahul Raiya has urged residents in areas where piped natural gas (PNG) pipelines have already been laid to apply for connections at the earliest, warning that LPG connections may be discontinued after three months. Issuing a public notice, the ADC said the move aims to promote efficient energy use and expand the adoption of PNG. Consumers must apply for PNG connections within three months, failing which their LPG supply may be stopped after the stipulated period, subject to approval of their application by the authorised agency. He advised residents to avoid inconvenience by applying for PNG connections immediately, adding that the applicant must be the legal owner of the property. PNG services are already available in several parts of Karnal, including Sectors 4 to 9, 12, 13, 14 (Part I), 16, 32, 35, 36 and 45, as well as LIC Colony, Model Town, Arya Puram, Ashoka Colony, Dayal Singh Colony, Duggal Colony, Nirmal Vihar, Palam Colony, DC Colony, Karan Vihar, Ranjit Enclave, Shaktipuram (Parts I and II), Prem Nagar, Ram Nagar, Rajiv Puram, Vikas Nagar, Vasant Vihar, Gharaunda, Dadupur (Nilokheri), Samoura village (Indri) and Kabir Nagar (Assandh), among others.



Self-awareness is foundation of women empowerment, says Dr Suman Lata

YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI PEHOWA:

A seminar on women empowerment was organised at DAV College, Pehowa under the aegis of the Women Cell, with Principal Dr Suman Lata presiding over the event. Students from the Arts faculty participated in the programme. Addressing the gathering, Dr Suman Lata emphasised that self-awareness is the foundation of women empowerment. She urged students to set high goals in life and remain committed to self-study and self-reliance. She also encouraged them to adopt a healthy lifestyle. Highlighting the initiatives undertaken by the college towards women empowerment, she called upon students to develop respect for women and recognise their strength in society. The programme was coordinated by Prof. Rashmi, who delivered the vote of thanks, while Prof. Abhishek Sharma conducted the proceedings. Around 50 students from various classes took part in the event.



Repeated reheating and frozen foods can harm health, warns Dr Aneja

DALBIR SINGH MALIK KURUKSHETRA:

Dr Aneja, associated with the Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India, Diabetes in India Health Organisation, Diabetes Foundation of India and Arogya Bharati, has cautioned that repeatedly reheating food stored in refrigerators can be harmful to health. He said that frequent reheating not only reduces the nutritional value of food but also increases the risk of bacterial growth. Items such as rice, pulses, paneer and green vegetables can have adverse health effects if reheated multiple times. Explaining the risks, he noted that if cooked rice is not cooled properly before refrigeration, harmful bacteria such as Bacillus cereus can develop, leading to food poisoning and digestive issues. He added that frozen and ready-to-eat foods often contain hydrogenated palm oil, high salt, sugar and preservatives, which may increase the risk of high blood pressure, obesity, diabetes and heart diseases over time. Dr Aneja pointed out that while modern lifestyles are pushing people towards packaged and processed foods for convenience, such habits can be detrimental to long-term health. During processing and freezing, essential nutrients like vitamin C, vitamin B complex and several minerals are significantly reduced.



IG Mahila College students shine in district anti-drug competition



SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL:

Students of Indira Gandhi (P.G) Mahila Mahavidyalaya delivered an outstanding performance at the district-level Anti-Drug Awareness Competition held on April 3, 2026, at B.R. Ambedkar College under the guidance of the Department of Higher Education. The competition aimed to spread awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and encourage students to actively engage in social issues. Participants from various colleges across the district took part enthusiastically in events such as Debate and PowerPoint Presentation. Principal Dr Arti Garg informed that the college students brought laurels to the institution with their impressive performances. In the Debate Competition, Khushi (B.A. Final Year) secured the first position, while Manjeet (B.A. Second Year) bagged the third position.

NEWS BRIEFS

Health Minister Arti Singh Rao Interacts with Villagers in Khatiwās

BUREAU CHANDIGARH: Haryana Health, Medical Education and AYUSH Minister Arti Singh Rao said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini, the government is committed to rural development. Development works are being implemented on a priority basis. She said that Kheri and Khatiwās villages are like her own, and she shares a family bond with both villages. Whenever there was a need, the people of these villages extended whole-hearted support. She assured that no shortage will be left in the development of both villages. She also announced a grant of ₹10 lakh each for the development of Khatiwās and Kheri villages. Arti Singh Rao was addressing a gathering during a felicitation function held in Khatiwās village of Hajar district on Saturday. She said that she will always remember the respect and honour given by the people of Kheri and Khatiwās villages, especially as she has had a long-standing familial connection with them. She assured that most of the demands submitted by the Gram Panchayats of Kheri and Khatiwās will be fulfilled. She also stated that the pipeline work for water drainage will be completed at the earliest. She added that it is a matter of pride for her to be appointed in charge of this area.

District Executive meeting concludes under the Chairmanship of District President Praveen Lathar

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, APRIL 4.

A meeting regarding preparations for the party's upcoming programs was held at the BJP office, 'Karn Kamal' (located in Sector 9), under the chairmanship of BJP District President Praveen Lathar.

Present at this meeting of the District Executive were District In-charge Bharat Bhushan Juyal; Karnal Municipal Corporation Mayor Renu Bala Gupta; *Vistarak* (Expander) Shashi Dureja; State Executive Members Krishna and Jagdev Padha; Former Chairperson Nirmala Bairagi; Vice Chairman of the Swachhata Abhiyan (Cleanliness Campaign) Subhash Chandra; Rajbir Sharma; Yashpal Thakur; Chairperson in the Haryana Government Megha Bhandari; OBC Morcha District President Rajesh Saini; and SC Morcha District President Om Prakash. They were joined by other members of the District Executive, district office bearers, *Mandal* (Block) Presidents, *Mandal* In-charges, Municipal Corporation Councillors, and *Mandal* General Secretaries.

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held regarding



strengthening the organization, outlining the framework for upcoming programs, and effectively disseminating the party's policies to the masses.

Addressing the gathering on this occasion, District President Praveen Lathar stated that the organizational strength of the Bharatiya Janata Party is, indeed, our greatest asset.

He also issued directives to all party workers to hoist the party flag at their respective homes on April 6,

marking the occasion of the BJP's Foundation Day.

Furthermore, responsibilities were assigned to party workers regarding preparations for the BJP Foundation Day celebrations and the programs scheduled to be held on the birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar. To further bolster the party's organizational structure, appropriate guidelines were issued to all workers during this executive meeting, instructing them to organize meetings at the booth level.

Students join 'Corruption Free India' signature campaign at Karnal school



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, APRIL 4

Students of Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Railway Road, participated enthusiastically in a 'Corruption Free India' signature campaign organised by the Anti Corruption Foundation of India.

The campaign was conducted under the leadership of the foundation's national chief supreme Narendra Arora and national supreme Pawan Sharma, who visited the school along with other office-bearers. Students signed the pledge with enthusiasm, expressing their support for a corruption-free nation.

Addressing the students, Narendra Arora

emphasised the importance of honesty and integrity in everyday life. He said the foundation has been running the nationwide campaign to promote ethical values and has already administered pledges of truth and integrity to lakhs of people across the country.

He added that for the past eight years, the organisation has been actively working to spread awareness against corruption through various initiatives, including integrity pledge drives and public awareness campaigns. He urged students to remain vigilant and contribute towards building a corruption-free society. School principal Mohinder Narwal, district in-charge Rama Tiwari and district director Arjindra Sain were also present on the occasion.

Active role of every worker crucial to strengthen organisation: Parag Gaba

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, APRIL 4

The District Congress Committee held a monthly review meeting of Zone-1 in Ward-4, with urban district president Parag Gaba emphasising the need for active participation of every worker to strengthen the organisation.

During the meeting, Gaba reviewed organisational activities, outreach campaigns and public issues taken up in the zone so far. He directed office-bearers to present detailed reports of their work, which were subsequently submitted by the participants.

He said that strengthening the organisation requires sincere execution of responsibilities by each and called for greater accountability. He also instructed that reports from other zones be submitted soon to enable a comprehensive re-



view and formulation of future strategies. Gaba announced that weekly review meetings will now be held in different zones, either at the residence or office of office-bearers, where progress reports will be assessed regularly. Discussions were also held on enhancing organisational strength and ensuring the success of upcoming programmes. Gaba urged workers to remain united and take party policies to the grassroots. Organisation secretary Lalit Ahu-

ja, vice-president BINDER Poswal, deputy president Joginder Valmiki, Dilsher Dachar, treasurer and media in-charge Deepak Mahajan, Deepak Chaudhary, general secretaries Praveen Punia and Surinder Numberdar, secretaries Jitender Kumar, Manoj Malik, S.K. Chaudhary, Gurmeet Singh, Devender Sain, Dhanpat Singh, Bharat Dhillon, Raunak Ram and Rakesh Dhakwala, among others, were present.

Children encouraged to connect with Gurbani at Japji Sahib recitation competition in Karnal

CHAMAN LAL KARNAL, APRIL 4

A Japji Sahib memorisation competition was organised under the guidance of Baba Sukha Singh Kar Sewa and with the support of Ek Onkar Media, where children were encouraged to connect with Gurbani and Sikh history.

Around 100 children aged between five and 14 years participated in the event held at Dera Kar Sewa. Participants were divided into three groups and evaluated on memorisation, pronunciation and proper pauses during recitation. The judging panel included Head Granthi Bhai Gurpreet Singh of Gurdwara Sheesh Ganj Sahib, Tarawadi, along with Bhai Bhagwan Singh, Bhai Gurtez Singh Khalsa, Sardar Manjeet Singh Kanpuri and Sardar Surjeet Singh.

In the 5-8 age group, Balkirat Singh secured first



place, followed by Japseerat Kaur. In the 9-11 category, Prabhjot Kaur from Panipat stood first and Jaswinder Singh second. In the 12-14 age group, Jasmeet Kaur secured first position, while Gurseerat at Kaur came second.

Winners were awarded prizes including ranger bicycles, bags and lunch boxes, while all participants received certificates. Additional prizes were distributed

through a lucky draw.

During the programme, religious leaders and organisers guided children and parents on the importance of Gurbani and shared tips for accurate recitation. Ek Onkar Media managing director Preetpal Singh Pannu emphasised that connecting young children with their cultural and spiritual heritage is essential for the future of the Sikh community.

Veer Naris, decorated ex-servicemen honoured with cash assistance in Kurukshetra



HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA: Fulfilling a commitment made during the 'Bharat Ranbhoomi Darshan' programme, MP Naveen Jindal facilitated the distribution of financial assistance to Veer Naris and decorated ex-servicemen at the Sainik Vishram Grih in Kurukshetra.

On the occasion, cheques of ₹21,000 each were distributed to 20 Veer Naris and seven decorated former soldiers in recognition of their sacrifice and service to the nation. Sharing details, MP office in-charge and former IAS officer Dharmveer Singh said the sacrifices of soldiers are the nation's greatest strength and their families deserve the highest honor. He added that Veer Naris and soldiers are not only worthy of honour but also serve as an inspiration for society.

Among the Veer Naris honoured were Harbhajan Kaur, Surjit Kaur, Krishna Devi, Sukhwinder Kaur, Daljit Kaur, Mamta Sharma, Parvati Devi, Dhanni Devi, Prerna, Pushpa Devi, Gurmeet Kaur, Satpal Kaur, Satya Devi, Sunita Devi, Simranjit Kaur, Suraksha Devi, Sundari Devi, Gurjit Kaur and Usha Rani. The decorated ex-servicemen included Captain Ravel Singh, Subedar Bhajan Singh, Colonel Kulwant Singh, Havildar Jasbir Singh, Naib Subedar Shrawan Singh, Sepoy Balkar Singh and Havildar Surender Singh. It may be noted that MP Naveen Jindal had recently announced the financial assistance during the 'Bharat Ranbhoomi Darshan' programme, and the commitment was fulfilled through the distribution of cheques at the event.

Gillette India along with Abhishek Sharma redefines the shaving experience with the All-New Gillette Guard 3-in-1

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA FARIDABAD: In a move that reinforces its commitment to delivering superior grooming solutions to young Indian men, Gillette announced the launch of the all-new Gillette Guard 3-in-1 with a campaign featuring Abhishek Sharma. Guard 3-in-1 is a high-performance upgrade in the value segment designed especially for Indian consumers. Abhishek who is the face of the innovation, features in the campaign 'Bade League Ka Shave' which champions a new generation of men to step up from basic shaving to a more confident, elevated grooming experience. The Gillette Guard 3-in-1 is a direct response to the aspirations of young India - men who are moving beyond 'good enough' solutions and stepping into a superior grooming experience that reflects their growth. The campaign, headlined by Abhishek Sharma, positions the product as a symbol of progression, helping consumers feel confident and 'match-ready' for the bigger opportunities in life. With its unique 3 platinum-coated blades, anti-slip rubber grip handle and aqualag lubricating strip, Gillette Guard 3-in-1 delivers on its key promise - "Ek Stroke Mein Smooth Shave. Bina Kate, Bina Jale." As one of India's most promising young cricketers, Abhishek Sharma represents a new generation constantly pushing for the next level - making him a natural fit for the campaign.



Virendra Shandilya Honored with a Statue of Lord Hanuman for Strengthening Sanatan Dharma

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA: Virendra Shandilya—National President of the Vishwa Hindu Takht and the Anti-Terrorist Front India—was honored by dozens of Sanatan Dharma devotees under the leadership of social worker and BJP leader Thakur Balwan Singh. He was presented with a statue of Lord Hanuman and two "shawls" in recognition of his efforts to strengthen Sanatan Dharma and for spearheading a nationwide campaign against the Khalistani movement. During the ceremony,

Virendra Shandilya was hailed as a "Hindu Tiger." Thakur Balwan Singh remarked that Virendra Shandilya is not merely a devotee of Sanatan Dharma; rather, his spirit for strengthening the nation mirrors that of Bhagat Singh.

Thakur Balwan Singh further stated that anti-national forces seek to assassinate Virendra Shandilya; however, disregarding the risk to his own life, he continues his relentless crusade to fortify Sanatan Dharma while simultaneously working to dismantle the Khalistani movement. He urged all those who cherish Hindustan and "Bharat Mata" (Mother India) not only to honor Virendra Shandilya but also to actively join his campaign. The Chief of the Vishwa Hindu Takht, Virendra Shandilya, affirmed that the struggle—both at the grassroots level and through legal channels—will continue against those who seek to defame and tarnish the Sanatan Dharma into which we were born. He vowed that the campaign against forces aiming to weaken, fragment, and spread terrorism within the country will persist until the very last drop of blood flows through his veins. Virendra Shandilya expressed his gratitude to Balwan Singh and his team for bestowing this honor upon him.



The flawed farm policies hitting farmers, traders and labourers: Kumari Selja

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, APRIL 4

The General Secretary of All India Congress Committee, former Union minister and Sirsa MP Kumari Selja on Friday criticised the government's agricultural policies, alleging that farmers, traders and labourers are all facing difficulties due to flawed implementation and ground-level gaps. Kumari Selja, who visited the Gharanda grain market in Karnal district, reviewed procurement arrangements and interacted with farmers, arhtiyas and traders to understand their concerns. Kumari Selja alleged that the government is deliberately weakening small traders and commission agents while imposing multiple conditions on farmers. Kumari Selja said, "On one hand, farmers are battling natural calamities, and on the other, government policies are



compounding their problems.

Questioning the mandi portal system, Kumari Selja said that while reopening the portal is a positive step, its proper functioning is more important. She added that unless the government understands the real challenges faced by farmers, labourers and traders at the ground level, meaningful improvement

will not be possible. Kumari Selja said farmers continue to face recurring issues every season. After preparing their crops, they are forced to wait for procurement, and often face losses due to unseasonal rain or hailstorms. She added that farmers are then required to make repeated visits to government offices to claim compensation. Kumari

Kumari Selja also questioned the Centre's foreign policy, alleging that its impact is contributing to economic difficulties for citizens.

Godrej Consumer Products' 'Machar Hai, Mehman Nah!' public service film remind households that not every visitor deserves an invitation

CHANDIGARH: Mosquitoes and the diseases they spread continue to pose a serious public health challenge in India. Yet their presence has become so routine that it is often ignored. With the belief that mosquitoes should not be treated as harmless visitors, Godrej Consumer Products Limited (GCP) has, as part of its CSR initiative Elimination of Mosquito Borne Endemic Disease (EMBED), launched a public service film titled 'Machar Hai, Mehman Nah!' urging households across India to re-think how easily mosquitoes are allowed into everyday spaces. This CSR initiative is in line with GCP's impact-oriented culture that focuses on creating real change for communities. Mosquito-borne diseases such as Dengue, Malaria, and Chikungunya continue to affect millions across India each year. According to national health data, India report-



welcomed with warmth and respect, the campaign turns this cultural instinct on its head. 'Machar Hai, Mehman Nah!' (A mosquito is not a guest) reminds households that not every visitor deserves an invitation. The film creatively reinterprets the iconic phrase 'Padharo Mare Desh' into 'Na

Padharo Mare Desh', reinforcing the message that mosquitoes should never be welcomed inside homes. It draws attention to how everyday habits, such as stagnant water in coolers, uncovered buckets, or neglected corners around homes, can unknowingly become breeding grounds for mosquitoes. By reframing mosquitoes as unwelcome intruders rather than harmless visitors, the film encourages families to adopt simple preventive practices to keep their homes and communities safe. Commenting on the film, Sudhir Sitapati, MD and CEO, Godrej Consumer Products Limited, said, "Mosquito-borne diseases remain a major public health concern. It requires collective awareness and sustained behavioural change. Through 'Machar Hai, Mehman Nah!' we wanted to use a cultural insight that resonates deeply with Indian households.

Extension lecture on the topic "The Revolution of Artificial Intelligence in Research" held at Baba Mastnath University

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA ROHTAK, APRIL 4

The Department of Library and Information Science, under the Faculty of Humanities at Baba Mastnath University, Asthal Bohar, Rohtak, organized a lecture titled "Artificial Intelligence in Research: Guiding the Revolution," in collaboration with the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC). The objective of this lecture was to familiarize research scholars, faculty members, and students with the evolving and pivotal role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in modern academic research.

The keynote speaker for the event was Dr. Ramneek, a renowned librarian from MCM DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, who shed detailed light on the utility of AI across various dimensions of research during her lecture. She explained that in today's digital era, Artificial Intelligence plays a crucial role in making research endeavors more accurate, faster, and more effective.



Dr. Ramneek specifically highlighted the growing impact of AI-based tools in areas such as literature review, academic writing, citation management, plagiarism detection, and data analysis. Demonstrating the practical application of various modern AI platforms, she illustrated how

researchers can utilize these technologies to select research topics, conduct systematic reviews, summarize research articles, and enhance their overall productivity.

In her address, she also gave serious consideration to the ethical aspects of AI, stating that technology

must always be utilized with responsibility and transparency. She placed special emphasis on the necessity of maintaining academic integrity while integrating AI into research activities.

On this occasion, Dr. Sheela Dabas, Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, highlighted the services, resources, and academic utility of the university library. She encouraged students to make maximum use of the available modern digital resources.

The program was coordinated and conducted by Dr. Jitendra Singh, while the stage proceedings were skillfully anchored by Manisha. A large number of attendees, including Dr. Praveen Kumar, research scholars, students, and faculty members of the department, were present at the event. At the conclusion of the program, the participants described the lecture as highly informative and inspiring, and expressed their hope for more such educational events in the future.

EDITORIAL

India's proposed IT rule changes risk expanding executive overreach

In an increasingly digitised world, nations have an unenviable task of formulating policies that maintain a fine balance between the need for regulating online content in the larger public interest and protecting privacy and individual rights. The latest draft amendments to the Information Technology (IT) Rules, 2021, released by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, raise concerns over executive overreach and undermining privacy rights. Most important among the proposals is the one that requires the digital intermediary platforms to comply with a broad array of government-issued advisories, guidelines and standard operating procedures as a condition for retaining safe harbour protections under Section 79 of the IT Act. While the intent of ensuring a "safe, trusted and accountable Internet" is laudable, the mechanism risks upsetting the delicate balance between regulation and freedom. The proposed amendments significantly tighten government control over online content, potentially making social media platforms directly liable for user-generated content and treating influencers as publishers. The proposals empower the government to mandate content removal, expand data retention, and threaten "safe harbour" protections for non-compliance, creating major challenges for free speech, privacy, and intermediary liability. Stricter and faster timelines have been proposed for removing online content. Increased executive control and swift takedown timelines threaten free speech and may lead to widespread self-censorship. Such over-regulation could lead to social media platforms losing legal immunity for user content, forcing them to become proactive moderators rather than passive hosts. Digital rights groups have warned that the proposals could significantly increase executive control over online speech and represent a major expansion of censorship powers. By making compliance with non-statutory instruments such as advisories and clarifications mandatory, the government will effectively grant itself sweeping powers without clear legislative backing. This can create a regulatory grey zone. The fear is not unfounded: ambiguity in rules often leads to excessive caution, which can stifle free speech. The proposed widening of content oversight is also worrisome. Bringing intermediaries and even user-generated news content under the purview of an Inter-Departmental Committee is a step toward tighter scrutiny of online communication. Treating everyday users and influencers on a par with digital news publishers in terms of compliance obligations could lead to complications. While accountability is necessary, particularly in this era of misinformation and fake news, the lack of transparent checks and balances in such oversight mechanisms could lead to arbitrary decision-making. At the same time, the government's concerns over deepfakes and other forms of misuse of AI tools are not without merit. The rapid proliferation of AI-generated misinformation presents a genuine threat to public trust and social stability. However, combating deepfakes and harmful content should not come at the cost of undermining fundamental digital freedom. Ultimately, effective regulation must be rooted in clarity, proportionality, and accountability. Balancing innovation with regulation is key to ethical AI governance.

India-flagged Green Sanvi vessel with 46,650 metric tonnes of LPG safely transits Strait of Hormuz



India-flagged large gas carrier Green Sanvi has safely transited the Strait of Hormuz on Friday night, carrying approximately 46,650 metric tonnes of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cargo, official sources said. Earlier on March 28, a shipment of 47,000 metric tonnes of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) arrived at the Vadar Terminal of DPA Kandla in Jamnagar, Gujarat, on Saturday.

The vessel, MT Jag Vasant, is set to transfer its cargo to another ship at anchorage through a Ship-to-Ship (STS) operation.

Indian Navy warships were on standby to provide support to the merchant vessels, sources told agency.

The Centre has been in talks with Iranian authorities to allow Indian vessels to pass through the Strait of Hormuz amid a maritime blockade due to the ongoing West Asia

conflict. Earlier, the Shipping Ministry informed that there were 18 vessels and around 485 seafarers in the Persian Gulf.

Speaking at a joint inter-ministerial briefing on recent developments in the Gulf region, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Mukesh Mangal, stated that all Indian vessels and crew currently in the Persian Gulf are being closely monitored. "All

seafarers in the Persian Gulf remain safe," he added.

"18 Indian vessels with around 485 seafarers are in the region. Over 964 seafarers have been repatriated so far, while ports across India continue to operate normally," Mangal informed.

On port operations, he said, "We are maintaining continuous coordination with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, the Ministry of External Affairs, Indian

missions abroad, and other stakeholders in the maritime sector."

About 5,98,000 passengers have returned to India amid the developing security situation in West Asia and the Gulf region, a senior government official said.

The West Asia crisis began on February 28 with US-Israel strikes on Iran, and subsequent Iranian retaliation engulfed the region in the conflict, affecting global fuel supplies.

India's undertrial crisis demands urgent prison reforms

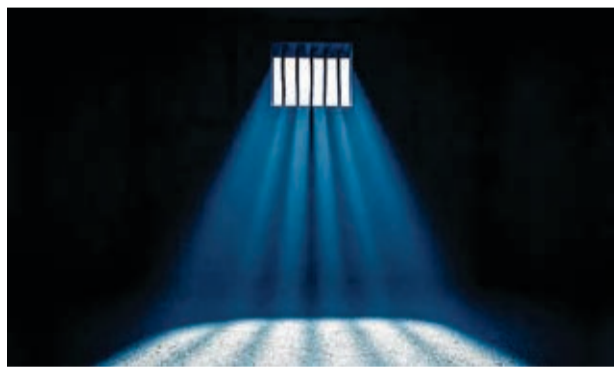
An alarming 70% of India's prisoners are undertrials — most of them languishing in jails for periods beyond the prescribed punishment applicable for cases they are charged with. This exposes serious lacunae in the criminal justice system. No wonder India's prisons are largely

spending a long time in prisons. There are 3.6 crore pending criminal cases in district courts, 17.5 lakh cases in high courts and 14,667 cases in the Supreme Court. The seriousness of the problem can be gauged from the fact that the judge-to-population ratio in India is estimated at 21 judges per million

observations while granting bail to an accused who spent two years in jail awaiting trial. The court has rightly reaffirmed a foundational principle: liberty cannot be held hostage to procedural delays. Earlier in March, the Delhi High Court gave bail to two men accused in a case under the UAPA (Unlawful Activities Prevention Act), observing that they had already been behind bars for over four years.

The High Court bench stated that, in view of the "limited role" of the appellants in an alleged terror plot, their continued detention would not serve the ends of justice. However, these decisions are exceptions. In most cases, courts routinely allow pre-trial detention to continue for years, even when the trial is nowhere in sight. These inconsistencies raise a deeper constitutional question: is personal liberty a non-negotiable guarantee or a variable principle contingent on the nature of allegations? The Indian penal system appears tilted towards detention rather than case resolution. If bail is denied on account of the gravity of the charges, the state bears an even greater responsibility to ensure swift trials. Otherwise, pre-trial detention itself becomes punishment.

people, which is less than half of what the Law Commission recommended in its 120th report. Against this backdrop, the apex court's recent observation that "incarceration without trial amounts to punishment" must serve as a wake-up call for policymakers to take up prison reforms. The Supreme Court made some scathing



overcrowded. The sub-human conditions in several prisons often drive many undertrials to suicide. Several studies have suggested that delays in investigation, a shortage of judges, and lack of access to legal aid due to poverty are the main reasons why undertrials end up

When the Night Turns into Prayer: A Soul's Silent Surrender in the Divine Presence of Tirumala



Dr Tanu Jain

It was 1 a.m., yet it did not feel like night—it felt like the soul had awakened into something sacred. As we stepped out and began walking toward the divine abode of Lord Venkateswara at Tirumala Temple, with every step, a deep realization settled in—I was walking toward Him because He had invited me. There was a softness in the air, a silence that spoke, a pull that could not be explained.

And then, suddenly, there He was... so close, so divinely present, no longer a distant belief but a living reality before my eyes. Blessed with Thomaia Seva, I stood there, completely still, as if time itself had paused to honour that moment. Thirty minutes felt like a lifetime and yet like a fleeting second. My eyes refused to blink, afraid to lose even a fragment of His presence. The dark, tall, graceful idol stood in quiet majesty—ancient, eternal, and filled with an indescribable compassion.

In that sacred gaze, my heart began to melt. A gentle thought arose—how many millions must have stood here before me? How many broken hearts had come seeking solace, how many dreams had been placed silently at His feet? And how lovingly must He have listened to each one. In that moment, I did not feel alone; I felt part of something infinite—an unbroken stream of faith flowing through centuries. The karpuram gently resting on His eyes felt deeply symbolic. Camphor burns completely, leaving nothing behind, just as one must surrender entirely before the divine. Perhaps it was His silent teaching—come without ego, without burden, just as you are. His eyes, though softly veiled, seemed to look beyond appearances, straight into the deepest corners of the heart. Adorned in gold, precious jewels, and divine silks, He stood as the very embodiment of all that the earth could ever offer. Yet, there was no pride in that grandeur—only grace. It felt as though the entire richness of the world had come to rest upon Him, not to display wealth, but to dissolve it into devotion. The golden gopurams above shimmered like a quiet blessing, reminding every pilgrim that true purity lies in surrender. In that overwhelming stillness, one truth echoed within me: "भवत्या त्वन्नयया शक्य अहमेवविद्योऽनुज्ज" ("By unwavering devotion alone can I be truly seen." — Bhagavad Gita 11.54)

And suddenly, it was no longer about seeing Him—it was about being seen by Him. My hands folded again, but this time not out of ritual—out of a heart that could not contain its gratitude. There were no words, only feelings. Thankfulness for being called, for being allowed to stand so close, for being held in His silent grace. I bowed, not just with my body, but



with my entire being. As I stepped out of the temple, the world outside felt just as alive. The streets of Tirumala glowed with a brightness that no clock could dim. Whether it was 1 a.m. or 4 a.m., devotion flowed endlessly. People walked with shining eyes, tired bodies forgotten, hearts awake with longing. It felt as though the entire place breathed only one prayer. There was no fatigue, no restlessness—only a quiet energy that came from within. Every step, every breath, every heartbeat carried His name. The journey did not end at the sanctum; it

continued within me, gently, silently. And as I walked away, I realized—I had not left Him behind. He had entered my heart. With folded hands and eyes still moist with emotion, I whisper softly—Thank you, my Lord, for calling me when I didn't even know I was seeking You. Thank you for letting me stand before You, for letting me feel You so close. In Your silence, I found comfort. In Your presence, I found peace. In Your grace, I found myself.

Ceo Bareilly Ministry of defence

Why Cost should not be the only factor for opting for Motor Insurance



Rakesh Kaul

When choosing motor insurance, it's natural to focus on the premium. A cheaper policy often looks appealing because it promises instant savings. But the truth is, what seems like a bargain today can quickly turn into a costly mistake tomorrow. The real measure of insurance isn't how little you pay upfront it's how well it protects you when the unexpected happens. Here's why cutting corners on insurance often

costs more in the long run. The Illusion of Savings: Saving money with a cheaper motor insurance policy can be misleading. Low premiums may look good at first, but they often come with hidden risks. These budget plans usually limit coverage, leaving you with fewer protections when you need them most. Many also exclude important benefits like accident forgiveness, roadside assistance, or coverage for passengers' belongings. What seems like a smart saving today can quickly turn into an expensive surprise after an accident. What Happens After an Accident: After an accident, the real cost of cheap motor insurance quickly shows up. Repairs may not be fully covered, as some policies limit you to certain garages or cap expenses, leaving you with poor-quality work or extra bills. Premiums

can also rise sharply after a claim even if the accident wasn't your fault turning small savings into years of higher payments. On top of that, limited coverage often means paying out-of-pocket for things like towing, medical bills, or other costs you thought were included. What seemed affordable at first can easily become a heavy financial burden once an accident happens. The Long-Term Impact: Accidents don't just affect your car they affect your record. A claim can stay on your file for years, and with a cheap policy, you'll feel the financial pinch every renewal cycle. What looked like a bargain quickly becomes a burden. Why Comprehensive Coverage Is Worth It • Broader Protection: Goes beyond basic accident coverage to include theft, fire, natural disasters, vandalism, and even damage caused by uninsured or underinsured drivers. This

ensures you're protected in almost any situation. • Better Repair Options: Comprehensive policies give you the freedom to choose trusted garages and often cover genuine spare parts, ensuring quality repairs without restrictive caps or compromises. With the Eco Assure Repair Plan, you also benefit from an environmentally conscious approach repairs are carried out using sustainable practices, energy-efficient processes, and eco-friendly materials wherever possible. This means you not only get reliable service and genuine parts but also contribute to reducing your vehicle's carbon footprint. • Financial Security: Protects you from sudden, large out-of-pocket expenses. Whether it's towing charges, medical bills, or replacement costs, comprehensive coverage cushions you against unexpected financial shocks.

• Stable Premiums: Many comprehensive plans include no-claim bonuses, helping you avoid steep premium hikes after a claim and rewarding safe driving over time. With the NCB Protection add-on cover, you can safeguard your accumulated bonus even after making a claim. This means your premiums remain stable, and you continue to enjoy long-term savings without losing the rewards of your safe driving record. • Convenience & Support: Comprehensive policies often come with extras like roadside assistance, rental car coverage, and faster claim settlements, making the recovery process smoother and less stressful. • Coverage for Non-Collision Events: Unlike basic insurance, comprehensive plans cover incidents like falling objects, floods, or fire damage risks that are unpredictable but

potentially very costly. • Value Retention: Some comprehensive policies include features like zero depreciation cover, which ensures you get the full claim value without deductions for wear and tear, helping preserve your car's value. Add-Ons That Strengthen Your Policy When you choose comprehensive coverage, you can make it even stronger by adding optional protections that cover specific risks. While Own Damage coverage provides a solid foundation, it comes with its own limits, which can leave you facing higher out-of-pocket expenses during claims. This is why add-ons play such an important role. A Zero Depreciation Cover ensures you receive the full claim value without deductions for wear and tear, making it especially valuable for newer cars. Engine Protection shields

you from expensive repairs caused by flooding, oil leakage, or mechanical breakdowns that standard coverage may not fully address. Return to Invoice (RTI) Cover reimburses the full invoice value of your car in case of total loss or theft, helping you recover more than just the depreciated market value. Consumables Cover takes care of small but essential items like nuts, bolts, lubricants, and oils, which are often excluded from standard claims, while Tyre Protection covers repair or replacement costs for accidental damage to tyres and tubes. Roadside Assistance provides immediate help during breakdowns, towing, or emergencies, giving you peace of mind on long drives, and Personal Accident Cover offers financial support for medical expenses or disability, protecting not just your vehicle but also

you and your loved ones. Together, these add-ons bridge the gaps left by Own Damage coverage and ensure that your comprehensive policy truly acts as a complete safety net, minimizing unexpected expenses and covering you from every angle. Cheap motor insurance may save you money upfront, but it often leaves you exposed to bigger costs later. Comprehensive coverage, especially with the right add-ons, gives you wider protection, financial security, and peace of mind. In the end, the smarter choice is not the lowest premium, but the policy that truly protects you when you need it most.

By :-Chief Distribution Officer – Retail Business, Bajaj General Insurance Limited (formerly known as Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Limited)

Mock drill on earthquake preparedness conducted at Palampur Agriversity

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA: A comprehensive earthquake mock drill was successfully conducted at Chaudhary Sarwan Kumar Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwavidyalaya Palampur, under the aegis of the Students' Welfare Organisation and the guidance of Students' Welfare Officer, Dr. Desh Raj Chaudhary. The exercise aimed to enhance

disaster preparedness and response capabilities among students, staff, and emergency teams. More than 200 students from four constituent colleges of the university actively witnessed and participated in the drill. The simulation was based on a hypothetical scenario in which an earthquake struck while an examination was in progress in the Examination Hall of the College of Agriculture.

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Junior state basketball championship inaugurated at Bharedi, 27 teams in fray



ANIL KUMAR HAMIRPUR: The 47th Junior State Basketball Championship began at Sai Vision Public Senior Secondary School in Bharedi, with Bharonji MLA Suresh Kumar inaugurating the three-day event. The championship, featuring teams from across Himachal Pradesh, will conclude on April 5. A total of 27 teams are participating in the tournament, including 15 teams in the boys' category and 12 in the girls' category. The event is being organised by the district basketball association, with arrangements overseen by president Suresh Kumar Sharma along with office-bearers and members of the organising committee. Chairman of the Indian Basketball Association selection committee and international player Suresh Ranaut, treasurer Sanjeev Thakur and general secretary Sanjay Thakur were present along with their teams during the inauguration ceremony. Officials of the basketball association welcomed the chief guest and highlighted the growing interest in the sport among youth in the state.

Rs. 34.18 crore monthly benefit being provided to milk producers

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, APR 4

Under the able leadership of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, the state government is making strong and continuous efforts to strengthen the rural economy, with a special focus on farmers and milk producers. The aim is to make dairy farming a reliable and profitable source of income for rural households. The government has taken historic steps to improve the financial security of milk producers. Farmers are now receiving an average benefit of Rs. 34.18 crore every month the highest ever. The state milk federation is currently procuring approximately 2.70 lakh liters of milk per day, a significant increase compared to the average procurement of 1.57 lakh liters per day during FY 2024-25. The federation is ensuring doorstep milk collection, particularly benefiting marginal milk producers living in remote areas of the state. This initiative is helping improve their socio-economic



conditions by providing them with direct financial support. Showing a strong commitment to farmers welfare, the government has consistently increased milk procurement prices from last three years. In the 2026-27 budget provision has been made to procure cow milk at Rs. 61 per litre and buffalo milk at Rs. 71 per litre. Reforms made in dairy sector have encouraged more people to participate in village dairy societies has risen from 27,498 to

39,790 in the last three years, while the number of functional dairy cooperative societies has increased from 583 to 758. To further boost rural employment and strengthen the dairy sector, the government is promoting milk producer groups and women self-help groups. These initiatives are not only increasing milk production but also creating sustainable livelihood opportunities in rural areas. In terms of infrastructure, the government has made major investments. Currently, 11 milk processing plants are operational with a combined capacity of 1.80 lakh liters per day. In addition, a modern milk processing plant is being set up at Dhagwar in Kangra district with an initial capacity of 1.50 lakh liters per day, which can be expanded to three lakh liters per day in the future which represents the government's long-term vision. To strengthen institutional capacity, the government has signed an agreement with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) to establish a new

milk union in Kangra district. This will cover Kangra, Una, Hamirpur, and Chamba districts and will improve milk collection, processing and marketing systems. To build farmer capacity, more than 2,000 farmers have been trained over the past three years in clean milk production and quality maintenance, with support from institutions such as RTDC Jalandhar, MIT Mehsana, and NDRI Karnal. Additionally, to ensure transparency and fair pricing, 222 Automatic Milk Collection Units (AMCUs) and 32 Data Processing Milk Collection Units (DPMCs) have been installed. Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu stated, "Ensuring that farmers receive money directly in their hands is a key priority of the state government. We are making every effort to support farmers and horticulturists so they can become economically empowered. Our clear objective is to position villages, farmers, women, and rural youth at the heart of the state's economic growth."

Statehood Day of Rajasthan, Odisha and Bihar celebrated at Lok Bhavan



DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, APR 4

Governor Kavinder Gupta today presided over the Statehood Day celebrations of Rajasthan, Odisha and Bihar organized at Lok Bhavan. The function was organized under the "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" initiative aimed at promoting cultural unity and emotional bonding among the states of India. On the occasion the Governor, warmly addressed the gathering and presented traditional Himachali caps and shawls to the distinguished guests which symbolizes friendship and unity. The event featured vibrant cultural exchanges showcasing the rich heritage of Rajasthan, Odisha and Bihar. The Government employees from these states shared their experiences of living and working in Himachal Pradesh

which highlights the warmth, camaraderie and strong sense of belonging they have experienced in the state. In his address, the Governor said that India's strength lies in its unity in diversity. He said that initiatives like "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" play an important role in strengthening the cultural fabric of the nation by encouraging mutual understanding and respect among people of different states. Gupta further said that Bihar, Rajasthan and Odisha were known for their ancient civilizations, rich history and vibrant cultural traditions. He said that understanding each other's culture, language and traditions helps in strengthening national unity. The Governor said that people from these states have made significant contributions to the development of Himachal Pradesh.

Sudhir Kumar takes charge as Principal of Bhanjal School



AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB: On Saturday, Sudhir Kumar took charge as Principal of Government Senior Secondary Bhanjal. On assuming charge, Senior Lecturer Rajan Sharma and the entire staff gave him a grand welcome in the school. Before this, Senior Lecturer Rajan Sharma was holding the charge as Acting Principal for about one and a half years since 2024. On this occasion, educationist Ved Parashar, Superintendent Dinesh Sharma, Lecturer Suresh Thakur, Anu Sharma, Seema Sohla, Ramnik Bansal, Ankur Sood, Madhu Thakur, Vinod Kumar, Naresh Kanwar, Neeraj Wala, Smriti Chaudhary, Santosh Thakur, Sushil Kumar, Ramika Kumari, Ashwini Pathania, Shashi Kumar, Nirmala Kumari, Kanchan Kumari, Usha Devi were present. After assuming charge, Principal Sudhir Kumar said that I am committed to the educational environment in the school and the development of the school.

Expired food items found at Hamirpur old-age home, immediate disposal ordered

ANIL KUMAR HAMIRPUR, APR 4

Expired food items were found at an old-age home in Hamirpur during an inspection by State Food Commission chairman Dr. S.P. Katyal, who ordered their immediate disposal and directed officials to replace them with fresh supplies.



Dr. Katyal, who was on a four-day visit to the district, conducted inspections of ration depots, warehouses, flour mills, anganwadi centres, schools, old-age homes and other institutions. Several irregularities were reportedly found at different locations, with instructions issued for immediate rectification. During the inspection at the district headquarters old-age home, food items including wheat flour, rice and pulses were found to be past their expiry date. Expressing displeasure, Dr. Katyal directed officials present on the spot to destroy the expired stock and ensure fresh ration is supplied without delay. Addressing a press conference at the Circuit House after concluding his visit, he said the inspections were aimed at reviewing the implementation of schemes

Awareness key to earthquake safety, says principal Rajnish Rangra at mock drill

RAJNISH SHARMA HAMIRPUR, APR 4

Marking the 121st anniversary of the devastating 1905 Kangra earthquake, a disaster management mock drill was organised at Government Senior Secondary School, Tauni Devi, with a focus on spreading awareness about earthquake safety. Recalling the tragedy of April 4, 1905, Principal Rajnish Rangra said the earthquake, measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale, claimed around 20,000 lives and caused massive



destruction across the region. He emphasised that the disaster serves as a reminder that negligence towards natural calamities can have severe consequences.

Nauni Varsity bags SKOCH award winner for silver category in horticulture

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, has bagged the prestigious SKOCH Award in the Silver Category for Horticulture. The award was conferred recently for the project titled 'Furthering Entrepreneurship Capacity of Natural Farming based FPCs through Institutional Technological Interventions' being implemented by the university. The SKOCH Awards, instituted in 2003, recognize people, projects and institutions that go the extra mile to make India a better nation. The award highlights excellence in governance, inclusive growth, technology and social impact, while also creating a valuable knowledge repository of impactful initiatives. Projects from the Centre and States are evaluated based on citizen impact, outcomes and progress. After initial shortlisting by analysts, they undergo expert evaluation, peer review, and field validation. Stakeholder voting and final expert assessment through live polls determine a comprehensive score, with capped marks at each stage to ensure fairness and define overall rankings.



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Art competition promotes creativity and environmental awareness at Vashist Public School Una



KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA: A painting competition was organised at Vashist Public School, Una, to encourage creativity and artistic skills among students. Children from various classes participated enthusiastically, showcasing their talent and awareness on environmental themes. Students from Classes I to IV took part in the "Colour the Picture" competition, while those from Classes V to X participated in the painting competition. The theme for junior classes was "World Earth Day," with students creating drawings related to nature, Earth and clean surroundings. Senior students worked on themes such as "Planet vs Plastic," "Invest in Our Planet," "Restore Our Earth" and "Protect Our Species," highlighting environmental conservation and the harmful effects of plastic.

DIRECTORATE OF SMALL SAVINGS, BANKING AND LOTTERIES, PUNJAB										
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NEWS BRIEF

Emergency response system strengthened: Jalandhar Rural police gets 16 new vehicles



PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR: With the aim of further strengthening public safety and increasing police presence, the Punjab Government and DGP Punjab Police have provided a total of 16 new vehicles to Jalandhar Rural Police. These vehicles have been specially deployed for 112 Helpline Service to ensure prompt action on emergency calls. These vehicles were flagged off today by Senior Superintendent of Police, Jalandhar (Rural) Harvinder Singh Virk. SSP Jalandhar Rural said that the addition of new vehicles will greatly improve the ability of the police to reach the spot immediately, which will provide faster and more effective service to the people.

Dr. Balbir Singh urges punjabis to enrol for health cards under Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojana

TAPINDER SINGH PATIALA, APRIL 4

Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Balbir Singh has urged all residents of the state to get their health cards made at the earliest to avail the benefits of the Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojana, which provides free medical treatment up to Rs 10 lakh. He also emphasized that all government officials and employees should get their health cards made and act as role models for the general public.

The Health Minister was chairing a meeting at the District Administrative Complex, Patiala, to review ongoing development works in the Patiala Rural constituency. Deputy Commissioner Varjeet Walia, ADC Damanjit Singh Mann, and officials from various departments were present during the meeting. Dr. Balbir Singh said that nearly one lakh students are studying in senior secondary schools across the district. He directed teachers to get their own health cards made and motivate parents of students to do the same so that maximum families can benefit from the scheme.



He further directed officials, especially from the Education Department, to spread awareness about the Chief Minister Health Scheme as well as the "Mawan-Dhiyan Satkar Scheme," ensuring that no eligible beneficiary is left out. He informed that women from the general category will receive Rs 1,000 and those from SC/ST categories will receive Rs 1,500 directly in their bank accounts, with the registration process to begin soon. During the meeting, the Health Minister also reviewed infrastructure and facilities in schools, including boundary walls, availability of clean drinking water, and sheds for meals. He instructed the Panchayati Raj Department to prepare a plan for the cleaning and rejuvenation of village ponds, noting that stagnant and contaminated water can lead to the spread of diseases.

He also directed the Drainage Department to ensure that the Badi Nadi is cleaned and deepened up to Dakala before the onset of the monsoon season to enhance water flow capacity and prevent any potential flood threat to Patiala.

Sukhbir Badal's April 10 rally to be "Historic Milestone" — leaders slam AAP government for failure on all fronts



AJAY MALHOTRA FATEHGARH SAHIB, APRIL 4

The Shiromani Akali Dal has intensified its preparations for the upcoming rally of Party President Sukhbir Singh Badal, scheduled for April 10 at village Nandpur Kalour. Addressing a meeting of party workers at Vishwakarma Dharamshala, Bassi Pathana, constituency in-charge Darbara Singh Guru strongly criticised the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government, claiming it has "failed completely on every front" in the last four years. Guru said that whether it is the issue of law and order or

the long list of promises made during the 2022 Assembly elections, the AAP government led by Bhagwant Singh Mann has "betrayed the people of Punjab." He added that the upcoming rally of Sukhbir Singh Badal would be "historic" and mark a decisive step toward the revival of the Akali Dal in the state. Prominent leaders including National Spokesperson Advocate Amardeep Singh Dharni, Pooja Mahant, senior leaders Pardeep Singh Kalour, Brijeshwar Singh Goraya, Raman Gupta, Major Singh, Makkhan Singh and Master

Ajit Singh were present during the meeting. Guru alleged that the promise to provide around four lakh jobs to youth proved to be false. He further claimed that thousands of people affected during the floods were denied rightful compensation. "Corruption is rampant within AAP leaders and workers. The people of Punjab have seen enough examples of this," he said, adding that Punjab has been "handed over to the people sitting in Delhi." Various booth presidents and ward-level leaders also attended the meeting.

Warring calls for consensus on parliamentary delimitation in Punjab

SARBJIT SUFI LUDHIANA: Punjab Congress president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring today sought all party consensus in Punjab over the proposed delimitation of the parliamentary constituencies across the country. In a statement issued here today, Warring said that the government of India had convened a special session of the parliament on April 16, 17 and 18. He said, while the official agenda was to amend the Reservation of Women Bill, there are reports that the government may also pass the bill for delimitation of the assembly and parliamentary constituencies across the country. He said, Punjab like many other states will be at a great disadvantage. He said, while the populous states like Uttar Pradesh and Bihar will stand to gain substantially, Punjab will be at an overall disadvantage. Warring disclosed that according to the reported proposals the government of India plans to increase the number of seats by 50 percent, for both the parliament and the assemblies.

Food safety department conducts raid at dairy unit in Patiala: Five samples collected

TAPINDER SINGH PATIALA, APRIL 4

The Food Safety Department conducted a raid at a dairy unit in the Tripuri area of Patiala and collected five food samples for analysis. Providing details, District Food Safety Officer Dr. Gurpreet Kaur said that the samples collected included ghee, paneer, dahi, khoya barfi, and milk cake. These samples have been sent to the laboratory for detailed analysis to assess their quality and safety standards.

She further informed that the raid was conducted under the guidance of Health Minister Dr. Balbir Singh and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner Kawalpreet Brar as part of ongoing random checking drives in various areas. Acting on specific information, the



Food Safety team carried out the inspection at the dairy unit and also seized the remaining stock. The seized items included approximately 50 kg of paneer, 25 kg of ghee, and 23 kg of milk cake and khoya barfi. Dr. Gurpreet Kaur stated that further action will be taken based on the laboratory reports. Highlighting upcoming

activities, she said that the Food Safety Department will organize an "Eat Right Mela" on April 9, 2026. The event aims to promote healthy eating habits and create awareness about food safety among consumers and food vendors. She invited local residents to participate actively and contribute towards building a healthier society.

Surinder Singh Kanwar 'Mintu' reappointed SAD (Badal) Pathankot district president



PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): Shiromani Akali Dal (Badal) president Sukhbir Singh Badal has reappointed senior Akali leader Surinder Singh Kanwar 'Mintu' as the District President of Pathankot for the third consecutive term, aiming to further strengthen the party organisation in the district. The decision has been welcomed by party workers and supporters, who congratulated Kanwar on his appointment. Party leaders said that Mintu has been associated with the Shiromani Akali Dal for a long time and has played an important role in strengthening the party at the grassroots level. Under his leadership, the party has actively raised several public issues and maintained close contact with the people of the district. On the occasion, Sanjeev Sharma, Salinder Saini, Gurpreet Singh 'Guru', Balwinder Singh Khalsa, Gurmeet Singh Kahlon, Kulwinder Singh, Jai Sharma, Gurtej Singh and Veer Singh, along with other leaders and workers, congratulated Kanwar and expressed confidence that the party would grow stronger under his leadership. Expressing gratitude, Surinder Singh Kanwar 'Mintu' thanked Sukhbir Singh Badal and district observer Gurbachan Singh Babbehali for reposing faith in him.

Baba Gandha Singh Public School Barnala begins new session 2026-27 with Sukhmani Sahib Ji's Path

BARNALA (BALWINDER AZAD): The first day of the new academic session at Baba Gandha Singh Public School, Barnala was filled with joy, enthusiasm and positivity. The students from Nursery to Class IX, including new students, were warmly welcomed by the entire staff. The children of the younger nursery class and the newly admitted students were especially welcomed, making them feel happy in their new school environment. The day began with the Path of the Holy Shri Sukhmani Ji, in which prayers were offered for a successful and prosperous academic session.

Mayor Inderjit Kaur, MLA Grewal lists out transformative 4-year achievements of CM Bhagwant Singh Mann led state government during 'Samvad meeting'



LUDHIANA (SARBJIT SUFI): Mayor Principal Inderjit Kaur and Ludhiana East MLA Daljit Singh Bhola Grewal addressed a public gathering during a 'Samvad meeting' held in ward number 13 on Saturday. They outlined the achievements of the Punjab government during its four-year tenure, stressing its focus on honest, transparent and people-centric governance. They stated that the state government has fulfilled its pre-poll guarantees within four years and several flagship accomplishments have put Punjab on the path of progress and inclusive development. They highlighted 300 units of free electricity to nearly 90 percent of domestic households, daytime electricity supply to farmers, and canal irrigation coverage expanded to 78 percent of fields. They termed 'Mukh Mantri Mawan Dhiyan Satkar Scheme' as a major step towards women empowerment, under which Rs 1500 per month would be given to SC women and Rs 1000 to others.

CM Bhagwant Mann to lay foundation stone for crores-worth development projects in Chaurasi Assembly segment on April 7: Dr. Ravjot Singh



HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann will lay the foundation stone for development projects worth crores of rupees in the Shachaurasi Assembly segment on April 7 and also inaugurate several initiatives. A large public gathering will be organised for this purpose in the nearby village of Bikhlowal. Parliamentary Affairs, NRI Affairs, and Jails Minister Dr. Ravjot Singh visited the event site today to review the arrangements and preparations. He stated that Chief Minister Mann will lay the foundation stone for a CHC (Community Health Centre) being constructed at a cost exceeding Rs 9 crore in Haryana. Upon completion, this project will provide better healthcare facilities to over 40 villages in the area. He added that health and wellness centres will be built in seven villages of the Assembly segment at a cost of around Rs 4 crore, with the foundation stones to be laid by the Chief Minister. Dr. Ravjot Singh further informed that playgrounds will be developed in several villages of the constituency, along with public libraries, and their foundation stones will also be laid on Tuesday. He said the Chief Minister will initiate several important projects for Hoshiarpur.

Cabinet Minister launches construction of culverts at cost of Rs 2.25 crore

PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR, APRIL 4

Giving a boost to urban infrastructure, Punjab Horticulture, Freedom Fighters and Defence Services Welfare Minister Mohinder Bhagat today launched the construction of 2 new culverts to be built on the canal on Gulab Devi Road at a cost of Rs 2 crore 25 lakh. Mayor Vineet Dhir was also present on this occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Cabinet Minister Mohinder Bhagat said that the construction of these culverts will fulfill the major demand of the people of the area and the people coming and going



from here will have a lot of ease in transportation. Mr. Bhagat said that the Punjab government led by Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann is continuously working to provide better infrastructure to the people of the state. He said that the

main objective of the Punjab government is to take the state to new heights of development and work is being done in a planned manner to make the state a 'Rangla Punjab' by carrying out development works in various sectors. He said that

the pace of development projects will be further accelerated in the coming times as there is no dearth of funds for development works. He reiterated the state government's commitment to all-round development while ensuring the welfare of every section. Speaking on the occasion, Mayor Vineet Dhir said that the Municipal Corporation is working day and night to change the look of the city and in the coming days more development works will be carried out to further beautify the look of the city and provide convenience to the people.

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002. READ WITH PROVISION TO RULE 8(b) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULE, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Axis Bank Ltd., the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and whatever there is" on 24-Apr-2026, for recovery Rs. 25,53,561/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Five Hundred Sixty One Only) as of 14-Jan-2026 together with unpaid interest and other charges till the date of actual payment due to the secured creditor from 1. Mr. Gurpreet Singh S/o Shinda Singh Shital 2) Mrs. Veer Kaur W/o Shinda Singh Shital 3) Mrs. Ranveer Chauhani w/o Mr. Gurpreet Singh. Please refer the appended auction schedule for necessary details:-

KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES (IF ANY) NIL

RESERVE PRICE (IN RS.) Rs. 13,17,900/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Only)

EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (IN RS.) Rs. 1,31,790/- (Rupees One Lakh Thirty One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Only) through DD/PO in favor of Axis Bank Ltd.

BID INCREMENTAL AMOUNT Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)

LAST DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS / TENDER WITH EMD Till 22-April-2026 latest by 05:00 P.M. at Axis Bank Ltd. Retail Asset Centre, "2nd and 3rd Floor, Property No. 7-E, Malhar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana - 141001.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR PUBLIC E-AUCTION On 24-April-2026, between 11:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon, with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each at web portal <https://www.bankauctions.com> e-auction tender documents containing e-auction bid form, declaration etc., are available in the website of the Service Provider as mentioned above.

SCHEDULE-DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:- Property No. 126, measuring 11 Bigha 2 Biswa 2 Biswas (105 Sq. Yards) bearing Khewal/Khatoni No. 32/68-75 comprised under Kharsa No 254(4-12), 255(4-12), 256(4-12), 258(4-0), 259(4-0), 260(mn)(2), 338(0-2), 1396/257(3-0), 1397/257(1-0), 260(mn)(0-8), 261(3-12), 262(2/1-15), 263(4-0), 264(4-0), 266(4-0), 265(9-10), 267(4-0), 262(11-16), 239(0-2), 253(2-5), Kite 20, land measuring 60 Bigha 09 Biswa share to extent 42/24180 i.e. 0 Bigha 2 Biswa 2 Biswas Situated at Modern Complex, Village Dapar Hadbest No. 20 MC Lari, Tehsi Derabassi, & Dist S.A.S Nagar, Mohali/Punjab Boundaries (As Per Sale Deed): East: Road, West: Other Por, North: H.No. 19, South: H.No. 21

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the secured creditor's website i.e. <https://www.axisbank.com/auction-retail> and the Bank's approved service provider M/S C1 India Private Limited at their web portal <https://www.bankauctions.com>. The auction will be conducted online through the Bank's approved service provider M/S C1 India Private Limited at their web portal <https://www.bankauctions.com>. For any other assistance, the intending bidders may contact Sumit Kumar, Mobile. No. 964622355. Authorized officer of the Bank during office hours from 10 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. This Notice should be considered as 15 Days' Notice to the Borrowers under Rule 8(b) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rule, 2002.

Date: 05-April-2026, Place: LUDHIANA Sd/-, (Authorized Officer), Axis Bank Ltd.

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1ST PROPERTY (Description mentioned in Schedule as Property No.1)

KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES (IF ANY) NIL

RESERVE PRICE (IN RS.) Rs. 1,97,28,022/- (Rupee One Crore Ninety Seven Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Twenty Two Only)

EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (IN RS.) Rs.19,72,802/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Only) through DD/PO in favor of Axis Bank Ltd.

BID INCREMENTAL AMOUNT Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)

LAST DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS / TENDER WITH EMD Till 08/May/2026 latest by 05:00 P.M. at Axis Bank Ltd. Retail Asset Centre, "2nd and 3rd Floor, Property No. 7-E, Malhar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana - 141001.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR PUBLIC E-AUCTION On 11/May/2026, between 11:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon, with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each at web portal <https://www.bankauctions.com> e-auction tender documents containing e-auction bid form, declaration etc., are available in the website of the Service Provider as mentioned above.

2nd PROPERTY (Description mentioned in Schedule as Property No.2)

KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES (IF ANY) NIL

RESERVE PRICE (IN RS.) Rs. 25,32,132/- (Rupee Twenty Five Lakh Thirty Two Thousand One Hundred Thirty Two Only)

EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (IN RS.) Rs. 2,53,213/- (Rupees Two Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirteen Only) through DD/PO in favor of Axis Bank Ltd.

BID INCREMENTAL AMOUNT Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)

LAST DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS / TENDER WITH EMD Till 08/May/2026 latest by 05:00 P.M. at Axis Bank Ltd. Retail Asset Centre, "2nd and 3rd Floor, Property No. 7-E, Malhar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana - 141001.

DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR PUBLIC E-AUCTION On 11/May/2026, between 11:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon, with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each at web portal <https://www.bankauctions.com> e-auction tender documents containing e-auction bid form, declaration etc., are available in the website of the Service Provider as mentioned above.

SCHEDULE-DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:- Property No.1 All that part and parcel of the property Total Land Measuring 3 x 19-5/6M detailed as under Land Measuring 1x10M i.e 6/17 share out of land measuring 4x-5M comprised in Khatoni No 961 Khatoni No 993 Khatoni No 70 Killa No 5/2 Land Measuring 0K -18/12M i.e 27/170 share out of land measuring 4x-5M comprised in Khatoni No 961 Khatoni No 994 Rect No 70 Killa No 5/1 (4-5) Land Measuring 0K-15M i.e 15/38 share out of land measuring 1x-18M comprised in Khatoni No. 956 Khatoni No 989 Rect No 70 Killa No 4/2-9 Land Measuring 0K-2/13M i.e 7/447 share out of land measuring 7x-9M comprised in Khatoni No 948 Khatoni No 981 Rect No 69 Killa No 1 Land measuring 0K-14M i.e 14/93 share out of land measuring 4x-13M comprised in Khatoni No 955 Khatoni No 988 Rect No 66 killa No 125 as per jamabandi for the year 2015-2016 situated within the revenue limits of Saravla No 127 Tehsi Saravla Dist Ludhiana Transfer deed bearing wasika No 16/73 dt 5-12-2017 Boundaries (AS per do.) East: Self-Property West: Self-Property, North: Private Street Part-Self Property South: Roadal Road Property No.2 All that part and parcel of the property/Plot No 131 measuring 16'6" inch x 66 ft-12" inch yard situated at Grain Market saravla Tehsil saravla District Ludhiana Conveyance deed bearing wasika No 318 dt 27-5-2015

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the secured creditor's website i.e. <https://www.axisbank.com/auction-retail> and the Bank's approved service provider M/S C1 India Private Limited at their web portal <https://www.bankauctions.com>. The auction will be conducted online through the Bank's approved service provider M/S C1 India Private Limited at their web portal <https://www.bankauctions.com>. For any other assistance, the intending bidders may contact Sumit Kumar, Mobile. No. 964622355. Authorized officer of the Bank during office hours from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This Notice should be considered as 30 Days' Notice to the Borrowers under Rule 8(b) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rule, 2002.

Date: 05-April-2026, Place: LUDHIANA Sd/-, (Authorized Officer), Axis Bank Ltd.

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APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(b)] 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(12) Notice Date & Amount	Description of Mortgaged Property	Date of Possession Taken
(A/c No.) L9001060123568632 Balwinder Singh (Borrower), Smt. Harpal Kaur (Co-Borrower)	08-Oct-25 Rs. 473196/- Rs. Four Lakh Seventy-Three Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Six Only 06-Oct-25	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Khatoni No 163 Old 306/210 New Khatoni No 395 Old 465 New Kharsa No 63/11/3Mn/1-13, Phalera, Sunam, District - Sangrur, Punjab Admeasuring 990 Sqyds	01-Apr-26
(A/c No.) L9001060713117872 Maghar Singh (Borrower), Smt. Raj Kaur (Co-Borrower), Kartar Singh (Co-Borrower)	15-Oct-25 Rs. 443985/- Rs. Four Lakh Forty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Five Only 10-Oct-25	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Kharsa No 202(10-10), 203(10-12), KAHITA No. 143/206, VIII - Sahaur, Teh - Samana, Dist - Patiala, Punjab, Admeasuring 330 SQ.YD. East: STREET, West: HOUSE OF SATPAL SINGH, North: 0, South: HOUSE OF BHOLA SINGH	01-Apr-26
(A/c No.) L9001060138400322 Rajesh Kumar (Borrower), Pawan Kumar Nagpal (Co-Borrower)	12-Nov-25 Rs. 1036173/- Rs. Ten Lakh Thirty-Six Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Three Only 10-Nov-25	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- plot No -286m, Killa No 24/2/2-4-16 Min Killa No 16/2/2/1 3-2, Vill- Abohar-2, Th & Dist- Fazilka, Punjab Admeasuring 181.5 Sayd, East: PLOT, West: HARPREET SINGH, North: STREET, South: STREET	01-Apr-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 (b), 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.

Place: Punjab Date: 04-Apr-2026 Sd/-, (Authorized Officer) AU Small Finance Bank Limited

CHANDIGARH

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

NEWS BRIEF

MP Sant Seehwal discusses construction of paved road on Dhussi Bund with Punjab Chief Minister



ARVIND PATHAK SULTANPUR LODHI: Rajya Sabha Member Sant Balbir Singh Seehwal held a discussion with Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann regarding the construction of a paved road from Gidderpindi to Phillaar along the Dhussi Bund of the Sutlej River to strengthen the embankment.

After the meeting at the Chief Minister's official residence, Sant Seehwal stated that the proposed road will be 89 kilometers long and 18 feet wide. He mentioned that the first meeting regarding this project was held on June 12, 2023, at Punjab Bhawan in Chandigarh. A letter had also been written to the Chief Minister in this regard. The meeting was led by then Cabinet Minister Meet Vayer. The Punjab State Mandi Board, in its report, had stated that constructing a road on the Dhussi Bund would strengthen the embankment. The board estimated the project cost to be around Rs 117 crore.

During today's meeting, Sant Seehwal said that the road was to be constructed with the assistance of NABARD. He urged the Chief Minister to initiate the construction before the monsoon season so that people in flood-prone areas can get relief. He further informed that at Mandala Chhanna, where four houses were washed away by the Sutlej River, a 2200-foot-long vulnerable stretch of the Dhussi Bund is being reinforced with stone pitching. In this stretch, 13 studs and 2 spurs are being constructed. The target is to complete this work before the monsoon.

CM Mann will inaugurate and lay foundation stone of dev works worth about Rs 30.68 crore at Jaitu on April 5: Amolak Singh

JAGDEEP SINGH GILL: JAITU : Punjab Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of various development projects worth about Rs 30.68 crore in Jaitu on April 5, 2026. This information was given by Jaitu MLA S. Amolak Singh. He said that a project has been prepared to lay DIK-7 pipe rising main at a cost of about Rs 12 crore to improve the water supply and sewerage system in Jaitu city. This will solve the problem of drainage and sewerage overflow.



He further said that under the Municipal Council Jaitu, many development works including interlocking tiles, construction of road and street chambers, improvement of roads and installation of CCTV cameras have been carried out in various wards at a cost of about Rs. 5.67 crore. Apart from this, the construction process of conference hall in Himatpara Basti is also being started. He said that the Community Health Centre Jaitu will be upgraded from 30 beds to 50 beds at a cost of about Rs. 8 crore. With which the people of the area will get better health facilities. MLA S. Amolak Singh said that to replace the old water lines.

MLA Kulwant Singh flags off the 18th pilgrimage bus from Mohali

SHASHI PAL JAIN MOHALI, APRIL 4

In a continued effort to facilitate spiritual journeys for the masses, Mohali MLA Kulwant Singh yesterday flagged off the 18th bus from the Mohali constituency under the state government's ambitious mukh mantri tirath yatra scheme.

The departure of the bus, organized under the leadership of block president Kulwant Kaur Komal, marks another milestone in the local administration's commitment to religious tourists. Addressing the gathering, MLA Kulwant Singh emphasized that the aam aadmi party government, under the leadership of chief minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, has not only honored its electoral guarantees but has surpassed expectations by addressing long-standing public grievances with permanent solutions. He noted that alongside such welfare initiatives, the pace of all



round development in Punjab has gained unprecedented momentum. While interacting with the media, the MLA highlighted the immense enthusiasm among the public. He stated that daily, a large number of devotees from across Punjab are visiting sacred sites including Sri Darbar Sahib, Durgiana Mandir, Ram Tirath Valmiki Mandir, Jallianwala Bagh, and the Wagah Border. He further said that the government has made level best arrangements for transportation, accommodation, and catering.

He said that every bus is accompanied by medical experts and professional guides to ensure the safety and comfort of the pilgrims. He further said that as awareness rises, citizens are eagerly registering via booth-in-charges to secure their spot on future journeys. MLA Kulwant Singh took the opportunity to expose criticisms from opposition leaders who have alleged "hooliganism" during these tours. He dismissed these claims as a "fabrication of lies," asserting that

opponents are resorting to baseless rhetoric because they lack a constructive agenda. He also added that when devotees step into the sanctity of the golden temple or the valmiki mandir, they are overcome with profound reverence. To suggest misconduct at such holy sites or at a place of national sacrifice like Jallianwala Bagh is preposterous," he remarked. Constituency coordinator and state awardee Phoolraj Singh resonated these sentiments, noting that the demand for the yatra remains high.

'Nasha Mukh Punjab Sankalp Samaroh - 2026' to be organized in Amritsar

SUMER GARG SUNAM, APR 4

With the objective of freeing Punjab from the vicious cycle of drug abuse, Nasha Mukti Chetna Sangh is set to organize the "Nasha Mukh Punjab Sankalp Samaroh - 2026" on the sacred land of Amritsar. This grand event marks a significant step toward generating mass awareness, guiding youth onto a positive path, and building a strong people's movement for a drug-free Punjab.

The programme will be held on April 18, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Gurudwara Sahib Sri Sant Baba Darshan Singh Ji Kulli Wale, Kale Ghunniapur Bypass, Amritsar.

The event will be graced by several eminent dignitaries, including: Chief Guest: Gulab Chand Kataria; Guest of Honour: Jagdish Singh Khehar; Keynote Speaker: Krishan Gopal; Chairperson, Trilochan Das; Special Guest: Karamjeet Singh. During the programme, in-depth



discussions will be held on the harmful effects of drug abuse, including its social, economic, and psychological impacts.

The event aims to inspire youth to adopt a healthy, disciplined lifestyle rooted in strong values. Representatives from social organizations, academia, and the spiritual community will share their perspectives. Thousands of youth from

across Punjab are expected to participate and take a collective pledge for a drug-free life, marking a powerful step toward positive societal transformation.

Speaking to the media, Nasha Mukti Chetna Sangh's State Co-Coordinator and nationalist thinker, Amit Kansal, said, "We have embarked on a mission to save and rebuild Punjab.

Advani completes Maid-en historic double, Chitra seals twin titles



SHARMA LUDHIANA, APRIL 4

It was a day of high drama, comebacks, and championship pedigree at the Manisha Construction National Pool Championship 2026, as Pankaj Advani and Chitra Magimairaj delivered defining performances to claim double crowns in the Men's and Women's categories respectively.

Advani Scripts Historic Double in Men's 10-Ball Today. In a gripping Men's 10-Ball final, Pankaj Advani (PSPB) showcased his class and composure to defeat Pushpender Singh (RSPB) in a thrilling 11-9 encounter, securing his second national title of the week after already winning the 9-Ball Championship.

The final was a roller-coaster contest; Pushpender Singh stormed ahead with a 3-0 lead.

Celebratory gathering held to honour newly appointed mayor of Rocky View County, Calgary Canada



NEERAJ SHARMA CHANDIGARH, APRIL 4

A grand celebratory party was hosted recently by Chandigarh Residents & Friends to honour the remarkable achievement of Mr Sunny Samra, who has been Elected as the Mayor of Rocky View County, Calgary Canada. Prior to this Sunny had successfully served this county as Deputy Mayor for four years.

The event brought together family, friends, well-wishers, and distinguished guests to recognize and celebrate this significant milestone. The evening was marked by an

atmosphere of pride, joy, and admiration for the young leader's dedication, hard work, and commitment to public service.

Guests which included Rtd HC Justice M Dhaliwal, Rotary Assit. Governor Mr J S Sidhu, Mr Arun Verma CEO UT Electric Supply, Mr SMS Sandhu, Mr K S Bhinder Mr P S Gill all Rtd CE's Mr S S Sidhu & Mr B S Gill Businessman and many other dignitaries, shared heartfelt congratulations and expressed confidence in his vision and leadership for the community. In his address, Mr Sunny Samra said that



his understanding of politics comes from his family legacy since his Grandfather S Rattan Singh Lohgarh was MLA Dharamkot in Pre-partition era in 1946 and his uncle S Sukhjit Singh is Ex MLA Dharamkot recently. He expressed gratitude for unwavering support of his family, his mentors, and community members.

He reaffirmed his commitment to serving the people of Rocky View County with integrity, transparency, and a focus on sustainable growth and development. The host of the evening conveyed immense pride in the

achievement, describing it as a moment of great honour not only for the family but for everyone associated with him.

The celebration featured warm interactions, inspiring speeches, and a shared sense of optimism for the future.

The appointment marks the beginning of a promising journey in public service, and the gathering served as a fitting tribute to a leader poised to make a meaningful impact. The gathering expressed the hope and confidence that this young man will move forward in Canada Politics and will reach new heights.

400 families left to suffer amid filth in Aura Avenue Kharar: Joshi

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, APRIL 4

Launching a scathing attack on the AAP-led Punjab Government, Vineet Joshi, State Media Head, Bharatiya Janata Party, Punjab, said that the horrifying sewage overflow in Aura Avenue Kharar has exposed the government's complete administrative failure and insensitivity towards common citizens.

He stated that nearly 400 families are being forced to live in inhuman and unhygienic conditions, with



overflowing sewage turning the residential society into a breeding ground for diseases. "This is not just negligence, it is a direct threat to public health," Joshi asserted.

The Resident Welfare Association (RWA), which invited Joshi to witness the ground reality, said the situation has gone from bad to worse.

repeated complaints, no permanent solution has been provided. "The government wakes up only for publicity events, not for the suffering of people," they remarked.

RWA members informed that complaints have been repeatedly submitted to the concerned officer but no action has been taken.

Rs 11.49 crore approved for establishment of driving Training & Research Institute and automated vehicle testing station in Ambala cantonment: Anil Vij

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Parineeti Chopra to come up with 'Mom Talks' show; Imran Khan, Neha Dhupia as guests

Actor Parineeti Chopra, who was blessed with a baby boy last year, is all set to come up with a chat show titled 'Mom Talks'.

On Saturday, Parineeti took to Instagram and announced the show with a captivating trailer. The promo promises intimate and heartfelt conversations on parenthood, featuring a star-studded lineup including Neha

Dhupia, Vikrant Massey with Sheetal Thakur, Imran Khan, Gauahar Khan with Zaid Darbar, and Disha Parmar, all joining Parineeti to share their personal experiences and insights.

The show's announcement has left Parineeti's family members, friends and fans excited.

Reacting to the trailer, Parineeti's husband and politician Raghav Chadha commented, "So proud! Congratulations. Rooting for you al-

ways."

Actor Varun Dhawan dropped a clap emoji in the comment section.

'Mom Talks' will be out on ZEE5 soon.

In October 2025 Parineeti and Raghav announced the birth of their baby boy, Neer, via a joint Instagram post.

They posted a sweet note which read, "He's finally here! Our baby boy. And we literally

can't remember life before! Arms full, our hearts are fuller. First we had each other; now we have everything."

The couple signed off with "With gratitude, Parineeti & Raghav".

Parineeti married politician Raghav in September 2023 at the Leela Palace Hotel in Udaipur, Rajasthan, in the presence of their close friends and family members.

realme 16 5G Launched in India with Slim Air Design, 7000mAh Battery – Best Smartphone Under Rs.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 and making this the best smartphone under ₹30,000.

Another standout feature is the industry'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. Paired with the same LumColor IMAGE engine used on the realme 16 Pro, the phone delivers natural skin textures, accurate tones, balanced highlights, and true-to-life colors.

Ali Abbas Zafar kicks off high-octane action romance with Ahaan Panday

Filmmaker Ali Abbas Zafar has officially commenced shooting for his latest project, a high-stakes action romance produced under the Yash Raj Films (YRF) banner.

The announcement, made through Zafar's Instagram handle today, has already sparked excitement among cinephiles.

Alongside the post, Zafar shared a striking first-look image of 'Saiyaara' fame Ahaan Panday, intensely gazing behind a classic YRF clapboard.

Zafar captioned the post writing, "And it BEGINS," tagging Panday and YRF.

While the film remains untitled for now, the project is shaping up as a star-studded, large-scale entertainer.

Alongside Ahaan Panday, the ensemble cast includes Sharvari, Bobby Deol, and Aishwarya Thackeray.

Zafar, acclaimed for directing blockbuster hits such as 'Sultan' and 'Tiger Zinda Hai,' is expected to infuse this venture with his signature stylish cinematic flair.

In February, Ali Abbas Zafar first teased the project by posting a picture of



him and actor Ahaan Panday posing together in front of a studio setting.

In the caption, he wrote, "Power isn't Given...It's TAKEN...Ready to Roll @ahaanpanday"

Ahaan Panday was last seen in Mo-

hit Suri's 'Saiyaara' co-starring Anet Padda, which follows the love story of a singer and a lyricist, Krish and Vaani.

The film has been widely appreciated for its emotional depth, performances, and soulful music.

Hrithik Roshan Brings Star Power to ONN, the Premium Wear Brand from LUX Industries



CHANDIGARH: Innerwear major Lux Industries Limited has announced Indian actor Hrithik Roshan, one of India's most influential style and fitness icons as the brand ambassador for its premium range of innerwear and thermal wear for the brand ONN, as the company sharpens its focus on the premium segment of India's fast-evolving premium wear market. The partnership is part of Lux Industries' broader strategy to strengthen brand recall and expand the reach of ONN among younger, aspirational consumers across urban and emerging markets. ONN, positioned as a contemporary lifestyle brand, designed for modern consumers who seek a blend of comfort, performance and style.

Announcing the association, Ashok Todi, Chairman of Lux Industries, said the collaboration reflects the company's commitment to building aspirational brands within its portfolio. "ONN represents our vision of delivering modern design, superior comfort and aspirational style to the new generation of consumers. Hrithik Roshan's dynamic personality, discipline and enduring appeal perfectly align with the values of the brand. We believe this association will further strengthen ONN's positioning in the premium wear segment."

According to Saket Todi, Executive Director at Lux Industries, the association with Hrithik Roshan is expected to strengthen the brand's visibility and connect with consumers seeking premium, performance-oriented innerwear. "ONN has consistently evolved to reflect changing consumer preferences in comfort, design and lifestyle. Hrithik Roshan's strong connect with India's youth and his image of fitness and style make him an ideal partner as we scale the brand's presence across markets," he said. Commenting on the partnership, Hrithik Roshan said he was excited to collaborate with the brand. "Comfort and confidence are the foundation of personal style. ONN's focus on quality, innovation and contemporary design resonates with my own lifestyle philosophy. I'm delighted to partner with a brand that understands the needs of today's consumers."

As part of the collaboration, Hrithik Roshan will feature in a series of integrated marketing campaigns across television, digital platforms, retail and outdoor media, aimed at strengthening the brand's aspirational appeal and expanding its consumer base. The campaigns have been conceptualised and developed by Rediffusion Brand Solutions Pvt. Ltd., which has partnered with Lux Industries Limited for the strategic and creative direction of the brand communication.

Tumm Se Tumm Tak brings back the Sholay charm with a quirky temple sequence



CHANDIGARH: Zee TV's Tumm Se Tumm Tak continues to captivate audiences with its engaging narrative and creative storytelling. In a unique move, the show recently paid a subtle tribute to one of Indian cinema's most iconic moments from Sholay, recreating it with a refreshing and contemporary twist that adds charm and nostalgia to the narrative.

The sequence captures the essence of the classic scene while blending it seamlessly into the world of Arya (Sharad Kelkar) and Anu (Niharika Chouksey). With a touch of playfulness and innocence, the moment stands out as a delightful departure from the usual tone, offering viewers a refreshing change and a sense of familiarity rooted in timeless cinema. It's this thoughtful integration of nostalgia with modern storytelling that makes the sequence both memorable and engaging.

Sharing her experience of shooting this sequence, Niharika Chouksey said, "Shooting this scene was honestly so much fun because it had a very different, playful vibe compared to what we usually do. There was a certain nostalgia attached to it, and recreating something inspired by such an iconic moment made it even more special. It felt like a refreshing break, and I think as actors, we really enjoyed bringing that energy on screen. I hope the audience also connects with it and enjoys its lighter, feel-good moment."

With such creative touches, Tumm Se Tumm Tak continues to strike a balance between emotion and entertainment, keeping viewers engaged with its evolving narrative.

Tune in to Tumm Se Tumm Tak every night at 8:30 PM, only on Zee TV.

Visually Impaired Chess Players Outmanoeuvre the Sighted TaskUs Team in a Friendly Inclusive Event



CHANDIGARH: In a refreshing and thought-provoking event, visually impaired chess players from the National Association for the Blind (NAB), Chandigarh & Punjab Branch, went head-to-head against sighted players from TaskUs Inc. (Nasdaq: TASK) and emerge victorious. The event, organized at the TaskUs' Oorja site in Sector 82, Mohali, saw 10 visually impaired chess players from the National Association for the Blind compete against 10 sighted players from TaskUs. What ensued was not merely a game of chess. Rather, it was a display of sharp thinking, patient play and quiet confidence. The National Association for the Blind players outmanoeuvred their sighted opponents in closely contested matches. The event sought to break stereotypes by providing a shared space where ability, not disability, took center stage. For attendees, the event highlighted how chess ensures fairness and equality among players. Through the use of tactile chess boards, visually impaired players can independently play the game of chess. "This event is just a small step on our way educating our community and building truly inclusive spaces where talent and capability take precedence. The skill and focus demonstrated by the NAB players were remarkable and deeply inspiring. We are proud to collaborate with NAB and will continue supporting initiatives that promote accessibility and equal opportunity" said Sapna Bhamhani, SVP of Operations and Country Leader, India, TaskUs. The day wasn't just about competing and winning. It also had a celebratory note to it. A live musical performance by a band of visually impaired artists made the event even more special and lively. At the end of the day, it was clear that talent speaks for itself if provided the right tools and opportunities. "This partnership is a reflection of our shared commitment to creating an inclusive society where persons with disabilities are provided equal opportunities to participate and excel. We take this opportunity to convey our heartfelt thanks to TaskUs for their support towards our mission for the welfare of the visually impaired community" said Vinod Chadha, President, NAB Chandigarh & Punjab Branch. TaskUs has been partnering closely with NAB on a number of projects such as free eye check-up camps, eye care facilities and rehabilitation activities in Chandigarh and Mohali. The company has also contributed to the infrastructure and development of NAB's upcoming institute in Majri Block, Mohali.

Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile's Bharat Ahlawat Reveals Why Recent Jail Track Has Been Emotionally Draining For Him

CHANDIGARH: Zee TV's Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile starring Bharat Ahlawat (Raghav) and Aayushi Khurrana (Reet), is currently showcasing one of its most intriguing tracks. The story-line focuses on how Reet is relentlessly trying to get Raghav out of jail, as he has been falsely accused of Kirti's (Gouri Agarwal) murder. Lately, Bharat has been shooting intense jail scenes that depict the physical torture his character endures. Alongside the physical strain, the story also highlights Raghav's emotional turmoil, as he remains imprisoned while his pregnant wife struggles outside, leaving him deeply worried about her and their unborn child. The actor recently shared that while these scenes are physically demanding, they are equally challenging and emotionally draining for him as a performer.



heavy, with all the flashes and emotionally draining moments. There is one flash where my character Raghav must choose between what is right and wrong, and I'm asking Reet to help me with it. On the other side, Reet is also stuck in a situation and asks for my help. In the end, we are both left in a state of dilemma about what is right and what

to do. These intercuts may not be major, but they have been shot beautifully. Although shooting such scenes continuously for days can be emotionally draining for an actor, it helps me evolve as an artist."

Viewers are currently hooked on to the current track, as it has been revealed that Kirti is still alive and her death was part of a well-planned conspiracy by Sharada (Jayati Bhatia) and Kirti to falsely accuse Raghav. Now that Reet knows the truth, she is determined to find Kirti and bring her to court to prove Raghav's innocence. With Sharada and Kirti joining forces, it will be interesting to watch whether the situation worsens further for Raghav and Reet or if they will emerge victorious.

Catch all the drama of Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile only on Zee TV at 10:30 PM!

BHIM Payments App launches 'Mahi Way' campaign, reinforcing a simple and secure way to make digital payments

LUDHIANA: BHIM Payments App, the home grown digital payments platform developed by NPCI BHIM Services Limited (NBSL), today announced the launch of its 'Mahi Way' campaign. The campaign positions BHIM as a clear and dependable choice, enabling users to complete payments instantly. Reflecting India's trust-led relationship with money, it emphasises on the convenient and safe payments offered by BHIM Payments app, building confidence in digital payments among people, including the new users.

The 360-degree campaign features legendary cricketer and brand ambassador Mahendra Singh Dhoni, whose calm and dependable persona aligns with the experience BHIM Payments App offers to its users. Built around the thought "BHIM App se karo pay, it's the Mahi Way", the campaign draws from everyday situations where users are faced with multiple payment choices and prefer a simple, reliable way to transact. The films also showcase BHIM's scan and pay experience along with instant rewards, highlighting how digital payments can be made quick and worry free.

Speaking on the campaign, Lalitha Nataraj, MD & CEO, NPCI BHIM Services Limited (NBSL), said, "In India, trust continues to play a defining role in how people adopt and use dig-



ital payments. As adoption deepens, users are looking for simplicity and trust, along with the assurance that every transaction is safe and secure. Our new campaign, Mahi Way' reflects this behaviour where payments happen without confusion or delay, on a platform that users can rely on. With BHIM Payments App, we remain focused on offering a reliable and inclusive payments experience for users across the country."

Conceptualised by Tilt Brand Solutions, the campaign will be rolled out across television, digital platforms, cinema, and outdoor media, everyday use. The flagship campaign film will be launched in a 25-second format, supported by shorter 10- and 15-second edits for high-frequency visibility across digital and social platforms.

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