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US, Iran begin direct talks in Pakistan, seeking end to 6-week war

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ISLAMABAD, APRIL 11



Senior US and Iranian officials met on Saturday in Islamabad for the highest-level talks between Washington and Tehran in half a century as they sought to bring an end to their six-week war.

The talks between Vice President JD Vance, special envoy Steve Witkoff and President Donald Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner, and Iranian Parliamentary Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf and Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi lasted for two hours before the delegations broke for a rest, according to a Pakistani source. Pakistan's army chief was also present.

As the talks began, there were conflicting accounts of what had been agreed. A US official told Axios that several US Navy ships on Saturday had crossed the Strait of Hormuz, whose blockade by Iran has caused the biggest-ever disruption to global energy supplies.

But Iranian state TV and a Pakistani source denied that any US vessel had passed through the waterway. "We're now starting the process of clearing out the Strait of Hormuz," Trump wrote in a social media post, adding that all 28 of Iran's mine-dropping ships had been sunk.

Pb Cabinet clears amendment to anti-beadbi law to make punishments more stringent & deter beadbi of Sri Guru Granth Sahib ji

BUREAU
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Punjab Cabinet led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Saturday cleared a stringent amendment to the Jaagat Jot Sri Guru Granth Sahib Satkar (Amendment) Bill, 2026, with provision of life imprisonment to ensure strict punishment for 'Beadbi' (sacrilege) and uphold the sanctity of Sri Guru Granth Sahib ji. The amendment Bill will be introduced on Monday in a special session of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha.

A decision to this effect was taken by the Council of Ministers in a meeting held under the chairmanship of CM Bhagwant Singh Mann. Disclosing this, the Chief Minister's Office said, "There have been several incidents in the past involving the beadbi of Sri Guru Granth Sahib ji and other revered Holy Scriptures, which have deeply hurt public sentiments by bruising their psyche and caused unrest in society. While Sections 298, 299, and 300 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023 do address such matters, they do not prescribe sufficiently stringent punishments to serve as a strong deterrent against such acts.

Govt committed to making Hry Shikshit, Swasth, Surakshit aur Swavalambi: Nayab Singh

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini on Saturday said the government is committed to making the state 'Shikshit, Swasth, Surakshit aur Swavalambi' (educated, healthy, safe and self-reliant) by following the teachings of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule. He said Phule's life and ideas serve as a guiding force and emphasised the need to build a society based on equality, justice and brotherhood by following his path.



The Chief Minister was addressing a function in Babain, Kurukshetra, organised by Saini Sabha, Kurukshetra, on the occasion of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jayanti and the foundation stone-laying ceremony of the Savitribai Jyotiba Phule Group of Institutions. Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister, Sh. Shyam Singh Rana was also present.

During the function, the Chief Minister accepted the demand placed by the institution to open a Savitribai Jyotiba Phule College of Nursing and announced a grant of Rs. 51 lakh from his discretionary fund. He also announced that the Mathana–Babain road will be widened to 7 metres at a cost of Rs. 13.38 crore for public convenience. The organiser of the programme and president, Saini Sabha Kurukshetra, Sh. Gurnam Singh Saini, also submitted a memorandum of demands, which the Chief Minister assured would be fulfilled.

Meanwhile, Sh. Shyam Singh Rana also announced Rs. 11 lakh each on behalf of himself and Cabinet Minister, Sh. Krishan Kumar Bedi for the institution. Addressing the gathering, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said it was a matter of great pride and honour to celebrate the birth anniversary of a personality who gave a new direction to India's social history through his thoughts, struggles and actions. On this sacred occasion, I pay my respectful tributes to Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, he said.

Sikh hate crimes surge 3,800% in a decade in US: FBI data reveals alarming trend

CHANDIGARH : Hate crimes against Sikhs in the United States have seen a dramatic long-term increase, rising by an estimated 3,800 per cent over the past decade, according to preliminary Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) data cited by Axios.

The figures show that reported anti-Sikh hate crime incidents increased from just six cases in 2015 to 228 cases in 2025, highlighting a sharp rise in targeted bias incidents.

While overall hate crime incidents in the US declined by 11 per cent in 2025 compared to the previous year, the broader decade-long trend remains upward, with total incidents rising by about 88% between 2015 and 2025. This indicates that although year-to-year fluctuations may occur, long-term patterns of hate-based violence continue to grow in several categories.

Experts say hate crimes often do not increase evenly across all communities. Instead, specific groups may experience concentrated spikes based on social narratives, political developments, or misinformation.

Hate crime researcher Brian Levin noted that when fear-driven stereotypes intensify around a particular community, incidents targeting that group often rise sharply.

Government hikes export duty on diesel to Rs 55.5/ litre, ATF to Rs 42/litre; petrol levy unchanged

NEW DELHI : The Centre has increased export duties on petroleum products, raising the levy on high-speed diesel to Rs 55.5 per litre and on aviation turbine fuel (ATF) to Rs 42 per litre, according to a gazette notification issued by the Ministry of Finance.

The move, which comes into force "with immediate effect", is aimed ensuring domestic supply amid evolving global energy dynamics and not allowing exporters to take undue advantage due to price differences, officials said.

"Satisfied that the Special Additional Excise Duty leviable... on High speed diesel oil, should be increased and that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action," the notification said.

Changes are being made in the Eighth Schedule of the Finance Act, 2002.

"For the entry... 'Rs. 24 per litre' shall be substituted," the notification said, revising the duty structure applicable to export of diesel.

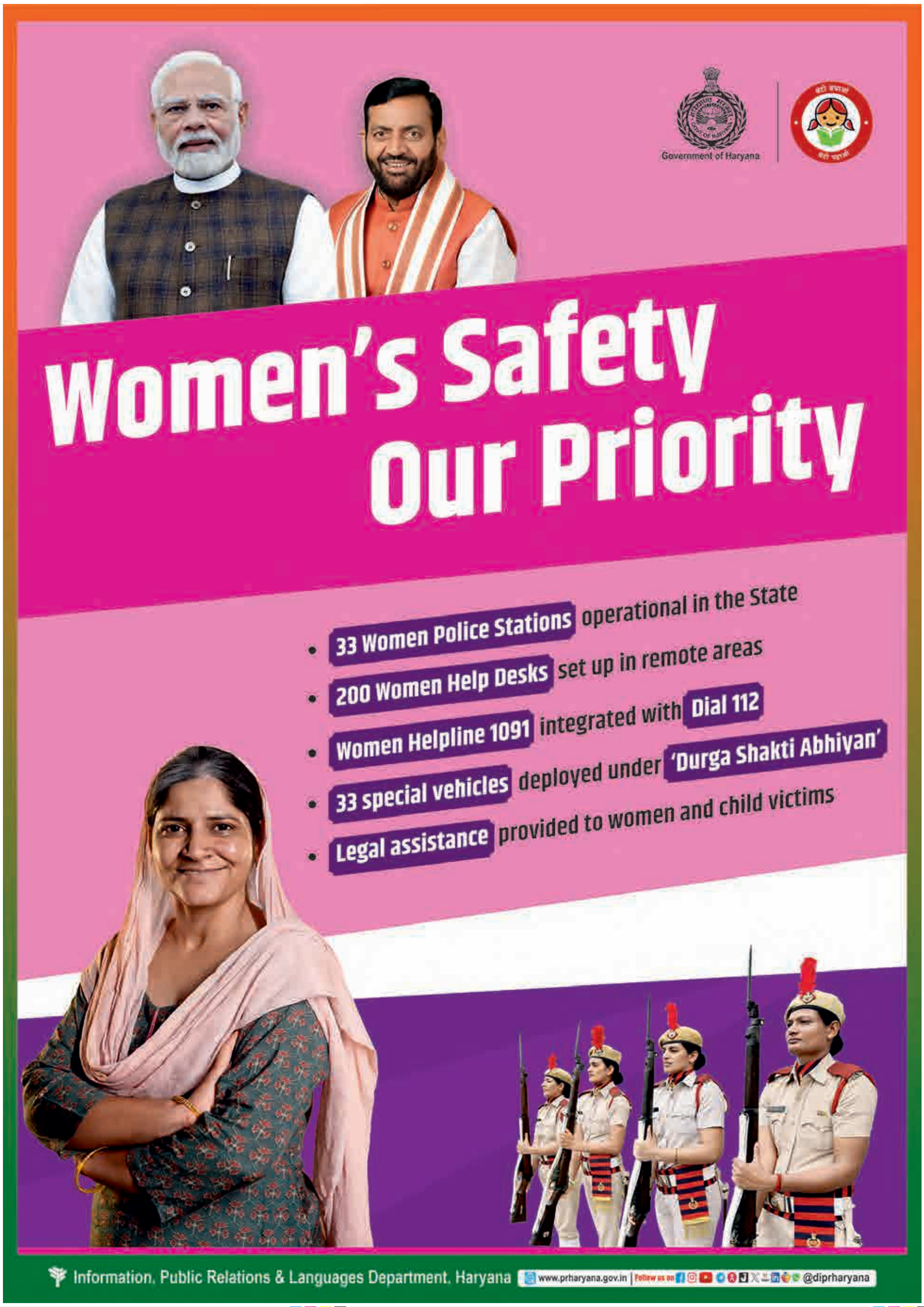
The government also raised the Road and Infrastructure Cess on high speed diesel, stating that it was "satisfied that the Road and Infrastructure Cess... on High speed diesel oil, should be increased," and that "the entry 'Rs. 36 per litre' shall be substituted."

The revised structure effectively pushes the total export duty on high speed diesel to Rs 55.5 per litre, up from Rs 21.5 per litre earlier.

Similarly, the duty on aviation turbine fuel (ATF) has been increased to Rs 42 per litre from Rs 29.5 per litre, as per the amended notification, which states that "for the entry... the entry 'Rs. 42 per litre' shall be substituted."

At the same time, export duty on petrol remains unchanged at zero.

Officials said the notifications were issued under powers granted by the Central Excise Act, 1944 and relevant provisions of the Finance Acts, and emphasised that the changes were necessary in the "public interest." All five notifications noted that "circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action".



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Balbhadra Maharaj jagran to be held in Dhaulra on April 17

NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: A grand jagran in devotion to Shri Balbhadra Maharaj will be organised on April 17 at the temple premises in Dhaulra village on the occasion of Akshaya Tritiya. Sharing details, Deependra Singh said that the event is being organised for the seventh consecutive year by DSS Group, continuing the tradition of celebrating the occasion with religious fervour.

He added that preparations for the jagran are underway and a large number of devotees from the region are expected to participate.

He noted that the Balbhadra Maharaj temple in the village holds deep faith among local residents, and there is no other temple dedicated to the deity in the surrounding area.

As a result, the event is celebrated every year with great enthusiasm and devotion. Organisers said the jagran will feature devotional performances and religious activities, drawing devotees from nearby villages and towns.

NEWS BRIEF

Main accused arrested in Thar vehicle murder case at wedding function

DALBIR SINGH MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: Kurukshetra police have arrested the main accused in a murder case in which a man was run over by a Thar vehicle during a wedding function.



Acting under the directions of Superintendent of Police Chandramohan, the Ismailabad police team arrested the prime accused, identified as Dipanshu Havan, a resident of Ismailabad. According to the police spokesperson, the complaint was filed by Shamim Panjrat, a resident of Ismailabad. He stated that on the night of March 29, 2026, he had attended the wedding ceremony of his friend Sahil at a banquet hall in Ismailabad, where a musical event was underway. His brother-in-law, Sahil Kumar from Khedi Shishgana village, was also present at the function. During the event, an argument broke out between Dipanshu Havan and Sahil Kumar over a song while dancing. Although the matter was initially settled, the situation escalated later.

National memorial in Rishikesh–Haridwar to honor victims of partition horrors

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL APR 11



During the inhuman tragedy of Partition in 1947, at the time of India's independence, millions of people lost their homes and countless lives were lost to religious fanaticism. The formation of the Partition Horrors Memorial Trust has been announced to preserve those sacrifices and struggles. The Partition Horrors Memorial Trust has been formed under the guidance of Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister and Energy Minister Manohar Lal. Swami Dharmadev, the settler and founding president of the new trust, and Bodhraj Sikri, the newly appointed general secretary of the trust, announced that Ramesh Chand Juneja, chairman of Mankind Pharma, has been appointed as the trust's lifelong national president. The new team includes Suman Kant Munjal, Sunil Sachdeva, Sunil Satija, Rajiv Gulati, Manmohan Chawla, Ajay Khanna, PK Dutta, Rajiv Mukul, Dinesh Nagpal, Purna Dabur, Surjeet Oberoi, Baldev Raj Bhatia, Sumit Nanda, Praveen Bhatia, Satish Grover, and Abhishek Banga. Bodhraj Sikri stated that the trust will construct a massive national memorial and a state-of-the-art museum in Rishikesh Haridwar. The trust will not only commemorate the pain of that era but will also remind the new generation of the deepest wounds inflicted on Indian soil at the time of Partition. In this memorial, pictures of Lord Ram, Arut Maharaj, Mata Hinglaj, Maharishi Kashyap, Guru Teg Bahadur, Guru Govind Singh, Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Shaheed Madan Lal Dhingra and many other social figures will be displayed. A horror gallery and displacement corridor will be built in the proposed museum, where those scenes will be shown through state-of-the-art technology. According to Sikri, Subhash Arora, Harinder Hora, Sanjeev Kumar, Omprakash Kathuria, Deep Kalra, Chandra Shekhar Taneja, Vikas Kapoor have given their consent to become members of the trust. Famous spiritual saints Swami Chidanand Saraswati Muniji, the chief spiritual guru of Parmarth Niketan Ashram, Rishikesh, Anandmurti Guru Maa, the founder of Rishi Chaitanya Ashram, Gannaur, and Shri 108 Mahant Ram Sukhdas Ji Maharaj of the famous Gaddi Tikana Sati Bhai Sai Das Ji located in Kalanaur of Rohtak district have been nominated as the Chief Patron and Protector of the Trust. Apart from these, former Governor of Assam Professor Jagdish Mukhi, retired IAS Surina Rajan Kumar, retired IAS Mukesh Ahuja, retired Vice Chancellor Dr. Ashok Diwakar, retired Vice Chancellor Dr. Markandey Ahuja have also been included.

MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora inspects civic works in Yamunanagar, issues directions



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, APR 11

BJP MLA from Yamunanagar constituency Ghanshyam Das Arora conducted a surprise inspection of ongoing development works under the Municipal Corporation and issued necessary directions to officials. During the visit, Arora, accompanied by municipal officials and party workers, inspected projects in Ward No. 4, including a badminton court, community centre, and road works in Bhagwangarh, as well as development works in Majri. He also reviewed the construction of a community building and Valmiki Bhawan in Chaneti, and visited an anganwadi centre and park in Budhiya. The MLA instructed officials to ensure that all works are executed properly and within the stipulated timeline. He emphasised that high-quality materials must be used and warned that negligence in execution would not be tolerated. Arora stated that the state government under Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini is committed to the principle of inclusive development and is working towards the upliftment of all sections of society, including the poor, farmers, women, and those at the grassroots level.

DHBVN clinches overall title at 13th Inter Power Utility Sports meet in Hisar

MAHENDER GOYAL
HISAR, APR 11



Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (DHBVN) emerged as the overall champion with 65 points at the three-day 13th Inter Power Utility Sports Meet held at the Vidyut Nagar sports complex in Hisar. The closing ceremony was attended by DHBVN Chief Engineer (HR and Administration) Rajneesh Garg as the chief guest and Superintending Engineer (CBO) Bijendra Lamba as the guest of honour. Garg distributed prizes to the winners and congratulated participants for their sportsmanship and team spirit. In his address, Garg said the event reflected not only competitive spirit but also dedication, discipline, and teamwork. He added that participation itself is a significant achievement and praised the enthusiasm shown by employees from various power utilities. He also acknowledged the guidance of Haryana Power Sports Group president and DHBVN Managing Director Vikram, stating that the successful programme demonstrated how administrative responsibilities and sports culture can go hand in hand. Garg highlighted the importance of organising sports events for women and differently-abled employees, noting that physical fitness is crucial in the demanding field of power distribution. He expressed confidence that the team spirit displayed during the games would translate into improved performance at the workplace. Haryana Power Sports Group general secretary Surender Kumar thanked the chief guest, officials, participants, and spectators, stating that proper arrangements for boarding and meals ensured smooth conduct of the event.

Tree guard removal campaign by Lakshya Janhit Society gains public support

MEGH RAJ LUTHRA
KARNAL: The "Tree Guard Free Tree" campaign run by Lakshya Janhit Society is receiving strong public support, with its latest drive held in Ward 13 under the guidance of Shyam Ahuja. Local councillors and residents actively participated in the initiative. Society founder and social worker Dinesh Bakshi said the campaign has completed five years and has successfully freed thousands of trees from restrictive guards. He noted that the initiative, which began as a local effort to protect the environment, has now expanded to several cities across India with growing participation. Participants highlighted that while tree guards were initially installed for protection, many have now become harmful by restricting growth and causing trees to wither. Ward 18 councillor Harjeet Singh Sandhu described the campaign as essential for environmental conservation, stating that such efforts are necessary to ensure the healthy growth of trees. Among those present were councillor Harjeet Singh Sandhu, Shyam Ahuja, Dinesh Bakshi, Prashant, Sachin Dhawan, Tandon, and Sumit Pal Singh, along with other volunteers and residents.



National Physics workshop enhances practical learning at Dev Samaj College Ferozepur

TAPINDER SINGH
FEROZEPUR, APR 11



Dev Samaj College for Women, Ferozepur, which is a college with A Plus grade from Panjab University, Chandigarh in the field of education, social and cultural activities, with the blessings of the college chairman Mr. Nirmal Singh Dhillon, the skillful guidance of Chairperson Dr. Agnes Dhillon, Secretary Mr. Ajay Batta and Principal Dr. Under the effective leadership of Sangeeta, the department of Postgraduate Physics organized a national workshop on the topic "Computer Interfaced Experiments Using X-P-I-S 17". The main objective of this workshop was to connect students with experimental education through modern technology and to explain the theoretical knowledge of science in a practical way. About 60 students participated in this workshop with great enthusiasm and showed active participation throughout the program. The program was inaugurated by Principal Dr. Sangeeta Sharma, who welcomed the chief guest and resource person by giving phulkari, momento, planter. In her address, she informed the students about the importance of experiment-based education and said that in today's scientific era, only theoretical knowledge is not enough, but it is very important to develop experimental thinking among the students. She considered such workshops to be very beneficial for the overall development of the students. The workshop's keynote speaker (resource person) Engineer V. V. V. Satyanarayana, had arrived from Inter University Accelerator Centre, New Delhi.

Jyotiba Phule Jayanti celebrated at MP Naveen Jindal's office in Kurukshetra



HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: The birth anniversary of social reformer Mahatma Jyotiba Phule was celebrated with enthusiasm at the office of MP Naveen Jindal in Kurukshetra. Floral tributes were offered, and attendees remembered his contributions while reaffirming their commitment to social equality and education. Office in-charge Dharmveer Singh said that Phule dedicated his life to the upliftment of the oppressed, marginalised, and backward sections of society. He highlighted that Phule fought against social evils and promoted education as a powerful tool for transformation, especially for women. He added that Phule's ideas are even more relevant in today's context and stressed the need to follow his ideals to promote equality, justice, and access to education. Among those present were Harphool Kaserla, Harnek Saini, Naresh Arya, Subhash Sharma, Ved Prakash, Tara Chand, Bhushan Mangla, Balwinder Singh, Jeet Ram, and Ankit Garg, along with other attendees who pledged to follow the path shown by the reformer.

Three-day meditation camp underway at Osho Dhyan Upvan, to conclude on April 12



MAHENDRA GOYAL
HISAR: A three-day meditation camp is currently underway at Osho Dhyan Upvan in Hisar, with participants being introduced to various aspects of meditation and its scientific approach. The camp will conclude on April 12. On the second day, Acharya Shekhar, Swami Sanjay, and Maa Sanchi conducted multiple sessions, guiding participants through different dimensions of meditation. Acharya Shekhar spoke about the teachings of Osho and encouraged attendees to follow the path shown by him, describing it as a simple and effective way to lead a joyful and fulfilling life. Swami Sanjay and Maa Sanchi elaborated on the science of meditation, explaining how modern life often traps individuals in a cycle of stress, fear, and constant pursuit of material gains. They emphasised that understanding meditation can help individuals lead a more balanced and peaceful life. Swami Sanjay stated that instead of constantly chasing external goals, individuals need to reflect on the true essence of human life.

Chhath Parv Seva Samiti Mandal demands more trains and bus facilities for Bihar



CHAMAN LAL
KARNAL: The Chhath Parv Seva Samiti Mandal (Surya Mandir) submitted a memorandum to MLA Jagmohan Anand, demanding enhanced rail and bus facilities for the residents of Bihar living in Karnal. This memorandum was addressed to the Union Minister for Power, Housing, and Urban Development, Manohar Lal. On behalf of the Mandal, it was argued that thousands of people from Bihar residing in Karnal face significant inconvenience while traveling to their home state. The Mandal has been prominently advocating for the provision of stoppages for three specific trains at the Karnal railway station. Similarly, a request is also being made to introduce special government bus services bound for Bihar. Suresh Yadav, President of the Chhath Parv Seva Samiti Mandal, stated that a demand has been placed before Union Minister Manohar Lal to ensure that Train No. 12203/04 (Amritsar-Saharsa), Train No. 14652 (Humsafar Express), and Train No. 12391/92 (Shramjeevi Express) are provided with a scheduled halt at the Karnal railway station. Furthermore, regarding the Shramjeevi Express—which currently runs from Rajgir to New Delhi—he requested that its route be extended up to Kurukshetra.

CBSE mental health programme empowers teachers at DPS Yamunanagar



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: A Capacity Building Programme on Promoting 'Mental Health' for students was successfully conducted under the aegis of CBSE at Delhi Public School Yamunanagar on Saturday, April 11, 2026. The session aimed at equipping educators with essential skills and strategies to foster emotional well-being among students and create a supportive classroom environment. The programme was led by eminent resource persons, Ms. Sakshi Sikka and Ms. Jasjeet Kaur, who shared valuable insights on identifying early signs of stress, anxiety, and behavioral concerns in students. They emphasized the importance of empathy, active listening, and creating safe spaces within classrooms to encourage open communication. The session included interactive activities, case discussions, and practical approaches to integrate mental health awareness into daily teaching practices. Teachers actively participated and appreciated the relevance of the programme in today's academic scenario. The workshop proved to be highly enriching and insightful, empowering educators to address mental health concerns effectively and contribute towards the holistic development of students.

Teacher training held on student mental health at Salempur Khadar school



R K KASHYAP
CHHACHHRAULI: A one-day CBP teacher training programme on "Mental Health and Well-being" was organised at B.S. Senior Secondary School, Salempur Khadar, in accordance with CBSE guidelines. The programme aimed to sensitise teachers to various aspects of students' mental health and equip them with effective strategies for stress management, emotional balance, and creating a positive classroom environment. Resource persons Devendra Sharma and Lalita Bisht shared their expertise, highlighting the importance of mental health in students' overall development. They discussed causes of stress in classrooms and suggested practical solutions to address these challenges. The training included interactive sessions, group discussions, and activities designed to help teachers better understand and respond to mental health concerns among students.

Govt committed to building an educated, healthy and self-reliant Haryana: CM Saini



KARAMBIR
LADWA: Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini said the state government is committed to transforming Haryana into an educated, healthy, secure and self-reliant state by following the ideals of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule. He said Phule's life and teachings continue to guide efforts toward building a society based on equality, justice and brotherhood. The Chief Minister was addressing a state-level function organised in Babain on the occasion of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jayanti, where he also laid the foundation stone of the Savitribai Jyotiba Phule Group of Institutions. He announced the establishment of a College of Nursing and financial assistance of Rs. 51 lakh to the Saini Sabha. Additionally, he announced that the Mathana–Babain road would be widened to seven metres at a cost of Rs. 13.38 crore. Highlighting the contribution of Mahatma Phule, the Chief Minister said his fight against social evils such as caste discrimination, child marriage and lack of education for women was revolutionary. He emphasised that education remains the most powerful tool for social transformation.

Two injured families given Rs. 1 lakh aid after LPG accident in Yamunanagar



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Two families injured in an LPG-related accident on Thursday morning at a factory quarter on Salempur–Bedthal road have been provided financial assistance of Rs. 1 lakh by the district administration. Deputy Commissioner Preeti said that both affected families have been given Rs. 50,000 each as immediate relief. The incident occurred during the transfer of gas from an LPG cylinder, resulting in injuries to members of both families. The Deputy Commissioner appealed to the public not to transfer gas or other inflammable substances, warning that such practices pose serious risks to life and property. She added that there is adequate supply of LPG in the district and urged people to follow safety norms and avoid panic. District Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Controller Nitish Singla informed that workers employed in industries can obtain 5 kg gas cylinders and connections from nearby gas agencies by coordinating with their employers or the labour department and presenting valid identification. He said the facility is particularly aimed at migrant workers to ensure safe and regular access to LPG. Authorities also urged residents not to pay attention to rumours, assuring that gas cylinders are available in sufficient quantity and supply is being maintained regularly.

State strengthens transparent and farmer-friendly procurement system: CM Nayab Singh Saini



KARAMBIR
LADWA: Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini said the state government has introduced several new initiatives to make the crop procurement system more transparent, secure and farmer-friendly. He assured that every grain of farmers' produce will be procured. During his visit to the Babain grain market, the Chief Minister reviewed wheat procurement arrangements and interacted with farmers regarding their experience in the mandis. Farmers expressed satisfaction with the current system and said they were not facing major difficulties in selling their produce. Saini said a three-tier crop verification system has been implemented to ensure accuracy and prevent irregularities. Biometric verification has been made mandatory, while farmers have been allowed to nominate three persons for the process. He added that gate pass issuance now includes vehicle details and photographs to enhance traceability.

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Phule's contribution to social upliftment remains unparalleled: Satish Panchal

CHAMANLAL
KARNAL: Sarvodaya Samajik Sangathan founder Satish Panchal said that the contribution of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule toward the upliftment of society is remarkable and enduring. He was addressing a programme organised in Karnal on the occasion of Phule's birth anniversary.

Panchal said that Phule used education as a powerful tool to awaken a socially dormant society and strongly advocated for women's education at a time when it was widely neglected. He added that Phule consistently opposed social evils and worked toward creating an equitable social order.

Referring to historical contributions, Panchal noted that Phule founded the Satyashodhak Samaj in 1876 with the objective of raising awareness against social evils and challenging entrenched societal inequalities. He also highlighted that Phule, along with his wife Savitribai Phule, played a pivotal role in promoting women's education and empowerment.

He said that through his reformist efforts, Phule significantly contributed to social transformation and laid the foundation for a more just and progressive society.

Hry Governor urges citizens to use self-enumeration facility for census 2027

BUREAU
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The Director, Census and Civil Registration (Haryana), Ministry of Home Affairs, today paid a courtesy visit to the Hon'ble Governor of Haryana, Prof. Asim Kumar Ghosh, at Raj Bhavan, Chandigarh. The Director provided detailed information on the activities related to Census 2027 and released an official calendar outlining the census schedule for the state.

The Self-Enumeration facility will be available in Haryana from April 16 to April 30, 2026. During this period, all citizens can enter their information on the Self-Enumeration portal from their homes using mobile phones, tablets, or computers. This initiative is simple, secure, and designed for citizen convenience. Subsequently, from May 1 to May 30, 2026, enumerators will visit every household across the state as part of the Houselisting Operations.



On this occasion, Governor Prof. Asim Kumar Ghosh commended Dr. Lalit Jain, Director, Census Department, Haryana, and his team for their efforts. He stated that the Census is the world's largest administrative process, and the data collected will determine the direction and policy of Haryana's development. The Governor urged citizens to make maximum use of self-enumeration, as it is extremely convenient and easy, and will also save time and resources. He further appealed to all Haryana residents to provide full cooperation to the census staff so that this important task can be successfully completed. Secretary to Governor Vijay Bhavikutti IAS was also present on this occasion.

Dr. Sumita Misra directs urgent revamp of public hospitals; 24×7 services, inspections, and zero tolerance for lapses

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 11

Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Sumita Misra has ordered a comprehensive revamp of all government hospitals in Haryana issuing directives that reach every level of the health system, from district hospitals to the last primary health centre in the remotest corner of the state. The message is unambiguous: strict compliance and time-bound improvements are mandatory, not optional.

In a letter issued to all Deputy Commissioners, Civil Surgeons, Directors of Government Medical Colleges, and Sub-Divisional Magistrates, Dr. Misra has drawn a clear line negligence, delay, or foot-dragging will invite immediate administrative action, with personal accountability fixed on the officers concerned.



As part of the reform initiative, a week-long cleanliness campaign will be launched across all government hospitals from April 13. Authorities have been directed to ensure intensive sanitation of hospital premises, including wards, corridors, parks, and surrounding areas, along with proper biomedical waste management. To ensure transparency and monitoring, officers must submit photographic evidence of cleanliness activities to designated authorities, reinforcing a system of real-time accountability.

In a move to enhance professionalism and patient confidence, all hospital staff—medical, paramedical, and administrative have been directed to wear prescribed uniforms and prominently display identification and designation while on duty. This step is expected to improve patient interaction and institutional discipline.

The government has placed strong emphasis on improving patient experience. Hospitals must ensure availability of essential amenities such as clean toilets, safe drinking water, hygienic bedding, and adequate seating arrangements for patients and attendants.

Further, institutions have been directed to streamline patient flow through effective queue management systems. Additional registration counters and help desks are to be set up wherever required to reduce waiting times and ease congestion.

All hospitals have been directed to ensure seamless functioning of Ayushman Bharat help desks so that eligible beneficiaries receive timely assistance without procedural delays. Simultaneously, ambulance services must remain fully operational round the clock, with the government adopting a zero-tolerance approach towards any disruption in emergency response.

Recognizing the importance of maternal and child health, the government has directed hospitals to upgrade maternity and paediatric wards. Facilities are encouraged to create a more welcoming and stress-free environment through repainting with soothing colours and installing child-friendly artwork, in collaboration with local institutions.

With rising temperatures, hospitals have been asked to ensure uninterrupted supply of clean and cool drinking water for patients and visitors. Authorities have also been encouraged to seek support from NGOs and charitable organizations for additional cooling arrangements and mosquito control measures to safeguard public health.

To improve accessibility and navigation within hospital premises, clear and visible signage must be installed across all facilities. Additionally, all scrap materials, condemned vehicles, and unused equipment must be removed immediately in line with government norms to create a cleaner and safer environment.

Haryana CM invites investors to tap opportunities in food processing, logistics, EV and other sectors

BUREAU
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Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini urged industrialists and investors to tap investment opportunities in the State's fast-growing food processing sector, expanding logistics ecosystem in the National Capital Region (NCR, the upcoming Electric Vehicle (EV) Park and other areas in the state.

Addressing entrepreneurs and industrialists from 12 countries and 27 states at the TiECon Chandigarh Summit 2026, the Chief Minister said the present State Government has created a highly favorable industrial environment where investors gain confidence and entrepreneurs find abundant opportunities. He said that the government is continuously simplifying procedures to promote ease of doing business and ease of living, with a strong focus on digital governance, transparency, and accountability.

Highlighting sectoral growth, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini stated that the food processing industry is expanding rapidly across the country and in Haryana, with around 28,000 units already established. However, he noted that immense untapped potential still exists in this sector. Referring to logistics, he shared that Haryana ranks third nationally and first in North India, with nearly 57% of its geographical area falling within the NCR, which is being developed as a major logistics hub. He also encouraged investments in the EV sector, supported by a progressive policy offering multiple incentives and facilities.

The Chief Minister said India is transitioning from a consumption-driven economy to a production- and innovation-led economy. Haryana has played a significant role in this transformation. Once known primarily for agriculture and traditional industries, the State has now emerged as a hub of innovation, startups, and technological advancement, he added.



He said that under the Haryana Startup Policy, the government is providing financial assistance, mentorship, infrastructure, and market access to young entrepreneurs. Cities such as Gurugram, Faridabad, Panchkula, and Hisar are fast emerging as startup hubs, particularly in sectors like IT, agri-tech, fintech, health-tech, and manufacturing. He said that Haryana is currently the 7th largest state in terms of the number of startups, with over 9,500 recognized startups, nearly 50% of which are women-led. The State aims to increase women's participation in startups to 60% in the next phase.

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini further highlighted Haryana's strategic advantage, with 14 districts and around 57% of its area falling within the NCR, and nearly 66% lying in the influence zone of the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor. The State offers excellent connectivity through air, rail, and road networks and is a major contributor to India's exports, achieving exports worth Rs 2.75 lakh crore in 2023–24.

Government must ensure smooth wheat procurement and immediately remove unnecessary conditions: Inderjit Goraya

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
NILOKHERI: Inderjit Singh Goraya, National Spokesperson for the All India Kisan Congress, stated that for the past few years, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government has consistently engaged in actions that harass farmers. Farmers do not receive seeds, fertilizers, or pesticides on time, nor do they receive compensation for crop damage caused by diseases or natural calamities. Yet, despite battling such adverse circumstances—and after successfully cultivating their crops and bringing them to the *mandi* (market)—farmers continue to face harassment and distress due to the imposition of new formalities. These include requirements for gate passes, biometric thumb scans, and computerized weighbridges—formalities that are being added despite the fact that their details are already duly registered on the *mandi* portal. Such actions are absolutely unjust.



This constitutes not merely discriminatory treatment, but also a direct assault on the self-respect of the *Annadata* (the food-provider)—an affront that simply cannot be tolerated.
The government must break free from the influence and pressure of administrative officials, immediately withdraw the unnecessary conditions currently being imposed on farmers, and ensure the prompt weighing of crops arriving at the *mandi*, thereby guaranteeing timely payment to the farmers.

MLA Nirmal Singh wins people's trust by reviving stalled projects of Aseem Goel: Viresh Shandilya

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
AMBALA: Viresh Shandilya—National President of the Vishwa Hindu Takht and the Anti-Terrorist Front India—expressed his deep appreciation for former Minister and Congress MLA Nirmal Singh. Shandilya lauded Singh for fulfilling his duty as a true public servant by raising his voice in the Legislative Assembly regarding development projects initiated by former MLA Aseem Goel that had remained stalled for ten years. By subsequently ensuring the resumption of these stalled projects through the Nayab Saini government, Singh has successfully won the hearts of the city's residents.



Speaking to journalists at his residence today—and continuing his nationwide campaign to strengthen Sanatan Dharma—Viresh Shandilya, the National President of the Anti-Terrorist Front India, stated that the Nayab Saini government and its Local Bodies Minister, Vipul Goel, responded positively to MLA Nirmal Singh's plea in the Assembly regarding the resumption of stalled development works in Ambala City. Shandilya extended his gratitude to Chief Minister Nayab Saini and Minister Vipul Goel for this action. He noted that the Nayab Saini government demonstrated respect for the opposition MLA, Nirmal Singh, by prioritizing a matter of public interest and initiating projects that had been stalled for a decade. These projects—now resumed thanks to the efforts of former Minister Nirmal Singh—include the restoration of the Naurang Rai Pond (a symbol of respect for Sanatan Dharma), the completion of the Bal Bhawan (dedicated to children's education and talent development).

Baba Mastnath University receives RCI approval for four ISITEP (Special B.Ed.) programs

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
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Achieving a significant milestone in the field of special and inclusive education—and thereby reaffirming its academic commitment—Baba Mastnath University, Rohtak, has launched four four-year B.Ed. programs under the Integrated Special and Inclusive Teacher Education Program (ISITEP). These initiatives, including the ISITEP (HI) for the Hearing Impaired, have been approved by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), headquartered in New Delhi.

Sharing this information, the University's Chancellor, Mahant Balak Nath Yogi, stated that the RCI has granted the university approval to commence four distinct courses under the Integrated Special and Inclusive Teacher Education Program (Special B.Ed.) umbrella. The approved courses include separate teacher education programs for both levels (primary and secondary) related to Intellectual Disabilities and Hearing Impairments; these programs are designed to provide systematic and practical training to aspiring special education teachers.



Following this approval, Baba Mastnath University has now joined the ranks of leading educational institutions poised to play a pivotal role in producing trained, sensitive, and skilled teachers for children with special needs. Through these courses, teachers will not only acquire subject-specific knowledge but will also be exposed to practical training, an understanding of rehabilitation processes, and inclusive pedagogical methods, thereby enabling them to effectively address the educational requirements of students with diverse abilities. This initiative aligns with the spirit of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, and the National Education Policy, 2020—both of which place a strong emphasis on providing equal, accessible, and quality education to every child. Furthermore, these programs will play a crucial role in meeting the growing demand for trained special education teachers across the state and the nation.

Expressing his delight, the Chancellor remarked that this approval stands as a testament to the university's commitment to quality, discipline, and an inclusive approach. The university will continue to promote programs that contribute to the upliftment of the underprivileged and special sections of society. He expressed confidence that, through these courses, we would be able to extend the light of education to those children in society who are most in need of it. He further added that the university is continuously striving to establish excellence in the field of education through modern infrastructure, advanced training methodologies, and expert faculty.

The University's Vice-Chancellor, Professor B.M. Yadav, and Registrar, Vinod Kumar, also stated that modern infrastructure, advanced teaching laboratories, supportive technical equipment, and experienced faculty would be arranged to ensure the successful conduct of these courses. Students will have the opportunity to work in real-world scenarios through internships, fieldwork, and practical training, thereby ensuring their holistic.

Mahatma Jyotiba Phule stood for moral courage, self-reflection, and dedication to social welfare- Dr. Arvind Sharma

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Cooperation Minister, Dr. Arvind Sharma said that the life of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule is an inspiring example of moral courage, self-reflection, and unwavering commitment to the welfare of society. He worked to bring awareness in society through institutions and movements. Today, Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi at the national level and Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini at state level are moving forward on the path shown by him, strengthening the idea of women empowerment.

The Minister said this while addressing a gathering during a programme held at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Chowk in Gohana on Saturday.

He said that although Mahatma Jyotiba Phule was born into a humble family, the challenges he faced in his early life could not hinder his pursuit of education, courage, and dedication to society. His life reflects that no matter how many difficulties arise, one must continue to strive for knowledge through hard work in order to find solutions.

The Cabinet Minister emphasized that Phule believed knowledge is not the property of any one class but a power that should be shared among all. He advocated opening schools for girls and the underprivileged at a time when a large section of society was deprived of education.

The Minister added that Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi has been implementing his vision of education and women empowerment in the country over the past 11 years. Today, through the National Education Policy, the Central and State BJP governments are creating a system that encourages youth to ask questions, learn new things, and engage in research. The life of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule continues to inspire society, conveying that only by following the path of education, equality, and social justice can the nation be made strong and prosperous, said Dr. Arvind Sharma.

On this occasion, the Cabinet Minister also gave a grant of Rs. 1 lakh from his discretionary fund for the beautification of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Chowk.

Phule's contribution to social upliftment remains exemplary: Dr Balram Sharma

CHAMANLAL
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On the occasion of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule's birth anniversary, Dr Balram Sharma, Head of the Political Science Department at DAV College, Karnal, said that Phule's contribution to the upliftment of society remains unparalleled and continues to inspire generations.



Addressing students, Dr Sharma said Phule used education as a means to awaken a socially deprived and unaware society, and strongly emphasised the importance of women's education. He added that Phule consistently opposed social evils and worked towards eradicating discrimination and inequality.

He said that in 1876, Phule founded the Satyashodhak Samaj with the objective of spreading awareness against social evils, superstitions and unjust practices prevalent in society. Along with his wife Savitribai Phule, he played a key role in promoting women's education and empowerment.

Dr Sharma urged the youth to draw inspiration from Phule's life and ideals, stating that his reformist vision played a significant role in bringing about social transformation in the country.

Students including Vijay Saini, Neeraj Saini, Dakshit Kamboj, Anuj Sharma, Daksh Rana and Deepanshu, along with a large number of others, were present on the occasion.

Government committed to procuring every single grain of farmer's crops- Chief Minister

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that the government has implemented several new initiatives to make the procurement system in the state more transparent, secure, and farmer-friendly. These initiatives will enhance transparency, curb unauthorized activities, and provide convenient and faster services to farmers.

Nayab Singh Saini was reviewing the wheat procurement process at the Babain grain market in Kurukshetra on Saturday. Later he also interacted with farmers about various aspects, including bringing wheat to the market, selling the crop, and receiving payments. The farmers praised the state government and said they faced no difficulties.

The Chief Minister honored farmer Dharamchand, a resident of Hamidpur, who sold wheat in front of him, by presenting him with a shawl.

Earlier, upon arrival at the Babain grain market, Chief Minister and Vice-President, Haryana State Child Welfare Council, Smt. Suman Saini received a warm welcome.

The Chief Minister said that the government has mandated a three-tier crop verification system. This system ensures that the crops brought to procurement centers match the crops registered by farmers. This is making the crop verification process more accurate and reliable, he said.

The Chief Minister further said that the government is successfully conducting procurement operations with complete transparency, accountability, and order. The state government is fully committed to the interests of farmers and will ensure the purchase of every single grain of their crops, he said.

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that the government has implemented comprehensive reforms in the procurement system and appointed nodal officers in each market. Senior officers have been assigned the responsibility of regularly monitoring the district markets, and Deputy Commissioners have been appointed in charge of the procurement system at the district level. Ministers and MLAs are also regularly visiting the markets to review the arrangements so that farmers do not face any inconvenience, he said.

Health check-up camp organized for Municipal Corporation sanitation

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, APRIL 11

An eye check-up camp was organized at the Municipal Corporation office by the Center for Sight at Saraswati Netralaya, Model Town, Karnal. The camp was inaugurated by Mayor Renu Bala Gupta. On this occasion, the camp organizers welcomed Mayor Renu Bala Gupta by presenting her with a floral bouquet. During the camp, doctors examined approximately 150 sanitation workers and educated them on methods to maintain good eyesight, as well as proper dietary habits.



Speaking on the occasion, the Mayor expressed her gratitude to the team from the Center for Sight at Saraswati Netralaya, Model Town, Karnal, for organizing this camp. She emphasized the importance of organizing such camps periodically to ensure that the sanitation workers' eyes are regularly examined and that they continue to benefit from appropriate medication and timely medical advice.

Present at the eye check-up camp were the team from the Center for Sight at Saraswati Netralaya—including Dr. Manisha, Dr. Salil Gupta, Marketing Manager Bhupinder Bisht, and Senior Marketing Executive Sunil Kumar Sharma—along with various officials and employees of the Corporation.

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Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.

Marie Curie

EDITORIAL

Climate battle gets tougher

Despite considerable progress in renewable energy, India continues to depend on coal to meet its energy requirements. This makes phasing out fossil fuels a daunting task, requiring massive investments and the adoption of innovative technologies. The Union Cabinet recently approved the updated targets on tackling climate change that are quite ambitious. A new set of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) — voluntary climate targets submitted by the member countries to the United Nations — has been cleared, promising that at least 60% of the country's electricity installed capacity would come from non-fossil fuel sources by 2035, up from the 50% target it had set for 2030. India has also promised to attain at least a 47% reduction in emissions intensity or emissions per unit of GDP, on 2005 levels, which is two percentage points more than its current target of 45% for 2030. It has been targeted to create a carbon sink that is at least 3.5-4 billion tonnes of CO2-equivalent, larger than what existed in 2005. This highlights the importance of afforestation and ecosystem restoration in climate mitigation. The new climate targets signalled that India remains committed to the clean energy pathway, despite developmental issues. However, there are many challenges ahead. Scaling up renewable energy requires huge investments in grid modernisation, energy storage solutions, and grid flexibility to handle intermittent supply. Expanding forest cover at the required scale poses land-use and ecological challenges. There is also a need to overcome infrastructure gaps and secure affordable clean energy technologies. India's status as a lower-middle-income country limits its financial and technological capacity. Besides, commitments such as infrastructure expansion, industrial growth, and poverty reduction require careful balancing with climate goals. By adopting realistic and achievable targets, India positions itself as a responsible global actor advocating climate justice. To achieve the goals, it needs to strengthen international cooperation for climate finance and technology transfer, promote sustainable land-use practices and afforestation initiatives, and integrate climate goals into national development planning for long-term sustainability. Under the 2015 Paris Agreement, every country is obligated to formulate and implement a set of climate actions that help the global fight against climate change. In the current scenario, global efforts to mitigate the climate change crisis are being stymied by the outright non-cooperation from the United States under President Donald Trump. His administration has abandoned renewables and is reinvesting money and efforts towards developing and controlling oil and gas resources. Such a reversal by the world's second-largest producer and consumer of energy has major consequences for the fight against climate change. From the beginning, he has routinely ridiculed climate science as a scam and a hoax. The Trump Administration has been turning its back on the climate crisis since day one, withdrawing from the Paris Agreement and ending essential investments in the clean energy transition.

White House rejects report of releasing blocked Iranian funds amid Islamabad peace talks



The White House on Saturday dismissed a report suggesting that the United States had consented to the "release of Iranian capital" previously "blocked in Qatari and various international financial institutions."

This official denial arrives as American and Iranian representatives convene in Islamabad for high-stakes negotiations aimed at brokering a ceasefire, reported CBS.

The controversy follows a report, which quoted a high-ranking Iranian official claiming that Washington had signalled its approval to unfreeze the assets. According to the news agency, the source had "welcoming the move" as a "tangible demonstration" of "seriousness" from the United States in its "pursuit of a formal agreement."

The report further cited an anonymous source who stated that the decision to release the funds was "directly linked to ensuring safe passage through Strait of Hormuz."

Providing historical context to the dispute, the USD 6 billion in question was first blocked in 2018 and was originally slated for unfreezing in 2023 under the terms of a US-Iranian prisoner exchange. However, the administration of President Joe Biden moved to refreeze the capital in the aftermath of the October 7, 2023, strikes on Israel carried out by the Palestinian militant group Hamas, an ally of Tehran.

At that juncture, US authorities asserted that Iran would be denied access to the finances "for the foreseeable future," emphasising that Washington maintained the authority to "completely freeze the account" if deemed necessary. These assets originated from Iranian petroleum exports to South Korea but were stalled in South Korean financial institutions after President Donald Trump withdrew from the nuclear pact and reinstated sanctions during his initial term.

The funds were eventually relocated to bank accounts in Qatar following a Doha-mediated prisoner swap in September 2023. That agreement facilitated the liberation of five US nationals imprisoned in Iran in return for the transfer of the money and the release of five Iranians detained in the US.

During that period, US officials clarified that the expenditure was "restricted to humanitarian use only." The established framework required the capital to be distributed solely to verified suppliers for the procurement of "food, medicine, medical equipment and agricultural goods" destined for Iran, all conducted under stringent "US Treasury oversight."

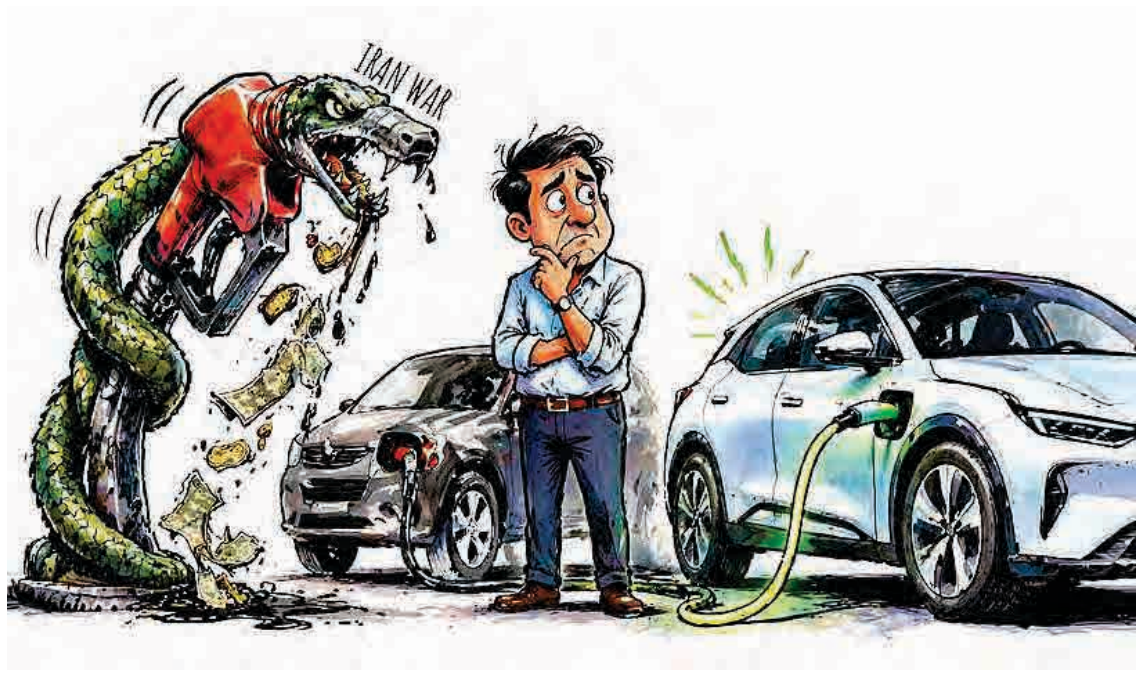
RBI tightens the belt for tough days ahead

For years, the Indian economy was largely seen as being comfortably placed in a "Goldilocks" zone — an ideal combination of strong growth and low inflation. This may well change now because of a rude reality check. The external shocks stemming from rising political tensions have jolted the country out of its comfort zone. The Reserve Bank of India's latest decision to keep the benchmark repo rate unchanged at 5.25% reflects this realisation and a clear shift from confidence to cautious vigilance. The unanimous decision by the six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) signals a careful balancing act between controlling inflation and supporting economic growth in an increasingly uncertain global environment. The MPC voted to maintain the status quo, acknowledging rising external risks. Retaining its "neutral" policy stance means that the central bank is open to either raising or cutting rates in the future, depending on emerging economic conditions. The decision comes at a time when both domestic and global factors are pulling the economy in different directions. A major factor influencing the cautious approach is the ongoing war in West Asia, notwithstanding a fragile two-week ceasefire currently underway. Since India is highly dependent on oil imports to meet its energy needs, rising crude oil prices pose a direct risk to both inflation and growth. While inflation has remained relatively stable and close to the RBI's target of around 4%, policymakers are wary of higher fuel costs pushing up prices across sectors. The last repo rate cut was in June 2025. Though India's economic fundamentals remain strong, global shocks could slow this trajectory, prompting the RBI to adopt a wait-and-watch approach. If inflation rises due to oil prices or global shocks, rate hikes may follow. If, on the other hand, growth slows significantly, rate cuts could be an option. For now, the central bank prefers policy stability over aggressive action while navigating a complex economic landscape marked by a weakening rupee and raging global conflicts. The rupee's slide since the start of the conflict has emerged as the RBI's primary concern and drawn much of its focus in recent days. Since the last policy meeting in February, there have been growing geopolitical uncertainties. While inflation remains in check, upside risks have risen. India's economy was forecast to grow by more than 7% in the current fiscal, while inflation was expected to remain close to the RBI's target of 4%. But a sharp rise in oil prices since the outbreak of the Iran war is expected to bring down growth sharply and spur inflationary pressures. For borrowers, investors, and businesses alike, this pause offers short-term clarity, but the road ahead remains closely tied to global developments. For home and personal loan borrowers, the unchanged repo rate means EMIs are likely to remain stable for now. Deposit rates offered by banks.



India's EV push cannot be delayed

The ongoing war in West Asia has disrupted the global energy markets in many unpredictable ways. For India, whose transport sector remains heavily reliant on fossil fuels, the writing on the wall is clear and loud. It must accelerate the transition towards electric vehicles through appropriate policy interventions or be prepared to face a bigger crisis. India imports over 87% of its crude oil requirements, with more than a fifth originating from or transiting through the conflict zone, thereby exposing its vulnerabilities during turbulent times. Although the Centre had set an ambitious target to have 30% of all new vehicle sales be electric by 2030, aiming to save on crude oil imports worth over $14 billion annually, several challenges lie ahead. The availability of charging stations, especially outside of major cities, is extremely limited, making it difficult for owners of electric vehicles to charge their vehicles. Concerns about limited driving range and the fear of running out of battery charge, especially for long-distance travel, are a major barrier to adoption. Reliance on imported lithium-ion batteries increases costs and exposes the sector to global supply chain risks. Many potential buyers of electric vehicles in India are keeping their plans on hold because of the government's flip-flops on EV and trade policy. In India, the EV adoption is closely tied to fiscal incentives, particularly tax concessions, to maintain cost competitiveness with the conventional ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) vehicles. Compared to India, China's adoption of EVs has been faster and smoother, reducing its transport sector's exposure to fuel shocks. The Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme (EMPS), unveiled by the Centre nearly two years ago, was meant to boost electric two- and three-wheelers but did not include electric passenger vehicles and buses. EVs constituted only 6% of new car registrations this year so far, while in China, new-energy vehicles accounted for about 52.9% of passenger car sales in March. In the two- and three-wheeler segment, China sold more than 72 lakh electric vehicles in 2024, while India's sales even in 2026 were only about 4.27 lakh. Also, there is a shortage of trained personnel in the country to handle EV maintenance, repair, and charging infrastructure.



Jan Vishwas Bill signals shift from criminalisation to civil enforcement in cantonment governance

The Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026, introduced in the Lok Sabha on March 27, may come to be seen as a turning point in the legal history of India's cantonments.

While the Bill has a much wider canvas proposing decriminalisation across dozens of central statutes its implications for the Cantonments Act, 2006 are especially noteworthy. For the 61 cantonments governed under the Ministry of Defence, the proposed amendments signal not merely statutory tidying up, but a shift in legal philosophy.

The Cantonments Act has always stood apart from ordinary municipal law. It regulates civic life in notified cantonment areas sanitation, roads, public health, water supply, buildings, markets, trade licences and local administration but does so in spaces shaped by military ownership, defence land management and security sensitivities. This dual character has historically produced a more control-oriented legal framework. Like many older statutes, the Act relied heavily on criminal law even for minor civic or regulatory lapses. Technical breaches were routinely cast as offences "punishable with fine", thereby subjecting ordinary non-compliance to the machinery and stigma of criminal process.The present Bill seeks to correct that imbalance. The Ministry of Defence/ Union Government has reviewed 38 criminal provisions in the Cantonments Act and identified 31 for decriminalisation and three for partial decriminalisation. The broad pattern is unmistakable: several contraventions that were earlier criminally punishable are proposed to be converted into civil defaults attracting administrative penalties. In provision after provision, the phrase "punishable with fine" is sought to be replaced by "liable to penalty".



This is a meaningful shift. It marks the movement from a prosecution-led system to a compliance-oriented one.The centrepiece of this reform is the proposed insertion of Section 333A, which creates a formal mechanism for adjudication of penalties. Under this framework, the Chief Executive Officer of the Cantonment Board would be empowered to impose penalties for specified contraventions after giving the affected person an opportunity of being heard. The Bill also makes an important conceptual clarification: a penalty under this framework is civil in nature, does not amount to conviction, and the proceeding itself is not criminal prosecution. An appeal is proposed to lie to the President of the Cantonment Board, with defined timelines for filing and disposal. This is a major structural change. It may reduce unnecessary criminalisation of municipal and licensing defaults, lessen the burden on courts, and enable more prompt disposal of minor regulatory matters. For traders, shopkeepers, property owners and residents in cantonment areas, this could mean a more proportionate response to first-time or technical breaches. For the administration, it could mean faster enforcement in areas such as sanitation, markets, licensing, public nuisances and building compliance.

The Bill, however, does not advocate a blanket relaxation of regulatory standards. Instead, it adopts a calibrated and graded enforcement framework. Under this approach, initial violations are treated with relative leniency through the imposition of civil penalties, while repeated or subsequent breaches attract stricter, including criminal, consequences. The treatment of building-related violations reflects a nuanced balance between deterrence and fairness. Under Section 244, which governs restrictions on the use of buildings within cantonment areas, a first contravention attracts a civil penalty of up to 1 lakh. However, any second or subsequent violation escalates into criminal liability, with a conviction-based fine of up to 2 lakh, along with additional daily fines for continuing non-compliance. A similar graduated enforcement mechanism is incorporated under Section 247 concerning unauthorized constructions.

The intent is clear to extend leniency to first-time offenders while ensuring stringent action against habitual violators. The framework recognizes that not every regulatory lapse warrants criminalization, yet it equally ensures that the law retains sufficient deterrent force to address repeated and deliberate non-compliance.If enacted in its current form, the amendments would move cantonment regulation away from a criminalisation-first model and toward a civil enforcement regime. That is a sensible and overdue transition.

Overall, the Jan Vishwas Bill represents a concerted effort to move towards a more citizen-friendly, efficient, and modern administrative framework, while maintaining necessary safeguards for public order, safety, and planned development and is likely to be seen as a modern, trust-based reform that reduces harassment and improves governance efficiency. The proposals signal that the legal regime governing cantonments may be entering a new phase.

Rakesh Gupta
HJSPrincipal District Judge (Retd)

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Baby Show to be organised by Health Department Una at State Level Haroli Utsav today

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: A Baby Show is being organized by Health Department Una at State Level Haroli Utsav on April 12. In which three categories children of 1 to 2 years, 2 to 3 years and 3 to 4 years can participate. All participants must have an immunization card . And registration time will be from 11 AM at Health Department Booth in Haroli Utsav venue. This information was given by the Health Department spokesperson.

NEWS BRIEF

Congress slams BJP over "Baseless" allegations on Local Body Polls

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: State Congress President Vinay Kumar has accused the BJP of making false allegations against the state government, claiming the party is frustrated by its anticipated defeat in upcoming municipal and Panchayati Raj elections. He said Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has already clarified that the elections will be conducted before May 31. Rejecting claims made by BJP state president Rajeev Bindal regarding irregularities in the election roster, Vinay Kumar termed them baseless and far from facts. He asserted that complete transparency has been maintained in the roster, ensuring representation for all sections, including different castes and women. Criticizing the BJP, he said the party cannot mislead the people on election issues. He emphasized that Congress has always upheld democratic values, where public mandate is supreme. Vinay Kumar further alleged that the BJP has a habit of politicizing every issue but said such tactics will not work for long, adding that people of the state have already seen the party's "real face" and will not be misled anymore.

India emerging as global leader due to economic reforms: Anurag Thakur





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Former Union Cabinet Minister Anurag Singh Thakur said that India has emerged as a global leader due to the economic policies and reforms introduced by the Modi government over the past decade. Addressing entrepreneurs, startup founders, and young business leaders as the chief guest at 'TiECon Chandigarh 2026', he urged them to take advantage of the unprecedented opportunities created through transformative laws and policy initiatives. Thakur stated that India has moved beyond being a nation of potential to one achieving its full capabilities, adding that the country is now the world's fourth-largest economy with a GDP of $4.18 trillion. He highlighted that India has over 2.12 lakh DPIIT-recognized startups and more than 120 unicorns, making it the third-largest startup ecosystem globally. He noted that more than 50% of startups are now emerging from Tier-II and Tier-III cities, reflecting the democratization of entrepreneurship. Over 1.02 lakh startups have at least one woman director or partner, showcasing growing inclusivity in the innovation economy. Highlighting economic growth indicators, he said public sector banks recorded an 18% profit growth in Q3 FY 2025, while total exports rose by 13.17% in January 2026 to $80.45 billion. Defence exports reached a record Rs. 38,424 crore in FY 2025-26, marking a 62.7% increase from the previous year.

Emphasizing the role of MSMEs, Thakur said the sector is the backbone of India's growth, with over 6.63 crore registered MSMEs employing around 26.77 crore people, contributing nearly 30% to GDP and 45% to exports. He added that loans worth over ?30 lakh crore have been extended to MSMEs, with approval timelines reduced to just 55 minutes. He also highlighted government initiatives like the Rs. 10,000 crore MSE Growth Fund and Rs. 2,000 crore Self-Reliant India Fund. Calling rural India the next frontier of entrepreneurship, he said over 1.2 crore self-help groups involving more than 10 crore women are driving empowerment and economic progress.

DC directs SDMs to accelerate revenue work, crack down on illegal mining in Shimla



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Deputy Commissioner Anupam Kashyap chaired a special review meeting of the district revenue department at Bachat Bhawan, directing SDMs to formulate strategies with field staff to speed up revenue-related work. Expressing concern, the DC noted that not a single challan has been issued for illegal mining in the past three months and instructed SDMs to take strict action using their powers. He also flagged the lack of surprise inspections related to traffic management and directed officials to propose alternative arrangements for smooth traffic flow during peak hours. The meeting also reviewed preparations for Panchayati Raj elections, with the DC emphasizing the need for free, fair, and transparent conduct. He asked SDMs to plan in advance to address any challenges during the election process. On public health, Kashyap directed officials to strengthen strategies for making the district TB-free and ensure effective implementation at the ground level. He also stressed careful scrutiny of applications under Section 118 in areas like Shimla Rural and Theog, directing officials to verify all documents thoroughly before proceeding. Reviewing disaster relief, the DC said financial assistance has been provided to 541 families whose homes were completely damaged between 2023 and 2025. He instructed field staff to ensure proper utilization of funds, noting that in some cases the first installment had not been used as per guidelines. Senior officials, including ADM Protocol Jyoti Rana and SDMs from various subdivisions, were present at the meeting.

Two-day badminton tournament begins in Amb, enthusiasm among young players



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: A two-day badminton tournament, aimed at providing a platform for players from the Nagar Panchayat Amb area, was inaugurated on Saturday at the Ananda Badminton Academy. Based on the theme "Play, Win, Shine," the tournament is being held on April 11th and 12th, starting at 9 a.m. Players and parents are experiencing considerable enthusiasm for the tournament. Boys and girls from the Amb Nagar Panchayat area are participating enthusiastically in the tournament. Players have been divided into age-based categories: Under-7, Under-9, Under-11, Under-13, Under-15, Under-17, and Under-19, giving participants in each category the opportunity to showcase their abilities. Only singles matches are being played in the competition. Organizers stated that participants were required to bring their own shoes and rackets, while the registration deadline was set for 5 p.m. on April 10. Players also required to present an Aadhaar card and birth certificate.

Demand raised for construction of airport in Jahu at farmers' meeting

ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR, APR 11

A demand for the construction of an airport in Jahu was raised during a state-level meeting of the Himachal Kisan Union held in Jahu under the leadership of state president Dr Sitaram Verma. During the meeting, members unanimously passed several resolutions concerning farmers' issues, including protection of crops from stray cattle and wild animals, and timely availability of seeds, fertilisers, and fodder for livestock. Participants also unanimously demanded that an airport be constructed in Jahu, stating that sufficient government land is available at the location, making it a viable site for such



infrastructure. Farmers expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu for the formation of a Farmers' Commission, noting that the demand had been pending for over three decades. Senior Congress leader from Bhoranj and director of the Kangra Primary Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Bank, Roshan Lal Sharma, said the state government is committed to balanced development across all sections. He highlighted improvements in healthcare, education, and road infrastructure, adding that these initiatives have generated positive sentiment among the public.

Sharma reiterated the demand for establishing an airport in Jahu, emphasising that the availability of land makes the proposal feasible and beneficial for the region.

Outsourced staff at Chamba Medical College flag delay in salary payments

ANIL KUMAR
CHAMBA, APR 11

Outsourced employees working at Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Government Medical College, Chamba, have raised concerns over delayed salary payments and pending arrears, submitting a memorandum to Deputy Commissioner Mukesh Repswal. The delegation informed the DC that irregular salary disbursement has become a persistent issue, making it difficult for employees to manage household expenses. They said arrears have also not been cleared, adding to their financial strain. The employees urged the administration to ensure timely release of salaries and immediate payment of pending dues. They



emphasised that delays over a prolonged period have severely impacted their livelihood. Deputy Commissioner Mukesh Repswal assured the delegation that their concerns would be addressed at the earliest. He said necessary directions would be issued to the concerned departments to resolve the issue. Employees expressed hope that prompt action would bring relief. They also pointed out that similar problems are being faced by outsourced workers in other departments across districts. According to employees including Aman Kumar, Shiv Kumar, Sapna Negi, Ami Chand Thakur, and Sushma, outsourcing agencies sometimes pay salaries from their own resources, but delays occur because departments fail to release funds on time. They said it is not feasible for agencies to continue payments indefinitely without reimbursement.

Grand cricket tournament in Talmehra showcases youth talent and sportsmanship

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB, APR 11

The enthusiasm and sportsmanship of the youth was worth seeing today at the grand cricket tournament organized by the Dogra Cricket Club in Talmehra. Gaurav Kumar, President of Swami Vivekananda Seva Trust Chintpurni, was present as the chief guest on this occasion and encouraged the players. A total of 40 teams are participating in the tournament, of which thrilling matches were played today between 12 teams. The players gave excellent performances on the field, turning the game into a celebration. In today's matches, Laldi (Vinay 11) performed brilliantly and won, while the teams of



Dehar and Kuriyala also made their presence felt by giving a tough fight. The team of Nangal Khurd was the runner-up. Chief guest Gaurav Kumar while addressing the players said that "Youth power is the real strength of the country, and sports is the medium that teaches discipline, leadership and team spirit to the youth. Such events work to give a positive direction to the society." He praised the organizers of Dogra Cricket Club and said that organizing such big tournaments at the rural level is a commendable initiative, which provides a platform to the talents. At the end of the programme, the winning and runner-up teams were honoured and a resolution was taken to organise the tournament on a bigger scale in the future.

Massive landslide on Pathankot-Bharmour National Highway

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, APR 11

A massive landslide occurred last night on the Pathankot-Bharmour National Highway, a vital link connecting Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. Around 2:00 AM last night, near Batti Hatti in the Bharmour region of Chamba district, a large section of the mountain collapsed onto the road. This brought vehicular movement to a complete standstill, and even after more than seven hours had passed, the road could not be restored. Due to the landslide, long queues of vehicles have formed on both sides of the road, trapping a large number of cars belonging to both local residents and tourists. The situation is such that some working professionals and school children are being forced to risk their lives by crossing the road over the debris. Meanwhile, despite the biting cold, some individuals are attempting to reach the other side by wading through the Ravi River in an effort to reach their respective destinations. It is worth noting that a large number of tourists from Punjab use



this very road to access popular tourist destinations such as Bharmour, Dalhousie, Khajjiar, and Dharamshala. The number of stranded tourists is reported to be particularly high due to the weekend, and they are now waiting for the road to reopen. However, even by around 8:30 AM, heavy machinery had not yet reached the site, leading to deep resentment among the public toward the local administration and the Public Works Department (PWD). Locals argue that immediate action should have been taken in the wake of such a disaster, but the delays in relief operations have only compounded their difficulties.

Adani Foundation at ACC Gagal empowers farmers in Kanoun with water storage tank



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: ACC, the cement and building material company of the diversified Adani Portfolio, in collaboration with Adani Foundation, has brought sustainable irrigation to the farmers of Kanoun village, Bilaspur. As part of the Dhounkothi Panjgain Watershed Project, the team facilitated the construction of a 60-cubic metre water storage tank, enabling easy access to water drawn from a nearby nala and spring.Until recently, farmers like Praveen Kumar struggled to irrigate their fields due to the difficulty of lifting water from the nala and the lack of reliable storage. With the new tank, he now irrigates nearly 1 hectare of land, cultivates high-value crops like garlic and arbi, and has planted 80 fruit-bearing trees. His is now able to generate an additional income of Rs. 24,000 across multiple crops, reflecting how dependable water access can transform rural livelihoods.This initiative, benefiting six farmers in total, is a testament to ACC and Adani Foundation's commitment to empowering communities through practical, sustainable interventions.

Temple Committee felicitates Former CM Prem Kumar Dhumal on birthday



RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: The newly formed committee of Mata Tauni Devi Temple in the Bamsan area, led by President Sarvan Chauhan, visited Samirpur on Saturday to meet former Chief Minister Prem Kumar Dhumal on the occasion of his birthday. The committee members extended their heartfelt greetings and wished him good health and a long life. During the meeting, President Sarvan Chauhan and General Secretary Suresh Sharma briefed the former Chief Minister about the ongoing development works at the Tauni Devi Temple. They discussed improvements being made in the temple compound, expansion of facilities, and better arrangements for devotees. Dhumal appreciated the efforts of the committee and emphasized the importance of preserving and developing religious places. He said such initiatives not only strengthen faith but also promote regional tourism. Several dignitaries, including Captain Jaswant Singh, Captain Vijay, Kashmir Singh, Manjeet Singh, Anil, Ramesh, Master Ramesh, Jagdish Chand, Sita Ram, Jagdish Chand Sadyal, Rajneesh Sharma, Vichitra Singh, Harnam Singh, and Sunil Sunny, were present on the occasion.

BJP to face electoral backlash in Himachal over RDG withdrawal, says Congress

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, APR 11

Congress has edge in Panchayat Raj Election that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is poised to face significant electoral consequences in the upcoming local body elections due to the discontinuation of the Revenue Deficit Grant (RDG). Emphasizing the awareness and economic understanding of the people of Himachal Pradesh, he stated that voters are fully conscious of the financial implications of this decision.

Congress Former Media Coordinator Sandeep Sankhyan alleged that the withdrawal of RDG by the



Central Government reflects discriminatory treatment towards the hill state, leading to an estimated annual loss of nearly Rs 10,000 crore.

Over five years, he claimed, this could translate into a staggering financial setback of Rs 40,000 to Rs 50,000 crore for the state. According to him, this issue has deeply resonated with the public and will play a decisive role in shaping electoral outcomes.

He further remarked that attempts by the BJP to divert public attention through protests and political narratives are unlikely to succeed, as the electorate has already formed a clear opinion. The upcoming municipal and Panchayati Raj elections, he said, will serve as the first major opportunity for citizens to express their discontent following the grant's discontinuation. Calling upon voters to deliver a strong mandate, Sankhyan expressed confidence that public sentiment is tilting in favor of the Congress, which he believes will benefit from widespread dissatisfaction.

Intergenerational bonding camp held at Dharamshala old age home

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DHARAMSHALA, APR 11

An intergenerational bonding camp was organized at the Old Age Home in Dadh, Dharamshala, under the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment. The event was conducted by the Office of the Tehsil Welfare Officer, Dharamshala. The camp was organized by Tehsil Welfare Officer Vaishali along with her team. Retired HAS officer and social worker Prabhat Sharma attended as the chief guest, while District Welfare Officer Sahil Mandla was the guest of honour. The primary objective of the programme was to strengthen emotional bonds between the younger and older generations, promote respect for the elderly, and encourage people to spend more time with them. Addressing the gathering, chief guest Prabhat Sharma congratulated the organizers for the initiative. He highlighted that due to the fast-paced lifestyle and shrinking family structures, loneliness among the elderly is increasing, making their lives difficult. He urged everyone to spend more time with elders and take care of their needs, describing them as an integral part of both family and society. He also appreciated such awareness programmes for enriching youth with experience and life values, and appealed to them to stay away from substance abuse. Sharma encouraged young participants to read the book "Shisham Ka Ped", noting that it offers valuable insights into fostering understanding between generations. He also recited a poem, conveying the message of respecting elders, and advised youth to limit excessive use of mobile phones and social media. Earlier, District Welfare Officer Sahil Mandla also lauded the initiative and appealed to people to respect their elders. He too encouraged youth to read "Shisham Ka Ped" and stay away from substance abuse. Tehsil Welfare Officer Vaishali thanked all participants and emphasized the importance of consistently respecting, valuing, and spending time with elders.

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State-level Hindu Nav Varha Sammat event to be held in Pathankot today

PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): The Punjab government is organizing the state-level Hindu Nav Varha Sammat event in Pathankot district on Sunday, April 12. Preparations for this are in full swing at Ramlila Ground, Pathankot. Strict and robust security arrangements have been made by the district police.



It is worth mentioning here that many ministers, including Aam Aadmi Party national convener and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann and senior leader Manish Sisodia, are specially attending this special event of the Hindu New Year to be celebrated on April 12. Giving information in this regard, Cabinet Minister Punjab Lal Chand Kataruchak said.

NEWS BRIEF

Inspector Jaspreet Singh takes charge as new Sadar Police Station Chief Nabha



RAKESH JINDAL
NABH : My main goal is to restore peace and law and order in the reserve constituency of Nabha and eradicate the drug mafia. Expressing these views, the newly appointed Inspector of Nabha Police Station Sadar Jaspreet Singh said in a special conversation with the journalist that strict action will be taken against anti-social elements, drug smugglers and gangsters. The newly appointed SHO Jaspreet Singh said that the drug sellers who are engaged in the business of selling drugs or synthetic drugs in the villages are warned to stop their Gorakh business. SHO Jaspreet Singh said that soon a meeting will be held with the Sarpanches and Panches of the area and they will be informed about the orders.

Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojana has provided free treatment worth Rs 3 crore in 3 months : Health Minister Dr. Balbir Singh

TAPINDER SINGH.
PATIALA, APRIL 11



Punjab's Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Balbir Singh, along with Aam Aadmi Party General Secretary and Media Incharge Baltej Pannu, today visited and reviewed a camp for making Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojana cards organized by PRTC Chairman Advocate Harpal Juneja at Rajindra Gymkhana and Maharani Club.

MLA Ajitpal Singh Kohli and District Planning Committee Chairman Tejinder Mehta were also present on the occasion.Dr. Balbir Singh stated that in the last three months, beneficiaries in the state have availed treatment worth ?3 crore under the Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojana, benefiting from free treatment coverage of up to ?10 lakh. He said this scheme is unique of its kind, with no parallel in any other state of the country or anywhere in the world.While interacting with the media, the Health Minister and Baltej Pannu said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government has provided major relief to people through the issuance of health cards. Appreciating the camp organized by Advocate Harpal Juneja, they said that the club first got cards made for its staff and now members are coming forward enthusiastically. It is encouraging that more than 300 cards have already been issued here. Dr. Balbir Singh further informed that the target is to issue health cards to 3 crore people in Punjab, out of which 40 lakh cards have already been made. He appealed to all citizens to avail maximum benefit of the scheme. He added that under the leadership of AAP National Convener Arvind Kejriwal and Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government is making steady progress in health, education, and employment sectors to make the state a 'Rangla Punjab'.AAP General Secretary Baltej Pannu said that on the occasion of Baisakhi, the Punjab Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, is bringing amendments with stricter provisions in the bill related to "Jagat Jyot Sri Guru Granth Sahib State Bill," so that no one even dares to think of committing sacrilege. He said the draft of the bill has been prepared after consultations with legal experts, Sikh scholars, intellectuals, and religious saints, and will be made public on April 13.

Baltej Pannu added that the Punjab Government has established rule of law in the state and is determined to act firmly against gangsters by releasing their lists and seeking public cooperation to ensure their arrest and punishment as per law.

Three linked to drug and illegal weapon smuggling racket held; 6.5kg heroin, pistol, Rs 1 lakh drug money recovered

VERMA
BATALA, APRIL 11



In a major breakthrough amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Batala Police has busted a cross-border drug and illegal weapon smuggling racket with the arrest of three accused persons, including a juvenile, and recovered 6.5 kg heroin, one .30 caliber pistol along with six live cartridges, and Rs 1 lakh drug money from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Saturday.

Those arrested have been identified as Nishan Singh, a resident of Mulianwal in Batala, Ravipal Singh, a resident of Raipur and one Juvenile. Apart from recovering contraband and drug money, the police teams have also impounded their Toyota Fortuner car.

The development came following the meticulous investigation into the backward and forward linkages and sustained interrogation of two accused persons identified as Vansh and Sukhchain alias Jashan, who were arrested in connection with extortion-related firing incident occurred in the jurisdiction of Police Station Civil Lines in Batala on March 30, 2026.

Two .30 bore pistols were recovered from their possession. DGP Gaurav Yadav said that the significant recovery of drugs and weapons highlights the strong nexus between extortion, drug trafficking, and illegal arms networks. Preliminary investigation has revealed that weapons were being supplied to operatives within the network, he said.

Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG) Border Range Sandeep Goel said that probe has revealed that the arrested accused persons were acting on the directions of their foreign-based handler. Further investigation is underway to establish both forward and backward linkages in this case to dismantle the entire network, he added.

Foundation stone of Rs 11 cr laid for village development works: MLA Balkar Sidhu



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL: The image of villages is changing rapidly under the big campaign started by the Mann government for the development of rural areas. Disclosing these things, constituency MLA Balkar Sidhu said that under the guidance of Cabinet Minister Harbhajan Singh ETO, the foundation stone of development works going on in various villages of Rampura Phul constituency, including the construction of a grain market from the bus stand of village Jalal, Hakam Singh Wala from Jalal, Urban Primary Health Center and Gardening Estate at Phul worth about Rs 11 crore, was laid. MLA Balkar Sidhu said that the government's goal is not limited to just structural development, but also to promote social and economic progress. Under this, various schemes are being run to increase employment opportunities for the youth.

Barinder Kumar Goyal felicitates meritorious government school student Japneet Kaur

GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA
LEHRAGAGA, APRIL 11



As part of the Punjab Government's ongoing efforts to establish high standards in education and to encourage students, Cabinet Minister Barinder Kumar Goyal today felicitated Japneet Kaur, a bright student of Government Middle School, Arakwas, at Lehragaga.It is noteworthy that Japneet Kaur secured second position across the state by scoring 598 out of 600 marks in the Class 8 examinations conducted by the Punjab School Education Board, bringing pride to her school, parents, and the entire region.

On this occasion, the Cabinet Minister congratulated Japneet Kaur and stated that her achievement is not only the result of her hard work but also reflects the guidance and support of her parents and teachers. He said that the Punjab Government is making extensive efforts to improve infrastructure in government schools, including smart classrooms, modern laboratories, and other advanced facilities, thereby providing students with a high-quality learning environment.Goyal further stated that special training programs are being conducted to continuously enhance the capabilities of teachers. Under these initiatives, teachers are being trained at premier institutions across the country and are also being sent abroad for advanced training, enabling them to adopt modern teaching techniques and gain global exposure.

He added that students of government schools are now excelling in every field and are even outperforming students from private schools, which clearly reflects the positive transformation in Punjab's education system.

Collective efforts needed to prevent religious conversions: Indresh Kumar



GURDASPUR (VERMA): At a social gathering held at the residence of Paramjit Singh Gill, National Executive President of the Himalaya Parivar Organization, in Batala, senior RSS leader and patron of the organization, Indresh Kumar, attended as the chief guest. The event witnessed the presence of distinguished individuals from various sections of society, including intellectuals, members of the legal and media communities, representatives of the RSS, religious organizations, social workers, politicians, and industrialists. Addressing the gathering, Indresh Kumar emphasized that preventing religious conversions requires collective effort and responsibility from all sections of society. He stated that such efforts can only succeed when people work together in unity. Highlighting concerns over rising communal tensions in different parts of the country, he urged both Hindus.

Jaito daughter Tamanna became topper in state by scoring 600 marks



JAITO (RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR): Punjab School Education Board has declared the result of class 8th. A total of 2,62,966 students from 10,422 schools appeared in the examination. Of these, 2,53,789 students were successful. Thus, the total pass percentage of the examination was 96.51 percent.Tamanna Saraswati Senior Secondary School, Jaito (Faridkot) students have secured first position.He scored 600 marks out of 600. While the second place has been secured by Japneet Kaur Government Middle School, Arkwas (Sangrur). She secured 598 marks out of 600 (99.67%).

FASC organises soil testing, farmer awareness camp



SANGRUR (SUMER GARG): Keeping in view the need for balanced use of chemical fertilizers, the Farmer Advisory Service Centre (FASC), Sangrur, under the guidance of Punjab Agricultural University, organized a farmer awareness camp at village Bhundar Bhaini. The camp focused on fertilizer application based on soil testing and efficient phosphorus management. Presiding over the camp, Dr. Ashok Kumar Garg encouraged farmers to adopt fertilizer use strictly based on soil testing. He emphasized that balanced fertilizer application not only reduces cultivation costs but also enhances crop yield. Dr. Garg elaborated on the correct method of collecting soil samples and demonstrated the process on-site. Farmers were advised to use urea judiciously and avoid excessive or simultaneous application of multiple bags. He further recommended applying the prescribed quantity of zinc to address deficiencies in paddy crops. Highlighting organic alternatives, he noted that the use of Azospirillum in paddy seedlings can improve soil health and increase productivity.

Next SAD govt will develop holy city Talwandi Sabo on pattern of Sri Amritsar Sahib besides making it an educational hub: Sukhbir Badal



BATHINDA (ANIL VERMA): Anil Verma Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal today said the next SAD government would develop holy city Talwandi Sabo on the pattern of Sri Amritsar Sahib besides making it an educational hub befitting its status of "Guru ki Kashi". Addressing a massive rally here as part of the Punjab Bachao rally of the party along with halka incharge Ravipreet Singh Sidhu, the SAD president said the constituency had been ignored during both the erstwhile Congress and present Aam Aadmi Party regimes.

"We will turn around the fortunes of this historic place once we form the government". The SAD president also urged the voters of Talwandi Sabo constituency to make Ravipreet win the Vidhan Sabha elections 2027. Asserting that the AAP government was leading Punjab to ruin, Mr Sukhbir Singh Badal said the confidence of the trade and industry as well as the common man in the AAP regime had touched a new low after incidents of AAP ministers using gangsters to intimidate officers and entrepreneurs had come to light.

Saraswati Model school students pay obeisance at Gurudwara Fatehgarh Sahib to mark new academic session



DORAHA (AMRISH ANAND): Students of Saraswati Model Senior Secondary School visited Gurudwara Fatehgarh Sahib and Gurudwara Jyoti Saroop Sahib on the auspicious occasion of the harvesting festival, marking the beginning of the new academic session.The visit was organized under the leadership of Principal Pritish Gusain and Madam Asha Gusain, with participation from teachers and students. The main objective of this Religious tour was to promote spirituality, moral values, and cultural awareness among the students.During the visit, students paid obeisance at the Gurudwaras and offered prayers, seeking divine blessings for the new academic session. The sacred atmosphere left a deep impact on their minds.

Robust arrangements ensured for timely lifting, payment, and cleanliness in grain markets: DC Bansal

KAPURTHALA (ASHISHPURI): Deputy Commissioner Akash Bansal issued instructions to SDMs and officials of various departments regarding proper storage of crops, timely lifting, payments, transportation, and cleanliness. The Deputy Commissioner said that around 300,000 metric tons of wheat are expected to arrive in the district's mandis (grain markets) this year. He directed SDMs to ensure proper arrangements in the mandis within their respective subdivisions. Adequate facilities such as drinking water, tarpaulins, gunny bags, cleanliness, and lighting should be provided for farmers.



He further emphasized that the crop must be lifted within 72 hours of arrival in the mandi under all circumstances, and payments should be made to farmers within the next 48 hours. Appealing to farmers, the Deputy Commissioner advised them to bring dry wheat to the mandis so that lifting can be carried out smoothly without any inconvenience.

After reviewing information from the District Food and Supply Department, he stated that if required, the number of 30 special trains used for wheat transportation from the district should be increased.

Process of verification of voter lists for district's MC and municipal panchayat elections will be conducted from April 17- 23: DEO

JAITO (JAGDEEP SINGH GILL): The State Election Commission, Punjab has started the process of preparing the voters' lists keeping in mind the upcoming elections to Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils and Nagar Panchayats. This information was given by Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer Faridkat Madam Poonamdeep Kaur. She said that in the three Municipal Councils of Faridkat district Faridkat, Cuttack and Jait, new lists will be prepared on the basis of the latest voters' lists made available by the Election Commission of India yesterday and keeping in mind the delimitation finalized by the Local Government Department. He said that the water users of Nagar Council Faridkot, Cuttack and Jait are appealed to verify their names and details in the draft water list to be released on the district website on 15th April 2026. A period of 07 days has been fixed by law for registering claims and objections, which will be from 17th April 2026 to 23rd April 2026 (including the second day).



Graduation Ceremony Celebrated with Enthusiasm at Oxford Senior School, Payal

AMRISH ANAND
DORAHA, APRIL 11

Oxford Senior School, Payal, a renowned educational institution in the region, organized a vibrant graduation ceremony for its UKG students in a joyful and festive atmosphere. The event commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp and devotional hymns, seeking divine blessings.The ceremony was graced by the presence of the school's Executive President S. Kiranpreet Singh Dhaliwal, Madam Navneet Kaur and other committee members, who were warmly welcomed by Principal Vijay Kapoor and Headmistress Anshu Ahuja with floral bouquets. A large number of parents and distinguished guests were also in attendance.

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Mega free medical, eye check-up and blood donation camp



AMRISH ANAND

DORAHA: A mega free medical check-up, eye screening and blood donation camp was successfully organized at Gurdwara Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, Mohalla Zaildaar Doraha, on the occasion of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanti and Baisakhi. The camp was held under the supervision of S.Kanwaljit Singh Bittu and S.Sharanjit Singh Mithu, with the support of Shri Guru Ravidas Welfare Committee, the Gurdwara Management Committee and local residents.The camp was inaugurated by Payal MLA Eng. Manwinder Singh Giaspura and Municipal Council President Sudarshan Kumar Sharma, who appreciated the efforts of the organizers for their social service.During the camp, renowned eye specialist Dr. Ramesh Kapoor and his team conducted detailed eye check-ups. Free medicines and spectacles were provided to the needy patients, while eye and dental treatments were offered at subsidized rates. Blood tests and scanning facilities were also made available at nominal charges.Around 25–30 people donated blood, while nearly 100 individuals got their eyes and teeth checked.

Brilliant batting by Shreyas Iyer, Prabhsimran, and Priyansh Arya helps Punjab defeat Hyderabad by 6 wickets, maintaining winning momentum

TILAK RAJ

MOHALI: In the 17th match of the ongoing IPL season, played today at the PCA Stadium in New Chandigarh, Punjab Kings defeated Sunrisers Hyderabad by 6 wickets to continue their winning streak.Punjab won the toss and opted to bowl first. Batting first, Hyderabad scored 219 runs for the loss of 6 wickets in their allotted 20 overs. Punjab chased down the target successfully, scoring 223 runs for the loss of 4 wickets in 18.5 overs.Punjab captain Shreyas Iyer was declared Man of the Match for his unbeaten 69 runs off 33 balls, which included five fours and five sixes. Prabhsimran scored 51 runs off 25 balls, while Priyansh Arya made a quick 57 off 20 balls. Other contributors included Cooper Connolly (11 runs), Nehal Wadhera (14 runs), and Shashank Singh, who remained unbeaten on 16 runs.Among Punjab bowlers, Arshdeep Singh and Shashank Singh took two wickets each, while Bartlett picked up one wicket.Earlier, for Sunrisers Hyderabad, Abhishek Sharma played an outstanding innings of 74 runs off 28 balls, hitting 8 sixes and 5 fours. Travis Head scored 38 runs, Ishan Kishan made 27, Heinrich Klaasen added 39, and Aniket Verma scored 18 runs. Nitish Kumar Reddy was dismissed for zero, while Harsh Dubey remained unbeaten on 1 run.
Among Hyderabad bowlers, Shivank Kumar took three wickets, and Harsh Dubey claimed one.Punjab Kings players wore black armbands as a mark of respect for the ten pilgrims who lost their lives in a boat accident in Vrindavan.

Cabinet Minister Aman Arora distributes ownership rights cards to 53 beneficiaries

SUMER GARG
SUNAM, APRIL 11



Under the public welfare scheme "Mera Ghar Mere Naam," launched by the Punjab Government to provide legal ownership rights of residential houses to people, Cabinet Minister Aman Arora today distributed ownership rights cards to 53 eligible beneficiaries during a special event held at village Akalgarh Chathe Nakate in the Sunam Assembly constituency.

A sense of happiness and enthusiasm was witnessed among the villagers on this occasion, as the scheme grants them legal ownership of their homes, fulfilling a long-standing need.

Addressing the gathering, Cabinet Minister Aman Arora said that the Punjab Government is committed to safeguarding the interests of the people and is ensuring the effective implementation of welfare schemes at the grassroots level. He said that through the "Mera Ghar Mere Naam" scheme, residents of villages are being provided ownership rights to their homes, which will bring stability and a sense of security to their lives. He further stated that with the availability of legal documents under this scheme, beneficiaries will not only have stronger proof of ownership of their houses but will also find it easier to avail bank loans and other government facilities in the future.

He emphasized that the government aims to extend benefits to every section of society and ensure that no eligible person is left out.

The Cabinet Minister also directed officials to ensure complete transparency and promptness in delivering the benefits of the scheme to every eligible individual.

Officials from various departments, dignitaries, and a large number of villagers were present on the occasion.

Emphasis on connecting children with cultural heritage through Baisakhi festival

SHAHPURKANDI (VERMA): In today's time, the younger generation is gradually moving away from its cultural heritage and traditions, which is a matter of serious concern for the future of society. These views were jointly expressed by Jarnail Singh Patial, Chairman of The Shishya School, located on Jugial Road, Pathankot, and Proprietor Atul Gautam. They said that staying connected with one's roots is essential for every generation so that our identity and culture can be preserved. Referring to the upcoming Baisakhi festival, they stated that this festival is not just a celebration, but a symbol of our rich cultural heritage. In this context, they emphasized that all educational institutions should organize special events related to the festival with great enthusiasm and on a wide scale.



This would provide students an opportunity to understand and connect with their traditions. Jarnail Singh Patial and Atul Gautam said that if children are made aware of their culture, festivals, and traditional values from an early age, they will not only better understand their identity but also develop pride in their cultural roots in the future. They expressed concern that in the race of modernization, people are gradually losing touch with their original identity, which is not appropriate. They appealed to school management and teachers that education should not be limited only to textbooks; rather, students should be encouraged to actively participate in cultural activities.

MCM bids fond farewell to outgoing batches at Udaan and Aayam



CHANDIGARH: Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women accorded a warm and emotional farewell to its outgoing students through two memorable events- Udaan, the Hostel Farewell, and Aayam, the College Farewell, celebrating the culmination of an enriching academic journey.Udaan witnessed an inspiring address by the Chief Guest, distinguished alumna Prof. Yojana Rajat, who fondly reminisced about her association with the institution as both a student and a faculty member.
Describing the farewell as a defining milestone symbolising the transition into a new phase of life, she highlighted the deep emotional resonance of such occasions. She also applauded the college for its nurturing environment and dedicated faculty.

The event was further marked by the felicitation of accomplished alumni who have excelled in various competitive examinations, motivating the outgoing students to pursue their aspirations with determination.The celebrations continued with the college farewell- Aayam, where the presence of the star cast of the Punjabi film Khushkhabri- Binnu Dhillon, Payal Rajput, and Harby Sangha, added vibrancy and excitement to the occasion. Singer Soloman captivated the audience with soulful musical performances, enhancing the festive spirit.

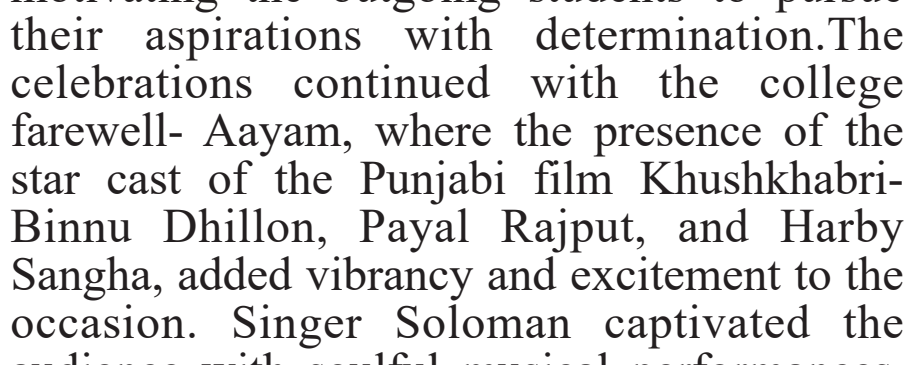
Principal-cum-teachers educonclave on Artificial Intelligence by CGC University, Mohali, champions future of AI-driven education

TILAK RAJ
MOHALI, APRIL 11



CGC University, Mohali hosted the Principal-cum-Teachers Educonclave on Artificial Intelligence, a forward-looking initiative that brought together educators, academic leaders, and visionaries to discuss how AI will shape the future of education. The conclave highlighted CGC University, Mohali's progressive, Gen Z-centric academic framework, underpinned by an AI-powered approach that aligns education with the demands of a rapidly evolving digital era. Emphasizing experiential learning, innovation, and future-readiness, the university continues to pioneer initiatives that empower both educators and learners to thrive in an intelligent, technology-driven ecosystem. Addressing the gathering, S. Rashpal Singh Dhaliwal, Father of Education and Hon'ble Chancellor, CGC University, Mohali, remarked, "Education must evolve with time, and Artificial Intelligence is no longer the future; it is the present. At CGC, we are committed to fostering an environment where technology enhances human potential, enabling our students to become not just learners, but innovators and leaders of tomorrow."

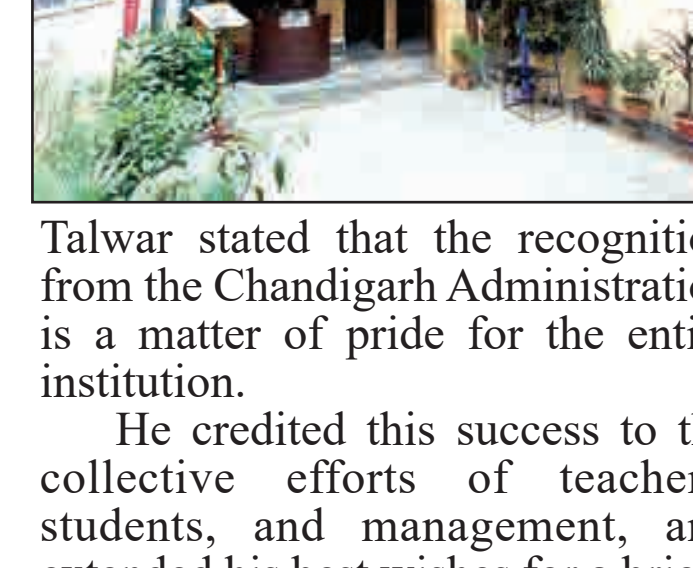
Mount Litera School Rampura students go on educational tour



RAMPURA PHUL ((KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA): Mount Litera Zee School Rampura continuously organizes various activities for the all-round development of children. Which help them in understanding various subjects of study. Following this, on April 9 and 10, the students of Junior KG, Senior KG and Grades I to III were taken on an educational tour of Chetak Park.The children were very excited about the tour. All the children arrived in a very civilized manner and enjoyed the park by walking around with their teachers.

Maharshi Dayanand Public school receives recognition from Chandigarh Education Department

CHANDIGARH: Maharshi Dayanand Public School, located in the Daria area of Chandigarh, is a reputed educational institution known for the holistic development of its students. Along with modern education, the school places special emphasis on moral values, discipline, and ethical upbringing. Experienced and qualified teachers provide quality education to help students build a bright future. The school offers advanced facilities such as a library, computer lab, science lab, multimedia hall, and indoor games hall to ensure better learning and convenience for students. The institution is ISO certified and has recently received official recognition from the Education Department of the Chandigarh Administration.



Ravindra Talwar, Secretary of DAV College Managing Committee, New Delhi, and Chairman of the school, along with mentor Prem Vij, school patrons NRI Sudarshan Garg and Dr. Sarita Mehta, and Rajesh Sharma, congratulated the school on this achievement. Chairman Ravindra Talwar stated that the recognition from the Chandigarh Administration is a matter of pride for the entire institution.

He credited this success to the collective efforts of teachers, students, and management, and extended his best wishes for a bright future.

Mentor Prem Vij remarked that this recognition reflects the school's quality and dedication, expressing confidence that the institution will continue to set new benchmarks in the field of education.School patron NRI Sudarshan Garg, speaking from Chicago, USA, said that the school's achievement is the result of hard work and an excellent education system.

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1st Prize Amount (1) Rs. 15 Lakhs (On 5 digits with series)
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2nd Prize Amount (25) Rs. 9,000/- (On 5 digits)
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3rd Prize Amount (50) Rs. 4,000/- (On Last 4 digits)
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 500/-, Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 100/-, Total Prize Amount Rs. 4,600/- Each)
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4th Prize Amount (125) Rs. 2,000/- (On last 4 digits)
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Public Notice pursuant to Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

This notice serves to inform the public that the following Borrower(s)/guarantors/mortgagors had availed the financial assistance from Axis Bank Ltd. We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. Consiquently, such accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India.
The notices were issued to borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors on their last known addresses u/s 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 , however, these notices have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

Sr. No.	Name Of The Borrower, Co-Borrower And Guarantor Name / Legal Heirs	NPA Date / Demand Notice Date	Outstanding Amount (As on date of notice)	Loan Amount Sanctioned / Disbursed
1.	1. Mr. Bhushan Kumar S/o Ashok Kumar (Borrower/Mortgagor) and 2. Mrs. Payal Garg W/o Bhushan Kumar (Co-borrower)	05-03-2026 / 17-03-2026	Rs. 34,24,095/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lacs Twenty Four Thousand and Ninety Five Only)	1.Power Home Loan "Facility of Rs.25,99,852/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lacs Ninety Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Two Only) and 2. Asset Power Loan Facility of Rs.11,20,000/- (Rupees Eleven Lacs Twenty Thousand only)
	Property Address of Secured Assets:-All that part and parcel of the Residential Property/ House No. 702 measuring 116.90 sq. Yds, comprised in Khasra no. 13//3/1/6(0-14), Khewat No.594-595, Khatauni No. 1097 as per Jamabandi for the year 2013-2014 situated at Guru Nanak Nagar, Street No.7, Rakba Tafjalpura, Tehsil & District Patiala, registered in the name of Sh.Bhushan Kumar Garg S/o Ashok Kumar vide Sale Deed having document No.2020-21/11/1/6660 dated 22-Oct-2020. **Boundaries (As per Sale Deed) EAST**- Street **WEST**-Builtup House **NORTH**- House No.407 of Jagdev Singh **SOUTH**- Property			
2.	1.Mr. Vishal Mehra S/o Kamal Mehra (Borrower/Mortgagor) and 2. Mrs. Manju W/o Kamal Mehra (Co-borrower/Mortgagor)	10-03-2026 / 17-03-2026	Rs.15,29,054/- (Rupees Fifteen Lacs Twenty Nine Thousand and Fifty Four Only)	Rs.15,30,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lacs Thirty Thousand Only)
	Property Address of Secured Assets:-All that part and parcel of the Residential Property/ House measuring 04 Marle comprised in Khasra No. 565, Hadbast No. 158 as per Jamaabndi for the year 2012-2013, situated at Rattan Nagar, Village Naagra, Tehsil & District Jalandhar registered in the name of Smt. Manju W/o Shri Kamal Mehra and Sh. Vishal Mehra S/o Sh. Kamal Mehra vide Sale Deed having document No. 2021-22/187/1/2721 dated 29-June-2021 **Boundaries (As per Documents) East:** Vacant Plot 43'- 6" **West:** Madan Lal & Ors. 43'- 6" **North:** Street 15' 19'-0" **South:** Street 12' 19'-0"			
3.	1. Mr. Harish Chander S/o Kamta Parshad (Borrower) and 2. Mrs. Shanti Devi W/o Harish Chander (Co-borrower/ Mortgagor	10-03-2026 / 19-03-2026	Rs.11,09,157/- (Rupees Eleven Lacs Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty Seven Only)	Rs.16,18,380/- (Rupees Sixteen Lacs Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Only
	Property Address of Secured Assets:-All that part and parcel of the Residential Property/ Portion of House No.49, measuring 01 Marla -268 Sq. ft. comprised in Khasra No. 25//14/1, 17/1, 16/1, 25/2, 27, 26//20/2, 21/2, 27//4/1/2, 4/2/2, 25//14/2, 15/2, 24/2, 25/1, 27//4/2/1, 25//6/2, 26//10/2, 11/1, 25//15/1, 16/2 as per Jamabandi for the year 2018-19,Hadbast No.-208, situated at Vakya Abadi Village Nangal, Salempur Tehsil Jalandhar District Jalandhar registered in the name of Smt. Shanti Devi W/o Harish Chander vide Sale Deed having Document No. 2020-21/186/1/3321 dated- 18-SEP-2020. **Boundaries (As per Sale Deed) EAST**- House No.50 of Vishal Bawa **WEST:** Remaining portion of House No.49 **NORTH**- House N0. 48-Sanjay Pal **SOUTH**- Road			
4	1.Mr. Sushil Kumar S/o Ramesh Kumar (Borrower) and 2. Mrs. Anu Devi S/o Sushil Kumar (Co-borrower/Mortgagor)	10-03-2026 / 23-03-2026	Rs.11,96,009/- (Rupees Eleven Lacs Ninety six Thousand and Nine Only)	1.Power Home Loan "Facility of Rs.12,47,121/- (Rupees Twelve Lacs Forty Seven Thousand one Hundred Twenty One Only) And Power Home Loan "Facility of Rs.2,60,000/-(Rupees Two Lacs Sixty Thousand Only)
	Property Address of Secured Assets:-All that part and parcel of the Residential Property/ House built upon plot having Private No.203 measuring 82 Sq, Yds comprised in Khasra No. 6316/4486min, Khata Khatoni No. 1258/3191 as per Jamabandi for the year 2015-16, situated at Vakya Sultanwind, Sub-urban Taraf Mahal-2, Abadi Kot Mitt Singh, Near Bhai Manj Singh Flat & Student Heaven Public School, Near Water Tank, District –Amritsar registered in the name of Sh. Sushil Kumar S/o Ramesh Kumar and Smt. Anu Devi W/o Sushil Kumar vide Sale Deed having document No. 2020-21/189/1/1163 dated 15-July-2023. **Boundaries (As per Sale Deed) EAST**- Passage **WEST**-Plot No.202 **NORTH**- Plot No.204 **SOUTH**-Others			
5.	1. Mr. Sony Singh S/o Jora Ram (Borrower) and 2. Mrs. Paramjeet Kaur W/o Sony Sijngh (Co-borrower/ Mortgagor)	05-03-2026 / 24-03-2026	Rs.8,22,747/- (Rupees Eight Lacs Twenty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Seven Only)	Rs.8,11,744/- (Rupees Eight Lacs Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Four Only)
	Property Address of Secured Assets:- All that part and parcel of the Residential Property/House measuring 0K-5-1/2 Marle (162.27 Sq. Yds.) , comprised in Khewat Khatauni No. 40/36/113, Khasra No. 36//15(1-14), 36//16(0-14), 37//11(8-0), 37//12(6-0), 37//20/1(2-9), situated at Sailwala, Tehsil Patran, District-Patiala registered in the name of Smt. Parmajeet Kaur W/o Sony Singh Vide Sale Deed having document No.2019-20/83/1/3135 dated 05.03.2020. **Boundaries (As per Sale Deed) EAST**- Passage **WEST**-Roop Singh **NORTH**- Deva Ram **SOUTH**- Passage			
6.	1.Mr. Mohamad Iltaf S/o Abdul Mazeed (Borrower/Mortgagor) and 2. Mrs. Sufia Bano W/o Mohamad Iltaf (Co-borrower)	08-02-2026 / 25-03-2026	Rs. 37,9,878/- (Rupees Three Lacs Seventy Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Eight Only)	Rs.16,00,000/- (Rupees Sixteen Lacs Only)
	Property Address of Secured Assets:-All that part and parcel of the Residential Property/ House built upon plot measuring 214.8/9 Sq. Yds. Comprised in Khasra No. 1689 Situated at Vakya Jawahar Nagar, Kamal Cinema Road, Malerkotla registered in the name of Sh. Mohamad Iltaf S/o Abdul Mazeed vide Sale deed No.-2630, Bahi No.1, Zild No-2140 dated – 04-01-1999 **Boundaries (As per Sale Deed) EAST**- Building others. **WEST**-House of Abdul Rehman S/o Ali Mohamad **NORTH**- House of Mohd Sharif S/o Mohd Rafiq **SOUTH**- Street 15'wide			
7.	1. Sh. Sunny Deol S/o Jagga Singh (Borrower) and 2. Mrs. Bitti Rani W/o Sunny Deol (Co Applicant)	04-06-2021 / 17-03-2026	Rs 2,22,473.00/- (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty two Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Three only)	Rs 106,457.00/- (Rupees One Lakh Six Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Seven Only)
	Property Address of Secured Assets:-Equitable Mortgage of Property including all part and parcel of property i.e. Property/House comprised of total 125 sq yards out of which A. Land measuring 75 Sq. Yards, share of 75/46222 out of land measuring 76 Kanal 08 Marla,comprised in Khasra No. 291 (0-10), 294 (19-7), 295 (19-7), 296 (16-0), 9652/292 (15-14), 9655/293 (5-10), Khewat No.268 Khasra No.580, within the revenue limits of Agwar Bhattiyan, Faridkot. B. Land measuring 20 Sq. Yards, which is 20/12100 share of land measuring 20 Kanals 00 Marlas, comprised in Khasra No. 297 (20-0), Khewat No. 120,Khatauni No.244, within the revenue limits of Agwar Dod, Faridkot. C. Land measuring 30 Sq. Yards, which is 30/14611 share of land measuring 24 Kanals 03 Marlas, comprised in Khasra No. 298 (24-3), Khewat/Khatoni No. 120/245, within the revenue limits of Agwar Dod, Faridkot as per Jmabandi year 2014-15. situated in Puri Colony, Street no. 10, Faridkot registered in the name of Sunny Deol S/o Jagga Singh vide sale deed no. 2020-21/42/1/105 dated 21-May-2020: Boundaries are as Under (as per Sale deed): East : Plot West : Street North : Plot South : Street			
8	1. Sh. Rajvir Singh S/o Dalip Singh (Applicant /Mortgagor) and 2. Sh. Manpreet Singh S/o Bikker Singh (Guarantor)	04-12-2025 / 17-03-2026	Rs 1,384,749.00/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Nine Only)	Rs 1,309,500.00/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Nine Thousand Five Hundred Only)
	Property Address of Secured Assets:-Equitable Mortgage of Property including all part and parcel of property i.e. Flat/Apartment comprised in Khata/Khewat No. 20/21 Min/21,Khasra No. 121 (0-5), 122 (3-12), 124 (2-17), 431/110 (1-5), 433/111 (0-14), and 510/471/123 (4-14),Kita No. 6, share of 3/5340, equivalent to 0 Bigha 0 Bigha 3 Biswasi. Out of Total Rakba measuring 13 Bigha 7 Biswa, Hadbast No. 14,as per Jmabandi 2019-20,i.e a Flat No. 275, 2nd Floor of Tower/Block 5 ,SBP Housing Park, situated at Village Rauni, Nagar Council Dera Bassi. District Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (Mohali),owned by Sh. Rajvir Singh S/o Dalip Singh vide Vasika no. 1322 dated 22-05-2022.			
9	1. Sh. Neeraj S/o Bahadar Singh (Applicant / Mortgagor) and 2. Mrs. Savita Devi W/o Neeraj (Mortgagor and Co-Applicant)	04-12-2025 / 17-03-2026	Rs. 23,90,681.46/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lac Ninety Thousand Six Hundred Eighty One rupees and forty Six pasia only)	Rs 25,69,190.00/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lac Sixty Nine Thousand One Hundred Ninety Only)
	Property Address of Secured Assets:-Equitable Mortgage of property including all part and parcel of property i.e. **House No. 119, Ek Onkar City, Measuring 108.75 Sq yards,** comprised in Khewat Khatoni No. 267/271, Khasra No. 84/3 (0-1), 1226/85 (2-8), 1227/85 (2-8), 90/2/1 (2-2), kite 4, having total land 6 Bigha 19 Biswa out of which share is 13/834 share i.e. **0 Bigha 2-1/6 Biswa**, Hadbast. No 183, in village Khanpur ,Tehsil Kharar, Distt. S.A.S Nagar Distt. S.A.S Nagar Mohali Punjab owned by Mr Neeraj S/o Bahadar Singh and Mrs Savita Devi W/o Neeraj vide Vasika No. 2021-22/15/1/5202. Boundaries as per Sale Deed : **EAST** : Plot No.120 **WEST**: Plot No. 118 **North** : Plot No. 130 **South** : Road 30 ft Wide			
10.	Mrs. Kamaljit kaur W/o Chanpreet Singh Dhanoa and 2. Sh. Chanpreet Singh Dhanoa S/o Randhir Singh Dhanoa	10-03-2026 / 25-03-2026	Rs.44,29,920.00/- (Rupees Forty Four Lac Twenty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Only)	Rs 49,19,490.00/- (Rupees Forty Nine Lac Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Only)
	Property Address of Secured Assets:-Equitable Mortgage of Property including all part and parcel of Property i.e. House/**Flat No. 4570 (Second Floor)**, Block U1,Darshan Vihar, AWHO Complex, Sector 68, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali),Plot Area 132.88 sq. yards-Registered Owner **Mrs. Kamaljit kaur W/o Chanpreet Singh Dhanoa Singh** vide Sale Deed No.1029 dated 24-04-2023. Boundaries as per Sale Deed EAST : NA WEST: NA NORTH : NA SOUTH : NA			
11.	1. Sh. Darshan Singh S/o Pratap Singh (Borrower/Mortgagor) and 2. Mrs. Pooja Mehta W/o Darshan Singh (Co-Borrower/Mortgagor)	03-03-2026 / 25-03-2026	Rs 6,87,897.00/- (Rupees Six Lac Eighty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Seven Only)	1. 3 Power Home Loan "Facility of Rs 20,94,655.00/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Five Only) and 2. Asset Power Loan Facility of Rs 1,00,353/- (Rupees One Lacs Three Hundred fifty Three Only)
	Property Address of Secured Assets:-All that part and parcel of the Residential Property/ Equitable Mortgage of Property including all part and parcel of property i.e. House/Plot No. 6, measuring 00 Bigha 02 Biswa (100 Sq. Yards), Comprising in Khewat/Khatoni No. 129/248, Khasra No. 648(2-10), 649(4-0), 650(4-10), 651(2-10), 652(4-0), 653(4-0), 654(4-0), 655(5-1), 656(4-0), 657(3-9), 658(5-6), 659(4-0), Kite 12, land measuring 00 Bigha 02 Biswa 0 Biswasi, being 40/18920 share out of Land measuring 47 Bigha 06 Biswa, situated at SunView, Village Gulabgarh, Hadbast No. 09, Tehsil Derabassi, District S.A.S. Nagar Mohali, Punjab – 140201. Registered Owner Sh. Darshan Singh and Mrs. Pooja Mehta vide Sale Deed No. 2024-25/14/1/4700 Dated 25-Oct-2024. **Boundaries as per Sale Deed EAST** : Road 30 feet wide **WEST**: Land Other Owner **NORTH** : Plot No. 5 **SOUTH** :H.No 7 Surinder Kumar			
12.	1. Sh.Mahabir Singh S/o Bachan Singh (Applicant) and 2. Mrs. Renu W/o Mahabir Singh (Mortgagor and Co-Applicant)	02-02-2026 / 17-03-2026	Rs. 1,729,106.00/- (Rupees Seventeen Lac Twenty Nine Thousand One Hundred Six Only)	Rs 2,066,904.00/- (Rupees Twenty Lac Sixty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Four Only)
	Property Address of Secured Assets:-Equitable Mortgage of proerty including all part and parcel of property ie. Plot No. 76, Measuring 71.11 Sq. yds comprised in Khewat/Khatoni No. 1057/1099 and 1079/1121 comprised under Khasra No. 57//14/1(1-4), 14/2/2(4-8), kite 02 ,share of 21-1/4/1008 measuring 0 Kanal 2 Marla-3-1/4, out of total land measuring 5 Kanal 12 Marla , situated at Jarnail Enclave-3, Village Bhabat, Hadbast No. 234, MC and Sub Tehsil Zirakpur, Tehsil Derabassi, Distt. SAS Nagar Mohali, Punjab owned by Mrs. Renu W/o Mahavir Singh vide Vasika No.2020-21/13/1/10921 dated 18-Feb 2-2021. Boundaries are per Sale Deed EAST : Plot No.85 WEST: Road North : Plot No.77 South : Plot No.75			
13	1. Mr. Arun Gautam S/o Mr. Bal Mukand Sharma (Borrower) And 2. Mrs. Sonia Sharma W/o Mr. Arun Gautam (Co-borrower /Mortgagor)	30-07-2021 / 26-03-2026	Rs.2695741/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lacs Ninety Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty One Only)	Rs.24,70,060.00/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lacs Seventy Thousand Sixty Rupees Only)
	Property Address of Secured Assets:-All that part and parcel of Residential property Built up Area/ Flat No. 100-C, Third floor of Plot No 100 having covered area 600 sq ft, share of above flat is 0 Bigha 0 Biswa 13 Biswasi i.e 13/2300 share of total land 5 Bigha 15 Biswa (1/3 share comprising 32.74 sq. yard of 98.22 Sq. yard) comprised in Khasra no 528/2(3-0), 529/2(2-15),Kitte 2, khewat /khatoni no 24/24,142/150 as per Jamabandi for the year 2014-2015 situated at Guru Nanak Enclave Village Dhakoli, Hadbast No 48 M.C and Sub Tehsil Zirakpur Tehsil Dera Bassi District SAS Nagar Registered in the name of Sonia Sharma W/o Sh. Arun Gautam vide sale deed no 2020-21/13/1/3134 dated 03-Sept-2020. **Boundaries (As per Sale Deed) East:** NA **West:** NA **North:** NA **South:** NA			
14	1.Sh.Ajit Singh Walleh S/o Inder Singh (Applicant) and 2.Mrs. Harbhinder Kaur W/o Ajit Singh Walleh (Co Applicant)	08-08-2023 / 17-03-2026	Rs 3,089,263.00/- (Rupees Thirty Lac Eighty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Three Only)	Rs. 2,912,720.00/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lac Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Only)
	Property Address of Secured Assets:- Equitable Mortgage of Property including all part and parcel of property i.e. Flat/Apartment No.D-102,First Floor, Emerging Heights III, Ownership in Khewat Khatauni No.99/120,347/361, Khasra Nos.39//2(3-4),39//3(8-0),39//8(8-0),39//9(0-12),39//12(0-14),39//13(7-15),39//18/1(2-4),39//19(0-9),Kite 8 Rakba 30 Kanal 18 Marle da 1/1236 Share(Undivided) Bakdar **0 Kanal ½ Marla** Land ,Hadbast No. 186 , Rakba village Santemajra, Municipal Committee Kharar,Tehsil kharar,Dist.SAS Nagar,Mohali ,owned jointly by Sh. Ajit Singh Walleh and Mrs. Harbhinder Kaur vide Vasika No. 801 dated 25-04-2017.			
15	1.Sh. Jagtar Singh S/o Bhagwan Singh (Applicant) and 2. Mrs. Satnam Kaur W/o Jagtar Singh (Co Applicant)	10-03-2026 / 25-03-2026	Rs 9,73,475.00/- (Rupees Nine lac Seventy Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Five Only)	Rs. 15,00,000.00/- (Rupees Fifteen lac Only)
	Property Address of Secured Assets:-Equitable Mortgage of Property including all part and parcel of property i.e. House/Flat No. **MIG.-1383/6**,Sector 65,Phase 6 ,SAS Nagar,Mohali ,registered owner **Sh.Jagtar Singh S/o Bhagwan Singh** vide Vasika No. 4999 dated 15 Nov 2017. Boundaries as per Sale Deed **EAST** : MIG 1383/7 **WEST:** ROAD **NORTH** : MIG 1382/5 **SOUTH** : MIG 1383/5			

Therefore, this public notice is hereby issued in lieu of direct communication.
The Borrower(s) and/or their Guarantor(s), where applicable, are hereby called upon to remit the outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failure to do so will result in the initiation of further actions, as permitted under Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, after the lapse of the 60-day period. The Borrowers are specifically referred to Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act regarding their rights to redeem the secured assets.
Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Date: 12.04.2026, Place: Punjab — **Sd/-, Authorized Officer, Axis Bank Ltd.**

Sukhi Brar and Gurkripal Surapuri release Vibh Sidhu's new song 'Bhabhi'



CHANDIGARH: The new song "Bhabhi" by emerging Punjabi singer Vibh Sidhu was released at Rani Lakshmi Bai Bhawan, Sector 38, Chandigarh. The lyrics of the song have been written by Harpreet Sekhon, and the music has been composed by Cinemix Labs (Laksh). The lead role in the song has been played by renowned actress Raj Dhaliwal, along with Sartaj Sidhu, Harpreet Sekhon, Bhupinder Singh, Simran Waraich, and Robin Sidhu, who have also acted important roles.

The song has been directed by Bobby Bajwa and released under the music company "Wavecano Music" by Balwinder Singh and Arsh Nagra.

The song was officially released by Sukhminder Kaur Brar (Sukhi Brar), Chairperson of Chandigarh Sangeet Natak Akademi, along with noted singer Gurkripal Surapuri. They extended their best wishes to the entire team for the success of the song and encouraged them to continue contributing quality and culturally rich music to Punjabi culture in the future.

Singer Vibh Sidhu has been a two-time winner of Panjab University in the folk singing category and has established a strong presence in youth festivals. The event was hosted by Bhatti Bharhiwala, while the vote of thanks was delivered by Taljinder Nagra.

Prominent attendees at the release event included Amarjit Singh (Advocate), Kartar Singh, Satwinder Singh Gandhi, Gurtaj Sidhu, Vishal Khanna, Vishal Parashar, Pradeep Singh, among others.

The beloved Superstar Singer Season 1 makes its Sony PAL Premiere from 13th April at 8:30 PM



CHANDIGARH : Strengthening its promise of offering a diverse and engaging entertainment experience across genres, Sony PAL continues to curate a rich mix of content—spanning mythology, comedy, reality and more. Adding to this vibrant line-up, the channel is all set to premiere the OG Superstar Singer Season 1 starting 13th April 2026, airing Monday to Saturday at 8:30 PM.Celebrated as the show that introduced India to its very own 'Singing Ka Kal', Superstar Singer Season 1 became a fan favourite for its heartwarming format and extraordinary young talent. The show features an acclaimed panel of super judges including Alka Yagnik, Himesh Reshammiya, and Javed Ali, with Jay Bhanushali as the host. Bringing together four dynamic teams led by captains Nitin Kumar, Jyotica Tangri, Salman Ali, and Sachin Kumar Valmiki, the show showcases a unique mentor-led format that nurtures young singing prodigies. Spread across 24 episodes over four weeks, the season delivers a power-packed musical experience filled with emotions and unforgettable performances.The Sony PAL premiere will begin with a grand Gala Premiere, giving audiences the opportunity to relive the show's most iconic moments from the very beginning. Adding to its appeal, the season will feature a variety of engaging thematic episodes including 'The Epic 90s', 'Jai Jawan Jai Kisan', 'Shaadi Special', 'Mother's Special', 'Ganpati Special', and tributes to legendary icons, making it a true celebration of music across eras and emotions.Tune in from 13th April at 8:30 PM, Monday to Saturday, only on Sony PAL, and witness Suron Ka Mahasangam as the melodies that defined a generation return to captivate audiences once again.

COLORS' stars celebrate the spirit of Baisakhi with warmth, memories, and togetherness







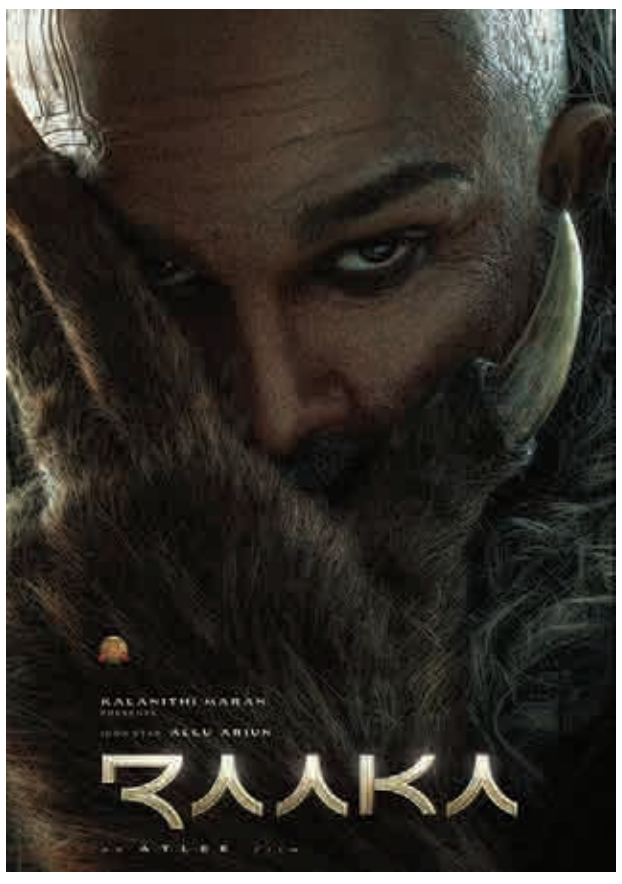
CHANDIGARH: Karan Kundrra from COLORS' Laughter Chefs Unlimited Entertainment shares, "For me, Baisakhi brings back memories of growing up in Punjab, being around family, eating good food, and enjoying music together. It symbolizes the spirit of renewal; it is a time to seize opportunities and celebrate the rewards of hard work. Celebrating Baisakhi on the sets of Laughter Chefs this year was a lot of fun. The dholak kicked things off, and Punjabi boliyan was all about playfully roasting each other. The kitchen brought its signature culinary chaos with all of us trying to shape gur pare like kites. It felt like a piece of Punjab came to the set. Wishing everyone good health, success and happiness; may every home be filled with love and every kitchen with the taste of harvest. Baisakhi di lakh lakh badhaiyan!"

Jasmeet Kaur from COLORS' 'Tu Juliet Jatt Di' shares, "Coming from a Punjabi family, there's no such thing as a low-key celebration, it's all heart and all energy. This Baisakhi feels even more special because I'll be bringing it in with everyone on set, and since we're shooting in Chandigarh, it still feels like I'm close to home in the best way. Shooting for Tu Juliet Jatt Di during this time honestly feels like an extension of that same world, a little dramatic but full of love at its core. Wishing everyone warmth, togetherness, and a season of new beginnings. Hope this Baisakhi brings a lot of light and happiness into your lives."

Neha Rana from COLORS' Mahadev and Sons shares, "Baisakhi brings a sense of a new beginning. It's a time filled with positivity and togetherness. For me, it's always been about keeping things simple and holding on to gratitude and kindness. I took some time out to visit the Gurudwara and bantered away with my family on video calls. Celebrating this festival on the sets of Mahadev and Sons this year made it even more special, as the show revolves around new beginnings, family and love. With everything that's going on in the storyline right now, the audience has a lot to look forward to. Wishing everyone peace, joy, prosperity and a very Happy Baisakhi!"

Stay tuned with COLORS for more updates!

"Raaka" – The Title Unveiled on Allu Arjun's Birthday, Introducing Atlee's Grand Fantasy-Action Entertainer for a Global Audience



CHANDIGARH: In a landmark moment for one of the most anticipated cinematic collaborations, the makers of AA22 x A6 have officially unveiled the title of the film "Raaka" today at 11 AM, marking Icon Star Allu Arjun's birthday with a powerful announcement.Accompanying the title reveal is a striking title poster that offers a glimpse into the film's world — dark, intense, and creature-like in its visual tonality. The imagery sets the stage for a larger-than-life narrative, hinting at a universe that is both formidable and deeply intriguing.Positioned as a grand fantasy-action entertainer, "Raaka" is envisioned as a global cinematic spectacle, designed to resonate with audiences across markets. Backed by Sun Pictures and mounted on a massive scale, the film aims to blend scale, storytelling, and cutting-edge cinematic craft for an international audience.Allu Arjun is set to be seen in a never-seen-before avatar, marking a significant departure from his previous roles and showcasing him in a powerful, transformative light. Known for presenting his actors in a completely new dimension, filmmaker Atlee once again raises the bar — crafting what promises to be a defining role in the actor's career.

Atlee, celebrated for creating expansive, larger-than-life cinematic worlds, brings his distinct vision to "Raaka", building a universe that seamlessly blends fantasy, action, and emotion. The scale and ambition of the film reflect a storytelling approach that is rooted in Indian cinema while aiming to connect with a global audience.Director Atlee says "Raaka isn't just a film… it's a part of me I've carried for years. For 18 years, I held on to one idea, never letting it fade. It tested me, shaped me, and stayed with me through everything. And honestly… this is just the beginning."Sun Pictures says "Raaka is a collaboration born of the highest ambitions in Indian cinema. Sun Pictures is privileged to bring together the singular storytelling of Atlee and the iconic stature of Allu Arjun in a project built for the world. We believe this will not only redefine the scale of what we create, but also affirm Indian cinema's rightful place in global entertainment."This film marks a landmark collaboration between Sun Pictures, Icon Star Allu Arjun, and blockbuster filmmaker Atlee — bringing together three of Indian cinema's most influential creative forces for a project designed for the international stage. With the title now revealed, "Raaka" sets the tone for a cinematic spectacle that promises to be bold, immersive, and truly path-breaking on a global scale.

Cadila Pharma launches new therapy for BP control

CHANDIGARH: Cadila Pharmaceuticals recently announced the launch of Ciledge Trio, a scientifically developed fixed-dose combination therapy designed to deliver sustained blood pressure (BP) control with improved tolerability and enhanced patient adherence. The launch responds to India's rapidly escalating hypertension burden and the need for effective, guideline-aligned treatment options. Ciledge Trio combines three well-established antihypertensive agents with complementary mechanisms of action: Cilnidipine (CCB), Telmisartan (ARB), and Metoprolol (a β1-selective blocker). This comes in line with the clinical evidence that supports combination therapy as a superior strategy for achieving sustained BP control and enhanced cardioprotective benefits, especially in hypertensive patients with co-existing cardiac conditions and myocardial infarction.

Compared to conventional CCBs, cilnidipine is associated with up to ten-fold lower incidence of pedal edema. When combined with telmisartan, it demonstrates effective and sustained BP control with a favorable safety profile, including benefits for patients with diabetes and chronic kidney disease. The addition of metoprolol further strengthens cardiovascular protection and heart rate control.

On the launch of Ciledge Trio, the company's CMD, Dr. Rajiv I. Modi, said: "Cadila Pharmaceuticals reinforces its commitment to addressing unmet needs in hypertension management. This guideline-driven combination is designed to deliver efficacy, safety, and long-term cardiovascular protection -- key elements for improving patient outcomes in real-world clinical practice."

By integrating all three agents into a single-pill formulation, Ciledge Trio significantly reduces pill burden, thereby improving treatment adherence and long-term clinical outcomes. It aims to address the critical need for cardioprotection in a specific subset of hypertensive patients with underlying cardiac conditions, including angina, myocardial infarction, and heart failure.

Amazon.in rings in the summer holidays with great deals on the season's wish list

CHANDIGARH : With the onset of summer holidays, Amazon.in has rolled out two curated storefronts - Kids Summer Slam and Summer Toys List. Get up to 50% off on the season's most-wanted toys and play essentials like Remote Control Cars, Hot Wheels, Swimming Pools, Cricket Kits, Kids Cycle, Scooters and more, with prices starting at INR 199 from brands like Adidas, Speedo, DSC, Nivia and Lifelong. Customers can avail 5% savings with the Amazon Pay ICICI Credit Card and up to 7.5% instant discount on cards from HDFC, HSBC, Yes Bank, Scapia, RBL, DBS and Bank of Baroda.Beyond great deals, Amazon.in's AI tools turn the chaos of toy shopping into something almost effortless. Wondering if that inflatable pool will actually fit in your balcony? View in Your Room lets you place it virtually in your space before you buy. Spot a toy at a friend's place and want one just like it? Point your phone and let Lens AI find it - no brand name, no search terms needed. Not sure which cricket kit is right for an eight-year-old just starting out? Ask Rufus and get an instant, tailored answer. Review Highlights cuts through thousands of customer reviews to surface what actually matters, durability, safety, play value, so parents aren't left guessing.

Pawsitive Spending on the Rise: Inside India's Growing Pet Care Economy

CHANDIGARH : Pets are loved, cared for, and nurtured like family in households today. This deep emotional bond is fuelling the rise of 'pet parents' across India. This shift is not just emotional, but also reflected in how people shop, spend, and prioritise their pets' wellbeing in everyday life. According to an IBEF report on India's pet care industry, the sector is witnessing nearly 20% growth, driven by rising disposable incomes, urban lifestyles, and a stronger focus on pet wellbeing. On Flipkart, this evolution is visible in a growing, lifestyle-led approach to pet care, with the category witnessing a 50%+ y-o-y growth. From dogs and cats to fish, birds and other pets, consumers are turning to the platform as a go-to destination for daily essentials to premium specialised products.Pet care shopping has moved beyond food and hygiene to include a more thoughtful mix of nutrition, grooming, wellness and enrichment. A new generation of pet parents is driving this change. Gen Z and millennial consumers today account for 80%+ of overall demand on Flipkart, bringing with them a more informed and evolved approach to pet care. Cities such as Bangalore, Delhi and Kolkata are emerging as key demand centres, collectively contributing to 10% of total pet care orders, while non-metro cities like Mysore, Dehradun and Cuttack continue to see steady adoption as pet ownership expands beyond metros.Nutrition is at the heart of this shift. There is a clear move towards clean-label, breed-specific and fortified pet food, which has witnessed 40%+ growth as consumers seek healthier and more tailored options for their pets. Alongside this, preventive care is becoming part of regular routines, with rising demand for products like grooming essentials and calming products such as Trimmers & Pet Health Supplements that support overall well-being. Playtime, too, is being reimagined. Pet toys have seen a 50% y-o-y increase in demand for chew toys, chase toys, training aids, collars and interactive accessories that keep pets active and mentally stimulated. At the same time, pets are increasingly becoming part of celebrations and everyday moments, reflected in the rise of accessories, apparel and occasion-led purchases.Pets today play a deeply emotional role in people's lives, with their companionship, playfulness and quiet comfort becoming part of their daily routines. This connection is shaping how pet parents make shopping choices, with a stronger focus on comfort, care and overall wellbeing.

Dilpreet Dhillon elevates the beat with a high-energy Mahindra BE 6 anthem at grand press unveil



MOHALI: Punjabi music sensation Dilpreet Dhillon has brought together music, style, and innovation in a power-packed collaboration centered around the bold and futuristic Mahindra BE 6. Unveiled at a high-energy press conference, the track has already created strong buzz for its cinematic appeal, stylish storytelling, and larger-than-life execution.

Featuring the stunning Isha Sharma, the music video seamlessly blends glamour with performance, positioning the BE 6 not just as a car, but as a statement of attitude and aspiration. With Desi Crew's signature beats and Khare Ala Gopi's catchy, high-impact lyrics, the song transforms the BE 6 into a central character commanding attention with every frame.

The Mahindra BE 6, with its sharp, aerodynamic design, aggressive stance, and futuristic styling, perfectly complements the energy of the track. Its sporty appeal, electric performance, and bold road presence resonate strongly with today's youth making it a natural fit for a culture driven by music, individuality, and expression. The car's edgy design language and dynamic persona align seamlessly with the vibrant and expressive Punjabi music culture, creating a powerful and authentic connection.

The press conference mirrored the excitement of a full-scale entertainment launch, drawing attention from media, fans, and industry insiders alike. The collaboration stood out as a fresh and innovative approach where an automobile brand integrates organically into mainstream music, elevating both storytelling and brand recall.

This unique fusion of music, celebrity, and cutting-edge automotive design is set to create significant traction across digital platforms, social media, and youth audiences, establishing the Mahindra BE 6 as not just a vehicle, but a cultural icon in the making.

India's Life Insurers Pay ₹6.30 Lakh Crore in Benefits in FY25 To Emerge as A Pillar of Household Financial Security - Insurance Awareness Committee (IAC-Life)

CHANDIGARH : India's life insurance sector continues to play a crucial role in protecting families and supporting long-term financial planning. According to the latest IRDAI Annual Report 2024-25, life insurers paid ₹6.30 lakh crore in total benefits during FY25. The figure testifies to the level of support that the life insurance industry provides to Indian households across life stages from protection to retirement and wealth creation."The operational level of India's life insurers, as evident from the key statistics of persistency, benefit payouts and the solvency thresholds underscore life insurance's role as a household wealth reservoir that provides both liquidity and long-term stability. The fact that 92% of payouts have been toward living benefits highlights the industry's role not just as a protection provider but as a long-term financial partner that ensures financial continuity for families. Through our campaigns, we will continue to make people aware of the power of life insurance to safeguard families' finances while enabling them to create a reliable financial reservoir", said Kamlesh Rao, Chairperson, Insurance Awareness Committee (IAC-Life) when explaining the business philosophy of India's life insurers.Out of the total benefits paid, ₹2.33 lakh crore has been on account of withdrawals and surrender, an increase of 1.77% over last year. Since persistency ratios remain robust, it signifies planned lifecycle exits. Policyholders are accessing funds to enable their families pursue life goals, such as children's academic pursuits, purchasing a self-owned home, enjoying a foreign vacation, etc. While life insurance always enjoyed a high regard for its financial protection quotient, the beneficiaries of policies are now deploying policy proceeds for other valuable purposes also. The evolution of life insurance's product portfolio that now includes children's plans, annuity policies, market-linked benefits, etc, means that consumers can reinvest the policy proceeds into new policies to fund their life goals.

Crystal Crop Protection pioneers India's Green Fodder revolution

KARNAL : India faces severe and growing pressure on its natural resource base. The country accommodates approximately 18% of the global human population and 15% of the world's livestock, yet possesses only 2.4% of the world's geographical area, 1.5% of forest and pasture lands and 4.2% of water resources. The nation's principal fodder sources are crop residues, cultivated green fodder and output from common property resources such as forests, permanent pastures and grazing lands.The primary obstacle to developing India's livestock sector remains a persistent deficit in quality feed and fodder. Livestock currently relies heavily on unsustainable sourcing, with most nutritional requirements met by crop residues and by-products gathered from cultivated, uncultivated and common grazing lands. A planned, scientific, and economically viable feeding approach is therefore essential to meaningfully improve the productivity of milch animals and support rural livelihoods. Crystal Crop Protection's "2026 Fodder Initiative" is anchored across four critical states that together account for a significant share of India's fodder cultivation – Haryana, Punjab, Western Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. These regions are dominated by the cultivation of crops such as sorghum (jowar), maize, bajra, beseem and lucerne – all vital to sustaining India's large and growing livestock population. Today, Haryana remains India's largest milk-producing state and consequently, there is heavy green fodder demand. "Dairy Green" Crystal's premier single- cut green fodder hybrid has been purpose- engineered to address the nutritional requirements of high-yielding dairy cattle. Developed through advanced plant breeding, "Dairy Green" delivers consistently high biomass yield, superior crude protein content and excellent palatability making it the preferred choice for dairy farmers across Haryana. Beyond "Dairy Green", Crystal will also offer Haryana's farmers a comprehensive range of next-generation fodder seed products to serve diverse agro-climatic needs. These include, "SX17" – a high-yielding sorghum-Sudan hybrid with robust stem, medium maturity and good re-growth; "SX21" a late-maturing high-biomass variety ideal for single-cut large volume harvests and "Star", an early maturing dual-purpose sorghum, used as both green fodder and grain fodder.

'Healthy Gut is the foundation of a Healthy Childhood' – Dr. Sufla Saxena highlights in an awareness session

ROHTAK: Gut health problems are increasingly being reported among children, making gut health an important aspect of overall childhood development. Symptoms such as recurrent abdominal pain, chronic constipation, persistent vomiting, poor weight gain, or feeding difficulties can indicate underlying gastrointestinal or liver conditions. When left unaddressed, these problems may interfere with a child's nutrition and overall development. Speaking on the importance of early paediatric care, Dr. Sufla Saxena, Head - Paediatrics and Paeds Gastroenterology and Hepatology, HCMCT Manipal Hospitals, Delhi, said, "Good digestive health in children begins with simple habits such as nutritious meals, sufficient water intake, regular activity, and maintaining food hygiene. Parents should not ignore symptoms that persist beyond a few days or keep recurring. Seeking timely medical advice allows us to identify the issue early and provide appropriate treatment. With the right care, most paediatric gut problems can be effectively controlled, allowing children to grow well."



Paediatric conditions such as gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), inflammatory bowel disease, and chronic constipation affect a substantial number of children worldwide. Many of these conditions develop gradually and may not show alarming signs in the early stages. If ignored, they can affect a child's nutrition, immunity and overall physical and cognitive development. HCMCT Manipal Hospitals Delhi offers comprehensive paediatric services including advanced diagnostics, nutritional counselling, specialised paediatric gastroenterology care and child-friendly procedures. By focusing on early detection and patient engagement, the hospital aims to empower families to safeguard their children.

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