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Iran-US talks in Islamabad fail, both sides blame each other

UNI
ISLAMABAD, APR 12

The much-hyped talks between Iran and the United States in Islamabad for peace in West Asia have failed.

While the US blamed Iran for rejecting the terms of an agreement, Iran said the talks ended without any outcome because of'excessive' demands made by the US.

US Vice President J D Vance who was heading his country's delegation at the talks, said they were returning home without a deal. The US delegation has since left for home.

'They (Iran) have chosen not to accept our terms,' Vance told reporters before departing. Iran said the two sides have not reached an agreement due to the US team's excessive demands and ambitions. Tehran had insisted on securing Iran's rights. Vance said the key issue for the United States was whether Iran is willing to make a long-term commitment not to develop nuclear weapons. 'The question is simple: do we see a fundamental commitment of will for the Iranians not to develop a nuclear weapon – not just now, not just two years from now, but for the long term? We haven't seen it yet. We hope that we will,' he said. Vance said that while Iran's nuclear programme has been "destroyed," there is still need for a clear and lasting commitment to prevent any future development of nuclear weapons.



Time has come to implement Women's Reservation Act: PM

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, APRIL 12

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the time has come for the implementation of the Women's Reservation Act in its true spirit and the 2029 Lok Sabha elections and Assembly elections are conducted with the quota for women in place.

In a letter to the floor leaders of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, ahead of the three-day special sittings of Parliament, Modi also asked all members to come together in one voice to pass the amendments to the women's reservation law, officially known as Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam.



"After extensive deliberations, we have reached the conclusion that the time has now come to implement the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam in its true spirit across the country. "It is imperative that the 2029 Lok Sabha elections and Assembly elections are conducted with women's reservation in place," the Prime Minister said in his letter dated April 11. The Budget Session of Parliament has been extended, and a special three-day sitting of the House has been convened on April 16 to 18. The Women's Reservation Act will ensure an increase in the number of Lok Sabha seats to 816, of which 273 will be reserved for women. The provision to provide 33 per cent reservation to women in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies was brought by amending the Constitution in 2023.

CM Bhagwant Singh Mann's efforts pay off as Centre orders fencing near international border, lakhs of farmers to benefit

TALWANDI SABO: Following sustained efforts by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Centre has moved to shift border fencing closer to the international boundary, a decision set to bring major relief to farmers long forced to cultivate under tight BSF restrictions. With surveys now ordered across border districts, the move will bring lakhs of acres back within the fenced area, allowing farmers greater access, crop choice, and freedom from limited farming hours and repeated security checks.



Punjab CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated, "With the Union Home Minister, we have raised this issue many times that for farmers living along the border, the fencing along the international border with Pakistan is placed three to four kilometres inside on the Indian side. As a result, their fields are left beyond the fence." Explaining the challenges faced by farmers, he said, "Farmers are allowed to go beyond the fence for cultivation only at fixed hours decided by the BSF. They cannot go before 9 am, they are frisked, and they are accompanied by security forces. This is to ensure that no smuggled goods or weapons are brought back. After 4 pm, they cannot stay in the fields, and they are again searched while returning. A significant amount of time of the security forces is also spent in checking our own citizens." CM Bhagwant Singh Mann shared, "We strongly raised this issue, and the Union Home Minister had assured that it would be resolved soon. Farmers have long been forced to cross the fence with identity cards and under BSF escort to reach their own fields, facing daily hardship and uncertainty along the 532 km India Pakistan border where fencing lies deep inside Punjab's territory." "Now letters have been issued to Deputy Commissioners (DCs) of border districts including Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Amritsar, Tarn Taran, Fazilka, and Ferozepur to conduct surveys and assess how close the fencing can be moved to the international border as per rules.

Nitish Kumar calls Cabinet meet tomorrow; Bihar may get new CM

NEW DELHI: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar is set to chair a crucial Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, April 14.Sources indicate that the meeting is likely to approve several important agenda items.Sources told ANI that this could be the last meeting of the current Council of Ministers. Following the meeting, Nitish Kumar may tender his resignation. Bihar could get a new Chief Minister on April 15, the sources confirmed to ANI.Earlier in the day, Janata Dal (United) Working President and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Kumar Jha asserted that the Chief Minister of Bihar, Nitish Kumar, continues to remain deeply committed to the state's development, even if he is not serving in that position.Jha said that the party contested the 2025-30 mandate in Bihar under Nitish Kumar's leadership with the support of the NDA, and the new government would carry forward his policies and governance model."As far as Bihar is concerned, we contested the 2025-30 election mandate under Nitish Kumar's leadership with the support of the NDA. The Prime Minister campaigned regularly, and the new government will continue Nitish Ji's policies and work under his guidance. Even if he is not Chief Minister, his focus remains on Bihar, travelling to Delhi only for Parliament sessions," he said.Nitish Kumar took oath as a Rajya Sabha MP on April 10. His role in managing alliance politics has been key to the NDA's rule in Bihar.His move to the Rajya Sabha marks the fulfillment of his long-stated ambition to serve in every legislative house in India, including the Bihar Assembly, the Bihar Legislative Council, the Lok Sabha, and the Rajya Sabha.Kumar resigned from his membership of the Bihar Legislative Council after being elected to the upper house of Parliament.



Legendary singer Asha Bhosle passes away, cremation today

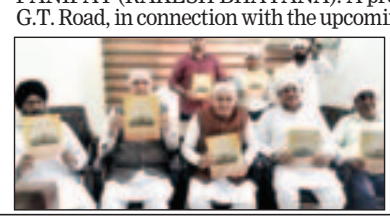
MUMBAI: Asha Bhosle, one of the most iconic and versatile voices in Indian music history, passed away on Sunday, leaving behind a legacy that shaped the soundscape of Indian cinema and music for over eight decades. She was 92.Dr Pratit Samdani at Breach Candy Hospital confirmed the demise of the legendary singer."Asha Bhosale breathed her last today in Breach Candy Hospital. She passed away due to multi-organ failure," Dr Samdani said. She had been admitted to Breach Candy Hospital on Saturday evening following extreme exhaustion and a chest infection.The veteran singer's granddaughter, Zanai Bhosle, had earlier confirmed her hospitalisation through a social media statement, requesting privacy for the family. "My grandmother, Asha Bhosle, due to extreme exhaustion and suffering a chest infection, has been admitted to hospital... Treatment is ongoing and hopefully everything will be well," she had said.Born in 1933, Asha Bhosle began her musical journey at a young age, rising to prominence in the 1950s and eventually becoming one of the most celebrated playback singers in the world. Her voice- playful, emotive, and endlessly adaptable- defined generations of music lovers across India and beyond.Over the course of her extraordinary career, Bhosle recorded thousands of songs in multiple Indian languages, lending her voice to a wide range of genres from classical and ghazals to cabaret.



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Baisakhi to witness a grand spiritual gathering: Three-Day satsang samagam at Dera Baba Jodh Sachiar from April 14 to 16

PANIPAT (RAKESH BHAYANA): A press conference was organised by the committee at Dera Baba Jodh Sachiar, located on G.T. Road, in connection with the upcoming Baisakhi festival. The conference was chaired by the committee's Chief Sevadar and Hansi MLA, Vinod Bhayana. It was informed that a three-day annual Satsang Samagam and Baisakhi celebration will be held with great devotion and enthusiasm on April 14, 15, and 16 in the dera premises. Addressing the gathering, MLA Vinod Bhayana said that, with the blessings of Baba Jodh Sachiar Ji, the Baisakhi festival is being celebrated with great fervor this year as well, continuing the tradition of previous years. He appealed to the sangat to attend in large numbers and receive the blessings of the Guru. He further informed that renowned Raagi Jathas and Katha Vachaks from across the country will participate in the samagam.



Punjab govt celebrated state-level Hindu New Year festival in Pathankot in grand manner



SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, APRIL 12

The state-level Hindu New Year festival was celebrated with great pomp and show at Ramlila Ground, Pathankot, by the Bhagwant Mann government of Punjab in collaboration with Sanatan Sewa Samiti Punjab.

Aam Aadmi Party Punjab in-charge Manish Sisodia, Cabinet Minister Aman Arora, Cabinet Minister Lal Chand Kataruchak and Punjab Tourism Chairman Deepak Bau were specially present at this event.

Speaking on the occasion, Manish Sisodia said that for the first time in Punjab, a Hindu New Year festival has been celebrated at the state level by any government.

He said that the Aam Aadmi Party government respects all religions equally and is committed to keeping the society united.

He accused the BJP of misleading people in the name of Sanatan Dharma, while Sanatan Dharma is a symbol of love and cooperation. Cabinet Minister Aman Arora said that the Punjab government is continuously taking decisions for the welfare of the people.

He said that under the Chief Minister's Health Scheme, an insurance cover of up to Rs 10 lakh is being given to every family, so that no poor person has to lose his life due to lack of treatment. He also informed about the schemes being launched for the respect of women.

Cabinet Minister Lal Chand Kataruchak said that the Central Government has only done vote politics in the name of Sanatan, whereas the Punjab Government has given a message of unity by organizing this event while respecting all religions.

Mahant Dinesh Puri unanimously appointed President at Bankhandi



LUDHIANA (SHARMA): An important meeting of Dashnam Shri Panchjuna Bhekh Gusainiya was held at Baglamukhi Temple, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh (Bankhandi) under the chairmanship of Mahant Rameshanand Saraswati of Nurpur. Mahant Madan Puri, Mahant Rajat Giri, Mahant Gaurav Giri, Mahant Minal Nand Saraswati, Mahant Mohit Giri, Mahant Rajesh Giri, Rajeshanand Saraswati, Mahant Harnarayan Puri, Mahant Anurudh Giri, Mahant Raj Rani Giri, Mahant Om Puri, Mahant Vishal Puri, Mahant Chetan Puri, Tehsildar Pawan Badiyal (Bankhandi) and Mahant Dinesh Puri of Sangla Wala Shivala from Ludhiana participated in it. In the meeting, Mahant Rameshanand Saraswati unanimously appointed Mahant Dinesh Puri's as newly appointed head of Dashnam Shri Panchjuna Bhekh Gusaiyan.

He was welcomed by Rajesh Gandhi, Prem Kumar, Monty Sharma, Swapanpreet Singh, Jasdeep Singh, Amandeep Singh, Malkit Singh, Sushil Jaidka, Krishna Lal, Yogesh Gupta, etc. Mahant Dinesh Puri said that he will fulfill it with full dedication. Mahant Rameshanand Saraswati said that it is the duty of a Mahant. He should follow the path of religion and manage the property and the organization efficiently.

Bharatiya Yog Sansthan celebrates 60th foundation day in Karnal



MEGH RAJ LUTHRA
KARNAL, APRIL 12

The Bharatiya Yog Sansthan celebrated its 60th foundation day with a grand event held at the Panchmukhi Hanuman Temple on Kachhwa Road.

Representatives from various branches in Karnal participated in the programme.

The event commenced with a session of subtle yogic exercises conducted by Dr T.R. Minocha, district head of the organisation in Karnal. The programme was formally inaugurated with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by chief guest Suman Nagpal Gupta, president of Agrakul Samaj Karnal, along with Madhusudan Khurana, Verma Ji, Jawahar Channa, Manoj Wadhwa, Vanita and Dr Pratibha. Dr Minocha led participants through various yoga postures, including Padmasana, Tadasana, Trikonasana and Mandukasana. He also highlighted the responsibilities of the organisation and elaborated on the significance of yoga, followed by a guided meditation session.

Suman Nagpal and Shakti presented devotional songs during the programme. Yoga instructor Manoj Wadhwa delivered the vote of thanks at the conclusion of the event.

Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam: Historic and epoch-making step towards women's empowerment — Stree Samarthya Foundation

J.K. BATTA
NEW CHANDIGARH, APRIL 12



The Stree Samarthya Foundation organized a significant press conference today at the Press Club in Chandigarh. On this occasion, Foundation members Neelu Tiwari (Retired Professor, Department of Hindi), Manvinder Bajwa (Former Vice Principal), Ranju Aery (Retired Senior Editor), and Dr. Rosie Dhawan Arora (MDS) addressed the press conference. During the briefing, the speakers described the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, 2023 (Women's Reservation Act) as a historic, visionary, and transformative step towards the empowerment of women.

They stated that this Act marks a milestone in India's democratic history, granting women not merely a participatory role, but an empowered role as decision-makers. Specifically, they highlighted that under this Act, a reservation of 33% of seats has been ensured for women in the Lok Sabha and all State Legislative Assemblies—a provision that also extends to seats reserved for Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST). This provision will institutionally strengthen women's political participation and position them at the very center of policy-making. The speakers asserted that when women lead, every section of society benefits. Global studies have demonstrated that increased participation by women accelerates economic growth.

National safe Motherhood Day observed at Adhoya

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA, APRIL 12



An awareness programme was organised at RHTC Adhoya on the occasion of National Safe Motherhood Day. The centre is an integral part of MMIMSR Medical College. The programme aimed to promote awareness about maternal health and encourage safe pregnancy and childbirth practices.

Observed annually on April 11 to mark the birth anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi, National Safe Motherhood Day focuses on ensuring access to proper healthcare services for women during pregnancy, childbirth and the postnatal period, while also working towards reducing maternal mortality and promoting safe motherhood.

The programme was conducted under the guidance of Dr Kashish Grover, Head of the Department of Community Medicine, and led by Medical Officer In-charge Dr Kamaljeet Kaur. Dr Mohit Sharma and Dr Nupur played an active role in organising the event and disseminating key health information among participants. Village panch Amarkant presided over the programme and urged residents to remain aware of maternal health issues. During the session, special emphasis was laid on the importance of regular antenatal check-ups, institutional deliveries, balanced nutrition and timely identification of danger signs during pregnancy.

Baisakhi Milan ceremony organised by district Congress committee in Karnal



KARNAL (SHIV KUMAR SHARMA): A grand Baisakhi Milan ceremony was organised by the District Congress Committee to mark the festival. The programme was chaired by Parag Gaba, with guidance from Divyanshu Budhiraja.

The event featured vibrant cultural performances, with artists captivating the audience through Punjabi songs and dances, offering a glimpse of the rich cultural heritage of Punjab and Haryana.Prominent leaders including Rao Narender Singh, Deepender Singh Hooda and Gurdeep Singh Sappal attended as chief guests. They appreciated the organisation and extended Baisakhi greetings to people across the state and the country.Addressing the gathering, Rao Narender Singh raised concerns over farmers' issues, stating that disorder prevails in mandis across the state, with crops lying unsold and lifting of procured produce not taking place on time.

Classified

I, Sarita Devi W/o Mr. Vijay Kumar, R/o Village Bahadurgarh, Tehsil Safidon (Jind), Haryana, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sarita to Sarita Devi for all future purposes. Henceforth, I should be known and addressed as Sarita Devi.
98732

PUBLIC NOTICES

I Sanju Khanna W/o Raj Kumar Khanna R/o H.no. 5/6, Raj Nagar, Basti Bawa Khel, Jalandhar declare that my son Piyush Khanna and his wife Arshiya Sharma both are out of my control. So, I disown and disinherited them from all my movable and immovable properties with immediate effect. Whosoever shall deal with them of any kind do this at his/her own risk and responsibility. Myself and other family members have no relationship with them. All concerned may note.
900026

I, Kabal Singh, son of Lakha Singh, resident of Village Sugga, District Tarn Taran, hereby declare that I have disinherited my son, Sajan Singh, from all my movable and immovable properties due to his misconduct. From this day forward, I have no relation or concern with him, and he shall have no right, title, or claim whatsoever over my properties.
63372

I Damini Shridhar W/o Yatin R/o H.No. 76, Glenmore Green Villa, Near Sudama Vihar, Khurla Kingra, Jalandhar-144003, Punjab, have changed my name from Damini Shridhar to Damini, after marriage. All concerned may note.
900026

I, Ragbir Lal S/o Ramlal R/o 14, Huda Colony, Sector-4, Naraingarh, Tehsil Naraingarh, Distt Ambala, Haryana-134203 have changed my name from Ragubir Lal Chanana to Ragbir Lal.
78645



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I, Kanta Rani W/o Ragbir Lal R/o 14, Huda Colony, Sector-4, Naraingarh, Tehsil Naraingarh, Distt Ambala, Haryana-134203 have changed my name from Kanta Chanana to Kanta Rani.
78645

I Ashim Biswas s/o Adhir Biswas r/o ward no.16, Purani LIC wali gali, Charkhi Dadri have changed my name from Ashim to Ashim Biswas.
989752

I Gurjinder Singh S/o Harjinder Singh R/O MOHALLA TALWARA SRI HARGOBINDPUR, GURDASPUR PIN: 143515, PUNJAB, INDIA have changed my name from Gurjinder Singh to Gurjinder (Singh as Surname). All Please Note.
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IN THE COURT OF SH AJEET NARAYAN ASCJ/JSCC/GJ (SE), NEW BLOCK-1 COURT NO.2 SAKET COURT, NEW DELHI
CS SCJ 666/2025
CONTRANS CARGO PVT. LTD.
VS
SANJAY ANAND
To,
SANJAY ANAND
PROPRIETOR OF M/S ESS KAY SPORTS HAVING REGISTERED OFFICE AT : LEELA BHAWAN MARKET, PATIALA, PUNJAB - 147001
WHEREAS you are intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on **23-04-2026** the day fixed for final disposal, it will be heard and determined ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the court, this **04-04-2026**
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ASCJ/JSCC/GJ (SE), SAKET COURT, NEW DELHI
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I, Parmjeet Kaur W/o Angraj Singh R/o Kot Bhai Teh-Gidderbaha Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib Pb, have changed my name from Paramjit Kaur to Parmjeet Kaur.
63372

I Prabjot Singh S/o Gurnam Singh R/o H.No.535, VPO Dhudike, Teh. & Distt. Moga-142053 (Punjab) have changed my name Prabjot Singh To Prabhjot Singh.
63372

I hitherto known as Saurav S/o Bhagwana Ram R/o Vill-Bhanger Khera Teh-Abohar Distt. Fazilka (Punjab) have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sourabh.
63372

I, Pardeep S/o Ashok Kumar R/o Vpo. Pharala Teh-Banga Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my minor son name from Fateh to Fateh Mattu concerned note it.
63372

I, Gurmeet Kaur Sidhu W/o Bikkar Singh R/o Vill:Hamad Wala Uttar Po. Sher Khan Wala Distt. Ferozepur have changed my name to Gurmeet Kaur.
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I, Meera Bector W/o Sunil Bector R/o H.No.167 W.No.10 Boparai Road Opposite Shakti School Doraha Teh-Payal Distt-Ludhiana have changed my name from Meera to Meera Bector.
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I, Harmandeep Kaur W/o Navkiran Deep Singh Gill R/o Vpo Purane Wala Distt. Moga (Punjab) have changed my name Harmandeep Kaur to Harmandeep Kaur Gill.
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I, Amandeep Singh S/O Balwinder Singh R/O Bhourla Bet (Ludhiana) Declare That My Name Is Amandeep And My Surname Is Singh.
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I, Lovepreet Singh Chahal S/o Butta Singh R/o Vill-Kotra Kalan, Teh and Distt Mansa declare that I have changed my name from Lovepreet Singh Chahal to Lovepreet Singh.
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I, Jagjit Singh S/o Surinder Singh R/o Flat No. 1185 Block J 1st Floor City Of Dreams 05, Landran Road Sec-127 Kharar, SAS Nagar-140301, Punjab, India, have changed my name to Jagjeet Singh.
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I Gurmit Kaur W/o Rawal Singh R/o Kutiwal Khurd Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Gurmeet Kaur.
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I, Kulwant Ram S/o Paramjit R/o Vill: Mubarakpur Teh-Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name to Kulwant Singh.
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I Sharanpreet Singh Sekhon S/O Harwinder Singh R/O Village Lakhewal Po Channo Distt Sangrur Have Changed My Name To Sharanpreet Singh.
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I Jatin Singh S/O Manjit Singh R/O Village Shamgarh, Tehsil Samrala (Ludhiana) Changed My Name To Singh (Surname) Jatin (Given Name).
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I Jagroop Singh Rai S/O Palwinder Singh Village Raian (Ludhiana) Changed My Name To Jagroop Singh.
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I, Tarlochan S/o Dharam Chand R/o Plot No.3 St.No.7 Basti Jodhewal Ludhiana have changed my name to Tarlochan Bhutta.
63372

I, Pooja D/o Kuldeep W/o Rohit Kumar R/o Gali No.8, Near K.P.Model School, Madhuban Colony, Kabir Vihar, P.O. Basti Bawa Khel, Jalandhar, Punjab-144021 changed my name to Pooja Rani.
63372

I Rajvinder Kaur W/O Harwinder Singh Village Kasba Bhural Distt Malerkotla Have Changed My Name To Rajwinder Kaur.
63372

I Kanchan Kestwal D/o Lt. Vinod Kestwal R/o # 159 Sector-8A Chandigarh Have changed my Name Kanchan Kestwal to Kanchan Kestwal Nautiyal.
63372

I Gurcharan Kaur W/o Nachhatar Singh village Sandaur Tehsil Ahmedgarh Distt. Malerkotla have changed my name As Charan Kaur. Concerned to be note please.
63372

I, Sameer S/o Jograj R/o Vill: Mehtabpur Teh-Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my name to Sameer Singh.
63372

I, Mamta Goel W/o Amit Singla R/o H.No. 45 Block-C Arora Colony Gaushala Road Sunam Distt. Sangrur have changed my name to Mamta Goyal.
63372

I, Darshan Singh Kaureana S/o Ajmer Singh R/o 1073 Model Town (Urban Estate) Phase-3 Distt. Bathinda have changed my name to Darshan Singh.
63372

I Rajeev Kumar S/O Hari Krishan Dhir R/O Sunam Distt Sangrur To Change Name Rajeev Kumar Dhir.
63372

I Jagdish Singh S/O Jagtar Singh R/O Bhadalwad Distt Sangrur To Change Name Jagdish Singh Gill.
63372

I Sonia W/O Vicky Kumar R/O Vill. Kariam Distt. S B S Nagar. I Have Changed My Name Sonia To Sonia Kaur.
63372

I, Pradeep Singh S/o Balkaran Singh R/o Village Aklia Kalan, Tehsil Goniana Mandi, Distt. Bathinda have changed my name from Pradeep Singh to Pardeep Singh. Concerned please note.
63372

I Bahadur Singh S/o Vir Singh R/o Village Karamjitpur, Tehsil Sultanpur Lodhi, Distt Kapurthala have changed my name from Bahadur Singh TO Bahader Singh.
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I, Sarbjeet Kaur W/o Dilbag Singh Brar R/o Dallu Wala (Moga) have changed my name as Sarabjit Kaur.
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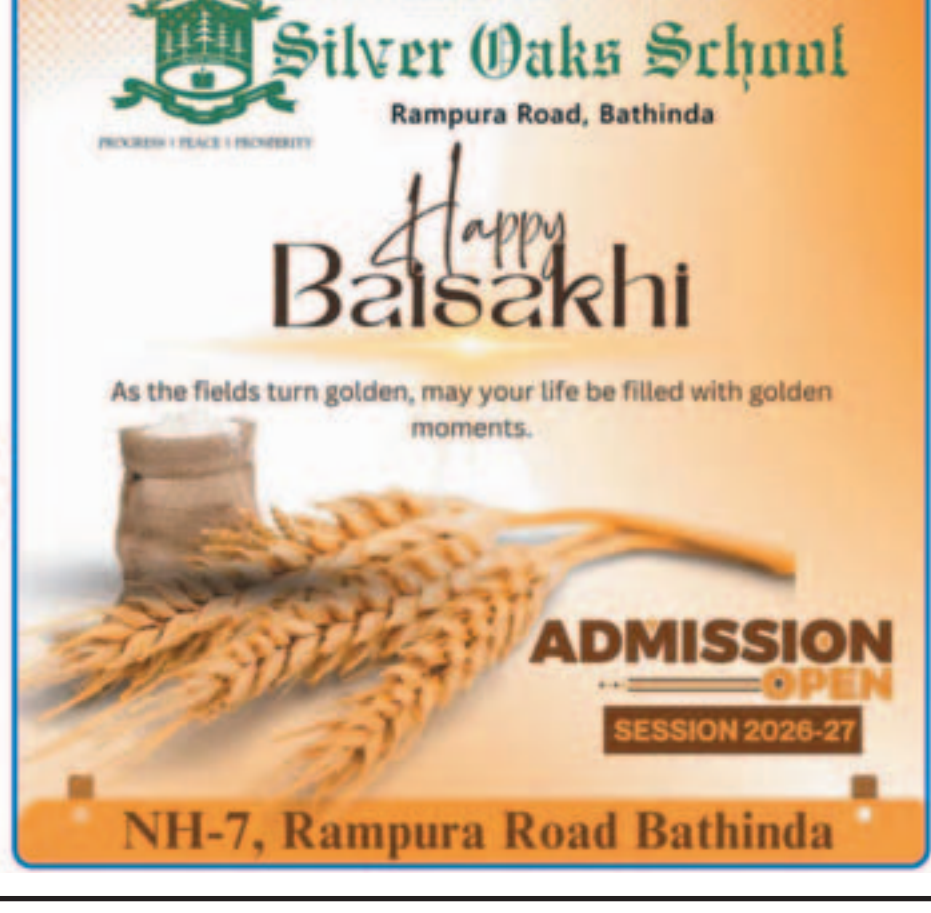
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Arora inaugurates sports ground at Sri Guru Harkrishan Public School

LUDHIANA (SHARMA): Cabinet Minister Sanjeev Arora on Sunday inaugurated a newly developed sports ground at Sri Guru Harkrishan Public School, a major step toward promoting sports infrastructure and youth engagement in the region. MLAs Dr Inderbir Singh Nijjar and Kulwant Singh Sidhu, along with other officials were also present. Addressing the gathering, Arora highlighted the vital role of sports in maintaining physical fitness and mental well-being among youth. He emphasized that active participation in sports can play a crucial role in steering young individuals away from substance abuse and guiding them toward a positive and productive path. "Sports provide an excellent platform to channel the energy of youth in a constructive manner. It not only builds discipline and teamwork but also helps in shaping responsible citizens," he stated. Minister further announced that the Punjab government is actively working on developing playgrounds in villages across the state. This initiative aims to strengthen sports infrastructure after from 3 PM.



NEWS BRIEF

"Learn to Earn" One-day market organised at DAV School



KULWINDER KARWAL

MANSA: A vibrant and grand "Learn to Earn" one-day market was successfully organised at DAV School, transforming the campus into a lively fair-like environment. More than 75 stalls were set up and managed entirely by students, showcasing their creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurial spirit. The "Learn to Earn" initiative has been designed to equip students with essential business skills and techniques. Through this program, students not only learned how to earn money but also gained practical insights into investment, profit and loss management, marketing, and sales strategies. These hands-on experiences are expected to lay a strong foundation for them to become confident and capable entrepreneurs in the future.

A unique highlight of the event was the students' active participation in the complete "Dream to Earn" process. They conceptualised innovative ideas, transformed them into products, and successfully sold them at their respective stalls.

The market featured a wide range of attractions, including handicrafts, a food court, game zones, and several creative stalls, reflecting the students' talent and originality. Delicious food items and beautifully crafted handmade products drew significant attention from visitors.

Rajesh Bansal becomes president of Babbu Agarwal Sabha Nabha



RAKESH JINDAL

NABHA : Today, the election for the post of President was held in Agarwal Sabha, in which two candidates contested the election with 347 votes. In the elections held on Sunday, Rajesh Bansal Babbu Samajwak on one side and Pramod Kumar Gupta Channo on the other side filed their nominations for the post of President. A five-member committee was formed, which included Suraj Bhan Singla, Krishan Kumar Goyal, Jeevan Prakash Bansal, Ravnish Goyal, Rajesh Kumar Neetu and the Returning Officer Committee. Three members were Advocate Bharat Bhushan Jain Nitin, Advocate Naresh Singla. Rajek Singla. On this occasion, out of a total of 347 votes, 320 votes were cast, out of which Rajesh Bansal Babbu got 215 and Pramod Kumar Gupta Channo got 104 votes. Rajesh Kumar Babbu won with 111 votes.

Medical facilities provided in villages by Shramik Bharatiya Sansthan along with LIC HFL



JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA

MOGA : Taking a major initiative in the field of health services under the 'Hirday' project being run by Jagraj Singh Sangha (Shramik Bharatiya Sansthan in collaboration with LIC HFL), four special general health check-up camps were successfully organized in villages Chamb, Manjhali, Izzatwala and Bakerwala during the months of March and April. The main objective of these camps was to provide high-quality medical facilities to the needy families of the rural area near their homes, of which about 460 local residents took full advantage. During the camp, the patients were examined in detail by expert Dr. Gaurav Dhamija and they were told about the points of prevention from seasonal diseases, while the organization conducted about 400 RBS and Hb tests absolutely free of cost for early detection of diseases. After the check-up, free medicines were also distributed to the needy on the spot so that no one has to be deprived of treatment due to financial constraints.

Daughters lead Punjab's 'Shikhya Kranti', secure 19 of top-20 ranks in PSEB' Class 8 results: CM Mann

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 12



Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Sunday said Punjab's 'Sikhya Kranti' is delivering transformative results on the ground, as daughters from ordinary families dominated the Punjab School Education Board (PSEB)'s Class 8 merit list by securing 19 of the top 20 positions.

Honouring the toppers at his residence in Chandigarh, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann announced that the top 20 students will be granted direct admission to Schools of Eminence without any entrance test, reaffirming the Punjab Government's commitment to rewarding merit and expanding access to quality education.

The Chief Minister also honoured the top three achievers with a cash prize of ?50,000 each and urged students to remain grounded, work hard, and choose the right role models, asserting that Punjab's transformed government schools are now emerging as a national benchmark in education. He said the confidence, discipline, and determination displayed by these students reflect the impact of sustained investment in education, adding that the Punjab Government is committed to giving wings to every child's aspirations through modern schools, quality learning, and an enabling environment. Sharing a few snippets from the interaction, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated on X: "Today, in Chandigarh, meritorious students who topped the results of the Punjab School Education Board's Class 8th across the entire state were honored. On this special occasion, heartfelt congratulations were also extended to their parents and teachers.

"The Chief Minister noted, "In this year's results, the first position has been secured by the talented daughter of a munim working at a brick kiln, while the second and third positions have been achieved with outstanding success by the daughters of a tiles shop owner and a teacher at a government primary school, respectively. These results clearly demonstrate that children from ordinary and humble families are now setting new benchmarks in the field of education. Seeing the self-confidence, hard work, and dedication of these children filled us with immense joy and pride."

"Our government is fully committed to giving wings to the dreams of children and helping them reach the heights of success in life.

We are continuously striving to provide quality education, modern schools, and an inspiring environment," the post concluded.Interacting with the toppers, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann highlighted that for the first time, girls dominated the merit list by securing 19 out of the top 20 positions, calling it a powerful testament to their excellence and determination.

Baba Farid College hosts national seminar and Kavi Darbar in collaboration with language department Punjab and Punjab Arts Council

ANANTDEEP KAUR
BATHINDA, APRIL 12



Baba Farid College, Bathinda, through its Post Graduate Punjabi Department, organized a National Seminar and Kavi Darbar on the theme "Expansion and Contemporary Relevance of Prof. Jaspal Singh's Poetry" in collaboration with the Language Department, Punjab and Punjab Arts Council, Chandigarh. The event was conducted under the guidance of Chairman of BFGI Dr. Gurmeet Singh Dhaliwal and the leadership of Prof. M. P. Poonia, Campus Director, BFGI.

The inaugural session commenced in the presence of eminent dignitaries including Jaswant Singh Zafar (Director, Language Department Punjab), Swarnjeet Singh Savi (Chairman, Punjab Arts Council), noted thinker and critic Amarjeet Singh Grewal, Dr. Gursewak Singh Lambi (Head, Department of Language Development, Punjabi University Patiala), Prof. Shubhprem Singh Brar, and Prof. Jaspal Singh. The dignitaries were welcomed with floral bouquets by Dr. Dhaliwal and Prof. Poonia, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. The proceedings were anchored by Dr. Jaswinder Singh, who recited Prof. Jaspal Singh's poem "Tadbeer" on the occasion.

Highlighting the department's commitment, it was shared that the Post Graduate Punjabi Department has consistently organized national and international seminars, discussions, and literary events to promote Punjabi language, literature, and culture. In his welcome address, Dr. Gurmeet Singh Dhaliwal extended warm greetings to all dignitaries and participants, especially his former teachers.

While expressed deep gratitude, he stating that his achievements are a result of his teachers' guidance and values and he felt honored to felicitate them during the event.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. Gursewak Singh Lambi elaborated on the depth and contemporary relevance of Prof. Jaspal Singh's poetry, emphasizing his vast vocabulary and ability to touch diverse social themes.

Despite challenges, Bhagwant Mann govt committed to procure every single grain of wheat from mandis: Dr Balbir Singh

TAPINDER SINGH
PATIALA, APRIL 12



Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Balbir Singh on Sunday visited various grain markets (anaaj mandis) across the district to review the ongoing wheat procurement arrangements for the Rabi Marketing Season.

The Health Minister inspected anaaj mandis at Sirhind Road, village Lang, Bakshiwal, Lout and Mandour, where he interacted with farmers, arthiyas and labourers to assess the ground situation.Dr Balbir Singh said that under the able leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government is fully committed to procuring every single grain of wheat brought by farmers to the mandis.He said that the Central Government should have provided immediate relief for the wheat crop in Punjab damaged due to adverse weather conditions, on the lines of Rajasthan. He added that, following the persistent demand of the Punjab Government, a Central team has now visiting the state to assess the crop damage, expressing hope that Punjab will receive its due compensation.The Health Minister further said that Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann had recently met Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Pralhad Joshi, and strongly raised several key issues concerning Punjab. These included higher CCL interest rates, pending dues of approximately ?9,000 crore under the RDF, compensation for crops damaged due to hailstorms, and long-pending demands of arthiyas.

He said that the Chief Minister also expressed concern over the discriminatory approach of the Centre in granting relaxation in procurement norms. He pointed out that while states like Rajasthan were allowed relaxations for shrivelled grains, similar relief was not initially extended to Punjab despite significant crop damage caused by unseasonal rains and strong winds.

Parminder Singh Dhindsa raises serious questions, becomes major political issue for opposition parties



GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA
LEHRAGAGA, APRIL 12

The issue of use of substandard materials and serious flaws in the structure in the construction of the dispensary being built in village Jalur is constantly under discussion. Opposition parties are taking it as a major political issue.

The villagers have alleged that substandard materials have been used in the construction of the dispensary. They say that the lantern of the dispensary has been installed overnight without any cleanliness. They say that the lantern was also not installed properly and the material used to strengthen the lantern is also not as per the prescribed standards. Apart from this, water was also not used in the right quantity to strengthen the building, due to which serious questions are being raised on the durability of the building.In this regard, SDM Lehra Mr. Rakesh Prakash also visited the dispensary to inspect it, who confirmed the allegations levelled by the villagers. During his visit, he admitted the poor construction work and structural flaws.Former Finance Minister and former MLA of Lehragaga constituency Parminder Singh Dhindsa also visited the dispensary and strongly criticised the shortcomings in the construction. He surrounded the contractor and the concerned officials.

Department of Pathology organises"Hemato-Cyto updates 2026" CME at Medical College



PATIALA (TAPINDER SINGH): The Department of Pathology at Government Medical College, Patiala, organised a one-day Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme on the theme "Hemato-Cyto Updates 2026" under the aegis of the Punjab Medical Council.

The programme featured focused academic deliberations by pathologists on recent advances in the fields of Hematology and Cytology.Sharing details, Professor and Head of the Department of Pathology and Organising Chairman of the CME, Dr. Harpal Singh, stated that postgraduate students, faculty members, and practicing pathologists from Punjab and adjoining regions participated in the programme.

He further informed that the CME was accredited with three credit hours by the Punjab Medical Council for all participants.

Dr. Harpal Singh added that the CME was conducted under the patronage of Dr. Avneesh Kumar, Director, Department of Medical Education and Research; Dr. Rupinder Bakshi, Joint DRME; Dr. R.P.S. Sibia, Director-Principal of the Medical College; and Dr. Vishal Chopra, Medical Superintendent of Rajindra Hospital. Dr. Vijay Bodal was present as an observer on behalf of the Punjab Medical Council.

Medical facilities provided in villages by Shramik Bharatiya Sansthan along with LIC HFL



JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA
MOGA , APRIL 12

Taking a major initiative in the field of health services under the 'Hirday' project being run by Jagraj Singh Sangha (Shramik Bharatiya Sansthan in collaboration with LIC HFL), four special general health check-up camps were successfully organized in villages Chamb, Manjhali, Izzatwala and Bakerwala during the months of March and April. The main objective of these camps was to provide high-quality medical facilities to the needy families of the rural area near their homes, of which about 460 local residents took full advantage. During the camp, the patients were examined in detail by expert Dr. Gaurav Dhamija and they were told about the points of prevention from seasonal diseases, while the organization conducted about 400 RBS and Hb tests absolutely free of cost for early detection of diseases. After the check-up, free medicines were also distributed to the needy on the spot so that no one has to be deprived of treatment due to financial constraints.

Punjab man kidnapped in Ethiopia, family pleads for help amid rising ransom demand

GURMINDER SINGH GREWAL
KHANNA, APRIL 12

A poor family of village Lakhanpur in District Fatehgarh Sahib is endlessly waiting for their only bread earner Harbans singh Hansa (32)who had been kidnapped in Ethiopia by kidnappers Dswhich are demanding 25 lakh rupees from his family for his release from hostage.

Hansa had left his on March 28 for his green pasture and he left for Ethiopia for en route to South Korea as assured by a travel agent living in Japan.

Sanjiwan Kaur wife of Harbans Singh on contact stated that On 28th march2026 at about 10:55 Am, He boarded a flight to Dubai from Delhi International Airport.He reached Dubai at about 1:35 P.M on same day Indian time.There was a two hours stay of his flight at Dubai and on 3:40 pm, India time, he took the flight from Dubai to Ethiopia.

He reached Ethiopia on the same day at about 7:30 Pm. From the Ethiopia he reached G.S.F Guest House in Ethopia at about 8:Pm Same day.on 29 March next day he took his breakfast in the G.S.F Guest House and then he went to a Hotel . He took his lunch at the same hotel at 2:33 PM on March 29.

He than return back to G.S.F Guest house after having his Lunch.on 29.3.26,at about 10pm, Some unknown came to him in his hotel room and took all his belongings i.e passport,money, mobile in the pretext of taking him for medical examinations.on 30 March Harbans singh called her from a number+251988867718.

Vrindavan tragedy: Sanjeev Arora shares grief with bereaved families

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 12



Cabinet Minister Sanjeev Arora, along with MLA Kulwant Singh Sidhu, visited the families of the victims of the tragic Vrindavan boat mishap on Sunday in Ludhiana.

Sanjeev Arora visited the home of Rakesh Gulati and his wife Anju Gulati, and separately the residence of Meenu Bansal and her daughter Dinki Bansal, who lost their lives in the accident, to offer his condolences and support the grieving families during this extremely difficult time.

Minister Arora sat with the family members and shared in their sorrow. He said that no words can truly ease the pain of losing a loved one, and that he came not just as a minister, but as a human being to stand with them in their grief. He strongly criticized the negligence that led to the tragedy and called for strict action against those responsible.

He said the incident was not just an accident but the result of carelessness, and that those managing the boat must be held accountable. He demanded a high-level and time-bound investigation, adding that those responsible must face strict legal action and should not be allowed to escape responsibility. Arora also said that the Punjab government will coordinate with the Uttar Pradesh government to ensure justice is delivered quickly and to prevent such incidents from happening again in the future. He assured the families of full support from both the government and himself personally. He told the families that they can reach out to him anytime for help and that they will not be left alone during this difficult period.

Four leaders from Bathinda given major responsibilities in Shiromani Akali Dal SC Wing

RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR
JAITO, APRIL 12



With an eye on the Punjab Assembly elections, the Shiromani Akali Dal has undertaken a large-scale round of new appointments within its SC Wing, aiming to further strengthen the organization at the grassroots level.

Four leaders from Bathinda have been entrusted with key responsibilities within the state-level organizational structure.Gulzar Singh Ranike, the National President of the SC Wing, has appointed Jagir Singh—a resident of Guru Nanakpura locality in Bathinda—as the General Secretary for Punjab. Additionally, Jagdeep Singh Gehri, a resident of Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, has been appointed as Vice President, while Makhan Singh—a former Municipal Councilor (MC) from Guru Amardas Nagar—has also been named a Vice President of the SC Wing (Punjab). Similarly, Nachhattar Singh Dhaliwal, a resident of Homeland Enclave, has been assigned the responsibility of General Secretary. Furthermore, District President Rajwant Singh Kotbhara has appointed Nazam Singh as the President of the SC Wing for Bathinda Urban.These newly appointed office-bearers were honored with Siropas (robes of honor) on Sunday at the office of the Akali Dal (Bathinda Urban). Speaking on the occasion, Constituency In-charge Iqbal Singh Babli Dhillon welcomed the appointments, stating that they would further strengthen the party's foothold within the SC community and yield significant benefits for the party in the upcoming elections.

Amber Public School creates history, 19 state merits achieved during Class 8 results

AMRIK SINGH
CHOWK MEHTA, APRIL 12



Today, the results of Class 8 have been announced by the Punjab School Education Board.

During this result, the students of Amber School have created a new history by achieving 19 state merit positions. During which, Mansirat Kaur has secured first rank in Amritsar district and fourth rank in the state by securing 596 marks out of 600. Komalpreet Kaur has secured second rank in the district and fourth rank in the state by securing 596 marks, Jasnoor Kaur has also secured third rank in the district and fourth rank in the state with 596 marks, Jasmine Kaur has also secured fourth rank in the district and state with 596 marks.

Apart from this, Ishka Bahuguna scored 595, Kanwalpreet Kaur scored 595, Shivraj Singh scored 594, Avirajdeep Singh scored 594, Mandeep Kaur scored 591, Yogmeet Kaur scored 590, Sukhmanpreet Kaur scored 590, Sukhman Singh scored 590, Loveleen Kaur scored 588, Sartajbir Singh scored 588, Jaskaran Singh scored 585, Sehajpal Singh scored 584, Hargunpreet Singh scored 592 and Abhijot Singh scored 584 and achieved state merit.

In this happy time, the school management congratulated the hard work of the entire staff and the parents. School Chairman Mr. Sampuran Singh, Director Mr. Sukhwinder Singh, Principal Mr. Balkar Singh, Mr. Joginder Singh, D. P Mr. Sukhdev Singh, Madam Jatinderpal Kaur have thanked God for this mercy.

Gurleen Kaur secures place in merit list in class 8 board exams

MACHHIWARA SAHIB (DEEPAK KUMAR): The Punjab School Education Board has declared the Class 8 board results, with PM Shri Government Girls Senior Secondary Smart School, Machhiwara Sahib, achieving a 100 percent result.



The school's top performer, Gurleen Kaur, daughter of Jagatar Singh, secured 584 out of 600 marks (97.33 percent), not only topping the school but also earning a place in the board's merit list. Pooja Kumari, daughter of Kanhaiya, secured second position with 522 marks (87 percent), while Khushpreet Kaur, daughter of Nirmal Singh, stood third with 516 marks (86 percent).

School in-charge Hardeep Kaur expressed pride over Gurlin Kaur's achievement, stating that her inclusion in the merit list is a matter of great honour for both the school and the region. She congratulated all the students for their performance and encouraged them to continue working hard to achieve greater success in the future.

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Rajan Sharma hails CM's assurance on old pension scheme, raises lecturers' pending demands



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: Rajan Sharma, Provincial Chief Media Secretary of the Himachal Pradesh School Lecturers' Association, welcomed the Chief Minister's statement regarding the old pension scheme in Una yesterday. Rajan Sharma stated that the Chief Minister has clearly stated that the old pension scheme for employees will never be discontinued, which is commendable. He added that the employees of the state will always be grateful to the Chief Minister for granting them the old pension scheme. Rajan Sharma stated that whenever the employee organizations of the state meet the Chief Minister with a memorandum regarding their problems, the Chief Minister listens to their problems carefully and makes every effort to resolve them.

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CM expresses sympathies with bereaved families



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today visited Tegubehar in Kullu Sadar to offer condolences to the family of MLA Sunder Singh Thakur on the demise of his father Jog Dhyan Thakur. The Chief Minister said that the passing of Jog Dhyan Thakur is a great loss to the bereaved family. He prayed for the peace of the departed soul and for strength to the family to bear this irreparable loss. Earlier, the Chief Minister visited Katrain and called on the family of MLA Bhuvneshwar Gaur to express condolences on the demise of his elder brother Budhishwar Gaur. He prayed for the peace of the departed soul and conveyed his sympathies to the family.

Historic first: MSP introduced for reservoir fish, royalty slashed to 1 percent

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, APR 12

For the first time in the State's history, any government has taken proactive and focused steps to uplift the fishermen community. The State Government has initiated significant and forward-looking measures to strengthen the fisheries sector and ensure improved livelihood security for fishermen across the state. In line with the Budget 2026-27 announcements of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, the Department of Fisheries is gearing up to implement the initiatives at the grassroots level. The measures are designed to protect reservoir fishermen from market fluctuations, ensure fair pricing for their produce and enhance their overall income. These efforts underscore the government's firm



commitment to the welfare of fishermen and the sustainable growth of the fisheries sector.

The Chief Minister has, for the first time in the history of Himachal Pradesh, announced a Minimum Support Price (MSP) for fish harvested from reservoirs. This step aims to protect fishermen from unpredictable price variations and provide assured income support. The composite MSP for reservoir fish has been fixed at Rs. 100 per kilogram. Additionally, if the auction price falls below Rs. 100 per kilogram, the State Government will provide a subsidy of up to Rs. 20 per kilogram through the Direct Benefit Transfer mechanism. This will ensure fair remuneration and enhance transparency, as the subsidy will be credited directly into the bank accounts of eligible fishermen. In another major relief measure, the Chief Minister has announced a substantial reduction in the royalty rate on fish harvested from reservoirs. The State Government had earlier reduced the royalty from 15 percent to 7.5 percent and it has now been decided to further reduce the royalty rate to just 1 percent in the current financial year. This decision is expected to directly benefit over 6,000 reservoir fishermen by reducing their financial burden and significantly increasing their net income. Himachal Pradesh has five major reservoirs: Gobind Sagar (Bilaspur and Una), Pong Dam (Kangra), Ranjit Sagar and Chamera (Chamba), and Kol Dam (Bilaspur). Silver Carp is the dominant species in Gobind Sagar, Kol Dam, Ranjit Sagar and Chamera reservoirs, while Singhara predominates in Pong Dam. Other important species include Rohu, Catla, Mrigal, Common Carp and Grass Carp. Owing to focused policy interventions and sustained efforts, such as the annual stocking of advanced fingerlings (70-100 mm), reservoir fish production has shown substantial improvement.

CM inaugurates state-level Haroli Festival-2026



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, APR 12

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu formally inaugurated the State-Level Haroli Festival-2026 at Haroli in Una district on Saturday. He said that this festival marks the beginning of a vibrant celebration which reflects the spirit of Baisakhi and the rich cultural heritage of Himachal Pradesh. On the occasion, the Chief Minister offered prayers at the sacred flame of Chintpurni Temple, invoking blessings for peace, prosperity and well-being of the people of the state. He also participated in the traditional procession, which showcased the folk traditions and cultural diversity of the region, drawing enthusiastic participation from the public. Addressing the gathering during the inaugural cultural evening, the Chief Minister extended his greetings to the people of Haroli and Una district.

Rs. 18.22 cr released for Ladarour–Patta drinking water scheme, MLA Suresh Kumar announces Rs. 10 lakh for Mahila Mandal building

ANIL KUMAR
BHORANJ, APR 12

MLA Suresh Kumar accelerated development works in Bhoranj subdivision by laying the foundation stones of panchayat buildings in Mehal and Rohin. Both buildings will be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.14 crore each. The MLA also announced Rs. 10 lakh for the construction of a Mahila Mandal building in Mehal. In addition, he assured Rs. 10 lakh for the Bhayad–Dungri road and announced a community hall to be built at an estimated cost of Rs. 50 lakh during a public interaction programme. After the foundation stone ceremony, Suresh Kumar attended a religious event and participated in a Shrimad Bhagwat Katha along with local residents. During the event, Desraj and Ajit Singh joined the Congress, stating they were influenced by the ongoing development works in the area. The MLA said that development in the Bhoranj constituency is progressing steadily, with major roads under construction and beautification work underway at Sammu Tal to promote tourism. He added that construction of the Bhoranj bus stand is progressing at a fast pace, while projects such as a Rajiv Gandhi Day Boarding School in Karha and drinking water schemes in the



Maliyan–Sadhariyan area are also underway. He further stated that work on the Ladarour–Patta drinking water scheme will begin soon, for which Rs. 18.22 crore has already been released. The announcement has been welcomed by local residents, who termed it a long-pending demand finally being fulfilled. Suresh Kumar said the newly announced community centres will serve as hubs of rural empowerment, ensuring better delivery of public services.

Ambitious initiative for drug eradication: Strong campaign by state government

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, APR 12

Youth are the driving force of inclusive development and national progress. Under the leadership of the Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, the state government has taken several significant steps to ensure a bright future for the younger generation and to build a drug-free empowered society. To protect youth from drug abuse and substance addiction, the state is promoting a strong sports culture. A comprehensive plan has been prepared to organize the "Khelo Himachal – Chitta Mukt Abhiyan" in the financial year 2026–27. The objective of this campaign is to steer youth away from drugs and encourage discipline, healthy competition and a positive lifestyle through sports.

Under this initiative, sports competitions will be organized at block, district and state levels with an estimated budget of Rs. 12 crore. Popular games such as volleyball, kabaddi and cricket will be included. Around 50,000 youth in the age group of 15 to 30 years are expected to participate. A detailed sports calendar is also being prepared by the departments of Rural Development, Youth Services & Sports, Police and district administration.

The state government is also adopting a compassionate policy for youth trapped in addiction, aiming to reintegrate them into mainstream society. De-addiction and rehabilitation centers are being operated across the state. A modern de-addiction and rehabilitation center is under construction at Kotla Barog in Sirmaur district at a cost of Rs. 20 crore. This facility will include a library, gymnasium, sports activities and skill and vocational training. Additionally, provisions have been made to establish an observation home and a special home near this center with a budget of Rs. 2 crore in the 2026–27 financial plan. Children involved in drug trafficking will be placed in observation homes during trial proceedings. The anti-drug campaign initiated by the Chief Minister against "Chitta" has now taken the form of a mass movement. The Anti-Chitta Walkathon organized across the state witnessed enthusiastic public participation. Several strong measures are also being implemented to curb drug trafficking. To strengthen the campaign, 1,000 additional constables will be recruited in the Himachal Pradesh Police Department.

The government is continuously intensifying its crackdown on drug mafias. Strict action is also being taken against illegally acquired properties linked to drug trafficking.

ATS-only vehicle fitness rule: Himachal seeks relief citing hill challenges

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DHARAMSHALA: With the Government of India making vehicle fitness testing mandatory through Automated Testing Stations (ATS), the Himachal Pradesh government has urged the union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to allow continuation of manual fitness tests for commercial vehicles in Kangra district, citing practical difficulties in a hilly state. The state government has taken up the matter with the Ministry through a formal communication (No. TPT-F(5)-14-2022), requesting a temporary deferment of the decision to ensure smooth transition and uninterrupted public services. The proposal is currently under consideration by the Centre. It may be recalled that the Ministry, through directions issued on March 14, 2026, mandated that from April 1, 2026, all 14 Registering and Licensing Authorities and Regional Transport Offices in Kangra district must completely discontinue manual fitness testing and issuance of fitness certificates. As per Notification No. GSR 652(E) dated September 23, 2021, and subsequent amendments, vehicle fitness testing is now to be carried out exclusively through ATS, eliminating human intervention. In compliance, ATS facilities are being set up in Kangra, Mandi, Bilaspur, Solan and Nalagarh through private investment, while government-run stations are under development in Haroli (Una), Nadaun (Hamirpur), and Baddi (Solan). As per Rule 81 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, a detailed fee structure has been prescribed for fitness testing. The testing fee ranges from Rs. 400 to Rs. 1,500 depending on the age of the vehicle, along with 18 per cent GST and applicable state charges. Certification fees are structured based on vehicle age, ranging from Rs.200 to Rs.2,000 for motorcycles, Rs. 200 to Rs. 15,000 for light motor vehicles, and up to Rs.25,000 for medium and heavy vehicles older than 20 years.

AIIMS Bilaspur strikes healing chord with soulful 'Kasam: The Therapy' musical evening



AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR: AIIMS Bilaspur resonated with harmony and hope as its MINDS Cell hosted an inspiring musical evening, "Kasam: The Therapy," transforming the institute auditorium into a sanctuary of healing and connection. Blending art with awareness, the initiative beautifully underscored the therapeutic power of music in alleviating stress, encouraging emotional expression, and nurturing a sense of belonging among students, faculty, and staff. The atmosphere brimmed with positivity as melodies became a medium for unspoken emotions and collective healing told in a release AIIMS Registrar Dr Rakesh Singh. The event was graced by distinguished dignitaries, including Lt Gen (Dr) Daljit Singh, Dr. Rupali Parlewar, and Dr. Nidhi Puri, whose presence amplified the significance of the occasion. Their address highlighted a crucial message—mental well-being stands equal to physical health and deserves open dialogue and proactive care.

Fairs convey our noble traditions to next generation: Hemraj Bairwa

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, APR 12

Deputy Commissioner Hemraj Bairwa stated that the organization of fairs and festivals serves to transmit our noble traditions to the next generation while simultaneously enhancing knowledge regarding them. He noted that the various events organized during these festivals including sports competitions and cultural programs provide valuable opportunities for rural talent to shine. Speaking on Saturday evening after inaugurating the wrestling tournament (Dangal) at the Dhummu Shah Fair held in Dadi, he remarked that this fair is an ancient event deeply rooted in public faith. The Deputy Commissioner observed that wrestling is



rapidly emerging as a professional sport in India, bringing international recognition to the country. He emphasized that sports not only strengthen physical health but also instill discipline and positive energy in the youth; therefore, young people should actively and enthusiastically participate in sports. During the wrestling tournament, renowned wrestlers from various regions including Iran, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, and other states showcased their prowess. A bout between Mohammad Hadi from Iran and Abhinayak from Uttar Pradesh ended in a draw and proved to be a major highlight and special attraction for the spectators. In the men's category of the 'Himachal Kesari' competition, Arshdeep from Una emerged as the winner and was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 100,000.

'Rotarian Nitika Jamwal Nominated as Assistant Governor for 2026–27'

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, APR 12

In a proud moment for the Rotary fraternity, Rotarian Nitika Jamwal, the current President of Rotary Club Dharamshala Central, has been nominated as Assistant Governor for the Rotary year 2026–2027 by District Governor Anil Singhal. Her appointment reflects her exceptional leadership, dedication, and continued commitment to community service. Nitika Jamwal has an inspiring record of service within Rotary and allied organizations. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she served as President of Inner Wheel Club Palampur for two consecutive years (2020–21 and 2021–22), where she led several impactful service initiatives. Her efforts earned her prestigious



recognitions, including Outstanding President and Best Pink President awards. She was also honoured with the One-Time Recognition Award (Vocational Service) by Rotary Club in 2020–21 for successfully implementing multiple healthcare projects. She further served as Secretary of Rotary Club Palampur in 2022–23 and secured the Best Secretary Award (1st Position) for her outstanding performance. Currently, she is contributing as Treasurer at Red Cross Palampur. Born on May 9, 1977, to Man Mohan Verma and Asha Verma, she completed her schooling from St. Paul's School in 1996 and graduated from Government Degree College, Palampur in 1999. She later earned an M.A. in Economics from Regional Centre Dharamshala. Alongside her career in the Himachal Pradesh Government's Education Department, which she joined on January 11, 2000, she also completed M.Sc. (IT) and M.Tech in Computer Science Engineering. She is married to Rajeev Jamwal and is a proud mother of two sons, Ishan and Aarav. Apart from her Rotary contributions, she has also served as Vice President of HP Non-Teaching Federation, Senior Vice President in Kangra, and Vice President in the Non-Gazetted Organization.

Retired HRTC employees warn of agitation over pending demands

SANJEEV MAHAJAN
NURPUR, APR 12

A meeting of the Himachal Transport Retired Employees Welfare Forum, Nurpur zone, was held in Jasur under the chairmanship of state vice-president Kripal Pathania. District president Joginder Pathania, district secretary Naseeb Singh, and press secretary Sham Singh were present, along with a large number of retired employees who raised their grievances strongly.

During the meeting, members expressed resentment towards the government and the department, warning that if their long-pending demands are not addressed promptly, they will be compelled to launch a protest.

Speakers highlighted that retired employees are not



receiving timely pension, medical facilities, and other financial benefits. They alleged that despite repeated representations, their concerns continue to be ignored by the authorities.

They further stated that in the current phase of rising inflation, pensioners are facing serious financial hardship. Delays in reimbursement of medical bills and pending allowances have added to their distress, increasing dissatisfaction among retirees. The forum demanded that pension and other dues be released in a time-bound manner to ensure financial security for retired employees. Members also resolved that if their issues are not resolved soon, a state-level agitation will be initiated, holding the government and department responsible for the situation.

At the conclusion of the meeting, office-bearers said that they would soon meet concerned officials regarding the demands and, if necessary, organise protests to press for their rightful claims.

Congress rule has crippled Himachal in 3.5 years; law and order in complete disarray: Bindal

DINESH AGARWAL
NAHAN, APR 12

Himachal Pradesh BJP President Dr. Rajeev Bindal on Tuesday launched a sharp attack on the Congress government, alleging that its three-and-a-half-year tenure under Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has "crippled the state's economy and governance structure," leaving the people burdened and disillusioned.

Addressing a public rally in Nahan, Bindal said the government has failed in its primary duty of maintaining law and order, pointing to a noticeable rise in incidents of violent crime, including murder, extortion, gang-related activity and crimes against women. "A sense of insecurity prevails, and criminal networks appear emboldened," he remarked,

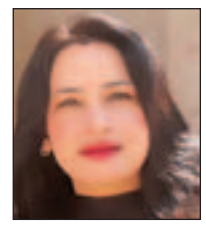


alleging political patronage to drug, liquor and scrap mafias. He further accused the government of pushing the state into a deep financial crisis. "In just three and a half years, the state has been saddled with an additional debt of Rs. 45,000 crore, taking the total liability to around ?1.10 lakh crore," he said, adding that the burden of this mismanagement is ultimately falling on the common citizen. Bindal criticised the government's taxation and pricing policies, stating that steep increases in VAT on fuel and additional cess have triggered a cascading rise in the cost of living. He cited increases in cement prices, stamp duty, water tariffs, electricity charges, public transport fares and ration costs as evidence of what he termed "systematic economic strain on households."

Describing the current administration's approach as a "shutdown-driven model of governance," he alleged that nearly 2,500 public institutions—including schools, healthcare facilities and government offices—have been closed or rationalised, adversely affecting access to essential services, particularly in rural areas.

Women's reservation act a milestone towards women-led democracy: Pooja Salhotra

ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR: BJP Mahila Morcha district Solan office secretary Pooja Salhotra termed the 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam' passed by the Centre as a milestone in India's democratic history, stating that it marks a decisive shift towards women-led governance and policy-making. Addressing a press conference, Salhotra said the legislation



is not merely a legal reform but a transformative step aligned with the vision of a "Viksit Bharat 2047", ensuring greater participation of women in decision-making institutions. She asserted that the provision of 33 percent reservation would empower women politically and strengthen democratic inclusivity. Launching a sharp attack on the Himachal Pradesh government, Salhotra alleged that the Congress-led administration under Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has failed to safeguard public welfare schemes. She accused the government of weakening the 'Himcare' health scheme, claiming it has adversely impacted economically weaker sections. She said the previous government led by Jai Ram Thakur had provided free medical treatment up to Rs. 5 lakh under the scheme, and discontinuation or dilution of such benefits amounts to betrayal of public trust. She further criticised the state leadership for presenting "misleading figures" in the vidhansabha regarding the scheme. Salhotra warned that if the Himcare scheme is not restored effectively, the public will hold the government accountable. She added that the BJP would strongly oppose what she termed as "undemocratic and anti-people decisions."

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Woman molested at Sector 4 event; case registered at City police station

MEGH RAJ LUTHRA
KARNAL: A case of molestation and assault involving a woman attending a programme at a hotel in Sector 4 has come to light. The City police station has registered a case against Pawan Sharma and Rishabh Sharma, residents of Shanti Nagar, Gali No. 1. Police said the matter is being investigated thoroughly.

According to the complaint filed by the woman, she had attended a function at a hotel in Sector 4 along with her husband. While waiting outside the hotel for an e-rickshaw, an acquaintance, identified as Pawan Sharma, arrived in a car and allegedly misbehaved with her and molested her.

The complaint further stated that when the couple was returning home, the accused's nephew Rishabh, along with four others, allegedly assaulted them and behaved in an abusive manner. Acting on the complaint, the police have registered a case and initiated an investigation.

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Beat the heat: Simple summer skincare habits

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Summer season brings many skin related problems along with strong sunlight, sweat and humidity. In such a situation, it becomes very important to adopt proper skin care. Dr. KarthikeyaAggarwal, dermatologist of Aggarwal Hospital, said that problems like



fungal infection, sunburn, tanning, rashes and pimples become common in this season. He told that due to excessive sweating in summer, moisture remains on the skin, which creates a favorable environment for the growth of fungus. The risk of fungal infection is especially high in the neck, armpits, between the thighs and legs. Measures to prevent fungal infection: According to Dr. Aggarwal, it is most important to keep the skin clean and dry. Bathing should be done at least twice a day, especially after sweating. Loose and cotton clothes should be worn so that the skin can get air. Apart from this, avoid using others' towels, clothes or shoes. If needed, use antifungal cream or powder as per doctor's advice.

Farmers lack labour and basic facilities; government must ensure storage support, says Deepender Hooda

CHAMAN LAL
KARNAL, APR 12

Member of Parliament Deepender Singh Hooda attended several programmes in Karnal on Sunday. Addressing a Baisakhi gathering organised by the city unit of the Indian National Congress in the presence of state party president Rao Narender Singh, he extended greetings on the festival and criticised the government over farmers' issues.

He said farmers in Haryana are being forced to struggle in grain markets and alleged that the government, which came to power promising support to farmers, has failed to provide minimum support prices for crops such as paddy, bajra and cotton. He further accused the government of irregularities in procurement processes, stating that both farmers and labourers have suffered financial losses.

He added that even on the occasion of Baisakhi, farmers in the state are protesting against government policies. He stressed



that farmers should be able to sell their produce easily in mandis, but alleged that the government has imposed complex rules to discourage procurement. With large quantities of grain lying in markets and procurement yet to pick up pace, he said farmers are not receiving payments due to delays in lifting produce.

Hooda stated that at the current rate of procurement, the entire wheat stock may not be purchased even in the next three to four months. He criticised conditions such as mandatory large number plates on tractors, biometric verification, gate passes and the requirement of guarantors, claiming these measures are forcing farmers to sell their produce outside mandis. He demanded that such rules be withdrawn and asserted that his party would continue to stand with farmers until policies are framed in their favour.

He further said farmers did not receive fair prices during procurement and compensation for crop damage caused by unseasonal rains from the previous season is still pending. Referring to recent weather conditions, he noted that unseasonal rains have caused significant crop damage and urged the government to relax moisture limits for wheat procurement to 14 per cent and ensure immediate purchase of discoloured grain without delays.

Drawing attention to poor arrangements in mandis, he said there is a lack of basic infrastructure including packaging material, tarpaulins, labour and other essential facilities. He called for better coordination between farmers and commission agents to ensure smooth procurement operations. Speaking about civic issues in Karnal, Hooda alleged that the city is deprived of basic amenities and claimed that law and order has deteriorated, with incidents of crime affecting business activity.

Divya Nagar scheme: Transforming canal bank into scenic riverfront



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, APR 12

The Municipal Corporation along the Western Yamuna Canal will develop the river front from Bari Majra Bridge to Fatehpur Bridge on Old Saharanpur Road under the Divya Nagar Scheme. The length of the river front, to be built at a cost of Rs 12.35 crore, will be four and a half kilometers. Apart from this, for Chhath Puja, work is being done by the Irrigation Department to build three permanent Ghats on the banks of Western Yamuna Canal. Regarding both the projects, Mayor SumanBahmani along with Irrigation Department SE Praveen Kumar, XEN Vijay Garg, Municipal Corporation XEN VikasDhiman, Assistant Engineer MrinalJaiswal and other officials took stock of the banks of Western Yamuna Canal. The Mayor also took stock of the paving of the Western Yamuna Canal. The Mayor reviewed both the projects in detail with the officials of the Irrigation Department and the Corporation and gave instructions to work on both the projects. Mayor Suman said that under the River Front Project, this river front will be built on the track from OP Jindal Park to Azad Nagar, ChittaMandir on the banks of Western Yamuna Canal.

Prakash Utsav of Shri Guru Teg Bahadurji celebrated with devotion and enthusiasm



KARAMBIR
LADWA: The Prakash Utsav of Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji was celebrated with devotion and enthusiasm on Sunday in the Gurudwara Shri Guru Teg Bahadurji complex located in Ward No. 11 of the city. On this occasion, recitation, kirtan and ardas were organized in Gurudwara Sahib, while Guru Ka Atut Langar was also run for the accompaniment, in which a large number of devotees took the prasad.The Gurudwara premises were specially decorated for the festival of lights. There was a steady stream of devotees since morning and there was an atmosphere of devotion and reverence in the entire environment. Head of Gurdwara Management Committee Narendra Singh said that every year the Prakash Utsav of Shri Guru Teg Bahadurji was celebrated with great devotion, for which preparations were being made for many days. He said that Sri Guru Tegh Bahadurji was the ninth Guru of Sikhism, known as the "Chadar of Hind". He sacrificed his life to protect religion and humanity and gave the message of following the path of truth and religion. Narendra Singh said in his address, "The life of Shri Guru TeghBahadurJi is a symbol of renunciation, penance and sacrifice. He stood against injustice and tyranny and taught the society that one should stand firm in every situation to protect truth and religion.

BJP's outreach campaign reaches households with message of service and nation-building: Bijender Lohan



DINKAR GAWDI
HANSI: Marking the 47th foundation day of the Bharatiya Janata Party, a statewide public outreach drive titled "Gaon Chalo–Basti Chalo" is being conducted from April 7 to April 12 following a call by the party's state unit. The campaign aims to carry the message of service, dedication, and nation-building to every household. As part of the initiative, a public outreach programme was organised in Ward No. 4 of Narnaund in Hansi district under the leadership of district general secretary and coordinator Bijender Lohan. Addressing residents, he said that the ideology of the Bharatiya Janata Party is distinct from other political parties, and that the organisation continues to work toward inclusive development by engaging all sections of society through public service. He added that "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas" remains the core guiding principle of the party's functioning, and that workers are implementing it at the grassroots level. He also interacted with residents and informed them about various welfare schemes introduced by the government.

Important meeting of Bal Ramlila & Dussehra Committee held, detailed strategy prepared for grand event



BUREAU
CHANDIGARH: A significant meeting of the Bal Ramlila & Dussehra Committee of Sector-43 was held under the leadership of Manjeet Kaur, where detailed discussions were conducted regarding the upcoming Ramlila and Dussehra celebrations. The main objective of the meeting was to make this year's event more grand, well-organized, and attractive.On this occasion, Chief Patron Premlata along with Rajesh Rai, Piyush, Abhishek, Ankit, Anuj, Pradeep Sharma, Yash Mehta, Kabir, Vikram Chopra, and Sunny Kumar were present. All members collectively resolved to ensure the successful event of the event.During the meeting, committee members discussed various aspects in detail while preparing the outline of the programme. Special focus was given to Ramlila staging, selection of artists, stage decoration, lighting, sound system, and seating arrangements for the audience. Responsibilities were also assigned regarding security arrangements, traffic management, parking, and cleanliness to ensure convenience for the general public.The committee decided to incorporate modern technology this year to make the Ramlila performances more engaging.

Baisakhi will be celebrated with pomp in Gurunanak Khalsa College



CHAMANLAL
KARNAL: Baisakhi festival will be celebrated with great pomp in Gurunanak Khalsa College. Principal of the college, Dr. Chuhad Singh said that on the auspicious occasion of Khalsa Sajana Day, the management committee, staff and students of the college will put ' Prasad' and 'Khadh' of milk at the gate of the college. The Principal said that the holy festival of Sikhs, Baisakhi, is celebrated every year on April 13. Through this festival, not only the message of establishment of religion is given but also tribute is paid to the countrymen who were martyred in Jallianwala Bagh on April 13 1919. The Principal said that the importance of this festival is religious, historical and to establish mutual harmony, brotherhood and love. Sardar Kanwarjit Singh Prince, head of the college management committee, said that on this day in 1699, the tenth Guru Gobind SinghJi had established the Khalsa Panth. This day gives us the message of courage, equality and devotion to religion. He said that the Sajana Day of Khalsa Panth inspired to follow the path of truth, justice and service to humanity. On this auspicious occasion, the College family invites all students and local residents to join this service. Such religious and cultural festivals connect us with our traditions. He said that on this occasion everyone should celebrate the festival with devotion, joy, happiness and spirit of service. On this occasion, Dr. Jujhar Singh, Surpal Singh, Dilbag Singh, Prof. Manish, Dr. Deepak, Dinesh Dogra, Dr. Jatindra Pal Singh and Dr. Bir Singh were present.

Baisakhi will be celebrated on April 14 as vibrant expression of farmers' hard work



DALBIR SINGH MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: Baisakhi is a major harvest festival celebrated with great enthusiasm in North India, especially in Punjab and Haryana. Farmers celebrate the ripening of wheat. Special kirtans and langar are organized in gurudwaras on this day. People wear traditional attire and perform folk dances like Bhangra and Gidda. Bathing in holy rivers (like the Ganges) holds special religious significance, and Baisakhi fairs are held in many places. According to renowned astrologer Rajesh, the Sun will transit into Aries on April 14 at 9:38 am, according to the Panchangam. Baisakhi will be celebrated on this day. The auspicious time on Baisakhi will be from sunrise at 5:56 am to 3:55 pm. Baisakhi is celebrated by different names in different parts of the country, such as "Bihu" in Assam, "Puthandu" in Tamil Nadu, and "Vishu" in Kerala. Dharam Singh Jogankheda said that the festival of Baisakhi symbolized the joy of community, gratitude, and prosperity. It teaches us to live together, give thanks, and share happiness.

24-Hour deadline to clear crop lifting backlog in Panipat Mandi: Mahipal Dhanda



RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT: Haryana Education Minister Mahipal Dhanda conducted a surprise visit to the Panipat grain market on Saturday, accompanied by Market Committee Chairman Avtar Singh Shastri, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Virender Dahiya, and Superintendent of Police Bhupender Singh. He interacted with farmers and commission agents, addressing their grievances on the spot. The key concern raised was the delay in lifting procured crops, causing hardship to farmers. Taking a firm stance, the minister directed agencies, especially Food Corporation of India (FCI), to clear all pending stock within 24 hours, warning of strict action against any lapse.

Baisakhi to be celebrated with great vigour: Dr Amit Aggarwal



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Dr. Amit Agarwal, Commissioner and Secretary, Information, Public Relations and Languages Department, informed via video conference that Haryana government will celebrate Baisakhi with great enthusiasm on April 13. A state-level program will be organized in Kurukshetra. District-level programs will also be organized in other districts to celebrate Baisakhi with great enthusiasm. He said that Chief Minister of Haryana will attend state-level program to be held in Kurukshetra on April 13 as chief guest. Chief guests and other dignitaries will also participate in district-level programs to be held in various districts. He stated that Baisakhi is a festival of joy and an important festival celebrated to mark harvest. He emphasized that we must celebrate this festival with joy and enthusiasm. He provided information about the necessary preparations and activities to be undertaken for the program and spoke about its successful organization. DC Preeti assured Commissioner and Secretary that under program to be organized at district level, this festival will be celebrated with joy and enthusiasm. In compliance with necessary guidelines given through VC, grand celebration of Baisakhi festival will be organized at district level.

Sarvhitkari Vidya Mandir Barnala achieves excellent results, Pranaya Garg became district topper



KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA: Sarvhitkari Senior Secondary Vidya Mandir, Barnala achieved 100% results in the 8th class board examination this year. A total of 104 students of the school appeared for the exam, and all were successful. In the results, 10 students scored more than 90%, 17 students scored more than 80% and 22 students scored more than 70%, which is a great achievement for the school. The school's brilliant student Pranaya Garg (son of Vikas Garg) secured the first position in the district by scoring 585 (97.5%) out of 600 marks and brought glory to the school across the state by securing 15th rank in the merit list of Punjab School Education Board. Himank Gupta (Son of Vinod Gupta) came second in the school and district by securing 580 (96.6%) marks out of 600. Muskan (Daughter of Mr. Rajiv Goel) secured third position in the school by securing 575 (95.8%) marks out of 600. School Principal S.K. Malik expressed happiness over this excellent result and said that it is the result of hard work of the students, dedication of the teachers and support of the parents.

Haryanvi Virasat will be on display in Haryana pavilion on Baisakhi Fair: Vishram Kumar Meena



HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena announced that the state government is organizing the Baisakhi Festival 2026 on a grand scale on April 13 and 14 in the sacred land of the Sikh Gurus. The Baisakhi Festival will showcase the state's traditional cultural heritage. A cultural exhibition at the Haryana Pavilion by Virasat, the Heritage Village, Kurukshetra, will be a center of attraction for Haryana's handicrafts. He said that all the ancient objects related to the villages of Haryana, which were now endangered, will be displayed in the heritage exhibition. These objects can be preserved in the exhibition of the heritage village for the coming generations so that they can be proud of them after seeing them. He said that the main attraction of the fair in the Haryana pavilion of the heritage exhibition will be the section of Haryanvi turban and Selfie point, in which the youth will get acquainted with the turban tradition of Haryana through the event 'Tie the turban, take a photo'. He said that many Haryanvi samples of this folk traditional handicraft would be displayed in the Haryanvi Fuljhadi, Haryanvi folk costume exhibition and to showcase the traditional costumes in a lively manner, a glimpse of rural life will be presented by women in traditional attire. Phulkari art of Haryana will be showcased in this fair, in which craftsmen will be seen creating beautiful designs on the spot. Watching the potter making clay pots on the traditional wheel will be a special attraction for the visitors.

Executive meeting of Prof Himmat Singh Sinha Memorial Trust concludes



HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: Professor Himmat Singh Sinha Memorial Trust met at Trust office under chairmanship of Dr. Chittaranjan Dayal Singh Kaushal. Providing this information, General Secretary Sant Kumar stated that at office located at 85, Akash Nagar, Kurukshetra, Trust members visited office and also inspected Professor Himmat Singh Sinha's books. His books have been converted into a library. These books include numerous books on philosophy, Ayurveda, psychology and spirituality. Sant Kumar stated that meeting pledged to follow path shown by Professor Himmat Singh Sinha. Trust will undertake noble work of promoting education and spirituality. Dr. Rajesh Wadhwa was given responsibility of Press Secretary of Trust. Meeting was attended by Trust's Patron, Dr Ramendra Singh, Vice President, Prem Narayan Shukla, Jai Pal Malik, Mukesh Mittal, Dr. Radhey Shyam, Dr Mohit Gupta, Rajiv Kumar, Vishwanath and Vaibhav.

Youth should stay away from bad habits like drugs and showcase strength in sports: Umesh



NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: A grand wrestling competition was organized in Toppar Kala village. Prize-winning wrestlers from across state entertained audience with their moves. Youth Congress leader Umesh Bubka was chief guest. Umesh Bubka inaugurated wrestling competition. Final bout was between Rinku Pehlwan and Baba Ladi. Baba Ladi defeated Rinku to win. Addressing audience, Umesh Bubka said that in today's times, playing sports is as important as studying. Sports keep body healthy. There are also immense employment opportunities in sports field. However, today's youth are turning away from sports and falling into trap of addiction.Youth are wasting their youth in drug addiction. Youth should stay away from bad habits like drugs and showcase their strength in sports. Shanti, Tarun, Vikram, Mukesh Verma, Rajkumar Rampur and Bunty were present.

Baisakhi festival to be celebrated by Agrawal Yuva Sabha Women's Wing in Kaithal



SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL: The women's wing of Agrawal Yuva Sabha (Regd.), Kaithal, will organise a grand Baisakhi festival on April 12, 2026, at the Shri Sanatan Dharam Temple premises, Koti Gate. The event will be held from 2 pm to 6 pm and will be exclusively open to women. Sabha president Rampratap Gupta said the event aims to promote cultural values in society and provide a strong platform for women. Special arrangements have been made to ensure active participation of women in the programme. Event coordinator Kiran Singla informed that children will present vibrant cultural performances, which will be the main highlight of the programme. Participants will be encouraged with gifts, while winners will be awarded first, second and third prizes by a panel of judges. Joint secretary Himanshu Goyal (Advocate) said around 200 women are expected to participate. Entry coupons have been distributed, and every participant will receive a return gift.

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CM may fly six-foot kite at Baisakhi Festival 2026 in Kurukshetra

HANS RAJ YADAV

KURUKSHETRA: The Baisakhi Mahotsav 2026 in Kurukshetra is set to showcase a vibrant blend of cultural heritage and modern attractions, with Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini likely to fly a six-foot colourful kite as part of the celebrations.

Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena said the festival, being organised for the first time at the government level, will feature a grand stage reflecting Haryana's cultural heritage. The event is being jointly organised by the Haryana Art and Cultural Affairs Department and the district administration at the KDB Mela Ground.

The Chief Minister will inaugurate the festival on April 13 at 11 am. He is expected to visit various stalls, including those showcasing Sikh cultural heritage and state development initiatives. He may also participate in kite flying at a specially set-up area, for which detailed arrangements have been made.

The festival will also include traditional events such as Haryana-style wrestling (dangal), circle kabaddi, pagri-tying, dastaarbandi and gatka demonstrations, offering visitors a glimpse into the region's rich rural and cultural traditions. Renowned artists Lakhwinder Wadali and Kulwinder Billa will perform on April 13 and 14 respectively during the evening cultural programmes, adding star appeal to the event.

Govt ensuring procurement of every grain at MSP: Dr. Arvind Sharma

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Haryana Cooperation Minister, Dr. Arvind Sharma said that under the leadership of Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini, the government and administration are ensuring the procurement of every grain of farmers' produce at the Minimum Support Price (MSP).

He directed officers to ensure that farmers do not face any inconvenience at any stage, from biometric gate pass issuance to procurement and lifting of the crop.

The Minister conducted a surprise inspection of the Gohana grain market and personally checked the weighing of wheat stocks at the grain market (mandi). He directed the Market Committee as well as procurement agencies, including Warehousing and HAFED, to carry out the procurement process in a transparent manner and ensure that no farmer faces any difficulty.

He also directed the Market Committee Secretary, HAFED Manager and Warehouse Manager to coordinate with the contractor agency to ensure the timely lifting of wheat.

HPV Vaccine will protect women from cervical cancer: Harvinder Kalyan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL : Haryana Vidhan Sabha Speaker Sh. Harvinder Kalyan said that the recently launched HPV vaccine will help protect women from cervical cancer and should be administered on time.

Sh. Kalyan was speaking as the Chief Guest at a walkathon organised by the local unit of the Indian Medical Association (IMA) in Karnal on Sunday. The walkathon, aimed at spreading awareness about cervical cancer among women, was organised from Karnal Club to the Civil Hospital. Members of the IMA, along with representatives of various social organisations, participated in the event.

He said that the vaccine to prevent cervical cancer among women was recently launched by the Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi. The objective behind organising the walkathon is to generate awareness about cervical cancer. He added that such programmes yield positive outcomes and play an important role in sensitising society. Emphasising the need for awareness, he said that along with strengthening development and systems in society, public awareness is essential. When citizens move forward with awareness, their participation in social activities increases, which ultimately benefits society and the nation.

Five girls get married, Kalyan blesses, wishes them a happy life

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
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Vishal Bhakti Jagran Mandal of Gharaunda organized a mass wedding ceremony for five girls at SD Temple today. Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan as chief guest blessed married couples and wished them a happy and bright future. Harbans Lal, president of Vishal Bhakti Jagran Mandal, stated that Mandal annually arranges marriages for poor girls using donations collected during Jagran events. Previously, 164 girls have been married. Essential household items were also provided to newlyweds.Of five girls married today in Vedic rituals, four are from Gharaunda area and one from Karnal. Before weddings, Mandal verified their ages with village sarpanch or other prominent figures. Kalyan congratulated members of Vishal Bhakti Jagran Mandal for such an auspicious event. He said that wealthy members of society should support such programs. This is a virtuous act. He blessed the newlyweds and wished them a happy and bright future. On behalf of Jagran Mandal, each couple received a statue of Mother Goddess, a veil, an LED TV, double bed, bedsheet, quilt, bedsheet, blanket, two pillows, double bed blanket, two chairs, table, wardrobe, silver set, suit and a saree for bride, two pants and shirts for the groom, watches for both, a ladies' purse, cosmetic bag, six plates, six bowls, 12 spoons, six glasses, a kadhai, ladle, jug, a lota, a bangle set, sewing machine, chest, towel, rolling pin and an iron. Earlier, a public hearing program was held at Kalyan Farm near Madhuban Police Academy. Speaker listened to problems of people from various villages in constituency and directed the concerned officials to address them. Villagers also presented some collective demands related to village development which were assured of appropriate action.Kalyan stated that all-round development of constituency is his priority.

Youth shot dead in America, funeral held amid mournful atmosphere in Samora village

MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: Tragic incident of 21-year-old Chetak Sharma alias Lakha, a resident of Samora village, being shot dead in America has shocked the entire area. When his body arrived in village on Sunday, every eye was filled with tears.



His last rites were performed with full rituals amid a solemn atmosphere. According to reports, Chetak Sharma had gone to America about two years ago in search of a better future. On March 27, unknown assailants suddenly opened fire on him, killing him on spot. As soon as news of incident reached Samora village, a wave of grief spread throughout the area. The body of Chetak Sharma alias Lakha was brought to the village around 9 am on Sunday. Thousands of villagers and locals gathered for funeral procession. Everyone, with tearful eyes, bid farewell to their promising son. During this time, family members were in a bad state, crying and atmosphere remained completely gloomy. Family members told that Chetak had gone abroad to improve financial condition of family and the entire family had high hopes from him.

Mayor unveils statue of Mahatma Phule, highlights his role in women's education

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, APRIL 12



Mayor Renu Bala Gupta said that Mahatma Jyotiba Phule was the pioneer in promoting women's education and played a crucial role in social reform. She was addressing a programme organised on the occasion of Phule's birth anniversary in Karnal.

During the event, a statue of Mahatma Phule was installed at Hansi Chowk. The mayor announced that the chownk will be developed as one of the most beautiful sites in the city. She added that the Municipal Corporation is undertaking efforts to beautify Karnal and name prominent intersections after great personalities.

The programme was organised by Rashtriya Saini Sabha along with organisations representing backward classes, scheduled castes, tribes and minority communities. The event was chaired by national general secretary of Rashtriya Saini Sabha, Ramesh Saini.

BJP district president Praveen Lathar and senior deputy mayor Rajesh Aghi attended as special guests. Floral tributes were paid to the statue of Mahatma Phule during the event.

Praveen Lathar said that the BJP is committed to honouring great personalities and organising state-level events in their memory. Rajesh Aghi urged people to follow the ideals of Mahatma Phule.

In his presidential address, Ramesh Saini described Phule as one of the greatest social reformers. Several other speakers, including Randhir Saini, Amar Singh Patal, Khurshid Alam, Jotinder Saini, Dr Dhruv Malekar, Sham Saini, Amit Saini, Vinod Saini, Lalit Arora, Ramesh Patwari, Umesh Parocha, Ravinder Saini, Jai Bhagwan Kashyap, Surjeet Saini, Mrityunjay Saini, Rajendra Saini, Santosh Saini and Rajendra Bhandari, also expressed their views on the occasion.

MLA Bhagwandas expresses displeasure over delay in hospital construction

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
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Nilokheri MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi expressed dissatisfaction over the delay in construction of the government hospital during an inspection visit to the site in the city. He reviewed the progress of the long-pending project and held an on-site meeting with concerned officials.

During the inspection, the MLA directed the department to expedite the construction work and ensure its completion at the earliest. He said providing better healthcare facilities to the people of the area is his priority and any negligence in this regard will not be tolerated.

Officials assured him that the pace of work would be increased and efforts would be made to complete the hospital within the stipulated timeline. Kabirpanthi also emphasised that there should be no compromise on the quality of construction and instructed officials to conduct regular inspections and submit progress reports.

Local residents welcomed the initiative and expressed hope that the early completion of the hospital would improve access to healthcare services in the area. The MLA said the hospital would be equipped with modern facilities, including adequate beds, specialist doctors and proper sanitation system to ensure quality treatment for patients.

He further stated that several other development projects are in the pipeline for the region, aimed at strengthening basic infrastructure and improving the standard of living. He directed officials to complete all projects within deadlines while maintaining quality standards.

SMO Dr Kailash Garg, the head nurse, industrialist Anil Gupta, Pankaj Thakur and Ramkumar Gupta were among those present during the visit.

Skill corporation exploiting youth, alleges Congress leader Inderjeet Goraya

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA



KARNAL: Senior Congress leader Inderjeet Singh Goraya has accused the BJP government of exploiting educated youth through the Skill Employment Corporation, stating that the promise of merit-based jobs has turned into a mechanism of economic and mental exploitation.

Addressing the media, Goraya alleged that despite lakhs of vacant government posts in the state, the government is avoiding regular recruitment due to financial mismanagement and instead relying on contractual hiring systems. He claimed that the Skill Employment Corporation has effectively become a "tool of exploitation" rather than employment generation.

He pointed out that for positions where regular government employees receive salaries ranging between ₹60,000 and ₹70,000, equally qualified youth recruited through the corporation are being paid only ₹15,000 to ₹20,000. According to him, such disparity reflects systemic injustice and undermines the dignity of educated professionals.

Goraya further alleged that employees hired through the corporation are made to work more for less pay and are not given job security or regularisation, leading to prolonged uncertainty and dissatisfaction among youth. He termed the system "unjust and impractical," adding that it amounts to disrespect towards qualified candidates.

He demanded that the government fill vacant posts through proper recruitment channels such as the staff selection board and provide permanent employment along with fair wages and benefits to eligible candidates.

Allegations of student harassment reach NHRC, UGC asked to act: Mayank Jogi

SHIV KUMAR SHARM

KARNAL: Human rights activist Mayank Jogi has alleged that lakhs of students across the country are facing mental and financial harassment in private colleges and universities. Acting on his complaint, the National Human Rights Commission has directed the University Grants Commission to take appropriate action.

Jogi said that institutions meant to be centres of learning are increasingly being run with a commercial approach, focusing on extracting money from students and their families. He stated that a complaint was submitted to the NHRC regarding violations of student rights and alleged harassment practices in private educational institutions, following which directions were issued to the UGC chairman.

According to the complaint, many institutions are allegedly forcing students to deposit fees for upcoming semesters in advance, which is not in line with prescribed norms. Jogi claimed that students are compelled to pay advance fees and penalised heavily—ranging from ₹50 to ₹300 per day—for delays.

He further alleged that No Objection Certificates (NOCs) are being used as a tool to pressure students into paying future semester fees. At the end of a semester, students are reportedly asked to obtain NOCs, during which they are forced to clear advance dues for the next term.

Raising concerns over fee structures, Jogi said that development charges—meant for facilities such as laboratories, libraries and infrastructure—are being collected at rates comparable to tuition fees, placing an additional financial burden on students.

He also linked rising academic pressure and institutional practices to cases of student distress, alleging that many students face severe mental stress. He claimed that students often refrain from speaking out due to fear of jeopardising their academic careers.

Jogi said he expects concrete action from the UGC against institutions found violating norms. He added that if adequate steps are not taken, he will consider approaching the Supreme Court by filing a public interest litigation to safeguard students' interests.

New Education Policy: A major step towards a knowledge-based India

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
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The New Education Policy (NEP) has emerged as a long-awaited reform in India's education system, aiming to transform it into a more practical, skill-oriented, and globally aligned framework. Moving beyond rote learning, the policy focuses on holistic development, innovation, and employability.

The Vice-Chancellor of Chaudhary Ranbir Singh University, Dr. R.P. Saini, described the NEP as a significant step towards building a knowledge-based society in India. He emphasized that such comprehensive structural changes in the education sector have been introduced after a long time, marking a new era for learners and institutions alike.

According to Dr. Saini, the core objective of the policy is to move beyond degree-centric education and focus on developing skills, creativity, and practical knowledge among students. This shift will help students achieve overall development and prepare them to compete effectively in a rapidly changing global environment.

At the university level, the NEP is expected to bring the most visible changes. Curricula are being redesigned to be more flexible and multidisciplinary, allowing students to choose subjects based on their interests and abilities. The introduction of the multiple entry and exit system provides students with the freedom to continue or pause their education as per their circumstances, making higher education more accessible and student-friendly.

Skill development is another key focus area of the NEP. Universities are now emphasizing internships, project-based learning, and stronger collaboration with industries. This approach ensures that students gain real-world experience alongside academic learning, making them better prepared for employment as well as entrepreneurship.

The policy also aims to strengthen research and innovation. Universities are being encouraged to build a strong research culture and provide better resources and opportunities to students and scholars. Dr. Saini believes that these efforts will help India establish a strong global presence in research and innovation.

Inclusivity is another important aspect of the NEP. With the promotion of digital education, learning in regional languages, and skill-based courses, students from rural and underprivileged backgrounds will have better access to quality education. This will expand the reach of higher education and bring more youth into the academic fold.

At Chaudhary Ranbir Singh University, steps are already being taken to implement the policy effectively. Curriculum revisions are underway, and faculty members are being trained to adapt to the new system. The university aims to provide modern, high-quality, and employment-oriented education to its students.

Two-day introductory class organized by Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal inaugurated

SANJAY SHARMA

KAITHAL: A two-day introductory class organized by the Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, Kurukshetra Department, was formally inaugurated at NIILM University, Kaithal.Various responsible officials and academics from Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal were present at class, including Engineer Sunil Sharma (All India Joint General Secretary), Professor Jitendra Bhardwaj (Provincial President and Head of All India Board Work Department), Dr. Pawan (Provincial secretary, Haryana), Professor Rajendra Inayat (All India Knowledge Property Activity Head), Dilbag Shastri (Provincial Co-secretary, Haryana), Mr. Ganpati (Organization secrtary, Haryana-Punjab-Delhi), Professor Tejinder Sharma (Provincial Vice President, Haryana), and Mr. Prem (Rohtak Metropolitan Expansionist). Program was graced by presence of NIILM University Chairman Sandeep Chahal, University Registrar Prof. R.K. Gupta and other administrative officials.They extended their best wishes for successful conduct of workshop. In first session of workshop, all participants were introduced and the objectives of the class were explained in detail. Professor Tejinder Sharma, Chairperson of Kurukshetra Department, presented outline of introductory class, while Organizing Secretary Mr. Ganapati elaborated on the workshop's objectives and methodology. In second session, Professor Rajendra Inayat, Vice Chancellor of Maharishi Valmiki University, delivered a profound address on importance of "Indian Knowledge Heritage." He explained, using Indian texts and examples, that the fundamental purpose of the Indian knowledge tradition is to listen, see, and contemplate the best. Describing knowledge as fundamental fuel of life, he said that it can only be assimilated through guru-disciple tradition. He also emphasized that Indian education system is based on holistic development and leads humanity towards liberation, not bondage. Program was successfully conducted by Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Dr. Ravindra Jangra, Dr. Ajay Kumar, Dr. Ekta Chahal, Dr. Ashok Atri and their team from Bharatiya Shikshan Mandal, Kaithal.



Women's reservation will strengthen democracy: Subhash Barala



India is approaching a significant and historic moment in its 21st-century development journey. In coming days, we are about to witness a major initiative that will further strengthen our democracy. This is an occasion when our national commitment to equality, inclusion and public participation will be revealed in a new form. Parliament today faces an important responsibility to take a decision that will make our democracy more inclusive, strong and representative. Women's Reservation Bill is result of this historic thinking.This decision from Parliament will empower women's political participation and ensure their rightful place in the Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies.This is not just a legislative process but a revolutionary step towards social justice, equality and empowerment. Idea of women's reservation is years old. It was first introduced in Parliament in 1996, but due to various reasons, it remained pending for a long time. During this period, many opportunities arose, but this reservation did not materialize. Bharatiya Janata Party has always supported women's reservation and expressed its commitment to implementing it. Under leadership of Narendra Modi, this historic achievement will be possible. As a result of his bold decision, strong will and far-sighted thinking, this important right is being ensured towards empowering women. This step reflects his resolve to equally include half of country's population in mainstream of development. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's political vision is based on core principle of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas." Under his leadership, women are seen not only as beneficiaries of schemes but also as active partners in nation-building. Women's Reservation Bill is an extension of this vision, which will provide women with an opportunity to play a decisive role in policymaking. Modi government has taken several concrete steps towards women's empowerment. Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign has strengthened the positive attitude towards daughters in society. Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana has protected women's health by freeing them from smoke.

Grand farewell ceremony held at IG College Kaithal

SANJAY SHARMA

KAITHAL: A grand farewell ceremony was organised at Indira Gandhi Postgraduate Women's College, Kaithal, for students of final-year undergraduate, second-year undergraduate, and first and second-year postgraduate classes. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students.

The programme was graced by chief guest Ram Bahadur Khurania, president of the college managing committee, along with his wife Anita Khurania. The ceremony commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp.



Addressing the gathering, Ram Bahadur Khurania said that this important phase of student life leads to new responsibilities, and the education, discipline, and values acquired during college years pave the way for lifelong success. He encouraged students to become self-reliant and remain committed to their goals.

College principal Dr Aarti Garg described the farewell as not just a goodbye but the beginning of a new journey. She urged students to carve a distinct identity in society through knowledge and values, and extended her best wishes for their future. Evening session in-charge principal Shweta Tanwar also highlighted that memories created during college life remain a lifelong source of inspiration. During the event, final-year students honoured the principal and faculty members with various titles as a mark of respect. Cultural performances by students added vibrancy to the programme, while junior students shared emotional messages recalling their time with seniors.

MWB is becoming a strong security shield for journalists, CM Nayab Singh Saini invited to the provincial program

RANVIR PARASHAR
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Media Wellbeing Association (MWB) is playing an influential role in strengthening social and economic security framework for journalists in Haryana. Organization's president, Chandra Shekhar Dharni, met Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini at his residence, Sant Kabir Kutir, and presented him with an invitation to be the chief guest at upcoming provincial program. Dharni also informed that Chief Minister's Media Secretary Praveen Atreya and DGIPR have been requested to schedule event. Dharni briefed the Chief Minister on organization's key achievements and the efforts being made to benefit journalists. He stated that MWB is first organization in country to provide free family health insurance to journalists associated with it from the beginning. Furthermore, free term and accidental insurance for journalists continues. Recently, a journalist's family was provided risk cover of up to ₹3 lakh, which demonstrates seriousness of this initiative. In light of the rapidly changing media landscape, MWB has decided to organize Artificial Intelligence (AI) training programs for journalists. A committee has been formed under chairmanship of Meva Singh Rana, which includes Vinod Lahot and Pawan Chopra. This committee will conduct training programs at three different locations in state. MWB welcomes the proposal to increase emergency assistance amount under Media Personnel Welfare Fund from ₹2.50 lakh to ₹5 lakh in Budget 2026-27. Dharani described this as a relief for journalists, but also placed demands for several important reforms before government. MWBA has prominently raised demand for a minimum monthly pension of ₹30,000 for journalists after retirement. Describing current pension system as complex, it has appealed for it to be simplified, transparent and practical. Dharani stated that this would also benefit digital and freelance journalists, ensuring that no qualified journalist would be left out.

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Simone de Beauvoir

EDITORIAL

Barabanki-Bahraich highway to transform border economy

In a major boost to regional connectivity and cross-border commerce, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has outlined the transformative potential of the upcoming four-lane access-controlled Barabanki-Bahraich section of National Highway-927. The project, recently approved by the union Cabinet, is poised to emerge as a critical trade lifeline between India and Nepal, strengthening one of South Asia's most active land-based economic partnerships. India remains Nepal's largest trading partner, accounting for over 60 per cent of its total trade volume. Against this backdrop, the strategic importance of the Barabanki-Bahraich corridor is significant, particularly due to its direct connectivity to the Rupaidiha Land Port and the adjoining Nepalgunj region. Among multiple border crossings, the Rupaidiha-Nepalgunj route handles a substantial share of exports from India to Nepal, making it a key artery for bilateral trade. The new highway is expected to drastically improve travel efficiency, reducing journey time between Barabanki and Bahraich from approximately 150 minutes to 75 minutes. Vehicle speeds are projected to double from 40 kmph to 80 kmph, ensuring faster and more reliable transportation of goods. This enhanced connectivity is likely to accelerate trade flows, reduce logistical bottlenecks, and lower transportation costs. A major beneficiary of this improved infrastructure will be the agricultural and food trade between the two countries. The corridor facilitates the daily movement of essential commodities such as rice, wheat, vegetables, dairy products, and livestock feed from India to Nepal. Faster transit times will help minimise spoilage of perishable goods, directly benefiting farmers, traders, and consumers. Additionally, farmers in eastern Uttar Pradesh are expected to gain improved access to Nepalese markets, potentially boosting their incomes and reducing post-harvest losses. The highway will also play a crucial role in ensuring the uninterrupted supply of essential goods, including medicines and consumer products, which are vital for Nepal's economy. Past disruptions along the border have underscored the vulnerability of supply chains, with instances of trucks being stranded for extended periods, leading to significant economic losses. The development of a modern access-controlled corridor is expected to mitigate such risks, ensuring smoother and more resilient trade operations. Beyond trade facilitation, the project is set to catalyse growth in logistics and allied sectors. Increased truck movement through the Rupaidiha corridor is likely to drive demand for warehousing, transportation services, and logistics infrastructure, creating new business opportunities along the route. The socio-economic impact of the highway is expected to be particularly pronounced in border districts such as Bahraich district and surrounding areas. Local markets near Rupaidiha, which depend heavily on cross-border customers, are likely to witness increased commercial activity.

A voice that danced between fire and silk

Legendary playback singer Asha Bhosle passed away on Sunday, at the age of 92, after suffering a heart attack at a Mumbai hospital, bringing to a close one of the most extraordinary journeys in the history of Indian music.

She breathed her last at Breach Candy Hospital, where she had been admitted to the ICU a day earlier following cardiac and respiratory complications, family sources confirmed. Her son, Anand Bhosle, said she had been unwell for several months before her condition turned critical on Saturday night. Her last rites will be held on Monday, April 13.



In the vast and emotional landscape of Indian cinema, Asha Bhosle was not merely a playback singer—she was an era, a mood, and for generations of listeners, an inseparable part of life itself. With a career spanning over seven decades, she recorded thousands of songs across multiple languages, redefining versatility in a way few artists ever have.

Born in 1933 into the illustrious Mangeshkar family, she began singing at the age of nine, recording her first film song in 1943. For years, she lived in the long shadow of her elder sister, Lata Mangeshkar, whose dominance in the industry seemed insurmountable. But where Lata's voice came to symbolise purity and devotion, Asha carved a space that was daringly different—sensuous, playful, experimental, and endlessly adaptive.

Her early life was marked by personal and professional struggles. Married young and navigating a difficult domestic life, she entered a film industry that often relegated her to second-tier songs. Cabaret numbers and B-grade film assignments became her early playground—but in her hands, they turned into enduring classics, infused with charisma and emotional depth.

The arc of her career took a decisive turn through her collaborations with composers like O P Nayyar and R D Burman, who recognised in her a voice capable of breaking conventions. Yet, history also opened a space for her in a more poignant way. The untimely death of Geeta Dutt in 1972 left behind a void in Hindi cinema—a voice that had embodied smoky melancholy, romance, and aching vulnerability.

Asha Bhosle stepped into that emotional space, but never as an imitator. Like Geeta Dutt, she could wrap a song in longing and intimacy, but she expanded that emotional palette—adding boldness, playfulness, and a modern, almost rebellious energy. Where Geeta's songs often lingered like a sigh, Asha's could sparkle, tease, or seduce. It was not a replacement, but an evolution—one that carried forward a legacy while reshaping it for a new cinematic age.

From the timeless romance of "Abhi Na Jao Chhod Kar" from 'Hum Dono' alongside Mohammed Rafi to the haunting introspection of "Mera Kuch Samaan" and the electrifying allure of "Piya Tu Ab To Aaja," her voice defied categorisation. She moved effortlessly between ghazals, classical compositions, folk tunes, cabaret songs, and global collaborations, remaining relevant across generations.

Her immense contribution was recognised with some of India's highest honours, including the Padma Vibhushan and the Dadasaheb Phalke Award. Yet, awards alone cannot measure her impact. She redefined what it meant to be a female playback singer—breaking stereotypes, embracing risk, and proving that artistic identity could be fluid and fearless.

Even in her later years, Asha Bhosle remained creatively restless, collaborating with younger musicians and exploring new sounds. Age never dimmed her curiosity or her passion for music. With her passing, Indian cinema loses not just a legendary voice but a spirit of reinvention. She leaves behind a legacy that is vast, vibrant, and deeply human—a body of work that continues to echo in homes, in memories, and in the collective heartbeat of a nation. In her voice lived joy and heartbreak, mischief and melancholy, tradition and transformation. And though she has fallen silent, the songs of Asha Bhosle will continue to dance—between fire and silk—forever.

51.5 lakh LPG cylinders delivered amid West Asia crisis



India's fuel supplies and maritime operations remain stable despite the ongoing tensions in West Asia, with the government asserting that there is no need for panic as domestic LPG deliveries continue normally and Indian vessels are operating safely.According to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, "domestic LPG cylinder deliveries remain normal," with "more than 51.5 lakh domestic LPG cylinders" delivered on April 10 alone, even as supply chains face pressure due to developments around the Strait of Hormuz.

The ministry emphasised that the government has taken multiple steps to ensure uninterrupted supply, noting that it has "prioritised domestic LPG and PNG supply, along with high priority for hospitals and educational institutions." It added that "no dry-outs have been reported at LPG distributorships," indicating stable availability across the country.Highlighting consumer behaviour, the ministry said that "online LPG bookings have increased to about 98 per cent across the industry," while "Delivery Authentication Code (DAC) based deliveries have increased to around 93 per cent to prevent diversion."To ease pressure on LPG demand, the government has also pushed alternatives. "Citizens are encouraged to use alternate fuels such as PNG and electric or induction cooktops," the ministry said, adding that over "26,000 PNG consumers have surrendered LPG connections via MYPNGD.in till date."

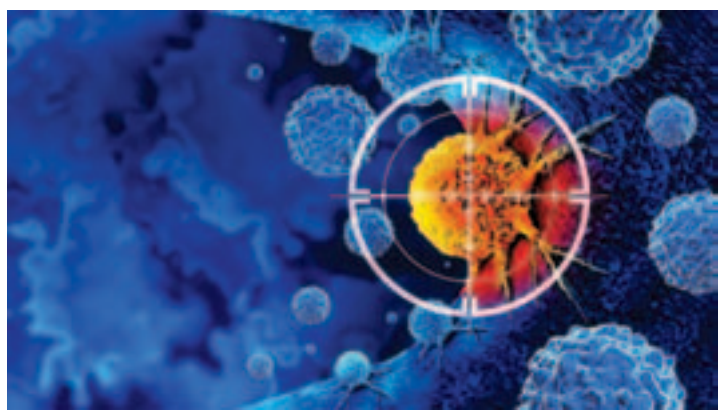
On the commercial side, the government has increased supply allocations to minimise disruption. The ministry noted that "total commercial LPG allocation has been increased to about 70 per cent of pre-crisis levels," and these measures are "expected to prevent supply-chain disruptions, avoid shortages of essential goods and ensure continuity of industrial operations."The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas further said that enforcement actions are being intensified, with "more than 3400 raids" conducted on April 10 to curb hoarding and black marketing, while penalties have been imposed on erring distributors.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways said India's maritime operations remain secure, with no incidents reported. It stated that "all Indian seafarers in the region are safe and no incident involving Indian-flagged vessels has been reported in the past 24 hours."In a key development, the ministry confirmed that the India-flagged LPG vessel Jag Vikram has "safely crossed the Strait of Hormuz" carrying "approximately 20,400 MT of LPG cargo," and is expected to reach Mumbai on April 15.The ministry also highlighted ongoing evacuation efforts, stating that it has "facilitated the safe repatriation of more than 2,009 Indian seafarers so far, including 81 in the last 24 hours."

This common nutrient could supercharge cancer treatment: Study

The researchers at the University of Chicago have uncovered a surprising new role for zeaxanthin, a plant-based compound best known for supporting eye health.According to findings published in Cell Reports Medicine, this common carotenoid may also help the immune system fight cancer by enhancing the activity of key immune cells.

The discovery points to zeaxanthin as a simple, widely available supplement that could improve how well cancer immunotherapies work."We were surprised to find that zeaxanthin, already known for its role in eye health, has a completely new function in boosting anti-tumor immunity," said Jing Chen, PhD, Janet Davison Rowley Distinguished Service Professor of Medicine and senior author of the study."Our study show that a simple dietary nutrient could complement and strengthen advanced cancer treatments like immunotherapy," added Jing Chen.How Zeaxanthin Activates Cancer-Fighting T CellsThe research builds on years of work from Chen's lab exploring how nutrients shape immune responses. By analysing a large library of nutrients found in blood, the team identified zeaxanthin as a compound that directly enhances the performance of CD8+ T cells. These immune cells play a central role in identifying and destroying cancer cells.CD8+ T cells rely on a structure called the T-cell receptor (TCR) to detect abnormal cells. The researchers found that zeaxanthin



helps stabilise the formation of this receptor complex when T cells encounter cancer. This leads to stronger internal signalling, which increases T-cell activation, boosts cytokine production, and improves the cells' ability to kill tumors.

Boosting the Power of Immunotherapy In mouse studies, adding zeaxanthin to the diet slowed tumour growth. The effect became even more pronounced when combined with immune checkpoint inhibitors - a type of immunotherapy that has transformed cancer treatment in recent years. Together, the combination produced stronger anti-tumour responses than immunotherapy alone.The team also tested human T cells that had been engineered to target specific cancer markers. In laboratory experiments, zeaxanthin enhanced these cells' ability to destroy melanoma, multiple myeloma, and glioblastoma cells."Our data show that zeaxanthin improves both natural and engineered T-cell responses, which suggests high translational potential for patients undergoing immunotherapies," Chen said.

A Safe, Accessible Nutrient With Broad PotentialZeaxanthin is already widely used as an over-the-counter supplement for eye health. It is naturally present in foods such as orange peppers, spinach, and kale. Because it is inexpensive, easy to obtain, and well tolerated, researchers believe it could be quickly tested as a complementary approach to cancer treatment.

Lifestyle risks weigh heavier on women's hearts: Study

Lifestyle and health factors that are linked with heart disease appear to have a greater impact on cardiovascular risk in women than men, according to a study being presented at the American College of Cardiology's Annual Scientific Session. While diet, exercise, smoking, and blood pressure have long been associated with heart disease risk, the new study is the first to indicate that these correlations are higher in women than in males. According to the researchers, the findings indicate that sex-specific screening or risk assessment methodologies could provide a more realistic picture of cardiovascular risk and better drive people to adopt heart-healthy habits.

"For the same level of health, our study shows that the increase in risk [related to each factor] is higher in women than in men--it's not one-size-fits-all," said Maneesh Sud, MD, PhD, assistant professor in the department of medicine, interventional cardiologist and clinician scientist at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto and the study's lead author.

"This is novel and something that hasn't been seen in other studies."The study focused on eight factors associated with heart disease: diet, sleep, physical activity, smoking, body mass index, blood glucose, lipids and blood pressure. Overall, the results showed that women were more likely to have fewer negative risk factors and more positive ones compared with men. However, women with more negative risk factors faced a more pronounced increase in their chance of a heart attack, stroke or other cardiovascular event compared to men with a similar risk factor profile. "We found that women tend to have better health than men, but the impact on outcomes is different," Sud said. "The combination of these factors has a bigger impact in women than it does in men."



The researchers analyzed data from over 175,000 Canadian adults who enrolled in the Ontario Health Study between 2009-2017.

None of the participants had heart disease at baseline and about 60% were women. Each participant was classified as having ideal or poor health in terms of each of the eight risk factors, and these scores were combined to calculate an overall risk factor profile as poor (fewer than five positive factors or more than three negative factors), intermediate (five to seven positive factors) or ideal (ideal across all eight factors).During a median follow-up period of just over 11 years, researchers tracked the incidence of seven heart disease outcomes--heart attack, stroke, unstable angina (chest pain that results from restricted blood flow to the heart), peripheral arterial disease (narrowed blood vessels in the arms or legs), heart failure, coronary revascularization (procedures to open blocked arteries) and cardiovascular death--among participants in each of the three groupings.

In the study population, significantly more women were categorized as having ideal health, with 9.1% of women and 4.8% of men scoring a perfect 8 out of 8. Women were also less likely to be categorized as having poor health, with 21.9% of women and 30.5% of men falling into this category. In terms of individual risk factors, women were more likely than men to have ideal diet, blood glucose, cholesterol and blood pressure, while women were slightly less likely than men to have ideal physical activity levels. After adjusting for age, the results showed that participants of both sexes saw an elevated risk of heart disease if they had poor or intermediate health compared to those with ideal health, but these differences were more extreme in women than men. Women with poor health had nearly five times the risk of heart disease as women with ideal health, while men with poor health had 2.5 times the risk of heart disease .

Sandhwan expresses grief over demise of Asha Bhosle Ji, legendary singer

CHANDIGARH: Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker S. Kultar Singh Sandhwan expressed deep grief over the demise of 'Suron Di Mallika' Asha Bhosle ji. He expressed his heartfelt condolences to the family in this hour of grief. Her voice has left an indelible mark on the hearts of music lovers for decades.
Her songs will always live in our hearts and mesmerizing the people across the globe. Speaker Sandhwan deeply saddened to hear the news of his passing away and he prayed to the God to grant peace to the departed soul. Almighty may give strength to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss in this hour of distress.

NEWS BRIEF

Surekha Barjatia joins AAP with supporters Jimpa welcomes her



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR: In a significant development in Hoshiarpur's politics today, senior leader and two-time former BJP councillor Surekha Barjatia announced her decision to join the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), along with her supporters. She was drawn to AAP's policies and the development works in the city, particularly those led by MLA Bram Shankar Jimpa. At a simple yet dignified welcome event, MLA Bram Shankar jimpa warmly received Surekha Barjatia into the party and honoured her. He stated that AAP's priorities are public welfare, transparency, and development, and the addition of an experienced leader like Surekha will further strengthen the party.
In her address, Surekha Barjatia said she had worked in the BJP for a long time but now believes AAP is the platform that truly understands and resolves the problems of ordinary people. She praised the notable progress in Hoshiarpur in education, health, and infrastructure, which influenced her decision. Mayor Surinder Kumar, Senior Deputy Mayor Praveen Saini, Deputy Mayor Ranjit Choudhary, and other party workers present at the event enthusiastically welcomed all new members. They expressed confidence that their joining will bolster the party in the coming times. On this occasion, supporters including Parveen Kumar Barjatia, Kanta Devi, Prithvi Raj, Mehar Singh, Balvir Ram, Harinder Singh, Labh Chand, Ram Gopal, Ashok Kumar etc.

Police investigation underway in Barnala following report of misconduct against minor

SHIKSHIT NARWALIA
BARNALA: Authorities in the Tapa area of Barnala district have initiated a legal investigation following a report of serious misconduct involving an eight-year-old student. A local youth, identified in police records as Jashandeep Singh, also known as Jashan, has been named as the primary suspect in the case.
The matter came to light after the child's mother filed a formal complaint with the local police station. According to the statement provided to officials, the incident occurred while the mother was away for work. It is alleged that the suspect used various pretexts to lure the child to his residence.
Station House Officer (SHO) Renu Parocha is leading the ongoing investigation. Police officials have confirmed that a case has been registered and that legal proceedings will move forward swiftly once the suspect is in custody.
Support and reassurance from the family played a critical role in the reporting of this incident, as the minor was initially hesitant to speak about the ordeal. The police continue to gather evidence to ensure a thorough investigation into the allegations.

State to illuminate 13,000 villages with solar LED lights: Aman Arora

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Punjab's New and Renewable Energy Minister Aman Arora on Sunday announced that the Punjab Government has launched a unique initiative, 'Mukhya Mantri Roshan Punjab Yojna', to illuminate all villages across the state with solar-powered LED streetlights at an outlay of Rs. 550 crore.

Addressing a press conference at the local Circuit House, the Minister described the project as one of the biggest rural lighting initiatives, under which more than 3 lakh solar LED lights will be installed across Punjab.

Mr. Arora said that the state Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, has approved the programme on Saturday to ensure reliable and cost-effective lighting in villages. He said solar streetlights are preferred due to their zero electricity cost, reliability and suitability for rural areas. The project will be implemented by the Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA), with installation to be carried out in a phased manner between June and October 2026. The scheme will follow a revised funding pattern, with 70 per cent contribution from the state government and 30 per cent from gram panchayats.

Highlighting the significance of the initiative, the Minister said that in the past 70 years, only around 1.14 lakh streetlights were installed in villages, many of which are now defunct. Under the new scheme, all lights will be installed with a seven-year annual maintenance contract, ensuring replacement within three days in case of malfunction. The system will include geo-tagging of each light, centralised monitoring through a command and control centre, and an IVR helpline for lodging complaints. Mr. Arora said the initiative would enhance safety, especially for women, promote inclusivity, and improve living standards in rural areas.

Sant Satwinder Heera urges Punjab CM for special package for Shri Khuralgarh Sahib

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, APR 12



All India Adi Dharma Mission (Regd.) India National President Sant Satwinder Heera, during a special meeting in Chandigarh with the saint community under the Punjab government's outline for programmes marking the 650th Prakash Purb of Satguru Ravidas Maharaj Ji, handed over a simple letter to Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann regarding the Amrit Dhara Prakash Divas and Baba Sahib Dr. Ambedkar birthday congregations at the historic religious site Sachkhand Begumpura Shri Khuralgarh. He also honoured the Chief Minister by presenting a beautiful model of the Begumpura religious site.

Sant Satwinder Heera informed the Chief Minister about the heavy damage caused by floods at Shri Khuralgarh Sahib and demanded the construction of a dam there. He also urged the launch of a special bus service for Shri Khuralgarh Sahib.

Sant Satwinder Heera stated that the Amrit Dhara Prakash Divas, Vaisakhi, and programmes dedicated to the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna and Constitution maker Baba Sahib Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Ji at the historic religious site Charan Choh Sachkhand Begumpura Shri Khuralgarh Sahib would be observed on the night of April 12 and on April 13 and 14. Cabinet Minister Harpal Singh Cheema, MP members Dr. Raj Kumar, Deepak Bali, Sant Dharma Singh Cheema Sahib, and a large number of the saint community were present on this occasion.

Lyricist Shamsher Sandhu shares insights at literary event

NEERAJ SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 12



Punjabi Lekhak Sabha, Chandigarh, in collaboration with Punjab Kala Parishad, organised an interactive session with noted lyricist and senior journalist Shamsher Sandhu at Punjab Kala Bhavan here today.A large number of attendees participated in the programme titled 'Yaar Bolda…', where sports writer Navdeep Singh Gill moderated an engaging and free-flowing conversation with Shamsher Sandhu.

Bhupinder Singh Malik, General Secretary of the Sabha, said that Sandhu represents refined and culturally rich writing in Punjabi songwriting. Sabha president Deepak Sharma, while thanking the audience, remarked that Sandhu presented "half a century of history" through his narration.Sukhwinder Singh Sidhu, in his welcome address, said that Sandhu's high-quality songwriting gave a new direction to the genre and contributed to the success of singers such as Surjit Bindrakhia and Satvinder Bitti.Mandeep Kaur Marar won appreciation from the audience by rendering Sandhu's song 'Peke Hunde Mawan Naal'.

Navdeep Gill highlighted that Sandhu began his career as a teacher before establishing himself as a prominent journalist, serving one organisation for 40 years. More than 500 of his songs have been recorded by over 80 singers, and 68 albums featuring his work have been released. He is also known for his deep knowledge of Punjabi poetry.In his characteristic style, Sandhu shared anecdotes related to literary figures including Shiv Kumar Batalvi, Dr Mohinder Singh Randhawa, Dr Mohan Singh, Surjit Patar, Avtar Pash, Jagdev Singh Jassowal and Didar Sandhu. He credited his success as a lyricist to reading quality literature and described Punjab as a land rich in folk culture.Speaking about his creative process, Sandhu said that melodies for many of his songs would emerge in his mind alongside the lyrics, which proved helpful for composers.

Malwa Collage 's Student wins Gold Medal



KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH, APR 12

Malwa Group of Colleges, Sardulewala, which has been serving in the field of education for over two decades, has once again brought laurels to the institution. Over the years, its students have consistently achieved remarkable success, adding to its reputation. Continuing this legacy, Ms. Raj Sodhi, Managing Director, expressed immense pride while sharing the achievement of a meritorious student, Manpreet Kaur. She stated that Manpreet Kaur, a student of M.A. Political Science, secured 88.10% marks and was awarded a Gold Medal on April 9, 2026, during the 41st Convocation of Punjabi University Patiala. The award was presented by the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Jagdeep Singh, in the esteemed presence of Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria, who attended the ceremony as the Chief Guest. Sodhi emphasized that this achievement is a reflection of the dedication, experience, and guidance of the institution's faculty, along with Manpreet Kaur's hard work, determination, and pursuit of excellence.

Deputy chairman NCSK hears grievances of sanitation workers



SANGRUR (SUMER GARG): Deputy Chairman of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK), Hardeep Singh Gill, reaffirmed the Commission's commitment to the welfare and safety of sanitation workers during his visit to Sangrur. While at the District Administrative Complex, Gill listened to the grievances of sanitation workers and held a review meeting with Deputy Commissioner, Rahul Chaba and officials from various departments regarding welfare measures.

He directed executive officers to ensure that all sanitation workers are registered on the 'Namaste' portal to enable them to receive free sanitation kits and safety equipment. He also instructed that identity cards be issued to workers with their blood groups clearly mentioned, and stressed the need for comprehensive insurance coverage.

The Deputy Chairman further directed the health department to organize regular health check-up camps and maintain detailed health records of sanitation workers. During the meeting, representatives of sanitation workers' unions submitted a memorandum highlighting their demands. Gill assured them that the Commission is actively working towards resolving their issues.

He also ordered that a survey be conducted within one month to assess the exact number, social status, and working conditions of sanitation workers, with a report to be submitted to the Commission.

Awareness camps and workshops on the Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 should also be organized.

Divya Jyoti Public School students shine bright in class 8 results



SHAHKOT (MEHARJOT SINGH): Exhibiting academic brilliance, the students of Divya Jyoti Public School, Shahkot, have brought immense pride to their institution and parents by securing a flawless 100% pass rate in the Class 8 examinations conducted by the Punjab School Education Board. Divulging the details of this spectacular academic outcome, School Coordinator Mansi Bansal stated that every student cleared the examinations with flying colors, securing commendable grades. Leading the tally, Jessica Sandhu clinched the coveted first position in the school by securing an impressive 94.16%. She was closely followed by Sneha Kumari, who bagged the second position with an aggregate of 93.33%, while Simranpreet Kaur secured the third spot, scoring 86.16%. Adding to the institution's accolades, several other students showcased commendable performances, including Sunaina (84.16%), Gursahil Singh Turna (83.16%), Navneet Kaur (81.15%), and Paramveer (71.33%). Expressing his elation over the magnificent results, School President Advocate Kapil Bansal extended his warmest felicitations to the diligent staff and the triumphant students. Echoing similar sentiments, Principal Dimple Goyal congratulated the high achievers and their parents.

30 units of blood collected at first camp in Bharata medical store



HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): On the Mahilpur-Phagwara main road, hosted the inaugural voluntary blood donation camp at Bharata Medical Store, organized by Dr. Sukhjinder Singh in collaboration with IMA Blood Centre, Hoshiarpur, and Pasricha Hospital, Jalandhar. Dedicated to the birth anniversary of Baba Sahib Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the camp collected 30 units of blood by late afternoon.

Donors were honored with certificates and medals by Dr. Sukhjinder Singh and camp organizers, who also arranged refreshments. Participants included blood donors, supporters, and blood bank team members such as Krishan Kumar, Mohit Kapoor, Raj Kumar, Amarjit Singh, Wahid Khan, Vipul Arora, Jatinder Kumar, Yusuf Ali, Davinder Singh, Surjit Singh, Sodhi Ram, Jatinder Pal Singh, Davinder Kumar (Punjab Police), Jaspal Singh, Manjit Singh, and others.

IAOMR holds convention to upgrade dental students



SUNAM (SUMER GARG): The Indian Academy of Oral Medicine and Radiology (IAOMR) organised an undergraduate dental convention in oral medicine and radiology at Dashmesh Dental College, Faridkot. The primary objective of the convention was to upgrade dental students with the latest treatment modalities in dentistry.

Dr. Aishwarya Sharma, Professor and head at Guru Nanak Dev Dental College and Research Institute, Sunam, expressed pride in representing her institute at the national platform.

"It was an honour to be invited as a guest speaker and interact with young dental enthusiasts. The organisation was excellent, and the hospitality was warm. I am grateful for the experience and the opportunity to have been a part of it," she added.

Dr. Sharma, an oral medicine and radiology specialist, delivered a lecture on the role of oral medicine and radiology in general care practice.

Message to connect youth with history and social service: Kuljit Singh Bedi



MOHALI (TILAK RAJ): On the sacred occasion of Baisakhi, marking the of the Khalsa Panth, Mohali First Foundation organized a grand motorcycle rally under the leadership of former Deputy Mayor Kuljit Singh Bedi. A large number of youths participated in the rally with great enthusiasm and were seen dressed in the Khalsa color 'Basanti' (saffron).The rally started from Mohali and went up to Chappar Chiri, where all participants paid tribute at the memorial of the great Sikh general Baba Banda Singh Bahadur.

On this occasion, special emphasis was laid on connecting the younger generation with their history and making them aware of the true values of Sikhism.Former Deputy Mayor Kuljit Singh Bedi said that the aim of such rallies is not just to celebrate festivals but to connect the youth with their glorious history and to instill qualities like service, truth, and courage. He added that today's youth have immense energy, and if guided in the right direction, the future of Punjab can be made stronger.He further stated that the main objective of Mohali First Foundation is social service and bringing people together on a common platform.

Three punjabi youth trapped in Russia return safely due to efforts of Sant Seechewal

ARVIND PATHAK
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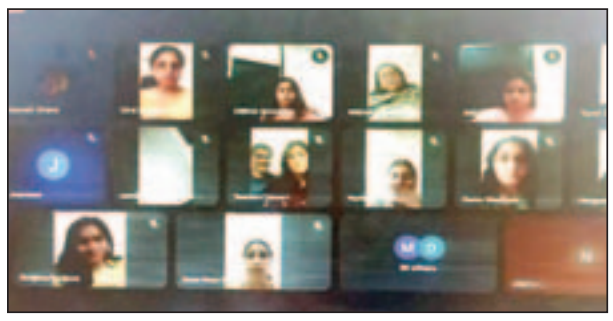


Incidents of fraud involving young individuals seeking employment abroad continue to surface. Lured by promises of a better future, many travel overseas only to face exploitation, non-payment of wages, and, in extreme cases, unlawful detention.

A similar case recently emerged from Russia, where three youths from Punjab were stranded. They have now safely returned to India due to timely intervention.The affected individuals belong to Jalandhar, Mohali, and Tarn Taran districts. One of them, Ashok Kumar from Nakodar, visited Nirmal Kuteya in Sultanpur Lodhi to express his gratitude to MP Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal, for his efforts in securing their release and safe return.Sharing his ordeal, Ashok Kumar described the 22 days spent in detention as "equivalent to 22 centuries." He stated that he had lost all hope of rescue during that time. According to him, prisoners were provided minimal food—just enough to survive—and were allegedly subjected to harsh treatment, including electric shocks.

He further alleged that the food served in jail caused extreme drowsiness within 30 minutes of consumption, making it difficult to stay awake, and that he still feels lingering effects, suggesting possible administration of unknown substances.Ashok revealed that he had traveled to Moscow on January 19 after paying approximately Rs 3 lakh to a travel agent, who had promised a monthly salary of Rs 90,000–Rs 1 lakh, along with accommodation, meals, and a one-year job guarantee. However, upon arrival, these assurances proved false.After working for nearly two months, when salary payment was due on March 20, the company owner reportedly handed him.

MCM sensitises students on intellectual property rights and start-up IP management



CHANDIGARH: Intellectual Property Rights Cell of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, under the aegis of Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), organised an online workshop on "Protecting IPRs and IP Management for Start-Ups" to equip students with essential knowledge on safeguarding innovation and navigating the intellectual property landscape. The workshop featured two eminent resource persons.

The first session was conducted by Mr. Jatin Khera, IP Strategist at Winsome IP Solutions LLP, while the second session was delivered by Dr. Manoj Kumar Singh, Assistant Controller of Patents and Designs, Indian Patent Office, Delhi, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

Mr. Khera provided a comprehensive overview of the fundamentals of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs), including patents, copyrights, trademarks, and geographical indications. He elaborated on the growing significance of IPRs for start-ups and discussed key methods of IP valuation.

Sri Guru Harkrishan School Fatehabad's 8th class result excellent

SARBJOT SINGH SANDHA
KHADOOR SAHIB, APR 12



Students of Sri Guru Harkrishan School Fatehabad once again performed brilliantly in the 8th class board examination. Regarding this, school principal Mrs. Anita Chatrath said that all the students of the school passed the examination with first rank and brought glory to their school and parents. She said that 10 students scored around 90 percent and the rest of the students also scored more than 80 percent.

Komalpreet Kaur secured first place, Gursirat Kaur secured second place and Navjot Kaur secured third place. On this occasion, the students who came first in the class were honored by the school management with prizes and certificates of appreciation. The patron of the institution, Master Mangat Ram and Chairman Ravinder Kumar, also congratulated the students on this special occasion for their success and said that the credit for this success of the students goes to Principal Anita Chatrath and the entire school staff who always worked hard to bring the students to this point. On this occasion, the school principal Anita Chatrath said that while the students of the school are excelling in the academic field, the school management also makes continuous efforts from time to time for the all-round development of the students by conducting sports and other various activities. On this occasion, Mamta Madam, Kanwalpreet Kaur, Antarpreet Kaur, Indeep Madam, Baljit Kaur, Harpreet Kaur, Kirandeep Kaur, Archana Madam, Jasbir Singh, Rajnish Madam, Kulwinder Madam, Navjot Madam, Jaspreet Kaur, Komalpreet Kaur etc.

Sacred beginning of the Barsana Prakat Utsav in Chandigarh



CHANDIGARH: The seven-day Srimad Bhagwat Katha of Pundrik Goswami has begin in Chandigarh with great fanfare. A large crowd of devotees gathered at the Radha Raman Pandal, who participated in large numbers to enjoy the Katha. On this auspicious occasion, the Barsana Prakat Utsav also began, which was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the devotees. On this auspicious occasion, Pundrik Goswami's mother herself came to listen to the Katha, and the enthusiasm of the children from the Nimai Pathshala was particularly evident. All devotees experienced a deep spiritual experience during this Katha. Chandigarh MP Manish Tiwari also came to listen to the Katha today. Pundrik's mother and his wife, Maiya Renuka, also came to listen to the Katha. Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria and Jaya Kishori will also arrive tomorrow. The sacred and spiritual beginning of the Barsana Prakat Utsav in Chandigarh began with the Shrimad Bhagwat Katha. The Barsana Prakat Utsav Shri Radha Ras Bhagwat Katha will run from April 12th to April 18th. Tejasvini Foundation founder Harsh Sharma extended his best wishes to the residents of the Tricity and encouraged everyone to be a part of this sacred Katha. The organizers also met with Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria today and extended an invitation to the Katha. Vinod Sharma from Gauri Shankar Sevadal Gaushala, Chandigarh, urged the city residents to come in large numbers and benefit from the Katha. In particular, he urged the youth to cultivate their spiritual interests. This seven-day spiritual program will continue until April 18th, and will be held daily from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Entry will be free for all devotees. Free langar service is also provided all seven days.
The Katha is being organized with devotion by Gauri Shankar Sevadal Gaushala, Sector 45, Chandigarh, and Tejaswini Foundation, Panchkula, with participation from several social and religious organizations across the Tricity. Specially present today were Harsh Sharma, Vinod Sharma, Sunil Sharma, Rahul Mahajan, Rajneesh Sharma, Sumit Sharma, Ramesh Sharma, Ajay Gupta, Sunil Arora, Munish Bajaj, Tek Chand, Kamal Gupta, and children from Nimai Pathshala.

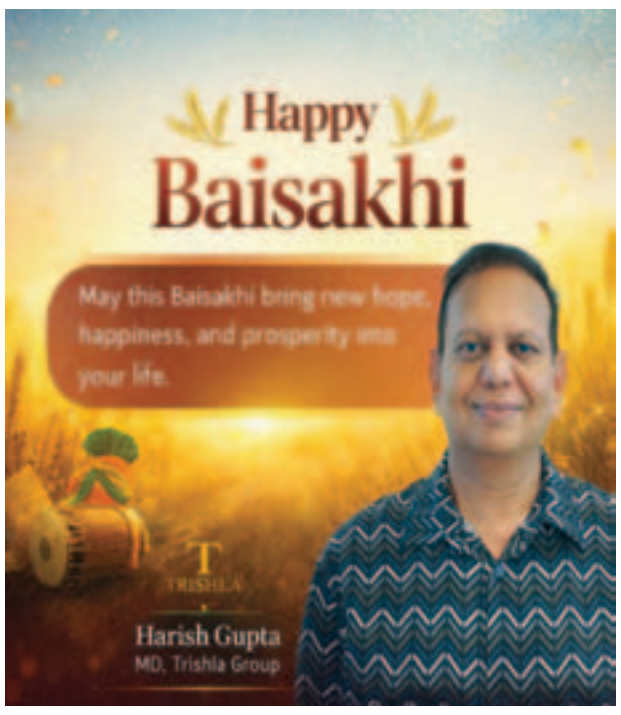
Doon World School Marks a Spiritual Start to the Academic Year

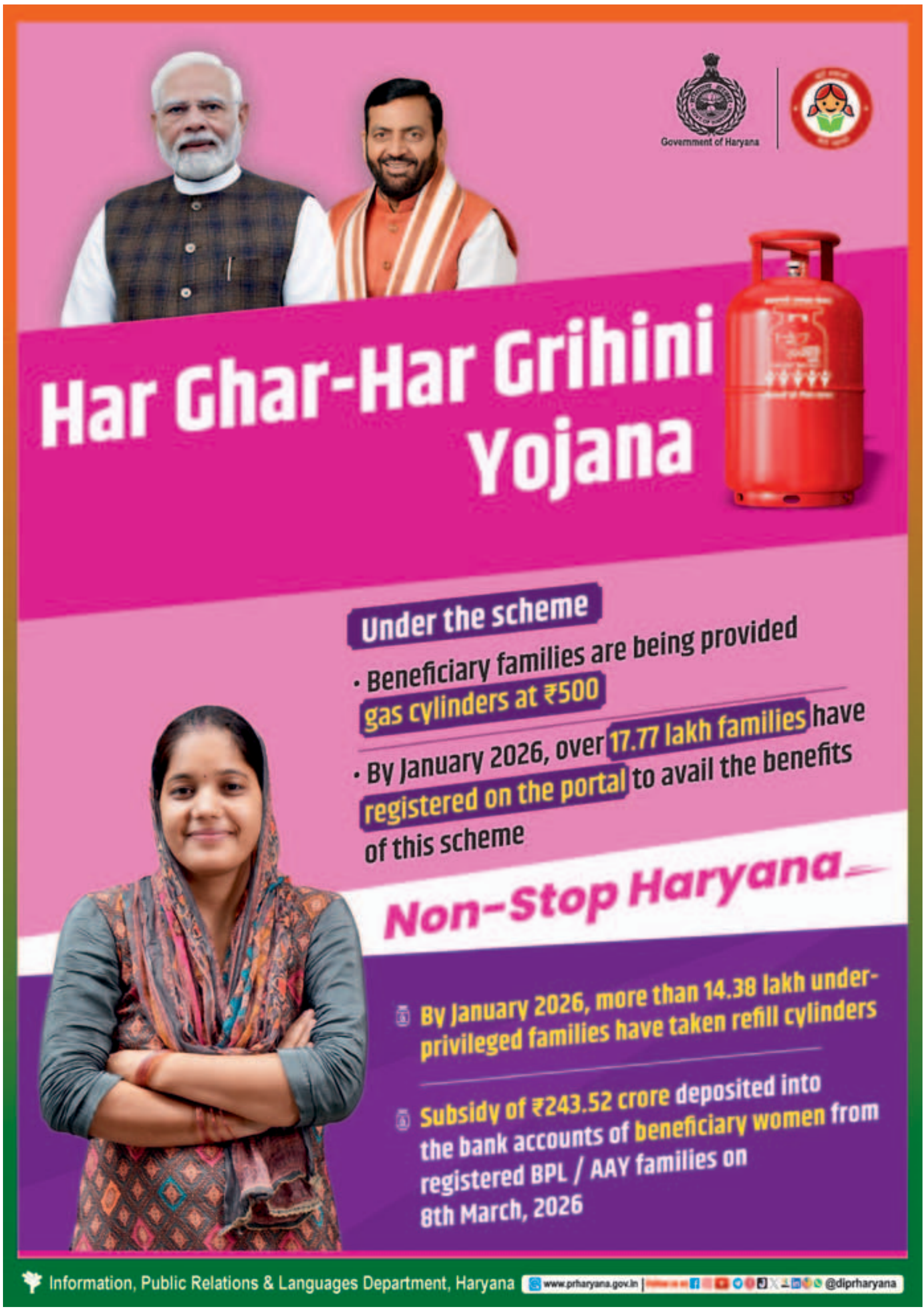
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SHAHKOT: Emphasizing the profound amalgamation of spiritual values and modern education, Doon World School, Malsian, ushered in its new academic session with the devout recitation of Shri Japji Sahib. The students exhibited



exemplary discipline as they immersed themselves in the divine recitation. During the serene ceremony, the profound meanings of the 'Mool Mantar' and the verses of 'Japji Sahib' were elucidated to the young scholars. A special discourse was held to inculcate strong moral values, urging the students to deeply respect their parents and elders, and to make it a habit to seek their daily benediction. Addressing the gathering, Managing Director Jaswant Singh Dania and Director SP Kaur underscored that true education must transcend mere textbook learning. They advocated for the equal paramountcy of moral and spiritual development alongside academic excellence, noting that such religious congregations inspire students to adopt elevated thoughts and noble ideals in life. Principal Arshdeep Kaur Ghumman motivated the scholars, stating that a new academic year heralds fresh aspirations, novel objectives, and new milestones. She exhorted the students to pursue their academic endeavors with unwavering dedication, adhere strictly to discipline, and bring laurels to their parents and mentors.





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ਸ਼ਹਿਰ ਨਿਵਾਸੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਅਪੀਲ

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L&T Finance Ltd. opens its new Gold Loan branch at Shimla



SHIMLA; L&T Finance Ltd. (LTF), one of the leading Non-Banking Financial Companies in the country, announced the opening of its new Gold Loan branch at Maple Hill Plaza, Shimla, The newly opened branch is a key addition to LTF's growing network in Himachal Pradesh, aiming to deliver best-in-class customer service and finance solutions tailored to customers' needs.

Polycab, India's No.1 Wires & Cables Company, opens Quick Service depot in Amritsar to Strengthen North India Distribution

JALANDHAR/AMRITSAR,-: Polycab India Limited, India's No.1 wires and cables company, has further strengthened its distribution infrastructure with the launch of its new 'Quick Service Depot' in Amritsar.The strategic initiative reinforces Polycab's commitment to building a robust, agile supply chain that supports faster deliveries, improved service responsiveness, and deeper market reach across Punjab & Jammu.
Commenting on the development, Mr. Ishwinder Singh Khurana, Executive President and Chief Business Officer (B2C), Polycab India Limited, said, "Strengthening our distribution network is a key strategic priority for Polycab. Punjab and Jammu are important markets for us, and the new Quick Service Depot in Amritsar complements our existing warehouse in Zirakpur, further strengthening our regional distribution infrastructure.

Amazon Launches Counterfeit Crimes Unit in India to Strengthen Consumer Protection

SHIMLA : India: Amazon today announced the expansion of its Counterfeit Crimes Unit (CCU) to India, reinforcing its global commitment to protecting consumers and brands from counterfeit goods. The unit will bring together Amazon's local experts, working closely with Indian brands, sellers, and law enforcement agencies to combat counterfeit operations and safeguard consumer trust in India's fast-growing e-commerce sector. The expansion of CCU to India reflects Amazon's commitment to preserving marketplace integrity while helping protect customers and sellers on amazon.in. The unit will focus on proactively detecting and removing counterfeit listings, safeguarding intellectual property, and enabling coordinated enforcement action against bad actors, while deepening collaboration with industry bodies and government stakeholders.

Breakthrough Defence technology SSI Vimana and Project Operion launched at SMRSC 2026

SHIMLA :SS Innovations International, the maker of India's first and only home-grown surgical robotic system, SSI Mantra, successfully hosted the Third Global SSI Multi-Specialty Robotic Surgery Conference (SMRSC) 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. On the first day, the conference witnessed participation from over 1,500 doctors and 250+ leading experts from across the world, reinforcing it's position as a premier platform for advancing robotic-assisted surgery and next-generation healthcare technologies. Building on the momentum of previous editions, SMRSC 2026 brought together global surgeons, healthcare leaders, researchers and innovators to explore the transformative potential of robotic surgery, artificial intelligence, telesurgery and mobile surgical platforms.

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

LUDHIANA:-- 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.

All-round performance from Mayur Shukla powers UP to beat Chandigarh in JPL

CHANDIGARH: An all-round performance by Mayur Shukla guided Uttar Pradesh to a convincing 27-run victory over Chandigarh in the second match of the Journalist Premier League 2026 played at Sector 16 Stadium on Saturday. Opting to bat first after winning the toss, Uttar Pradesh posted a competitive total of 161/6 in their allotted 20 overs. The innings was anchored by Prahlad Singh Mawri who played a fluent knock of 51 runs off 32 balls which was studded with eight boundaries. He was well supported by Rishi Singh Sengar (38) and Mayur Shukla (25) . Ashwani Sharma (2/25) took the maximum share of wickets from the host side. In reply, Chandigarh started steadily but failed to build momentum against a disciplined Uttar Pradesh bowling attack. Ashwani Sharma top-scored with 42 runs , but lacked support from the other end as wickets fell at regular intervals.

Unstoppable Momentum Powers BMW Group India'sBest-EverQ1

CHANDIGARH : BMW Group India has posted its highest-everQ1 carsales, registering consistently high double-digit growth in an otherwise moderate segment performance. The company sold 4,567 cars in first quarter of calendaryear 2026, achieving high growth of +17%year-on-year (YoY).Theyearstartedoffonaverypositivenotewitheverymonthrecordingitsbest-eversales. Mr.HardeepSinghBrar,PresidentandCEO,BMW GroupIndiasaid,"BMWGroupIndiahas entered 2026 in an extremely strong position. We have achieved our highest-everQ1 sales, registering solid double-digit growth, despite macroeconomic and geopolitical headwinds. Our lead in India's luxury electric mobility also continues thanks to the immense trust ourvalued customers have put in ourelectric offerings in terms ofperformance, EVecosystem and technology. We are geared to a pulsating 2026 that will be marked by our most ambitious product offensive, with 4 already launched and 23 more to go.

Sanjay Tandon highlights BJP's commitment to social inclusion and Dr Ambedkar's legacy

CHANDIGARH: Senior BJP leader Sanjay Tandon on Sunday attended a programme at the residence of Haryana Minister Krishna Bedi, where three buses carrying devotees from the tricity were flagged off for a visit to 26, Alipur Road in Delhi, one of the Panch Teerths associated with Bharat Ratna Dr BR Ambedkar, on the eve of Ambedkar Jayanti. Addressing the gathering, Tandon underscored the significance of honouring Dr Ambedkar's legacy, noting that while his contributions were long overlooked by previous governments, it was under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi that five key sites associated with his life were developed as 'Panch Teerth' including his birthplace, place of education, the place where he embraced Buddhism, residence in Delhi where he passed away & the site in Mumbai - where he was laid to rest .

CM Bhagwant Singh Mann inaugurates Sub-Divisional Complex after paying obeisance at Takht Sri Damdama Sahib



ANIL VERMA

TALWANDI SABO: Delivering a major governance upgrade at the sacred town of Talwandi Sabo, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Sunday inaugurated a state-of-the-art Sub-Divisional Complex, replacing a 40-year-old unsafe structure with a modern, citizen-centric facility built at a cost of nearly Rs 6 crore. After paying obeisance at Takht Sri Damdama Sahib, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann dedicated the three-storey complex to the public, asserting that the new building brings all essential government services, from registry to record room, under one roof with high-speed digital connectivity.
The complex, equipped with 28 rooms, houses Easy Registry, SDM and Tehsildar courts, Fard centre, treasury office, record room, and other key facilities, along with an elevator and modern infrastructure designed to ensure efficiency and public convenience.

CM Bhagwant Singh Mann emphasised that the previous building had become dangerously dilapidated, posing constant risk to life and property, and said the new complex would significantly enhance transparency, speed, and ease of access for residents of Talwandi Sabo and nearby villages.

Taking to X, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated: "Today, at the sacred land of Talwandi Sabo, the new Sub-Divisional Complex was inaugurated and dedicated to the public. In place of the 40-year-old dilapidated building, this modern complex has been constructed at a cost of approximately 6 crore."

He noted, "This three-story building houses 28 rooms, where all essential facilities—including the SDM Court, Tehsildar Court, Fard Center, Record Room, Treasury Office, and Canteen—are available under one roof. Every office has been connected with high-speed internet, and an elevator has also been arranged for the convenience of the people."

"This complex will prove to be a boon for the people of Talwandi Sabo and surrounding villages, enabling government services to be accessed now with speed, transparency, and without any inconvenience. On this path of development, we are fully committed to serving the public," the post concluded.

After dedicating the newly constructed Sub-Divisional Complex to the people at the historic land sanctified by the footsteps of Sri Guru Gobind Singh ji, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated that the project reflects the Punjab Government's commitment to strengthening grassroots governance by delivering modern, citizen-centric infrastructure. "The previous Sub-Divisional Complex building was around 40 years old and in a very dilapidated condition," said CM Bhagwant Singh Mann. "An amount of 6 crore has been spent on constructing the new complex, which has a total covered area of 3,000 square feet."

He added, "The three-storey building consists of 28 rooms and includes facilities such as an office for easy registration, SDM court, Tehsildar court, Fard centre, record room, treasury office, and a canteen."

Traditional fervour marks Baisakhi celebrations at RBU

L K BANSAL

MOHALI: The Rayat Bahra University came alive with vibrant colours and festive spirit as the University School of Social Sciences and Education organized a cultural event titled "Creative Souls: Celebrating Cultural Goals – A Festive Fusion" to mark the occasion of Baisakhi. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from students who presented a variety of traditional performances, including Ladakhi and Rajasthani folk dances, as well as energetic Gidha and Bhangra. The performances highlighted the rich cultural diversity of India and captivated the audience with their liveliness and grace.



Students dressed in traditional attire added to the festive ambiance, transforming the auditorium into a celebration of heritage and unity. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Inderpreet Kaur (Dean) emphasized the importance of preserving cultural values and promoting inclusivity through such events.

The NSS Department of Sanghera College started the 'Poshan Mah'

BARNALA:- Under the guidance of the NSS Department of Punjabi University Patiala, under the able leadership of the President of the institution, Mr. Bhola Singh Virk, under the able leadership of Principal Dr. Sarabjit Singh Kular, under the supervision of NSS Program Officers Prof. Mandeep Kaur, Prof. Mithu Pathak, Prof. Manpreet Kaur, Dr. Nirpal Singh, Poshan Mah is being celebrated from 9-4-2026 to 23-4-26, which was started by the NSS Department of Sanghera College in a very good manner, during which the department visited 14 different Anganwadi centers at the beginning of this month and visited the maternal and child ward of Civil Hospital Barnala and met with experts Dr. Sahibana, in which they met with pediatric specialist Dr. Akuns Ji and got information about the food and other details of children. For which the team under the supervision of Program Officer Madam Mandeep Kaur and Prof. Mithu Pathak along with volunteers conducted this survey and prepared the report. According to the information received, this Poshan Mah activity will continue till 23-4-2026 during which a rally will be taken out for Poshan Mah awareness, a seminar will be organized, chart competitions will be organized and people will be made aware by going to the settlements, etc., which has started in a very grand manner. On this occasion, apart from the Program Officers, all the volunteers participated.



First Responder Program Organized by 108 Ambulance Service at School of Eminence, Model Town, Ludhiana

LUDHIANA- A First Responder Program (FRP) was organized by the 108 Ambulance Service at School of Eminence, Model Town, Ludhiana. The objective of this program was to raise awareness among students about responding to emergency situations and to equip them with life-saving skills. More than 60 students participated in the training session, where they learned essential skills such as CPR, basic first aid, and emergency response techniques. Through practical demonstrations and interactive activities, students were made to understand how timely and calm action during a crisis can play a crucial role in saving lives. The training not only boosted their confidence but also inspired them to become responsible citizens who can step forward to help those in need during emergencies.



The training session was conducted by FRP Trainer Jaswinder Singh, who patiently demonstrated each technique and encouraged students to practice the steps themselves, ensuring they learn how to respond effectively in emergency situations. Cluster Manager Raman Kaushal, Operations Manager Jagdeep Singh, and Marketing Manager Deepak Kumar were also present during the session. They interacted with the students, shared their thoughts, and motivated them about the importance of civic responsibility and community participation. Mrs Vishawkirat Kaur Kahlon, Principal, along with Arun Kumar, Lecturer, Mrs Kulwant Pal Kaur, Maninder Kaur, Mrs Renu, and Mrs Simran Kaur were also present during the session. They supported the initiative and encouraged students to actively participate and learn these essential life-saving skills. Project Head Manish Batra said, "Our aim is to train youth in such a way that they can take quick and correct decisions in emergency situations instead of panicking. Through the First Responder Program, we are not only imparting technical knowledge but also encouraging students to become sensitive and responsible members of society, so that they can play a vital role in saving lives when needed."

Book on Military Heritage launched in Mohali



MOHALI, The Lawrence School, Sanawar showcased its landmark coffee table book "The Lawrence School, Sanawar: Military Heritage (1847–2025)", which was unveiled in Mohali on Saturday. The book celebrates the institution's rich military legacy and enduring contribution to nation-building.
The event featured insightful discussions with book's editors Major General AJS Sandhu, VSM (Retd) and Major General (Dr) Kulpreet Singh who shared the vision and extensive research behind the publication.
The gathering was attended by eminent personalities including Air Chief Marshal B.S. Dhanoa, former Chief of Airforce and Lieutenant General Bhopinder Singh, former lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands along with senior veterans, educators and students. Headmaster Himmat Singh Dhillon highlighted the school's legacy, values, and future vision, while student leaders reflected the pride of the Sanawarian community.

Tynor North India Pickleball Cup 2026 Kicks Off with High-Intensity League Matches in Mohali

MOHALI: The much-anticipated Tynor North India Pickleball Cup (NIPC) 2026 commenced on April 11 at the Parvaaaz Sports Arena, Mohali, marking the beginning of an exciting two-day competition featuring some of the top pickleball talent from across the region and other parts of India. Manvesh Singh Sidhu(IAS) , Divisional Commissioner, Ropar, participated in the opening ceremony of the tourney as the chief guest . The opening day witnessed high-energy league-stage encounters, with all 10 participating teams in action simultaneously. A total of 20 ties were played out on Day 1, with each tie comprising seven matches across diverse categories, ensuring a dynamic and competitive format. The league is divided into two pools. Pool 'A' consists of RACL Precision Kings, Skyshot Tricity Tycoons, Dwivedi Capitals, Panchkula Panthers, and Artius Tektons, while Pool 'B' includes Yes Ministers Dinkers, GB Legends, Tynor Titans, Tofu Dinkers, and Golden Spartans. League matches were played within the respective pools, setting the stage for an intense battle for qualification.



Jalandhar Heights-1 Wins AGI Weekly Cricket League Match by 35 Runs

BUNNY SODHI

JALANDHAR: Jalandhar Heights-1 registered a convincing 35-run victory over Urbana in the AGI Weekly Cricket League Championship match played at the AGI Cricket Ground, Jalandhar Heights-1, 66 Feet Road, Jalandhar. Batting first after winning the toss, Jalandhar Heights-1 posted a strong total of 132 runs. Rajveer led the innings with an impressive 54 runs, including six sixes and four fours. Sukhdev Singh contributed 36 runs, while Rohit Thapar added 20 runs. Jatinder Kumar (12), Sonu (6) and Sunny (4) also chipped in.
In reply, Urbana could manage only 97 runs. Balbir Singh scored the highest with 42 runs, followed by Gorry with 26 and Kuldeep Singh with 10 runs. Other contributors included Ishupal (8), Love (5), Jastaran (4) and Suresh (2).

Samarya creation launches Aumora music



CHANDIGARH: India's creator economy just got its most credible entry into music. Samarya Creation, the country's first company to simultaneously operate a multi-IP content production house, a creator economy platform, and an esports gaming infrastructure under one roof, today announced the formal launch of Aumora Music, an independent, artist-first music label with Guinness World Record-holding lyricist Sameer Anjaan as its founding partner. The announcement was made at a press conference at The Club, Andheri West, Mumbai, attended by Samarya Creation's leadership - Managing Director Manoj Agarwal, Chairman Sunil Goenka, Vice Chairman Narendra Ruia, and Joint Managing Director Vikas Agarwal - alongside composers and artists from across the industry. Aumora Music enters Indian music at a defining moment. Streaming algorithms dictate what gets made. Production assembly lines have replaced craft. New voices struggle to find homes that believe in them long enough to let them grow. Aumora's answer is deliberate and structural, a label built on philosophy before commerce, co-creation before control, and an absolute conviction that a song must mean something before it can mean anything to an audience.

Bhoomi Poojan Held Ahead of Shrimad Bhagwat Katha in Chandigarh



CHANDIGARH: A sacred and spiritual event, the Barsana Prakat Utsav (Shri Radha Ras Bhagwat Katha), is taking place in Chandigarh. The seven-day Shrimad Bhagwat Katha will begin on April 12th, and for the first time, the Barsana Prakat Utsav will be held at Chandigarh's Sector 17 Circus Ground. The Katha will be narrated by Pundrik Swami, known for his deep devotion and inspiring words. A day before the Katha, a grand bhoomi poojan was held, with devotees participating, filling the Sector 17 Circus Ground with a devotional atmosphere. Tomorrow, on April 12th, a Kalash Yatra will also be held, in which devotees will walk with Kalash throughout the city with devotion. This event will be a divine and spiritual experience for everyone, one that everyone will cherish. This Katha holds special significance because for the first time, children with hearing and speech impairments will be participating in the Katha, and a translator will be present to explain the language of the Katha. A circumambulation path will be built from the Kadam tree to the Katha site, and two Yamuna Kunds are also being constructed. The temples of the Ashta Sakhis and the special secrets of Braj have also been incorporated into the Katha, making it even more spiritual and unique. A special initiative will also be undertaken during the Shrimad Bhagwat Katha. Rahul Mahajan, on behalf of the Organic Lion Foundation, will distribute five thousand saplings, which will be a special part of the Katha and will convey the message of environmental awareness. This seven-day spiritual program will run until April 18th, and will be held daily from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Entry will be free for all devotees. The Katha is being organized with devotion by Gauri Shankar Sevadal Gaushala, Sector 45 Chandigarh, Tejaswini Foundation Panchkula and Trace Lounge, in which many social and religious organizations of Tricity are participating.

Festive Cheer at CP67 Mall as Kids Celebrate Baisakhi



MUKESH CHAUHAN

ZIRAKPUR : CP67 Mall turned into a vibrant celebration space as students from Annie's Kindergarten visited the mall to experience the festive spirit of Baisakhi. The young learners were welcomed into a thoughtfully curated Baisakhi setup that beautifully captured the essence of Punjab's rich cultural heritage. Surrounded by traditional décor and festive elements, the children got an engaging glimpse into the significance of the harvest festival. Adding to the excitement, the students participated in a series of fun-filled games and interactive activities, making the experience both enjoyable and educational. The initiative aimed to introduce them to the true spirit of Baisakhi—joy, gratitude and togetherness. A key highlight of the visit was the art and craft session organized at CP67, where children showcased their creativity through colorful Baisakhi-themed creations. The activity encouraged self-expression while helping them connect with cultural traditions in a meaningful way. The visit proved to be a perfect blend of learning and celebration, leaving the children with joyful memories and a deeper appreciation for Indian traditions. Sharing his thoughts, Umang Jindal, CEO of Homeland Group, said, "At CP67, we are committed to creating experiences that bring communities together. Celebrating Baisakhi with young children is especially meaningful, as it helps nurture cultural awareness in a fun and engaging way. We are delighted to host such initiatives that celebrate our traditions and create lasting memories."

Archana Puran Singh reveals her "kanjusi" habit for environmental reasons



CHANDIGARH : In the upcoming episode of Wheel of Fortune, actress Archana Puran Singh recently shared a meaningful insight into her habit of being 'kanjoos,' explaining that it actually comes from her concern for the environment. During a conversation, she spoke about how she avoids wasting everyday items. Archana said, "Jab restaurant mein jaate hain na, itna bada tissue leke aate hain, thoda use karke fek dete hain. Main thoda sa aadha use karti hoon aur baaki tissue main nahi fekti, main apne bag mein rakh leti hoon. Phir lipstick nikalne ke liye ya kuch pochne ke liye use karti hoon. So this is my kanjusi. Koi purani cheez ho jaye, use fekna nahi hai uska jhadan bana lo, pocha bana lo." Hearing this, actor Akshay Kumar couldn't resist cracking a joke. Referring to Archana's husband Parmeet Sethi, he joked, "Parmeet ji ke saath inki shaadi kitne saalon se hai koi bhi purani cheez hai, kabhi koi purani cheez fekna nahi hai." Archana further added that she still has clothes that are 25–30 years old. She said people often tell her to throw them away because fashion changes, but she believes fashion always comes back. "Mere paas kapde hain 25 se 30 saal purane. Log bolte hain fek do, fashion change ho jata hai, lekin fashion wapas bhi aata hai yaar.

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Filing of nomination paper:
30.04.2026, 10.00 am to 11.00 am
Polling (if necessary):
04.05.2026, 10.30 am to 03.00 pm
Venue: In Parking near main gate
(President)

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Draw Time: 05:00 PM ONWARDS DATE:12/04/2026
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MRP Rs 50/- Per Ticket

1st Prize Amount (1) Rs. 15 Lakhs (On 5 digits with series)
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New Ward delimitation in Doraha likely to shake up municipal politics, setback for sitting councillors

AMRISH ANAND
DORAHA: Ahead of the upcoming Municipal Council Doraha elections, the newly implemented ward delimitation in Doraha City has intensified political activity, with major implications for existing councillors. The redrawing of ward boundaries is expected to pose a significant challenge for several sitting representatives, potentially disrupting their established voter base.According to sources, the reorganization of wards has altered traditional political strongholds, as areas previously dominated by certain councillors have now been divided or merged into different wards. This shift is likely to change electoral dynamics, making it difficult for many long-standing leaders to retain their winning streak.Political observers believe that the new delimitation will make the electoral contest more competitive and unpredictable. Several councillors who have enjoyed repeated victories may now face stiff challenges, with their "winning momentum" likely to slow down, and in some cases, even result in electoral defeat.

NEWS BRIEF

Punjabis hoist flag again, Arvinder Khosa becomes 'Canada Cricket' President

TAPINDER SINGH
FEROZEPUR: Punjabis living in the world once again raised their heads with pride when Arvinder Singh Khosa succeeded in winning the election for the President of Cricket Canada. Sharing information with the press here today, State and National Award winner Gurnam Sidhu Gama, who



was the physical education teacher of Arvinder Singh Khosa, said that Arvinder Singh Khosa alias Afridi is a native of village Kotha Amberhar in Ferozepur. He started playing cricket due to the inspiration of his father Late Nishan Singh Khosa and uncle Sukhwant Singh Khosa (former Senior Assistant, Office of Deputy Commissioner Ferozepur).

Those opposing Vande Mataram should leave country: Yogi Adityanath

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday made strong political remarks during a Vijay Sankalp Rally in Nandakumar, saying "those opposing Vande Mataram should leave the country", while launching a sharp attack on the West Bengal government over alleged issues of governance, law and order, and "appeasement politics."Addressing the gathering, Yogi Adityanath said, "Those opposing Vande Mataram should leave the country."He said he had come from Uttar Pradesh, a land associated with Lord Ram, Lord Ram, Mahadev and Krishna, I have come to the land which has the national song and anthem," he said.Yogi Adityanath also highlighted West Bengal's historical and cultural importance, calling it a guiding force for the nation.He recalled the contributions of several national icons, including Swami Vivekananda, Khudiram Bose, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, and Dr Syama Prasad Mukherjee, stating their legacy continues to inspire India's national spirit. Referring to Dr Mukherjee's ideology, he said, "Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee had said that there cannot be two laws in one nation, and that dream has been fulfilled under Prime Minister Narendra Modi."The Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister also referred to the abrogation of Article 370, calling it a long-pending ideological goal that has been achieved.Targeting the Trinamool Congress (TMC), Yogi Adityanath alleged that Bengal has witnessed deterioration in governance and increasing political violence.

Mahadev, and Krishna, to West Bengal, which also holds deep national significance."From the land of Uttar Pradesh, the holy place of

Amid speculation over next CM, Samrat Choudhary visits Nitish Kumar at Patna

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Amid speculation over the next Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary on Sunday visited Nitish Kumar's residence in Patna, while the people of the state wait for an announcement over their new leader. While no official announcement has been made, it is speculated that the next Chief Minister will be from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). However, disagreement has continued within the JD(U), ever since party workers protested Nitish Kumar's move to Rajya Sabha too. Certain members of the JD(U) have instead demanded Nishant Kumar, Nitish Kumar's son to take up the mantle.

On Sunday morning, Janata Dal (United) workers put up posters around Patna calling for Nitish Kumar's son, Nishant Kumar, to be the "future CM of Bihar"."Nitish sevaks, we do not need a bulldozer, nor riots-unrest in Bihar. We need loknayak, it is time for him to come out of the shadow, we need youth leader Nishant Kumar," read the poster in Hindi, while having pictures of multiple party leaders.

Vajra Corps inter formation hockey championship concludes in Jalandhar



PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR: The Inter Formation Hockey Championship, hosted by Vajra Corps at the Vajra Astroturf Hockey Stadium (VAHS), Jalandhar Cantt from 06 to 11 April 2026, concluded today with a grand closing ceremony marked by high sporting spirit and military camaraderie. The championship witnessed intense and competitive matches among participating formations, showcasing exceptional athleticism, teamwork, and determination of the troops. The tournament culminated in a thrilling final, reflecting the highest standards of discipline and sportsmanship synonymous with the Indian Army. The closing ceremony was graced by Lieutenant General Amit Kabthiyal, YSM, SM, General Officer Commanding Vajra Corps in the presence of senior military dignitaries, eminent personalities, and distinguished guests, including renowned hockey players, who lauded the participants for their spirited performances and commitment to excellence. The winning team was felicitated with the championship trophy, while individual awards were presented to outstanding players for their exceptional performances during the tournament. Addressing the gathering, the chief guest commended all participating teams for their dedication, resilience, and competitive spirit. He emphasized that such sporting events play a vital role in fostering physical fitness, esprit-de-corps, and inter-formation bonding, which are essential for operational effectiveness. The championship reaffirmed Vajra Corps' commitment to promoting sportsmanship, nurturing talent, and strengthening the ethos of teamwork and excellence among its ranks.

PPS Nabha emerges as top performer at Delhi horse show



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA: The Delhi Horse Show, held at the Army Polo and Riding Club under the esteemed 61 Cavalry from March 25 to April 5, 2026, witnessed spirited competition among 25 teams from prestigious schools across the country. The contingent from The Punjab Public School, Nabha, comprising 19 skilled riders, participated with exemplary commitment and competitive spirit. PPS Nabha delivered a stellar performance, securing an impressive 77 medals-27 Gold, 12 Silver, 21 Bronze, and 17 Copper across various equestrian events, marking one of the school's strongest showings at the championship. Headmaster Dr DC Sharma congratulated the riding team and lauded the Riding Coach Mr Ragwinder Singh for their outstanding efforts. He commended the excellence demonstrated by the students and expressed confidence that such high standards will continue to be upheld in the years ahead.

Academic session commences at State Public School



MEHARJOT SINGH
SHAHKOT: Seeking divine benediction for the institution's sustained prosperity and the well-being of its students, State Public School, Shahkot, ushered in its new academic session with the devout recitation of Sri Sukhmani Sahib. The sacred verses were reverently recited by Bhai Amritpal Singh, Head Granthi of Gurdwara Guru Nanak Niwas, Azad Nagar. Invoking the Almighty's blessings, the school's leadership—comprising President Dr. Narotam Singh, Vice President Dr. Gagandeep Kaur, and Principal Dr. Kanwar Neel Kamal—along with students from all grades, bowed in profound reverence before Sri Guru Granth Sahib. Elevating the ethereal ambiance of the ceremony, the students rendered a soul-stirring Kirtan. The congregation was deeply enthralled by their melodious and devotional recitation of sacred hymns, including 'Nanak Naam Milai Taa Jeeva', 'Kar Kirpa Tere Gun Gawa', and 'Koi Bole Ram Ram Koi Khudae'.



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