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US woman alleges rape at Karnataka homestay, two held

KODAGU : A woman from the United States has alleged that she was sexually assaulted at a homestay in Kodagu district of Karnataka, prompting police to arrest two suspects, including a homestay worker and the property owner. According to the complaint, the incident took place at a homestay in Kutta village. The accused worker, identified as Vrushesh Kumar, a native of Jharkhand, is alleged to have sexually assaulted the woman while working at the establishment. Police said the homestay owner has also been booked for allegedly attempting to suppress the incident. He is accused of disconnecting WiFi services at the homestay for three days, which allegedly prevented the victim from contacting anyone during that period.

Rape-murder accused killed in Ghaziabad encounter

GHAZIABAD (UP): The family of a 55-year-old man accused of raping and killing his four-year-old niece has refused to claim his body after he was killed in a police encounter in Ghaziabad, with locals also expressing support for the police action. The accused, Jasim, was wanted for the rape and murder of the girl, whose body was found concealed in a car in the Shalimar Garden area. Jasim was killed late Sunday night during an encounter in the Teela Mod police station area when he allegedly opened fire while trying to evade arrest.

Atal Pension Yojana enrolments surpass 9 crore

NEW DELHI: The Atal Pension Yojana (APY) has crossed total gross enrolments of 9 crore subscribers as of April 21, 2026, while enrolments during FY 2025-26 exceeded 1.35 crore, the highest-ever addition in a single financial year since the scheme's launch, the Finance Ministry said on Monday. The ministry said that the scheme administered by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority is a flagship social security initiative of the Government of India aimed at expanding pension coverage, particularly among workers in the unorganised sector. The release stated that the Atal Pension Yojana, launched in May 2015, is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme focused on the poor and underprivileged. The government said the scheme's growth over the past

Punjab's Anti-Sacrilege law challenged in HC

CHANDIGARH: A fresh legal challenge has been mounted against the Jagat Jot Sri Guru Granth Sahib Salkar (Amendment) Act, 2026, with a petition filed before the Punjab and Haryana High Court seeking its quashing. The case is yet to be listed for hearing. The petition has been moved by Jalandhar resident Simranjeet Singh (43), who has appeared in person to contest the constitutional validity of the recently enacted law. The amendment legislation was cleared by the Punjab Assembly earlier this month, received the Governor's approval on April 17, 2026, and was officially notified on April 20. At the heart of the plea is the argument that the law lacks mandatory Presidential assent as required under Article 254(2) of the Constitution. The petitioner has contended that since the Act introduces criminal provision, including life imprisonment under Section 5(3), it falls within the Concurrent List, thereby necessitating approval from the President.

All eyes set on Tamil Nadu, West Bengal; voting today

AGENCY NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

Assembly elections in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal will be held on Thursday. In Tamil Nadu, polling will be held in a single phase for all the 234 Assembly constituencies in the state. Our correspondent reports that there are over five crore 73 lakh 43 thousand voters in the state. In West Bengal Assembly elections will be held in 152 seats covering 16 districts tomorrow. Our correspondent reports that one thousand four hundred seventy-eight candidates are contesting the elections in this phase. The second phase of polling in the West Bengal Assembly elections will be held next Wednesday.

The Trinamool Congress, officially known as the All India Trinamool Congress, has been in power in West Bengal for the past 15 years. It was founded by Mamata Banerjee in 1998 as a breakaway faction of the Indian National Congress and rapidly rose to prominence in the politics of West Bengal under her leadership. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee-led TMC claims they are pro-Bengali sentiment, pro-development, and working tirelessly for the benefits of people of Bengal with the maximum strength in the state assembly. Apart from the leadership of Mamata Banerjee, Trinamool has its organisational strength in the grassroots, which they consider one of their main pillars. In 2021, the Trinamool Congress won 213 of the state's 294 seats in a landslide



victory, its highest tally in the House. In terms of vote share, it registered an all-time high of 47.9% of votes. During the 2021 election, the party rebuilt its connections to the masses with projects like 'Didi ke Bolo' and slogans like 'Khele Hobo'. Poll pundits believe Trinamool's masterstroke was the monthly beneficiary 'Lakhmi Bhandar' scheme for women, which made her chief minister of Bengal for the third consecutive time. Trinamool, with the firebrand leadership of Mamata Banerjee and her nephew and Lok Sabha MP Abhishek Banerjee, is again a key party in the 2026 election. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was born in 1980 out of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh party, an offshoot of the far-right Hindu nationalist organisation, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). After the 2016 Bengal assembly election, the party gradually emerged as the

main opposition in the state, sidelining Bengal's conventional Left-Congress duo against Mamata Banerjee. During 2021, the BJP could only win 77 seats, with a large section of Muslims and progressive Hindus reportedly refusing to support the party's hardline Hindu politics. The party also failed to strengthen its grassroots and portray a convincing layout of its leadership against Mamata Banerjee. Some also blame the BJP's factional fights for its defeat in 2021. In the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP bettered its tally and won 12 seats in Bengal. This time the BJP, under the state leadership of Samik Bhattacharya and senior leaders like Suvendu Adhikari and Sukanta Majumdar, hopes they will be able to form the government in Bengal, making history.

Punjab all set to have Centre of Excellence for Basmati to push crop diversification: CM

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, APRIL 22

Punjab is set to take a major step towards crop diversification and sustainable agriculture. With strenuous efforts of CM Bhagwant Singh Mann, the establishment of a Centre of Excellence for Basmati has been secured during his ongoing visit to the Netherlands. The initiative is aimed at strengthening farmers' incomes and reducing overdependence on the wheat-paddy cycle.

As part of his visit, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann explored best practices in agriculture and industry to benefit Punjab's farmers, who have played a key role in making the country self-reliant in food production. The Chief Minister noted, "For the sake of the nation, farmers in Punjab have overexploited the state's fertile land and water resources, making it essential to shift away from the wheat-paddy cycle." He pointed out, "For the sake of the nation, the farmers of the state have overexploited its only available natural resources in terms of fertile land and water due to which the need of hour is to bring the farmers out of the rut of wheat-paddy circle." Emphasising the way forward, he added, "For this purpose a major push is needed to crop diversification in the state adding that Netherlands can duly help the state a lot in this noble cause."



During his visit to the LT Foods facility in Rotterdam, the company shared its global presence across more than 80 countries and strong linkage with over one lakh farmers. The visit focused on sustainable farming practices and expanding Punjab's basmati footprint globally. Stressing the importance of aligning with international standards, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated, "There is a need for sustainable farming, including reducing pesticide usage to meet international standards and to promote basmati rice in the international market." Following this engagement, LT Foods gave consent to establish a Centre of Excellence for Basmati Rice in Punjab, along with a pilot for assured procurement and low-pesticide cultivation. CM Bhagwant Singh Mann also called for expediting collaboration between Dutch multinationals and Punjab Agricultural University for research and sustainable agriculture practices. Highlighting the economic challenges in farming, he said, "With the squeezing margins of profit, agriculture is no longer a profitable proposition due to which farmers are facing a lot of problems for their basic subsistence." He further noted, "The production potential of the available technology of the crops had already been nearly exploited."

Iran's IRGC claims seizure of 2 vessels in Hormuz following US ceasefire extension

TEHRAN: Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) on Wednesday claimed that its naval forces seized two vessels in the Strait of Hormuz, alleging that the vessels violated its territorial waters and tried to exit the strategic waterway without authorisation from Tehran. This comes just hours after US President Donald Trump announced an indefinite extension of a temporary ceasefire. In a statement as reported by Iranian state media, Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB), the two ships - identified as "MSC-FRAN-ESCA" and "EPAMINODES" - were allegedly involved in violations while transiting the strategic waterway. The IRGC, in its statement, stated that the vessels were attempting to exit the strait without authorisation, accusing them of repeated infractions, including tampering with navigational aid systems and endangering maritime security. "In line with the intelligent control of the Strait of Hormuz, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy this morning identified two violating ships named 'MSC-FRAN-ESCA', belonging to the Zionist regime and the violating vessel 'EPAMINODES', which were attempting to secretly exit the Strait of Hormuz without authorisation by committing repeated violations and tampering with navigational aid systems and jeopardising maritime security," the statement read as quoted by IRIB. The statement further claimed that the vessels were intercepted following intelligence monitoring by IRGC forces and subsequently escorted into Iranian territorial waters, and that the vessels have been transferred for inspection of their cargo and documentation. The IRGC Navy further emphasised that it maintains "intelligent control" over the strait and reiterated that any actions deemed to violate Iran's maritime regulations or disrupt safe passage through the waterway would be closely monitored.



The IRGC Navy reiterates that any action to disrupt the implementation of the Islamic Republic of Iran's announced rules for traffic in the Strait of Hormuz, as well as any activity contrary to the safe passage of this strategic waterway, will be continuously monitored by the IRGC Navy.

India will never bow to any form of terror: PM on Pahalgam attack anniversary

AGENCY NEW DELHI, APRIL 22

On the first anniversary of the Pahalgam terror attack, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday asserted that India will never bow to any form of terror and the heinous designs of terrorists will never succeed. The Pakistan-based terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba carried out an attack at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir on this day last year, killing 26 innocent people, mostly tourists from across India. "Remembering the innocent lives lost in the gruesome Pahalgam terror attack on this day last year. They will never be forgotten," Modi said in a post on X. The Prime Minister said his thoughts are also with the bereaved

families as they cope with this loss. "As a nation, we stand united in grief and resolve. India will never bow to any form of terror. The heinous designs of terrorists will never succeed," he said. After the Pahalgam terror attack, India carried out a retaliatory military offensive against Pakistan named Operation Sindoor, in which Indian armed forces destroyed military and terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan Occupied Kashmir. In his message, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said the entire nation stands united against terrorism. "India will never ever forget their sacrifice and the anguish of their families, nor will it ever forgive the perpetrators of this cowardly act," he said in a post in Hindi.



"The memory of the innocent lives so ruthlessly snatched away continues to shake our hearts to this day. The grief of the martyrs' families is a grief shared by us all," he said. "The martyrdom of these sons of

Special Session of Haryana Assembly on April 27

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, APRIL 22

A meeting of the Haryana Cabinet was held on Wednesday in Gurgaon under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini. It was decided to convene a special session of the Haryana Legislative Assembly on April 27, 2026. During this session, the Haryana Clerical Services Bill will be introduced to facilitate promotions for Group D employees. Addressing a press conference after the meeting, the Chief Minister said that the Cabinet has agreed to frame necessary rules for the promotion of Group D employees in the common cad-

re. These employees have completed more than five years of service and are



now eligible for promotion to the post of Clerk. Accordingly, the draft of the Haryana Clerical Services (Recruit-

ment and Conditions of Service) Bill, 2026 has been approved. The draft bill proposes to increase the promotion quota from Group D to the post of Clerk from 20 percent to 30 percent. Additionally, a provision has been included to mandatorily keep 5 percent ex-gratia posts. Responding to a question, the Chief Minister said that everyone witnessed how opposition parties in the Lok Sabha tried to hinder the progress of India's women and crushed their aspirations. What happened in Parliament has exposed the true face of Congress and its allies before the nation. These parties have once again proven that when it comes to granting rights to

women, their real character is anti-women and power-hungry. He added that the opposition's narrow mindset towards women has been revealed, as they want to confine women within four walls. The Chief Minister said that today's India is reaching new heights through women's leadership and participation. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi, women empowerment has been given the highest priority, enabling women to play leading roles in every sector. He said that Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi launched the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign in 2015 from the land of Panipat.

Kedarnath Dham opens; devotees witness spiritual fervour

RUDRAPRAYAG : A remarkable confluence of faith, devotion, and spirituality was witnessed today at Kedarnath Dham as the sacred doors of Lord Kedarnath were ceremonially opened for devotees amid full rituals and traditions. On this auspicious occasion, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami visited the shrine and participated in the prayers. Marking the opening of the temple, Chief Minister Dhami performed special prayers with Vedic chants and complete rituals. During the ceremony, he took a solemn pledge and offered the first prayer in the name of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He prayed to Lord Shiva for the happiness, prosperity, and well-being of the people of the state. Thousands of devotees from across the country and abroad gathered at Kedarnath Dham to witness the historic moment. As the temple doors opened, the

premises resonated with chants of "Har Har Mahadev," creating a deeply spiritual atmosphere. The devotees' faces reflected immense faith and joy. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami stated that Kedarnath Dham, along with the Char Dham, represents the spiritual identity of Uttarakhand. He reaffirmed that the state government is fully committed to ensuring a safe, smooth, and well-organised pilgrimage experience for all devotees. He added that he is personally reviewing arrangements regularly to ensure that no pilgrim faces inconvenience. The Chief Minister also directed officials to maintain high standards in travel routes, healthcare services, drinking water, cleanliness, and security arrangements. He emphasised that, given the increasing number of pilgrims, all necessary preparations must be completed on time.

BJP leaders meet ECI, demand strict action against Kharge for calling PM 'terrorist'



UNI NEW DELHI: A delegation of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) met the Election Commission of India (ECI) on Wednesday, demanding strict action against Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge over his remarks calling Prime Minister Narendra Modi "a terrorist." While talking to the reporters after the meeting, the Parliamentary Affairs Minister, Kiren Rijju, said that calling the Prime Minister a terrorist is a crime and demanded EC to take "strict action," seeking an apology from the Congress President. Describing the incidence as a "national issue," Rijju said, "This is not a BJP issue but an issue for the entire nation." He further added that no political party has ever touched that level of disrespect as Congress, and used such abusive language against the Prime Minister. "We have requested the Commission that if any political party in the country uses such language, it is not our party's or the government's business, but a despicable act against democracy and weakens it in many ways. We demanded that strict action must be taken and that Mallikarjun Kharge, the Congress Party, apologise to the people of the country," Rijju added. BJP leader said that EC had taken cognisance of the matter after listening to us, and has assured that appropriate action will be taken. The Parliamentary Affairs Minister also affirmed that under the PM's leadership, all terrorists shall be eliminated, while the Congress will be punished by the people. "The investigation that EC has to do is different. But the terrorists who fight against our country will be finished under the leadership of the same PM Modi."

the nation will forever remain indelible in the soul of India," Mr. Gandhi said. The entire nation stood united against terrorism and violence, stands united today, and it will always remain so, he asserted. "India will never bow before forces that seek to spread hatred and fear; we will stand against them with even greater strength, unity, and resolve. Jai Hind," Mr. Gandhi said in his post. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said the spirit of India stands unbroken and united against every act of terrorism. The Congress chief paid tributes to those killed in the attack and also saluted the valour and sacrifice of the armed forces, who fought with unbridled determination and fortitude during Operation Sindoor.

I, Vinod Gautam S/o Sh. Jeet Ram R/o H. no- 49, Shanti Niketan, Ambala City, Tehsil and Distt Ambala have changed my name from Vinod Gautam to Vinod Kumar.

78645

I, Lanke Prashant Gangadhar S/O Shri Gangadhar, R/o Belkoni BK, Nanded, Maharashtra-431710, declare that I have changed my daughter's name from Khushi to Khushi Prashant Lanke for all purposes.

400014

I, Harnek Singh S/o Gurdial Singh, Resident of Village Marauri, Tehsil Samana, District Patiala, I, have changed my name Harnik Singh To Harnek Singh.

50008

PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Ranjit Kaur W/o Jasbir Singh, Police line road, Model Town, Basant Nagar, Batala, Tehsil Batala, District Gurdaspur declar That my adhaar card number is 781639902166. That date of birth written on all my documents is 02.03.1970. That now I want to change my date of birth from all my documents from 02.03.1970 to 22.11.1973.

9000

I, Ruby Goel, W/o Sh. Jatin Goel, R/o House No. 05/04/B, Tafajal Pura, Patiala, declare that my name is recorded as Ruby Goel in Aadhaar/PAN and as Ruby in my daughter's 10th Certificate. Both names refer to one and the same person. Henceforth, I shall be known as Ruby Goel for all purposes. Deponent Ruby Goel

98701

I, Jatin Goel, S/o Late Sh. Ashok Goel, R/o House No. 05/04/B, Tafajal Pura, Patiala, declare that my name is recorded as Jatin Goel in Aadhaar/PAN and as Jatin Goyal in my 10th Certificate. Both names refer to one and the same person. Henceforth, I shall be known as Jatin Goel for all purposes. Deponent Jatin Goel

98701

I Sandeep Singh S/o Gurbachan Singh Mrs. Binder Kaur R/o Manewal, Tehsil Samrala (Ludhiana) and Balwinder Kaur D/o Sukhar Singh Mrs. Satnam Kaur R/o Manewal, Machhiwara Sahib hereby given a notice that we are going to marry with each other in Embassy of India at Athens. if anyone has any objection they can notice the objection within one month of this notice.

63372

I, Kulwinder Singh Chahal S/o Dalwara Singh R/o Vill: Joga Teh & Distt. Mansa declare that my Aadhar Card, PAN Card my name Kulwinder Singh Chahal and my other documents my name Kulwinder Singh. have changed my name from Kulwinder Singh to Kulwinder Singh Chahal other documents.

63372

I, Janak Raj Singh S/o S. Mukhtiar Singh, R/o # 27177, Street Number 9, Guru Amar Das Nagar, Dist. Bathinda, Punjab (Adhar No. 2444 2143 8930) Heary declare that Both the Names i.e., Janak Singh and Janak Raj Singh are mine and I am known by Both Names. Please note it all.

63372

I, No. 3007763P Rank Hav (INFSOL) Name Bhagirath of (Unit) 21 Rajput, C/O 56 APO, Resident of Village Uchchain PO. Uchain, District Bharatpur, State Rajasthan 321302. Hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from Youvraj TO Yuvraj Singh and Date of birth From 10/12/2008 To 10/09/2008. Due to wrongly entered in my service record. Both names and DOB Pertains to one and the same person. Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB42526538611200Y Dated 22/04/2026 Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it.

63372

We, Swaran Singh S/o Sardar Singh & Satwinder Kaur W/o Swaran Singh and Shaminder Pal Singh S/o Swaran Singh R/o Farm Kawattan Premtura Kaitthal Haryana-136033 declare that our daughter/sister Rupinder Kaur is out of our control. We disown with her from our moveable/immovable property. If anybody dealing with her at his/her own risk.

63372

I, NO. 3007783P Rank Hav (INFSOL) Name Bhagirath of (Unit) 21 Rajput, C/O 56 APO, Resident of Village Uchchain PO. Uchain, District Bharatpur, State Rajasthan 321302. Hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name From Khushbu TO Khushi. Due to wrongly entered in my service record. Both names Pertains to one and the same person. Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB42525956780072Y Dated 22/04/2026 Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it.

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I, Gurvinder Kaur W/o Amandeep Singh, resident of Village Balliawal, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab, hereby declare that my correct name is Gurvinder Kaur. In the school records of my daughter Anshnoor Kaur Bhatti, my name has been wrongly mentioned as Gurvinder Kaur. Both names refer to one and the same person, i.e., myself. Henceforth, I shall be known as Gurvinder Kaur for all purposes.

63372

I, Suman Devi, son of Shawki Ram, resident of village Mataur, Tehsil Sri Anandpur Sahib, District Rupnagar, state that both my Suman Devi and Soma Devi are the names of the same person.

50008

I, Jalumuru Apparao Father Of Rama Rao Jalumuru R/o 1-3, Pedda Veedhi, Nandigam Mandalam, Vtc Mondray Avalasa, Po Dimilada, Distt Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh-532212. Have Changed Name From Apparao To Jalumuru Apparao As Per Aadhar Card

900028

I, Armaanpret Singh S/o Gurpreet Singh Resident of Village Kot Sidhu PO Karyal tehsil Ajnala Distt Punjab have Changed my name from Armaanpret Singh to Armaanpret Singh Sidhu

72737

I Varinder Kumar S/o Kasturi Lal R/o Guru Nanak Nagar Giddarbaha Have Changed My Name Binder Kumar Alias Varinder Kumar To Varinder Kumar

62647

I Prabhnoor Gill S/o Late. Paramjit Singh R/o H.No. 161, Moti Nagar, Maqsudana, Jalandhar-144008, Punjab, have changed my name from Prabhnoor Gill to Prabhnoor Singh Gill in which given name Prabhnoor Singh and surname as Gill. All concerned please note.

524473

In the Court of Sh. Rajesh Kumar Ahuja Assistant Collector Grade-I Cum-Naib Tehsildar, Machhiwara Sahib(Ludhiana) Public Notice Subject: Publication notice in partition case as per Section 111 of Land Revenue Act, 1887. Partition case Nos. Case No. 49/Partition, 50/Partition, 51/Partition, 52/Partition, 53/Partition, 54/Partition Dated 14.05.2024 of land falling in the revenue estate of Village Baisral Kalan Hadbast No. 9, Sub-Teh. Machhiwara Sahib, Tehsil Samrala, Distt. Ludhiana. Khewal No. 164/164, 93/89, 201/210, 180/179, 95/91, 182/181 Jamabandi Year 2018-2019 Jasvir Kaur D/o Gyan Singh S/o Narain Singh & W/o Gagandeep Singh R/o Ward No. 14, Badali Road, Kurali, Distt S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali. Petitioner..... Versus Gurcharan Singh S/o Gyan Singh S/o Narain Singh Etc. Respondent..... The Above Partition Case No. 49/Partition, 50/Partition, 51/Partition, 52/Partition, 53/Partition, 54/Partition Dated 14.05.2024 of land falling in the revenue estate of Village Baisral Kalan Hadbast No. 9, Sub-Teh. Shri Machhiwara Sahib, Tehsil Samrala, Distt. Ludhiana is pending for adjudication in this court and is on the summoning stage. The following Respondents could not be served in ordinary process. Therefore, through this advertisement the these respondents are ordered to appear before this court in person or through Counsel on or before 05/05/2026 This date onward no objection will be entertained and the case will be proceeded with as per law. Issued under my seal & signature on Dated 20/4/2026 Number: 105/Reader Dated: 20/4/2026 Place: Shri Machhiwara Sahib. 1. Gurcharan Singh S/o Gyan Singh S/o Narain Singh, 2. Gurdev Singh S/o Gyan Singh S/o Narain Singh, A) Simrandeep Singh S/o Gurdev Singh S/o Gyan Singh, B) Prem Kaur Widow Gurdev Singh S/o Gyan Singh, 3. Jasvir Singh S/o Gyan Singh S/o Narain Singh, 4. Jagir Singh S/o Gyan Singh S/o Narain Singh, 5. Baljinder Singh Alias Balwinder Singh S/o Gyan Singh S/o Narain Singh, 6. Santokh Kaur D/o Gyan Singh S/o Narain Singh, 7. Gurnel Kaur D/o Gyan Singh S/o Narain Singh W/o Gurnej Singh, 8. Jinderjit Kaur D/o Gyan Singh S/o Narain Singh W/o Sukhpal Singh, 9. Ranjit Singh S/o Karnail Singh, 10. Jagjil Singh S/o Karnail Singh, 11. Hardeep Singh S/o Jagir Singh S/o Fumman Singh, 12. Pawanjit Singh S/o Jagir Singh S/o Fumman Singh, 13. Simar Kaur widow of Harbhajan Singh S/o Gyan Singh now W/o Gurcharan Singh S/o Gyan Singh, 14. Central Bank Of India Branch Machhiwara through its Manager, 15. Punjab National Bank (O.B.C) Branch Machhiwara through its Manager, 16. H.D.F.C. Bank Branch Samrala through its Manager No. 105, Dated 20/4/2026 Assistant Collector Grade 1 Cum-Naib Tehsildar, Machhiwara Sahib (Ludhiana)

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I Kirandeep Kaur W/o Satpartap Singh Barn R/o Bottle Wali Kothi, Khurd Road Khanna, Teh-Khanna (Ludhiana) Have Changed My Name Karandeep Kaur To Kirandeep Kaur.

63372

I, Gulshan Kumar Jassal, S/o Malkit Kumar, R/o House No. 140, Street No. 4, Nurpur, District Jalandhar, declare that I have changed my name from Gulshan to Gulshan Kumar Jassal.

63372

I Satwinder Singh Dhaliwal s/o Gulzar Singh R/o Village Kanauran, Tehsil Kharar, Distt SAS Nagar have changed name Satwinder Singh Dhaliwal to Satwinder Singh. Concerned Note.

63372

I, Jasvinder Singh S/o Dalbir Singh R/o Sunder Basti Dharamkot (Moga) have changed my name to Jaswinder Singh.

63372

I, Sonia Swan W/o Ravinder Singh R/o Vill: Mahalon Teh-Nawansahr Distt. SBS Nagar-144514, have changed my name from Sonia to Sonia Swan after marriage.

63372

I, Latika W/o Rajat Shah Jaggi R/o H.No.4035 Block E Near Airport Chowk Aerocity, SAS Nagar Mohali Punjab I have change my name from Latika to Latikka Jaggi.

63372

I, Sudesh Kumari W/o Krishan R/o St.No. 2 Lohara Colony Lohara Ludhiana have changed my name from Sudesh to Sudesh Kumari.

63372

I, Ginder Singh Gill S/O Sohan Singh R/O Vpo. Ramuwala Harchoke, Distt. Moga (Pb), I Have Changed My Name Ginder Singh Gill To Ginder Singh.

63372

I Sonu Sagar W/o Rajinder Kumar R/o H.No.4911 Arorian Wala Mohalla, Distt Patiala, Have Changed My Name Sonu.

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Public Notice: In the Court of Sh. Rajesh Kumar Ahuja Assistant Collector Grade-I Cum-Naib Tehsildar, Machhiwara Sahib(Ludhiana) Public Notice Subject: Publication notice in partition case as per Section 111 of Land Revenue Act, 1887. Partition case Nos. Case No. 49/Partition, 50/Partition, 51/Partition, 52/Partition, 53/Partition, 54/Partition Dated 14.05.2024 of land falling in the revenue estate of Village Baisral Kalan Hadbast No. 9, Sub-Teh. Machhiwara Sahib, Tehsil Samrala, Distt. Ludhiana. Khewal No. 164/164, 93/89, 201/210, 180/179, 95/91, 182/181 Jamabandi Year 2018-2019 Jasvir Kaur D/o Gyan Singh S/o Narain Singh & W/o Gagandeep Singh R/o Ward No. 14, Badali Road, Kurali, Distt S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali. Petitioner..... Versus Gurcharan Singh S/o Gyan Singh S/o Narain Singh Etc. Respondent..... The Above Partition Case No. 49/Partition, 50/Partition, 51/Partition, 52/Partition, 53/Partition, 54/Partition Dated 14.05.2024 of land falling in the revenue estate of Village Baisral Kalan Hadbast No. 9, Sub-Teh. Shri Machhiwara Sahib, Tehsil Samrala, Distt. Ludhiana is pending for adjudication in this court and is on the summoning stage. The following Respondents could not be served in ordinary process. Therefore, through this advertisement the these respondents are ordered to appear before this court in person or through Counsel on or before 05/05/2026 This date onward no objection will be entertained and the case will be proceeded with as per law. Issued under my seal & signature on Dated 20/4/2026 Number: 105/Reader Dated: 20/4/2026 Place: Shri Machhiwara Sahib. 1. Gurcharan Singh S/o Gyan Singh S/o Narain Singh, 2. Gurdev Singh S/o Gyan Singh S/o Narain Singh, A) Simrandeep Singh S/o Gurdev Singh S/o Gyan Singh, B) Prem Kaur Widow Gurdev Singh S/o Gyan Singh, 3. Jasvir Singh S/o Gyan Singh S/o Narain Singh, 4. Jagir Singh S/o Gyan Singh S/o Narain Singh, 5. Baljinder Singh Alias Balwinder Singh S/o Gyan Singh S/o Narain Singh, 6. Santokh Kaur D/o Gyan Singh S/o Narain Singh, 7. Gurnel Kaur D/o Gyan Singh S/o Narain Singh W/o Gurnej Singh, 8. Jinderjit Kaur D/o Gyan Singh S/o Narain Singh W/o Sukhpal Singh, 9. Ranjit Singh S/o Karnail Singh, 10. Jagjil Singh S/o Karnail Singh, 11. Hardeep Singh S/o Jagir Singh S/o Fumman Singh, 12. Pawanjit Singh S/o Jagir Singh S/o Fumman Singh, 13. Simar Kaur widow of Harbhajan Singh S/o Gyan Singh now W/o Gurcharan Singh S/o Gyan Singh, 14. Central Bank Of India Branch Machhiwara through its Manager, 15. Punjab National Bank (O.B.C) Branch Machhiwara through its Manager, 16. H.D.F.C. Bank Branch Samrala through its Manager No. 105, Dated 20/4/2026 Assistant Collector Grade 1 Cum-Naib Tehsildar, Machhiwara Sahib (Ludhiana)

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I, Harshdeep Jhanji S/o Pradeep Kumar R/o H.No.111, New Khanna City, Khanna, Distt Ludhiana, have changed my name from Harshdeep Jhanji to Harshdeep Verma. Pls noted.

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I Baljit Singh S/O Zora Singh R/O Vill. Lehra, Distt. Ludhiana Have Change Name To Baljit Singh Lehra.

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I Balwinder Kaur W/O Baljit Singh Lehra R/O Vill. Lehra, Distt. Ludhiana Have Change Name To Balwinder Kaur Lehra.

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I, Ramandeep S/o Amritpal R/o Vpo. Bheen Distt. Nawansahr have changed my name to Ramandeep Droch.

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I, Sandeep Singh S/o Darshan Singh R/o VPO Sarhali Kalan, Pati Male Ki, Tehsil & District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Sandeep Singh to Sandeep as my Given Name and Singh as my Surname.

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I Nasib Kaur W/O Baljinder Singh R/O Vpo Malupota Distt Sbs Nagar Declares That In My Name Nasib Is My Real Name And Kaur Is My Surname.

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I, Rohit Kumar S/o Raj Pal R/o St.No. 4 Navi Abadi Nawansahr Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Rohit Kumar to Kumar Rohit.

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I Phagan Singh S/O Kashmir Singh Village Lasara Phillaur District Jalandhar Have Changed My Name From Phagan Singh To Faghan Singh.

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I, Jagtar Singh S/o Ranjit Singh R/o Vill-Joga, Teh and Distt Mansa, declare that I have changed my name from Jagtar Singh Deol to Jagtar Singh.

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I Manjit Kaur W/O Ram Singh R/O Balloh Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Gurmail Kaur.

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I, Kulwinder Singh S/o Gurbaksh Singh R/o 3, Adjbasant Avenue, near 64 c flower enclave, Guru Angad Dev Nagar Ludhiana have change my name from Kulwinder Singh to Kulwinder Singh Sahni.

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Public Notice: It is hereby notified that I, Jasmeem Kaur Daughter of Sukhwinder Singh / Charanjit Kaur, resident of R/o VPO Dhudike, Teh. & Distt. Moga-142053, have lost my original Punjab School Education Board Mark sheet of 10th Class, Roll No. 1021648423, Year of Passing March 2021 issued by the Punjab School Education Board (PSEB). If anyone finds the same, kindly contact me at +91-8725918638 or return to my above address. I am applying to PSEB for a second copy of certificate.

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I Saravjeet Kaur D/O Ravinder Singh R/O Street No 15 Hargobind Nagar Kulam Road Nawansahr Distt Sbs Nagar Have Changed Name From Saravjeet Kaur To Kaur Saravjeet.

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I Susila Devi Wo Ram Lubhaya R/O Village Nagara Po Dosanjh Khurd Sub Teh Aur Distt Sbs Nagar 144511 Pb Have Changed My Name From Susila Devi To Sushila Devi.

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I, Sada Ram Sharma S/o Ram Saroop R/o H.No. 243 St.No. 9 Ekta Vihar Patiala have changed my name to Sada Ram.

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I, Lakhvinder Singh S/o Satwant Singh R/o W.No.2 Vill-Bahadurgarh Teh and Distt Fatehgarh Sahib have changed my name to Seema Rani.

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I, Vanish Kumar Garg S/O Mohinder Kumar R/O H No.77 Main 45 Feet Road, Panchvati Nagar, Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Vanish Kumar.

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I, Jaskaran Singh Khaira S/O Chhota Singh R/O 26989, St No 5, Amarpura Basti, Bathinda Changed My Name From Jaskaran Singh Khaira To Jaskaran Singh.

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I Ramandeep Kaur Sandhu W/o Sukhwinder Brar R/o Harraipur Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Ramandeep Kaur Brar.

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I, Rajwant Kaur W/o Inderjit Singh R/o H.No.1726, W.No.6, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Moga have changed my name to Gurpreet Kaur.

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I, Gurwinder Singh S/o Sukhdev Singh Basanti R/o Vill-Mushkabad, Tehsil Samrala, District Ludhiana have changed my name to Gurwinder Singh Basanti.

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I, Virpal Kaur Bhatti W/o Jaswinder Singh R/o Near Gurdwara Baba Buta Ram Ranian Po. Ranian Distt. Moga have changed my name to Veerpal Kaur.

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I, Rajwant Kaur W/o Inderjit Singh R/o H.No.1726, W.No. 6, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Distt Moga have changed my name to Gurpreet Kaur.

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I, Kanchan alias Rajnesh Bajaj W/o Joginder Pal Bajaj R/o Vpo. Saloh Teh-Nawansahr Distt. SBS Nagar, Pb, India, have changed my name from Kanchan alias Rajnesh Bajaj to Kanchan Bajaj.

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I Jagdev Singh S/O Bachan Singh Village Butahri Distt. Ludhiana Declare That Jagdev Singh And Baldev Singh Are Two Names Of One And The Same Person.

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I, Simerpreet Singh S/o Harjinder Singh R/o Vill Rurgarh, Teh Dhuri Distt Sangrur, have changed my name to Simerpreet Singh.

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I Seema Rani Samadhar W/o Harish Sharma, R/o Rampura Phul (Bathinda) have changed my name to Seema Rani.

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I, Jai Gopal S/o Satpal R/o Model School Road, Gali No.1, Back Side City Heart Hotel, Himmat Nagar Nabha, Teh. Nabha, Distt. Patiala-147201, Punjab have changed my name Jai Gopal Jiadal.

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I, Gurdeep Kaur Thind W/O Kuljit Singh R/O Dhurkot Road Ahmedgarh, Tehsil Malerkotla, Distt Sangrur Have Changed My Name To Gurdeep Kaur.

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I Manmohan Singh Chauhan S/o Malkit Singh R/o Vpo Gahaur Distt Ludhiana Have changed my name to Manmohan Singh.

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I Gurmit Kaur Chauhan W/o Manmohan Singh R/o Vpo Gahaur Distt Ludhiana Have changed my name to Gurmeet Kaur.

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I Savreet Kaur Jhinjer D/o Tarsem Singh R/o Vpo Madarpura Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana, Have changed my name to Savreet Kaur.

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I Rano W/o Gurcharan Singh R/o H.No- 8 R/O Vpo Rasulpur (Mallah) Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana, Have changed my name to Rano Kaur.

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I Rajinder kaur W/o Narang Singh R/o Ward No-7, Near Park, Agwar Lopon jagraon Distt Ludhiana Have Changed my name to Harjinder kaur.

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I Shvinder Devi W/O Shinderpal R/o Jeeda My real name is Shvinder Devi. My Aadhar card and PAN card also have Shvinder Devi. My name is Surinder Devi in my will, which should be corrected to Shvinder Devi.

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I Sonu (Aadhaar Card No. 6898 8880 2519) S/o Mahaveer R/o MCB-Z-6-12822 Gali No. 1 paras ram Nagar bathinda have changed my name Sonu to veerpal singh kindly note.

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I Gagandeep Singh S/O Bharpoor Singh R/O Sanghera (Barnala) Changed My Name Gagandeep Singh Bhangu.

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I Ramandeep Kaur W/O Jagseer Singh R/O Talwandi Sabo (Bathinda) Have Changed My Name To Kuldeep Kaur.

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I Harwinder Singh S/O Binder Singh R/O Khudi Kalan Distt Barnala Have Changed My Name To Surname (Singh) Harwinder.

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I Bikkar Singh Sidhu S/O Bhura Singh R/O Fatehgarh Nouabad (Bathinda) Have Changed My Name To Bikkar Singh.

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I Jaspal Kaur Sidhu W/O Bikkar Singh R/O Fatehgarh Nouabad (Bathinda) Have Changed My Name To Jaspal Kaur.

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I, Rekha Kumari W/o Ashok Kumar R/o Vill: Barth Sahib Sarna Station Teh & Distt Pathankot have changed my name from Rakha Kumari to Rekha Kaur.

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I, No. 3007763P Rank Hav (INFSOL) Name Bhagirath of (Unit) 21 Rajput, C/O 56 APO, Resident of Village Uchchain PO. Uchain, District Bharatpur, State Rajasthan 321302. Hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from Youvraj TO Yuvraj Singh and Date of birth From 10/12/2008 To 10/09/2008. Due to wrongly entered in my service record. Both names and DOB Pertains to one and the same person. Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB42526538611200Y Dated 22/04/2026 Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it.

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I, Gurvinder Kaur W/o Amandeep Singh, resident of Village Balliawal, Tehsil & District Ludhiana, Punjab, hereby declare that my correct name is Gurvinder Kaur. In the school records of my daughter Anshnoor Kaur Bhatti, my name has been wrongly mentioned as Gurvinder Kaur. Both names refer to one and the same person, i.e., myself. Henceforth, I shall be known as Gurvinder Kaur for all purposes.

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Public Notice: THE LEHRAGAGA COOP. MARKETING CUM PROCESSING SOCIETY LTD. LEHRAGAGA ELECTION NOTICE Zones for holding the Election of Managing Committee of The Lehragaga Marketing Cum Processing Society Ltd. Lehragaga have been received in this office for approval and the same have been displayed in the office of the undersigned, Assistant Registrar co-operative Societies Lehragaga and in the office of said Society. All the members of The Lehragaga Coop. Marketing Cum Processing Society Ltd. Lehragaga are hereby informed through this notice that if any member of the above said society has any objection regarding formation of the zones, he can file the objections in the office of the undersigned (Distt. Administrative complex Sangrur) on 07.05.2026 From 9.00 A.M to 5.00 PM objection if any will be heard on 08.05.2026 at 11.00 A.M in the office of undersigned. The Objection may come present in person on hearing. Deputy Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Sangrur

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Public Notice: I Preetinder singh have booked in INTT omaxe unit no. INTT/586 .I lost my receipts no. 835920 amount 250000 and receipt no 885851 amount 1387810 original payment receipts of property, if found please return to Mr Hatinder 9711800149

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Pride of Talwandi Sabo: The Sanskaar School celebrates outstanding CBSE class X results

TALWANDI SABO (ISHWER GARG): The Sanskaar School, Talwandi Sabo, has once again brought pride to the region with its exceptional performance in the CBSE Class X Board Examination 2026. The school proudly achieved a 100% pass result, with all students of Class X securing above 60% marks, reflecting consistent academic excellence and a strong foundation of learning. The students demonstrated remarkable dedication, perseverance, and commitment, supported by the constant guidance of their teachers. Leading the achievers, Hitaarth Sisodia secured the top position in the school with an impressive 98.6%, showcasing outstanding brilliance by scoring a perfect 100/100 in Mathematics and Information Technology. Among other high achievers: Vansh Bansal secured an excellent 95%, Tajmeen Kaur scored a commendable 92.6% and achieved a perfect 100/100 in Punjabi bringing further laurels to the institution.

CHANDIGARH
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

NEWS BRIEF

Inner Wheel Club Chandigarh honoured state-level gold-winning athletes



J.K. Bhatta
NEW CHANDIGARH: The Inner Wheel Club Chandigarh honoured Sisir Rawat and Basant Rawat—who won five gold medals, including in the 100m, 200m, 400m, and 600m races, as well as the relay race, at the State-Level Primary Games held in Narangwal (Ludhiana)—by presenting them with new bicycles. School Principal N.D. Tiwari stated that since 2014, athletes from the Navagaon-Kansal School have consistently brought glory to their district (SAS Nagar) and their school across the entire state. This time, at the District-Level Primary Games, in addition to athletics, the Kansal School athletes also established their dominance in Kabaddi (National Style) and continued their winning streak at the state level.

Renowned Bhagwat Katha Narrator Pandit Dr. Sunil Sharma honoured post-discourse



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: Prominent Sri Mad Bhagwat Katha exponent Pandit Dr. Sunil Sharma was specially honoured after the conclusion of the Katha by Dass Mandeep Singh Bains, Mukh sevadar of Alimast Faqir Dera Bapu Ganga Dass in Mohlipur town. On this occasion, Dass Mandeep Singh Bains stated that the Sri Mad Bhagwat Katha reveals the purpose of human life in every word. He urged people to imbibe each word of the Bhagwat in their lives, perform constant simran (remembrance) of God while leading a householder's life, and thus fulfill life's true objective while sustaining family duties seamlessly.

DSP Harmanpreet Singh Cheema assumes Charge in Sub-Division Payal

AMRISH ANAND DORAHA: DSP S. Harmanpreet Singh Cheema, who was recently transferred from Ghanaur, has taken charge as Deputy Superintendent of Police in Sub-Division Payal a few days ago. Speaking to mediapersons after assuming office, he stated that drug trafficking, gambling, and other illegal activities will not be tolerated at any cost in the area. He emphasized that strict action will be taken against drug peddlers and anti-social elements.

Chandigarh police bust interstate arms supply gang, eight arrested; 14 pistols seized

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 22

In a major crackdown on organised crime, the Operation Cell of Chandigarh Police has busted an interstate illegal arms supply network linked to the notorious Lucky Patial-Bambhia gang, arresting eight accused and seizing a significant cache of weapons and ammunition.

Acting on specific intelligence inputs, police teams operating under senior officers launched coordinated operations across the tri-city region, targeting individuals involved in procuring and supplying illegal firearms from Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. The crackdown was carried out under the direction of senior Chandigarh Police officials, with the Operation Cell playing a key role. The operation first led to the arrest of Rahul alias Rolly and Monu alias Kandu, both residents of Mnew



agency Majra, on April 14. Police recovered four weapons, including three sophisticated semi-automatic pistols and one country-made firearm, along with live cartridges from Rahul. Monu was found in possession of four illegal weapons and three cartridges. Investigations revealed that the duo had been actively supplying arms to criminal gangs involved in serious offences such as murder, robbery, and extortion across Chandigarh, Punjab, and Haryana. During sustained interrogation, both

accused disclosed their links with associates of the Lucky Patial-Bambhia gang. Their inputs led to the arrest of another accomplice, Govind alias Gaurav, from whom one pistol and a live cartridge were recovered. SP Operations said the accused used weapons to intimidate residents and establish dominance in local areas. Further investigations uncovered a wider network of arms suppliers and operatives. In separate operations, the police arrested Aman alias Batak and Sanju alias Kancha, each found carry-

ing a country-made pistol with live ammunition. Another accused, Mukesh alias Gullu, sustained a bullet injury during an encounter after allegedly opening fire on a police team near Sector 25. He was later admitted to Government Multi-Specialty Hospital, Sector 16, and a .32 bore pistol along with cartridges was recovered from him. In another late-night operation, two more accused—Gurdeep Singh and Monu Jaiswal—were apprehended with illegal firearms and ammunition.

PPCB launches Mission Clean Air Mandi Gobindgarh under national clean air programme

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 22

The Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB), under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), convened a high-level meeting on Mission Clean Air Mandi Gobindgarh at Mandi Gobindgarh.

The meeting was presided over by Chairperson Reena Gupta and Member Secretary Dr. Lavneet Kumar Dubej, and co-convened with the district administration, including Deputy Commissioner Dr. Sona Thind and Additional Deputy Commissioner Pooja Siyal, along with senior officials from all key stakeholder departments, including Municipal Council, PWD, NHAI, PSIEC, Forest Department, and the Water Supply & Sewerage Department. Mandi Gobindgarh, identified as a non-attainment city for not meeting prescribed ambient air quality standards, is a priority city under NCAP.



During the meeting, PPCB presented findings from its field surveys and the Source Apportionment Study, which identified road dust, vehicular emissions, and improper solid waste management as the major contributors to air pollution. Based on these findings, PPCB outlined a set of actionable, time-bound recommendations for stakeholder departments to address key issues including road infrastructure gaps,

waste management deficiencies, traffic congestion, and industrial emissions. Chairperson PPCB emphasized that the initiative is a collaborative, mission-mode effort aimed at achieving measurable improvements in air quality, and not a fault-finding exercise. While PPCB is leading the initiative, close coordination and active support from the district administration and all concerned departments will be critical to its success.

APJ Public School celebrates Earth Day with enthusiasm and awareness

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, APRIL 22

APJ Public School marked Earth Day with great zeal and enthusiasm by organizing a vibrant semi-final round of activities on April 22, 2026. The event saw active and whole-hearted participation from students across all classes, highlighting the importance of environmental conservation.

The youngest learners, including kindergarten students, took part in an engaging planting activity, helping them understand the value of nature from an early age. Students of Grades 1 and 2 expressed their creativity through a colouring competition along with a planting session, while Grades 3 to 5 designed impressive posters depicting innovative ideas to protect the environment.

Middle school students (Grades 6 to 8) showcased their oratory skills in an English declamation contest.



They delivered powerful speeches on topics such as "Be an Earth Warrior, Not a Polluter" and "Say No to Plastic," spreading strong messages about environmental responsibility.

Senior students (Grades 9 to 12) presented thoughtful and well-structured arguments on "Climate Change: The Fight of Our Generation,"

reflecting their awareness and concern for global issues. The celebration proved to be both educational and inspiring, encouraging students to adopt eco-friendly habits and take responsibility for a sustainable future. The event concluded with a collective pledge by students to protect and preserve the environment.

Haryana Human Rights Commission takes Suo Motu cognizance of non-functional CCTV cameras in Panchkula

NEERAJ SHARMA
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 22

The Haryana Human Rights Commission has taken suo motu cognizance of a news report published in a leading daily dated 10.04.2026, titled "PKL challans nose dive as cams go dead", expressing serious concern over the large-scale non-functionality of CCTV cameras in Panchkula city. According to the report, out of a total of 473 CCTV cameras installed by the Municipal Corporation, Panchkula, nearly 200 cameras are currently non-functional, constituting a substantial portion of the surveillance infrastructure. Despite repeated concerns raised by the traffic police for timely repair and maintenance, the issue persists, indicating administrative delay. As a result, there has been a significant decline in traffic challans issued through electronic surveillance. The situation has allegedly created a vacuum in

traffic regulation and law enforcement, enabling violators to act with impunity and undermining the rule of law.

The Full Commission, comprising Chairperson Justice Lalit Batra and Members Kuldip Jain and Deep Bhatia, has taken a serious view of the matter. In its order, the Commission observed that non-functionality of such a large number of CCTV cameras not only affects traffic management but also severely hampers the ability of law enforcement agencies to monitor public spaces, identify offenders, and respond effectively to incidents such as theft, snatching, and other criminal activities, thereby weakening the overall safety framework of the city. The Haryana Human Rights Commission further observed that in the absence of a functional surveillance system, the deterrence against violations is significantly reduced, allowing offenders to act without fear of detection.

Punjab Water Resources corporation retiree employees union organizes meeting



TILAK RAJ
MOHALI, APRIL 22

A meeting was organized for the election of the Mohali Unit of the Punjab Water Resources Corporation Retiree Employees Union. A large number of retired members of the union attended the meeting. On this occasion, Omprakash, President, presented the performance report of the past two years, and Dilbag Singh, Cashier, presented the financial report, both of which were passed unanimously. In the meeting, strong condemnation was expressed over the corporation's management distorting and misimplementing the court orders passed in favor of retirees. A unanimous decision was taken that if the

Managing Director does not abandon his stubborn attitude, the Mohali Unit will be compelled to hold a dharna (sit-in protest) against him at the Head Office, Mohali. In the meeting, the following office-bearers were unanimously elected for the next two years: Omprakash (President), Bahadur Singh (Secretary), Jagdish Sharma Kurali (Senior Vice President), Kamal Chand (Senior Vice President), Mahinder Singh and Hem Raj Rana (Vice Presidents), Dilbag Singh Rangiar (Treasurer), Sher Singh (Publicity Secretary), Rishi Kesh (Managing Secretary), Jaswant Singh and Surinder Singh Bhatia (Executive Members), and Kulwant Singh Jandpur was elected as Advisor.

Advocate Karanjit Singh Elected for third Term to Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana



CHANDIGARH: In a significant development within the legal fraternity, Advocate Karanjit Singh has been elected for the third consecutive term as a Member of the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana. His re-election reflects the continued trust and confidence reposed in him by the legal community across the region. A seasoned legal professional known for his integrity, dedication, and strong advocacy, Karanjit Singh has been an influential figure in the Bar Council for many years.

His consistent electoral success is widely seen as a testament to his commitment to the welfare of advocates. Throughout his tenure, Karanjit Singh has actively contributed to various initiatives aimed at improving the professional environment for lawyers.

He has been a vocal supporter of reforms in enhancement of professional standards, and ensuring timely redressal of issues faced by practicing advocates. His efforts have also focused on promoting transparency and efficiency within the Bar Council's functioning. Advocate Singh's re-election campaign reportedly emphasized unity within the legal fraternity and the need to address emerging challenges in the legal system.

SPS hospitals launches advanced pancreas & GI care clinic in Ludhiana



LUDHIANA (SARBJIT SUFI): SPS Hospitals has launched an Advanced Pancreas & GI Care Clinic, strengthening its commitment to delivering specialized and comprehensive healthcare services in the region. The clinic will operate every Thursday from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, providing expert consultations along with advanced diagnostic facilities.

As part of its preventive healthcare initiative, the hospital has also introduced special screening packages aimed at early detection and prevention of pancreatic disorders.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Kanav Kaushal, Associate Director - Gastroenterology, emphasized the importance of timely screening and awareness. He advised individuals experiencing symptoms such as pancreas swelling, stones, cysts, or tumors to seek immediate medical attention. Dr. Sanjamot Singh, Consultant - Surgical Gastroenterology, highlighted the availability of advanced surgical treatment options for pancreatic diseases, noting that the hospital offers minimally invasive and effective procedures. Senior Consultant - Gastroenterology, Dr. Mohit Aggarwal, explained the critical functions of the pancreas and stressed the importance of maintaining its health through early diagnosis and proper care.

Meera Public School celebrates Earth Day



SARDULGARH (KULWINDER KARWAL): Meera Public School marked Earth Day with great enthusiasm, emphasizing the importance of environmental protection and sustainable living. The celebration focused on promoting awareness about conserving natural resources and safeguarding the planet.

A tree-planting drive was organized within the school campus, where students and teachers actively participated by planting several saplings. Participants also pledged to nurture and protect the plants, reinforcing their commitment to a greener future.

To further spread awareness, the school conducted various activities, including poster-making and slogan-writing competitions, encouraging students to creatively express their thoughts on environmental conservation.

The school management and the Principal appreciated the students' efforts and highlighted the significance of such initiatives in building responsible and environmentally conscious citizens.

12th State Gatka championship for girls to be held in Kotkapura from May 1 to 3

CHANDIGARH: The Gatka Association of Punjab, in collaboration with Gatka Association District Faridkot, will host 12th State Gatka Championship 2026 for girls at Baba Farid Gurukul College, Kotkapura, district Faridkot, from May 1 to 3. Disclosing this here on Wednesday Advocate Harjeet Singh Grewal, President of the National Gatka Association of India, said this three-day championship is set to bring together the young exponents of this ancient Sikh martial art from across the state, in what promises to be a spirited contest of skill, discipline and tradition. He informed that teams from all districts would report to the venue on May 1, with competition getting underway on the morning of May 2 at 9 a.m. Gatka promoter Grewal added that the competition would conclude with a formal closing ceremony on May 3 and the prominent dignitaries would grace the occasion. Adding further vice president of Gatka Association of Punjab, Sarbjit Singh said the event would feature girls' teams competing across five age categories in under-14, under-17, under-19, under-22 and under-25, giving young athletes at every stage of their development a platform to test their mettle. Dr. Manjit Singh Dillon, President of Gatka Association District Faridkot and Narinderpal Singh Paras, Convener of the championship, have urged all participating teams to submit their entries by 4 p.m. on April 26 without fail so that proper arrangements for accommodation and food could be made in advance. Coaches Harsimran Singh and Sherry Singh added that medals and certificates would be conferred upon all winning teams as well as players who distinguish themselves with exceptional performances on the mat.



'World Earth Day' celebrated at Green Field Convent School



BARNALA (BALWINDER AZAD): 'World Earth Day' was celebrated at Green Field Convent (Senior Secondary) School Dargah. On this occasion, Assistant Coordinator Novelpreet, while addressing the children, made them aware that pollution on the earth is increasing day by day, which is harmful to the human species and birds as well. To prevent this, it is important that we should not set fire to the earth and we should plant more and more trees.

This can curb pollution. World Earth Day is celebrated every year on 22 April to show the importance of the earth, to provide information about the threats facing the existence of the earth and to spread awareness to save the earth. It was first celebrated on 22 April 1970. And in the entire universe, the earth is the only planet on which life is possible because it has water, oxygen, the right temperature and environment. Since the earth is about 71 percent water, it is also called the blue planet. If we look, 50% carbon dioxide has increased in our environment, which is very dangerous for human life. He said that the only solution to stop this is to plant more and more trees because trees eliminate carbon dioxide and give us oxygen without which we cannot live.

Dev Mann lays foundation stone of new road next to Preet Combine at cost of Rs. 66 lakh



NABHA (RAKESH JINDAL): Under the able leadership of Honorable Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann ji, the foundation stone of the new construction and five-year maintenance work of Patiala Nabha Road to Nabha Bhojo Majri Road MC Nabha length 1.75 km was laid by the MLA Gurdev Singh Dev Mann with his kar kalam. On this occasion, MLA Dev Mann said that crores of rupees will be spent for the rejuvenation of the assembly constituency Nabha. Dev Mann said that the Punjab government is making all-out efforts for the all-round development of the state so that the villages can also get the look of cities. He said that no village of the constituency will be left behind in terms of development and every road of the constituency will also be paved and repaired. He said that the works of streets, drains, concrete ponds, sewerage and stadiums etc. are being done in the villages of the constituency and he will remain by making his Nabha land a karma bhoomi. He said that while the level of education and health is being raised by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, there is no shortage of any kind in development works. On this occasion, Hari Singh MD Preet Combine, Vikas Batish SDO, Raji Pathak Sarpanch, Block Samiti Vice Chairman Bhupinder Singh Kallarmajri, Ward No. 18 Chief Sewadar Udhm Deep Singh, Simran Arad Chohan, Harmik Mehas, Jasvir Singh Wajidpur, Armaan Nabha etc. were present.

Colors of Indian culture spread through 'Routes to Roots' at KV



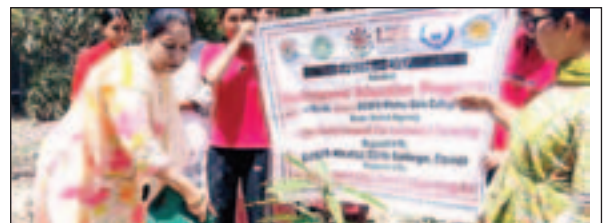
LONGOWAL (RAVI GARG): Today, the campus of Kendriya Vidyalaya SLIET Longowal witnessed a splendid confluence of Indian classical arts. The occasion was a special cultural programme organized under the aegis of the non-governmental organization 'Routes to Roots'. The main objective of this dignified event was to acquaint the younger generation with India's glorious and rich cultural heritage.

The programme commenced with the school Principal, Shri Hari Har Yadav, welcoming the chief guest and renowned Kathak dancer Dr. Mansi Saxena, along with the accompanying artists, by presenting bouquets. Addressing the students, the Principal said, "Education does not mean only bookish knowledge, but also recognizing our roots. Such programmes prove to be milestones in the holistic development of students and in nurturing sensitivity towards art."

The main attraction of the event was the performance by Dr. Mansi Saxena. Trained at the Kathak Kendra, New Delhi, and a disciple of eminent gurus Aditi Mangaldas and Shobhana Narayan, Dr. Saxena mesmerized everyone with her expressive gestures and graceful presentation.

Special Achievement: Dr. Mansi Saxena is the first female Kathak artist from Punjab and Haryana to be honoured with 'A' Grade by Doordarshan Delhi and the National Fellowship by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

Khalsa Girls College, Morinda marks International Earth Day with awareness drive



MORINDA (SANJEEV TEJPAL): Khalsa Girls College, Morinda celebrated International Earth Day with great enthusiasm, highlighting the importance of environmental conservation and sustainable living. The event was organized under the patronage of Principal Dr. Pushpinder Kaur and coordinated by Eco Club Programme Officer Dr. Gurpreet Kaur.

To promote environmental awareness among students, a quiz competition was organized involving participants from the Arts, Commerce, and Computer Science departments. The Commerce Department team emerged as the winner, showcasing strong knowledge of environmental issues. As part of the celebrations, Principal Dr. Pushpinder Kaur planted a mango sapling in the college premises, symbolically launching the campaign "Plant Trees, Save Earth." Under this initiative, the college's Eco Club has set an ambitious target of planting 200 saplings across various locations in Morinda, including schools, hospitals, and the railway station. The programme also featured an insightful lecture on this year's Earth Day theme, "Our Planet, Our Power." The session emphasized the need to maintain a clean and green environment and encouraged students to actively contribute to the protection of nature, wildlife.

NEWS BRIEF

Lok Adarsh party formed: Announcement to fight 2027 elections with transparent policies

GURMEL SINGH SANGATPURA LEHRAGAGA: The formation of a new 'Lok Adarsh Party' has been announced in Punjab politics, which will fight the 2027 assembly elections. The formal formation of the party will be held on May 16 at Patran. According to the party leaders, the candidates will be selected on the basis of honesty, clean background and social service. There is a plan to set up fast track courts to end corruption, smuggling, mafia rule and adulteration, where speedy action will be taken against

the culprits and their properties will be confiscated. According to the party's policies, every active member will get participation in decision-making and high posts will also be elected by the members. Only one person from a family will be given the post and a term limit has been fixed for the office bearers. Any office bearer can also be removed by passing a no-confidence motion by 1/3 of the members. Party President Social Worker Kuldeep Singh Chhugra, Senior Vice President Balaakshij Singh Khemkaran and Dr. Gurmeet Singh have been appointed as Vice Presidents. Central President of Ex-Servicemen Wing Captain Nachhattar Singh, Senior Vice President Iqbal Singh Mohali, Treasurer Rajinder Kumar, Vice President V.K. Sharma and Bajinder Singh Gandhvi, Trade Union President Harjit Singh Sahnawal have been appointed.

Congress party will form government in Punjab during 2027 assembly elections



JAGDEEP SINGH GILL JAITU: The Congress party will form the government in Punjab during the 2027 by-elections. These words were expressed by senior Congress leaders from Jaito constituency, Suraj Bhardwaj and Sanjeev Bhardwaj Raja, while MP Mr. Mohammad Sadiq and LDM of Jaito constituency, Biba Javed Akhtar, congratulated Prabhjit Singh Brar on becoming the Block President again at his residence. On this occasion, they congratulated Prabhjit Singh Brar while making him smile. On this occasion, they spoke to selected journalists and said that Prabhjit Singh Brar and his family have been working shoulder to shoulder with the Congress party, which is why considering his services to the party, Jaito has been made the Block President again.

Khanna police arrest four more members of Gang involved in extortion and firing



AMRISH ANAND DORAH: Continuing its crackdown under the 'War Against Gangsters' campaign, Khanna Police has arrested four more members of a gang involved in extortion, threats and firing incidents. The operation was carried out under the directions of Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav and DIG Ludhiana Range Satinder Singh, under the supervision of SSP Khanna Dr Darpan Ahluwalia Ips. The action was executed under the leadership of SP (D) Khanna Mr. Pawanjit and DSP (D) Mr. Mohit Kumar Singla, while DSP Payal S. Harmanpreet Singh played a key role in the operation. The police team included Inspector Jasdeep Singh (In-charge CIA Staff), Inspector Akash Dutt (SHO Doraha), SHO Talwinder Bedi, SI Sukhdeep Singh and ASI Simranjit Singh from the technical cell. According to police, an FIR (No. 67 dated March 25, 2026) had already been registered at Payal police station under relevant sections of the BNS and the Arms Act, in which one accused had earlier been arrested and sent to jail. Police said that on April 14, two unidentified persons had opened fire at a trader's shop in the grain market at Payal. Following the incident, special teams were constituted to trace the accused. During the investigation, the police apprehended Omesh Kumar alias Chhagga.

Health department issues heatwave advisory to protect against rising heat

PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): As per the directions of Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Balbir Singh, Civil Surgeon Dr. Sunita Sharma informed the residents of Pathankot district about the heatwave advisory issued by the Health Department in view of the increasing heat. She said that the increasing temperature can be harmful to human health. She said that one should avoid going out of the house during the intense heat during the afternoon.

Especially children, pregnant women, people aged 65 years or above, laborers, people suffering from obesity or heart diseases and mentally ill people must avoid high temperatures. She advised that if it is necessary to work outside, then cotton and loose clothes should be worn and an umbrella, cap, turban, dupatta or towel should be used to protect the head from direct sunlight. Barefoot should not be exposed to the sun and people working in the sun should rest in the shade from time to time. It is also important to carry water with you while going out. She said that to keep the body cool, seasonal fruits and vegetables like watermelon, cucumber, ghee, tori etc. should be used. Apart from this, lemon water, ORS, lassi and other liquids should be consumed as much as possible.

State govt sanctions Rs 123.28 crore relief for hailstorm-hit crops in 111 villages

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 22

Punjab Revenue, Rehabilitation and Disaster Management Minister S. Hardeep Singh Mundian today informed that Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann-led Punjab Government has sanctioned a major relief package of over Rs.123.28 crore for farmers whose crops were damaged by the hailstorm that struck parts of Punjab last month.

He said the state government moved with urgency immediately after field assessments were completed by district administrations so that affected cultivators could receive timely compensation and recover from the unexpected losses suffered during the harvesting season.

The Revenue Minister informed that total relief package of worth Rs.123,28,05,938 has been approved for crop damage spread over 92,695 acres in 111 villages across seven districts, including 992 acres with 26% to 32% damage, 61,115 acres with 33% to 75% damage and 30,588 acres with 76% to 100% damage.



"Our government stand shoulder to shoulder with the farming community in times of distress and ensure that financial hardship caused by natural calamities is reduced through immediate intervention", he added. The Cabinet Minister informed that among the affected districts, Fazilka received the highest relief of more than Rs.44.24 crore, followed by Sri Muktsar Sahib with over Rs.43.01 crore, Bathinda with around Rs.22.83 crore, Moga with Rs.7.73 crore and Amritsar with over Rs.5.26 crore while compensation of around Rs.17.10 lakh and Rs.1.35 lakh was also sanctioned for farmers in Ferozepur and Rupnagar districts, respectively. The Rehabilitation and Disaster Management Minister said the relief has been calculated on the basis of crop loss severity, covering land where damage

Loaded trolleys parked on roadside on Moga road cause fear of accidents

KOTKAPURA (SURINDER DAMDAMI): There is a fear of accidents due to the long queue of trolleys loaded with wheat bags standing on the roadside on the local Moga road. The trolleys loaded on the roadside in a long queue on the Mohalla Vijay Nagar side for weighing from the Kanda, but when people have to enter the road from different streets of the mohalla in their vehicles, the vehicles coming and going from Moga and Kotkapura sides are not visible, nor are these fast-moving vehicles visible from the mohalla, due to which there is a fear of accidents all the time. In this regard, the residents of Mohalla Vijay Nagar said that although it is necessary to park the trolleys here for weighing, the problem arises due to the lack of distance between the tractor-trolleys parked near the streets. The residents of the neighborhood have appealed to the traffic police and all tractor-trolley drivers to park these tractor-trolleys at a greater distance from the streets of the neighborhood so that vehicles coming out of the streets do not have difficulty seeing vehicles coming from both sides of the road and accidents can be completely avoided.



Govt to provide interest-free wheat loan for Group-IV employees : Cheema

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 22

In a significant step towards strengthening employee welfare, the Bhagwant Mann Government has sanctioned an interest-free wheat loan for Class-IV (Group-D) employees across the state, ensuring financial support for essential household consumption.

Announcing the decision, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema stated, "The Bhagwant Mann Punjab Government has determined that it is appropriate to provide a minimum interest-free loan amount of Rs 10,340 to eligible Group-D employees specifically for the purchase of wheat. The calculation for this financial assistance is based on the government's established standard of an average consumption of four quintals of wheat per family."

Highlighting the implementation timeline and budgetary backing, the Finance Minister added, "These employees will be authorised to draw this loan amount from the government treasury up until May 29, 2026. To support the seamless execution of this welfare measure, a dedicated



budget provision of Rs 15 crore has been allocated for the 2026-27 financial year."

Detailing the repayment mechanism, he emphasised that the structure has been designed to minimise financial stress on employees. "The recovery process for the loan has been structured to minimise the financial burden on the employees, with deductions scheduled across eight monthly installments. These installment deductions are set to begin with the June salary, which is paid out in July, guaranteeing that the

full recovery of the loan is completed before the current financial year concludes," he said.

Reaffirming the government's employee-centric approach, Minister Harpal Singh Cheema underscored the broader commitment of the administration.

"The welfare of our employees remains a top priority for our government, and we will consistently strive to uphold initiatives that guarantee their support and financial well-being," he added.

Punjab's health scheme sees widening reach and rising utilisation

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 22

Punjab's healthcare landscape is witnessing a decisive transformation under the leadership of CM Bhagwant Singh Mann, with the AAP Government delivering what it promised: accessible, affordable, and dignified healthcare for every family. For years, high treatment costs forced patients to delay care, skip diagnostics, or abandon medicines midway, pushing families into debt and worsening medical outcomes. That cycle, entrenched across both urban and rural Punjab, is now being broken through systemic intervention.

At the heart of this transformation is the Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna (MMSY), a flagship initiative of the Bhagwant Mann Government that is rapidly reshaping how people access healthcare. In just three months, over 40 lakh health cards have been issued, ensuring



coverage of up to 70 lakh per family annually. The scale of adoption reflects both urgency and trust. On April 21 alone, 28766 registrations were carried out under the scheme, signalling a healthcare system that is now responsive, inclusive, and people-centric.

The impact is visible across districts. Ludhiana leads with 4.20 lakh cards, followed by Patiala with 3.82 lakh cards, and Jalandhar with 2.85 lakh cards. Crucially, the reach of the scheme is not confined to major cities.

Tier-2 and Tier-3 districts such as Hoshiarpur, Amritsar, Mansa, Fazilka, and Barnala are witnessing steady uptake, demonstrating that the AAP Government's healthcare push is penetrating deep into smaller towns where the need has long been the greatest. The most powerful validation, however, is coming from the ground.

At Sub-Divisional Hospital Khanna, Senior Medical Officer Dr Maninder Singh Bhasin emphasised the shift, stating, "Health should not be a privilege.

Police's tireless efforts paid off: Missing Damanpreet found safe in 4 days



GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA
LEHRAGAGA, APRIL 22

After tireless efforts, the Lehra police have found the missing minor Damanpreet from Lehragaga safely and handed her over to her parents. The minor, who was found immediately by the police, has become an example of the police's agility and dedication. According to the information received, Damanpreet suddenly went missing from home on April 17. Based on the information given by the parents, the Lehragaga police immediately registered a case on April 18 and started the investigation. Considering the seriousness of the

case, a special team was formed under the leadership of SSP Sangrur City Lehra In-charge Gurdev Singh and his entire team searched CCTV cameras of various places day and night and made every possible effort with technical support.

As a result of the promptness and continuous hard work of the police, Damanpreet was found on April 21 in Ludhiana and she was safely handed over to her parents. Due to the promptness of the police, the family breathed a sigh of relief. This successful action of the police has further strengthened the people's faith in the police towards the responsibility.

BJP's intent on women's reservation under fire; Congress leader Manjit Sharma launches scathing attack



FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): During his political tour of Fatehgarh Sahib Constituency, senior Congress leader Manjit Sharma strongly criticized the BJP-led central government, raising serious questions over its intent on the issue of women's reservation.

Interacting with journalists, Sharma stated that the BJP speaks about women's empowerment merely for electoral gains, but lacks genuine commitment toward safeguarding women's rights. He alleged that while political mileage was drawn from the Women's Reservation Bill, its actual implementation has been deliberately entangled in complexities such as the census and delimitation process—calling it a "major betrayal" of the country's women.

Sharma emphasized that the Congress party has consistently remained committed to ensuring equal political and social participation for women. He recalled that during Congress rule, reservation in Panchayati Raj institutions was implemented without delay, questioning why the current central government is now "hiding behind conditions." Citing Punjab as an example, Sharma claimed that Congress ensured 33% reservation for women in municipal corporations, municipal councils, and panchayat elections, turning grassroots empowerment into reality.

Civil defence air raid, blackout mock exercises across state on April 24

CHANDIGARH: In order to test the Civil Defence Preparedness in the state, the Punjab State will conduct a Civil Defence Air Raid/Blackout Mock Exercise on April 24, 2026, at 2000 hrs (8PM). The exercise is being conducted in all districts of the state as per the directives of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.

The Mock Exercise will commence with an Air Raid Warning Signal, which will be disseminated through sirens featuring a high-low pitch for a duration of two minutes. During the course of the exercise, a simulated blackout will be enforced in specific areas identified by the respective Deputy Commissioners-cum-Controllers, Civil Defence.

The general public in these identified areas is instructed to switch off all non-essential lighting during the blackout period. However, essential services shall remain fully functional throughout the drill.

The exercise will conclude with an "All Clear" signal, characterised by a continuous high-pitch siren for two minutes, marking the formal termination of the drill.

During this Mock Exercise, various critical emergency functions will be simulated to test field coordination, including Fire Response Operations, Search & Rescue Operations, First-Aid and Medical Assistance, evacuation of injured persons, as well as traffic and crowd control measures. The State Government has appealed to the general public not to get panic, emphasising that this is a routine procedural drill designed solely to evaluate and enhance the Civil Defence Preparedness in the state.

Annual level Techfest Tech Urja 2K26 at KCET



CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR, APRIL 22

Khalsa College of Engineering and Technology (KCET), Ranjit Avenue successfully organized its Annual National Level Tech Fest "Tech Urja" 2K26 under IEEE Student Branch and ISTE Student Chapter, bringing together talented students from reputed institutions across the region.

The event was graced by Director Dr. Manju Bala, who welcomed participants from Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU), LSTU Ropar, Chandigarh Group of Colleges (CGC), I.K. Gujral Punjab Technical

Kataruchak takes stock of Wheat procurement operations at Gurdaspur Dana Mandi

GURDASPUR, APRIL 22

The Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister Lal Chand Kataruchak today visited Gurdaspur Dana Mandi to take stock of the Wheat procurement operations. He was accompanied by the Halqa Incharge Gurdaspur Raman Behl, Halqa Incharge Dinanagar Shamsher Singh, SDM Gurdaspur Anupreet Kaur, Chairman Market Committee Gurdaspur Bharat Bhushan Sharma and Deputy Director Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Rajnish Kaur.

During interaction with the mediapersons, the Minister divulged that the State Government led by the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann is duty bound to procure every single bale of Grain of the farmers. Till



date, a total of 61 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) of Wheat has arrived in the mandis of the State out of which 57 LMT stands procured with payments worth Rs. 7109 Crore made into the accounts of the farmers. Yesterday, 12 LMT of wheat arrived in the mandis which is a proof of the fast pace of the arrival of crops, said the Minister.

He also mentioned that adequate facilities have been ensured in the mandis for the

benefit of the farmers and he is personally inspecting the procurement process everyday by visiting the mandis. The Minister further disclosed that the State has got a target to procure 122 LMT of wheat this season. While interacting with the farmers and arhtiyas, a farmer named Harjinder Singh from Bahia village said that he brought his produce today Morning and same has been procured today itself.

Baba Farid college of engineering & technology hosts IPR awareness session

BATHINDA (ANANTDEEP KAUR): Baba Farid Group of Institutions (BFGI), Bathinda, through its IPR Cell in collaboration with Baba Farid College of Engineering & Technology, successfully organized an insightful awareness session on the theme "Intellectual Property Rights: Protecting Innovation in Academia and Industry."

The session was delivered by renowned speaker Dr. Pramod Malik, Dean and Chairperson, Faculty of Law at Chaudhary Bansi Lal University. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from around 160 students and faculty members representing various departments. During the session, Dr. Malik elaborated on the crucial role of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in safeguarding innovation across academic and industrial domains. He provided a comprehensive overview of different forms of intellectual property, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, and industrial designs. His lecture was enriched with real-world examples, enabling participants to better understand the practical applications of these concepts.

The keynote speaker also discussed the current IPR landscape in India, highlighting its growing significance in today's knowledge-driven economy.



Major benefits being provided to SC community through efforts of Mann government

BHOA (VERMA): The initiatives undertaken by the Mann Government of Punjab for the SC and ST communities are being widely appreciated. This was stated by contractor Amarjit Singh, who serves as State Secretary, Majha Zone In-charge of the SC Wing, and was a former MLA candidate from the Bhoa constituency in 2017, during his address.

He said that Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar envisioned a society where the underprivileged sections would enjoy equal rights and their children would have access to quality education and employment opportunities. Today, the Mann Government is taking significant steps toward fulfilling that vision.

He added that under the Punjab Education Revolution, major efforts are being made to provide high-quality education to children from the SC community, and scholarships worth Rs 983 crore have been arranged for approximately 900,000 students. In addition, under the Chief Minister's "Maa-Beti Saman Scheme," women from the SC community are being provided financial assistance of Rs 1,500 per month. Amarjit Singh further stated that loans of 4,787 SC families have been waived, providing them significant relief.



VC Dr. Prit Pal Singh leads Sri Guru Granth Sahib World Varsity in organising Career Fair-2026



FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib, organized Career Fair-2026, reaffirming its mission to provide meaningful career opportunities and industry exposure to students. The event drew an enthusiastic response from students of various colleges and universities across the region. A total of 13 reputed companies from diverse sectors—IT, Education, Banking, Retail, Manufacturing, Insurance, and Services—participated in the fair. Key recruiters included ICICI Bank, HDFC Life, Reliance Retail, Lenskart, Akal Academy, Small Copper Technologies, PG Tech Solutions, OCube Services, Appz Global Tech Pvt. Ltd., Lotasol Technologies, Kandhari Beverages, Shipbolt Industries and Hike Education. The fair provided a dynamic platform where students engaged directly with industry professionals, explored job roles, and took part in placement interviews. Opportunities were offered in software development, digital marketing, sales, management, teaching, engineering, customer success, operations.

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: The National SC-ST Hub, Ludhiana in collaboration with the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry is organizing an "Entrepreneurship Awareness and Special Vendor Development Program" for existing and aspiring SC-ST entrepreneurs at the Regional Centre of Himachal Pradesh University, Khanyara, Dharamshala, starting at 10:00 AM on April 24. This significant program is being organized with the objective of promoting

business opportunities and skill development among existing and aspiring SC-ST entrepreneurs in Dharamshala. The event will be held at the Regional Centre of Himachal Pradesh University, Khanyara, Dharamshala. The aim of this program is to educate participants about various government schemes, financial assistance mechanisms, and business development strategies. Experts and representatives from various organizations will be present to guide the participants and share valuable insights.

CHANDIGARH
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

NEWS BRIEF

Youth killed, one injured in AC compressor blast at Baddi factory

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: A tragic accident occurred at a private company, Appa Swamy Ocular Devices Pvt. Ltd., located in Jhadmajri (Juddikalan), Baddi, when an AC compressor exploded during the installation of a new air-conditioning unit. According to police, a team from Baddi police station rushed to the spot immediately after receiving information and carried out an inspection. In the incident, a 20-year-old youth, Rishabh, son of Baldeep and a resident of Dhampur (Sarkaghat), died on the spot. Another youth, Man Singh, son of Rati Ram and a resident of Jobri (Solani), sustained injuries and is currently undergoing treatment at a hospital. A team from the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) is also examining the site to ascertain the exact cause of the explosion. The deceased's body has been taken into custody and sent for post-mortem.

Newborn baby found dead in Rajgarh hospital toilet, sparks panic

AGENCY
NAHAN, APR 22
A shocking incident occurred at Rajgarh Civil Hospital on Wednesday morning, alarming the entire area. The discovery of a dead body of a newborn baby in the hospital toilet caused a stir and chaos in hospital campus. According to reports, at around 8:30 a.m., a cleaning staff member arrived to clean the toilet as usual. While cleaning, he noticed a suspicious object stuck in the toilet seat. Upon closer inspection, he discovered the body of a newborn baby. The staff member was shocked and immediately informed the staff nurses and doctors. Upon learning of the incident, the hospital administration swung



into action, leaving those present stunned. The police were immediately informed. Upon receiving the information, the Rajgarh police station in-charge arrived at the scene with his team and began an investigation. Dr. Upasana Sharma, BMO, Rajgarh, confirmed the incident and stated that a newborn was found dead in the hospital toilet this morning. She stated that the matter is being investigated thoroughly. The body of the newborn is being sent to Nahana Medical College for a post-mortem examination to determine the

cause of death. The police have recorded statements from hospital staff and are examining CCTV footage to identify the person responsible for this inhumane act. It is initially believed that the newborn may have been thrown away immediately after birth, although the true circumstances will only become clear after an investigation. This incident not only shames humanity but also raises serious questions about the sensitive aspects of society. The circumstances under which someone abandoned this innocent child in this manner are now a matter of investigation. The police have assured the public that every aspect of the case is being investigated and the truth will be revealed soon.

Delegation meets SC Commission Chief over road, discrimination issues

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, APR 22



A delegation from Balh Balet village in Bhoranj tehsil of Hamirpur district met Kuldeep Dhiman, Chairman of the Himachal Pradesh State Scheduled Caste Commission, at his office on Wednesday. The delegation raised concerns regarding road construction issues, along with allegations of caste-based discrimination and human rights violations. Commission members Advocate Digvijay Malhotra, Advocate Vijay Dogra, Advocate Shalini Jamwal, and Member Secretary Vinay Modi were also present during the meeting. Taking serious note of the matter, Kuldeep Dhiman assured that appropriate action would be taken in coordination with the concerned departments. He stated that

discrimination or denial of basic facilities to any citizen is unacceptable and such issues will be addressed on priority. He also assured a factual inquiry into the matter. Representing the delegation, Raj Mahe, State General Secretary of the National Dalit Human Rights Campaign, said that an existing paved road was removed in the name of new construction, leaving around 12 Scheduled Caste families without road access. He highlighted that the lack of road connectivity has caused major hardships, especially for the elderly, patients, and pregnant women, particularly during the rainy season. Dhiman reiterated that the Commission remains committed to protecting the rights of weaker and marginalized sections of society and ensures timely action on every complaint.

Urban Polls as Election process begins across four local bodies

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR: The stage is set for a crucial democratic exercise in Bilaspur as the election process for four urban local bodies officially commenced following the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct by the State Election Commission. District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar announced that all preparations are being carried out in strict adherence to established guidelines to ensure a smooth and transparent electoral process. A total of 16,782 voters—including 8,400 men, 8,381 women, and one transgender voter—will exercise their franchise across 34 polling stations set up in 34 wards. The electoral landscape spans the Municipal Councils of Bilaspur, Ghumarwin, and Shri Naina Devi Ji, along with the Talai Nagar Panchayat. Notably, 12 new voters have been added following a special revision of electoral rolls. With 9,548 voters in Bilaspur, 4,793 in Ghumarwin, 689 in Sri Naina Devi Ji, and 1,752 in Talai, the administration has meticulously structured polling arrangements. Authorities have emphasized zero tolerance for violations, strictly prohibiting new announcements, inaugurations, or the misuse of government resources during the code period. Reaffirming the administration's commitment, officials stated that every measure is being taken to uphold the integrity of the electoral process, ensuring free, fair, and transparent elections across the district.



Hamirpur's Sujampur and Bhota Municipal Councils to vote on May 17

ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR: The State Election Commission has announced elections for 51 urban local bodies across Himachal Pradesh, including four municipal corporations, 25 municipal councils, and 22 nagar panchayats. In Hamirpur district, elections will be held for two urban bodies, the Sujampur Municipal Council and the Bhota Municipal Council. Sujampur has nine wards, while Bhota comprises seven wards. Deputy Commissioner Gandharva Rathore said that the Model Code of Conduct has come into immediate effect in both municipal areas following the announcement of the election schedule. Rathore informed that nomination papers can be filed on April 29 and 30, and May 2, between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm. Scrutiny of nominations will take place on May 4 starting at 10:00 am, while the last date for withdrawal of candidature is May 6 up to 3:00 pm. Polling will be conducted on May 17 from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, and the results will be declared later the same day. The Deputy Commissioner has directed all concerned SDMs and election officials to ensure strict adherence to the Model Code of Conduct in their respective jurisdictions. Himachal Pradesh State Election Commissioner Anil Kumar Khachi on Tuesday announced that the elections to 51 Urban Local Bodies in Himachal Pradesh will be held on May 17, marking the imposition of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) in urban areas. The 51 Urban Local Bodies comprise the four Municipal Corporations of Solan, Mandi, Dharamshala and Palampur, along with 25 Municipal Councils and 22 Nagar Panchayats. Addressing a press conference here, Khachi said, "A total of 1,80,963 male and 1,79,882 female eligible voters would exercise their franchise."

Himachal gets first automated driving test track, traffic park inaugurated in Una

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, APR 22



Himachal Pradesh's first fully automated driving test track and traffic park was inaugurated at Roda in Haroli by Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri. Built at a cost of around ₹9 crore, the facility introduces a technology-driven, transparent and objective system for issuing driving licences in the state. Agnihotri said the sensor-based track, equipped with advanced cameras, will minimise human intervention and ensure accurate assessment of driving skills. The automated system will allow applicants to select their own test date and time, improving efficiency while maintaining fairness. For now, the

conventional system will continue alongside the new system. The track includes multiple testing modules for light vehicles such as 'S', '8' and 'H' tracks, parallel parking, junction driving and gradient control. The facility will also function as an educational centre, where schoolchildren can gain practical awareness of traffic rules and road safety. Calling

it a unique facility in North India, the Deputy Chief Minister said additional infrastructure, including waiting areas and buildings, will be developed. Future phases will also include testing provisions for buses and trucks. He also announced Rs. 10 crore for developing Haroli ground at Roda into a permanent fair venue, following the success of the recent state-level Haroli festival. Agnihotri further declared that the stretch from Haroli-Rampur bridge to the end point will be developed as a "Vikas Path," with enhanced lighting and public amenities. The route has already emerged as a popular recreational spot and will be further upgraded with better facilities. Highlighting ongoing development, he said Roda is rapidly emerging as an urban hub with a Rs. 19 crore heliport project under construction and a Rs. 10 crore synthetic track being developed for sports infrastructure. He added that around Rs. 200 crore will be spent on the expansion of the Chintpurni Temple, ensuring modern facilities while preserving the sanctity of the shrine.

IILM University wins National Moot Court competition at Himcapace College



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: The third national-level Inter-Law College/University Moot Court Competition concluded on Wednesday at Himcapace College of Law. Professor Dr. Raghuvinder Singh, former Chairman of the Law Department of Himachal Pradesh University, was present as the chief guest. He congratulated the institute on the successful organization of the moot court competition. He stated that the institute organizes such successful events every year. Dr. Jaswant Singh, Principal of Himcapace College of Law, stated that competitions like moot court competitions help students become successful lawyers and jurists in the future. Such competitions provide students with valuable insights into the practical aspects of law. He also encouraged all participants. He thanked Faculty Convener Dr. Ekta Sood, Management Committee members Dr. Sandeep Kumari, Ayushi Shukla, Anshu Jaswal, and members of the Moot Court Society for the successful organization of the moot court. Institute Chairman Vikramjeet Singh also encouraged the teams from across the country.

Global Education Systems should be based on practical and scientific knowledge: Dalai Lama

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, APR 22



On Wednesday, a long-life prayer ceremony for the Buddhist spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, was organized by the Dhassa Dhotse Welfare Society and the Lodrik Welfare Association at the main Tibetan temple in McLeod Ganj, Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh. The event witnessed the participation of a large number of his devotees. During his address, His Holiness the Dalai Lama primarily emphasized the promotion of compassion, love, and mental peace. He stated that education should encompass not only intellectual development (of the mind) but also the education of the heart specifically, compassion and moral values. He urged everyone to cultivate a positive outlook and to strive to uphold the interests and dignity of others. Furthermore, he advised that we should always endeavor to maintain a positive mindset regarding the various means we employ to make our lives successful. He shared his insights on the importance of cultivating inner peace, serving humanity, fostering peace everywhere through religion, the interplay between

religion and science in the modern era, and the preservation of the global environment. The spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, appealed to citizens across the world to pay attention to the long-term issue of global climate change. He affirmed that holding faith in any religion is entirely a matter of personal choice; he neither compels nor encourages anyone to follow a specific religion, nor does he claim that Buddhism is the supreme faith. Regarding those who do practice a religion, His Holiness noted that such adherence depends entirely on their own preference and volition. Following a faith in accordance with one's own choice and desire brings peace to the mind.

Bindal slams Congress over Women's Bill, announces protest march in Shimla



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, APR 22

Rajeev Bindal launched a sharp attack on the Congress, accusing it of derailing the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhinyam and betraying millions of women across the country. Addressing a press conference, he said the special Parliament session convened by Narendra Modi aimed to ensure greater participation of women in governance, but was obstructed by Congress and its allies. Bindal claimed that despite decades of delay on

women's reservation, Congress opposed the Bill when it finally came up for implementation, calling it a reflection of the party's "anti-women mindset." He alleged that celebrations following the Bill's setback further exposed Congress's stance. Announcing a "Jan Aakrosh Padyatra" in Shimla on April 23, Bindal said thousands of women are expected to participate, turning it into a strong public response for women's rights and dignity. He also accused the Himachal Pradesh government of attempting to delay Panchayati Raj and urban local body elections, alleging misuse and diversion of funds meant for grassroots development. Citing concerns raised by the Election Commission, he termed the situation an "attempt to hold democracy hostage." Welcoming the announcement of urban local body polls, Bindal described it as a victory for democracy and judicial accountability, expressing confidence that the people of Himachal Pradesh will respond decisively in the upcoming elections.

Mahila Padyatra in Palampur protests opposition over Women's Reservation Bill

KISHORI LAL BAINS
PALAMPUR, APR 22



In protest against alleged attempts by Congress and its allied parties to obstruct the constitutional amendment related to the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhinyam, a "Jan Aakrosh Mahila Padyatra" was organized in Palampur under the banner of BJP Mahila Morcha, Organizational District Palampur. The padyatra was led by District BJP President Ragini Rakwal and District Mahila Morcha President Seema Chaudhary, with a large number of women participating and raising their voices in support of rights, dignity, and representation. The event saw strong enthusiasm and awareness among participants. Addressing the gathering, Ragini Rakwal criticized the opposition,

stating that April 17, 2026, would be remembered as a day when a historic opportunity for strengthening democracy was sacrificed for political gains. She highlighted that the proposed bill aimed to expand representation by increasing Lok Sabha seats and reducing the population burden per Member of Parliament, thereby bringing

governance closer to the people. On women's empowerment, she emphasized that the bill sought to pave the way for 33% reservation for women, calling it a crucial step toward inclusive governance. She termed the obstruction as a setback not just for women, but for democratic representation as a whole.

Conspiracy to divide the nation in the name of women will never be accepted: Vinay Kumar

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, APR 22



Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee President Vinay Kumar stated that while the party is fully in favor of women's reservation, it will never accept any conspiracy to divide the nation under the guise of empowering women. Speaking at a press conference in Dharamshala on Wednesday, he accused the Modi-led central government of tampering with the country's federal structure, and Constitution in the name of women's reservation. He alleged that the Modi government has deliberately linked the Women's Reservation Bill passed in 2023 to the processes of delimitation and the previous census. He asserted that this was not a genuine effort toward

women's reservation, but rather an attempt to alter the country's political landscape and launch an assault on the Constitution. He pointed out that when it comes to the safety and dignity of the nation's women—citing cases such as Unnao, Hathras, and Ankita Bhandari the government has proven to be a complete failure. He argued that the government's true agenda is not women's reservation, but rather to reap political dividends through the process of delimitation. He emphasized that equitable reservation is impossible without a caste census, and

that a separate quota must be ensured for women belonging to the Other Backward Classes (OBC). Congress President Vinay Kumar noted that the government failed to convene an all-party meeting to discuss the issue of women's reservation, thereby raising serious questions regarding its intentions. Citing the situation in Manipur where women have been compelled to take to the streets in protest for the past three years he questioned whether this truly represents the government's vision of women's empowerment.

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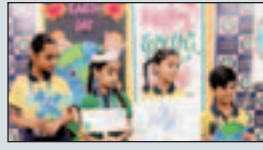
DALBIR SINGH MALIK KURUKSHETRA: Earth Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at St. Peter's Convent School. The objective of this program was to spread awareness about environmental protection among the students. Various competitions were organized in the school, in which students participated enthusiastically and displayed their creativity on



environmental topics. The students also took an oath to protect nature and contribute in creating a clean and green earth. As part of the festival, students were also taken to a panorama show, where they participated in competitions related to environment. Through this activity they gained practical knowledge and developed a deeper understanding of environmental issues.

NEWS BRIEF

World Earth Day celebrated with joy at Da Konark Academy



KARAMBIR LADWA: World Earth Day was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm at Da Konark Academy in Ladwa on Wednesday. The school campus was decorated with messages of greenery and environmental protection. The program began with a prayer meeting, in which students presented prayers and songs based on the importance of the Earth. On this special occasion, students showcased their talents through various programs related to earth conservation. Students raised awareness about environmental conservation through powerful speeches. The school principal also inspired the children. Academy Director S.S. Sharma shared his thoughts, saying that if we don't become environmentally conscious from today, future generations may face dire consequences. On this occasion, children and teachers together planted trees and pledged to care for them.

Align every effort with the goal of building developed India: PM Modi writes to civil servants

AGENCY NEW DELHI, APR 22

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has written encouraging letters to over 1.6 crore civil servants across the country, recognising their commitment to continuous learning and capacity building ahead of Civil Services Day observed on April 21. The outreach follows the successful conduct of Sadhana Saptah 2026 - National Learning Week, held from April 2 to 10, which saw widespread participation from government officials through the iGOT Karmayogi platform. Acknowledging the enthusiastic response, the Prime Minister conveyed his message to all registered "Karmayogis," urging them to continue their journey of self-improvement in service of the nation. In a special gesture, the Prime Minister also issued



letters of commendation to 33.4 lakh civil servants who completed four or more hours of learning during the week. The recognition highlighted their dedication to professional growth and their role in strengthening a more capable, efficient, and citizen-centric governance system. The letters were issued in 12 languages, including Hindi, English, Marathi, Odia, Gujarati, Bengali, Kannada, Punjabi,

Assamese, Malayalam, Telugu, and Tamil, ensuring outreach across ministries, departments, states, and Union Territories. The initiative aligns with the broader vision of "Viksit Bharat," which emphasises continuous learning as a key driver of governance transformation. The Prime Minister has consistently stressed that India's administrative machinery must evolve with speed,

scale, and innovation to meet the goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047. Civil Services Day, celebrated annually on April 21, commemorates the historic address of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in 1947, where he described civil servants as the "steel frame of India." Earlier on Tuesday, President Droupadi Murmu extended greetings to civil servants, noting their role in strengthening governance and improving lives. Union Home Minister Amit Shah also lauded their dedication to nation-building. The annual observance includes the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration, recognising innovative and impactful governance practices across districts and implementing units, reinforcing the spirit of service and accountability among civil servants.

Meeting of officials regarding by-elections for vacant posts of Zilla Parishad and Panchayati Raj held

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, APR 22

A meeting of the concerned officials regarding the by-elections to be held on May 10 on the vacant posts of Zilla Parishad Ward No. 10, Tarawadi Municipality Ward No. 8 and Panchayati Raj Institutions was held here on Wednesday at the District Secretariat, which was presided over by Deputy Commissioner Dr. Anand Kumar Sharma. He instructed the Municipal Commissioner to take appropriate steps for randomization of EVMs and polling parties and training to the employees on election duty. According to the Deputy Commissioner, the administration is committed to conducting elections in a peaceful, fair and free manner. Nomination for the by-election has started from April 21.



Nomination forms can be filled till April 25. Their sorting will be done on April 27. Nominations can be withdrawn on April 28 from 11 am to 3 pm. Election symbols will be allotted to the candidates after 3 pm on the same day. Elections will be held on May 10 from 8 am to 6 pm. Counting of votes will be started on May 13. He said that this by-election was being conducted for one vacant post of Zilla Parishad, four of Sarpanch, 19 of Panch and

eight vacant posts of Ward 8 of Tarawadi Municipality. Ward 8 of Tarawadi has 985 voters of which 500 are male and 485 are female. Nilokheri SDM Ashok Kumar has been made the returning officer for the by-election of this ward. ADC Dr. Rahul Raiya, CTM Monica Nilokheri SDM Ashok Kumar, DDPO Kanchan Lata, Nilokheri Naib Tehsildar and Municipality Secretary Ajit Singh were present in the meeting.

Earth is our home, it is our duty to protect it: Nidhi Tripathi

KARAMBIR LADWA: Nidhi Tripathi, headmistress of Sant Nischal Singh Play School, said, "The Earth is our only home. It is our duty to keep our homes safe and beautiful. To keep our homes safe, we should adopt environmentally friendly habits such as saving water, using electricity sparingly, and reducing plastic use." She was speaking to reporters on Wednesday after raising awareness among school children on World Earth Day. She said that if they did not become environmentally conscious from today, future generations could face dire consequences. She appealed to every section of society to plant as many trees as possible to save the Earth. She also encouraged children to become responsible citizens and play an active role in protecting the environment.

DC Aparajita visits Govt Secondary School, intracts with students

RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL, APR 22

DC Aparajita visited a Government Secondary School located in Francewala and participated in joyful activity. During this time, she moved beyond the traditional administrative role and took on the role of a teacher and taught science to children in an interesting way. Also, when DC formed a school management committee of children in a class and discussed the development of the school, the children gave many constructive suggestions. During the inspection, the DC directly reached the class and insisted on teaching the children experimentally. He explained the principle of density and volume to the students by putting various objects in a bucket filled with water. Through this simple experiment, children learned



which objects float and which sink in water and what is the scientific reason behind it? DC inspired the children for creative activities along with studies. He gave suggestions to make learning interesting through activities like story creation and clay modeling. During the activity, the DC formed a school management committee of students and sought suggestions from them for improving the school. The

children expressed their views openly and expressed their needs. In which suggestions were included for CCTV cameras in the school, repair of benches and improvement in slow speed of fans and filling the vacant post of Hindi teacher. DC Aparajita said that children's suggestions were the most honest and their participation was necessary in the development of the school.

Earth Day celebrated with great enthusiasm at Rose Public School, Suliali



VERMA SULIALI: Earth Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and zeal at Rose Public School, Suliali. On this occasion, various activities were organized under the guidance of Principal Mr. Sanjay Sharma Sauguni and Vice Principal Mrs. Babita Sauguni. Students from Class 1 to Class 10 actively participated in the celebrations. The event featured a variety of competitions and activities including skits, poster making, drawing, slogan writing, and speech competitions. Through their creative performances and presentations, students effectively conveyed important messages about environmental protection, cleanliness, and saving the Earth. The program was successfully conducted with the dedicated efforts of teachers Veena, Nancy, Dev Wala, Suman, Poonam Pathania, Reena, Santosh Thakur, Shivani, Sapna, Kashish, Kumari Ritu, Bhawani, Priyanka, Pallavi, Manju, and other staff members. Addressing the gathering, Principal Sanjay Sharma Sauguni encouraged students to stay aware and responsible towards protecting the Earth and the environment.

Mahatma Hansraj Diwas celebrated with enthusiasm at Ved Kaur Arya Girls Sr Sec School, Gurdaspur



VERMA QADIAN: Mahatma Hansraj Diwas was celebrated with great zeal and reverence at Ved Kaur Arya Girls Senior Secondary School under the able guidance of Principal Mrs. Mamta Dogra. The occasion was marked by spiritual fervor and educational inspiration. The program commenced with the performance of a sacred Havan, creating an atmosphere of devotion and positivity within the school premises. Students actively participated in the celebration and delivered insightful speeches, highlighting the life, values, and remarkable contributions of Mahatma Hansraj. Their presentations reflected deep respect and understanding of his ideals. Addressing the gathering, Principal Mrs. Mamta Dogra emphasized that Mahatma Hansraj was not only a distinguished leader of the Arya Samaj but also a great social reformer and visionary educationist. She motivated the students to imbibe his teachings and uphold values such as discipline, dedication, and selfless service in their daily lives.

Dev Samaj College for Women celebrates Earth Day in association with National Edu Trust of India

TAPINDER SINGH FEROZEPUR, APR 22

Dev Samaj College for Women, Ferozpur, which is an A Plus grade college affiliated to Panjab University, Chandigarh in education, social and cultural activities. Under the blessings of the Chairman of the college, Shri Nirmal Singh Dhillon, the able guidance of Chairperson Dr. Agnes Dhillon and the leadership of Secretary Advocate Ajay Kumar Batta and Principal Dr. Sangeeta, in association with the CEO of National Edu Trust of India, Shri Samarth Sharma, Dev Samaj College for Women, Ferozpur celebrated Earth Day 2026 through various important environmental activities. The festival began with a campus cleaning campaign, in which the



students cleaned the college campus with great enthusiasm and understood the importance of a clean environment. Apart from this, a poster making competition was also organized, in which students creatively presented major environmental problems like pollution, deforestation and climate change. The students also participated in the plastic replacement campaign and promoted the use of steel,

cloth, copper and other eco-friendly reusable items. A tree planting drive was conducted at various places of the college campus, in which students planted medicinal and ornamental plants and took a pledge to take care of them regularly. The "Eco-Selfie with Plants" activity motivated the students to connect with nature and spread environmental awareness through social media.

DLSA organises special awareness and tree plantation program on World Earth Day

RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL, APR 22

Under the aegis of Haryana State Legal Services Authority, District Legal Services Authority Kaithal organized a special awareness and tree plantation program at Government Senior Secondary School Shergharh on the occasion of World Earth Day. This program was organized under the guidance of District and Sessions Judge Ms. Kanchan Mahi. Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary Kaithal Kanwal Kumar was present as the chief guest. During this, he along with the students, teachers and other staff planted saplings in the campus and took a pledge to conserve them. During the program, panel advocate Sunil Kumar Manchanda



informed the students about the importance of environmental protection as well as the legal provisions related to it. He said that protecting the environment was the constitutional duty of every citizen and for this everyone should work responsibly. On this occasion, students were

motivated to control pollution, reduce use of plastic, plant more trees and maintain cleanliness. Under the program, a painting competition was also organized on the theme of 'Earth Day', in which students participated enthusiastically and presented pictures based on environmental protection.

Hardworking workers will always be respected in party: Simarjit Bains



SARABJIT SUFI LUDHIANA: Senior Congress leader and former MLA Simarjit Singh Bains today took a significant step to strengthen the party in the South constituency and specially honored the newly appointed office bearers. When the party high command appointed Baljit Singh Gaspura for Block 1 and Davinder Singh Bansal for Block 2 of the South constituency, Bains expressed his happiness and honored them with Siropas. Speaking to reporters on this occasion, former MLA Simarjit Singh Bains said that it is crucial for hardworking and honest leaders to come forward to strengthen the party at the grassroots level. He said that Mr. Gaspura and Mr. Bansal have been serving the people for a long time, and their appointment has brought joy to the Congress workers in the constituency. Bains said that we all need to unite to face the challenges ahead. He instructed the newly elected presidents to visit every street and neighborhood, listen to people's problems, and make them aware of the party's public-friendly approach. After the felicitation, Baljit Singh Gaspura and Davinder Singh Bansal thanked former MLA Bains and promised to fulfill this responsibility with full dedication.

Awareness-based program organised on World Earth Day at KS Convent School



HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA: On the occasion of World Earth Day, KS Convent School organized an awareness-based and enthusiastic program with the theme "Our Power, Our Planet." The primary objective of the event was to raise awareness among students about environmental protection and to make them aware of their responsibilities towards the Earth. During the program, students pledged to keep the Earth clean, green, and safe. Following this, activities such as speeches, poster making, slogan writing, and tree planting were organized, in which students participated enthusiastically and demonstrated their environmental awareness. School Chairman Gurinder Singh Ghai stated that the Earth is our most precious asset and protecting it is everyone's duty. Principal Radha Gupta encouraged students to conserve energy and use natural resources judiciously.

Earth Day celebrated with enthusiasm at New Happy Public School, Sudhail

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, APR 22

Earth Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and awareness at New Happy Public School, Sudhail. On this occasion, various educational and cultural activities were organized in the school with the aim of creating awareness among students about environmental conservation and helping them understand the importance of our planet Earth. Students of the junior classes participated actively in the program. The little children presented role plays conveying messages about "Mother Nature" and the protection of Earth. Some students recited poems highlighting the importance of environmental



conservation, while others delivered speeches expressing the need to save our planet. The performances of the children deeply moved everyone and conveyed the message that Earth is our most precious treasure, and it is our responsibility to protect it. Teachers also guided the students by explaining in detail the importance of

protecting the Earth, maintaining cleanliness, planting trees, conserving water, and controlling pollution. Students were made to understand that small habits like saving water, reducing the use of plastic, planting trees, and maintaining cleanliness play a vital role in preserving our environment.

Alumna of DAV Public School Yamunanagar, Monika Meena, selected as Judicial Magistrate

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, APR 22

It is a matter of immense pride for DAV Public School, Professor Colony, Yamunanagar that its former student Monika Meena (Batch 2017-18) has been selected for the post of Judicial Magistrate in the Rajasthan Judicial Services and is currently undergoing training. To mark this achievement, a dignified welcome ceremony was organized in the school in her honour. Ms. Monika's visit to the school was emotional and inspiring. School Principal Mr. Vijay Kumar Kashiv welcomed her with a bouquet and said that this is the result of her hard work and dedication that she has reached this position today. She is a source of inspiration for all the children. The school management committee and all the teachers are proud of her. On this occasion, Ms. Monika Meena met her teachers and expressed heartfelt gratitude for their guidance and support. Addressing the students, she shared experiences from her challenging journey and motivated them to stay dedicated to their goals, work hard



consistently, and face challenges courageously. During the Interactive session held in the programme, students asked Ms. Monika Meena several questions related to her success, preparation, and challenges. She guided the students by giving simple and inspiring answers. The school Principal and the entire staff congratulated Ms. Monika on this achievement and presented her a token of appreciation on behalf of the school family.

NEWS BRIEFS

Wheat procurement proceeding smoothly; No inconvenience being caused to farmers: DC Rahul Narwal

DINKAR GAWRI
HANSI: Deputy Commissioner Rahul Narwal stated on Wednesday that the arrival of wheat in the district's grain markets is increasing rapidly. To ensure that farmers face no inconvenience whatsoever while selling their produce, the district administration has put robust arrangements in place. The DC informed that, in addition to the Hansi grain market, approximately a dozen crop procurement centers have been established—including those in Sisay, Ghirai, Lohri Ragho, Naraund, Thurana, Koh Kala, Bass, and Khanda Kheri—where the procurement process is proceeding smoothly. The DC noted that wheat procurement is being conducted without any hindrance at all procurement centers, and clear instructions have been issued to officials and staff to ensure that farmers do not face any difficulties at any stage. He further informed that, so far, 3,070,540 quintals of wheat have arrived at the district's markets and procurement centers, out of which 2,111,834 quintals have already been procured. Additionally, the lifting (transportation) of 795,731 quintals of wheat has also been completed. DC Rahul Narwal stated that, modeled after the Hansi grain market, an 'Atal Shramik Canteen' has also been established at the Bass grain market.

Govt engages industry leaders for final shape of Industrial Policy 2026

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, APRIL 22

Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that the state government is engaging directly with industrialists before finalizing the new industrial policy with the objective of incorporating their needs and suggestions. He was addressing a meeting held at Haryana Bhawan, New Delhi on Wednesday regarding consultations with industry representatives on the draft Haryana Industrial Policy 2026 and sectoral policies. During the meeting, he held direct discussions with leading industrialists from across the country and abroad.

The Chief Minister stated that the purpose of the meeting was to seek suggestions from the industry on the proposed Haryana Industrial Policy 2026 and draft sectoral policies, and to promote investment. He added that the new industrial policy has been formulated after studying the best policies in the country, aiming to provide investors with a simple, transparent, and convenient environment.

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that the government is actively engaging with companies planning to invest in Haryana. The concerns and suggestions



shared by industrialists are being taken seriously to make the policy more effective. He added that Haryana already has a favorable industrial environment, which will be further strengthened under the new policy.

The Chief Minister informed that the state government is working towards developing 10 new Industrial Model Townships (IMTs) in the future. Land acquisition processes are underway for IMTs in Ambala and Narainarh. Additionally, there is a plan to develop a dedicated zone for Japanese companies. He also mentioned that new initiatives like "Sport Booster" are being proposed to encourage industries.

During the meeting, Industries and Commerce Department's Commissioner & Secretary Dr. Amit Kumar Agrawal said that the Haryana Government is continuously working towards realizing the vision of a "Viksit Haryana" in alignment with the broader vision of "Viksit Bharat." Under the guidance of the Chief Minister, the state is formulating a robust industrial policy considering evolving industry needs, global competition, and technological innovations, to establish Haryana as a strong and developed economy.

He added that the government is focusing on creating an investment-friendly environment, improving ease of doing business, and ensuring prompt and transparent services to industries. Strengthening infrastructure, expanding logistics networks, and promoting digital governance are accelerating industrial growth, making Haryana a preferred destination for investors. Sh. Prashant Doreswamy, Managing Director of Continental Company (CEO, Aumovio), informed that the company plans to set up a modern electronic brake plant in Manesar, with a location identified in Dharuhera. The project involves an initial investment of approximately 1,000 crore.

Expert lecture on research design and hypothesis formulation held at Baba Mastnath University

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA ROHTAK, APRIL 22

An expert lecture on "A Roadmap for Research Design and Hypothesis Formulation" was organised at Baba Mastnath University's mini auditorium on Wednesday, aimed at strengthening research culture and guiding scholars towards scientific inquiry.

The keynote speaker, Suresh Chandra Malik, elaborated on the framework of research design, scientific selection of research problems, and logical construction of hypotheses. He underscored the importance of ethics, originality, and discipline in research, while encouraging scholars to adopt an interdisciplinary approach to ensure socially relevant outcomes.

The session was attended by Registrar Vinod Kumar, Dean Academic Affairs Naveen Kumar, Internal Quality Assurance Cell Director Arup Giri, and Controller of Examinations Mukesh Singla, along with deans, heads of departments, directors, and principals from various faculties.

Research scholars actively participated in the lecture, with the interactive question-and-answer session emerging as a key highlight, allowing participants to deepen their understanding of the subject.

Dean Academic Affairs Naveen Kumar delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the keynote speaker and attendees. He noted that such initiatives play a crucial role in promoting high-quality research within the university.



Registrar Vinod Kumar welcomed the chief guest with a sapling, while the proceedings were conducted by Suman Rathi. The lecture proved to be highly informative and contributed to enriching the academic environment of the university.

Martyrdom day of Guru Arjan Dev Ji to be observed on June 18 in Karnal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: The Martyrdom day of Guru Arjan Dev will be observed on June 18 at Dera Kar Seva Gurudwara in Karnal. The programme will be organised by the Gurpurab Management Committee with the support of Baba Sukhna Singh.

According to committee president Vainnder Singh and general secretary Inderpal Singh, a Gurmat Samagam will be held from 9 am onwards, where



ragi and dhadi jathas from across the country will perform kirtan and narrate the glory of the Guru. The schedule includes sessions from 9 am to 3:30 pm and again from 6 pm to 9:30 pm. Devotees will also be served continuous langar during the event. The organisers said preparations for the Gurpurab are underway and appealed to the sangat to participate in large numbers.

Students dance with joy at farewell party ceremony at Jat B.Ed. College

SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL, APRIL 22

Today, a farewell party ceremony was organised at the Dhanna Bhagat Auditorium Hall of Jat B.Ed. College, Kaithal. On this occasion, Rajkumar Beniwal, President of the Jat High School Society, attended as the Chief Guest.

Upon his arrival at the venue, students from the first-year B.Ed. class welcomed the Chief Guest and the executive members of the Jat High School Society by applying a tilak to their foreheads. Subsequently, the Principal and the faculty members were also welcomed with the application of a tilak. The second-year B.Ed. students were likewise welcomed with a *tilak*. To formally inaugurate the party proceedings, the Chief

Guest, Mr. Rajkumar Beniwal—along with the executive members and Principal Dr. Dinesh Singh Dhillon—lit a ceremonial lamp in front of the idol of Goddess Saraswati. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Guest Mr. Raj-



kumar Beniwal wished the outgoing second-year B.Ed. students a bright future and remarked, "You are poised to become teachers in the future. A teacher is the architect of a

nation; therefore, your responsibility towards society becomes twofold. You must first become good citizens yourselves; only when we ourselves embody good citizenship can we inspire others. We must guide society while remaining disciplined ourselves; only then can India emerge as a truly great nation."

On this occasion, Principal Dr. Dinesh Singh Dhillon also addressed the students, stating, "This educational institution remains yours today, and it will continue to be yours in the future. In the current scenario, teachers often bear a heavy burden to produce excellent examination results. While working towards this objective, teachers often succeed in helping students secure high marks, yet they are sometimes unable to instill in them the depth of values.

Political parties used Ambedkar as a ladder to power, says his great-grandson at Karnal conference

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, APRIL 22

Aman Anand Raj Ambedkar, great-grandson of B. R. Ambedkar, said that political parties have used Ambedkar's name as a means to gain power rather than following his ideals. He was addressing the 24th Swavalamban Conference at the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) in Karnal as the chief guest.

He remarked that even after 75 years of Independence, many of the core objectives behind the framing of the Constitution remain unfulfilled. He added that instead of narrowing the gap between rich and poor, and among social groups, has continued to widen. He also alleged that there are attempts to weaken the founda-

tional pillars of the Constitution.

Emphasising the role of youth, he said self-reliance and entrepreneurship are essential in the present era. "Young people must move towards becoming



self-dependent rather than relying solely on jobs," he said.

The event was presided over by social worker Dr. Fauji India. The welcome address and introduction of guests

were delivered by Ram Sharan Bhola, chairman of the college and former member of the Haryana Staff Selection Commission. Guests were honoured with bouquets, mementoes and shawls. Prominent attendees included Amar Singh Patil (president, Ambedkar Samaj Kalyan Sabha), former National Safai Karamchhari Commission member Gopal Krishna Sahotra, Suresh Kumar Dahiya, Om Prakash Jast, RP Pandit, former chairman Ramphal Dawartha, and representatives from Ravidas Sabha and Ambedkar organisations from various districts. The programme began with floral tributes to Dr Ambedkar's portrait. In his address, Dr Fauji India said he is running a nationwide awareness campaign to promote self-reliance among youth.

Smooth wheat procurement and lifting operations continue in mandis

JTENDER KAUSHIK

BARWALA: Wheat procurement and lifting operations for the Rabi season 2026-27 are proceeding smoothly across the district. To date, government procurement agencies have procured 32,010 metric tonnes of wheat from the district's mandis (grain markets), while 15,182 metric tonnes of wheat have also been lifted (transported). Providing this information, a spokesperson for the District Food and Supplies Controller's office stated that wheat procurement is currently being conducted by HAFED and the Haryana Warehousing Corporation at the Raipur Rani and Barwala grain mandis. According to the spokesperson, HAFED has procured 3,936 metric tonnes of wheat from the Raipur Rani grain mandi, while the Haryana Warehousing Corporation has procured 10,726 metric tonnes. Meanwhile, at the Barwala grain mandi, HAFED has purchased 7,743 metric tonnes of wheat, and the Haryana Warehousing Corporation has purchased 8,385 metric tonnes.

Lifting operations are also proceeding at a rapid pace. From the Raipur Rani mandi, HAFED has lifted 1,100 metric tonnes of wheat, and the Warehousing Corporation has lifted 4,334 metric tonnes. Similarly, from the Barwala mandi, HAFED has lifted 4,342 metric tonnes of wheat, and the Warehousing Corporation has lifted 5,206 metric tonnes. Officials affirm that both the procurement and lifting processes are continuing smoothly, ensuring that farmers do not face any difficulties.

'Poshan Pakhwada' and water conservation programme held in Gram Panchayat Bator



JITENDER KAUSHIK

BARWALA: A 'Poshan Pakhwada' (Nutrition Fortnight) programme was organized in Gram Panchayat Bator, during which women were sensitized regarding various important topics such as yoga, balanced diet, reducing screen time, and water conservation. The program was presided over by the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) of Barwala, Monika. She encouraged the women present to adopt a healthy lifestyle and improve their nutritional habits. Block Coordinator Narendra Modgi raised awareness among the rural women regarding the saving and conservation of water. He informed them that the Public Health Department has sent drinking water bills to rural consumers via SMS. All consumers can make their bill payments online using Google Pay, Paytm, or the BHIM App.

During the programme, the women were apprised of the importance of practicing yoga regularly, consuming a balanced and nutritious diet, limiting the use of mobile phones and television, and conserving water. The women present showed keen interest in all these topics and resolved to adhere to them in the future. This programme marks a significant step towards improving the health of women and children and is observed annually.

Present on this occasion were Poshan Block Coordinator Suman, ANM Urmila Rathi, Kavita from the Pratham team, and all the Anganwadi workers of village Bator—Sushil Rana, Naseeb Kaur, and Shashi Bala—along with ASHA workers Neha, Seema, and Urmila.

Inspection of courts and legal aid centres in Sub-Division Assandh



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: District and Sessions Judge—and Chairman of the District Legal Services Authority—Ajay Kumar Sharda, along with Chief Judicial Magistrate—and Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority—Dr. Iram Hasan, inspected the courts of Sub-Division Assandh on Wednesday. On this occasion, ACJ (Senior Division) of Assandh, Harish Sabharwal, was present. During the inspection, CJM Dr. Iram Hasan interacted with the panel advocates and issued instructions to encourage the public—in observance of Earth Day—to refrain from using plastic and to undertake tree plantation. Subsequently, CJM Dr. Iram Hasan inspected the Legal Aid Centers located in Salwan, Assandh, and Munak. While providing guidance to the Para-Legal Volunteers present, she issued directives to raise public awareness regarding Earth Day and to motivate people to avoid the use of plastic and to plant trees for the sake of environmental protection.

Earth Day observed with awareness activities at Jagadhri school

RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: Earth Day was observed with enthusiasm and environmental awareness at Sanatan Dharma Senior Secondary School, Jagadhri. A special morning assembly was organised to sensitise students about the importance of protecting the planet. Students presented a short skit, poems and speeches highlighting the need for environmental conservation. Activities such as poster-making and slogan-writing were also conducted to spread awareness about sustainable practices.

Students and teachers took a pledge to plant more trees, conserve water and maintain cleanliness in their surroundings. School principal Satish Garg said that the Earth is a priceless heritage and a nurturing force, and protecting it is a collective responsibility.



Earth Day 2026 observed with awareness drive at Mukand Lal National College

RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR, APRIL 22

Mukand Lal National College, Yamunanagar marked Earth Day 2026 with an awareness programme centred on the theme "Our Power, Our Planet," highlighting the importance of environmental conservation.

The event featured addresses by Additional Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dheeraj Kumar and college principal Anil Dhawan. Dheeraj Kumar spoke about the growing environmental challenges and urged



participants to take concrete steps towards protecting natural resources. Dr Dhawan encouraged students to adopt sustainable practices and

contribute to green initiatives in the future.

Students and staff pledged to promote environmental awareness and fulfil their re-

Earth Day celebrated with enthusiasm at Lakshya Public School, students pledge to protect environment

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA HISAR, APRIL 22

Lakshya Public School, Dhanu, marked Earth Day with a vibrant and awareness-driven programme, witnessing enthusiastic participation from hundreds of students. The event focused on instilling environmental responsibility and sustainable practices among young learners.

During the programme, students carried saplings and displayed creative posters while presenting cultural performances centred on environmental conservation. Through slogans such as saving water, protecting the Earth, and promoting a polythene-free environment, they conveyed strong messages on ecological responsibility. The school campus reflected a green and conscious atmosphere throughout the event.

Students collectively took a pledge to conserve water, plant more trees, maintain cleanliness in their surroundings, and actively contribute to environmental protection.



Their discipline and engagement were notable throughout the programme.

School manager Ramniwas Verma addressed the gathering, highlighting the growing importance of environmental conservation and emphasising that safeguarding

the planet is a shared responsibility.

The school director, in his message, stated that environmental protection is no longer optional but a critical responsibility, and creating awareness among children is essential. The principal underlined the importance of integrating life values with education, noting that such initiatives contribute to holistic development. The chairman added that if every individual plants a single tree, it can significantly improve the planet's ecological balance.

The programme concluded with a collective pledge by students and staff to adopt environmentally responsible practices in daily life, reinforcing the message of making every day an Earth Day.

Departmental artists raised public awareness through songs

MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: To promote women empowerment and upliftment campaigns, artists from Information, Public Relations and Languages Department are raising public awareness through songs. In this connection, departmental artists performed songs in Khanpur village, Nagla Rodan today. DPRo Salyawan Mahiwal stated that primary objective of these programs organized is to raise awareness among women about their rights and provide information about government welfare schemes. Through folk songs, artists are spreading awareness about Drone Didi Scheme, Lakhpali Didi Scheme, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme, toll-free numbers for women's safety, Mudra Scheme and other subsidized loan schemes. Departmental artists raised awareness through songs in villages like Budhanpur, Dhamanheri, Bibipur Jalan, Shahpur, Garhi Jalan, Bada Gaon, Khanpur and Nangla Rodan. DPRo stated that women are showing great enthusiasm for these programs. Large numbers of women are gathering at these events held in Chaupals and public places to understand process of availing government schemes. This initiative is not only increasing awareness but also instilling confidence in women. Through their songs, departmental artists are spreading awareness about Drone Didi, Lakhpali Didi Schemes, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, toll-free numbers for women's safety, Mudra Scheme and other subsidized loan schemes. Namu Drone Didi Scheme was launched by central government to empower rural women and modernize agriculture by connecting women self-help groups with drone technology.



Alpha Milkfood MD Vipin Gupta meets former President Ram Nath Kovind

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, APRIL 22

Managing Director of Alpha Milkfood, Vipin Gupta, met former President Ram Nath Kovind and enquired about his well-being during a courtesy visit. Gupta greeted Kovind with a bouquet, following which both held a detailed discussion on various subjects.

During the interaction, the former President appreciated the social initiatives undertaken by Vipin Gupta, particularly his contributions towards education and welfare-oriented activities, including efforts associated with Ekal Vidyalaya and Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram. Gupta also briefed him about ongoing and upcoming projects.

Speaking on the occasion, Ram Nath Kovind emphasised that education is the most funda-

mental pillar of human development, enabling individuals to distinguish between right and wrong and shaping them into



responsible citizens. He noted that an educated individual not only improves personal life but also contributes significantly to societal progress. He further

highlighted the crucial role of family and society in promoting education. According to him, the family serves as the first institution where children imbibe values and sanskar, while society provides an enabling environment for individuals to utilise their knowledge and skills effectively. The former President also underlined the importance of visionary leadership in guiding society and motivating youth towards education. He stressed the need to maintain a balance between tradition and modernity, advocating for the preservation of cultural values alongside the adoption of modern education and technology. Vipin Gupta expressed gratitude for the guidance and assured that he would continue to work for the welfare of society while drawing inspiration from the principles shared during the interaction.

EDITORIAL

RBI tightens auto-debit rules

Customers will now receive alerts at least 24 hours before any automatic payment is deducted from their accounts, as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Tuesday issued the Digital Payments - E-mandate Framework, 2026, to streamline and safeguard recurring transactions. In a move aimed at preventing unexpected debits, the central bank said, "An issuer shall send a pre-transaction notification to the customer, at least 24 hours prior to the actual charge / debit. "The framework consolidates all existing rules on e-mandates -- commonly used for subscriptions, utility bills, and SIPs -- and makes them more transparent and customer-friendly. To ensure better control, RBI said customers must explicitly approve auto-debit instructions at the time of registration through an additional layer of security. "The mandate shall be registered only after successful validation of additional factor of authentication (AFA)," the RBI said. The central bank also emphasised flexibility, noting that users can modify or cancel such mandates anytime. "The issuer shall provide the customer with a facility to modify the validity period or withdraw the e-mandate at any point of time," it said. Further strengthening safeguards, RBI has allowed customers to block individual transactions before they are processed. "The issuer shall provide a customer with a facility to opt-out of any particular transaction or the e-mandate," the framework stated. On transaction limits, the RBI said recurring payments up to Rs 15,000 can be processed without additional authentication, while higher-value transactions will require user approval. "All recurring transactions may be authorised without AFA up to ₹15,000 per transaction. Transactions above this amount shall be subject to AFA," it said. However, for certain critical payments such as insurance premiums, mutual fund subscriptions and credit card bills, the limit has been relaxed. "Payment of insurance premiums, subscription to mutual funds, and credit card bill payments may be made without AFA up to ₹1,00,000 per transaction," the RBI added. The framework also mandates that customers be informed after every transaction. "An issuer shall send a post-transaction notification to the customer," it said, adding that details of grievance redressal must also be included. Importantly, the RBI clarified that customers will not be charged for using this facility. "No charges shall be levied to the customer for availing the e-mandate facility for recurring transactions," it said. The new directions replace all earlier circulars on e-mandates, creating a single, comprehensive framework for recurring digital payments in the country.

This common plant could clean microplastics from your drinking water

Scientists have discovered that moringa seeds can help pull microplastics out of water, rivaling standard chemical treatments. The plant-based extract causes plastic particles to clump together, making them easier to filter away. In some conditions, it even outperformed conventional chemicals. This low-cost, natural solution could be a game-changer for cleaner drinking water, especially in smaller communities.

Researchers at the Institute of Science and Technology of São Paulo State University (ICT-UNESP) in São Jose dos Campos, Brazil, have found that Moringa oleifera, commonly known as moringa or white acacia, could help remove microplastics from water.

The findings were published in ACS Omega, a journal of the American Chemical Society. Moringa is native to India and grows well in many tropical regions. Its leaves and seeds are widely consumed as food due to their nutritional value.

Scientists have also been exploring the seeds for years because of their potential role in water purification. Moringa Seed Extract Performs Like Chemical Treatment "We showed that the saline extract from the seeds performs similarly to aluminum sulfate, which is used in treatment plants to coagulate water containing microplastics.

In more alkaline waters, it performed even better than the chemical product," says Gabrielle Batista, the first author of the study. She carried out the research during her master's degree in the Post-Graduate Program in Civil and Environmental Engineering (PPGECA) at the Bauru School of Engineering (FEB) at UNESP. The study was led by Adriano Goncalves dos Reis, a professor at ICT-UNESP and in the PPGECA at FEB-UNESP. He also heads the project "Direct and In-Line Filtration for the Removal of Microplastics from Drinking Water," which is funded by FAPESP.

"The only drawback found so far regarding aluminum sulfate was the increase in dissolved organic matter, the removal of which could make the process more expensive. However, on a small scale, such



as rural properties and in small communities, the method could be used cost-effectively and efficiently," says Reis.

How Coagulation Helps Remove Microplastics The research focused on in-line filtration, a method in which water is first treated with a coagulant and then passed through a sand filter. This approach works best for water with low turbidity, meaning it is relatively clear and requires fewer preliminary treatment steps.

Coagulation plays a key role because microplastics and other contaminants carry a negative electrical charge. This causes them to repel each other and prevents them from being captured easily during filtration. Coagulants, including moringa salt extract (which can be made at home) and aluminum

sulfate, neutralize these charges. As a result, the particles stick together, forming larger clusters that can be removed more easily. Earlier work by the same research group showed that moringa seeds are effective throughout a full treatment cycle, including flocculation, sedimentation, and filtration.

Luiz Gustavo Rodrigues Godoy, the first author of the study, completed his master's degree at FEB-UNESP with support from FAPESP. Lab Tests With Microplastic Contaminated Water To evaluate the method, the team added polyvinyl chloride (PVC) microplastics to tap water. PVC was chosen because it is considered one of the most harmful plastics for human health, with known

mutagenic and carcinogenic properties. It is also commonly found on the surfaces of water bodies and can persist even after conventional treatment. The researchers exposed the PVC to ultraviolet radiation to simulate natural aging and better reflect the characteristics of real-world microplastics.

The contaminated water then went through coagulation and filtration using a Jar Test system, which mimics water treatment processes on a small scale. The results were compared with samples treated using aluminum sulfate.

To measure effectiveness, the team used scanning electron microscopy (SEM) to count microplastic particles before and after treatment. They also analyzed the size of the

particle clusters formed using a high-speed camera and laser measurements. Both treatments showed similar levels of microplastic removal.

Testing Moringa in Real Water Sources The researchers are now testing moringa seed extract on water collected from the Paraíba do Sul River, which supplies São Jose dos Campos. So far, the results suggest the method is effective in treating natural water conditions as well. "There's increasing regulatory scrutiny and health concerns regarding the use of aluminum- and iron-based coagulants, as they aren't biodegradable, leave residual toxicity, and pose a risk of disease. For that reason, the search for sustainable alternatives has intensified," Reis concludes.

India's seafood exports hit record Rs 72,000 crore in Fy26



strong growth in other markets. Exports to China rose by 22.7 per cent in value and 20.1 per cent in volume, while shipments to the European Union grew by 37.9 per cent in value and 35.2 per cent in volume. Southeast Asian markets also registered significant gains, with growth of over 36 per cent in value. Exports to Japan increased by 6.55 per cent in value, whereas shipments to West Asia saw a marginal decline of 0.55 per cent amid regional instability toward the end of the financial year. Among product categories, frozen fish, squid, cuttlefish, dried items, and live products recorded positive growth, while chilled products witnessed a decline. Surimi, fishmeal, and fish oil exports also improved. In terms of logistics, five major ports—Visakhapatnam, JNPT, Kochi, Kolkata, and Chennai—accounted for nearly 64 per cent of total export value, underlining their importance in India's seafood export ecosystem.

rise in value. The United States continued to be the largest importer of Indian seafood at USD 2.32 billion. However, exports to the US declined by 19.8 per cent in volume and 14.5 per cent in value, largely due to reciprocal tariff impacts. The downturn in US demand was offset by

(MPEDA) on Tuesday. Frozen shrimp remained the key driver of growth, contributing 47,973.13 crore (USD 5.51 billion), accounting for more than two-thirds of total export earnings. Shrimp exports recorded a 4.6 per cent increase in volume and a 6.35 per cent

India's marine exports surged to an all-time high of 72,325.82 crore (USD 8.28 billion) in FY 2025-26, with total export volumes reaching 19.32 lakh metric tonnes, according to provisional data released by the Marine Products Export Development Authority

INS Sunayna arrives in Indonesia, boosts regional Naval cooperation

Indian Navy's INS Sunayna, an Offshore Patrol Vessel deployed under the IOS SAGAR initiative, arrived at Jakarta, Indonesia on Tuesday, marking the third port call of its operational deployment to the Indian Ocean Region.

In a statement issued here, the Naval spokesperson said that the ship, with a multinational crew from 16 Friendly Foreign Countries onboard, transited the narrow Malacca and Singapore Straits prior to arrival, demonstrating high standards of interoperability and navigational proficiency.

IOS SAGAR is a practical expression of India's vision of MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions) and embodies the ethos of "leadership through partnership, strength through unity and progress through peace."

The mission completed its Harbour Phase from 16 to 29 March 2026 in India and is currently progressing through the Sea Phase (Apr–May 2026), which includes port calls at multiple Friendly Foreign Countries in the Indian Ocean Region.



During the port call at Jakarta, the ship will engage with the Indonesian Navy (TNI AL) through professional, social and sporting interactions. The Commanding Officer, INS Sunayna, called on the senior leadership at Kodaeraal III (Naval Regional Command III). Planned activities include

professional exchanges, joint Yoga sessions, sporting events, ship visits by stakeholders and a deck reception. A Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with the Indonesian Navy is scheduled on departure.

The initiative underscores India's Neighbourhood First policy and vision of MAHASAGAR,

Reconnecting with balance: Experts explore Ayurveda and Yoga

A thought-provoking discussion on 'The Power of Ayurveda & Yoga', authored by Anita Dua, was recently held at the India International Centre, bringing together scholars, wellness experts, and practitioners to reflect on the continuing relevance of India's traditional healing systems in modern life. Published by Shubhi Publications, the book presents Ayurveda as a "science of longevity," explaining health as a natural state of balance and ease, while defining disease as a condition of being "not at ease."

The central philosophy emphasized throughout the discussion was that "wellness is our innate condition, and illness arises

when humans drift away from natural rhythms".

A key idea highlighted in the book is that disease originates from the "mistakes of the intellect," where individuals ignore disciplined living—such as proper sleep, balanced diet, and alignment with nature's cycles.

The book explains Ayurveda's foundational concept of the Tridoshas—Vata (air), Pitta (fire), and Kapha (earth)—which determine an individual's constitution. It describes humans as "microcosms of the universe," composed of five elements: air, water, fire, space, and earth.

According to the text, restoring health begins with identifying one's dominant Dosha and



correcting imbalances. The book notes that "excess Pitta may manifest as inflammation, while imbalanced Vata could result in anxiety or restlessness."

Therapeutic practices such as Panchakarma, herbal treatments, and oil massages are presented alongside Yoga asanas and pranayama, which are described as essential tools for balancing the body and mind.

The yoga section of the book provides structured, step-by-step guidance, with demonstrations by Yog Guru Veer Singh and the author. These practices are positioned as practical methods for achieving "a state of natural well-being."

Speaking about her work, Anita Dua said, "The

book offers step-by-step methods to restore balance and achieve natural well-being through simple, mindful practices."

She further emphasized that Ayurveda and Yoga are deeply interconnected systems that support holistic health when practiced together.

The discussion featured prominent experts, including Dr Devendra Triguna, Dr Ananthram Sharma PV, and Bijoylaxmi Hota, who collectively highlighted the growing global interest in traditional Indian wellness systems.

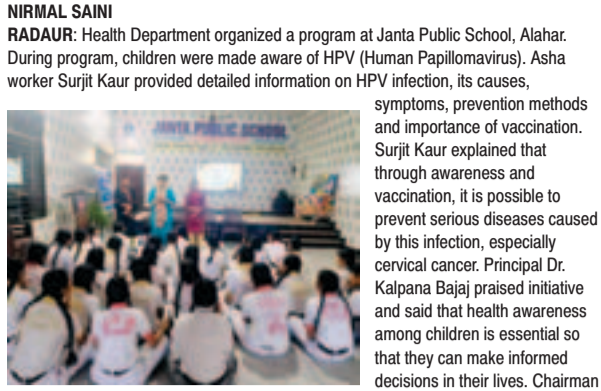
Speakers underlined that Ayurveda and Yoga together offer a "holistic approach to well-being, integrating body, mind, and spirit," and are

increasingly relevant in addressing modern lifestyle-related disorders.

The session concluded with an interactive audience exchange, reinforcing the idea that returning to "balanced living and conscious awareness" remains central to sustainable health and happiness.

Anita Dua, a Yoga expert and author with over three decades of experience, trained under Yogacharya B K S Iyengar at the Ramamani Iyengar Memorial Institute in Pune. Her work, including co-authoring Illuminating Indian Classical Dances Through Yoga, reflects her interdisciplinary approach to movement, healing, and culture.

Children made aware of HPV



NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: Health Department organized a program at Janta Public School, Alahar. During program, children were made aware of HPV (Human Papillomavirus). Asha worker Surjit Kaur provided detailed information on HPV infection, its causes, symptoms, prevention methods and importance of vaccination. Surjit Kaur explained that through awareness and vaccination, it is possible to prevent serious diseases caused by this infection, especially cervical cancer. Principal Dr. Kalpana Bajaj praised initiative and said that health awareness among children is essential so that they can make informed decisions in their lives. Chairman Mukesh Shastri and MD Ruby Kamboj said that such awareness programs help develop a positive attitude towards health in society.

"Chandigarh has strengthened its sports vision under UT Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria," Sanjay Tandon



CHANDIGARH: Reinforcing its commitment to developing a robust sporting ecosystem, the Administrator's Sports Advisory Council meeting was chaired by Sanjay Tandon, bringing together key stakeholders to chart the future of sports in the city. The meeting was attended by Sports Director Saurabh Arora along with representatives from nearly 20 sports associations across Chandigarh. Notably, Sanjay Tandon is the Chairman of Chandigarh Administration's Standing Committee of Administrator's Advisory Council on Sports Management. During the meeting, Sanjay Tandon emphasized that sports have received renewed focus ever since UT Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria assumed office. "Chandigarh has strengthened its sports vision under UT Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria," he said. He highlighted that the administration is committed to transforming Chandigarh into a prominent hub for national and international sporting events. "Chandigarh has immense potential to host tournaments of national and global stature, and this vision forms a key part of the Administrator's roadmap," he stated. Citing recent initiatives, Tandon pointed to the successful hosting of the Chandigarh Marathon as a reflection of this vision in action. He further informed that the long-pending issue of cash rewards for sportspersons, which had been delayed for nearly five years, has now been resolved and this marks a significant step toward encouraging athletes.

Naveen Bhatia's five-wicket haul stars day six of the Gully Cricket Tournament

CHANDIGARH: Naveen Bhatia delivered a sensational spell by registering the first five-wicket haul of the tournament to guide Team No. 178 to a dominant ten-wicket win over Team No. 179 at GMSSS, Sector 32 on Wednesday. After being bowled out team no 179 for 48, the winning team surpassed the target in the sixth over. Organised by the UT Cricket Administration in association with Chandigarh Police, the tournament witnessed an action-packed day six wherein five half centuries were also scored. Several teams stamped their authority with convincing wins. Team No. 121 secured a massive 87-run victory over Team No. 122, while Team No. 90 outplayed Team No. 89 by 82 runs. Team No. 62 and Team No. 93 also impressed with dominant wins of 67 runs and 50 runs respectively. Clinical chases were equally on display as Team No. 59, Team No. 57, and Team No. 51 registered comfortable victories. Team No. 149 and Team No. 147 also advanced with commanding wins. Among other notable results, Team No. 92 cruised to a 56-run victory, while Team No. 113 secured a convincing 10-wicket win. Team No. 244, Team No. 212, and Team No. 240 recorded emphatic wins, highlighting their all-round performances. Meanwhile, Team No. 223 delivered one of the most dominant displays of the day with a comprehensive 102-run victory.

Sundaram Finance Celebrates 25 Years of Service at Jalandhar Branch



JALANDHAR – Sundaram Finance marked a meaningful milestone today as its Jalandhar branch completed 25 years of continuous service. More than a celebration of time, the event recognized the enduring partnership with customers, the dedication of employees, and the support of their families who have shaped the branch's legacy in Jalandhar. At Sundaram Finance, what sustains us is not just longevity, but the spirit of truth, fairness, and service that defines our relationship with people. This branch has endured because of the values it lives by—and the community it serves and belongs to," said Mr. Salin Nair, General Manager & Head – Northern Region, Sundaram Finance. "Established in 1997, the Jalandhar branch has played a vital role in expanding financial access in Jalandhar, often serving customers who were outside the reach of mainstream finance. Small business owners, first-time borrowers, self-employed professionals, and transport operators have all found a dependable financial partner in this branch," said Mr. Yaman Kumar, Branch Manager, Jalandhar branch. The branch has stood for more than financial support—it has stood for transparency, dignity, and a human touch, helping generations of customers build livelihoods and live with confidence. The strength of the Jalandhar branch lies in its people. Many employees have spent significant parts of their careers here, serving not just with competence, but with honesty, empathy, and purpose. Their bond with customers goes beyond transactions—it is built on mutual respect and shared progress. As Sundaram Finance prepares to celebrate 75 years in 2029, this branch milestone serves as a reaffirmation of the company's founding philosophy—to serve with integrity, grow with humility, and remain rooted in community.

Shri Krishna Kripa Seva Samiti Sadhaura constituted an executive committee in its meeting

PREETI SAINI
SADHAURA: The meeting of the Sadhaura Shri Krishna Kripa Seva Samiti, Sadhaura, was held at the Krishna Temple complex. The meeting constituted an executive committee for the next two years. Discussions focused on the Radha Jagran, scheduled to be held in Karnal on May 15, the birth anniversary of the revered Gurudev, the pride of the Shri Krishna Kripa family. A special bus service has been arranged from Sadhaura to Karnal on May 15. Additionally, discussions were held on the memorandum to be submitted at the teshil level on April 27, in collaboration with Sadhaura's social and religious organizations, on the occasion of Cow Respect Invocation Day. In this context, a meeting was scheduled for Thursday evening at 7:30 pm at Shishu Valika Vidyalaya. The meeting unanimously elected Sachdev Chugh as president for the third time, Sudhir Bhalla as general secretary, and Bishma Chugh as treasurer. Suraj Oberoi, Surendra Verma, and Jeevan Das Mehdiratta were elected patrons. Rajendra Chanaana was elected committee coordinator, and Gopal Singh as co-coordinator. Rajan Arora, Advocate Bhim Singh Sandhu Subhash Sharma was given the responsibility of Vice President. Wazir Chand, Indrajit Setia, Sandeep Paruthi, Radhey Shyam Mittal, Dinesh Kalda were made Joint Secretaries, Sarjivan Kumar, Rajkumar Kashyap Rajendra Dhiman were assigned the duty of Publicity Heads. Rajan Arora and Vinod Sharma were appointed as magazine heads. Naresh Bakshi, Dharampal Saini, Rajeshwar Dayal (Haveil), Lekh Raj Khurana, Naresh Chugh (Babu) were included in the guidance and welcome committee. Jatin Chugh (Tinku), Sanjay Setia, Naresh Gera were appointed as Satsang heads. Yashpal Mehdiratta, Amit Kalda, Sudhir Jolly, Jitendra Kalda, Yogesh Anand Manoj Kalda were made arrangements heads.

Autograph Collection Hotels by Marriott International debuts in India with NoorMahal Delhi NCR Karnal

JALANDHAR: Autograph Collection Hotels, part of Marriott International global portfolio of extraordinary hotel brands, announces its debut in India with the opening of NoorMahal, Delhi NCR Karnal, Autograph Collection Hotels- a 176-room collectors' palace along the historic Grand Trunk Road - making it Marriott Bonvoy's 19th brand in the country and 235th of the total Marriott Hotel in South Asia. "Autograph Collection Hotels are a product of clear vision, designed with heart, and express a strong sense of place. NoorMahal embodies all of that, making it the ideal debut for the brand in India," said Kiran Andicot, Senior Vice President, South Asia, Marriott International. "This launch also marks the introduction of our 19th Marriott Bonvoy brand in the country, reflecting the continued evolution and depth of our portfolio. A Indian travelers increasingly seek stays that are distinctive, design-led, and rooted in cultural authenticity, Autograph Collection arrives at moment of strong relevance for the market. Noor Mahal brings this to life beautifully, where India's regal heritage meets contemporary artistry to create rich immersive moments for the modern design-conscious traveler.

Supercharge '26, Powered by Apple, Ignites Innovation at Chitkara University



CHANDIGARH: Chitkara University hosted the second edition of Supercharge '26, powered by Apple, a two-day flagship event designed to immerse students in the tools, technologies, and ideas shaping the future of digital innovation. Building on the success of previous editions, Supercharge '26 brought together students from Computer Science & Engineering programmes in a dynamic learning environment focused on exploration, creation, and hands-on application. The event enabled participants to engage directly with Apple technologies, interact with industry experts, and translate ideas into real-world solutions. The experience was anchored in three core pillars: "Develop the Future" plenary sessions, hands-on workshops to create app prototypes, and spotlight sessions exploring the capabilities of Mac. Industry experts and keynote speakers from Apple and the technology ecosystem shared insights on iOS innovation, emerging digital skills, and the evolving global tech landscape. Workshops offered immersive exposure to macOS and iOS development, encouraging participants to build functional prototypes and transform concepts into working applications. Spotlight sessions highlighted the role of Mac in enhancing creativity, productivity, and innovation for learners in modern digital environments. Reflecting on the event, Dr. Madhu Chitkara stated, "Supercharge '26 exemplified our commitment to bridging classroom learning with industry expectations. By integrating students with experts and advanced tools, we created a platform where ideas transform into impactful solutions for real-world challenges."

NephroPlus hosts 'Aashayein 2026' in Hisar

HISAR: NephroPlus, a leading network of dialysis centres, hosted its flagship patient engagement initiative 'Aashayein 2026' at Jindal Hospital, Hisar, bringing together dialysis patients, caregivers, doctors, and hospital management for a meaningful day centred on hope, togetherness, and holistic well-being. The event aimed to go beyond clinical care, fostering emotional support, community bonding, and a sense of belonging among patients and their families. The event witnessed participation from around 30-40 dialysis patients and 25-30 caregivers, along with the NephroPlus team, Jindal Hospital management, and leading medical experts. The programme commenced with a ceremonial lamp lighting, followed by felicitation of dignitaries, setting the tone for a day focused on encouragement, engagement, and shared experiences.

Healthy lifestyle & balanced diet may prevent non-alcoholic fatty liver disease

CHANDIGARH: Liver is a vital organ which aids digestion, immunity and several other metabolic functions in the human body. To spread awareness about liver and the associated ailments, World Liver Day is observed on 19th April every year. The theme for this year's World Liver Day is "Solid Habits, Strong Liver," implying on how a healthy lifestyle and good eating habits can prevent liver disease. To spread awareness on liver and its associated disorders, Dr Arvind Sahni, Director, Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Fortis Hospital Mohali, explains the common symptoms, management and prevention of Metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease (MASLD). MASLD or non-alcoholic fatty liver disease is becoming the fastest growing cause for chronic liver disease, causing liver cirrhosis and liver cancer. "Fatty liver disease has overtaken viral Hepatitis B and hepatitis C as the causes of liver cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC)."

Niva Bupa Unveils Young India Health Insurance Report

CHANDIGARH / AMRITSAR: Niva Bupa Health Insurance unveiled the Young India Health Insurance Report - India's Health Protection Score at its annual flagship event, Better Together, a premier gathering of leaders from across its partner and distribution ecosystem. The event serves as a strategic platform to foster meaningful dialogue, strengthen collaboration, and chart the future of the health insurance industry while keeping customer needs firmly at the core of every initiative. The Young India report is based on a survey which was conducted among 2,400+ respondents across 35+ urban and rural centres, spanning Tier 1, 2, and 3 towns as well as villages. It highlights a significant gap between awareness and actual ownership of health insurance among younger consumers. While 51% of young Indians rank health insurance among their top three financial priorities indicating strong intent only 14% currently own a personal policy, revealing a clear gap between awareness and action. A key highlight of the report is the introduction of Health Protection Score (HPS)- a first-of-its-kind composite metric designed to assess how prepared young Indians are to handle medical emergencies. The score brings together four critical dimensions: 1) Lifestyle discipline, 2) Family health history, 3) Self-assessment of health status & care, and 4) Financial adequacy offering a comprehensive view of health readiness beyond just insurance ownership. Commenting on the findings, Nimish Agrawal, Director Digital Business Unit & Chief Marketing Officer, Niva Bupa Health Insurance, said "India's young population is increasingly aware of the importance of financial planning, and health insurance is gradually becoming part of that conversation."

Akshay Kumar Talks About His Mother's Powerful Advice on Big Dreams

CHANDIGARH: The episode took an inspiring turn when host Akshay Kumar interacted with contestants Akshay, Purva, and Nikhil on Wheel of Fortune, where a conversation about dreams and ambitions led to a memorable exchange. During the interaction, Nikhil mentioned that he dreams of buying a small house, prompting Akshay to encourage him to think bigger and aim higher. Sharing a memory of his first home, Akshay said, "Pehla ghar jab maine socha tha apna leke ke. To maine socha tha ki main 2 bedroom flat lunga." He then recalled his mother's guidance, adding, "Lekin meri maa ne kaha, 'puttar vadda soch', Main kaha iss se aur vadda ki chahunga, 2 kamre ka flat mil jaye iss se vadda ki." Akshay went on to explain how his mother encouraged him to think even bigger, eventually inspiring him to aim for a 5-bedroom flat. He further elaborated, "Unka kehna tha jo pehla flat hota hai na... jo pehla ghar hota hai, wo apne iye lena hota hai. Wo apne khud ke iye lena hota hai. Uske iye bhagwan jo hai, wo khud naam pe lete ho, uske iye aap ko bahut mehnt karni padti hai." He also highlighted the importance of effort when it comes to investing, saying, "Lekin jo dusra flat hota hai na, jo aap investment ke naam pe lete ho, uske iye aap ko bahut mehnt karni padti hai." Turning the conversation back to Nikhil, Akshay asked him about his dream, to which Nikhil humbly replied that he wants a 5 BHK, leaving everyone in splits.

Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot
Ph: 01639-256232, 256236
E-Tender Notice Advt. No. BFU-26/09
Online applications are invited w.e.f. 27/04/2026 to 17.05.2026 from eligible candidates through University website ie www.bfuhsc.ac.in for the recruitment to the posts of Professor (Nursing)-02, Associate Professor (Nursing)-03, Assistant Professor (Nursing)-05 and Tutor/Demonstrator (Nursing)-07 under Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot. For Application form, fee, specially wide detail of posts, Category wise distribution and other terms & conditions, visit University website: www.bfuhsc.ac.in
DPR-PB-PR-Advt. No. - 3108/12/2026-27/10729 REGISTRAR

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
Workshop Electrical Engineer (IC) Northern Railway, Jagadhri Workshop, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135002 for and on behalf of President of India, invites e-tenders through online mode only for under mentioned work:-
Name of Work: "Provision of High Capacity Coupler & Feeder Cables in LHB EOGAC coaches"
Tender Type: Open Bidding System Single Packet
Tender sale Closing Date: 15/05/2026 at 11.30 hrs Date & Time of Uploading Tender: 21/04/2026
Pre-Bid Required: No Pre-Bid Query till date: N.A.
Advertisement Value: Rs. 6,06,27,815.30/- including all taxes GST etc. Tendering Section: Tender & Works / Electrical branch Jagadhri Workshop
Earnest Money: Rs. 12,12,600/- Validity of offer: 60 days
Tender Document Cost: Nil (as per Para-1 clause No. 3 of Indian Railways GCC April 2022) Period of Completion: 24 Months
Bidding Start Date: 01/05/2026 Bidding end date: 15/05/2026 upto 11.30 hrs.
Tender opening date & time: All time thereafter closing of tender. The tenders are not required to be present during the opening. Railway reserve the right to open the tender at any time after closing of tender.
Website: For complete information & Bidding please go to www.irpe.gov.in
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CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING
8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh
PUBLIC NOTICE
Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No.3042 of Category-LIG, Sector 47-D, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of SH. RAI SAHIB KAPILA S/O SH. BARINDER KUMAR KAPILA from the name of allottee/transferee SH. JAIDEEP LUTHRA S/O SH. MOHINDER PAL (MOHINDER PAL LUTHRA).
It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned the DU No.3042 of Category-LIG, Sector 47-D, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee(s) SH. JAIDEEP LUTHRA S/O SH. MOHINDER PAL LUTHRA, Now, SH. JAIDEEP LUTHRA S/O SH. MOHINDER PAL (MOHINDER PAL LUTHRA) has sold the above said dwelling unit to SH. RAI SAHIB KAPILA S/O SH. BARINDER KUMAR KAPILA vide Sale Deed executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh dated 27.03.2026. SH. RAI SAHIB KAPILA S/O SH. BARINDER KUMAR KAPILA has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in his name on the basis of Sale deed.
If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).
Secretary, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING
8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh
PUBLIC NOTICE
Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No.4844-C of Category-EWS, Sector 38-W, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of SH. YOGESH MITTAL S/O SH. PARVEEN KUMAR MITTAL from the name of allottee/transferee SH. SANTOSH GULATI W/O SH. J.C. GULATI.
It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned the DU No.4844-C of Category-EWS, Sector 38-W, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee(s) SH. SANTOSH GULATI W/O SH. J.C. GULATI. Now, SH. SANTOSH GULATI W/O SH. J.C. GULATI has sold the above said dwelling unit to SH. YOGESH MITTAL S/O SH. PARVEEN KUMAR MITTAL vide Sale Deed executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh dated 30.07.2025. SH. YOGESH MITTAL S/O SH. PARVEEN KUMAR MITTAL has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in his name on the basis of Sale deed.
If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).
Secretary, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

Directorate of Social Security and Women & Child Development, Punjab
SCO: 102-103, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh
Telephone No. 0172-2602726, 2608746, Email: dsswcd@punjab.gov.in
The Government of Punjab invites applications from women to serve as Mahila Satkar Sakhis in select assembly constituencies under the Mukh Mantri Mawan Dheeyan Satkar Yojana the Punjab Government's flagship scheme to provide direct financial assistance to women across the State. The details regarding the eligibility, roles and responsibilities, incentive, and application process at <https://esewa.punjab.gov.in/MMDSY-Mobilizer-Form>.
Deputy Director-3
DPR-PB-PR-Advt. No. - 1812/12/2026-27/10709

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING
8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh
PUBLIC NOTICE
Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No.2371-A of Category-EWS, Sector 63, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of SMT. AMARJIT W/O SH. PRAN NATH from the name of allottee/transferee SH. ARUN KUMAR S/O LATE SH. PURAN SINGH.
It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned the DU No.2371-A of Category-EWS, Sector 63/Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee(s) SH. ARUN KUMAR S/O LATE SH. PURAN SINGH. Now, SH. ARUN KUMAR S/O LATE SH. PURAN SINGH has sold the above said dwelling unit to SMT. AMARJIT W/O SH. PRAN NATH vide Sale Deed executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh dated 24.03.2026. SMT. AMARJIT W/O SH. PRAN NATH has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in her name on the basis of Sale deed.
If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).
Secretary, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING
8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh
PUBLIC NOTICE
Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No.5134 of Category-LIG, Sector 38-W, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of SH. GURMEET SINGH S/O SH. SARWAN SINGH from the name of allottee/transferee SMT. HARJINDER KAUR W/O SH. SANDEEP SINGH MANN.
It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned the DU No.5134 of Category-LIG, Sector 38-W, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee(s) SMT. HARJINDER KAUR W/O SH. SANDEEP SINGH MANN. Now, SMT. HARJINDER KAUR W/O SH. SANDEEP SINGH MANN has sold the above said dwelling unit to SH. GURMEET SINGH S/O SH. SARWAN SINGH vide Sale Deed executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh dated 20.03.2026. SH. GURMEET SINGH S/O SH. SARWAN SINGH has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in his name on the basis of Sale deed.
If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).
Secretary, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED
(A SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANK)
Regd. Office: 19-A, Dhuleshwar Garden, Ajmer Road, Jaipur - 302001 (CIN:136911R1996PLC011381)
APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE B(I)] POSSESSION NOTICE
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) under the "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued under notice on the date as mentioned below calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice as per the details given in below table:

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Mortgagee/Guarantor / Loan A/c No.	13(2) Notice Date & Amount	Description of Mortgaged Property	Date of Possession Taken
[A/c No.] 19001060143020270 & 190020607234950236 Dharminder Puri (Borrower), Smt. Seema Puri (Co-Borrower)	16-Dec-25 Rs. 156764/- Rs. One Lakh Fifty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Four Only & Rs. 1156563/- Rs. Eleven Lakh Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Three Only 11-Dec-25	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At - Rect No 2, Killa No 12 [1- 9], Khasat No 14, Khatoni No181, Fatika Near TV Tower, Tehsil-Fazilka, Dist-Fazilka, Punjab, 152123 Admeasuring 408 Sqft., East : Vacant Plot Nagpal, West : Land for Parking & Road, North : Shop Sanjeev Kumar, South : Vacant plot.	17-Apr-26
[A/c No.] 19001060130027892 & 19002060837363505 Javed (Borrower), Smt. Kalsoom (Co-Borrower)	19-Jan-26 Rs. 611676/- Rs. Six Lakh Seventy Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Six Only & Rs. 382004/- Rs. Three Lakh Eighty-Two Thousand Four Only 17-Jan-26	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- House No C-4/145, (Old No. B-17/11), Inside Red Line, Mohalla Mufania Wala/Jhullik Wala, Vill-Nangal, Th & Malerkotla, Dist-Sangrur,Punjab, 148023 Admeasuring 85 Sq Yds	18-Apr-26
[A/c No.] 19001060133041590 Ajabh Singh (Borrower), Pardeep Singh (Co-Borrower)	12-Dec-25 Rs. 120756/- Rs. Thirteen Lakh Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Six Only & 11-Dec-25	(1) All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Measuring 00K-03M, Size 90.75 Sq Yards (Plot) Comprised in Khasat/ Khatoni No. 112/189 Khasra No. 35/12/21-01 Kite1 Total 01K-06M Out Of Its Having 3/20 Share I.E. 00K-03M Situated At Village Gajewas Tehsil Samana District Patiala Owned And	18-Apr-26
Possessed By Ajabh Singh Vide Sale Deed Vasika No. 750 Dated 26/05/1999 Registered In The Office Of Sub Registrar Samana. Admeasuring 0 Kanal 5-1/3 Marla			
(2) All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Measuring 00K-01M Size 30 Sq Yards (Shop) Comprised in Khasat/ Khatoni No. 134/209 Khasra No. 35/14/2/2/1/10-5) 16/2/2(0-1) Kite-2 Total 00K-06M Owned And Possessed By Ajabh Singh R/O Village Khatariwala And Khaswatof Of Village Gajewas Tehsil Samana District Patiala Vide Sale Deed Document No. 2019-20/78/1/788 Dated 13/06/2019 Registered in The Office Of Sub Registrar Samana. Admeasuring 30 Sq. Yds.			
(3) All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Measuring 00K-01M Size 30 Sq Yards (Plot) Comprised in Khasat/Khatoni No. 111/188 Khasra No. 35/14/2/2/1/10-5) 16/2/2(0-1) Kite 2 Total 00K-06M Out Of Which Having 1/6 Share Of 00K-01M Situated At Village Gajewas Tehsil Samana District Patiala Owned And Possessed By Mr Ajabh Singh Director Of Village Khatariwala And Khaswatof Of Village Gajewas Vide Sale Deed Vasika No. 65 Dated 12/04/2001 Registered In The Office Of Sub Registrar Samana. Admeasuring 30 Sq. Yds.			
(4) All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Measuring 00K-00-1/3 M Size 10 Sq Yards (Plot) Comprised in Khasat/ Khatoni No. 104/109 Khasra No. 35/16/2M(0-1) Kite Total 00K-0M Out Of Which Having 1/3 Share I.E. 00K-00-1/3M Situated At Village Gajewas Tehsil Samana District Patiala Vide Sale Deed Vasika No. 1729 Dated 10/11/1995 Registered In The Office Of Sub Registrar Samana. Admeasuring 10 Sq. Yds.			
[A/c No.] 19001061745395675 Surinderpal Singh (Borrower), Smt. Kanwal Kaur (Co-Borrower), Jagdish Singh Mangera (Co-Borrower)	16-Dec-25 Rs. 1727303/- Rs. Seventeen Lakh Twenty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-One Only 11-Dec-25	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Being 8/504, Khata No-263/314, Khasra No-152//20/12-146), H No-290, Tehsil -Gharankot, District-Moga, Punjab Admeasuring 26 Sqyds. East : JASWINDER SINGH ETC, West : KANWAL KAUR, North : MAIN BAZAR ROAD, South : KANWAL KALIR	17-Apr-26
[A/c No.] 19001060132088085 Amit Kumar Chandalla (Borrower), Moham Lal (Co-Borrower)	19-Jan-26 Rs. 529309/- Rs. Five Lakh Twenty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Nine Only 17-Jan-26	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Comprised in Khasra No 72/15 [3-8],73//11/2/1 [1-16],Khasat No 2063,Khatoni No 2662,As Per Jarnabandi Year 2018-2019,Situated At Jit Singh-1, Teh & Dist- Moga, Punjab,142001 Bounded As East- Another Owner , West- Rasta ,North- Another Owner , South- Rasta Admeasuring 5 Marla 5 Sarsal	17-Apr-26
[A/c No.] 19001060135139047 Vijay Kumar (Borrower), Smt. Rekha (Co-Borrower)	16-Dec-25 Rs. 845590/- Rs. Eight Lakh Forty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Only 11-Dec-25	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At - Rect No 84, Killa No 318-01, Khasat No-867, Khatoni-1113, Village- Pechawal, Tehsil & District - Fazilka, Punjab Admeasuring 960 Sqft East : H/O SH SUDHAKAR, West : H/O RAJESH KUMAR, North : STREET, South : H/O VINOD KUMAR	17-Apr-26
[A/c No.] 19001060137090146 M/S Shine Enterprises (Borrower), Pawan Kumar (Co-Borrower), Smt. Pawanika (Co-Borrower), Smt. Jya (Co-Borrower)	15-Oct-25 Rs. 1550072/- Rs. Fifteen Lakh Fifty Thousand Seventy-Two Only 10-Oct-25	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Khasra No 12K/17/2 [0-17], 24/2 [1-18] Kita 2, H B No 374, Revenue Estate Of Village Bharuwal, Gair Mumkin Abbadi, Tehsil & Dist- Amritsar ,Punjab Admeasuring 90.75 SqYd EAST : STREET, West : PLOT OF PRITHI PAL SINGH, North : SELF PLOT, South : RASHIPALS INGH	18-Apr-26
[A/c No.] 19001060139184540 Shamsher Singh (Borrower), Smt. Paranjit Kaur (Co-Borrower), Lakshwinder Singh (Guarantor)	16-Dec-25 Rs. 1482371/- Rs. Fourteen Lakh Ninety-Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Three Only 11-Dec-25	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Khasra No- 132A[0-0], Tehsil Nangrangbad, Dist- Tamratan, Punjab Admeasuring 181.5 Sqyds. East : JAIT SINGH, West : DILBAH, North : OTHER PROPERTY, South : GAU	18-Apr-26

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, therefore notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein above mentioned table in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said (Act-2002) read with Rule 8 of the said rule on the date mentioned in the above table. "The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 [6], in respect of time available, i.e., 30 days from this intimation, to redeem the secured assets." The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) for the amount and interest thereon mentioned in the above table.
Place: Punjab Date: 22-April-2026
Authorized Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA: A farewell ceremony was organized at Sant Mohan Singh Khalsa Labana Girls College, Barara. This function was organized by Dr. Shashi Khurana and Dr. Ritu Chandna, in-charge of Commerce Department. Under the supervision of the second year students of B.Com department and M.Com department, they arranged this for their senior students by organizing a colorful



program to bid farewell to their senior. On this occasion, College Principal Dr. Daljit Kaur Virk, in her address, wished success to the girl students and while explaining the mantra of success, said that here in the college, they have always tried to give them a good experience and a favorable environment. We prepared them in such a way that no matter how big the challenge is, they will always face them with full strength and enthusiasm.

NEWS BRIEF

Rohitas Kumar awarded Best Coach at Open National Taekwondo Championship



MAHENDER GOYAL
HISAR: International coach Rohitas Kumar who has trained thousands of female students for free and trained them in self-defense techniques, was honored with the Best Coach Award at the Open National Taekwondo Championship. This award was presented in recognition of his exceptional talent, unwavering dedication and unwavering commitment to nurturing athletes. This achievement is also significant because it was jointly presented by Taekwondo legends. After honoring Coach Rohitas Kumar at Open National Taekwondo Championship held in Samalkha, Mohammad Yamin, founder of YTI Sports and chief organizer of tournament, described Rohitas Kumar's contributions as exemplary. Tournament Technical Director and 8th Dan Black Belt Won Yong Lee from renowned Kukkiwon Headquarters in South Korea also praised Rohitas Kumar's coaching techniques and deep understanding of sport.

Earth Day: Protecting nature is every citizen's duty," says Mayor Renu Bala Gupta

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, APR 22

On the occasion of World Earth Day, students of Adarsh School presented an impactful street play at the Municipal Corporation Karnal office, spreading awareness about environmental conservation.

Through their performance, the students delivered strong messages on saving the Earth, protecting the environment, conserving water, planting trees, and avoiding plastic use. They urged people to take small steps in daily life to bring about meaningful change and encouraged both staff members and visiting citizens to adopt eco-friendly practices.

Mayor Renu Bala Gupta, Municipal Commissioner Dr. Vaishali Sharma, Ward 18 Councillor Harjeet Singh, Additional Commissioner Ashok Kumar, former BJP District Executive President



Brij Gupta, and municipal staff were present on the occasion.

Addressing the students, the Mayor emphasized that their message should go beyond the event and reach every citizen. She stated that preserving nature is everyone's responsibility, and human life can remain safe and sustainable only if nature is protected.

Highlighting growing

challenges such as pollution, water scarcity, and climate change, she stressed the need for small but effective lifestyle changes. She encouraged citizens to conserve water, maintain cleanliness, plant more trees, and eliminate single-use plastics. She also appreciated the students' performance and congratulated them along with the school staff.

The Municipal

INLD state spokesperson Krishna Kumar Kutel joins Congress

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
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On Wednesday, INLD state spokesperson Krishna Kumar Kutel left the party and joined Congress. Along with him, INLD's Karnal Urban Journal Secretary KunalGoyal also joined the Congress. District Congress Committee (Urban) President ParagGaba formally inducted both the leaders into the Congress at the DCC office by wearing party placards and feeding them sweets.

During this, a large number of Congress workers were present and they were welcomed with flowers and garlands. Krishna Kumar Kutel told that he took membership of the party in the presence of the central leadership of Congress in Delhi on April 21. He said that he has taken this decision after being influenced by the policies and ideology of Congress. According to him, Congress is a party



which gives equal respect to all classes and communities. He praised the leadership of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and said that he was continuously fighting for the rights of the people. Taking dig at the BJP on the issue of women's reservation, he said that if the government really wanted to give reservation to women then it should be implemented in all 543 Lok Sabha seats.

On this occasion, ParagGaba said that the joining of an experienced and grassroots leader like Krishna Kumar Kutel in the

party would give new direction and energy to the Congress organization. He expressed confidence that his joining will help in taking the party's policies to the people. On this occasion, Lalit Ahuja, Joginder Valmiki, Dilsher Dachar, BINDER POSWAL, Tarun Chauhan, PankajGaba, Parveen Punia, S.K. Many workers including Chaudhary, Bharat Dhillon, Sapna Rana, Prithvi Bath, Gaurav Sharma, Satish Bindal, Ashok Duggal, Vinod Sharma, Tejpal Kalsora, Rakesh Dhakwala, Krishna Gehlot, Balindra Punia were present.

Call for peace and harmony after Gondar Village incident



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Sarvjatiya Mahasabha President Vijay Vedpal, Advocate, described the recent incident in Gondar village as unfortunate, tragic and a matter of serious concern. He emphasized that the issue should be resolved with mutual understanding, harmony, and restraint to prevent any recurrence. He urged both communities to refrain from making provocative statements that could disrupt social unity. Stressing the need for patience, he appealed to people to trust the administration and avoid aggressive protests, demonstrations, or actions that may escalate tensions. Vedpal stated that major issues cannot be resolved through violence such as guns and bullets, but through dialogue, patience, and wisdom. He highlighted that both communities have played a significant role in nation-building. He further appealed to all to maintain brotherhood, peace, goodwill, and social harmony. Prominent members present on the occasion included O.P. Sachdeva, Sham Singh Lathar, Sandeep Saini, Suresh Harjan, Nagendra Rana, Rajesh Chauhan, Gurnam Singh, Dr. Jamp Prakash, Radhe Shyam Gupta, Sardar Parminder Singh, Sham Sunder Paruthi, Ayush Gupta, K. Aggarwal, and Lakhpat Shastri, among others.

New Fire Station to strengthen fire safety in Panipat



RAKESH BHAYANA

PANIPAT: To curb the rising incidents of fire in the city, MLA Promod Vij inspected the ongoing construction work of the fire station in Sector-25 on Wednesday. Several industrialists were also present during the inspection. During the visit, MLA Vij directed the concerned officers to expedite the construction work so that the facility can be made operational at the earliest. He also asked the department to prepare a list of modern equipment required for running the fire station and instructed them to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR). Meanwhile, a committee has been formed under the leadership of young entrepreneur Raman Chhabra. The committee, comprising various industrialists, will collectively decide the modern equipment required for the fire station and highlight the key demands of the industry. The committee is expected to submit its report to the administration by next Monday. The upcoming fire station is expected to provide significant relief to the industrial sector. Panipat has witnessed frequent fire incidents in industrial units, and due to the lack of a nearby fire station and limited fire tenders, industrialists often suffer heavy losses.

DC inspects smart city projects, directs early completion



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Deputy Commissioner Dr. Anand Kumar Sharma today visited various projects currently under construction under the Smart City initiative and issued directives to the concerned agencies to ensure the timely completion of the works. He emphasized that there must be absolutely no compromise regarding the quality of construction materials used. This afternoon, the Deputy Commissioner, accompanied by officials from the Smart City Project and the Municipal Corporation, inspected the elevated flyover currently under construction stretching from the Haryana Nursing Home to the SD Model School Chowk. On this occasion, a representative of the construction agency informed him that 75 percent of the work on the flyover has already been completed. Although the project is scheduled for completion by January 2027, the work is expected to be finished two to three months ahead of schedule. Officials apprised the Deputy Commissioner that, in order to widen the approach road on one side of the elevated flyover behind the Old Bus Stand, the concerned department has written to the Education Department requesting the acquisition of a parcel of land from the PM Shri Senior Secondary School.

Special program organised on World Earth Day at Shri Maharaja Agrasen Public School, Dabkhedi



HANS RAJ

KURUKSHETRA: A special program was organized on Wednesday at Shri Maharaja Agrasen Public School in Dabkhedi to mark Earth Day. On this occasion, Vishal Singla, head of the Vaishya Agrawal Panchayat, planted trees on the school campus and spread the message of environmental protection. During the program, various activities were organized for the school students, including painting competitions, speeches, essay writing, and other programs related to environmental awareness. Through these activities, children were made aware of the importance of nature and environmental protection. In his address, Principal Vishal Singla said that protecting the Earth was everyone's responsibility and that everyone should plant as many trees as possible. He inspired the children to protect the environment. Priyanka Singla, on behalf of the school, tried to develop a love for nature and a sense of responsibility in children through this event. At the end of the program, everyone pledged to make the earth green. Treasurer Vishesh Garg, Admin Vikas Bansal, Yogesh Garg, Dr. Arun Kumar, Veena Garg, Nisha Kumari, Seema Sharma, Sapna Dheeraj, Sonia, Shivani, Neeraj, and Rajni were present on the occasion.

Farewell party organised at Shri LBS College, Barnala



KARANPREET KARAN

BARNALA: Under the guidance of Principal Dr. Sushil Bala, a vibrant farewell party was organized at Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Arya Mahila College, Barnala, to bid a warm send-off to the outgoing students. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from various streams including BA, MA History, MA Punjabi, Fashion Designing, Beauty and Wellness, Science, Commerce, and the Computer Department participated enthusiastically in the celebration. The much-awaited Miss Farewell contest was a major highlight of the event. The panel of judges included Mrs. Rupinder Kaur (Computer Dept.), Dr. Jasvir Kaur (Punjabi Dept.), Mrs. Meenakshi (Music Dept.), and Mrs. Amandeep (Commerce Dept.). The title of Miss Farewell was bagged by Ms. Harshpreet Kaur and Ms. Manpreet (B.Com III) were declared the first and second runners-up respectively.

Arena Animation launches modern training centre in Panipat



RAKESH BHAYANA

PANIPAT: Arena Animation, a leading institute in animation, gaming, VFX, and digital media education, has inaugurated a new training centre in Panipat, Haryana. The centre was inaugurated by Mahipal Dhanda along with Shajan Samuel. The newly launched centre aims to provide high-quality education in animation, gaming, graphic design, and multimedia technology to students in Panipat and nearby areas. Spread across 1,600 square feet, the facility is equipped with modern infrastructure, advanced tools, a chroma setup, and a dedicated gaming zone to ensure hands-on practical training. It has the capacity to accommodate over 250 students. Speaking on the occasion, Shajan Samuel emphasized the institute's commitment to nurturing creative talent and preparing students for the rapidly growing AVGC (Animation, VFX, Gaming, Comics) industry.

Earth Day celebrated at Saini Public School



HANS RAJ

KURUKSHETRA: Earth Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Saini Public School. Various activities were organized on occasion in which students participated enthusiastically. It began with Earth Day pledge in which all students pledged to protect environment. Tree plantation was carried out in school premises raising awareness among students about importance of greenery and clean environment. Students presented speeches and poems to convey message of saving Earth. Additionally, through painting and slogan activities, children creatively expressed views on environmental protection. Principal Dr Gurcharan Das said that Earth Day provides an opportunity to understand our responsibilities towards nature.

Ladwa Mandi faces problem of grain lifting



KARAMBIR

LADWA: There's no shortage of holding meeting about grain lifting problem at the Ladwa grain market. There's at least one meeting a week being held, sometimes even two, but the results remain the same. Even today, neither is the grain lifting process running smoothly nor are any solutions being found in the meetings. More than eight lakh sacks remain unlifted. A meeting was convened at the committee office on Wednesday regarding grain lifting, attended by Food and Supply Department officials, the Market Committee Secretary, the Market Association President, commission agents, BKU leaders, farmers, and contractors.

Students at S.S. Memorial High School, Kot, enthusiastically celebrate Earth Day



RK KASHYAP

CHHACHHRAULI: World Earth Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and a spirit of awareness at S.S. Memorial School, Kot. On this occasion, students of the school conveyed a powerful message regarding environmental conservation and the importance of making the Earth clean and green. The programme commenced with a prayer assembly, during which the students took a pledge to protect the Earth. Through activities such as poster making, speeches, poetry recitations, and an awareness rally, the children effectively spread the message of saving the environment. The students resolved to plant trees, minimise the use of plastic, and practice water conservation.

World Earth Day celebrated at Kidzee School with enthusiasm



KARAMBIR

LADWA: World Earth Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and spread of awareness at Kidzee School in Ladwa on Wednesday. The main objective was to sensitize students to environmental protection and inspire them to become responsible citizens of Mother Earth. The program began with a colorful cultural presentation, in which the children presented an inspiring theatrical adaptation. Through this play, they conveyed the message that in order to save the Earth in the future, we will have to plant more trees and minimize the use of plastic. To promote the creativity of the children, a painting and speech competition was organized in the school on the theme "Save the Earth."

Empowering futures: Personality and finance skills spark at PM Shri School



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI

PEHOWA: Under the new opportunities program of MP Naveen Jindal, personality development and financial literacy session was organized in PM Shri Senior Secondary School on Wednesday. In the session children were impart skill development training. In the skill development training program organized under the joint aegis of Naveen Jindal Foundation and Instruco Daksh Skill Centre, children were taught tips for preparing emails and presenting in formal and casual manner. Harsha Grover, on behalf of Naveen Jindal Foundation, said that MP Jindal believed that skill development was the foundation of a strong and self-reliant nation.

Earth Day celebrated with great enthusiasm at St. Peter Convent School



HANS RAJ

KURUKSHETRA: Various competitions were organised at the school, in which students participated enthusiastically and showcased their creativity on environmental themes. The students also took a pledge to protect nature and contribute towards building a clean and green Earth. As part of the celebrations, students were also taken to a 'Panorama Show', where they participated in environment-related competitions. This activity provided them with practical knowledge and fostered a deeper understanding of environmental issues. Addressing the students, the school Principal, Mr. Vipin Sharma, shared significant insights regarding the importance of environmental conservation.

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING 8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No.2219-1 of Category-MIG(L), Sector 45-C, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of SH. SHIV KUMAR SHARMA S/O SH. MADAN LAL (MADAN LAL SHARMA) from the name of allottee/transferee SH. SATISH BATRA S/O SH. AMIR CHAND (AMIR CHAND).

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING 8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of allotment/ Registration of Ownership in respect of DU No.577-2 of Category-EWS, Sector 40-A, Chandigarh in the name of SH. ASHOK KUMAR SABHARWAL (ASHOK KUMAR) S/O SH. GHERA MAL SABHARWAL (GHERA MAL) from the name of allottee/transferee SH. GHERA MAL S/O SH. AMIR SINGH, on the basis of Registered WILL.

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that SH. ASHOK KUMAR SABHARWAL (ASHOK KUMAR) S/O SH. GHERA MAL SABHARWAL (GHERA MAL) after the death of allottee/transferee SH. GHERA MAL S/O SH. AMIR SINGH, has applied to Chandigarh Housing Board for transfer the DU No.577-2 of Category-EWS, Sector 40-A, Chandigarh in his favour, as SH. GHERA MAL S/O SH. AMIR SINGH expired on dated 17.04.2006 at Mohali (Pb.) and left behind a WILL which was Registered with Sub Registrar, UT Chandigarh on 10.03.2006, in his favour. He has further stated that the WILL of the deceased allottee/transferee is the last WILL executed by her which has neither superseded nor cancelled till the death of the deceased.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant(s), he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

AXIS BANK LTD. Retail Asset Centre: AXIS Bank Ltd, 2nd Floor, Property # 7-C, Municipal 2903/1142/16, Malhar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana -141001.

Publication of Notice regarding possession of property u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002. Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (34 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice is issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated borrower failing upon to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice.

1. M/s Virek Cold Drinks Through Its Proprietor Mr. Ranjeet Kumar C/o Hem Raj, Address: Thana Road, Main Mandi, Mauz Mandi, Bathinda - 151509. 2. Mr. Ranjeet Kumar C/o Hem Raj, Address: Street No. 1, Kheta Colony, Block Side Tilla, Mauz Mandi, Bathinda - 151509. 3. Mr. Ranjeet Kumar C/o Hem Raj, Address: Street No. 1, Kheta Colony, Block Side Tilla, Mauz Mandi, Bathinda - 151509. 4. M/s Virek Cold Drinks Through Its Proprietor Mr. Ranjeet Kumar C/o Hem Raj, Address: Opposite ICICI Bank, Gesta Bhanwan Wali Gali, Mauz Mandi, Mauz Mandi, Bathinda - 151509.

Description of Immovable:- All That Piece And Parcel Of Commercial Property Measuring 15'x60' 50' Sq. Ft. (83.33 Sq. Yards), Registered With MC With Serial No. 986, Page 64, Block No. 2, Year 2017, Within The MC Limits Of Mauz Mandi, Tetaul Mauz, District Bathinda, Bounded As Under: East- Path, West- Jimmy Son Of Nagdev Chand, North- Gaurav Kumar, South- Deepak Garg.

1. M/s Shiv Trading Through Its Proprietor Mr. Ran Padarth S/o Chaman Singh, Address: Gandhi East Road, Gandhi East Road, Rampura Pind, Bathinda - 151103. 2. Mr. Ran Padarth S/o Chaman Singh, Address: 441, Gandhi Nagar Road, Rampura Pind, Bathinda - 151103. 3. Legal Heirs Of Mrs. Nirmala Devi W/o Ran Padarth, Address: 441, Gandhi Nagar Road, Rampura Pind, Bathinda - 151103.

Description of Immovable:- All That Part And Parcel Of Residential Cum Commercial Property Measuring 70' 18' 30' Yards Situated At Rampura Pind, East, Bathinda Which is Bounded As Under: Boundaries As Under: East- Vijay Kumar And Others; South- Pardaman Singh And Others; West- Road; North- Path, West- Jimmy Son Of Nagdev Chand, North- Gaurav Kumar, South- Deepak Garg.

Date: 23.04.2026, Place: Punjab, SD/- Authorized Officer, Axis Bank Ltd.

Yashvardhan, a student from Aakash Education Bathinda, secured All India Rank 11 in JEE Main 2026

BATHINDA - Students from Aakash Educational Services Limited, Bathinda, have once again performed impressively in JEE Main 2026. Yashvardhan secured All India Rank 11 in the Bathinda region with a 100 percentile, while Kroviddi Sri Malika Manu Lasya achieved an outstanding performance with a 99.85 percentile. These results reflect consistent academic excellence and high levels of preparation across batches.

According to results released by the National Testing Agency, 28 students from Aakash Institute, Bathinda, performed exceptionally well. AELS students also achieved commendable results, with Kroviddi Sri Malika Manu Lasya securing 99.85 percentile and Pankaj Mittal securing 99.19 percentile. These achievements reflect the hard work of the students and the strong academic support provided by the institute. Commenting on the upcoming results, Jaseep Singh Babra, Deputy Regional Director, AELS, said: "The success of the students from the Bathinda area demonstrates the commitment to their individual studies and the solid foundation.

AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED (A SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANK)

Regd. Office - 19-A, Dhulekar Garden, Ajmer Road, Jaipur-302001, (CIN : L3891RU1996PLC011381) APPENDIX IV (SEE RULE 8(i)) POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) under the "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Act, 2002 (34 of 2002)) and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with [rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice dated 12-Dec-25 Calling upon the Borrower Gulshan (Borrower), Smt.Sudesh (Co-Borrower) (Loan Account No. L9001060733916880) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being for Rs. 1636781/- (Rs. Sixteen Lakh Thirty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-One Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/ mortgagee having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ mortgagee and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 17 Day of April of the Year 2026.

The borrower/ co-borrower/ mortgagee in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) for an amount of for Rs. 1636781/- (Rs. Sixteen Lakh Thirty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-One Only) as on 11-Dec-25 and interest and expenses thereon till full payment.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 (6), in respect of time available, i.e., 30 days from this intimation, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Plot No 922, Khewat No 963 Khata No 1283, Vill- & Tehsil- Ganaur, Dist- Sonapat, Haryana Bounded As East- House Of Karimb, West-Gali, North- House Of Nandkishor, South- House Of Shakuntla Admeasuring 129 Sqyds. Owned by Smt.Sudesh Devi

Date : 17-Apr-26 Place : Sonapat, Haryana Authorized Officer Au Small Finance Bank Limited

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF EXCISE & TAXATION

Notice for inviting e-tenders for allotment of licences for Retail Sale Vends (L-2/L-14A) from the general public for the year 2026-27 in U.T., Chandigarh

1. It is hereby notified for the information of general public that e-tenders are invited for the grant of remaining one retail sale i.e. L-2/L-14A licences in the form of licensing units for the Excise Policy, 2026-27 (commencing from 1st April, 2026 to 31st March 2027). Each Licensing Unit will comprise L-2/L-14A (Indian Made Foreign Liquor, Imported Foreign Liquor and Country Liquor) under one roof. There will be Four (04) licensing unit across the entire city and e-tenders shall be invited individually for all the licensing units.

2. The Retail Sale vends shall be allotted to the highest eligible bidder, quoting equal to or above the reserve price of the licensing unit. In case of more than one bid quoting the same highest price is received, the allotment shall be determined by draw of lots among the bidders quoting the same highest price.

3. All willing participants may visit the official website of the department i.e. www.etdut.gov.in/exciseonline for information/ to know the procedure. The detailed procedure for e-tenders and submission of participation fee and earnest money, in accordance with the Excise Policy 2026-27, is available on the official website of the department i.e. www.etdut.gov.in/exciseonline as well as in the Excise Office of the Department.

4. In order to submit e-bids, every prospective bidder is required to get himself registered at https://etenders.chd.nic.in.

5. The terms & conditions and the detailed List mentioning localities/sectors of Licensing Units Code, permissible no. of vends/ retail sale outlet, quota and reserve price can be downloaded from the official website of the Excise & Taxation Department i.e. www.etdut.gov.in/exciseonline from 'Public Notices' section.

6. All licenses shall be granted subject to the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 (as applicable to U.T., Chandigarh) and the Rules framed there-under and the Excise Policy for the year 2026-27. The Excise Policy for the year 2026-27 is available on the official website of the Department www.etdut.gov.in/exciseonline

7. E-tenders will be available at https://etenders.chd.nic.in on 23.04.2026 at 12:00 Noon and the bidders may start to submit their bids from 23.04.2026 (12:00 noon).

Schedule of dates for allotment of liquor vends:-

Table with 2 columns: Starting date and time for bid submission, Closing date and time for bid submission. From 23rd April 2026 (12:00 Noon) to 28th April, 2026 (upto 01:00 pm) and 28th April, 2026 (02:00 pm onwards).

Opening of Technical e-bids: 28th April, 2026 (03:00 pm onwards) at Conference Hall (1st Floor), Excise & Taxation Department, Sector 17, U.T. Chandigarh.

Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Union Territory, Chandigarh

Escorts Kubota expands Digitrac into a full series, launches three new tractor models

PANIPAT - Escorts Kubota Limited, the agri-machinery and construction equipment major, has announced the launch of the Digitrac series under Powertrac. With this launch, the company expands the Digitrac range from its existing two models to a comprehensive series of five, spanning the 45-55 HP category range. The series is designed for advanced agricultural and heavy haulage applications and is being launched pan India. Escorts Kubota enters three tractor brands in India - Kubota, Farmtrac & Powertrac - catering to premium, entry-premium and value segments respectively. The Digitrac series sits within the Powertrac brand. This is the company's fourth major tractor introduction since February 2025, following the Farmtrac Promax series, the Kubota MU4201 and the Powertrac Shurya paddy series. The two existing Digitrac models, the PP 46i and PP 43i are one of the key contributors to Powertrac tractor sales in India.

IndiGoStretch Wins Global Awards at WTCE Hamburg 2026

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: IndiGo, India's preferred airline, has won multiple global accolades for its premium offering IndiGoStretch at the World Travel Catering & Onboard Services Expo 2026 held in Hamburg, Germany. The recognition across leading aviation platforms highlights the airline's focus on enhancing customer experience through innovation, comfort, and thoughtful onboard design.

At the TravelPlus Airline Amenity Awards 2026, IndiGo secured the Gold Award - TravelPlus Juggles' Award for Innovation for its unique Blanket Collectable concept - IndiGoStretch overlays. Designed with elements of regional craftsmanship and modern aesthetics, these overlays provide comfort while serving as memorable keepsakes. Each set includes a bookmark and a reusable fabric bag, reflecting the airline's emphasis on sustainability, functionality, and customer connection.

The airline was also Highly Commended in the Best Onboard Textiles category at the Onboard Hospitality Awards 2026. The recognition was awarded for its business class textile range, including jacquard collectible overlays, globally themed pillow covers, and practical onboard amenities such as eye masks and anti-skid socks - combining comfort with intelligent design.

Vi expands 5G footprint in Haryana; is launching services in 7 cities

HARYANA : Following its 5G launch in Sonapat, leading telecom operator Vi is now accelerating its expansion across Haryana. Strengthening its 5G footprint in the state, the telco announced the launch of its 5G services in Panipat and Ambala. As part of its planned rollout, Vi will also launch 5G services in Hissar, Bhiwani, Karnal, Bahadurgarh and Rohtak by May 2026. To expand its 5G services, Vi has been prioritising key markets, including industrial corridors, high data consumption centres and emerging urban clusters. The rollout in Panipat and Ambala marks a key step in this expansion, with these cities standing out as major industrial hubs, driving significant data consumption. Commenting on the expansion, Rahul Joshi, Circle Business Head - Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh & Jammu & Kashmir, Vi, said, "We are accelerating the expansion of Vi's 5G network across Haryana, as we strengthen our footprint across key markets in the state. Following our launch in Sonapat, and upcoming launches in Panipat and Ambala, followed by Hissar, Bhiwani, Karnal, Bahadurgarh and Rohtak mark important steps in this journey.

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE FOR REGISTRATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN e-TENDERING PROCESS FOR ALLOTMENT OF RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSES OF INDIAN MADE FOREIGN LIQUOR, IMPORTED FOREIGN LIQUOR, BEER, WINE AND COUNTRY LIQUOR (L-2/L-14A) FOR THE YEAR 2026-27 IN U.T., CHANDIGARH.

This is for the information of General Public that the process of online registration of persons to participate in the e-tendering process for allotment of liquor vends for the year 2026-27 in U.T., Chandigarh, will commence from 23.04.2026.

All willing persons may visit the official website of the department i.e. www.etdut.gov.in/exciseonline for information/ to know the procedure and those who intend to participate in the e-tendering may get themselves registered at https://etenders.chd.nic.in.

It is further, informed that all prospective bidders will have to get themselves registered for e-tendering on the Chandigarh Administration's e-tender website i.e. https://etenders.chd.nic.in. A helpdesk has also been set up in the office of the Assistant Excise & Taxation Commissioner, U.T., Chandigarh for providing assistance to the participants for e-tendering.

Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Union Territory, Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD (A Chandigarh Administration Undertaking) 8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9-D, CHANDIGARH

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the General Public that the following person(s) have applied for the transfer of allotment of the below said Dwelling Unit under the Blood Relation Transfer Policy in his/her name under Regulation on 16 of the Chandigarh Housing Board (Allotment, Management and Sale of Tenements) Regulations 1979:-

Table with 5 columns: Sr. No., Name of the applicant (PROPOSED TRANSFEREE), Name of the allottee /transferee (PROPOSED TRANSFEREE), D.U. No., Cat., Sector Chandigarh. Entry 1: SH. AMTAJ SINGH SIDHU S/O SH. MANJIT SINGH SIDHU (MANJEET SINGH SIDHU), SH. GURCHARAN SINGH S/O SH. BALVEER SINGH, 2201-A, 2BR & parking No.B15-CSL-755 in Block No.15, 63, CHANDIGARH.

In case anybody has any objection for the Sale/Purchase in respect of above said dwelling Unit he/she may submit the objection, if any, in writing within 21 days of the publication of this notice before the undersigned alongwith documentary evidence, if any.

SECRETARY CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD, CHANDIGARH

DIRECTORATE OF SMALL SAVINGS, BANKING AND LOTTERIES, PUNJAB

How Time: 08:00 PM ONWARDS DATE: 12/04/2026

RESULT OF PUNJAB STATE BEAR 50 BUSTER WEDNESDAY WEEKLY LOTTERY

MRP Rs.50/- Per Ticket

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India Must Expect Geopolitical Disruptions Every 1-2 Years, Good Time To Take Hard Decisions: Neelkanth Mishra

CHANDIGARH: India should brace for geopolitical disruptions every one to two years and use the current pause in tensions to push through long-pending structural reforms, said Kotak chief economist Neelkanth Mishra at a Kotak Private Banking's Take and Counter Take (TACT). Speaking at the invitation-only forum curated by Kotak Private, Mishra argued that while immediate fears of escalation have receded following calls for a two-week ceasefire between Iran and the United States, the broader cycle of shocks is unlikely to end. "This is part of a grand war between America and China," Mishra said at the session, moderated by Kotak Asset Management managing director Nilesh Shah.

Consent Notice to the Court of District Marriage Officer, Mogh V/S

General Public Subject:- Issuance of Marriage Ability Certificate Applicant Name: Gurinder Singh Father/Husband Name: Shingoran Singh R/o: WARD NUMBER 793, WARD NUMBER 01 SURAJ NAGAR ZIRA ROAD STREET NUMBER 19 Mogh, Tehsil- Mogh District- Mogh, Punjab. Has applied (submitted the application) in Sonawala Center for issuance of Marriage Ability Certificate, for his son whose details are given as follows: Name: GURINDER SINGH WARD NUMBER 793, WARD NUMBER 01 SURAJ NAGAR ZIRA ROAD STREET NUMBER 19 Mogh, Mogh, Punjab. Foreign Address: C7781U5V9P9H1 Age/DOB: 32-(18/04/1993) The applicant has stated that he/she has no marital relations in India. Notice is given to the general public that if there is any objection to any person regarding issuance of above said certificate than the person or his representative can file their objection/ grievance within 30 days from the issuance of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafter. The advertisement issued on 16/04/2026 through my signature under cover seal. No. 626/Reader SD/- Dated 16/04/2026 Dist. Marriage Officer, Mogh, Punjab, India.

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING 8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of allotment/ Registration of Ownership in respect of DU No.2252 of Category-MIG(L), Sector 45-C, Chandigarh in the name of SMT. GURMEET KAUR W/O LATE SH. BALWINDER SINGH from the name of allottee/transferee SH. BALWINDER SINGH S/O SH. GURCHARAN SINGH, has applied to Chandigarh Housing Board for transfer the DU No.2252 of Category-MIG(L), Sector 45-C, Chandigarh in her favour, as SH. BALWINDER SINGH S/O SH. GURCHARAN SINGH expired on dated 16.12.2025 at Chandigarh and left behind a WILL which was Registered with Sub Registrar, UT Chandigarh on 17.02.2011, in her favour. She has further stated that the WILL of the deceased allottee/transferee is the last WILL executed by him which has neither superseded nor cancelled till the death of the deceased.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

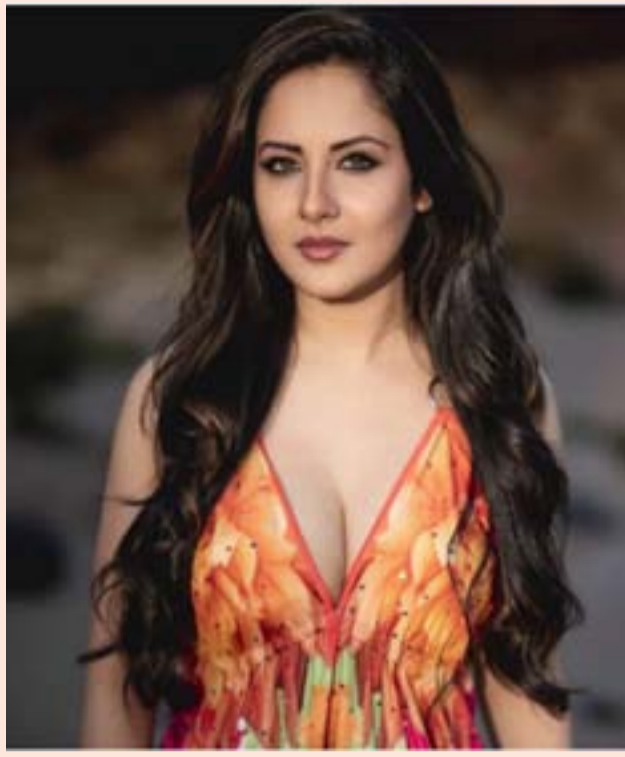
CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING 8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE Subject:- Transfer/Mutation of Allotment/Registration of DU No 5054 or Category-III, MHC, Manimajra, Chandigarh in the name of SH. HARISH KUMAR SHARMA S/O SH. GIAN CHAND SHARMA on the basis of Un-Registered WILL of allottee/transferee SMT. PROMILA SHARMA W/O SH. GIAN CHAND SHARMA. It is hereby notified for the information that SH. HARISH KUMAR SHARMA S/O SH. GIAN CHAND SHARMA has applied for the transfer of DU No.5054 of Category-III, MHC, Manimajra, Chandigarh in his name, after the death of his owner SMT. PROMILA SHARMA W/O SH. GIAN CHAND SHARMA on the basis of Un-Registered WILL as SMT. PROMILA SHARMA W/O SH. GIAN CHAND SHARMA has expired on dated 27.12.2025 at HAMBURG, GERMANY and left behind Un-Registered WILL dated 09.04.2025 in his favour. He has further stated that the WILL of deceased allottee is the last WILL executed by her in full senses which has neither superseded nor cancelled till the death of the deceased and all the legal heir(s) of the deceased allottee/transferee SMT. PROMILA SHARMA W/O SH. GIAN CHAND SHARMA i.e. (i) Sh. Gian Chand Sharma (Husband) & (ii) Smt. Jyoti Sharma has submitted the affidavit regarding No Objection Certificate in favour of SH. HARISH KUMAR SHARMA S/O SH. GIAN CHAND SHARMA.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

TV actress Puja Banerjee announces her second pregnancy



Actors Puja Banerjee and Kunal Verma, best known for their acting stint in TV serials, are expecting their second child. On Tuesday, Puja took to Instagram and shared the good news with her fans and followers. She dropped a video montage featuring her pregnancy journey. "Pregnancy problems and the solution @krishiv.ema09," Puja captioned the post.

As soon as Puja dropped the post, fans and members of showbiz chimed in the comment section to extend their best wishes to Puja and Kunal. "Heartiest congratulations," actor Mouni Roy commented. "Official congratulations my Love," Shradha Arya wrote. Puja and Kunal welcomed their first child, a son, in October 2020. The two met and fell in love on the sets of their show Tujh Sang Preet Lagai Sajna. The couple opted for a registered marriage in 2020 due to Covid-19 pandemic, and later, tied the knot as per rituals.

Trailer of Kapil Sharma, Neetu Kapoor's 'Daadi Ki Shaadi' out now



The trailer of Neetu Kapoor and Kapil Sharma-starrer 'Daadi Ki Shaadi' was unveiled on Tuesday. Produced by Rtake Studios, BeingU Studios and Shimla Talkies, the film is written and directed by Ashish R Mohan. 'Daadi Ki Shaadi' also stars Sadia Khatieb and Neetu Kapoor's daughter Riddhima Kapoor Sahni. <https://www.instagram.com/p/DXY9GCOg3iAs> per the makers, Daadi Ki Shaadi is "a celebration of family, the quirks, the chaos, the secrets, and the unconditional love."

Daadi Ki Shaadi arrives in cinemas on May 8, 2026. 'Daadi Ki Shaadi' was announced last year. Riddhima has shared several BTS pictures from the sets over the past month. Through one of her Instagram posts, she expressed her happiness over the bond she created with over 200 people on the sets. "Firsts are always special. Because it's those very 'firsts' that form the blue print of learnings we will carry for the rest of our lives. For 52 days, over 200 people came together to tell this heart warming, funny, and beautiful film. We plotted, we danced, we laugh-cried and cried-laughed, and I cannot wait for you to join in the celebrations when this film hits your screens," she wrote. Riddhima also received a shout-out from her co-actor and child artist, Vidhaan Sharma. "As this beautiful journey comes to an end, I recollect all the wonderful moments we shared, the silly jokes we laughed on, the mindful games we played together, the warmth you gave when nobody was around. There is only one thing more precious than our time and that's who we spend it on and I am glad that I spent it with you. Love you always, Riddhima ma'am. So much learnt from you and all that you gave selflessly will be etched forever in my heart," Vidhaan posted.

Sonakshi Batra hints at Jagadhatri and Shivaay's upcoming love story: "It won't be a typical romance"

CHANDIGARH: Zee TV's Jagadhatri has become one of the audience's most loved shows for its unique and gripping storyline that beautifully showcases the dual life of a strong woman balancing responsibilities at home and her duties as a fearless police officer. This powerful and layered portrayal has made Jagadhatri's (Sonakshi Batra) journey deeply relatable and engaging for viewers.



In the recent episodes, viewers witnessed a major turning point when Shivaay (Farman Haider) was shot by Rudra (Ayushh Shrivastava), leaving his life in danger. This incident deeply affected Jagadhatri, who was extremely worried for him. Shivaay has always been her biggest support system, someone who stood by her side in every phase of life, offering strength, trust, and unwavering support. Seeing him in such a critical condition made Jagadhatri realize just how important he is to her. As Shivaay recovers and returns home, viewers can now see a softer and more caring side of Jagadhatri. Their friendship, built on trust and companionship, is slowly moving towards love. While Shivaay has always loved Jagadhatri silently, Jagadhatri is now beginning to understand her own emotions and slowly realizing that he is someone truly special in her life. Speaking about portraying this emotional shift in Jagadhatri's journey, Sonakshi Batra said, "Jagadhatri has always been someone who leads with strength, logic, and responsibility, so for her to slowly realize that Shivaay truly matters to her is a very beautiful emotional shift. After everything that happened, especially when Shivaay's life was in danger, she began to understand how deeply she cares for him."

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Mom-to-be Deepika Padukone back on set post pregnancy announcement

Actor Deepika Padukone appears to have resumed work commitments shortly after announcing her second pregnancy with actor Ranveer Singh, as filmmaker Punit Malhotra shared a new behind-the-scenes picture from a shoot featuring the actor. The duo, who welcomed their daughter Dua Padukone Singh in 2024, recently announced that they are expecting their second child, sparking widespread excitement among fans across social media. Amid the happy news, Deepika was seen continuing professional commitments. Director Punit Malhotra recently shared a pic-

ture with the actor on Instagram from a shoot, offering the fans the first glimpse of the actor following the pregnancy announcement. In the photo, Deepika was seen in a white outfit, keeping her look simple, elegant and minimal. Along with the picture, Malhotra also praised the actor for her professionalism and warmth during the shoot. "This shoot? 10/10. No notes! Thank you @deepikapadukone for being so warm, gracious and wonderful... truly grateful! I owe you one" Take a look

Deepika and Ranveer had announced their second pregnancy on Sunday, April 19, through a social me-

dia post. The couple shared a sweet picture in which their daughter Dua Padukone Singh was seen holding a pregnancy test kit. The post quickly caught the attention of fans online.

The couple tied the knot on November 14, 2018, at Lake Como in Italy after dating for six years. Deepika and Ranveer first met on the sets of filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali's romantic drama 'Goliyon Ki Raasleela Ram-Leela', and later went on to star together in films such as 'Bajirao Mastani' and 'Padmaavat', becoming one of Bollywood's most celebrated on-screen pairs as well as a widely followed real-life couple.

Priyanka Chopra, Richard Madden's 'Citadel 2' to be out on May 6

There's great news for fans of 'Citadel' as the new season is all set to stream on Prime Video on May 6. On Tuesday, the streaming giant released the action-packed trailer of the second season, announcing the premiere date for the return of the spy series, which stars Priyanka Chopra and Richard Madden as leads. Citadel is a heart-racing spy thriller following Mason Kane (Richard Madden), Nadia Sinh (Priyanka Chopra Jonas), and Bernard Orlick (Stanley Tucci) - elite operatives of a legendary agency destroyed by Manticore, a ruthless network backed by the world's most powerful families. When a terrifying new threat emerges, "the three are pulled back into action. Now they must recruit an unlikely team of skilled new operatives and launch a globe-spanning mission to stop a conspiracy that



could reshape humanity," read a press note.

Returning cast members this season include Lesley Manville and Ashleigh Cummings, alongside an expanded ensemble cast

featuring Jack Reynor as Hutch, Matt Berry as Franke Sharpe, and Lina El Arabi as Celine. Other notable additions include Merle Dandridge, Gabriel Leone, and Rayna Vallandingham.

Kharge's remarks on PM spark controversy; BJP leader seeks FIR

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
CHANDIGARH: A political controversy has erupted following alleged remarks by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge against Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with a BJP functionary demanding legal action. Pawan Ashri, a member of the Haryana BJP intellectual cell and former state vice-president of the BJP Yuva Morcha, has sent a formal complaint to Union Home Minister Amit Shah and senior Haryana officials, seeking immediate registration of an FIR against Kharge. The complaint has also been addressed to the Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary (Home), Director General of Police, and the Superintendent of Police in Kurukshetra.

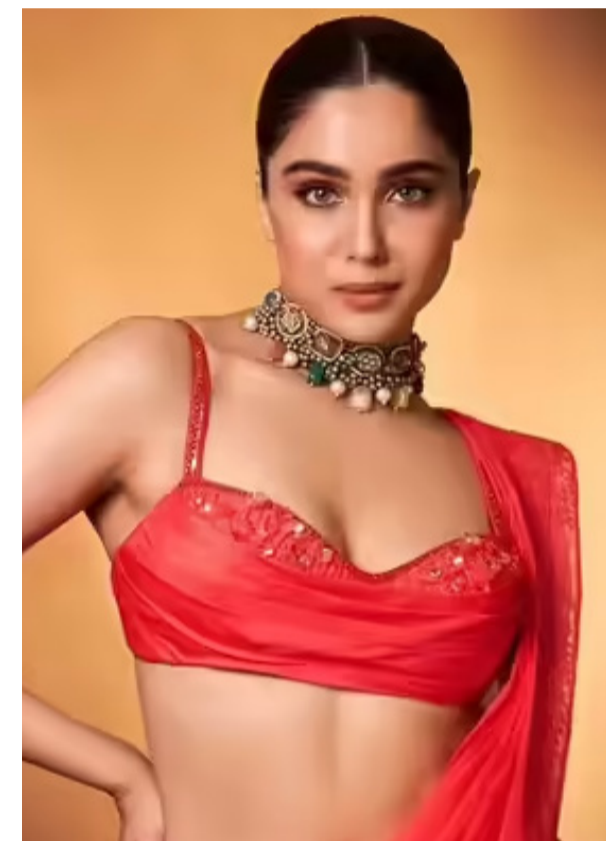


According to Ashri, the remarks were made during a press conference held in Chennai on April 21, where Kharge allegedly made statements about the Prime Minister that, he claims, have hurt public sentiments and tarnished India's image internationally. He has urged authorities to take action under relevant legal provisions, arguing that such statements are inappropriate given the constitutional position held by the Prime Minister.

Ashri further stated that legal experts, including senior advocates associated with the Punjab and Haryana High Court, have indicated that any citizen can file a complaint in such matters under applicable laws. He maintained that strict action should be taken to prevent the spread of statements that could incite public discord.

There has been no official response from the Congress party or Kharge regarding the complaint at the time of filing this report.

Sharvari excited to be Sooraj Barjatya's heroine in 'Yeh Prem Mol Liya'



Dreams do come true, and for Sharvari, that dream has now become reality as she has been signed as a leading lady in veteran filmmaker Sooraj Barjatya's film 'Yeh Prem Mol Liya'. Backed by Rajshri Productions in association with Mahaveer Jain Films, the project stars Ayushmann Khurrana opposite Sharvari. Expressing her excitement, Sharvari took to Instagram and wrote, "The journey of 'Yeh Prem Mol Liya' - a very very special film has been filled with gratitude, blessings, positivity and all things amazing! She added, "To be directed by Sooraj sir is my biggest dream come true! And sharing this journey alongside Ayushmann makes it even more special. Can't wait for you all to experience this on 27th November 2026, in theatres! film marks Barjatya's return to direction after his critically acclaimed 'Uunchai', for which he won the National Award for Best Director. Known for his signature family-centric storytelling, the director is set to revisit one of his most beloved cinema-cinematic elements, the character of Prem. "With Yeh Prem Mol Liya, Rajshri's beloved character - Prem - makes a return to the big screen after 12 years," the makers noted. Khurrana will step into the iconic role for the first time, bringing his interpretation to a character long associated with the Rajshri banner. The film also reunites Barjatya with composer Himesh Reshammiya after their previous collaboration on 'Prem Ratan Dhan Payo'.

Collective efforts needed to preserve sanctity and existence of Ganga



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Emphasising the cultural, spiritual and ecological significance of the Ganga River, several industrialists and social workers have called for collective efforts to preserve its purity and ensure its survival for future generations.

They noted that in Indian tradition, rivers are not merely water bodies but symbols of life and divinity, with the Ganga holding the highest reverence. Referring to the occasion of Ganga Saptami, observed around April 23 as per the Hindu calendar, they said the day marks the reappearance of the sacred river on Earth and serves as a reminder of its enduring significance.

Industrialists and social figures including Vinod Goyal, Aman Gupta, Brij Bhu-

shan Goyal, Praveen Garg, Devender Singla, Prof. Roshan Lal Gupta, Sumil Gupta, Anil Narang, Rajkumar Taya, Deepak Gupta, Vijay Goyal and Pradeep Gupta highlighted the mythological origins of the river. They cited the legend of King Bhagirath, whose penance brought the Ganga from the heavens to Earth to liberate the souls of King Sagar's sons, with Lord Shiva controlling its descent through his matted locks.

They said the Ganga is not only a centre of faith but also a lifeline for millions, providing drinking water and supporting livelihoods across northern India. Scientific observations have also pointed to unique properties in its water, including the presence of bacteriophages that help resist microbial contamination. However, they expressed

concern over increasing pollution levels, stating that industrial waste, plastic, sewage and other pollutants are severely degrading the river's water quality. This, they warned, poses risks not only to religious sentiments but also to public health and environmental sustainability.

While acknowledging government initiatives such as Namami Gange, they stressed that administrative measures alone are insufficient. Public participation and behavioural change are essential to restore and maintain the river's purity.

They concluded that the Ganga represents life, faith and culture, and preserving it requires sustained, collective responsibility to ensure that future generations can continue to benefit from this invaluable natural and spiritual heritage.

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