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Kejriwal shifts to Type-VII bungalow in Lodhi Estate

NEW DELHI: AAP supremo and former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday shifted to a Type-VII government bungalow on 95, Lodhi Estate, after the Centre allotted him the accommodation, the party said. In a post on X, Kejriwal said the Centre had recently allotted him the bungalow following court directions, considering his position as the national convener of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). "In the last few days, the Central government allotted me a house on the orders of the court, given my position as the national convener of the Aam Aadmi Party. I have now shifted to that house with my family," Kejriwal said.

Haryana to add 23 air quality monitoring stations in NCR

CHANDIGARH: Haryana government will set up 23 additional air quality monitoring stations in the NCR, increasing the total from 29 to 52 by July this year. The state will also introduce an aggregator policy to regulate transport services and eliminate legacy solid waste within the next 11 months, an official statement said on Friday. Haryana Chief Secretary Anurag Rastogi chaired a review meeting on air quality management in the NCR on Friday, and directed all departments to strictly adhere to timelines, stressing that sustained coordination across sectors is essential for long-term improvement in air quality.

Social media influencer held for 'derogatory' remarks against Hindu religious leader

MUMBAI: Police have arrested a male social media influencer in Mumbai's Vakola area for allegedly making derogatory remarks about a Hindu religious leader in his videos, an official said on Friday. The accused, identified as Abu Jabir Hussain Gayasuddin Talukdar alias Javed, had posted multiple videos on his Instagram page. In one of the videos, he allegedly mocked Hindu religious leader Swami Rambhadracharya, who spoke about the concept of a 'Hindu Rashtra', an official of the Vakola police station said. The accused also allegedly passed objectionable comments about Hindu religious texts, he said.

Bihar CM Samrat Choudhary wins Trust Vote in Assembly

PATNA: Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary, heading the new NDA government, Friday proved his majority with a voice vote in the state assembly. Replying to the debate on the confidence motion during a one-day special session of the Lower House, Choudhary launched a sharp attack on the opposition while strongly defending his government's policies and agenda. He said the new government would carry forward the triple "C" formula of his predecessor Nitish Kumar and would never compromise with crime, corruption, and communalism. Choudhary assured the house that his government would function on the principles and guidelines of the previous Nitish Kumar government. Extending his gratitude towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi, former Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, union Home Minister Amit Shah, and all NDA leaders and legislators for reposing faith in him, Choudhary said that the government is committed to making Bihar prosperous and will work toward the goal set by the Prime Minister and Nitish Kumar to provide government jobs.

AAP splits in Rajya Sabha

Seven MPs including Raghav Chadha, Ashok Mittal quit party; to join BJP

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In a major political development that reshapes the balance in Parliament, seven Rajya Sabha Members of Parliament from the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) have resigned from the party and announced their decision to merge with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), inflicting a massive setback on AAP's presence in the Upper House.

Addressing a joint press conference, Raghav Chadha, along with Sandeep Pathak and Ashok Mittal, said that more than two-thirds of AAP's Rajya Sabha MPs have decided to invoke constitutional provisions to formalise their merger with the BJP.

"We have decided that we, the two-thirds members belonging to the AAP in the Rajya Sabha, exercise the provisions of the Constitution of India and merge ourselves with the BJP," Chadha said.

Chadha, who played a key role in the move, expressed deep dissatisfaction with the party's current functioning.

"The AAP, which I nurtured with my blood and sweat and gave 15 years of my youth to, has deviated from its principles, values and core morals. Now this party does not work in the interest of the nation but for its personal benefits," he said.



BJP has once again betrayed Punjabis: Kejriwal

NEW DELHI: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Arvind Kejriwal on Friday slammed the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) after the split in the AAP and alleged that the ruling party at the Centre has once again "betrayed the Punjabis" in a brief post on X. Kejriwal expressed his disappointment, "BJP ne fir se Punjabio ke saath kia dhakka" (The BJP has once again given Punjabis a shove).

He further added that he had been distancing himself from party activities for some time. "I did not want to be a part of their crimes. I was not eligible for their friendship because I was not a part of their crime. For the past few years, I felt that I am the right man in the wrong party," he remarked.

According to Chadha, AAP currently has 10 MPs in the Rajya Sabha, and more than two-thirds have supported the merger. He confirmed that the MPs have signed the necessary documents, which were submitted to the Rajya Sabha Chairman earlier in the day.

CM Mann hits back at defecting MPs, says they are 'not even fit to be village Sarpanches'

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Lambasting the seven AAP lawmakers, including Raghav Chadha, who switched sides to the BJP on Friday, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann dismissed the defecting MPs as "traitors" and declared that they were "not even fit to be village Sarpanches."

In a massive political realignment that has shaken the foundations of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Punjab, seven of its Rajya Sabha Members of Parliament, spearheaded by senior leader Raghav Chadha, announced their decision to defect to the BJP.

During a press conference in Delhi, Chadha, flanked by party colleagues Sandeep Pathak and Ashok Mittal, declared that two-thirds of the party's Rajya Sabha contingent, totaling seven MPs, has opted to merge with the BJP. Invoking constitutional provisions that allow for a merger if two-thirds of a legislative group switches sides, the defectors include Raghav Chadha, Sandeep Pathak, Ashok Mittal, Rajinder Gupta, Vikram Sahni, Swati Maliwal, and Harbhajan Singh.

The announcement was met with a stinging rebuke



from Chief Minister Mann, who dismissed the defecting MPs as "traitors" in a press conference in Chandigarh. He launched a scathing attack on the BJP, accusing the saffron party of operating a "political washing machine" similar to the tactics allegedly used to dismantle the Nationalist Congress Party in Maharashtra.

"The party is greater than any individual," Mann asserted, noting that these leaders were granted prestigious Rajya Sabha seats without the need to contest an election. He warned that the BJP would eventually discard them after exploiting them for their political utility, adding that Punjabis are known for their deep loyalty and will never forgive those

who betray their trust.

Reflecting on his decision, Raghav Chadha described himself as having felt like "the right person in the wrong party" for an extended period. He expressed deep disillusionment, claiming that the party, which was founded on a firm pledge to eradicate corruption, had been hijacked by "corrupt and compromise-prone" elements. Chadha, a founder member of the party, voiced his pain and shame regarding the current state of AAP affairs. The defection follows recent intensified scrutiny by central agencies, notably the Enforcement Directorate (ED) raid conducted at the residence of Ashok Mittal just ten days before this announcement.

Centre directs ZEE5 not to release "LAWRENCE OF PUNJAB"

BUREAU
 CHANDIGARH: In a proactive move to ensure responsible content dissemination and maintain the social fabric of the state, the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MoIB), Government of India, has issued an advisory to the ZEE5 OTT platform directing them not to release the documentary titled "Lawrence of Punjab," said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Friday.

The development comes on the heels of Special DGP Cyber Crime V Neeraja taking up the matter with the MoIB seeking a restraint on the screening of the content under Section 69A(1) of the Information Technology (IT) Act, citing serious concerns regarding its impact on public order.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that various internal inputs suggested that the documentary—featuring dramatised portrayals, real-life footage, and specific narratives—posed a significant risk of glorifying organised crime and notorious criminals. Such depictions have the potential to mislead the youth and disturb the hard-earned peace of the state, he added.

Acting swiftly on these reports, the Punjab Police approached the MoIB, which serves as the designated nodal agency for OTT content in India.

The DGP said that following a thorough examination of the entire material, the Ministry concurred with the assessment and issued an advisory to the ZEE5 directing them not to release the content on its OTT platform.

"We thank the MoIB, Government of India for its prompt intervention and support in ensuring responsible content dissemination and safeguarding the social fabric of the State," said DGP Gaurav Yadav.

Reaffirming the Punjab Police's stance, the DGP stated that the Punjab Police remains committed to maintaining peace, public order, and social harmony at all costs. He further warned that any content attempting to incite criminal activities would be dealt with strictly as per the law.



91 STPs operational in Haryana to make Yamuna pollution-free: CM Saini

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Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that the government's target is to ensure that not a single drop of untreated water flows into the Yamuna River by the end of 2027. For this, all departments must work in coordination and at a fast pace, and wherever required, new Effluent Treatment Plants (ETPs), Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs), and Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs) should be set up.

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini was reviewing the works being carried out by various departments to make the Yamuna pollution-free during a meeting held at the Haryana Civil Secretariat on Friday. He informed that at present, 91 STPs with a total capacity of 1,543 MLD are operational in the



Yamuna catchment area to treat water flowing into the river. Out of these, 41 STPs with a capacity of 593 MLD have been established in the last five years. Additionally, 11 new STPs are under construction, which

will further enhance the treatment capacity.

Chairman of the Pollution Control Board, Sh. J. Ganesan, informed in the meeting that some industrial units are not

PM takes boat ride on Hooghly river in Kolkata

KOLKATA: Prime Minister Narendra Modi took a boat ride on the Hooghly river here on Friday morning and met with boatmen and morning walkers.

Modi posted a few photographs of his river trip on social media, in which he is seen seated on a wooden boat with a camera in hand, and the iconic Howrah Bridge and the Vidyasagar Setu are visible in the background.

"Tried my hand at photographing this great river. Also caught a close glimpse of the Vidyasagar Setu and Howrah Bridge," the Prime Minister said on X. For every Bengali, the Ganga occupies a very special



place, he said. "One can say that the Ganga flows through the soul of Bengal. Her divine waters carry the timeless spirit of an entire civilisation."

This morning in Kolkata, I spent some time on the banks of the Hooghly river, an opportunity to express gratitude to Maa Ganga," Modi said on social media. The Prime Minister said he had the opportunity to "meet boatmen, whose hardworking nature is admirable and morning walkers". "On the Hooghly, reiterated our commitment to work towards the development of West Bengal and the prosperity of the great Bengali people," Modi said.

Heatwave grips over half of India as temperatures soar above 40°C



NEW DELHI: A severe heatwave has engulfed more than half of the states across India, with temperatures ranging between 40°C and 45°C in several cities of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab and Maharashtra.

On Wednesday, Wardha in Maharashtra and Jharsuguda in Odisha recorded a high of 44.6°C in the afternoon, marking the highest temperatures in the country.

On Thursday, at least 16 cities across India reported temperatures exceeding 43°C, intensifying concerns over public health and safety.

In response to the rising heat, the Odisha government has decided to halt census-related activities during peak afternoon hours. Officials and field workers will avoid door-to-door visits between 11 am and 3 pm to reduce exposure to extreme heat. Water Sprinkling Measures Implemented in Rajasthan Amid soaring temperatures and their impact on daily life, the Rajasthan government has initiated measures such as water sprinkling on roads to prevent excessive heating. Additionally, school timings have been revised to safeguard children's health during the ongoing heatwave.

Ever since law against beadi was enacted, BJP has been conspiring to weaken & eliminate me: CM Bhagwant Mann

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 CHANDIGARH, APRIL 24

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann delivered a firm and uncompromising message to the BJP, asserting that ever since strict laws against 'beadi' (sacrilege) were enacted, the BJP's unease has been evident as it struggles to accept decisive action on an issue deeply tied to Punjab's sentiments. He stated that the BJP, which has repeatedly faced rejection in Punjab, has responded with hostility towards both the state and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), attempting to weaken a corruption-free government through intimidation, inducements, and efforts to engineer de-



fections. Condemning both those leaving the party and those facilitating such moves, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann asserted that the BJP's lack of political ground has pushed it towards such tactics even as visible improvements in schools, hospitals, roads, and employment have unsettled it. He emphasised that the AAP draws its strength from ordinary people and remains rooted in a principled, transformative vision. He asserted that the people of Punjab will hold accountable those who betray the state, making it clear that such manoeuvres cannot secure political victories in a democracy where the people of Punjab remain supreme.

Addressing a press conference in Chandigarh on Friday, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated, "The wise and brave people of Punjab will never forgive the traitors who have backstabbed them for their own vested interests. Punjabis have never forgotten acts of betrayal, and those who deceived them have vanished into political oblivion. Leaders like Kamal, Mannshahian and others betrayed their ideology and have been erased from public memory. In a democracy, the party is supreme, not individuals who come and go as per their whims and fancies," stated CM Bhagwant Singh Mann.

The Chief Minister pointed out that several leaders had secured positions without meaningful contribution but later chose to deceive their mother party for personal benefits. "The real name of the BJP is 'Kadde Sadde party' as its 'washing machine' is being used to dry-clean tainted leaders from other parties.

DORAHA (AMRISH ANAND): SSP Khanna, Dr. Darpan Ahluwalia, honoured SHO Doraha, Akash Dutt, for his outstanding services at a function held at the Doraha police station. His fearless and honest performance of duty was widely appreciated on the occasion. The SSP stated that the police department is proud of such responsible and dedicated officers. DSP Payal, S.Harmanpreet Singh Cheema, was also present during the event.

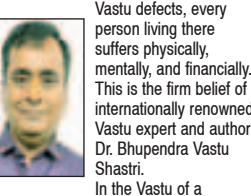


Besides this, ASI S.Jagjit Singh Jaggi, Munshi Head Constable Inderjit Singh, and Head Constable Jashanpreet Singh were also honoured. According to information, SHO Akash Dutt was awarded the DGP Disc along with a cash prize of Rs 10,000. ASI Jagjit Singh Jaggi received a commendation certificate and cash reward, while Head Constables Inderjit Singh and Jashanpreet Singh were presented with commendation certificates along with cash prizes of Rs 10,000 each.

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Proper Vastu guarantees peace and security: Dr. Bhupendra Vastu Shastri

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: The building we reside in is not merely a structure of bricks, cement, steel, and stones. If based on Vastu principles, it also guarantees our wealth, prosperity, happiness, peace, abundance, and security. Conversely, if a building has



Vastu defects, every person living there suffers physically, mentally, and financially. This is the firm belief of internationally renowned Vastu expert and author Dr. Bhupendra Vastu Shastri. In the Vastu of a constructed building, the four main directions—north, south, east, and west—along with the four corners—Isaan, Aaganya, Nairitya, and Vayavya—as well as the sky and the underworld, hold special significance. The ten directions, particularly the corners, are deemed especially important. Among these, the Isaan corner and Nairitya corner are highly sensitive and instantly impactful. If there are Vastu defects in the Isaan or Nairitya corners of any unit, every resident may endure suffering akin to death.

Harjap Singh elected President of Hoshiarpur photographers association



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: A meeting of the Hoshiarpur Photographers Association was held to elect office-bearers. During the meeting, the outgoing president Barinderjeet Singh unanimously proposed Harjap Singh's name, which all members endorsed, leading to Harjap Singh's election as the new president.

In his address on the occasion, the newly elected president Harjap Singh thanked the office-bearers and other members. He assured that he would always strive to resolve the photographers' issues. The election process was conducted by project officer Baljeet Singh and assistant member Harpreet Singh. Among those present were Barinderjeet Singh, Ajitpal Singh, Lal Singh, Sanjeev Arora, Vipan Sharma, Karnveer Singh, Naresh Kumar Saba, Anil Kumar, Gurcharan Singh, Kamal Verma, Amit Kumar, Suresh Kumar, Suninder Kumar, Sanjeev Kumar, Ashwani Parashar, Satwinder Singh, Rakesh Gupta, Suraj Kumar, Manjeet Singh, Ashok Sharma, Harjeet Singh, Harjinder Kumar, Lajoyt Singh, Jaswinder Kumar, Arsh Kumar, Harjinder Sharma, Gurmel Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Sameerjeet Singh, Saranjeet Singh, Vije Mahimi, Charanjeet Singh, Sukhwinder Singh, Randeep Singh, Kulwinder Singh, Kumar Sahib, Harsh Kumar, Balwinder Singh, Jarnail Singh, Ravi Kumar, Yuvraj Singh, Parvez, Jagtar Singh, Balwinder Kumar and others.

Higher education must adapt to rapid global transformations: Governor Punjab

CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA AMRITSAR, APRIL 24

Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria today called upon institutions of higher education to adapt to rapid global transformations, driven by technological advancements, shifting economic patterns and emerging societal challenges. He also said while adopting new changes the institutions must also remain anchored to the inherent value system.

Kataria who was addressing the national conference on 'Higher Education Policy: Navigating Global Challenges and National Priorities', at Khalsa University Amritsar (KUA) here today emphasized the importance of aligning global developments with national priorities. He also underlined that higher education must play a pivotal role in fostering inclusive growth,



social equity, and employment generation. The eminent scholars, academicians, policymakers and thought-provoking leaders had gathered at the varsity to deliberate on the evolving landscape of higher education in India and across the globe. Governor before commencement of the Conference also took the round of heritage building of historic Khalsa Colleges and

Varsity campus and spent time at the Sikh History Research Centre. Kataria who is also Visitor of KUA, meanwhile lauded the Khalsa University management for organizing the event in which deliberations were being held on the state of higher education, the significance of multidisciplinary and flexible learning as envisioned in the National Educa-

tion Policy 2020 while maintaining academic rigour and coherence. "The growing role of digital technologies, artificial intelligence, and online learning platforms in expanding access to education must be acknowledged. And alongside concerns regarding equity and digital divide, particularly in rural areas must also be addressed", he stressed.

MLA Randhawa Kickstarts Construction of Key Bridge over Ghaggar at Tiwana

LALRU, APRIL 24

Fulfilling a long-pending demand of nearly six decades, MLA Kuljit Singh Randhawa on Friday inaugurated the construction of a high-level bridge over the Ghaggar River at village Tiwana in the Derabassi constituency.

The Rs 8.55 crore project aims to significantly improve connectivity for dozens of villages situated along the Ghaggar. The bridge, measuring 410 feet in length and 28 feet in width, will serve as a vital link between Derabassi and the Banur-Rajpura road, easing daily commuting for thousands of residents.

Addressing a large gathering on the occasion, MLA Randhawa stated that this project was a major commitment made to the people of Derabassi and Rajpura constituencies, which has now been fulfilled with the support of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann.



He highlighted that consistent efforts to address the long-standing demand of villagers who frequently travel to Banur and Rajpura have finally borne fruit.

Expressing satisfaction, he said he is proud to have delivered on his promise to the people.

Randhawa further emphasized that the bridge will also act as an alternative route connecting the Rajpura-Ambala Highway with the

Chandigarh-Ambala Highway, thereby reducing travel time and congestion.

He recalled that last year, an embankment project worth Rs 10 crore was completed at the same location to protect nearby villages from flooding during the monsoon season.

He assured residents that further strengthening of the Ghaggar embankment would be undertaken to ensure their safety during heavy rains.

CU of Punjab secures 251-300 rank band in times higher education Asia University rankings 2026

ANIL VERMA BATHINDA, APRIL 24

Central University of Punjab has strengthened its presence on the Asian academic landscape by securing a 251-300 rank band in the prestigious Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2026. The University has been placed among the top six Central Universities in India, achieving an overall score of 40.2-42.7, along with a notable Research Quality score of 69.0.

The quality assessment of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) has been conducted across five components: Teaching, Research Environment, Research Quality, Industry, and International Outlook, and CU Punjab has demonstrated commendable performance across all these parameters.

The University has also delivered strong performances in earlier editions of THE rankings. In the THE World



University Rankings by Subject 2026 (released in January 2026), CU Punjab secured rank bands of 251-300 in Medicine and Health, 401-500 in Physical Sciences, and 601-800 in Life Sciences. Additionally, the University maintained a global rank band of 601-800 in the THE World University Rankings 2026 (released in November 2025). At the national level, the University has shown a consistent upward trajectory, securing the 77th rank in the National Institutional Rank-

ing Framework (NIRF) 2025, along with improved standings in other national rankings. In the latest THE Asia Rankings 2026, CU Punjab is ranked among the top 31 higher education institutions in India, placing it alongside premier institutions such as IITs, NITs, and leading research universities.

Welcoming the achievement, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari stated that CU Punjab's inclusion in the THE Asia University Rankings 2026 in the 205-300 rank band is a matter of immense pride. The University's consistent rise in research output and citation impact reflects the strength and quality of its research ecosystem, as duly recognized in the rankings.

This achievement is the result of the sustained efforts of our faculty, researchers, students, and all stakeholders, reaffirming our commitment to excellence in higher education and research.

773 receive degrees during Convocation at MCM



NEERAJ SHARMA CHANDIGARH, APRIL 24

Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women hosted its Annual Convocation with great enthusiasm and academic solemnity, wherein 773 graduates and postgraduates were conferred degrees, marking a significant milestone in their academic journey. H.E. Prof. Ashim Kumar Ghosh, Hon'ble Governor of Haryana, graced the convocation as the Chief Guest, and First Lady of Haryana Madam Mitra Ghosh was the Special Guest. Justice (Retd.) Pritam Pal, Vice-President, DAV College Managing Committee, New Delhi, and Prof. Yogesh Kumar Rawal, Dean

Students' Welfare, Panjab University, Chandigarh, graced the occasion as Guests of Honour. The ceremony commenced with the auspicious Saraswati Vandana, setting a reverent tone for the proceedings.

This was followed by the presentation of the Annual Report by the Officiating Principal, Ms. Neena Sharma. The report highlighted the college's notable achievements during the academic session 2025-26 across academic excellence, sports accomplishments, and cultural pursuits. The double blind peer reviewed research journal of the college- New Horizons was released by the dignitaries on this occasion.

SGGSWU signs international MoU with Canadian institute to boost agricultural innovation

AJAY MALHOTRA FATEHGARH SAHIB, APR 24

As a significant step towards global academic integration, Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University (SGGSWU) has entered into a prestigious Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Institute of Innovation and Advanced Learning (IIAL), Ontario, Canada.

The MoU has been signed by Prof. Prit Pal Singh, Vice-Chancellor, SGGSWU and Dr. Juan Marcello Gomez, Director IIAL. Dedicated efforts of Dr. Jaspreet Kaur Dhillion, Head, Department of Agriculture made this collaboration possible. Prof. Sukhwinder Singh Billing, Dean Academic Affairs and Dean, Faculty of Agriculture supported this collaboration.

This international collaboration is set to open new avenues in advanced agricultural research, technology exchange, and academic excellence. It will enable student and faculty exchange pro-



grammes, joint research ventures, and skill development initiatives, thereby strengthening SGGSWU's global presence.

University officials described the partnership as a forward-looking move that will not only enhance academic quality but also contribute significantly to sustainable agriculture and innovation-driven growth.

RR Bawa DAV College for Girls, Batala organises short-term course in 'Vedic Mathematics'



BATALA (VERMA): The Department of Mathematics of RR Bawa DAV College for Girls, Batala successfully organized A Short-term Course in 'Vedic Mathematics' under the aegis of Dr. Meenakshi Duggal, Officiating Principal and under the guidance of Dr. Lucky Sharma [Incharge, Centre for Indian Knowledge System (IKS)], Mrs. Simmi Sharma (Head, PG Department of Mathematics) and Dr. Ritugoswami (Coordinator, Short Term Course), to enhance students' numerical abilities and mental calculation skills. The course aimed at simplifying complex mathematical operations using ancient techniques derived from Vedic traditions.

The objective of the Short Term Course in 'Vedic Mathematics' is to strengthen students' mathematical foundation and remove the fear of numbers, aligning with goal of promoting the Indian Knowledge System. During the course, students were introduced to various shortcuts and innovative methods for faster calculations, making mathematics more interesting and less time-consuming. The resource person explained key concepts such as multiplication, division, squares and cube roots through easy-to-understand Vedic formulas.

5 students of Partap World School Pathankot have succeeded in JEE Mains examination



PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): It is a very proud moment for Partap World School, Pathankot that 5 brilliant students of the school have successfully cleared the prestigious JEE Mains examination. This remarkable achievement has brought joy to the school, parents and the entire teaching community. On this occasion, the school's director Sunny Mahajan and principal Shubra Rani informed that the successful students include Jashanpreet Singh, Harsh Sharma, Dhairya Kundal, Aakriti and Albin Bara, who achieved this goal with their hard work, dedication and the guidance of their teachers.

On this occasion, Sunny Mahajan, Director of the school, said that Partap World School is known for its unique schooling, coaching and hostel model, where students are provided with high-quality education, preparation for competitive exams and safe accommodation at one place. This system eliminates the need for students to travel to different places, which saves both their time and energy.

Also, bus facilities are made available for students preparing for competitive exams. He further said that this success of the students is the result of their hard work and dedicated guidance of the teachers.

He said that the school provides a strong platform for the all-round development of the students and high performance in competitive examinations. The school's principal, Shubra Rani, congratulated all the successful students, parents, and teachers and wished them well for the future.

RBU hosts debate to raise awareness against drug abuse



MOHALI (LK BANSAL): Reinforcing its commitment to social responsibility and youth empowerment, Rayat Bahra University hosted a district-level debate competition on drug awareness at its campus. The event was organized by the University School of Social Sciences and Education in collaboration with the Government of Punjab and the Office of the Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development), Mohali.

Held under the theme "Drug Addiction: Say No to Drugs," the competition aimed to sensitise young minds about the dangers of substance abuse while promoting critical thinking and effective communication. Students actively participated, speaking both for and against the motion, and presented insightful arguments with confidence and analytical depth.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Inderpreet Kaur, Dean of the University School of Education and Social Sciences, highlighted that the university continues to bridge the gap between potential and opportunity through meaningful initiatives.

She emphasized that such efforts contribute to building not just careers, but a more equitable society.

Dr. Deepika Suri Shines as Punjab's leading woman entrepreneur; bags "Best Banquet Award" for the second consecutive year

FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): In a remarkable achievement that has brought pride to Punjab's entrepreneurial and healthcare sectors, Dr. Deepika Suri, a renowned medical professional and visionary entrepreneur from Rana Hospital, has once again been honoured with the prestigious "Best Banquet Award" for her premium banquet facility Rana Heritage.

The award was presented by Mrs. Bharti Sood, Senior Regional Director of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, during an event organised by PHD-CCI in collaboration with the Tourism Department of Punjab. The recognition highlights Dr. Suri's exceptional contribution to hospitality excellence and her impactful leadership in entrepreneurship. With nearly 25 years of experience in the medical field, Dr. Deepika Suri is celebrated for her dedication, empathy, and patient-centric care. Alongside her illustrious medical career, she has emerged as a successful business leader, striking an inspiring balance between healthcare service and entrepreneurial excellence.

Field inspection visit under the cost of cultivation scheme at PAU



LUDHIANA: The Department of Economics and Sociology at Punjab Agricultural University organized a field inspection visit under the centrally sponsored "Comprehensive Scheme for Studying the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops," in accordance with the directions of Economics, Statistics and Evaluation Division (ES&ED), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW), Government of India (GoI), New Delhi. The visit, held on April 21 and 22, involved the inspection of one implementing agency by another to enhance monitoring, coordination, and cross-learning under the scheme.

The visiting team comprised Dr DV Singh, Field Officer; and Dr Devendra Singh, Field Supervisor, from the Implementing Agency, Uttar Pradesh. Welcoming the visiting team, Dr JM Singh, Director, Cost of Cultivation Scheme-cum-Head of the Department, provided an overview of the scheme and explained its organizational framework and functioning.

Scheme Incharge, Dr Jatinder Sachdeva further presented detailed insights into the operational aspects of the scheme, including the data collection process and the sample selection plan for the period 2026-29.

Award ceremony organized under reading promotion week at PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya Tibri Cantonment



GURDASPUR (VERMA): A grand prize distribution and felicitation ceremony was organized at PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya, Tibri Cantonment under the Reading Promotion Week. The main objective of this program was to develop students' interest in reading and to encourage excellence in their academic and co-curricular activities. During the event, students who demonstrated outstanding performance in various academic, cultural, and co-curricular activities were honored. Additionally, sports kits were distributed to students who actively participated in sports competitions, motivating them to further enhance their athletic skills. On this occasion, under the International Hindi Olympiad, the school Principal, Dr. Dinesh Kumar, was specially honored for his excellent leadership, administrative efficiency, and significant contribution to the promotion of the Hindi language. Along with him, Hindi teacher Mrs. Manju Rani was also awarded a certificate of appreciation for her dedicated service and remarkable contribution to the subject. Students participated enthusiastically in the program and showcased their talents. The school staff played an important role in making the event successful and in encouraging the students. The program concluded with best wishes for the bright future and overall development of the students.

Law Commission of India Chairman honours advocate Vasu Ranjan Shandilya with Master of Laws Degree from Panjab University



ZIRAKPUR (VICKY BHABAT): Advocate Vasu Ranjan Shandilya, practicing at the Supreme Court of India and Punjab & Haryana High Court, and Chairman of the Council of Lawyers, has been awarded the Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree at the 7th Law Convocation held at Panjab University. The degree was conferred in the esteemed presence of Justice Dinesh Maheshwari, Chairman of the Law Commission of India.

Advocate Shandilya described this achievement as a proud and significant milestone in his life. He stated that earning this degree has been a deeply enriching experience and marks an important step forward in his legal journey. He further shared that he is pursuing a Ph.D. with the aim of contributing towards making the judicial system more effective. On this occasion, Advocate Shandilya fondly remembered his grandfather, Late Dr. Ram Murti, who had earned multiple M.A. degrees in Hindi, English, Sanskrit, and Political Science from Panjab University in the 1950s. He expressed that following in his grandfather's footsteps and obtaining a degree from the same institution was a long-cherished dream that has now come true.

Dilapidated condition of NH-703 raises commuter woes, accident risk persists



SARDULGARH (KULWINDER KARWAL): The stretch of National Highway-703 passing through Sardulgarh and Mansa has fallen into a severely deteriorated condition, particularly from Jhunir to Sardulgarh, causing major inconvenience to commuters and posing a serious risk of accidents.

Deep potholes at multiple points along the road have become a persistent hazard for the general public. Two-wheeler and four-wheeler drivers are facing immense difficulties while commuting, with frequent reports of vehicle damage and, in some cases, injuries and loss of life. The situation has created widespread concern among local residents.

According to available information, a tender had been issued for the repair of the road from Bhamme Kalan to Sardulgarh. While the stretch from Bhamme to Jhunir has been completed, the work beyond that was halted citing cold weather conditions. Despite the improvement in weather, the remaining work has not resumed for a considerable period, forcing residents to bear daily financial losses and safety risks.

Locals have questioned the administration over awarding contracts to agencies that fail to complete projects within stipulated timelines.



HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): In a special interaction conducted by senior journalist Daljit Ajnoha, ATO Sandeep Bharti shared important information regarding the process of obtaining a driving licence. During the conversation, Sandeep Bharti stated that the driving test track in Hoshiarpur has been operational since 2012 and is regularly upgraded as per government guidelines. With the introduction of new technologies and software updates, the process has been made more streamlined and transparent.

He further informed that the Government of India's Ministry of Road Transport and Highways provides online services through the Sarathi Parivahan and Vahan Parivahan portals. Citizens can access these platforms to get complete information about the required documents and apply for licences conveniently.

Amit Shah attempting to break AAP through ED-CBI raids: Meet Hayer

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 24

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab senior leader and Member of Parliament Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer on Friday spoke about what he described as a consistent pattern in the Bharatiya Janata Party's functioning across the country, linking it to the use of central agencies and political inducements ahead of elections. He said the party's approach reflects a broader attempt to weaken democratic institutions and opposition voices.

Addressing a press conference, AAP MP Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer said, "For the past 12 years, the BJP has been following the same model across the country to strangle democracy.

As soon as elections approach, out of fear of defeat, the BJP begins to intimidate opposition leaders through the Enforcement Directorate and Central Bureau of Investigation, or lures them into joining the party. Punjab is a land of principles and struggle, and BJP's 'washing machine' model will never succeed here." Citing examples from other states, he said, "In Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma



faced CBI raids while he was in Congress, but became 'clean' the moment he joined BJP. In Maharashtra, Ajit Pawar had 70 cases registered against him overnight, and Amit Shah called him the most corrupt leader in the country, yet he was made Deputy Chief Minister immediately after joining BJP."

He further extended the argument to developments in Parliament and Punjab politics, stating, "The same situation is now visible in Parliament. Leaders like Raveen Bittu and Jyotiraditya Scindia, who were once part of Rahul Gandhi's core team, are now sitting on the front benches of BJP, while the party's old dedicated workers have been

pushed to the sidelines. In Punjab BJP, party meetings now have fewer original BJP workers and more former Congress faces like Sunil Jakhar and Rana Sodhi."

When Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia, and Sanjay Singh were in jail and party karyakartas were being lathi-charged on the streets, Raghav Chadha went abroad.

AAP will stand like rock with Arvind Kejriwal and fight to protect Babasaheb Ambedkar's Constitution & Punjab's rights: Cheema

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, APRIL 24

Punjab Finance Minister and senior Aam Aadmi Party leader (AAP) Harpal Singh Cheema on Friday stated that the Bharatiya Janata Party has launched an undemocratic assault on Punjab and its people, declaring it a direct attack on the Babasaheb Ambedkar's Constitution and the democratic rights of citizens. He asserted that Punjabis, who have historically sacrificed for the country's freedom and democracy, will not tolerate this betrayal and will give a strong response.

In a statement, senior AAP leader and Punjab Cabinet Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said, "The BJP has attacked Punjab in an undemocratic manner. The right to vote given under the Constitution by Babasaheb Ambedkar is being snatched away. This is a direct attack on Babasaheb Ambedkar's Constitution, and 3 crore Punjabis will not tolerate it. Punjab has always played a leading role in shap-



ing democracy in this country. The democracy of this nation has been built on the blood and sacrifices of Punjabis. By shedding their blood, Punjabis helped establish this democracy, and today the BJP is trying to break it."

The Punjab Minister asserted, "Today, 3 crore Punjabis are ready to teach the BJP a lesson. The BJP is the party that is held responsible for the deaths of 700 farmers of Punjab during the agitation

against the three black laws. It is known as the party that has looted Punjab's waters and denied Punjab its rightful financial share. Such a party will be decisively opposed by all Punjabis united."

Condemning the defection of 7 AAP MPs, Harpal Singh Cheema said, "Those whom AAP honoured and sent to the Rajya Sabha to represent the voice of Punjabis have today betrayed Punjab by falling under the influence of Home Minister Amit Shah. This defection, driven by the lure of power, is not just political, it is a betrayal of Punjab's rights. The BJP has never truly stood by anyone, and opportunists are never forgiven by Punjabis."

Harpal Singh Cheema added, "For a long time, when the BJP and Akali Dal were in power in Punjab, incidents of beadbi (sacrilege) of Sri Guru Granth Sahib took place and no justice was delivered. When we brought the 'Jaagat Jot Sri Guru Granth Sahib Satkar (Amendment) Act, 2026', the BJP started breaking our members because it does not want respect for Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji."

stands firmly with the Constitution. We will continue to fight to protect and uphold the Constitution and will keep teaching the BJP a lesson." Highlighting Punjab's history of resistance, Harpal Singh Cheema said, "Punjab and Punjabis have repeatedly defeated those who tried to dominate them. Those who attempted to capture Punjab have always been taught a lesson. Today, the BJP cannot win Punjab by intimidating or threatening people. The 3 crore Punjabis are aware of the work being done by the AAP Government led by Sardar Bhagwant Singh Mann."

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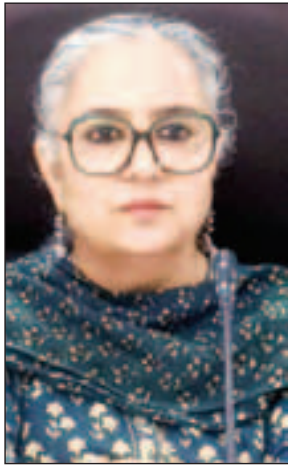
Order for strict ban on some capsules in Punjab, instructions issued to chemists

RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR
JAITO, APRIL 24

Pregabalin capsules and tablets with formulations above 75 mg are completely banned in the district Deputy Commissioner Madam Poonamdeep Kaur. He said that this medicine is used as a drug by some bad elements.

He said that these orders have been issued to strictly comply with these orders to realize the dream of Punjab Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann to make Punjab drug free. He said that this medicine (Pregabalin more than 75 MG) is completely banned by invoking Section 163 of the Indian Civil Protection Code 2023.

The orders state that wholesalers, retailers, chemists, medical store owners, hospital pharmacists and any other person shall not sell Pregabalin 75 MG without an original prescription. Apart from this, as per the orders, the sell-



ers shall also ensure that they keep a record of the tablets and capsules sold up to Pregabalin 75 MG and shall ensure that the record is kept along with the purchase and sale bill.

The original prescription shall be stamped with such details as the name of the

chemist/retailer/trade, date of purchase of the tablets and number of tablets etc. Will also ensure. According to these orders, every wholesaler/retailer/chemist, medical store owner and pharmacist in the hospital will also ensure that the buyer has not already purchased this medicine (Pregabalin 75 MG) from any other shop on the original prescription.

The sellers will also ensure that the medicine is not provided to the customer for more than the days mentioned in the prescription. These orders June 6, 2026 Will remain in effect until in emergency situations, only those patients who actually need this medicine are given a discount to provide this medicine at the medical stores run by the District Red Cross Society.

The orders have directed the Secretary Red Cross to maintain a record of the sale of this medicine.

OSD Sukhvir Singh visits gaushala in Harchandpura village, reviews arrangements



DHURI, APRIL 24

OSD to the Chief Minister, Sukhvir Singh, today visited the gaushala in village Harchandpura to review on-ground arrangements and assess the situation following a recent fire incident. He interacted with the gaushala management and local residents to take detailed stock of the damage and the challenges arising thereafter. A few days ago, a fire broke out in the stored fodder at the gaushala, leading to substantial loss of cattle feed. Conducting an on-site assessment, Sukhvir Singh emphasized that the care, safety and well-being of the animals remain the top priority, and assured that no gaps would be al-

lowed in their upkeep. He directed the concerned authorities to ensure the immediate availability of fodder and to initiate necessary steps for compensating the losses. Stressing long-term safeguards, he also underlined the need to strengthen fire-prevention measures, including improved storage practices, adequate water arrangements and essential safety equipment. Sukhvir Singh stated that the Punjab Government is fully committed to supporting gaushalas and will extend all required assistance without delay. He assured that every effort will be made to restore normalcy at the earliest and to further strengthen the infrastructure of the facility.

Khudian hands over job letter to eight candidates on compassionate grounds



CHANDIGARH: Punjab Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister S. Gurmeet Singh Khudian and Punjab Mandi Board Chairman S. Harchand Singh Barsat handed over appointment letters to eight candidates on compassionate grounds in Punjab Mandi Board at the Board's headquarters in SAS Nagar.

The appointments, made under Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab Government's policy to provide jobs to dependents of deceased employees, extending helping hand in a minimal possible time, said S. Khudian. "Our government is providing government jobs to youth purely on merit, without any recommendation and over 65000 government jobs have already been given to the youth," S. Khudian stated, while congratulating the newly appointed employees and encouraged them to perform their duties with full diligence, honesty and a spirit of dedication. The step would provide substantial support to affected families. These young candidates will now contribute to the progress of Punjab and the Mandi Board, he added. Punjab Mandi Board's senior officials were also present on the occasion.

Sewing machines, kits and stationery distributed at Busowal School



CHANDIGARH: A simple and impressive ceremony was organized at Government Senior Secondary Smart School Busowal under the leadership of School Principal Sandeep Kumar. Sarpanch Bikkar Singh was the chief guest and Chairman School Management Committee Joginder Singh was the special guest. The ceremony was inaugurated by Lecturer Davinder Kumar, Lecturer Inderjit Kaur, Master Jagjit Singh, Master Jaspal Singh, Ramnandip Singh and all the staff who welcomed the special guests. During this, sewing machines and kits were distributed to the students of class XII under the National Skills Qualification Framework under the supervision of Master Dalvir Singh, Master Sukhwinder Singh, Master Ankush Narang, Madam Gurinder Kaur and Madam Rajni. Stationery was distributed to the students of class VI and VIII and congratulations were given on the new session. School Principal Sandeep Kumar thanked the special guests and said that the family of Sarpanch Bicker Singh and Chairman Joginder Singh have made a valuable contribution to the development of the school and the betterment of the students.

Students enjoy Indian classical music at Das & Brown World School's Spike Mackey programme



TAPINDER SINGH
FEROZEPUR, APRIL 24

A cultural program was organized at Das & Brown World School under the Spike Mackey program, in which the students were made aware of Indian classical music and its rich cultural heritage. Chairperson of Golden Arrow Family Welfare Association, Geetanjali Manral and Senior Director of Academics at DCM Group of Schools, Dr. Ragini Gupta were the chief guests. Princi-

pal Dr. Ruchi Pandey said that the students of classes 8 to 11 participated in the program with enthusiasm and enjoyed the melodious performances of Indian classical music. The curiosity and participation of the students was clearly visible throughout the program. The highlight of the program was the performance of internationally renowned classical slide guitarist Vidushi Dr. Kamala Shankar, who mesmerized everyone with his captivating melodies.

BML Munjal University hosts 'Meet the Dean' session in Ludhiana, showcases industry-integrated learning approach

LUDHIANA : BML Munjal University (BMU), a Hero Group initiative, recently hosted a 'Meet the Dean' session in Ludhiana, bringing together prospective students and parents for an interactive discussion on the evolving landscape of higher education and career readiness.

The session was led by Dr. Maneek Kumar, Dean, School of Engineering and Technology, BMU, who shared insights on the University's industry-led approach to education, emphasising the shift from purely academic learning to a model deeply integrated with real-world industry needs.

Addressing the audience, Dr. Kumar highlighted BMU's strong corporate lineage through the Hero Group, underlining how this legacy enables meaningful industry integration and ensures that learning remains aligned



with evolving business and technology landscapes. He noted that the University's focus extends beyond degrees to tangible post-graduate outcomes, including career readiness, industry exposure, and practical skill development.

The discussion also spotlighted BMU's emphasis on early and continuous industry engagement through initiatives such as live projects, masterclasses, internships, practice school programmes, and dedicated centres like the

Centre of Artificial Intelligence. These experiences, he noted, are designed to equip students with hands-on exposure and build strong professional portfolios.

Dr. Maneek Kumar, Dean, School of Engineering and Technology, BML Munjal University, said, "At BMU, we believe education must be closely aligned with industry and real-world outcomes. Our focus is on early exposure to practical learning through projects, internships.

Gurpreet Singh Pakho appointed Chairman of Punjab Pradesh Congress SC department



BARNALA (BALWINDER AZAD): Following the appointment of Gurpreet Singh "Lucky" Pakho, grandson of late MLA Bachan Singh Pakho from a traditional Congress family of Barnala, as Chairman of the Punjab Pradesh Congress SC Department, a wave of joy (joy) has spread among Congress leaders and workers across the district. Various leaders have expressed their gratitude to the Congress high command for this decision. On this occasion, former minister Vijender Singla, District Congress President and MLA Kuldeep Singh Kala Dhillon, former Chairman of Improvement Trust Barnala Makhan Sharma, Punjab Congress Kisan Cell Vice President Dhanna Singh Grewal, senior Congress leader from Bhadaur Surinder Kaur Balia, senior leader from Mehal Kalan Banni Khera, senior leader from Dhanaula Surinder Thunia, Darshan Singh (DS Tailor), Baldev Singh Bhuchar, Girdhar Mittal, former Sarpanch Raghbir Singh Kala, Kamaldeep Singh Kamal etc.

Finally administration brings Bhai Gurjit Singh Khalsa down safely from 400 feet high tower



PATIALA (TAPINDER SINGH): Bhai Gurjit Singh Khalsa, who had been sitting on a 400 feet high tower for the past 18 months in Samana constituency of Patiala district, was brought down safely and respectfully by the administration officials. It is worth mentioning here that Bhai Gurjit Singh, in order to get his demand made in a very peaceful manner, continued his struggle with the support of the local Sangat for the demand of making a strict law to stop the sacrilege of religious scriptures. Finally, respecting the religious sentiments of the people, the state government brought a law against the sacrilege of religious scriptures in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha and after the law was passed, the bill took legal form after the signature of Punjab Governor Mr. Gulab Chand Kataria. In this way, the Bhagwant Mann government handled the above issue in a very sensitive manner.

Mata Sundari Group of Institutions Dhadde conducted scholarship competition test for 10th pass students



RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA): The only institution in the area famous for safe and high-quality education of girls, Mata Sundari Group of Institutions Dhadde conducted scholarship competition test for 10th pass students, in which 157 girl students participated. On this occasion, the chairman of the institution Kulwant Singh Sidhu, managing director Gurbinder Singh Balli and director administration Parminder Singh Sidhu said that cash and certificates will be distributed to the girl students who will come in the first three positions in the scholarship competition test. The admission fee of the remaining girl students participating in this test will be waived. He said that the institution had made special arrangements for vans to bring these girl students to the paper setter. Apart from this, refreshments were also arranged by the institute for the students. He said that the aim of the institute is that no child should be deprived of education.

Sandhwan holds meeting with Anganwadi workers regarding respect for mothers and daughters



KOTKAPURA (SURINDER DAMDAMI): Speaker Punjab Vidhan Sabha Kuldar Singh Sandhwan addresses party office Near BDPO Office Kotkapura. An important meeting was held with the Sakhis and Anganwadi workers regarding the respect of mothers and daughters.

On this occasion, S. Sandhwan said that the Punjab Government is running various schemes for the respect and welfare of women and "Respect for Mothers and Daughters" is an important initiative. He appealed to the Sakhis and Anganwadi workers to spread awareness about this scheme by going door to door so that its benefits reach every eligible beneficiary.

He said that it is the government's priority to respect women and increase their participation in society. Therefore, the role of workers working at the grassroots level is very important.

During the meeting, the Sakhis and Anganwadi workers also shared their experiences and gave suggestions for better implementation of the scheme.

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: Sandeepani Bhardwaj has strongly criticized the Congress government over the decision to impose user charges at Kamla Nehru Hospital in Shimla, calling it a burden on needy, women, and children. She alleged that introducing fees for services such as registration, tests, treatment, ward charges, operations, and even medical certificates reflects the government's insensitivity. "The hospital,



meant to support women and children, has been turned into a 'payment centre,'" she said. Bhardwaj further accused the Congress of failing to deliver on its promise of free healthcare, claiming that the move shows healthcare services are being turned into a source of revenue. She emphasized that while affluent individuals can afford private hospitals, government hospitals remain the only option for the poor and middle class.

NEWS BRIEF

Health check-up of 72 patients in Thankpur



AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB: With the aim of bringing health services to the doorsteps of rural residents, the Member of Parliament's Mobile Service Team organized a health check-up camp in Thankpur village, part of the Chintpurni Assembly constituency. A total of 72 patients were screened for outpatient services and 30 different tests were performed during the camp. This service is particularly beneficial for the elderly, the seriously ill, and those with mobility impairments who are unable to reach hospitals or health centers. The health team is reaching the patients' homes, examining them on the bed and providing proper treatment and necessary guidance, due to which timely health care is being provided and improvement in the condition of the patients is being seen.

Governor inaugurates international conference on 'Vision 2047: Prosperous and Great Bharat 2.0'

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, APR 24

Governor Kavinder Gupta inaugurated the International Conference on 'Vision 2047: Prosperous and Great Bharat 2.0' at the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, organized in collaboration with the Swadeshi Shodh Sansthan. Addressing the gathering, the Governor delivered a comprehensive address emphasizing India's remarkable growth trajectory and the importance of integrated policy frameworks, innovation and collaborative efforts among institutions to achieve the vision of a prosperous and self-reliant nation by 2047. During his visit to the campus, the Governor toured the Electric Vehicle (EV) Laboratory at Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, where he inspected advanced equipment and ongoing



research facilities related to electric mobility and sustainable transportation technologies. He appreciated the efforts of researchers and students working towards environmentally friendly and technologically advanced mobility solutions. On the occasion, the Governor

was presented with an innovative 'Accessible Mobility Vehicle for Divyangjan,' developed by Yali Mobility in collaboration with the AARTI Foundation, Ministry of Heavy Industries and the International Centre for Automotive Technology. The vehicle reflects inclusive design

and technological innovation aimed at enhancing mobility solutions for persons with disabilities. The Governor commended the initiative, stating that such innovations play a crucial role in promoting accessibility, sustainability and social inclusion. Minister of Health and Family Welfare J. P. Nadda virtually addressed the conference. Prof. K. K. Pant, Director, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, welcomed the Governor and highlighted the significance of collaboration between academia, governance and industry in shaping a self-reliant and prosperous India by 2047.

Executive Chairperson of the conference Prof. Somnath Sachdeva delivered the thematic introduction outlining the importance of innovation, policy reforms and sustainable development in achieving national growth.

Chief Secretary reviews security and logistics



DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, APR 24

A high-level review meeting was held here today under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Sanjay Gupta to assess the preparedness for the forthcoming visit of the President Droupadi Murmu, scheduled from April 27 to May 2, 2026. The meeting was convened to review the status and action taken on the decisions of the previous meeting held on April 18, 2026. Detailed discussions were held on various aspects to ensure smooth and secure conduct of the visit. Key agenda items included comprehensive security arrangements, issuance and regulation of security passes, traffic management, coordination of press coverage and other related matters

during the visit. The preparedness for the President's proposed visits to Kangra, Shimla and Lahaul & Spiti districts was also reviewed in detail. The Chief Secretary emphasized the need for seamless coordination among all departments and agencies, strict adherence to security protocols and timely execution of all arrangements. He directed the concerned officers to ensure that all necessary measures are put in place to facilitate a smooth, secure, and well-coordinated visit. Director General of Police Ashok Tiwari, Secretary (GAD) Aashish Singham, Deputy Commissioner Anupam Kashyap and Superintendent of Police Gaurav Singh along with senior officers of the State Police and other departments and representatives of the Army.

NH-03 near completion, key junctions upgraded

RAJNEESH SHARMA HAMIRPUR: Work on National Highway-03 has reached its final stage, with rapid progress being made to give the highway a complete finish. The construction of link road junctions is underway, and the overall road infrastructure in the area is becoming stronger and smoother. Major junctions near Bari Temple and Tauni Devi have been fully paved, providing relief from dust and improving travel conditions. Key points including Society Chowk Bari, Old Uhl Chowk Road near the tehsil, Tauni Devi-Kakkar Road junction, and Gabba Road junction have been upgraded, leading to better traffic flow. Highway Engineer Ankit Singh stated that road marking work has been completed, and crash barriers are being installed at required locations to enhance safety. He added that milestones, bus stops, street lights, and cat eyes will soon be installed, making travel on the highway safer and more convenient.



Complaint filed against Kharge in Dharamshala police station for calling PM 'terrorist', demand for FIR



SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA: The issue of Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge calling Prime Minister Narendra Modi a "terrorist" has escalated. Himachal Pradesh BJP State Media Co-incharge Advocate Vishav Chakshu filed a written complaint against Kharge at the Dharamshala police station on Wednesday. The complaint states that on April 21, 2026, during a press conference in Chennai, Kharge used the word "terrorist" for Prime Minister Modi from a public platform and said that his party does not believe in the principle of equality. In his complaint, Advocate Vishav Chakshu described it as an insult to the highest constitutional office of the country and one that hurts the sentiments of 140 crore Indians. He said that such irresponsible statements can spread animosity, hatred, and anarchy in society and pose a threat to law and order. Vishav Chakshu has demanded from the Station House Officer, Dharamshala, that an FIR be registered against Mallikarjun Kharge under the relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and strict legal action be taken, so that no one can attack the dignity of the Prime Minister's office in the future.

Una Labour Welfare board emerges as strong support for workers

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA: The Himachal Pradesh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board has emerged as a significant support system for construction workers in Una district, providing financial assistance across multiple welfare schemes ranging from education to housing. District Labour Welfare Officer Aman Sharma stated that a total of 31,575 registered workers in the district are associated with the board. Since December 2022, financial assistance amounting to Rs. 6,26,31,049 has been disbursed to 1,166 beneficiaries under various schemes, leading to tangible improvements in their living conditions. Under the education assistance scheme, 740 beneficiaries have received Rs. 3,37,55,900 to support school, college, technical and vocational education, enabling children of labourers to continue their studies without financial constraints. For marriage assistance, financial support of Rs. 1,75,95,000 has been extended to eligible families, easing the economic burden associated with weddings and strengthening social security for labour households. Medical and social security measures have also been implemented, with nine workers receiving Rs. 96,649 under medical assistance, while 41 families were granted Rs. 96,20,000 under death compensation schemes, offering relief during difficult times. Housing support has been provided to 10 beneficiaries under central and state housing schemes, with Rs. 7,32,500 disbursed to assist in home construction.

All traders must obtain trade license by May 15th in Hamirpur

ANIL KUMAR HAMIRPUR: Rakesh Sharma, Commissioner of the Hamirpur Municipal Corporation, has urged all shopkeepers, hotels, showrooms, clinics, and traders operating businesses—ranging from small stalls to large establishments—within the Corporation's jurisdiction to ensure they obtain their trade licences by May 15, if they have not done so already. These licences can be obtained online through Lokmitra centres. Traders facing difficulties in obtaining licenses online may also visit the Municipal Corporation office to apply for them offline. Individuals operating private parking facilities are also required to obtain a trade licence after securing a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the corporation. The commissioner said in a statement today that any trader failing to obtain a trade licence by May 15th will be liable to pay a monthly fine of ₹500. He further emphasised that obtaining permission from the corporation is mandatory for erecting hoardings for promotional purposes within the municipal limits. Banners and hoardings erected without such permission will be removed without prior notice, and fines will be imposed for any damage caused to public property. Additionally, the Commissioner has appealed to the city residents to register their pet dogs through Lokmitra centres by May 15. Failure to register pets may result in the imposition of a fine.

"Bloom" fresher's event held at Shimla Nursing College



DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: Shimla Nursing College hosted its Annual Fresher's Program and Oath Taking Ceremony, themed "Bloom - Freshers Growing into Their Best," marking the beginning of a new academic journey for aspiring nursing professionals. The event welcomed new students into the noble field of nursing, highlighting the core values of care, compassion, and healing. The college reaffirmed its commitment to quality education through experienced faculty and modern infrastructure, preparing students for both national and global healthcare opportunities. Distinguished guests included Dr. Praveen Bhatia, Vijay Laxmi, Leelavati Chauhan, Narendra Sharma, and Saroj. The management and faculty present included Mohit Sood, Dr. Kimi Sood, and Dr. Krishna Chauhan. A key highlight of the program was the Miss Fresher Contest, showcasing the confidence and talent of the newcomers. Ms. Prachi (GNM 1st Year) was crowned Miss Fresher, while Ms. Taniksha Chauhan secured the First Runner-Up position and Ms. Kritika was declared Second Runner-Up.

National Lok Adalat in Nahan on May 9; hundreds of cases to be settled

UNI NAHAN: A National Lok Adalat (People's Court) will be held on May 9 to facilitate the speedy disposal of pending and pre-litigation cases in District Sirmour. This special Lok Adalat will be held simultaneously across all subordinate courts on the same day, including the District and Sessions Court in Nahan, where various types of cases will be resolved through mutual settlement. Pogesh Jaswal, Chairman of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Sirmour, and District and Sessions Judge, along with Nav Kamal, Secretary and Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, stated that the Lok Adalat is being organized in accordance with the directives of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), New Delhi, and the State Legal Services Authority, Shimla. Priority will be provided to conciliatory matters in the Lok Adalat, including bank loan disputes, labour cases, electricity and water bill disputes, and matrimonial disputes. Individuals whose cases are currently pending in court may have their matters listed in the Lok Adalat for speedy resolution. Furthermore, those whose disputes are not yet under judicial consideration may also submit applications to seek settlement through mutual agreement. The Authority clarified that cases in the Lok Adalat are resolved through mutual consent, thereby saving both time and money. Additionally, the decisions delivered are final, and there is no provision for filing an appeal in any higher court.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

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Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Ambala for and on behalf of the President of India invites sealed applications from General Public for the appointment of facilitators for issuing unreserved tickets through Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVMs) at various stations over Ambala Division. The engagement will be effective from the date of actual commencement and will remain valid for a period of one year, extendable up to a maximum of two years. List of ATVM locations over Ambala Division is as under:-

S. N.	Name of Station	Station Code	No. of ATVMs installed	No. of facilities to be appointed	Category of Station	Security Deposited in (Rs.)
1	Ambala Cantt	UMB	2	03	NSG-2	50,000/-
2	Chandigarh	CDG	2	04	NSG-2	
3	Saharanpur	SRE	3	06	NSG-3	
4	Yamuna Nagar Jajpathi	YJUD	1	02	NSG-3	
5	Baran	RAA	1	02	NSG-5	
6	Ambala City	UBC	1	02	NSG-5	
7	Rajpura	RPJ	1	02	NSG-4	
8	Birhind	SIR	1	03	NSG-4	
9	Kharma	KMN	1	02	NSG-5	
10	Kalka	KLK	1	03	NSG-3	
11	Patala	PTA	1	02	NSG-4	
12	Nalwa	NBA	1	02	NSG-5	
13	Dhuri	DUI	1	02	NSG-5	
14	Barnala	BNN	1	02	NSG-5	
15	Malerkotla	MET	1	02	NSG-5	
16	Rupnagar	RNR	1	02	NSG-5	
17	Anandpur Sahib	ANSB	1	03	NSG-5	
18	Nangal Dam	NLDM	1	02	NSG-5	
19	Rampura Phul	PUL	1	02	NSG-5	
20	Abohar	ABS	1	03	NSG-4	
21	Gidderbaha	GDB	1	02	NSG-5	
22	Melout	MOT	1	02	NSG-5	
23	Sangru	SAG	1	02	NSG-5	
24	Saranam U.S. Wala	SFMU	1	02	NSG-5	
25	Lina Himchal	LHL	1	02	NSG-4	
26	Amb Andaura	AADR	1	02	NSG-4	
27	Shimla	SML	1	02	NSG-5	
28	Govindgarh	GVG	1	02	NSG-5	

Description of work	Period of agreement	Cost of application form	Date of submission of Tender
Nature of work: Application for engaging Facilitators to issue unreserved tickets through ATVM at 28 Station over Ambala Division	Valid for a period of one year, extendable up to a maximum of two years	Free	From 10:00 hrs. to 14:00 hrs. of 25.05.26

Important Dates:

Commencement of issuing application	24.04.26
Date & Time for submission of application forms	From 10:00 hrs to 14:00 hrs of 25.05.26
Date & Time for closing of application Box	At 15:00 hrs. of 25.05.2026
Date & Time for Opening of application	At 15:30 hrs of 25.05.2026

Address of office & date from which application documents shall be available: The application form containing of term & conditions is available on the website of Northern Railway i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and can be downloaded from 24.04.2026 at 13:30 hrs

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MSME Ministry raises awareness regarding initiatives



SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA: The Ministry of MSME organized an Entrepreneur Awareness and Special Vendor Development Program in Dharamshala (HP) on April 24, 2026. The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India, organized an Entrepreneur Awareness and Special Vendor Development Program (EA&SVDP) in collaboration with the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry at the HP University Regional Centre, Khanyara. The objective of this program was to disseminate awareness regarding various initiatives of the Ministry of MSME, Government of India—including the National SC-ST Hub (NSSH) Scheme. The program aimed to enhance awareness about the National SC-ST Hub Scheme among both existing and aspiring entrepreneurs, thereby assisting Central Ministries, Departments, and CPSEs in fulfilling the mandatory 4% procurement target stipulated under the Public Procurement Policy. Both new and existing entrepreneurs received comprehensive information regarding the NSSH Scheme and various other schemes of the Ministry of MSME. Aspiring entrepreneurs were specifically apprised of the importance of registering on the Udyam Portal to formalize their enterprises; meanwhile, existing entrepreneurs received detailed information regarding vendor registration procedures, requisite documentation, items procured by CPSEs, the e-tendering process, credit facility options, and subsidy components available through banks to support business expansion and sustainability.

Congress gov't has stalled development, jeopardised youth and basic services: Suresh Kashyap



DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: Suresh Kashyap, former state president of the Bharatiya Janata Party and Member of Parliament, criticised the Himachal Pradesh government, alleging that policy failures have halted development and adversely affected youth, sportspersons and the general public. Addressing mediapersons, Kashyap said that funds under the Chief Minister Youth Sports Promotion Scheme—Rs. 15 lakh per assembly constituency for developing sports fields—have not been released this year, resulting in stalled sports infrastructure projects across the state. He termed the move detrimental to youth development and claimed that even in districts like Kangra, no constituency has received allocations under the scheme. He further alleged that several proposed playgrounds and gym facilities in rural areas remain incomplete due to lack of funding, describing the situation as reflective of administrative inefficiency and misplaced priorities. Kashyap also raised concerns over delays in the Sutlej drinking water project, stating that Shimla and adjoining areas are facing increasing pressure on water supply systems. He warned that continued delays could jeopardise financial assistance from the World Bank linked to the project, which is estimated at around Rs. 1,168 crore. He said that failure to complete the project on time could lead to serious challenges in ensuring basic water supply in the future, attributing the situation to what he described as mismanagement and lack of planning by the state government.

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

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (x)/ Co-Borrower (x)/Mortgagor (x) and Guarantor (x) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) the same shall be referred herein after as AUSFB. The Secured Assets will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis through E-Auction for recovery of amount mentioned in the table below along with further interest, cost, charges and expenses being due to AUSFB viz. Secured Creditor. It is hereby informed you that we are going to conduct public E-Auction through website <https://aifsauctions.auctiontiger.net>

Loan A/c No./ Name of Borrowers/ Mortgagees/Guarantor	Date & Amount of 13(2) Demand Notice	Date Of Possession	Reserve Price For Property	Earnest Money For Property	Date & Time Of E-Auction	Date of Bid Submission	E-Auction Place of Tender Submission	Contact Person and Property Visit Date
(Loan A/c No.) L9001069137570994, Smt. Shikha Rani (Borrower), Janki Singh (Co-Borrower)	16-Dec-24 Rs. 7,90,595/- Rs. Seven Lac Ninety Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Five Only 11-Dec-24	11 Nov 25	Rs. 8,80,000/- Rs. Eight Lakh Eighty Thousand Only.	Rs. 88,000/- Rs. Eighty-Eight Thousand Only	13-May-26 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM with unlimited extension of 5 minutes	On or Before 11-May-26	AU Small Finance Bank Ltd, Branch Office / Ward No. 9, 1st Floor, Up Mahul, Khadia No 2485, Bhoti Road, near Goda Hospital, Gaura, Rupnagar, Himachal Pradesh, HP 177001	Gurpreet Singh, 828808794, 977338234, aubank@aubank.in, 08-May-26

Description of Property: Property Situated At Khata No. 71, Khatouni No. 82 TA, 84 Kitta, 7 Being Share 29/180 i.e. 00-02-68 Hect., Out of Total Area Measuring 9-16-68 Hect.(Along with House/Structure/ Shop) As Per Jamabandi For The Year 2019-20 Situated In Mohal Treh Mouza Choru Patwar Circle Choru Hadbasti No. 23/8 Tehsil Nadduan Distt. Hamirpur HP Issued By Halka Patwar Verified/Updated/ Signed By Patwari Of Patwar Circle Choru Tehsil Nadduan & District Hamirpur HP Admeasuring 99.02-68 Hect. (2883.68 Sq Ft)

The terms and conditions of e-auction sale:-
 (1) The E-Auction sale of Secured Asset is on "as is where is", "as is what is", "whatever there is" and "no recourse" basis for and on behalf of the Secured Creditor viz. AUSFB and there is no known-encumbrance which exists on the said property.
 (2) For participating in online e-auction sale, Bid document, copies of PAN Card, Board Resolution in case of Company and photo ID, address proof are required to be submitted along with EMD, which is payable by way of RTGS/NEFT/IDR in the name of MSME AUCTION POOL ACCOUNT OF AU Small Finance Bank Limited, Current account No.1921201121711599 AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED Fifth and Sixth Floor Sunny Big Junction BTC Khadia No. 84 to 87, Green Sukhdeepura New Ashok Market Jaipur 302026, IFSC Code: AUHL0000111, Once an Online Bid is submitted, same cannot be withdrawn. Further any EMD submitted by bidder will be required to send the UTR/Ref no./ID no. of the RTGS/NEFT/IDR with a copy of cancelled cheque on the following email IDs i.e. auctions@aubank.in
 (3) All interested participants / bidders are requested to visit the website <https://aifsauctions.auctiontiger.net> & <https://www.aubank.in/bank-auction> for further details including Terms & Conditions, to take part in e-auction sale proceeding and are also advised to contact e-mail of auctions@aubank.in
Please Note: This is also a 15 days notice Under Rule 8(6) read with Rule 5(1) to the Borrowers/Co-Borrowers/Mortgagors of the above said loan account about sale through tender / enter as bidding on the above-mentioned date. The property will be sold, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full by the borrower in the given notice period.
 Date : 24/04/2026 Place : Himachal Pradesh Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited

NEWS BRIEF

Former MLA held a meeting with workers



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: Former BJP MLA from the Chintpurni Assembly constituency, Balbir Chaudhary, held an important meeting with BJP workers from the Zila Parishad in Lower Mandala Charudu. The meeting discussed in detail how to further strengthen the organization and future strategies. The enthusiasm, dedication, and active participation of all the workers was deeply inspiring. With this energy and unity, we will continue to work for the overall development of the region.

Departmental examinations postponed till further orders



SUBHASH MAHAJAN
CHAMBA: A Spokesperson of HP Board of Departmental Examination Shimla today here informed that the Departmental Examinations scheduled from 28th April, 2026 to 7th May, 2026 for various categories have been postponed till further orders due to administrative reasons. He said that the examinations were to be conducted for candidates belonging to categories including Indian Administrative Services (IAS), Himachal Pradesh Administrative Services (HAS), Tehsildar/Naib Tehsildar, other Gazetted and Non-Gazetted Officers, Kanungo and Patwaris, as well as employees of Boards and Corporations serving on a regular basis under the Himachal Pradesh Government. The Spokesperson further said that the revised date-sheet will be uploaded on the official website of Dr. Manmohan Singh Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration (MSHIPA) shortly.

National Chintan Shivir in Chandigarh focuses on inclusive social justice delivery

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, APR 24

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment today launched a three-day National Chintan Shivir in Chandigarh, bringing together States and Union Territories for a focused push on strengthening India's social justice delivery architecture. Inaugurated jointly by the Governor of Punjab and Administrator, U.T. Chandigarh, Gulab Chand Kataria, and Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar, in the presence of Minister of State Shri B. L. Verma, the Shivir is being held on the theme "Antyodaya ka Sankalp, Amrit Kaal ka Pratibimb - Viksit Bharat @2047", with an emphasis on last-mile implementation, technology-enabled governance and inclusive empowerment of marginalised communities. Shri Narayan Singh Kushwaha, Minister for Social Justice and



Disabled Welfare, Government of Madhya Pradesh; Shri Krishan Kumar Bedi, Minister for Social Justice, Empowerment, SCs & BCs Welfare and Antyodaya, Government of Haryana; Shri Ravinder Indraj Singh, Minister for Social Welfare, SC & ST Welfare and Cooperative, Government of NCT of Delhi; Ms. Pi Lalrinpui, Minister for Social Welfare, Women and Child Development,

Government of Mizoram; and Shri Narendra Kashyap, Minister for Backward Class Welfare and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Government of Uttar Pradesh, were also present on the occasion. On this occasion, the exhibition showcasing key initiatives, flagship schemes and achievements of the Ministry was inaugurated by the Governor of Punjab and Administrator, U.T.

Chandigarh, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria in presence of Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar and Union Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment Shri B. L. Verma. Speaking on the occasion, the Governor of Punjab and Administrator, U.T. Chandigarh, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, said that the National Chintan Shivir provides an important platform for States and Union Territories to deliberate on key issues of social justice and empowerment and to strengthen collective efforts towards inclusive development. He underlined that social justice lies at the core of India's democratic ethos and that the resolve of "Antyodaya ka Sankalp, Amrit Kaal ka Pratibimb - Viksit Bharat @2047" can be realised only when the concerns of the poorest and most vulnerable are placed at the centre of policy and governance.



village, Mata's grand court was decorated. Devotees were overwhelmed by sight of Mata Rani's amazing decorations. Various tableaux were also displayed during the event. Devotees were instantly moved to submission upon seeing the tableaux. Trust President Sitaram Shastri stated that saints and devotees from across country participated in Mata Jagran.

To ensure transparent, peaceful NEET UGC exam, perform duties with dedication: DC



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, APR 24

DC Dr Anand Kumar Sharma reviewed arrangements and provided necessary guidelines in a meeting with officials, the Principal of Kendriya Vidyalaya and District Coordinator Neelam Singh in auditorium of Mini Secretariat on Friday. He urged all concerned to ensure compliance with state government's directives and to perform their duties with dedication and honesty to ensure a transparent and peaceful conduct of exam. Earlier, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, via video conference from Chandigarh, reviewed preparations for NEET UGC exam with District Deputy Commissioners, SPs and Police Commissioners and directed them to ensure that exam is conducted in a peaceful and

transparent manner across state, avoiding any irregularities. He stated that this examination is one of most important in country with students from across country participating. Central Government expressing confidence in state government has established largest number of examination centers in Haryana and thousands of students from across country will participate. Consequently, state government's responsibility has increased. All District Magistrates must uphold central government's trust and ensure successful conduct of examination. He urged that no incident should occur that would cast doubt on state government, and that no negligence should be shown. Adequate arrangements for electricity, water and toilets should be made at examination centers.

A Ray of Hope: New Happy Public School student's innovative effort on World Malaria Day

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, APR 24

On the occasion of World Malaria Day, when the world is focusing on awareness and solutions against mosquito-borne diseases, a student of New Happy Public School, Yamunanagar, has emerged with a powerful and practical solution. Aditi Juyal's project stands out as a promising step in tackling this global issue. Aditi, a Class 12 (Medical) student, has developed a "Biodegradable Mosquito Killer Basket" that is not only eco-friendly but also capable of addressing the mosquito problem at its root, and that too at a very low cost. The project has been specially designed for areas where people cannot afford expensive chemical-based products and where mosquito-borne diseases are most prevalent. Her model uses a basket made from sugarcane bagasse (waste husk). It contains a mixture of water, sugar, and yeast to attract mosquitoes for egg-laying. At the same time, safe larvicides are added, which prevent the eggs from developing into larvae. In this way, the model effectively breaks the mosquito breeding cycle — directly targeting the root cause of the problem.



At a time when diseases like malaria and dengue claim millions of lives every year, Aditi's innovation proves that even simple solutions can bring significant change. Notably, the model works without electricity or fuel and poses no harm to human health. Her innovation has also received national recognition. Aditi has been selected under the prestigious INSPIRE MANAK scheme of the Government of India and is now set to present her project at the national platform. She has also received grants from the government to support her research and development work, highlighting the potential and practicality of her project.

Do not be 'A' negative be 'O' positive for service to humanity



MAHENDER GOYAL

HISAR: Rajya Sabha MP Subhash Barala attended a massive voluntary blood donation camp organized by the Sant Nirankari Charitable Foundation at the local Nirankari Bhawan on Friday as the chief guest. Formally inaugurating the camp, the MP addressed the gathering and praised this noble example of social service, dedication and humanitarian compassion. He said such events not only strengthen health services but also spread a message of social solidarity. During the camp, MP Subhash Barala visited each blood donor to inquire about their well-being and encouraged them by presenting them with certificates. He said that selfless blood donation was truly the greatest service to humanity. Those who donate blood to save the lives of unknown individuals are the true heroes of society. Their contribution is infusing a new energy of love, compassion, and philanthropy into society. Explaining the importance of "blood donation," Mr. Barala said that there was no alternative to blood and it was simply the gift of life, given by one human to another.

Mayor's morning inspection: Tackling Ward 7 problems firsthand



RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: In order to establish direct communication with the city residents and solve the ward level problems, Mayor Suman Bahmani along with ward number seven councillor Priyank Sharma took a morning walk in Sector 17 on Friday morning and listened to the problems of the people. She met the local citizens at Swami Vivekananda Park in Sector 17 and exercised with them. The Mayor listened to their problems and gave instructions to the concerned officials to find solutions. On Friday morning, Mayor Suman Bahmani along with Councillor Priyank and others reached Swami Vivekananda Park in Sector 17, where she interacted with the elders, women and youth present in the park. People expressed their views regarding cleanliness in the area, maintenance of parks, street lights, drinking water and other local problems. The Mayor said that the problems of the wards would be resolved on priority basis and the Municipal Corporation was committed to the convenience of the public. Mayor Suman Bahmani motivated the local citizens to include yoga, exercise and morning walk in their regular routine.

Anti Narcotics Cell team arrest 2 drugs traffickers with 8 kg of cannabis leaves

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, APR 24

A police spokesperson stated that the district's Anti-Narcotics Cell, working under the guidance of Superintendent of Police Kamaldeep Goyal, successfully conducted a major crackdown against drug trafficking, arrested a brother and brother-in-law with 8 kilograms of marijuana leaves. A case was registered against the accused and they were produced in court where they were remanded in custody. In-charge Anil Kumar stated that his team received a tip-off that some individuals were planning to supply drugs outside a plywood factory in Mahmoopur village. Acting on this information, a team consisting of ASIs Rajinder, Amit, Karamveer, and Pankaj was formed. The team raided the spot and arrested one of the accused. During the operation, the duty magistrate was called to the scene, and upon searching the accused in his presence, eight kilograms of marijuana leaves were recovered. Upon interrogation, the accused was identified as Vijay, son of Rajinder Rai, a resident of Raghupur village in Vaishali district, Bihar. Further investigation revealed the name of his brother-in-law, Indrajit, son of Baleshwar, resident of village



Mile, district Vaishali (Bihar), and the team arrested him. A case was registered against the accused and they were produced in court, from where they were taken on remand. In-charge Anil Kumar said that preliminary investigation revealed that both accused supplied drugs to the surrounding areas. Currently, the police are trying to find out where they sourced the marijuana and who else is involved in their network. The in-charge said that the campaign against drug smugglers would continue and such people would not be spared under any circumstances.

DC Aparajita urges book donations for 'GyanDaan' initiative

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL, APR 24

DC Aparajita said that the books donated by them can change the lives of needy and brilliant students. Donating books is also a huge donation, which cannot even be imagined. Officers, employees and general public must donate books in public interest so that books can be made available for free to the students who are unable to buy books. By doing books students self-confidence and interest in studies will also increase.

DC Aparajita was holding a meeting of GyanDaan Book Bank in the auditorium of Mini Secretariat on Friday and giving necessary instructions to the officers. DC Aparajita, ADC Dr. Sushil Kumar, Zip CEO Suresh Ravish, SDM



Kaithal Sanjay Singh and other officers donated hundreds of books to Chhatrapal, the nodal officer of GyanDaan Book Bank. She said that all the department heads should donate 100 books each from their respective departments. She called upon them to purchase books from their personal funds or donate old books to Diet Kaithal. The general public can donate books at the GyanDaan Book Bank established at DIET on Jind Road during working days from 10 am to 4 pm. For

this, Chhatrapal (DMS) has been made the nodal officer. To donate books, general public can contact on mobile numbers 94679-20070, 96715-86626. Keeping in view the convenience of the common people, DC said that they can also donate books to their nearest government school, after which all these books will reach the GyanDaan Book Bank. She instructed the Red Cross office to provide racks for proper maintenance of books in the GyanDaan Book Bank.

400 CCTV cameras to boost security on Panipat highways

RAKESH BHAYANA

PANIPAT: In a major push to enhance public safety and traffic management, the district administration in Panipat has announced a high-tech surveillance project to install around 400 advanced CCTV cameras across national and state highways, along with key locations in the city. Deputy Commissioner Dr. Virendra Kumar Dahiya said the initiative aims to curb crime, reduce road accidents, and ensure smoother traffic flow. The system will include an automatic e-challan mechanism, enabling instant action against violations such as wrong-side driving and traffic rule breaches. The project is estimated to cost around Rs. 3 crore annually for maintenance and internet connectivity, funded through the CER fund. To ensure transparency, a 21-day open tender has been floated, inviting qualified agencies to participate. Dr. Dahiya added that the surveillance network will use advanced wireless chip-based internet technology, ensuring a secure and uninterrupted system. Superintendent of Police Bhopender Singh highlighted that several accident-prone zones currently lack CCTV coverage. Under the new plan, all such vulnerable areas will be brought under surveillance. High-end cameras will be installed at major entry and exit points of the city and connected to a centralized control room, allowing police to monitor activities across Panipat in real time.



YS School hosts 'Comfort Talk' to welcome new students



KARANPREET KARAN

BARNALA: YS School organized a thoughtful "Comfort Talk" session to warmly welcome new students and support their smooth integration into the school environment. Principal Bimmi Puri interacted personally with students, creating a friendly and open atmosphere that encouraged them to share their thoughts, feelings, and initial experiences. The session focused on building confidence, emotional security, and a strong connection with the institution. Students were guided about the school's academic framework, value-based education, discipline, and the importance of holistic development. The interaction also emphasized well-being, communication skills, peer collaboration, and active classroom participation. The initiative helped create a safe and inclusive environment, allowing students to overcome hesitation and develop trust. Students responded with enthusiasm, showing readiness to actively engage in both academic and co-scholastic activities.

Five students of Partap World School, Pathankot succeed in JEE Mains examination

VERMA
GURDASPUR, APR 24

It is a moment of great pride for Partap World School, Pathankot, as five of its meritorious students have successfully cleared the prestigious JEE Mains examination. This remarkable achievement has brought joy and celebration to the school, parents, and the entire academic community. The successful students include Jashanpreet Singh, Harsh Sharma, Dhairya Kundal, Aakriti, and Albin Bara, who achieved this success through their hard work, dedication, and proper guidance. Partap World School is known for its unique Schooling + Coaching + Hostel model, where students are provided



quality education, competitive exam preparation, and safe residential facilities within a single campus. This integrated system saves students from the hassle of traveling to different places for school and coaching, thereby saving both time and energy. Additionally, transport facilities are also available for students preparing for competitive examinations to help them move forward towards their goals with ease. On this achievement, the Director of

the school, Sunny Mahajan, said, "The success of our students is the result of their hard work and the dedicated guidance of our teachers. At Partap World School, we do not limit education to academics only, but also provide a strong platform for the overall development of students and excellence in competitive examinations." The Principal of the school, Subhra Rani, also expressed her happiness and said, "This achievement reflects the dedication and discipline of our students."

Canada scrutiny puts 1.53 lakh Indian students at risk of deportation

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, APR 24

Thousands of Indian students studying in Canada are facing the risk of deportation following stricter immigration norms and audit findings by the Canadian authorities. Concerns have intensified after discrepancies were detected in study visa applications, raising questions over the authenticity of documents submitted by students. According to audit reports for 2023-24, irregularities have been found in the study visa records of nearly 1.53 lakh Indian students. These include issues such as gap years, inconsistencies in educational certificates and

income proof documents. Among them, around 45,900 students are from Haryana, 53,550 from Punjab, 22,950 from Gujarat and 30,600 from other states. Investigations into these cases are currently underway by immigration authorities. Officials have indicated that students found guilty of submitting forged documents or incomplete information could face deportation along with a potential five-year ban on re-entry. Students who travelled through "package systems" arranged by agents are reportedly at higher risk, as many applications allegedly contain manipulated documentation. Under the new provisions of immigration law, students are required to

apply for refugee status within one year of arrival in Canada. Failure to do so may lead to rejection of their claims. Authorities have already issued notices to around 30,000 individuals, seeking clarification within 21 days. Of these, nearly 9,000 are from Punjab and about 1,000 from Haryana. Those who fail to respond by the stipulated deadline may face cancellation of work permits and initiation of deportation proceedings. The report further indicates that a significant number of refugee applications filed between June and October 2025 may be rejected. Currently, nearly three lakh applications are pending with the Refugee Protection Board.

NEWS BRIEFS

Patient creates ruckus at Barara CHC

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER BARARAM : A case involving a patient creating a disturbance and attempting to assault staff members has come to light at the Community Health Center (CHC) located in Barara. Acting on a formal complaint, the police have registered a case against the accused under various sections of the law and have initiated an investigation. According to the information received, on April 23, 2026, at approximately 3:45 PM, Karam Singh—a 50-year-old resident of Wajidpur—arrived at the hospital for a medico-legal examination. It is alleged that during this process, he suddenly became aggressive and attempted to attack the staff members present within the hospital premises using an IV stand. This incident created an atmosphere of chaos within the hospital and posed a threat to the safety of other patients and healthcare workers. Furthermore, it disrupted the hospital's routine operations. The police have registered the case based on a complaint filed at the Barara Police Post by Medical Officer Dr. Shikhar Goyal.

CM reviews NEET (UG) preparedness, calls for zero-lapse execution

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, APRIL 24

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini on Friday conducted a comprehensive review of preparations for the NEET (UG) examination, scheduled for May 3, 2026.

While presiding over a review meeting with the Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police via video conference with the Chief Minister directed that the examination be conducted in a peaceful, fair and fully transparent manner, without any lapse at any level. He further directed the officers concerned to ensure equally robust arrangements for the HCS and Allied Services Examination to be held on April 26.

Highlighting candidate convenience as a priority, he directed that all essential facilities be in place at examination centres. Across Haryana, 175 centres have been established for NEET (UG), where approximately 65,300 candidates will appear. Officers were directed to ensure well-planned parking and waiting arrangements for parents, along with seamless traffic management so that no candidate faces difficulty in reaching the

centre on time. The Chief Minister emphasised strict accountability in duty, making it clear that negligence will not be tolerated. He called for heightened surveillance on social media to curb misinformation, along with stringent district-level monitoring.



toring to prevent any attempt to mislead candidates.

Directions were also issued for the deployment of ambulances with medical support near examination centres, advance identification of parking zones, and foolproof security of question papers.

Referring to the recently conducted CET examination, the Chief Minister said that its successful management had

been appreciated by the Central Government and directed officers to maintain the same level of efficiency in conducting the examination. He further directed that all centres must have uninterrupted drinking water, electricity and sanitation facilities, fully functional CCTV systems, and effective traffic regulation. In case of need, Dial 112 services must be deployed to assist candidates in reaching their centres on time.

It was informed in the meeting that the NEET (UG) examination will be conducted in offline mode on May 3 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Entry to centre will be allowed between 11:00 AM and 1:30 PM, after which gates will be closed.

Director, National Testing Agency, Sh. Abhishek Singh apprised the Chief Minister that all preparations have been completed. Biometric verification capacity has been significantly enhanced, with separate frisking counters for male and female candidates.

One security check counter will be deployed for every 100 candidates, while one biometric device will be available for every 48 candidates. By April 30, all centres will be equipped with CCTV cameras, jammers and necessary infrastructure.

UP Minister Narendra Kashyap hits out at the Congress and its allies for opposing women's reservation bill in Karnal



MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI, APRIL 24

Narendra Kashyap, Minister of State with independent charge of Backward Class Welfare and Disability Empowerment Department of Uttar Pradesh, hits out at the Congress and its allies during his visit to Karnal. He said that by opposing the Women's Reservation Bill, Congress has done injustice to the women of the country, which the public will never forget. Minister Narendra Kashyap, who arrived at a social program organized at the residence of senior advocate Jaipal Kashyap in Karnal on Friday, was given a grand welcome by the people of Kashyap community by wearing turban and shawl. Many dignitaries of the society were present on this occasion and various social issues were discussed.

Talking to journalists, Narendra Kashyap said that with the implementation of the Women's Reservation Bill, the women of the country would have got 33 per cent political participation, which would have strengthened democracy. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was determined to empower women, but Congress has always worked to create obstacles in the way of women's interests.

He said that Congress did not give Dr. Bhim-

rao Ambedkar the respect he deserved during its long rule, whereas the BJP government has done the work of giving national identity to the five major places associated with Ambedkar. He said that the Central Government was continuously implementing new schemes for the upliftment of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes. Narendra Kashyap said that a three-day national brainstorming program was being organized in Chandigarh on issues related to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, in which ministers and senior officials from across the country will participate. Praising the Haryana government, he said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, the state was developing rapidly and work was being done to move forward by taking every section of the society along.

On this occasion, Haryana State Staff Commission Vice Chairman Azad Singh, Advocate Jai Pal Kashyap, Rameshwar Dayal Kalyan, former Sarpanch Ranbir Kashyap, Jagdish Kashyap, Former Sarpanch Sham Lal Kashyap, Ramchandra Kashyap, Rajbir Panjokhara, Advocate Navneet Kashyap, Anup Bhardwaj Kashyap, Pramjeet Jeet Kashyap, Chandram Kashyap, RD Kalyan, Prem Kashyap Advocate, Rajpal Kashyap Advocate and a large number of representatives of the society were present.

Memorandum to be submitted to President, PM on April 27 on cow honour

PRITI SAINI SADHAURA, APRIL 24

A special meeting of office-bearers from various social and religious organizations in the town of Sadhaura was held at Shishu Vatika. During the meeting, it was decided that—as part of the nationwide "Gau Samman Aahwan Abhiyan" (Call for Cow Honour Campaign) currently underway—memorandums demanding the honor, service, and protection of cows would be submitted on Monday, April 27. These memorandums, addressed to the country's President and Prime Minister, as well as the respective Governors and Chief Ministers, will be submitted at the block level across the country through the offices of the Tehsildars.

Furthermore, a decision was taken during the meeting to organise a "Jan Jagran Yatra" (Public Awareness March) in the town's



main market on April 27 in support of this campaign. The awareness march will commence at the Rest House, proceed through the main market, and conclude at the Tehsil complex, where the memorandum will be handed over to the Naib Tehsildar. Jatin Chugh stated that efforts would be made to reach out to the public in the town's main market to ensure the success of the April 27 programme. Sudhir Bhalla, General Secretary of the Shri Krishna Kripa Seva Samiti, asserted that ev-

ery individual should come forward to ensure the service, honour, and protection of cattle.

President Sachdev Chugh, along with Naresh Bakshi and Gaurav Chugh, announced that in the subsequent phases of the campaign, events would also be organized at the district and state levels. Mangatram, Block President of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), urged the Central Government to enact strict laws for the protection of stray and destitute cattle.

Panchkula Mayoral Poll: Congress shows strength during Sudha Bhardwaj's nomination, targets BJP

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA PANCHKULA, APRIL 23

Political activity has intensified ahead of the Panchkula Municipal Corporation mayoral election, with the Congress staging a show of strength during the nomination filing of its candidate Sudha Bhardwaj. The event witnessed the presence of several senior leaders, underscoring the party's attempt to project unity and momentum.

Among those present were Haryana Congress president Rao Narendra Singh, AICC general secretary and Sirsa MP Kumari Selja, AICC general secretary and Rajya Sabha MP Randeep Singh Surjewala, Rajya Sabha MP Karmveer Baudh, MLA and

former deputy chief minister Chandermohan Bishnoi, along with several other party leaders and office bearers.

Addressing the gathering, Congress leaders launched a

sharp attack on the BJP, alleging that the Panchkula Municipal Corporation has become a hub of corruption. They raised the issue of an alleged 159 crore scam, claiming it reflected misuse of public funds. Leaders questioned

whether such a large-scale financial irregularity could occur without administrative knowledge and alleged that a fair probe could reveal a much larger scam. Speaking on the occasion, Kumar Selja described Sudha Bhardwaj as a strong grassroots candidate with local connect, stating that her candidature was based on the demand of party workers and residents. She also accused the BJP of indulging in "deceptive politics" and claimed that its narrative on women's empowerment lacked substance. The Congress further alleged that the BJP's decision to deny tickets to several sitting representatives indicated internal acknowledgment of irregularities, while efforts were being made to shield those responsible.



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Four nomination papers received for Zila Parishad Ward No. 10



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: District Election Officer Dr. Anand Kumar Sharma stated that the nomination process for by-elections to fill vacant posts in local bodies and Panchayati Raj Institutions within the district commenced on April 21. Nomination papers may be filed until April 25. As of today, April 24, four nominations have been received in the district for District Council Ward No. 10. He further informed that, thus far, no nomination papers have been received for the by-election in Ward No. 8 of the Taraori Municipality. Regarding the vacant posts in Panchayati Raj Institutions, two nomination papers have been received for the post of Sarpanch, and three for the post of Panch. He added that the scrutiny of the received nomination papers will be conducted on April 27. Nominations may be withdrawn on April 28 between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM. On the same day, after 3:00 PM, election symbols will be allotted to the candidates. The election will be held on May 10, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The counting of votes will take place on May 13.

Triple-engine government vital for Haryana's growth, says Mayor Renu Bala

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: National president of the All India Mayors' Council and Karnal Mayor Renu Bala Gupta has appealed to voters to support Bharatiya Janata Party candidates in the upcoming municipal elections, stating that a "non-stop triple-engine government" is essential to accelerate development in Haryana.

She said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Centre and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini in the state, the double-engine government has already delivered significant progress. Strengthening this framework with BJP-led urban local bodies would ensure seamless governance and faster execution of development projects, she added.

Referring to the May 10 municipal polls, the Mayor urged citizens to vote in favour of BJP candidates to maintain continuity in governance and planning. She extended congratulations to mayoral candidates, including Akshita Saini from Ambala City, Rajiv Jain from Sonapat and Shyamal Bansal from Panchkula, expressing confidence in their leadership. Renu Bala Gupta said that aligning leadership across the Centre, state and municipal levels would eliminate administrative bottlenecks and ensure adequate funding for urban development. She asserted that such coordination would enable cities to evolve into modern, well-planned urban centres.

Highlighting government initiatives, she said welfare schemes aimed at inclusive growth have benefited all sections of society, particularly under an "anybody" driven approach that focuses on the last mile. She maintained that infrastructure expansion, along with programmes for youth and women, reflects the government's commitment to equitable development.

She called upon voters to participate actively in the elections and support BJP candidates with a decisive mandate to sustain and accelerate the pace of development across Haryana's urban landscape.



Jagmohan Anand continues to strive to accelerate pace of development of Karnal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, APRIL 24

Thanks to the efforts of MLA Jagmohan Anand, the Karnal Assembly constituency is continuously advancing on the path of development. Almost daily, the MLA is working to bring new projects to fruition by presenting them before the government and administrative authorities for the development of his constituency. In line with these efforts, MLA Jagmohan Anand and Mayor Renu Bala Gupta jointly inaugurated various development works across the city on Friday, presenting the public with a gift of development projects worth approximately 1.28 crore (1,28,11,000). On this occasion, MLA Jagmohan Anand and Mayor Renu Bala Gupta were welcomed with bouquets and felicitated by the city's citizens and departmental officials, who also expressed their gratitude. During the event, the MLA and Mayor inaugurated several development



projects: the repair of boundary walls, installation of grill fencing, MS gates, and other related works in the Green Belts of Sectors 13, 14, and 6 (at a cost of 43.55 lakh); the renovation of walking paths, installation of checkered tiles, and interlocking paver blocks in Sectors 13 and 14 (at a cost of 41.91 lakh); and the installation of garden benches, dustbins, rain shelters, and multi-play stations (currently in progress) at a cost of 42.75 lakh.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Jagmohan Anand stated that these works have been initiated under the leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and the guidance of Union Minister Manohar Lal, and are set to provide a new direction to the holistic development of Karnal. He noted that this project will not only enhance the aesthetic appeal of the city but also provide citizens with improved and well-organized amenities. He further

affirmed that all of us remain committed to serving the people of Karnal—our extended family—and to ensuring the continuous development of the city. Present on this occasion were Estate Officer Aditi, Executive Engineer (Horticulture) Dr. Nidhi Bhardwaj, Kailash Chand Gupta, Councilors Sankalp Bhandari and Gaurav Nagpal, Vikas Kathuria, District Vice President Priyanka Kathpal, along with local ward residents.

Chandermohan praises Viresh Shandilya's efforts against terrorism

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

AMBALA: Former Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Chandermohan said that Viresh Shandilya is working on the path of Bhagat Singh to strengthen national unity and integrity and to combat terrorism.

He made these remarks during a visit to Shandilya's residence in Sector-6, Karnal, where he was warmly received by the Anti Terrorist Front India chief. Members of the organisation, including Jaswant Singh, Mayank Sharma and Satish Bhardwaj, were also present. Chandermohan stated that individuals like Viresh Shandilya are committed to the nation and continue to work against terrorism and separatist forces despite facing threats to their lives. He added that Shandilya has been actively raising awareness against extremist activities and remains dedicated to the cause of national security.

Recalling past initiatives, he mentioned that Shandilya had organised an anti-terrorism rally from Delhi to Jammu and Kashmir in 2002, which he had welcomed in Chandigarh. He expressed satisfaction that Shandilya has now established a base in Karnal as well, in addition to Ambala and Mohali, to further his outreach efforts. On the occasion, Viresh Shandilya honoured Chandermohan with a shawl as a mark of respect.



Yogendra Rana launches construction work for community centre worth Rs. 65 lakhs in village Bal Rajputan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL/ASSANDH, APR 24

Giving impetus to developmental works in the region, MLA Yogendra Rana today inaugurated the construction work for a community centre in Village Bal Rajputan, being built at an estimated cost of approximately 65 lakhs. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA stated that the construction of this building would provide the village with a magnificent venue for weddings, social gatherings, and religious ceremonies. Consequently, villagers will no longer have to face difficulties such as ad-

verse weather conditions or a shortage of space. He specifically emphasized that this facility would bring significant

relief to underprivileged families, enabling them to respectfully conduct important events—such as their daughters' weddings—at a reduced cost. Expressing his gratitude to Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and Union Minister Manohar Lal for these developmental initiatives, MLA Yogendra Rana affirmed that the government remains committed to extending urban-level amenities to rural areas. He further directed officials to pay special attention to both the quality of work and adherence to the stipulated timelines.

Present at the event were the Sarpanch of Village Bal, Surjit Singh; Asandh Assembly BLA 1 Amit Rana; Kiran Pal; Surendra Kashyap Padha; along with other prominent dignitaries and residents of the village.



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Fraud of lakhs in guise of car trading; Case registered against father-son duo

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER

BARARA: A case of fraud involving lakhs of rupees, committed under the pretext of buying and selling used cars, has come to light in the Barara region. Acting on a complaint, the police have registered a case against a father and son under various sections of the law and have initiated an investigation. According to the information received, Harvinder Singh, a resident of village Jauli, stated in a complaint submitted to the Superintendent of Police, Ambala, that he had become acquainted with Vikram Singh—a resident of Dahiyia Majra (under the Barara Police Station jurisdiction)—approximately 3 to 4 years ago. Vikram Singh identified himself as being involved in the used car trade and claimed that he, along with his son Rajat, engaged in the business of buying and selling vehicles.

According to the complainant, in November 2024, he handed over his 120 car to Rajat for the purpose of selling it. It is alleged that after selling the car, Rajat and his father stalled the payment, citing pending bank loan formalities as an excuse. Subsequently, they assured him that they would settle the dues after selling another car and, in the interim, temporarily provided him with a WagonR car. Some time later, the accused took possession of the complainant's second vehicle—a Dziré—and sold it as well, yet failed to make any payment for that transaction either. The complainant alleges that, in total, the duo sold both of his cars and misappropriated approximately 8 lakh. Harvinder Singh stated that when he repeatedly demanded his money, the accused continued to evade the issue. On one occasion, they even issued a cheque for 14 lakh; however, the cheque bounced due to insufficient funds in the account. Furthermore, it is alleged that the accused resorted to using a forged affidavit and later threatened to kill him, as well as to falsely implicate him in a case of suicide. Following an investigation into the matter, the police have formally registered a case at the Barara Police Station.

Booth-level strength key to accelerating development, says Mayor Renu Bala

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Mayor Renu Bala Gupta held a series of organisational meetings across multiple Shakti Kendras in the Indri area, emphasising grassroots mobilisation and faster delivery of development outcomes.

Addressing party workers under the Sanghota Mandal, she said governance efforts in rural areas are being pursued with full commitment, and party workers must complement these efforts by intensifying outreach and public service at the booth level. Meetings were held at Khedi Mansingh, Biyana and Randoli Shakti Kendras, where she interacted with workers and reviewed local conditions.

At Khedi Mansingh, discussions covered booths 114, 115, 116 and 117, focusing on strengthening ground-level organisation, increasing booth activity and ensuring effective execution of upcoming programmes. Similar deliberations were conducted at Biyana (booths 127-130) and Randoli (booths 132-134), with em-



phasis on coordinated campaigns and sustained engagement with residents.

Renu Bala Gupta said the booth worker remains the core unit of organisational strength, and a robust booth structure is essential for expanding outreach and consolidating support. She urged workers to maintain regular contact with households,

understand local issues and contribute to their resolution.

She added that the Municipal Corporation is continuing development works in the city and adjoining areas, aiming to deliver benefits across all sections. Workers were encouraged to align organisational efforts with public service initiatives to reinforce trust among citizens.

EDITORIAL

Banks adopt 'wait and watch' approach on macro risks

Banks are adopting a "wait and watch" approach on macroeconomic risks amid geopolitical uncertainty, Sameer Shetty, Group Executive, Digital Business & Transformation and Strategic Programs, Axis Bank, told ANI on Thursday. "At this point, it is all wait and watch because if you look at all macroeconomic indicators, even marks seem quite good. Outside of oil prices and supply chains, the other stuff is looking in good health. So we have to wait and watch," Shetty said. Speaking to ANI on the sidelines of the 6th Edition of PICUP Fintech Conference organised by the Indian Banks Association with FICCI, Shetty said the evolving geopolitical situation, particularly in West Asia, has made it difficult to assess the outlook with certainty. "Our last read was 15.5%, which is quite strong growth. Having said that, we are now in the middle of this geopolitical situation. So, it's very difficult to tell, depends on how this situation evolves," he said. On the trajectory of credit and deposit growth, Shetty said outcomes would depend on how quickly the situation stabilises. "If the war in West Asia concludes very quickly, then I think we can come back and then it will be quite good. But if it does go long, I think that will create some challenges and maybe we will have a slowdown of credit. So it depends, it's very difficult to tell," he said. On risks such as oil prices and currency fluctuations, Shetty said the approach remains cautious and dependent on how the situation evolves. "If it does go wrong, then we have to think about some actions but optimistically it will not and then the economy can bounce back quite quickly," he said. On monetary policy, he said the central bank is likely to remain data-driven. "I think firstly RBI can only comment, but if you look at the governor's speech, his direction to everybody is to also be data driven and see how the situation is evolving and appropriately take some actions," he said. Shetty further added, "So I don't think at this point in time anybody has a good view. It is very variable; every day, something is changing. So it is very volatile and we have to wait and watch. I am sure RBI is thinking about this and in the right time they will take some actions." On asset quality, he said there are no immediate signs of stress in unsecured or MSME lending segments, though vigilance is required. "At this point, no, but again, as I said, it is a very fast-evolving situation, so we have to keep an eye out," he said. He also highlighted that the bank continues to invest in strengthening systems to protect them from digital fraud. "So we have a dedicated cybersecurity team. A lot of our investments go towards cybersecurity. It is perhaps the largest growing spend area for us over the last few years. Same digital frauds again a big area of focus for us," he said. Shetty added that "there are many things we are doing around technology, customer education, and our own processes to ensure that we can better address this."

Strengthening Korea-India ties amid global transformation

At a time of profound shifts in global geopolitical and geo-economics landscape, Lee Jae Myung, President of the Republic of Korea, paid a highly successful State Visit to India from 19 to 21 April 2026, signaling the dawn of a new phase in the Korea-India Special Strategic Partnership. He was accompanied by one of the largest-ever business delegations comprising over 200 representatives of leading Korean companies, including the CEOs of Samsung, Hyundai, LG and POSCO.

The delegation also included three cabinet Ministers, overseeing key portfolios of Finance & Economy and Science & Technology. The sheer size and distinguished composition of the presidential delegation alone underlines the importance Korea attaches to this crucial partnership with India, one of the most consequential relationships of the 21st century.

The visit took place at a critical juncture in global affairs, when the familiar contours of the global political and economic order are undergoing profound transformation. With supply chains being reconfigured and new economic alignments emerging, fresh avenues for cooperation are opening up.

India's global stature today is markedly different from what it once was. Its standing as a rising global economic and strategic power continues to grow and its economy is firmly on course to become the world's third largest economy very soon. At the same time, Korea continues to attract global attention through its K-wave soft power as well as its strengths in supply chains of world's most critical industries such as semiconductors and shipbuilding.

Taken together, these factors create a strong synergy for expanded cooperation. Simply put, at a time of global flux, the two partners with huge potential for future cooperation have come together to harness their complementarities and convergences and to produce tangible outcomes for their respective peoples and the world at large.

The summit meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the two leaders unveiled the 'Joint Strategic Vision for the Korea-India Special Strategic Partnership', outlining an ambitious and action-oriented roadmap to



usher in a new era of Korea-India Partnership 2.0 in the coming years. At the luncheon hosted by Prime Minister Modi, both leaders together with leading business CEOs reaffirmed their strong desires to deepen and widen industrial ties.

They emphasized the importance of placing Korea's industrial and technological strengths at the heart of India's 'Viksit Bharat 2047' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiatives, while also recognising the significant benefits Korean businesses can derive from India's scale, skilled talent pool, advanced IT ecosystem, and vast market opportunities.

As many as 15 MoUs between the two governments and 20 business MoUs and 14 contracts were concluded, underscoring the unprecedented scale of outcomes from the visit. Among the key highlights was POSCO's joint venture with JSW Steel to set up a 6 MMT integrated steel plant in Odisha. These agreements span a wide and strategic range of sectors, including trade, industry, technology, science, culture, sports, and people-to-people exchanges. The four major takeaways from the President Lee's visit can be summed up as follows:

First, under the dynamic stewardship and enthusiastic backing of both leaders, the two countries are set to usher in the second wave of Korean investment in India. While the first wave was led by automotive and electronics giants such as Hyundai, Samsung, and LG, which have now become household names across the country, the second phase is set to expand into new and strategic sectors, including shipbuilding, semiconductors, manufacturing and MSMEs.

In this context, both leaders announced an ambitious and comprehensive maritime partnership vision aimed at embedding Korea's shipbuilding expertise into India's maritime future.

In parallel, the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), concluded in 2010, will be upgraded to best serve businesses in a rapidly evolving global economic landscape, by incorporating new focus areas including, digital trade, supply chain collaboration and the green economy. A new Ministerial Industrial Cooperation Committee has been established to facilitate and strengthen expanded industrial

cooperation, ensuring mutual and strategic benefits for both sides.

Second, both governments are committed to ensuring that expanded industrial ties will lead to closer cooperation in strategic sectors, areas typically reserved for trusted strategic partners, including nuclear energy, space, artificial intelligence, defence, and green technologies. Building on successful precedents such as the K-9 howitzer project, Korea and India, by leveraging their complementary strengths, can emerge as joint leaders in these critical and emerging domains that will shape and define the future.

Third, both sides have agreed to further expand institutionalised high-level exchanges and strengthen people-to-people ties. Since the inauguration of the new Korean administration in June last year, President Lee and Prime Minister Modi have met twice on the sidelines of the G7 Summit in Canada and the G20 Summit in South Africa.

In the first three months of this year alone, we have welcomed more than a dozen high-level Korean delegations to

Delhi, including those led by the Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly and the Deputy Prime Minister. These sustained high-level engagements naturally culminated in this week's Presidential State Visit.

As part of the outcomes of the summit, both sides agreed to exchange at least five more ministerial visits before the end of this year, including the visit of India's Defence Minister to Korea next month. Beyond official engagements, both sides have also committed to deepening academic cooperation, expanding student exchanges and further promoting cultural linkages and tourism. Thanks to the enhanced collaboration between two financial authorities, India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) will be made interoperable in Korea, facilitating ease of travel and strengthen people-to-people connections.

Finally, both sides have decided to broaden cooperation at the regional and global levels. Both countries share vibrant democracies, dynamic market economies, respect for human rights and a firm belief in peaceful coexistence. They also face common global challenges, including terrorism, climate change, maritime piracy, and other transnational threats. In addressing these challenges, the two sides will draw on their shared experiences and complementary strengths to work together for a more peaceful, stable, and prosperous Indo-Pacific region and the world.

Korea and India established diplomatic ties in 1973. In a little over five decades, bilateral relations have blossomed from modest beginnings into a robust Special Strategic Partnership. With the unveiling of the Joint Strategic Vision for the Korea-India Special Strategic Partnership during the State Visit and with a renewed political will and a shared commitment across all stakeholders to unlocking the full potential of bilateral ties, Korea and India are now stepping into Partnership 2.0, an ambitious new phase to deepen, broaden and diversify cooperation, for the mutual benefit of the two countries, the region and indeed the world.

Empowered women, healthier nation: Why every woman must prioritize her health- Dr. Shavika Mehta Kalra



pain, weakness, white discharge, urinary infections, or hormonal imbalance. Ignoring these symptoms can lead to serious complications. Timely diagnosis and treatment can prevent many long-term problems.

Pregnancy care is another vital aspect of women's health. Regular check-ups, proper nutrition, vaccinations, and medical guidance during pregnancy ensure the safety of both mother and baby. Every woman deserves quality healthcare and emotional support during this important journey.

Modern lifestyles have also increased conditions such as PCOS, infertility, thyroid disorders, obesity, stress, and menstrual irregularities. Adopting a healthy routine with balanced nutrition, regular exercise, proper sleep, and stress management can bring significant improvement.

Awareness about



breast cancer and cervical cancer is equally important. Regular screenings, self-examinations, Pap smear tests, and early medical advice can help in early detection and successful treatment. Prevention and awareness save lives.

Mental health is often overlooked. Women carry multiple responsibilities and emotional stress silently. Taking time for rest, speaking openly, and seeking help when needed should be encouraged. Caring for mental health is just as important as physical health.

My message to every

woman is clear: Your health matters. Do not wait for illness to take action. Prioritize yourself with confidence and without guilt.

When women are healthy, families become stronger, children thrive, and society progresses. Let us spread awareness and encourage every woman to take charge of her health.

Healthy Woman, Happy Family, Strong Nation.

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ED vs Mamata Banerjee

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) defended the maintainability of its petition under Article 32 of the Constitution, telling the Supreme Court about alleged complete breakdown of law and order in West Bengal and claiming that its officers were unable to perform their duties due to interference and obstruction by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

The ED has sought a probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) against the Chief Minister and other State police officers who had accompanied her at the time of the incident at the residence of Pratik Jain, the co-founder of political consultancy firm I-PAC, on January 8.

Appearing for the ED, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told a Bench of Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra and Justice N.V. Anjaria that the agency and its officers were entitled to approach the top court as their fundamental rights had been affected. He argued that the "rule of law" forms part of the right to equality (Article 14 of the Constitution) and when it is violated, the Court can intervene.

Referring to the coal smuggling case involving proceeds of crime worth about ₹2,700 crore, Mehta said the ED officers, while discharging statutory duties, were prevented from functioning freely. He submitted that this was not an isolated incident but part of a pattern of interference in investigations carried out by central agencies.

"This is my legal submission. I will demonstrate how the rule of law is violated. The ED officers who went there to discharge their duties are seeking protection of their fundamental rights," he said.



Mehta argued that the distinction between an officer's official and individual capacity cannot be drawn in such situations, as the consequences of obstruction are faced personally by those discharging official duties. He added that even State governments, including West Bengal, have approached the Supreme Court under Article 32 in the past and cannot now question its maintainability in the case of ED.

The ED has accused Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee of interfering in search operations conducted on January 8 this year at the premises of Pratik Jain - the co-founder of the political consultancy firm I-PAC in Kolkata, and has sought a CBI probe into the incident.

During the hearing, the Bench raised concerns about entertaining such petitions under

Article 32, noting the wider implications. "There is inherent danger if we keep on entertaining. This court will be flooded with Article 32 petitions. Not by individuals. By different state governments. As a court, shall we discourage or shall we encourage this?" the Bench asked.

Mehta responded that such petitions should generally be discouraged, but insisted that the present case stood on a different footing as it involved individuals whose rights were allegedly affected. He said that such matters should be decided on a fact-to-fact basis.

He maintained that the matter required examination on its own facts, pointing out that ED officers had been subjected to criminal proceedings and obstruction while carrying out their duties, and that approaching local police would not ensure a fair investigation.

Those seventeen lines... and beyond



ANUJ TYAGI

The temple architecture of the Lingaraja Temple in Bhubaneswar and the intricate textile traditions, and the fluid grace of Odissi dance together reflect the culmination of Odisha's rich heritage, one that is deeply rooted in antiquity. It often makes me pause and think about the lineage of this continuity. Among its many expressions, what draws me

in the most is the seventeen-line inscription in the Hathigumpha caves in the Udayagiri hills near Bhubaneswar. There is something about it, quiet and

enduring, that speaks of resilience and evolution, the foundations on which this vibrant society seems to have been built.

Carved in stone by the Jain king Kharavela of the Kalinga Kingdom, the inscription stands as a remarkable historical record. Written in Brahmi script during the second and first

century BCE, in the Prakrit language, it offers invaluable insight while still leaving enough unsaid to invite interpretation.

What is striking is the life that precedes the throne. The young prince was educated for fifteen years across a wide range of

subjects, from writing and finance to civil law and religious practices. This was followed by nine years in administration, a phase that grounded him in the realities of governance. By the time of his coronation, he had spent

twenty-four years in preparation. It reflects a degree of maturity in both governance and social structure that feels unusually advanced for its time.

The inscription then moves into the workings of rule. In the very first year after coronation, repairs to city walls, gates, buildings, and water bodies were undertaken, with an expenditure of thirty-five hundred thousand. The detail is telling. It suggests a sense of accountability and public responsibility that feels familiar even in a modern context.

The composition of the army, cavalry, infantry, elephants, and chariots, and the mention of military expeditions in the second year add another layer to the narrative. Yet, what follows is equally telling. In the next few years, there are references to the organisation of music, art, and cultural activities, pointing to a kingdom that invested notably in power but also in cultural life. The digging of a water canal to the capital and the granting of tax exemptions to citizens after military victories reinforce the idea of a welfare-oriented state. Even the mention of the queen consort attaining motherhood introduces a personal and human dimension to the account.

Other references to an Indo-Greek ruler, victory over the Magadha ruler, the building of towers, the

settlement of a hundred masons, and offerings to Jain monks open up several threads of interpretation. The portrayal of Kharavela as the King of Peace, the King of Prosperity, the King of Monks, and the King of Religion suggests a conception of kingship that seeks balance rather than dominance. It points to a mature and flourishing kingdom over twenty-two hundred years ago, with no visible trace of Mauryan Emperor Ashoka's legendary conquest of Kalinga.

What continues to stand out in the Hathigumpha inscription is its underlying emphasis on transparency, accountability, and public welfare. Perhaps that is what makes these seventeen lines endure and continue to invite reflection, even today. Old inscriptions are always open

to interpretation, particularly when both the script and the language have faded over time. Yet, they still help in drawing a broad, macro-level picture. When these fragments are pieced together, a reasonably coherent and authentic narrative begins to emerge, one that can be further refined through contextualisation, comparison with other archaeological evidence, historical records, and prevailing socio-cultural traditions of the region.

Traditionally, Indian culture has relied heavily on the Shrutis method of teaching and learning, where knowledge is transmitted through listening. While rich in its own way, this

valuable academic works and traditions have been lost. In addition, the effects of time, environmental wear, and periods of destruction have further contributed to the erosion of this knowledge.

Even in the modern era, documentation practices in many parts of the world, particularly in Western and other developed countries, tend to be far more meticulous and comprehensive. There is a strong culture of recording even the smallest details, whether in academic research or in the corporate sphere. The depth and discipline of such

documentation can be striking, something that becomes evident in interactions with delegations from countries such as Japan or South Korea. This brings into focus the importance of building a

stronger tradition of institutional memory in India. Such a shift can help the country respond more effectively to challenges while also making better use of emerging opportunities. The Covid pandemic, for instance, offered several lessons that could have been systematically documented and preserved for future reference.

Perhaps there is a need to rediscover and strengthen the culture of writing and documentation, a tradition that existed in India long before the Roman Empire. Rebuilding this habit, in a contemporary form, may be essential not only for preserving knowledge but also for shaping a more prepared and informed future.

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VFS Global Wins Two Prestigious Awards at the 17th BPO Innovation Summit & Awards 2026

CHANDIGARH / JALANDHAR - VFS Global is proud to announce that it has been recognised with the 'Excellence in Automation & AI Integration' and 'Outstanding Customer Experience Transformation' awards at the 17th BPO Innovation Summit & Awards 2026, held in Mumbai on 8 April 2026. On behalf of VFS Global, the awards were received by Deepak Mongia, Head - Information Services, VFS Global and his team. These recognitions underscore VFS Global's continued focus on elevating customer experience across its global operations. By delivering more seamless, intuitive, and reliable interactions, the organisation is enhancing every stage of the customer journey. This is enabled by the integration of AI, enterprise data, and intelligent automation, which allows VFS Global to efficiently resolve high volumes of repetitive queries while maintaining consistency and accuracy, leading to faster response times and improved service delivery at scale. The 2026 BPO Innovation Summit brought together leaders from global technology and service organisations, providing a platform to exchange perspectives on innovation, automation, and the evolving customer experience landscape.



Nexus Elante Brings 'Anhad Naad – The Healing India Tour' to Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH: Nexus Elante, Chandigarh's premier retail and entertainment destination, is set to host Anhad Naad – The Healing India Tour on 25th April 2026. It will be an immersive live experience by Shivoham, the genre-defining fusion band. Blending ancient spiritual soundscapes with contemporary musical energy, Shivoham has built a cult following across India, particularly among Gen Z and millennial audiences who are increasingly turning to roots-based and soulful experiences. This initiative has been taken in associations with Accombliss, Big Box Events and the EW company. The band's unique fusion of devotional depth and modern instrumentation has struck a chord with generations across. Anhad Naad is not a concert in the conventional sense - it is an experience. An evening designed to heal, elevate, and reconnect through the power of sound. The event promises to be one of Chandigarh's most talked-about cultural evenings this season. This is a ticketed experience. Limited access. Book now: <https://www.district.in/events/anhad-naad-the-healing-india-tour-2026-buy-tickets>.

UT cadre teachers of 2015 batch express gratitude to Sanjay Tandon for his support



CHANDIGARH: Teachers from the 2015 batch of the UT cadre today extended their heartfelt gratitude to senior BJP leader Sanjay Tandon for the invaluable support he provided during their challenging times. Acknowledging his unwavering encouragement and guidance during their period of struggle, the teachers described his contribution as instrumental in strengthening their resolve and morale. In a collective expression of appreciation, the group also reaffirmed their commitment to stand by him at all times, pledging continued support and solidarity in the future. Among those present on the occasion were Parveen K Rao, Sanjay Dutt, Gulshan Kumar, Amitabh Kashyap, Dinesh Kumar Bansal, and Dr. Sudha Mehta, who jointly conveyed their thanks and appreciation. The interaction showed a strong bond of mutual respect and trust, highlighting the enduring impact of leadership and support during difficult phases.

Vi reports second consecutive month of net subscriber additions, as per TRAI data

CHANDIGARH / HISAR : Vi has reported net subscriber additions for the second consecutive month, according to the latest telecom subscription data released by TRAI. As per the March 2026 report, Vi added 1,02,899 subscribers, following net additions of 21,927 subscribers in February 2026, signalling early signs of stabilisation in its subscriber base. In March, the company added 1,92,211 rural subscribers. Vi witnessed subscriber additions across 15 circles in March - Assam (added 14,490), Bihar (added 57,452), Gujarat (added 1,01,748), Haryana (added 23,725), HP (added 4,112), J&K (added 7,875), Karnataka (added 1,00,701), Kerala (added 27,082), Kolkata (added 42,191), Maharashtra (added 19,227), Mumbai (added 14,702), Odisha (added 17,717), Punjab (added 17,097), Tamil Nadu (added 42,455), and UP-East (added 47,869). This growth is reflective of Vi's ongoing network investments and evolving product

Amazon releases first Trustworthy Shopping Experience Report

SHIMLA: Amazon today released its first Trustworthy Shopping Experience Report, a comprehensive account of how it protects customers, selling partners, and brands across its global store. The report brings together, for the first time, Amazon's work across anti-counterfeiting, product safety, scam prevention, trustworthy reviews, and organized retail crime - offering a broader view of the systems, technology, and partnerships it uses to help keep its store safe and trustworthy. Rohan Oommen, Vice President of Worldwide Customer and Partner Trust, said, "Our goal is to protect the store for customers, brands, and sellers alike. But we understand policies designed to protect customers can sometimes create friction for sellers trying to grow their business. That's why we've invested in tools such as Amazon's Account Health Dashboard, which gives sellers transparency and control into their adherence to policies, performance targets, and more. Ensuring that legitimate selling partners can thrive on Amazon is central to our mission, and this report reflects that commitment. Amazon's approach is built on four interconnected pillars: 1) proactive controls that stop issues before they reach customers, 2) power tools that anticipate risks, 3) holding bad actors accountable, and 4) protecting and educating consumers."

COURT NOTICE
In the Court of, District Marriage Officer, Mohga, Punjab.
Y/S
General Public
Subject: Issuance of Marriage Affidavit Certificate
Applicant Name: NAIR SINGH
Father/Husband Name: NACHMAN SINGH
Res: VILLAGE HARIEWALA TEHSIL BAGHAPURANA DISTRICT MOGA.
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KARAMBIR LADWA: The message of water conservation was given on Friday during the ongoing fortnight at Konark Academy, Ladwa. This campaign started with a prayer meeting, in which students, teachers and parents participated enthusiastically. After the prayer meeting, students presented an effective message of water conservation through various creative activities. Through



paintings, posters, slogans and small situations, children showed that water is an

invaluable basis of our life and its conservation is very important. School Principal Anjani Singh in her keynote address said that water was an invaluable heritage of nature without which life cannot be imagined. In view of the increasing water crisis at present, it is the responsibility of all of us to use water very judiciously. To save water, we have to adopt small precautions in our daily life.

NEWS BRIEF

Bharat Vikas Parishad organises eye check-up camp



KARAMBIR LADWA: An eye check-up camp was organized by the Ladwa branch of Bharat Vikas Parishad in a private school in Ladwa. This information was given by the project head of the council, Deepak Soni. He said that in this camp, the eyes of 215 children and staff members were examined, out of which 42 children were found to be defective and were given medicines as per requirement. The team of Dr. from Atma Ram Memorial Hospital Ladwa thoroughly examined the eyes of all the children and told them ways to keep their eyes healthy. Senior member of the council, Arvind Singh welcomed the team of doctors and in his address said that eyes were the best gift of nature for them. Thanks to them we see the world. Deterioration in eyesight of children has been observed due to excessive use of mobile. Parents should allow their children to use mobile phones under limit.

Wheat procurement and lifting operations proceeding smoothly in mandis

JITENER KAUSHIK BARWALA/RAIPUR RANI, APR 24

Wheat procurement and lifting operations for the Rabi season 2026-27 are proceeding smoothly across the district. To date, government procurement agencies have procured 33,313 metric tons of wheat from the district's grain markets (mandis), while 17,774 metric tons have been lifted. A spokesperson for the District Food and Supplies Controller's office stated that government procurement agencies—HAFED and the Haryana Warehousing Corporation—are currently procuring wheat at the grain markets located in Raipur Rani and Barwala. The spokesperson reported that from the Raipur Rani grain market, HAFED has procured 4,194 metric tons of wheat, while the Haryana Warehousing Corporation has procured 11,661 metric tons. Under the lifting operations, 1,790 metric tons of wheat have been lifted from the Raipur Rani market by HAFED, and 5,080 metric tons by the Haryana Warehousing Corporation.

Lifting of wheat slow in Gumthala grain market, farmers worried

NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR:

Due to slow lifting in Gumthala grain market, the traffic jam situation is not improving. There are heaps of carts full of wheat in the grain market. Farmers are facing difficulty in bringing tractor-trolley inside the grain market. Farmers are stuck in traffic jam: According to the farmers, the farmers coming to Gumthala grain market since the beginning of the season are worried. He complained to the concerned authorities in the matter. But still the situation is not improving. Farmers have expressed anger against the government and administration. Former Sarpanch of Gumthala village Surjit Singh, Satnam Singh, Harnam, Palvindra and Shamsher Singh say that farmers from dozens of villages of the area bring their crops in the Gumthala grain market.



The farmer works hard day and night to prepare his crop. When the crop ripens, the farmer is happy, now he will sell it in the grain market. But even when the grains reach the markets, the farmer remains worried because the administration is not able to make arrangements in the grain markets.

Similarly, from the Barwala grain market, HAFED has procured 7,743 metric tons of wheat, and the Haryana Warehousing Corporation has procured 8,385 metric tons. Meanwhile, under the lifting

operations, 5,373 metric tons of wheat have been lifted from the Barwala market by HAFED, and 5,206 metric tons by the Haryana Warehousing Corporation. The spokesperson emphasized that, with

the convenience of farmers in the mandis in mind, both procurement and lifting operations are being executed rapidly and smoothly to ensure that farmers do not face any inconvenience.

India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA): A step forward for employment



BUREAU LUCKNOW, APR 24

Taking a significant step toward establishing Uttar Pradesh as a major hub for clean energy investment, a pre-event awareness program for the 'Uttar Pradesh Energy Expo (UPEX) 2026' was organized today, Friday, at the Hotel Taj in Lucknow. This initiative is being organized by the UP State Chapter of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and 'First View,' in collaboration with UPNEDA (Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency), Invest UP—an agency of the Government of Uttar Pradesh—and 'SEVA.' It also enjoys the support of Sigenergy, Icon Solar, KEI Industries Limited, SALASAR TECHNO ENGINEERING LIMITED, Polycab India, Sael Industries, Radico Khaitan, Aarem, Phintex India, Slinko Energy, and True Power. The primary focus of the program was the 'PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana' (PM Surya

Free Electricity Scheme). Industry representatives and government officials participated in the event, engaging in discussions regarding emerging opportunities in the solar energy sector, the existing policy framework, and the growing potential for solar energy development within the state. Jaswant Singh Saini, Minister of State for Industrial Development in the Government of Uttar Pradesh, emphasized that the India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA) would prove to be a transformative force, bringing unprecedented opportunities for skill development and employment for the youth. Addressing the gathering, he stated that the state government is committed to providing a transparent and investor-friendly environment; this is being achieved primarily through the 'Nivesh Mitra' portal—a comprehensive 'single-window' system designed to streamline processes and resolve issues for industrialists.

Demand for fertilizer plant gains momentum: Strong push for industrial revival in Bilaspur



AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY BILASPUR:

A powerful call for industrial transformation in Bilaspur has once again taken center stage, as senior Congress leader and HIMCO Fed Director Ashish Thakur urged the Central Government to establish a Calcium Ammonium Nitrate (CAN) fertilizer plant in the district—an initiative he described as a game-changer for the region's economy and youth employment. Addressing the media in Bilaspur, Thakur highlighted the district's untapped potential for mining-based industries, emphasizing the abundance of natural resources that could fuel large-scale industrial growth. Drawing from history, he recalled how red stone from Bandla Hill supported the fertilizer plant in Nangal between 1970 and 2006, creating significant employment opportunities for local residents before the supply was halted. He asserted that with coordinated efforts between the State Government led by Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and the Central Government, the revival of such industrial activity is not only possible but essential. Thakur stressed that establishing a fertilizer plant would generate large-scale employment, boost local income, and contribute to government revenue.

Dhanishtha, student of Navyug Sr Sec School achieves 97.68 percentile in JEE mains examination



HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA:

Dhanishtha, a student of class 12th of Navyug Senior Secondary School, Kurukshetra, has achieved remarkable success in the JEE Mains examination by securing 97.68 percentile. On this excellent achievement, the school director Mr. B.D. Gaba and the Principal Mr. Devendra Arora encouraged Dhanishtha by giving him a shield. The director of the school, Mr. B.D. Gaba while giving blessings he said that this achievement was a matter of pride not only for the student but for the entire school. His continuous hard work, concentration and determination played an important role in this success of Dhanishtha. This position has been achieved on the strength of hard work and well-planned preparation. He wished Dhanishtha a bright future. Principal of the school, Devendra Arora expressed happiness and said that this success was a source of inspiration for other students and proved that any goal can be achieved with dedication and discipline. Headmistress Mrs. Preeti Mishra appreciated Dhanishtha's dedication and continuous efforts and congratulated him and said that his achievement was a proud moment for the school. Expressing pride in this wonderful success, she wished him all the best for his bright future.

Village camps announced to regularize Panchayat land houses in Haryana

YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI PEHOWA:

SDM Anil Kumar Doon stated that eligible applicants seeking benefits under Haryana Village Common Lands Regulation Amendment 2024 will be asked to submit applications at camps. Under this scheme, illegal houses built on Panchayat land in Gram Panchayats before March 31, 2004, will be regularized at a rate of 1.5 times the 2004 collector rate. To ensure that benefits of this scheme reach as many citizens as possible, District Development and Panchayat Department is organizing camps at the village level. Eligible citizens can apply at these camps. He said that in Pehowa block, camps would be organized on April 27 in villages of Tikri, Thambalbohra, Tyukr, Talhedi, Syonsar, Saraswati Kheda Colony, Saraswati Kheda, Sandhaura, Ran, Ratangarh Kakrali, Murtazapur, Adhoya, Arunay, Arnaicha, Asmanpur, Bakhli Kalan, Bakhli Khurd, Batehri, Bherian, Bhour Sainada, Bilochpur, Budha, Bodhni, Chanarehdi, Chhajpur, Chuniya Farm, Dhulgarh, Deewana, Garhi Langri, Helwa, Ishak, Julmat, Jurashikalan, Kakrala Gujran, Khedi Sheeshgran, Madanpur, Mangna, Morthli. Similarly, camps will be organized in Singaura, Syana Sainada, Sataura, Sainsa, Sainsa Khurd, Ramgarh Road, Neemwala, Mukirpur, Bibipur Kalan, Dera Nanakpura, Dera Fatehsingh, Dhani Rampura, Galedwa, Garhi Rodan, Garhi Singa, Guldehra, Gumthala Gadhu, Hamira Farm, Harigarh Bhaurkh, Jakhwala, Jhimrehdi, Jurasi Khurd, Kalsa, Karah Sahib on April 28. Camps will also be organized in Thana, Surmi, Shahpur, Sarasa, Sandhauri on April 29 in Chaulon on April 30th, and in Mohanpura on May 1. He said that in Ismailabad block, camps will be organized in village Ajarana Khurd and Khedi Shaheedan on April 27, village Kumhar Majra on April 28, village Lautani and Bachki on April 29, village Mandi and Dalla Majra on April 30.

Retired Teachers' Federation meets in Yamunanagar, raises pension demands



RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR:

A meeting of the Yamunanagar Zone of the 'Retired College Principals and Teachers Federation of aided colleges was held on April 24, 2026, at DAV Girls' College Yamuna Nagar. The meeting was presided over by State President Prof. D. R. Chaudhary and Guest of honour RTD Prof. J.S. Sodhi, a senior retired professor from the Yamunanagar Zone. On this occasion, the Zone President, Dr. Dalbir Singh, welcomed the guests and members of RCPTF YNR zone present in the meeting and informed house that the membership of the Federation within the Yamunanagar Zone has crossed More than one hundred. The Zonal Secretary, Dr. Nirmal Singh, shared details regarding the Zone's various activities, highlighting that its members participate enthusiastically in all of the Federation's programs. The Zone's Finance Secretary, Dr. Arvind Jain, presented the financial report for the year 2025-26 before the house which was unanimously passed by the members present. Senior members of the Yamunanagar Zone—especially Dr. B. Madanmohan, Dr. Ravish Chauhan, Dr. T.P. Singh, Dr. G.B. Gupta, and Dr. Jitendra Kaur—several took the podium to deliver addresses in which they highly appreciated the Zone's activities and the efforts being undertaken by the Federation's leadership to safeguard the interests of retirees.

Mother Teresa Modern Public School, Mathana Chowki performed brilliantly in Basketball Open tournament



KARAMBIR LADWA:

In the Compte Basketball Open Tournament organized at Chandigarh Sector-7 Sports Ground, the students of Mother Teresa Modern Public School, Mathana Chowki have performed brilliantly and won gold medals in various categories. On reaching the school, all the gold medal winners were warmly welcomed by the school and also honored by wearing medals. This information was given by the school principal. He said that in the Under-14 category, the team of Manvi, Preet and Gurnoor Kaur displayed excellent performance and won the gold medal.

Social service and education will strengthen society: Chandra Mohan

HANS RAJ YADAV KURUKSHETRA:

Delegation of officials from Maharaja Agrasen Shiksha Samman Yojana (MASI) and members of District Development, Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA), carrying Kurukshetra vision of social service, cooperation and development met with newly appointed Superintendent of Police, Chandra Mohan, of Kurukshetra. Delegation paid a courtesy call and held meaningful discussions on important issues related to social concerns, expansion of education and law and order. This meeting was not merely a formality, but beginning of a strong partnership between society and administration, demonstrating a resolve to strengthen triangle of education, service and security. Prominent among delegation were Munish Mittal, President of Maharaja Agrasen Shiksha Samman Yojana (MASI), Ashok Garg, Kurukshetra District President of Agrawal Vaishya Samaj Haryana, Isha Agarwal, member of DISHA Committee from Helpers Shabbad Society and Rajesh Singla, State General Secretary of Agrawal Vaishya Samaj Haryana.

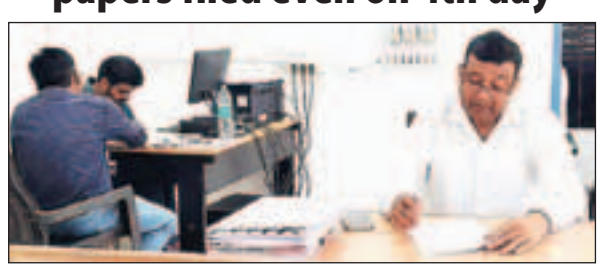
Three decades of Sulfur Research Bulletin released in Bhopal



MAHENDER GOYAL HISAR:

The 30th biennial workshop of All India Coordinated Research Project on Micro and Secondary Nutrients and Pollutants in Soil and Plants was held at Indian Institute of Soil Science, Bhopal. A bulletin titled "Three Decades of Sulfur Research in Haryana: From Deficiency Identification to Precise Nutrient Management," prepared by Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar Center, was released. Dr. Rohtas Kumar (Project Investigator), Dr. Nidhi Kamboj, Dr. Harendra Kumar Yadav, and Dr. Vikas Kumar participated in this workshop on behalf of Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar. Main objective of workshop was to review work done over past two years under project which has been operating in Department of Soil Science since 1967, and to discuss work plan for the next five years. Scientists from various centers across the country participated and presented their research findings.

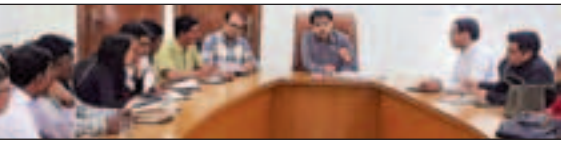
Municipal bypoll: No nomination papers filed even on 4th day



PRITI SAINI SADHAURA:

The process for submitting nomination papers for the post of Councillor in Ward No. 9 of the Sadhaura Municipality commenced on April 21. However, even on the fourth day, no one submitted their nomination papers. April 25 is the final day for the submission of nominations. The Councillor seat for Ward No. 9 fell vacant after the incumbent Councillor, Sikandar, moved abroad. The Municipality had issued an announcement on April 15 regarding the conduct of elections for the vacant Council seat in Ward 9. As per this announcement, nomination papers will be accepted from April 21 to April 25. The scrutiny of nomination papers will be conducted on April 27.

Mother-daughter Day to be celebrated in every govt and private school in Hansi district: DC Rahul Narwal



DINKAR GAWRI HANSI:

A meeting was organized at the local Public Works Department (PWD) Rest House under the chairmanship of DC Rahul Narwal. The meeting was attended by SDM Rajesh Khoth, SDM of Narnaund Vikas Yadav, and officials from the Education, Health, Development & Panchayat, and other relevant departments. During the meeting, the progress of the ongoing HPV vaccination campaign—launched by the government to eradicate dangerous diseases like cervical cancer—was thoroughly reviewed. Issuing directives to officials from all concerned departments, DC Rahul Narwal noted that there are 3,699 girls aged 14 and 15 years in the district. He instructed them to ensure that all these girls receive vaccination—with the consent of their parents—as a preventive measure against diseases such as cervical cancer. He explicitly directed officials from the Health, Education, Revenue, and Panchayat departments to raise public awareness regarding the benefits of getting vaccinated and the risks associated with not doing so.

SMC Principal Seema Devi inspects Govt High School, Mandhar



NIRMAL SAINI RADAUR:

SMC Principal Seema Devi inspected Government High School, Mandhar. During her inspection, she investigated the mid-day meal being prepared for children from classes 6th to 8th. She checked the quality of the food being cooked in the mid-day meal by eating it. The raw ration kept in the kitchen was also checked. She talked to children about mid day meal and told the children that they must eat the food prepared in the mid-day meal. Questions and answers were also given to school Principal Rohit Arora. Principal and Mid Day Meal Incharge Mukesh Kumar was praised for the better arrangement of mid day meal.

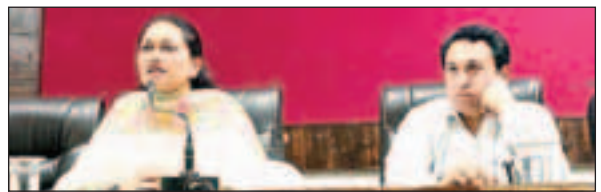
Advocate Pardhuman Garg of Karnal becomes member of Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana



SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL:

A special program was organized on Friday in Chamber No. 189 of District and Sessions Court, Kaithal, in which the advocate community celebrated appointment of Advocate Pardhuman Garg as member of the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana by offering sweets to each other. On this occasion, advocate Himanshu Goyal said that becoming the youngest member of the Bar Council, Pardhuman Garg was a matter of pride for all the young advocates. He expressed confidence that young lawyers have great expectations from him. He also said that even before becoming a member, Pardhuman Garg fought till the Supreme Court to reduce the fees of newly enrolled advocates, which was commendable. Advocate Ankush Jindal praised Pardhuman Garg and thanked all the advocates and said that his leadership will give a new direction to the advocate class.

Panchayati Raj institutions will be strengthened with more participation of women: Kanwaljit Kaur



DALBIR SINGH MALIK KURUKSHETRA:

District Council Chairperson Kanwaljit Kaur said that the three-tier Panchayati Raj system was a powerful tool for ensuring development, transparency and public participation in rural areas. She read out the Prime Minister's message, which emphasized the need to strengthen democracy at the village level, promote local self-governance and accelerate rural development. A district-level program was organized at the Panchayat Bhawan on National Panchayati Raj Day. Panchayat representatives and employees from various blocks of the district participated in the program. The program emphasized the participation of women in Panchayati Raj institutions. District Council Chairperson Kanwaljit Kaur attended the program as the chief guest in the District Council auditorium located in the Panchayat Bhawan on Friday. She was welcomed by officials and public representatives upon her arrival.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to all that the ownership of Shop Plot No. 28, size 20X35 situated at New Green Market, Bhatpur, Dist. Yamuna Nagar is registered in the name of Smt. Sushila Devi...

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Government of Punjab Tender reference no.: e tender notice no. 07/MTC dt- 22/04/2026

The Department of Municipal Corporation Mohali, S.A.S Nagar invites Bid for 02 Works Closing Date and Time: Closing Date of Submission of bidding document: 09-05-2026 time up to 16:30.

Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot Admission Notice for

PPMET (Basic B.Sc. Nursing) Course, session 2026 Online applications are invited alongwith requisite fee for admission to Basic B.Sc. Nursing course in all the Govt./University constituent/Private colleges of Punjab through University website from 27.04.2026 to 12.05.2026.



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LOI No. Gmada/25-26/10/184 Dated 07.05.2025, L/P/GMADA/24-25/1306, Commercial Shop Size 40 Sq. Yard, Material Park Sector-101 SAS Nagar

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-AUCTION NOTICE

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt for and on behalf of President of India invites bids through E-Auction on IREPS website for allotment of contracts at Railway Stations of Ambala Division of Northern Railway.

Table with columns: S. Lot No., Catg, UMB-RAA-GMU-181-26-1, UMB-Ctg-03-2026, (Catering-General Minor Unit (GMU) (Size 10' X 6') Stall No.1 at Circulating area, for General category at Barara (RAA) Railway Station.

Note: For participation in e-auction process or for any other information related to E-auction process prospective bidders are advised to visit www.ireps.gov.in

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

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s)/ Co-Borrower (s)/Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the construction/possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank), the same shall be referred herein after as AUSFB. The Secured Assets will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis through E-Auction for recovery of amount mentioned in the table below along with further interest, cost, charges and expenses being due to AUSFB viz. Secured Creditor.

It is hereby informed you that we are going to conduct public E-Auction through website https://austfb.auctiontiger.net

Table with columns: Loan A/c Number / Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor, Date & Amount of 13(2) Demand Notice, Date of Possession, Description of Property, Reserve Price For Property, Earned Money For Property, Date & Time of E-Auction, Date of Bid Submission, E-Auction Place of Tender Submission, Contact Person and property visit date.

The terms and conditions of e-auction sale:- (1) The E-auction sale of Secured Asset is on "as is where is", "as is what is", "whatever there is" and "no recourse" basis for and on behalf of the Secured Creditor viz. AUSFB and there is no known encumbrance which exists on the said property. (2) For participating in online e-auction sale, bid document, copies of PAN Card, Board Resolution in case of Company and photo ID, address proof are required to be submitted along with EMD, which is payable by way of RTGS/NEFT/DD in the name of MSME AUCTION POC ACCOUNT OF AU Small Finance Bank Limited, Current account no. 1921201212171599 AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED Fifth and Sixth Floor Surya Bijlajunta Street Khanna No. 64 to 67, Giam Sakhapura New Atish Market Jaipur 302020, IFSC CODE: AU010002011, Once an Online Bid is submitted, same cannot be withdrawn. Further any EMD submitted by bidder will be required to send the UTR/NEFT/DD No. of the RTGS/NEFT/DD with a copy of cancelled cheque on the following email IDs i.e. auctions@subank.in (3) All interested participants / bidders are requested to visit the website https://austfb.auctiontiger.net & https://www.subank.in/bank-notice for further details including Terms & Conditions, to take part in e-auction sale proceeding and are also advised to contact e-mail of auctions@subank.in

Please Note:- This is also a 15/30 days notice Under Rule 8(6) read with Rule 9(1) to the Borrowers/Co Borrowers/Mortgagors of the above said loan account about sale through tender /enter bidding on the above-mentioned date. The property will be sold, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full by the borrower in the given notice period.

Place : Punjab Date : 24-04-2026 Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited

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APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(6)] 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 (154 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice on the date as mentioned below calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice as per the details given in below table:-

Table with columns: Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor / Loan A/c No., 13(2) Notice Date & Amount, Description of Mortgaged Property, Date of Possession Taken.

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(14) 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 (B) 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: 24-April-2026 Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited

Akshay Kumar announces fourth film with Vidya Balan



Actor Akshay Kumar is reuniting with longtime costar Vidya Balan, with the duo set to feature in Anees Bazmi's next project. Taking to his Instagram handle, Akshay shared a video of himself, boarding a flight with Vidya Balan, suggesting that they have kicked off to Kerala for their next film together. "Next stop: God's own country, the magical Kerala. Anees Bazmi's next is my fourth film with the ever fabulous @balanvidya and I hope the good luck charm of our jodi continues," he wrote. https://www.instagram.com/p/DXd_gYxDxLs/The post quickly caught the fans' attention, with many expressing heavy anticipation in the comment

section. Notably, Akshay Kumar and Vidya Balan have worked together in notable films like 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa', 'Heyy Babyy', and 'Mission Mangal'. Further details about their next film are yet to be unveiled. On the work front, Akshay Kumar's 'Bhooth Bangla' recently opened in theatres. Balaji Motion Pictures, a division of Balaji Telefilms Ltd, in association with Cape of Good Films, presents Bhooth Bangla starring Akshay Kumar, Wamiqa Gabbi, Paresh Rawal, Tabu, and Rajpal Yadav. Directed by Priyadarshan and Produced by Akshay Kumar, Shobha Kapoor, and Ektaa R Kapoor. Bhooth Bangla paid previews

begin in theatres on April 16, 2026, 9 PM onwards. Recently, in an interview with ANI, Akshay called the film a "real horror comedy" and clarified that it is completely different from his earlier hit 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa'. "Nahi ye bilkul alag hai (No, this is completely different). 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa'...usme psychological thriller, horror..horror bhi nahi tha psychological comedy thi (That was more of a psychological comedy. This is a fantasy. Iske andar vkai mein koi bhoot hai ya nahi dekhna hai (In this, whether there is a ghost or not, you have to see). Yeh actually kahunga to asli mein horror comedy hai (So if I say, this is a real horror comedy)," he shared.

Abhay Deol revisits 'Dev.D' ahead of re-release

With 'Dev.D' returning to theatres on April 24, actor Abhay Deol has shared a nostalgic memory from the making of the cult film, giving fans a fresh glimpse into how one of its memorable scenes came together. To mark the re-release, Abhay posted a scene from the movie featuring Dev's first meeting with Chanda, played by Kalki Koechlin. Along with the clip, he recalled a lively conversation with director Anurag Kashyap, revealing how the scene grew through spontaneous ideas on set. Abhay shared that Kashyap had first described the sequence with a mischievous "glint" in his eyes. The actor then suggested adding a more layered and unexpected twist to the scene, playing on Chanda's ability to speak multiple languages. "Anurag: You sit here waiting to be let into Chanda's room and you can hear her having s...". He said that with a mischievous, almost perverse glint in his eyes. "The actor further revealed how he gave his input in the scene: "Me: (a little grossed out but also enjoying Anurag's sense of humour), "But Anurag, Kalki can speak Tamil, Hindi, and English." "What if it turns out that she's having phone s... with someone who has a fetish for s... talk in various languages and accents? Dev and the audience discover that once he enters her room?" Anurag pauses, the glint in his eyes gets brighter and his smile gets wider. Nothing makes a scene better than a creative flow between an actor and a director," he further wrote. Take a look. Directed by Anurag Kashyap, 'Dev.D' was a bold reinterpretation of the classic Devdas. When it was released in 2009, the film stood out for its unconventional narrative, edgy treatment, and modern characters. The story follows Dev, played by Abhay Deol, whose life spirals after he misunderstands Paro, portrayed by Mahie Gill. As guilt and addiction consume him, he meets Chanda, a woman navigating struggles of her own. Over the years, 'Dev.D' has grown into a cult favourite and remains one of the most discussed films of its time.



Divya Dutta sends birthday wishes to Manoj Bajpayee, celebrating their "precious dosti"



Actor Divya Dutta has extended a heartwarming wish for her friend and fellow actor Manoj Bajpayee. Taking to her Instagram, Divya shared a rare BTS moment with Bajpayee of what appears to be from the sets of a film. The duo could be seen engaged in a fun moment. "Happy bday @bajpayee.manoj !!!! After doing 4 films with you i realized we didnt share screen space in them!!! And now finally, two!!! You are such a joy!!! As a person, as a costar as a friend!!! An actor, we cherish!!! Here's to lots of amazing storytelling together, to your hathbka yummy khana.. and to a precious dosti!!!" she wrote. The birthday wishes have been pouring in for Manoj Bajpayee from both his fans and friends from the industry. In line with Manoj Bajpayee's birthday, the makers of the actor's upcoming film 'Governor: The Silent Saviour' unveiled the first posters of the project and announced the date for its theatrical release. The film marks the first collaboration between actor Manoj Bajpayee and filmmaker Vipul Amrutlal Shah. The posters unveiled on the Instagram account on Thursday unveiled posters giving fans a first look at the film's story. One poster shows Manoj Bajpayee from the back, walking through a corridor while carrying a suitcase. It carries the tagline, "If I fail... India fails," hinting at a high-stakes story. Another poster features a green chair with the lines, "India is on the verge of bankruptcy" and "Yeh sirf kursi nahi... zimmedaari hai," suggesting a story linked to power, responsibility and the nation's future. The film is directed by Chinmay Mandekar and backed by Sunshine Pictures. It is produced by Vipul Amrutlal Shah and co-produced by Aashin A Shah. The screenplay has been written by Suvenud Bhattacharyjee, Saurabh Bharat, Ravi Asrani and Vipul Amrutlal Shah. The music for the film has been composed by Amit Trivedi, while the lyrics are written by Javed Akhtar. Governor is set to release on June 12 later this year. Meanwhile, Bajpayee was last seen in 'The Family Man Season 3'. Directed by Raj and DK, the show follows Srikant Tiwari, who finds himself in a difficult situation as he becomes the nation's "most wanted man."

Projects by individual producers also turned out to be success: Ramesh Taurani

Film producer Ramesh Taurani has reaffirmed his belief in the strength of individual producers in Bollywood, highlighting that films backed by a single creative vision often deliver stronger results. Speaking to ANI, Taurani opened up about the evolving dynamics of film production, stating that while corporate studios have undoubtedly contributed to several successful films, projects led by individual producers have also turned out to be successes. "The success ratio of a producer, where an individual producer is involved, even if he has done a tie-up with a corporate, that is a different thing. But where an individual producer is involved, the movie always turns out to be good. Many good movies were made by corporates," he said. Reflecting on his own journey, Taurani shared that he has produced 49 films so far, with 'Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai' being the 50th project. "Whatever movie we have made, we have always kept in mind that we are not without script with any actor. We would narrate the whole story with dialogue and then made the project. And then the casting and other things happened," the producer continued. Speaking on whether the era of single producers has been fading, Taurani disagreed. He pointed out that several prominent filmmakers, including Karan Johar, continue to operate successfully with a strong individual vision. "The ones who are still relevant, they are still doing the work. We are working, Sajid Nadiadwala is working, Excel is working, and so is Karan Johar," he added. Elsewhere in the conversation, Ramesh Taurani also spoke about working with veteran filmmaker David Dhawan in 'Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai'. "My relationship with David Ji started in 1993-1994. Our first movie, the first movie, a joint venture, was Coolie No 1. The first director I signed in my life was David Dhawan. In fact, when I signed him at that price, the industry abused me a lot that I have gone mad. But we did it. Because we felt that a very good movie will be made. And then Coolie No 1 happened. I always feel that the director is the main one who makes the movie. One should let him do the job," Taurani said. He also explained that David Dhawan might once again return to direct films if he finds a good story. Produced by Ramesh Taurani and directed by David Dhawan, 'Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai' will release in theatres on June 12.



Bhumi Pednekar Reveals How She Manifested Working with Akshay Kumar as a Child



CHANDIGARH : In the upcoming episode of Wheel of Fortune, recalling her childhood, Bhumi Pednekar shared a heartfelt anecdote about how she manifested her dream of working with Akshay Kumar. Recalling the moment, Bhumi said, "Main apko ek anecdote batana chahti hoon jo maine apko pichele 10 saalon se nahi bataya hai. Jab main 10-12 saal ki thi, mere saamne wali underconstruction building mein shooting ho rahi thi." She added, "Mujhe yaad hai apka ek stunt bike se seedhlyon par upar ja rahe the." Akshay quickly responded, "Picture ka naam Insaaf hai, aur heroine thi Shilpa Shetty." Bhumi continued, "Tab maine wahi khade hoke manifest kiya tha ki main actor banna chahti hoon, aur kaash mujhe kabhi apke saath kaam karne ka mauka mile." She concluded and said, "Aur woh mauka mujhe 'Toilet: Ek Prem Katha' mein mil gaya." The moment beautifully highlighted Bhumi's journey from a young dreamer to sharing screen space with the actor she once admired from afar. Watch Wheel of Fortune, Monday to Friday at 9:00 PM only on Sony Entertainment Television and stream on Sony LIV.

Kriti Sanon says success is a blend of hard work, talent and destiny



Bollywood actress Kriti Sanon, who is currently riding the wave of success owing to the box-office performance of her recent films, has shared how she views the relationship between hard work, talent and destiny. From her National Award-winning performance in 'Mimi' to winning hearts with her emotional depth in 'Tere Ishk Mein', Kriti's journey reflects both evolution and intent. As she gears up for 'Cocktail 2', she looked back at how identifying the opportunities and working towards them shaped her journey. Speaking about the role of timing and opportunity in success, Kriti shared, "I do believe in luck, I do believe a lot in destiny, I feel you know it's always a combination of hard work, talent and destiny and also recognizing opportunities you know. They might just pass you by and you may not see them or you may not jump at them but that courage to take risk, to take the plunge, to take that leap and you know something that scares you but you still kind of just do it anyway. So I think that courage is also very important to recognize that opportunity. Absolutely".

Hulk Hogan: Real American docu-series out

Hulk Hogan: Real American, a four-part docuseries chronicling the life, career, and controversies of wrestling icon Hulk Hogan, was released on Wednesday. According to PEOPLE magazine, in Netflix's new four-part docuseries 'Hulk Hogan: Real American,' Hogan said his best memories were from the time when his children were young, and he was raising them with his former wife, Linda Hogan. Hogan died of a heart attack in July 2025. The documentary, released on Wednesday, looks at both his legendary wrestling career and his personal life. Hogan and Linda married in 1983 and had two children together, Brooke Hogan and Nick Hogan. Though their marriage later ended in divorce in 2009, Hogan looked back warmly on their family years. In one of the most emotional moments of the series, Hogan was asked when he had been the "happiest" in his life. After taking a pause, he remembered the days when Brooke and Nick were still children and the family was together. "That was probably the most happiest I've ever been," Hogan said, as old home videos showed him playing with his children. The documentary also shows how becoming a father changed his life. While speaking about

the birth of his daughter Brooke, Hogan shared that fatherhood gave him a new purpose. "My whole reason for living changed instantly," Hogan said, as quoted by PEOPLE magazine. "I had no idea that my whole focus would change to try and protect this human being." Later in the series, Hogan also spoke about the birth of his son Nick. He said he was thrilled when he learned he would have a baby boy. Linda Hogan also shared memories of Hogan as a father. She said he was loving and caring with the children. "He was always affectionate with the kids," Linda said. "[He] never forgot to say I love you." In another emotional moment, Linda spoke about her feelings for Hogan even after their divorce. She said some emotions never faded with time. "I still care about him the same, it doesn't go away," Linda said. "I wish things would've turned out differently for us. But then when he got sick, I realized that my love never faded for him. I still had love for him. I really do. I still love him." 'Hulk Hogan: Real American' is now streaming on Netflix.

