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Himanta Biswa Sarma takes oath as Assam Chief Minister for second term



AGENCY GUWAHATI, MAY 12

After a momentous victory in the assembly elections, Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday took oath as the Chief Minister of Assam for a second term. The oath-taking ceremony, held at the Veterinary College ground in Khanapara, was graced by the auspicious presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, BJP President Nitin Nabin, senior Union ministers, and chief ministers and deputy chief ministers from several NDA-ruled states. This will be the third NDA government in Assam. Along with Sarma, four ministers - two from the BJP and one each from its allies Asom Gana Parishad (AGP)

and Bodoland People's Front (BPF) - were also sworn in. They include Rameswar Teli, Atul Bora (AGP), Charan Boro (BPF) and Ajanta Neog. Former minister and senior BJP leader Ranjeet Kumar Basp will be the NDA's candidate for the position of Speaker of the state Assembly. The NDA's performance in the Assam assembly elections 2026 was nothing short of a masterclass in electoral dominance. By securing a three-fourths majority, securing 81 Assembly seats out of the total 126 seats, the alliance has sent a clear message about the resonance of its governance model. The BJP-led NDA, including the Bodoland Peoples Front (BPF) and Asom Gana Parishad (AGP), collectively secured 101 Assembly seats in Assam, which makes up to be three-fourth majority. Bodoland Peoples Front and Asom Gana Parishad won ten seats each as a part of the NDA. The day was defined by two polar opposite narratives: the unstoppable rise of the incumbent Chief Minister and the shocking eclipse of a political dynasty. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma turned his constituency into a fortress, winning by a staggering margin of over 80,000 votes. In his victory speech, he credited the "double-engine" growth fueled by PM Narendra Modi's support over the last decade. The 2026 election will be remembered as the moment Assam moved away from regional and sectarian fragmentation, opting instead for a direct, polarised contest between the BJP's vision of "transformation" and the Congress's ideological resistance.

NEET UG 2026 cancelled; NTA to re-conduct exam, CBI probe ordered

UNI NEW DELHI, MAY 12

The National Testing Agency (NTA) on Tuesday cancelled the NEET (UG) 2026 examination conducted on May 3. It announced that the medical entrance test will be re-conducted on dates to be notified separately.

The decision was taken with the approval of the Government of India, following inputs examined in coordination with central agencies and investigative findings shared by law enforcement authorities.

In an official statement issued on May 12, 2026, the NTA said it had earlier referred the matter to central agencies on May 8 for independent verification and necessary action as part of its commitment to ensuring the fair, secure, and credible conduct of national examinations.

According to the agency, the inputs received and findings shared by law enforcement authorities established that "the present examination process could not be allowed to stand." The NTA said revised examination dates and the re-issued admit card schedule will be announced through official channels in the coming days.

The Centre has also decided to hand over the matter to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for a comprehensive inquiry into the allegations linked to the examination. The NTA said it would ex-

tend full cooperation to the investigating agency and provide all necessary records, materials, and assistance re-

cause inconvenience to candidates and their families. Still, it said the decision was taken in the larger interest of protecting the trust and integrity of the national examination system.

The NTA further clarified that registration data, candidature details, and examination centres selected during the May 2026 cycle will be carried forward for the re-conducted examination. No fresh registration will be required, and no additional examination fee will be charged. The agency also announced that fees already paid by students will be refunded, while the fresh examination will be conducted using NTA's internal resources. Candidates and parents have been advised to

rely only on official communications issued by the agency and avoid unverified reports circulating on social media.



quired for the inquiry. The agency acknowledged that re-conducting the examination would

New dates will be announced in 7-10 days

NEW DELHI: National Testing Agency (NTA) Director General Abhishek Singh on Tuesday said the schedule for the re-conduct of the cancelled NEET-UG 2026 examination would be announced within the next seven to ten days, while assuring students that strict action was being taken against those involved in the alleged paper leak. Addressing the media in the national capital after the Centre cancelled the NEET-UG 2026 examination over allegations of paper leak and irregularities, Singh said the agency was working with its team to finalise the dates for the fresh examination. "We will tell you the schedule within the next 7-10 days," Singh said when asked about the timeline for the re-exam. He also assured candidates that the NTA would not allow irregularities to affect future examinations. "I am trying to decide this (re-examination date) along with my team. When they told me that you (students) were here and waiting for me, I thought I should come and speak with you."

CBI raids Pb Vigilance HQ over alleged bribery deal, 3 held



UNI CHANDIGARH: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) conducted a major raid at the Punjab Vigilance Bureau headquarters in Mohali in connection with an alleged Rs 20 lakh bribery deal, arresting three persons linked to the case, officials and sources said on Tuesday. The agency carried out the operation late Monday night. It returned to the Vigilance office again on Tuesday morning as part of its ongoing probe into alleged corruption involving officials and intermediaries. Sources said the CBI detained OP Rana, a reader to a senior vigilance officer.

At the same time, alleged middlemen Raghav Goyal and Vikas Goyal were arrested following searches conducted at Krishna Colony in Malout. According to media reports, the alleged deal was being negotiated at a five-star hotel in Chandigarh, where OP Rana and the two alleged middlemen were reportedly meeting a complainant. The deal was allegedly fixed at Rs 20 lakh, but the complainant arrived with Rs 13 lakh in cash, which was later seized by the CBI team during the operation. Officials familiar with the investigation said Raghav Goyal, a resident of Malout in Muktsar district, was considered close to a senior vigilance officer and had reportedly been provided police security by the Punjab government. The CBI is understood to have registered an FIR under the Prevention of Corruption Act against OP Rana and Raghav Goyal.

Puri rejects lockdown rumours, says fuel stocks are sufficient

AGENCY NEW DELHI, MAY 12

Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri today clarified that the rumours of a lockdown in India are completely false and there is no such proposal under consideration by the Government. In a social media post, Mr Puri noted that as the global situation remains in flux, the government is closely monitoring developments across energy, supply chains, and essential commodities on a real-time basis. He assured that all necessary steps are being taken to ensure the uninterrupted availability of fuel, energy, and other critical supplies for the citizens, asserting that India is prepared to handle emerging challenges.



He further added that the country has consistently demonstrated resilience in the face of global uncertainties and will continue to act in a timely, proactive, and coordinated manner. He urged everyone to remain calm, responsible, and united.

Sujata Sharma, joint secretary for ministry of petroleum & natural gas, said, "I would like to convey to you that the Prime Minister has urged all citizens of the country to reduce their consumption of petrol and diesel. Wherever possible, utilise the Metro and public transportation; opt for carpooling; prioritise railways as a mode of transportation for goods; and wherever feasible, increase the usage of electric vehicles. Let us all come together and make every possible effort to conserve energy in our daily lives, so that the economic burden currently weighing upon the nation may be alleviated."

Sharma said, "Our refineries are operating at optimum levels. There are no instances of dry-outs at any re-

tail outlets. Nor have any dry-outs been reported at LPG distributorships. Adequate stocks of petrol and diesel are available, and LPG supplies for domestic cooking purposes are being maintained. Over the past three days, 1 crore 26 lakh LPG cylinders have been delivered to households against 1 crore 14 lakh bookings. Similarly, sales of commercial LPG have exceeded 17,000 tonnes over the last three days. Sales of Auto LPG have also surpassed 762 tonnes."

Meanwhile, global oil prices continued to rise, with the Brent Crude Oil prices extended their rally. Brent crude futures were up 30 cents, or 0.29%, at \$104.51 a barrel, while US West Texas Intermediate rose 31 cents, or 0.32%, to \$86.38.

CJI sets up high-powered panel for judicial infrastructure overhaul

AGENCY NEW DELHI, MAY 12

Chief Justice of India Surya Kant has decided to set up a high-powered committee headed by Supreme Court Judge Aravind Kumar to prepare a blueprint for the modernisation of courts across the country and secure government allocation of funds.

The CJI announced the constitution of the Judicial Infrastructure Advisory Committee to address infrastructural deficiencies in courts through substantial financial support from the government.

Apart from Justice Kumar, the committee



will comprise Justices Debansu Basak, Ashwani Kumar Mishra and Somasekhar Sundaresan of the high courts of Calcutta, Punjab and Haryana, and Bombay, respectively.

Aman Arora takes charge as industries & commerce minister

SUMER GARG CHANDIGARH, MAY 12

Punjab Cabinet Minister Mr. Aman Arora on Tuesday assumed office as the Minister for Industries & Commerce at Udyog Bhawan, Sector 17, Chandigarh. Notably, Mr. Arora already holds key portfolios including Employment Generation, Skill Development & Training, New & Renewable Energy Sources, Good Governance & Information Technology and Printing & Stationery. After taking charge, Mr. Arora expressed gratitude towards Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) National Convener Sh. Arvind Kejriwal for reposing faith in him. He said that his top priority would be to transform Punjab into a most preferred investment destination by cutting red tape, promoting sustainable industries and ensuring that every industrial expansion translates directly into local jobs, besides, creating a seamless ecosystem linking industrial policy, clean energy, skill development and governance reform. "My goal



is to make Punjab a model for 'Ease of Doing Business' while generating dignified, skill-based employment for our youth," Mr. Aman Arora stated. With Industries & Commerce now aligned with Skill Development and Renewable Energy, the state is building a circular economy where growth, green energy and employment go hand in hand, he added. Earlier, Mr. Arora was warmly welcomed by Administrative Secretary Industries & Commerce Mr. Gurkirat Kirpal Singh, Vice-Chairperson Punjab Development Commission (PDC) Ms. Seema Bansal, CEO Invest Punjab Mr. Amit Dhaka etc.

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AIADMK crisis: 30 rebel MLAs to announce support to TVK

CHENNAI: The opposition AIADMK appeared headed for a split on Tuesday after a group of MLAs revolted against party chief Edappadi K Palaniswami, accusing him of seeking an alliance with archrival DMK, and announced support for the Vijay-led government ahead of the floor test on Wednesday. About 30 MLAs, led by senior leaders SP Velumani and C Ve Shanmugam, are believed to be in the rebel camp that has questioned Palaniswami's leadership following the party's debacle in the April 23 assembly polls, where it won only 47 out of the 164 seats it contested. Speaking to reporters, Shanmugam said they would meet C Joseph Vijay to provide a letter supporting his government.

Pb BJP seeks action against orchestrators of attacks on party offices

CHANDIGARH: Punjab BJP chief Sunil Jakhar on Tuesday demanded action against those who "orchestrated" attacks on the party's offices in the state. He also lashed out at the Aam Aadmi Party, warning that the BJP will not allow it to create "Mamata-Banerjee-led-Bengal-like conditions" in Punjab. Jakhar claimed that under a "well-planned conspiracy", party offices in Ludhiana, Batala, Tarn Taran and Zirakpur were "attacked" on Monday, with some miscreants throwing ink at party leaders and vandalising the offices.

Four youths drown while bathing in Yamuna in Agra



AGRA: Four youths, including two girls, drowned in the Yamuna river while bathing on Tuesday, officials said. The incident took place around 9 am in the Kamla Nagar police station area when a group of relatives had gone to the river for bathing. Additional District Magistrate Shubhangi Shukla identified the deceased as Kanha (22), Mehak (19), Riya (17) and Vicky (11).

Nine killed, 30 injured in blast in Pakistan's Lakki Marwat district

UNI LAKKI MARWAT: At least nine people were killed and more than 30 injured in a bomb blast in Pakistan's Lakki Marwat district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, officials said, with authorities confirming that two of the dead were Traffic police personnel.

Deputy Inspector General of Police Sajjad Khan said both deceased officers were members of the Traffic police. A statement from the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa also confirmed the casualties among Traffic police officials.

Later, Deputy Commissioner Hameedullah Khan said the death toll had risen to at least nine. According to preliminary investigations, the terrorists had allegedly planted explosives inside a rickshaw before the blast. An incident report issued by the Tehsil Headquarters Hospital confirmed the deaths and said 33 injured people were brought in for treatment. Five critically wounded victims were later shifted to hospitals in Bannu for further medical care.

Stock market turmoil worsens on crude, Sensex closes 1,456 pts down

AGENCY MUMBAI, MAY 12

The turmoil in the Indian stock markets continued on Tuesday as both benchmark indices closed sharply lower amid rising concerns over the escalating tensions in West Asia, elevated crude oil prices and weakness in the Indian rupee against the US dollar. The NSE Nifty 50 index closed at 23,379.55, down by 436.30 points or 1.83 per cent, while the BSE Sensex ended at 74,559.24, registering a decline of 1,456.04 points or 1.92 per cent. Market experts said that domestic equities remained under pressure due to record lows in the rupee, rising crude prices and continued foreign institutional investor (FII) out-



flows. Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Investments, said, "Domestic equities remained under pressure, with the rupee weakening to record lows amid rising crude oil prices linked to escalating tensions in West Asia, along with FII outflows." He added that the decline in markets was broad-based and

led by IT and realty stocks. According to him, IT stocks underperformed due to growing concerns around AI-driven pricing pressure and possible disruption following recent enterprise adoption initiatives by OpenAI.

Nair also noted that investors are awaiting the upcoming domestic CPI data to assess the spillover impact of the ongoing US-Iran conflict on inflation and the economy. Sector-wise, almost all major indices on the NSE witnessed heavy selling pressure. Nifty Realty declined by more than 4 per cent, while Nifty IT fell by over 3 per cent. Nifty Consumer Durables dropped 3.59 per cent. Nifty Auto declined 2.28 per cent and Nifty Media slipped 2.77 per cent. In the commodities market, Brent crude

oil prices remained elevated and were trading at USD 107 per barrel at the time of filing this report, raising concerns for import-dependent economies like India. Gold prices for 24 karat stood at Rs 1,53,596 per 10 grams, while silver prices were at Rs 2,76,303 per kilogram. Global geopolitical tensions also weighed on investor sentiment after US President Donald Trump on Monday rejected Iran's peace proposal and said the ceasefire remained on "life support." Speaking from the Oval Office during a maternal healthcare event, Trump termed Iran's proposal "a piece of garbage" and said it was unacceptable. Asian markets showed mixed trends on Tuesday. Japan's Nikkei 225 index closed marginally higher by 0.4 per cent at 62,683.

MEHTA CHOWK (AMRIK SINGH): The ancient and renowned institution of the area, Dasmesh Public Senior Secondary School Mehta Chowk, has achieved excellent results in the 10th class. A total of 141 students of class 10 took their board examination, out of which 122 students passed with first division and 19 students took second division. Out of which Navdeep Kaur secured the first position in the school by scoring 612/650 (94.1%). Similarly, Nimrat Kaur secured the second position by scoring 610/650 (93.8%) and Snehpreet Kaur secured the third position in the school by scoring 606/650 (93.2%).



Congress intensifies preparations for Municipal Council Elections

KULWINDER KARWAL MANSI, MAY 12

The Congress party has intensified its political activities ahead of the upcoming Municipal Council elections in Mansa city. In view of the elections, the party has been actively organising meetings to strengthen its organisational structure across various wards, mobilise workers, and identify suitable candidates.

As part of these efforts, an important meeting of the Congress party was held in Mansa, attended by a large number of local leaders, workers, and supporters. During the meeting, detailed discussions were held regarding the party's election



strategy, selection of strong candidates in each ward, responsibilities of party workers, and ways to effectively communicate the party's policies to the public.

The leaders stressed that party workers should establish direct contact with residents by visiting every household and listening to their grievances and concerns.

Addressing the gathering, Narinder Kumar Lal, in-charge of the Mansa Municipal Council elections, and District Congress Committee Mansa President Kulwant Rai Singla said the Congress party has always stood for the rights of the people and would contest the municipal elections with full strength.

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PAU's SBS promotes road safety with use of helmets

LUDHIANA, MAY 12

The School of Business Studies, Punjab Agricultural University, under the guidance of Dr Ramandeep Singh, Director-cum-Professor, is taking a meaningful step towards promoting road safety awareness and responsible driving habits among students.

As part of this initiative, helmets will be made available within the SBS premises to encourage students to prioritize their safety while commuting within and around the university campus.

Students will further be sensitized towards the responsibility and disciplined use of these helmets, sponsored by Mr Tejwinder Singh (Big Ben), ensuring their proper return after use so that the facility can benefit the larger student



community. The initiative is built on the simple yet significant belief that a secure and healthy life forms the foundation of education, growth, and success, said S Jaspal Singh, Director, Guru Ramdas Centre for economic growth. Echoing

this spirit, he emphasized that it is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver. The campaign seeks to remind students that safeguarding one's life is the first responsibility before pursuing career aspirations and academic excellence.

The team of the Management Science Association (MSA) said road safety is not merely about following rules; it is about developing a lifelong culture of responsibility, awareness, and care for one

self and for others on the road. Habits such as wearing helmets, obeying traffic regulations, and driving cautiously are most effective when nurtured at a young age. Through this initiative, the School of Business Studies aims to inspire students to adopt safe driving practices as a permanent part of their lifestyle, added they.

The campaign also reflects the broader social responsibility of educational institutions in shaping not only skilled professionals but also responsible citizens who value life, discipline, and collective safety. By encouraging the regular use of helmets and promoting awareness regarding road safety, the department hopes to contribute towards creating a safer and more conscious community.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

We, Jasvir Singh and Mandeep Kaur, residents of 31405 Ridgeview Dr, Abbotsford, BC, V2T 5P2, hereby give notice that we have legally changed the name of our minor son Anvir Singh, born on 6 April, 2021 at Lohian Khas, Teh: Shahkot Distt Jalandhar Punjab, India, Pin code 144629, to Anvir Singh Kang. Henceforth, he shall be known as Anvir Singh Kang for all purposes. 63372

I, Jaswinder Singh Dhaliwal S/o Sudagar Singh R/o Domana Lohian Khas, Tehsil Shahkot, District Jalandhar, I declare that I had expelled my Son Gurbinder Singh Dhaliwal for not following my instructions. But now my Son is following my instructions, therefore I take back the expulsion of my son. From today, my son will be the heir to all my property. 63372

I, Swarnjit Kaur W/o Army No.1583895Y Rank Havildar (GD) name Sukhpal Singh R/o Village Rajoana Khurd & PO Rajoana Kalan Tehsil Raikot Distt. Ludhiana Punjab 141107 hereby declare that I have changed my name as per my civil records from Swarnjit Kaur To Swarnjit Kaur and my correct and actual date of birth is 12-02-1972 whereas pertaining to army records of my above said husband my name is reflected as Swarnjit Kaur and date of birth 10-07-1973 which is incorrect. The part II order for my correct name as Swarnjit Kaur and date of birth as 12-02-1972 be published. Affidavit dated 11-05-2026 at Raikot (Punjab). 63372

I, Madan Lal S/o Chiman Lal R/o W/o-14 Mohalla Kamboj, Zira Distt Ferozepur declare that in my Pen card my father name wrongly entered Chaman Lal. But my father correct name is Chiman Lal. So amended my father name from Chaman Lal to Chiman Lal in my pen card. 63372

I Hardeep Singh Sidhu S/o Saghar Singh R/o Patti Kulla, Vpo Rasulpur Malla Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana declare that in my passport No. P-4297650 the name of my father has entered wrongly as Sagar Singh whereas his correct name is Saghar Singh. 63372

I, Baljit Kaur alias Devinder Kaur, am a permanent resident of Sardargarh, district Bathinda. I hereby declare with all due respect that both the names written above are mine. I am known by both these names in my father's and mother-in-law's family, Baljit Kaur alias Devinder Kaur. If anyone has any objection in this regard, they can contact me. 63372

PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Harvinder Singh S/o Virsa Singh, R/o Village Jalalabad Purbi, Tehsil Dharamkot, District Moga, declare that my son Arbind Singh (Living in Canada) and my daughter-in-law Navdeep Kaur are beyond my control. I disown them from my movable and immovable property. Anybody dealing with them at their own Risk 90007

I Shashi Pal S/o Banarsi Dass R/o H.No. B.C. 92/11, Bhargo Nagar, Jalandhar declare that my son Neeraj Kumar and his wife Neelakshi Kanchra are out of my control. So I disown them from my all moveable and immovable properties. Anybody deal with them at their own risk and responsibility. All concerned may note. 84451

I Saroj Rani W/o Suresh Kumar R/o Vaimik Mohalla, W.No. 4, Gidderbaha, Teh. Gidderbaha (Sri Muktsar Sahib) do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my Son Rohit, his wife Sanjana and their family were out of my control and fallen into bad company. So I disinherit my Son Rohit, his wife Sanjana and their family from all my moveable and immovable property. If any person deals with above said persons, he will be himself responsible, I and my any family member will not have any concern/relation with that. 63372

I, Paramjit Singh S/o Binder Singh R/o Village & Post Kokri Kalan Tehsil and Distt Moga declare that my son Lovepreet Singh is out of my control. I disown with him from my moveable/immovable property. If anybody dealing with him at his/her own risk. 63372

I am Sukhwinder Kaur alias Sukhpal Kaur, a resident of Kothi Kaur Singh Wala, Bathinda district, and I declare with all due respect that both the names written above are mine. I am known by both these names in my father's and mother-in-law's family, Baljit Kaur alias Devinder Kaur. If anyone has any objection in this regard, they can contact me. 63372

ਮੈਂ ਭੁਪ ਰਾਮ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਚੌਠਾ ਲਾਲ ਵਾਸੀ ਬਰਨਾਲਾ ਹਲਕ ਨਾਲ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਲਕੜੇ ਜਸਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਕਹਿਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੋਣ ਕਰਕੇ 6/1/2016 ਨੂੰ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਸੀ। ਹੁਣ ਉਹ ਮੇਰੇ ਨਾਲ ਹੀ ਰਹਿੰਦਾ ਹੈ, ਮੇਰੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਸੰਭਾਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣੀ ਬੇਦਖਲੀ ਵਾਪਸ ਲੈਂਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰਾ ਲਕੜਾ ਜਸਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਹੁਣ ਮੇਰੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਮੇਰੀ ਚਾਲ-ਅਚਾਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਵਿੱਚ ਹਿੱਸੇਦਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। 78521

I, Sandeep S/o Mohinder Kumar R/o H.No. 249/8, Talai Bazar, Kaithal (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Sandeep To Sandeep Goel. Concerned Please Note. 84451

I, Renu Goyal W/o Sandeep Goel R/o H.No. 249/8, Talai Bazar, Kaithal (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Renu Goyal To Renu Goel. Concerned Please Note. 84451

I Raj Goyal S/o Rattan Lal Aggarwal r/o # 351 sector 37 A chd have changed my name from Raj goyal to Raj kumar Aggarwal. 60013

I Santosh D/o Mal chand garg r/o # 351 sector 37 A chd have changed my name from Santosh to Santosh Aggarwal 60013

I, Rameshwar S/o Surata Ram, Resident of Village Sinand, District Kaithal (Haryana) declare that I have changed my minor daughter name from Bateri to Isha Devi. Concerned Please Note. 100039

I Sarbjit Kaur Dhanjal W/o Sarbjit Singh R/o H.No. 67, Peer Choudhary Road, Kapurthala - 144601, Punjab, have changed my minor son name from Sahibjit Singh to Sahibjit Singh Dhanjal, in which Sahibjit Singh is his given name and Surname as Dhanjal. All concerned may note. 900026

I Sarbjit Kaur W/o Sarbjit Singh R/o H.No. 67, Peer Choudhary Road, Kapurthala -144601, Punjab, have changed my name from Sarbjit Kaur to Sarbjit Kaur Dhanjal, in which Sarbjit Kaur is my given name and Surname as Dhanjal. All concerned may note. 900026

I, Ranjeet Kaur W/O Jaspal Singh R/O Kotla Ranewal (Rupnagar) have changed my name into Ranjit Kaur. 63372

I, Malket Singh S/O Surinder Singh R/O Behlloipur (Ludhiana) have changed my name into Malkit Singh. 63372

I Inderjeet Kumar S/o Balwinder Singh R/o Village Begarmpur PO Saloh Teh. Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar 144514 PB I Declared that my given name is Inderjeet And Surname is Kumar. 63372

I, Satwinder Kaur W/O Anmol Singh Gill, R/O Village Wara Mansurwal, Teh-Zira (Ferozepur), Have Changed My Name Satinder Kaur. 63372

I, Kulveer Singh S/O Harmeet Singh, R/O Village Awan, Tehsil Zira, (Ferozepur), Have Changed My Name (Surname) Singh (Given Name) Kulveer. 63372

I, Karmjeet Singh Malhi S/o Gurdev Singh R/o VPO Chugha Kalan Teh. Dharamkot Distt. Moga PB India declare that my son have known by both names Gurjoban Singh Malhi and Gurjoban Singh one and the same person. 63372

I Jaskaran Singh Son Of Mohinder Singh R/O Village Hiala Tehsil Nawanshahr District Sbs Nagar Pb, Declared That My Given Name Is Jaskaran And Surname Is Singh. 63372

I, hitherto known as Tanuj son Sanjay Kumar residing at Village Dotaran Wali, Tehsil Abohar, Distt. Fazilka (Punjab) have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Tejinder Singh. 63372

I, Karishna Kumari W/o Manohar Lal VPO Rurki Khas, Teh. Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur also Called by my other name Spellings Krishna Kumari. Karishna Kumari And Krishna Kumari is one and the same lady. 63372

I Karanpreet Singh Son Of Kuldeep Singh R/O Vpo Chakdana District Sbs Nagar Pb, Declared That My Given Name Is Karanpreet And Surname Is Singh. 63372

I Hardeep Singh Mangat S/o Piara Singh H.No. 106/117 Near Tower, Lakkar Mandi Doraha Distt Ludhiana Punjab 141421 have changed my name to Hardeep Singh. 63372

I Sheela Rani W/O Satnam Ram R/O Vpo Langroya Teh Nawanshahr Distt Sbs Nagar Pb have Changed My Minor Son Name From Kamaldeep To Kamaldeep Kumar. 63372

I Monika W/O Daljit Rai R/O Vpo Kariha Teh Nawanshahr Distt Sbs Nagar Pb have Changed Name From Monika To Monika Rani. 63372

I Balwinder Singh S/o Gurdev Singh R/o Village Chuharchak Tehsil Dharamkot, district Moga I Known by two names Balwinder Singh alias Binder Singh one and the same person. 63372

I, Rajinder Pal Son of Ram Chand R/o VPO Sujan, Tehsil Nawanshahr, District S.B.S. Nagar 144514, Punjab. Have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Joginder Pal. 63372

I, Diksha Dogra R/o Mohalla Sheikhan Nurmahal PO Nurmahal Distt. Jalandhar Punjab-144039 have Changed my name to Diksha Popli. 63372

I, Parampreet Singh S/o Pritam Singh R/o H.No-4116 Sector 125, Sunny Enclave, Near Sunny Club, Kharar Distt S.A.S Nagar (Mohali) have changed my name from Parampreet Singh Sasan to Parampreet Singh. 63372

I Gurmeet Singh S/O Bawa Singh Vpo Jalal Tehsil Rampura Phul Distt Bathinda Changed My Name Gurmit Singh. 63372

I Kewal Singh S/o Buta Singh RO Burj Hamira Tehsil Nihal Singh Wala District Moga have changed my name Kewal Singh to Nachhatar Singh. 63372

I, Gurleen Kaur Sapra W/o Gaganpreet Singh R/o H. No. 18, Guru Gian Vihar, Sector 8, Ludhiana have changed my name to Gurleen Kaur. 63372

I Jaswinder Singh S/o Nachhatar Singh R/o Vpo Mirpur Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana Have changed my name to Jaswinder Singh Hans. 63372

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I Telu Ram Alias Ishwar Dutt S/O Hari Kishan R/O Vats Farm House Near Bus Stand Ward No 12 Assandh Distt Karnal Declared That I Have Changed My Name From Telu Ram Alias Ishwar Dutt To Ishwar Dutt. This Is For All Future References. 63372

I, Jasmine W/o Firoz Ali R/O -Village Ghungrana, Dist. Ludhiana Punjab have Changed my name to Safia Sultana. 63372

I Baldev Singh S/o Gurmail Singh Samra R/o 1333 ch, power house, St. no. 3, Sidhwan bet road, Adarsh colony Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Baldev Singh Samra. 63372

I Shinder Kaur alias Shindo wife of Jagtar Singh resident of village Landeke district Moga have changed my name from Shinder Kaur alias Shindo to Shinder Kaur. 63372

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NEWS BRIEF

114 Million views and counting: How CGC University's Student-Led 'DSA Media crew' is redefining Digital Media

TLAK RAJ MOHALI: In the fast-paced world of digital content, going viral is an elusive goal for many professional agencies. But for the "DSA Media Crew", a student-led production team at CGC University, setting internet records has seamlessly integrated into their extracurricular schedule. In a mere ten months, the campus media collective has transformed from a local college initiative into a digital powerhouse. With a dedicated following of 12.3K, the crew has successfully bridged the gap between campus event coverage and mainstream entertainment, drawing the attention of some of the biggest superstars in the industry. The crew's crowning achievement arrived recently when Punjabi pop icon Sunanda Sharma posted one of their meticulously crafted reels. The video skyrocketed across the platform, shattering expectations to amass a staggering 114 million views. This historic digital footprint places the student group's reach alongside top-tier, professional media houses and marks an unprecedented milestone for university-level content creators.

MCM promotes digital wellness



CHANDIGARH: Geetanjali Counseling Helpline Committee and Hostel Committee of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, under the aegis of Directorate of Higher Education, Chandigarh Administration, and Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh, organised a digital wellness initiative titled "Sunday, Say No to Mobile Campaign" to address the growing concern of digital addiction among youth. The initiative, aimed at nearly 600 hostel residents, sought to create awareness about the adverse impact of excessive screen time on mental and emotional well-being. Students were encouraged to "unplug" from their devices and observe a "digital detox" hour to improve concentration, emotional balance, and interpersonal engagement with peers. As part of this institutional digital wellness drive, students participated in mindfulness and meditation sessions designed to alleviate stress and anxiety. They also took a pledge to use digital technology responsibly by making conscious choices regarding screen time, minimising unnecessary digital distractions, taking regular social media breaks, and engaging in meaningful activities that nurture mental well-being and healthy social interaction. Officiating Principal Ms. Neena Sharma lauded the efforts of the organising committees for sensitising students to the harmful effects of technology addiction and for promoting practical strategies to strengthen mental health and holistic well-being among the youth.

Nominations for MC Mohali, Kharar, Zirakpur from May 13 to 16

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, MAY 12

As per the election schedule announced by the Punjab State Election Commission regarding Municipal Corporation and Municipal Council elections, election will be conducted in wards falling under Municipal Corporation Mohali and Municipal Councils of Kharar, Kurali, Naya Gaon, Zirakpur, Derabassi, Lalru and Banur in Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar district. In this regard, Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Election Officer Mrs. Komal Mittal today held a detailed meeting with Returning Officers, Assistant Returning Officers, police officials and Additional District Election Officer-cum-Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rural Development) Sonam Chaudhary.



She informed that as per the election programme issued by the Election Commission, nomination papers for these local body elections can be filed from May 13 to May 16, 2026, between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Scrutiny of nomination papers will be conducted on May 18, while candidates may withdraw their nominations till May 19. Polling through ballot papers will take place on May 26, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and results will be declared after counting on May 29, 2026. The District Election Officer further informed that nomination papers for wards 1 to 25 of Municipal Corporation Mohali can be submitted at the office of Returning Officer Amarinder Singh Malhi, Additional Chief Administrator, GMADA, while nominations for wards 26 to 50 can be submitted at the office of Returning Officer Mrs. Daman-deep Kaur, SDM Mohali. For Municipal Council Kharar (27 wards), nomination papers will be received in the court room of Returning Officer Gurmeet Singh, SDM Kharar.

Awareness among family members essential for patient's recovery: Civil Surgeon

LK BANSAL
MOHALI, MAY 12

A masters training session on 'Care Companion Program' (CCP) was held at District Hospital here today, in which nursing staff of the hospital participated.

Addressing the gathering, Civil Surgeon Dr Sanjeeta Jain said that the objective of the 'Care Companion Program' is to train patients' family members, attendants, and relatives for proper patient care and complete recovery. She said that if patients and their family members are aware of basic aspects such as cleanliness, proper use of medicines, nutritious diet, and healthy lifestyle practices, patients can avoid many complications and recover faster.

Program Coordinator Dr. Atul provided detailed information about various aspects of the program. He said that the initiative was launched to provide better healthcare



services to people and is being implemented successfully with continuous improvements as per evolving needs. He added that if hospital staff is properly trained, they can effectively spread the right message and guidance among the public. He further emphasized that protecting patients from infections is extremely important. Along with personal hygiene, maintaining cleanliness in hospitals can help prevent the spread of infections and support faster recovery of patients.

Chandigarh Traffic police organizes specialized workshop on people-friendly communication

CHANDIGARH, MAY 12

Chandigarh Traffic Police organized a specialized workshop on People-Friendly Communication, Soft Skills, and Behavioral Change for Traffic Police personnel as part of its continuous efforts to enhance effective policing, professionalism, and public safety.

Under the leadership of Dr. Sagar Preet Hooda, Director General of Police, U.T. Chandigarh; the guidance of Pushpendra Kumar, Inspector General of Police, U.T. Chandigarh; and Sumer Par-tap Singh, Senior Superintendent of Police (Security & Traffic), and under the close supervision of Sh. Neeraj Sar-naDSP/Traffic Admindand Lakshay Pandey, DSP/Traffic (R&D) Road Safety, the workshop was organized at the Traffic Auditorium, Sector-29, Chandigarh.

Approximately 120 police officers and officials from the Traffic Wing participated in the workshop. Dr. Parvesh



Sharma, Inspector/In-Charge CTP, and Surinder Kumar, Inspector Traffic Administration, highlighted the significance of effective communication, positive behavioral transformation, and professional public interaction during traffic duties. The training sessions were conducted by eminent speakers including Dr. Kuldeep Singh, Chairman of Police Administration, Panjab University; Dr. Nandita Singh, Professor of Education, Panjab University; and

Amulya Shukla, Motivational Speaker & Professional Excellence Coach. The workshop focused on improving verbal and non-verbal communication skills, promoting smart policing, fostering empathy, and encouraging professionalism during public interactions. Important topics such as conflict resolution, handling difficult situations, and behavioral change strategies to strengthen police-public relations were discussed in detail.

Congress gears up for Pathankot MC Polls, candidates to be announced soon



SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, MAY 12

Former MP Jasbir Singh Dimpa, MP Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa and District Congress president Panna Lal Bhatia on Tuesday addressed a press conference at a private hotel in Pathankot and shared the party's strategy for the upcoming Municipal Corporation elections. Senior Congress leaders and observers appointed by the Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee for the civic polls were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the media, Jasbir Singh Dimpa said the Congress was fully prepared for the Pathankot Municipal Corporation elections and the names of candidates for all 50 wards would be announced

shortly. He said the party had been conducting surveys for a long time and only hardworking, honest and public-oriented candidates would be fielded. MP Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa said the Congress was entering the elections with strong contenders and expressed confidence that the party would repeat its previous success in the civic polls. He also targeted the Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab, alleging that it had failed to live up to the expectations of the people. Among those present were former MLA Amit Vij, MLA Naresh Puri, MLA Barindermeet Singh Pahra, Ashish Vij, Rakesh Bahl, Ajay Kumar, Nitin Mahajan Ladi, Jyoti Kumar, Vijay Kumar, Vikas Mahajan, Vikas Sharma.

Two-Day U-14 Girls' Basketball league concludes at Doraha Public School



AMRISH ANAND
DORAHA, MAY 12

A two-day Under-14 Girls' Basketball League was organised successfully at Doraha Public School on May 9 and 10. The tournament was conducted on a league-cum-knockout basis and witnessed enthusiastic participation from teams representing various schools.

The league was inaugurated by noted social worker Gurpreet Singh, who encouraged students to actively participate in sports and adopt a healthy lifestyle. The matches showcased impressive performances by the young players and kept spectators engaged throughout the tournament. Rishikul Senior Secondary School emerged as

the winner of the tournament, while its player Ishika was adjudged "Player of the Tournament" for her outstanding performance.

The host team, Doraha Public School, secured the second position, whereas West Point School finished third.

Refreshments and langar services during the event were sponsored by students of Doraha Public School, while medals and trophies were sponsored by Mehta Bartan Store. The prize distribution ceremony was conducted by Manjit Kaur. On the occasion, league manager S. Davinder Singh thanked the school principal, staff members and parents for their support in making the event a success.

Dr. AVM Public Senior Secondary School achieves 100% result in class 10 exams



LUDHIANA (SARBJIT SUFI): Dr. A.V.M Public Senior Secondary School, near Eisa Nagri Pulli, once again achieved a 100 percent result in the Class 10 examinations. Out of 107 students, Anushka secured 96.15 percent marks and earned a place in the merit list.

On this occasion, the school's Director Rajeev Kumar Lovely and Principal Manisha Gaba congratulated all students and staff members for the outstanding results. They said that the success of the students is the result of their hard work, the guidance of teachers, and the support of parents. The school management committee awarded Anushka with a cash prize of Rs 11,000, while the remaining students were presented with roses.

In the Class 10 results, Anushka secured the first position with 96.15 percent marks. Damanjot Kaur stood second with 94.30 percent marks, while Yashika secured the third position with 90.46 percent marks.

Similarly, 10 students scored between 80 and 90 percent marks. Several students secured marks between 70 and 80 percent, while 24 students successfully achieved marks between 60 and 70 percent.

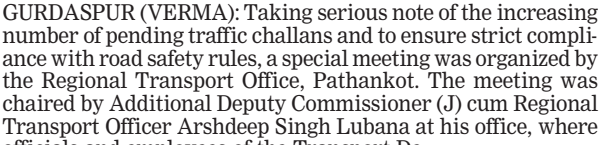
Amber Public School Nawan Tanel sets new record by securing 11 merits



CHOWK MEHTA (AMRIK SINGH): Amber Public School Nawan Tanel has set a new record by securing 11 merits during the Class X results announced by the Punjab School Education Board. It is noteworthy that this school also has the honor of securing the first two positions from Amritsar district. Tanveer Kaur secured 637 out of 650 marks, Gagandeep Kaur secured 637, Rajpreet Kaur secured 637, Sumanpreet Kaur secured 636, Charanjit Kaur secured 636, Ishmeet Kaur secured 633, Navpreet Singh secured 630, Pawneet Kaur secured 628, Inderpreet Kaur secured 628, Vandhanpreet Kaur secured 655 and Deepak Mehta secured 625 marks.

On this occasion, there was a happy atmosphere in the courtyard of Amber School today. The Chairman of the school, Mr. Sampuran Singh and Director, Mr. Sukhwinder Singh, Principal, Mr. Balkar Singh Hundal congratulated the hard-working staff, students and parents and expressed their happiness. And thanked Waheguru Ji.

Challans pending vehicles to be blacklisted: Arshdeep Singh Lubana



GURDASPUR (VERMA): Taking serious note of the increasing number of pending traffic challans and to ensure strict compliance with road safety rules, a special meeting was organized by the Regional Transport Office, Pathankot. The meeting was chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner (J) cum Regional Transport Officer Arshdeep Singh Lubana at his office, where officials and employees of the Transport Department along with representatives of related departments were present. During the meeting, Arshdeep Singh Lubana expressed concern that a large number of vehicle owners fail to deposit their traffic challans even after being issued.

In many cases, people do not take the challans seriously and leave them pending for months. As a result, the concerned vehicles are being blacklisted on the departmental portal. Officials informed that once a vehicle is blacklisted, the owner is deprived of several important transport department services. These include vehicle transfer, fitness certification, tax payment, permit-related work, No Objection Certificate (NOC), duplicate Registration Certificate (RC), driving licence services, and other online facilities.

Due to this, vehicle owners have to face additional financial and administrative difficulties. He further stated that many vehicle owners are unable to clear their challans on time due to lack of awareness or negligence. The department is also considering launching a special awareness campaign to educate the public.

Awareness seminar on drugs and traffic rules organized at Meera Public School



SARDULGARH (KULWINDER KARWAL): A special awareness program was organized at the local Meera Public School, Sardulewala, with the aim of educating students about social evils and traffic rules. ASI Gurdeep Singh from the Punjab Police made a special appearance at this program and guided the students.

Awareness About the Ill-Effects of Drugs: Addressing the students during the session, ASI Gurdeep Singh provided detailed information about the devastating health consequences of drug abuse. He appealed to the younger generation to stay away from the bad company of drugs, engage in sports, and adopt good habits in their lives.

Emphasis on Obeying Traffic Rules: Along with this, he also shared important information regarding road safety and traffic regulations.

The children were taught the importance of wearing a helmet while riding a two-wheeler and fastening a seatbelt while traveling in a car. He encouraged the students to strictly follow traffic rules so that precious lives can be saved from road accidents.

Roads, stadiums, parks, drinking water and sewerage projects progressing at war footing in Lehra constituency: Barinder Goyal



LEHRAGAGA (GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA): Punjab Cabinet Minister Barinder Goyal said that the Punjab Government is leaving no stone unturned for the overall development of Lehra constituency and the Moonak, and no shortage of funds will be allowed for development works. He said that repair and construction of roads in urban and rural areas, development of stadiums and parks, provision of drinking water facilities, and laying of sewerage lines are being carried out at a rapid pace. Barinder Goyal was addressing people while listening to their grievances at the residence of Joni Arora, Nagar Panchayat Committee Moonak.

During the event, he carefully heard the problems of local residents and directed the concerned officials to resolve them immediately. He said that the development of the Moonak constituency is his top priority and development works are being carried out in every ward and village without any discrimination. He further stated that the Punjab Government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann is working with a vision of public welfare. He said that the standard of government schools has been improved in the education sector, while healthcare services have been strengthened through Aam Aadmi Clinics and other medical facilities.

DC directs enumerators to perform duties with honesty and dedication



SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, MAY 12

A district-level review meeting regarding Phase-I of Census 2027 was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Sangrur, Ms. Punamdeep Kaur, at the meeting hall of the District Administrative Complex, Sangrur.

The objective of the meeting was to review the preparations and ongoing efforts to ensure that the Census work is carried out in a systematic and effective manner. During the meeting, the DC shared detailed information about the process of Phase-I of Census 2027. She informed that this phase involves house listing, collection of information regarding basic amenities, and ensuring the accuracy of the

data, all of which are crucial components of the Census exercise. The DC issued clear instructions to all Charge Officers to complete the Census work in a time-bound and transparent manner. She laid special emphasis on promoting the self-enumeration process, ensuring the proper formation of Census Supervisory Circles, appropriate allocation of House Listing Blocks, and conducting extensive publicity campaigns to spread awareness about Census 2027. In addition, she directed enumerators to discharge their duties with responsibility and diligence. She stressed that officers at all levels must work in close coordination to ensure the successful completion of the Census exercise without any hindrance.

Air Force School Pathankot student Anurag Sharma secures second position across India

VERMA
SUJANPUR, MAY 12

Student Anurag Sharma of Air Force School Pathankot has brought pride to the school and the region by securing the second position at the national level in the Class 10 Board Examination 2025-26. Anurag Sharma scored an outstanding 99.2 percent marks and achieved the second rank among all Air Force Schools across India. Giving information about the achievement, school principal Mrs. Aarti Bali stated that Anurag Sharma's accomplishment has been officially recognized by Air Headquarters, New Delhi. In recognition of his remarkable success, he will be felicitated during the Annual Education Conference 2026.

Mann Govt working for equality shown by Sri Guru Ravidass Ji; Youth must build 'Begampura' envisioned by Guru Sahib: Harpal Singh Cheema

CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR, MAY 12

As part of a series of programs planned by the Punjab Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann to celebrate the 650th Parkash Purab of Sri Guru Ravidass Ji on a grand scale, a special seminar dedicated to the teachings and philosophy of Sri Guru Ravidass Ji was organised today at Guru Nanak Dev University. Addressing the seminar, Punjab Finance, Planning, Taxation, Excise and Transport Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said, "The youth must come forward to build India into the 'Begampura' envisioned by Sri Guru Ravidass Ji. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government is functioning according to the principles of equality preached by Sri Guru Ravidass Ji." Harpal Singh



Cheema informed, "While the Punjab Government is expanding the Sri Guru Ravidass Memorial at Khuralgarh, it is also establishing the Sri Guru Ravidass Bani Study Centre at Faridpur village and the work on the project will commence very soon." Speaking about the teachings of Sri Guru Ravidass Ji, the Finance Minister stated, "Although constitutions across the world, including that of India, speak of equality and justice, Sri Guru Ravidass Ji conveyed these ideals to humanity through spiritual teachings nearly 650 years ago and presented the world with the concept of 'Begampura.' Even to-

day, there is a need to follow the principles of equality and social justice preached by Sri Guru Ravidass Ji and eliminate discrimination from society." Highlighting the centenary celebrations, he added, "It is a matter of pride that Punjab is celebrating the centenary events of its revered Gurus. During the 649th birth anniversary celebrations of Sri Guru Ravidass Ji at Khuralgarh, Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann had announced year-long programmes to celebrate the 650th Parkash Purab on a grand scale and spread the message of Sri Guru Ravidass Ji across the world."



JAITU (JAGDEEP SINGH GILL) : Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker S. Kaltar Singh Sandhwan held a public meeting at village Tehna today. During which he listened carefully to the problems and demands of the people who had gathered in large numbers. On this occasion, Speaker S. Sandhwan said that the Punjab Government under the leadership of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann is committed to providing transparent, accountable and timely services to the people. He said that solving the problems of the common people on priority basis is the top priority of the government. While listening to the problems presented by the people during the public meeting, Speaker S. Sandhwan issued instructions to the officers of the concerned departments on the spot and said that the work of the people should be done on priority basis within the stipulated time.

NEWS BRIEF

Elections will be held for Faridkot, Kotkapura and Jaito Municipal Councils: DC



SURINDER DAMDAMI FARIDKOT : State Election Commission According to the election schedule issued by Punjab, Faridkot Municipal Council under Faridkot District The elections for Kotkapura and Jaito will be held on May 26, 2026. Giving information in this regard, Deputy Commissioner Faridkot cum District Election Officer Rahul Chaba said that the State Election Commission has taken all necessary measures to conduct the elections in a fair, impartial and peaceful manner. Punjab Chandigarh has nominated a Returning Officer and Assistant Returning Officer. He informed that for the Municipal Council Faridkot, Puneet Sharma SDM Faridkot has been appointed as the Returning Officer and Jatinderpal Singh Mann has been appointed as the Returning Officer. Agriculture Development Officer (Enforcement) Faridkot has been appointed as Assistant Returning Officer.

Model Code of conduct enforced in Municipal Councils going to Polls

HARPALSINGH AMRITSAR : As per Notification No. 03/01/51-(2)/52/2026/75 and Notification No. 03/01/51-(2)/52/2026/76 dated 11-05-2026 issued by the Department of Local Government under Section 7-A of the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976 and Section 13-A of the Punjab Municipal Election Act, 1911, the State Election Commission has announced the election schedule for conducting general elections to elect members of 8 Municipal Corporations, 76 Municipal Councils and 21 Nagar Panchayats (total 105) across the state.

Pre-Lok Adalats organised in Hoshiarpur for resolving pending SC cases

DALJEET AINCHA HOSHIARPUR: The Supreme Court of India launched the 'Samadhan Samaroh' on April 21, 2026, which will culminate in a special Lok Adalat on August 21, 22, and 23, 2026. Following directives from the Member Secretary, Punjab State Legal Services Authority, SAS Nagar, district legal services authorities have been instructed to hold pre-Lok Adalats to settle pending Supreme Court cases through mutual consent and compromise. Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Neeraj Goyal, informed that summons have been issued to relevant parties based on the list of cases received from the Supreme Court and the head office in SAS Nagar.

PPS Nabha felicitates ISC 2026 toppers for exceptional performance



RAKESH JINDAL NABHA : The felicitation ceremony to honour the ISC Batch 2026 was held at The Punjab Public School on May 10, 2026. Anahajot Kaur Hari (Science Stream) topped with 99.8% marks. Naman Goyal and Ishmeet Kaur (Science Stream) and Anya Bath and Akashveer (Humanities Stream) stood second with 99% marks. Manteshwar Singh Ranu (Humanities) was third with 98.5% marks. All 99 students who took the ISC examination passed with distinction. 34 Students made the Perfect Score of 100 in various subjects-Physical Education (17), Political Science (07), Punjabi (07), Chemistry (02) and Computer Science (01).

Mann govt constitutes committee to finalise reservation for Agniveers in Govt jobs

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, MAY 12

In a major initiative aimed at rehabilitating Agniveers returning to Punjab after completing their tenure under the Agnipath scheme, the Punjab Government on Tuesday decided to formulate a reservation policy for them in government jobs. CM Bhagwant Singh Mann constituted a high-powered committee of senior civil and police officers to finalise the modalities and framework for extending reservation benefits to Agniveers in state government services.

Chairing a high-level meeting here, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann gave in-principle approval to extend reservation to Agniveers in government jobs and said the policy framework should be finalised in a time-bound manner so that these trained and disciplined youth can become an integral part of Punjab's social and economic development.

On this, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated, "The basic contours of the reservation policy need to be worked out in a comprehensive manner so that Agniveers returning after serving the nation can be meaningfully rehabilitated and their skills can be utilised for the progress of Punjab."

The Chief Minister constituted a committee comprising senior officers Vikas Partap, Bhawna Garg, Sumer Singh Gurjar and SS Srivastva to pre-



pare recommendations and finalise the modalities regarding reservation and recruitment of Agniveers in various departments.

Highlighting the capabilities of Agniveers, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said their services can be effectively utilised in departments such as Punjab Police, Forest Guards, Fire Fighting Services, Jails, Home Guards, PESCO and several other wings of the government.

"The criteria regarding reservation

and selection of Agniveers should be finalised at the earliest so that the services of these highly skilled and disciplined youth can be utilised in the best possible manner," he said.

The Chief Minister further said Punjab has always played a historic role in safeguarding the unity and integrity of the country. "It is a matter of immense pride and satisfaction that besides being the food bowl of the country, Punjab is also known as the sword arm of the nation."

The people of Punjab are recognised across the world for their courage, resilience and spirit of enterprise," CM Bhagwant Singh Mann added. Recognising the immense contribution made by personnel of the Armed Forces, paramilitary forces, Police and Agniveers in protecting the nation, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said the Punjab Government already provides financial assistance of ₹1 crore to families of martyrs who lay down their lives in the line of duty.

"This reflects the firm commitment of the Punjab Government towards ensuring the welfare of soldiers, paramilitary personnel, police personnel and their families," CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said, while expressing hope that the initiative would help secure the future of Agniveers and provide support to their families after their service to the nation.

Harleen Sharma who secured first position in Punjab in 10th class, honoured by CM



RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR
JAITO, MAY 12

Saraswati Senior Secondary School Jaito in Faridkot district has emerged as the best in the 10th class results announced by the Punjab School Education Board. Jaito's talented student Harleen Sharma A resident of village Chaina (Jaito) has secured first position in the entire Punjab by scoring 646 marks out of 650.

With this brilliant achievement of Harleen, the name of Faridkot district, Jaito city and the school has been brought to light in the entire Punjab. On this occasion, Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann took a unique initiative and honored Harleen Sharma with immediate effect and presented her with a prize money

of Rs. 50 thousand. On this occasion, Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the Punjab Government is committed to encouraging students who perform excellently in the field of education and every possible opportunity will be provided to talented children. He said that this achievement of student Harleen Sharma will be a source of inspiration for other students as well. He said that students of government and private schools are making Punjab's name shine across the country with continuous hard work and dedication.

Which is a matter of pride. Harleen Sharma's mother Renu Bala and father Jaswinder Kumar Sharma were also present on this occasion. Punjab Vidhan Sabha

Speaker S. Kaltar Singh Sandhwan Congratulating Harleen Sharma and her family, the Chief Minister said that this achievement is a proud moment for Faridkot district. He said that it is only due to the hard work and guidance of parents, teachers and school management that students achieve such heights. He spoke to Harleen Sharma over the phone and congratulated her and her parents. On this occasion, MLA Faridkot Gurdit Singh Sekhon, MLA Jaito Amolak Singh, Secretary School Education Punjab Madam Sonali Giri, District Education Officer Secondary Anjana Council and Principal Kusam Kalra also congratulated Harleen Sharma for this proud achievement and wished her a bright future.

'Chetna' and public policy internship programmes to be launched to familiarize students with government offices

TAPINDER SINGH
PATIALA, MAY 12

In a unique initiative aimed at acquainting students with administrative functioning, Patiala Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal has announced the launch of the 'Chetna' and 'Public Policy Internship Programmes' in the district.

He appealed to heads of all educational institutions in the district to encourage maximum student participation in these programmes so that more students can benefit from them. Reviewing the functioning of the District Bureau of Employment and Enterprises here today, Dr. Aggarwal said that under the 'Chetna' programme, school students in the district will be taken in groups to various offices of the district administration to familiarize them with administrative procedures and services. He said the objective is to educate stu-



dents so that they can conveniently access administrative services from government offices and service centres whenever required in the future. Exposure visits will also be organized to tehsil offices, RTO offices, police stations and other government departments. The Deputy Commissioner further stated that under the Public Policy Internship Programme, school and college students will get an opportunity to undertake a three-month internship with the district administration. During the internship, stu-

Pradeep Singla meets Ravneet Bittu at Rail Bhawan

RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR
JAITO, MAY 12



MR Pradeep Singla former Director of the Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation, former Vice President of the Jaito Municipal Council, and a BJP leader—met with the Union Minister of State for Railways, Ravneet Singh Bittu, at the central Rail Bhawan in Delhi.

During the meeting, he submitted a memorandum addressing various railway-related improvements and issues facing the city of Jaito. Pradeep Singla apprised Union Minister Ravneet Singh Bittu, presenting full factual details, regarding a major issue plagu-

ing Jaito: the inconvenience caused by the frequent closure of the railway crossing located on the Sri Muktsar Sahib road. Additionally, keeping in mind the needs of pilgrims traveling from Ferozepur to destinations such as Haridwar and Sri Hazur Sahib (Nanded), he submitted a memorandum requesting that trains originating from Ferozepur be granted a scheduled halt at Jaito.

The memorandum also highlighted the difficulties arising from the Jaito railway station's platform being both too short and too low, a structural deficiency that causes significant trouble for passengers attempting to board or alight from trains.

Foundation stone laid for construction of New Lawyers' Chambers at District Court Fatehgarh Sahib



FATEHGARH SAHIB (BIKRAMJEET SAHOTA): A significant step towards strengthening the judicial infrastructure at District Court Fatehgarh Sahib was undertaken with the foundation stone laying ceremony of the project for construction of new chambers for advocates. The ceremony was graced by Justice Sheel Nagu, Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Justice Harsimran Singh Sethi, Chairman Building Committee Punjab, Justice Suvir Sehgal, Member Building Committee Punjab, along with Justice Vikram Aggarwal, Administrative Judge of Fatehgarh Sahib Sessions Division, who joined through virtual mode. The High Court had approved the design on September 24, 2024, for construction of 108 chambers and the project received formal approval vide letter No. 2611/Spl. Gen./III.2(a) dated 24.09.2024. As per the approved plan, the building will consist of a ground floor designated for parking along with six upper floors accommodating 108 chambers in total. Each chamber will measure approximately 9 feet 3 inches x 13 feet and will be allotted on a twin-sharing basis for two advocates per room. With the foundation stone laying ceremony, the project has now formally entered the construction phase aimed at providing improved facilities and infrastructure for the legal fraternity at District Courts Fatehgarh Sahib.

Green Field Convent School teaches children how to avoid heat



BARNALA (BALWINDER AZAD): At Green Field Convent (Senior Secondary) School Dangarh, Ajinderpal Tiwana, in-charge, told the children how heat can affect us. For example, by walking in the sun too much, doing heavy exercise or doing work that causes a lot of sweat and by continuously doing physical work in a hot, stuffy environment, when heat affects the human body, different reactions occur. So, due to the increase in body temperature, a person can suffer from three main types of diseases. Heat exhaustion, heat cramps and excessive increase in body temperature, which is also called 'heat stroke' and this is the most fatal and becomes a worrying condition in a patient with heat. Keep a wet towel on the head. Using sunscreen cream on the skin protects the skin from sunburn. Keep most of the body covered to avoid sunburns. To protect yourself from heat, always change your food and drink according to the change in the weather. Use quickly digestible cold liquids, curd, lassi, salad etc. in your food. Do not eat spicy, hot foods, do not use juices from the market, kulfis, fruit chaat, cut and kept naked fruits, rotten vegetables etc., do not eat stale bread, biscuits, cakes etc. Take special care of cleanliness.

Ashapurni Samaj Sudhar Sabha distributes ration to 85 needy families



SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, MAY 12

Continuing its commitment towards social welfare, Ashapurni Samaj Sudhar Sabha organised its 206th monthly ration distribution programme under the leadership of Sabha president Vinod Kumar Malhotra.

During the event, ration kits were distributed among 85 needy families of the city. The newly appointed core committee members of Khatri Sabha attended the function as chief guests. Among

Health Minister hands over ownership documents to 393 families under proprietary rights scheme

TAPINDER SINGH
PATIALA, MAY 12

Under the Punjab Government's public welfare scheme "Mera Ghar Mere Naam," Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Balbir Singh today handed over proprietary rights to 393 families and distributed ownership documents to beneficiaries at village Rodgarh in Patiala district. Addressing the gathering,

Dr. Balbir Singh said that the "Mera Ghar Mere Naam" scheme is a historic and people-centric initiative of the Punjab Government aimed at providing legal ownership rights to people who had been residing in their homes for generations but were deprived of legal documentation.



He said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, the Punjab Government is committed to ensuring people receive their rightful entitlements while maintaining administrative transparency. The Health Minister stated that the entire process under the scheme has been implemented in a transparent manner. Detailed surveys of houses,

Two alleged accused arrested; 29.20 gm heroin recovered : SSP

SANGRUR (SUMER GARG): Dr. Ravjot Grewal, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Sangrur, informed the press that during the ongoing campaign against drugs and anti-social elements, the Sangrur Sub-Division Police carried out significant action over the past week.

Between May 6 and May 11, 2026, the police registered two cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS Act) and arrested two alleged accused. A total of 29.20 grams of heroin (commonly known as chitta) was recovered from their possession. In addition, one case was registered under the Excise Act. One accused was arrested, and 24 bottles of illicit liquor were seized from his possession, including 17 bottles of Desi Rajdhani liquor and 9 bottles of One Whisky. Apart from this, 11 accused were arrested in connection with heinous crimes and other offences. Five individuals struggling with drug addiction were provided medicines and assistance to help them overcome their dependency. The police also intensified enforcement of traffic regulations. Approximately 102 traffic challans were issued against vehicles violating various traffic rules. During the checking of suspicious persons, action under Section 172 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) was taken against 75 individuals, while preventive action was initiated against three persons.

Guru Kashi University unveils strategic roadmap for Tech Innovation and global placements

ANANTDEEP KAUR
BATHINDA, MAY 12

In a significant move to bridge the gap between academia and industry 4.0, Guru Kashi University (GKU) hosted a high-profile press meet in Bathinda today to announce a series of cutting-edge academic and professional initiatives. The university is set to expand its footprint in emerging sectors, including Artificial Intelligence (AI), Cyber Security, Drone Technology, and Renewable Energy.



learning, but for hands-on technical mastery. On this occasion, giving information about the bilateral agreements signed with various international universities in the field of research and innovation, the Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr. Piush Verma said that the university has signed a bilateral agreement with Larsen & Toubro Company to start new courses for the students and industrial training, live projects and internship. He shared information about the courses started for the students in the latest fields like machine learning, cyber security, data science, cloud computing, robotics etc. "To enhance the mutual cooperation between academic and industrial institutions, Ultratec Cement has also started a Center of Excellence at GKU.

Elections announced for 80 wards of Municipal Councils in Fatehgarh Sahib District: Dr. Sona Thind

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAY 12

The Punjab State Election Commission has announced elections for 80 wards falling under the Municipal Councils of Sarhind-Fatehgarh Sahib, Mandi Gobindgarh, Bassi Pathana, and the Nagar Panchayat Khamano. As per the final publication issued on May 5, 2026, these bodies together have 1,24,733 registered voters, including 64,717 male, 60,010 female, and six third-gender voters, across 137 polling booths.



District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner Dr. Sona Thind (IAS) shared this information during a preparatory meeting held at the District Administrative Complex. The meeting was attended by Returning Officers, Assistant Returning Officers, and other officials connected with the election process. Dr. Thind emphasized that the elections must be conducted in a transparent and well-coordinated manner.

According to the guidelines issued by the Election Commission, nomination papers can be filed between May 13 and May 16, 2026. Scrutiny of the nominations will take place on May 18, while candidates can withdraw their names until May 19. Polling will be conducted on May 26, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM through ballot papers. The results will be declared on May 29, 2026. Providing detailed statistics, Dr. Thind said that Bassi Pathana Municipal Council has 15 wards with 16,046 voters, including 8,283 male and 7,763 female voters, and 19 polling booths.

UNI DHARAMSHALA: A total of 7,194 nomination papers were filed on the final day of the nomination process for Panchayati Raj Institution elections in Kangra on May 11, taking the cumulative tally over the three-day filing period to 19,748. Assistant District Election Officer (Panchayat) Sachin Thakur said that on the last day, 1,406 nominations were filed for the post of Pradhan, 1,597 for Up-Pradhan, 3,441 for Ward

Member, 616 for Panchayat Samiti Member, and 134 for Zila Parishad Member. He said that during the three-day nomination process, a total of 3,860 nomination papers were filed for Pradhan posts, 4,219 for Up-Pradhan, 9,799 for Ward Member, 1,604 for Panchayat Samiti Member, and 266 for Zila Parishad Member posts. Candidates across various development blocks of the district participated enthusiastically in the nomination process, he added.

CHANDIGARH
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026

NEWS BRIEF

Mobile health service organises free health camp in Gram Panchayat Bhadouri



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: A free health camp was organised by the mobile health service team in Gram Panchayat Bhadouri. In the camp, the villagers were provided with health check-ups, consultation by doctors, medicines and various health tests. During the camp, a total of 79 people were taken for OPD and 38 health tests were conducted. While making people aware about health, information was also given regarding cleanliness and prevention of seasonal diseases. Asha workers and Anganwadi workers played a special role in the successful organisation of the camp. On this occasion, members of Team Haroli, Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Ruchi, Manish and Nihal Singh were present.

CM emphasizes resilient infrastructure and livelihood protection

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 12

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu chaired a high level meeting to review the Resilient Action for Development and Disaster Recovery- Himachal Pradesh (READY-HP) here today. He said that the total outlay of the project is Rs. 2687 crore and described it as a crucial initiative for strengthening disaster resilience in the state. The Chief Minister while referring to the increasing impact of natural calamities, said that the state witnessed 86 cloudbursts, 234 landslides and 121 flash floods between 2023 to 2025 resulting in a loss of above Rs. 12,500 crore to the state. He said that Himachal Pradesh is highly vulnerable to the natural calamities as the state falls in



the young and fragile Himalayan geological region. Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that the project aims to restore disaster affected infrastructure including roads, water supply schemes, power and livelihood projects while ensuring a resilient recovery mechanism across the state. He said that the objective of READY-HP is to support resilient disaster recovery. It

will also focus on developing resilient public services, promoting livelihood opportunities through initiatives like green panchayats and strengthening risk informed social safety and insurance mechanisms. He stressed the need for developing robust infrastructure to support farmers and horticulturists so that their livelihoods remain protected and resilient during

natural disasters. Chief Secretary Sanjay Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary Revenue K.K. Pant, Principal Secretary Finance Devesh Kumar, Advisor Planning Ravinder Kumar, Director, Energy Rakesh Kumar Prajapati, Director Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Raghav Sharma, Deputy Project Director Surender Malu and other senior officers were present in the meeting.

Prepare Nutrition Policy for state by 31st May: CM

Directs to digitize patient's data in IGMC on pilot basis

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 12

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has directed to formulate a Nutrition Policy before 31st May this year. He was presiding over a meeting of senior officers of the Health Department here last evening. He said that there is a need to create widespread awareness among the people of the state regarding the nutritional value of the food to achieve the vision of a 'Fit Himachal'. He said that Himachal Pradesh is set to become the first state in the country to formulate such a comprehensive policy. The Chief Minister said that digitization in the Health Department is very important. He directed officials to make records of patients available



online so that people can get faster and easier healthcare services. He said that with this system, patients will not need to carry paper registration slips or medical test reports. He asked the department to start a pilot project at Indira Gandhi Medical College and Hospital to digitize patient data in five departments viz. Pathology, Radiology, Mycology, Biochemistry and Pharmacy departments and assured to provide adequate manpower to implement this project. He

said that after its successful implementation, the project will be expanded to all departments of IGMC and other medical colleges in the state. Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that the state government is committed to provide world class health care facilities to the people of the state within the State and plans are underway to spend Rs. 3000 crore on high-end machines and equipment for strengthening the health care system.

CU ranks among world's top 300 in QS subject rankings 2026



DINESH AGARWAL
HAMIRPUR: Chandigarh University (CU) is maintaining its upward march in global rankings for academic excellence, innovative pedagogy, research and placements by securing a place among world's top 300 Universities in three key subjects including Computer Science and Information Systems, Electrical-Electronics Engineering and Mechanical, Aeronautical and Manufacturing Engineering in the latest edition of the prestigious QS World University Rankings by Subjects 2026, Prof (Dr) RS Bawa, Advisor to the Chancellor of Chandigarh University, said while addressing a Press Conference at Hamirpur in Himachal Pradesh. "Chandigarh University has also more than doubled the number of subjects ranked in QS World University Rankings by Subjects-2026 with the number of its ranked subjects going up from five in the 2025 Rankings to 11 Subjects including Business Management, Chemical Engineering, Biological Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics and Economics in the 2026 Rankings.

BJP set for big win in Himachal Civic Polls: Sikander Kumar



DINESH AGARWAL
PALAMPUR/SHIMLA: Rajya Sabha MP from Himachal Pradesh, Prof. (Dr.) Sikander Kumar, on Tuesday said that the people of the state are distressed by the "anti-people policies" of the Congress government and that the BJP is poised for a massive victory in the upcoming municipal and Panchayati Raj elections. Addressing election campaign meetings in Palampur, Dr. Sikander Kumar alleged that the Congress government has failed to fulfill the promises made during the 2022 Assembly elections, leaving people disappointed and regretful of their decision. He criticized the state government over issues such as increased cess on petrol and diesel, reduction in electricity subsidies, and slowdown in development works, claiming these decisions have made life difficult for common citizens. He also accused Congress of failing to fulfill its promises regarding financial assistance to women and employment opportunities for youth. The BJP leader further stated that there is a strong wave in favour of the BJP across Himachal Pradesh, especially in Palampur.

Despite Congress having MLA, Minister and Municipal Corporation in Solan, people still suffer for basic amenities: Dr. Rajeev Bindal

DINESH AGARWAL
SOLAN, MAY 12

BJP Himachal Pradesh President Dr. Rajeev Bindal today released the BJP's "Sankalp Patra" for the Solan Municipal Corporation elections and strongly criticized the Congress government and the functioning of the Municipal Corporation. He said that despite Congress being in power at every level — the MLA, the Minister and the Municipal Corporation — the people of Solan are still struggling for basic amenities such as drinking water, cleanliness and parking facilities. Dr. Bindal said that Congress had made several tall promises during the 2021 Municipal Corporation elections, but none of them have been fulfilled on the ground. He stated that



Congress had promised affordable and regular drinking water supply to every household, but today residents are forced to wait for days and even weeks for water supply. When water does arrive, it is often dirty and unfit for drinking. Many families have been compelled to spend thousands of rupees on private water tankers while simultaneously facing increased water bills. He

further said that Congress had promised free garbage collection services in its earlier manifesto, but instead garbage charges were increased and the city has now turned into a dumping ground. The sanitation system has completely collapsed and people are facing severe inconvenience. He added that Congress had also promised parking facilities, transport hubs, parks and development in all wards, but these promises remain unfulfilled. Dr. Bindal said that Congress is once again trying to mislead the people with another manifesto filled with false promises. He said Congress must first explain what happened to its 2021 manifesto and give an account of how many promises were actually fulfilled. Highlighting BJP's vision, Dr. Bindal stated that the BJP's

Sankalp Patra is not merely a document of promises but a comprehensive roadmap for Solan's development. BJP has resolved to transform Solan into the cleanest, safest, greenest and smartest city in Himachal Pradesh. The party has promised modern door-to-door garbage collection systems in every ward, establishment of a scientific waste management plant, digital monitoring of sanitation services and an increase in the number of sanitation workers. He further said that BJP will ensure clean and adequate drinking water supply to every household, regular and time-bound water distribution, and implement a special action plan to prevent leakages. Dedicated water tanks will be developed in every ward and the sewerage network in the city will be expanded and modernized.

Electoral roll revision under SIR should be conducted with full transparency and accuracy: Dr Sukhbir Singh Sandhu



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Dr Sukhbir Singh Sandhu on Tuesday inspected a polling station at Government Senior Secondary School Shoghi and reviewed electoral arrangements, voter facilities and basic infrastructure available at the polling centre. During the inspection, the Election Commissioner issued necessary directions regarding the Special Summary Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. He said the revision process should be carried out with complete transparency and accuracy to ensure that no eligible voter is left out of the voter list. Dr Sandhu said the Special Summary Revision was an important process for strengthening democracy and directed officials to ensure participation of all political parties and citizens in the exercise. He instructed officials to complete within the stipulated timeframe the process of adding names of new voters, deleting names of deceased or shifted voters and correcting errors in the electoral rolls.

Digital Census mission gains momentum in Bilaspur; Rahul launches three-day mega training drive for Census 2027

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, MAY 12

In a major step toward the successful implementation of Census 2027, Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar today inaugurated a three-day district-level training program for field trainers at the DRDA Auditorium, Bilaspur. Organized under the Directorate of Census Operations, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, the program focuses on preparations for Phase I of Census 2027 — the House Listing Operation. Addressing the gathering, Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar described the census as the nation's most significant statistical exercise, emphasizing its crucial role in shaping government policies, welfare schemes, constituency



delimitation, and developmental planning. He stated that census data forms the backbone of effective governance and public welfare initiatives, adding that enumerators are not merely collecting information but contributing directly to nation-building. The training program is equipping officials with modern digital tools and advanced census methodologies, including the use of the CMMS portal, HLO platform, and HLBC

mobile application for real-time data collection, monitoring, and mapping of village boundaries and supervisory areas. Assistant Director of Census Operations Priyanshu Tiwari highlighted that the House Listing Operation would generate valuable data related to housing conditions, infrastructure, and household amenities, which would assist governments and planning agencies in policy formulation and development strategies.

Lok Sabha efforts to bring uniformity in legislative procedures commendable: Kuldeep Pathania

YUGMARG BUREAU
MYSURU, MAY 12

Addressing the meeting of the Committee of Presiding Officers of state legislatures organised by the Karnataka Legislative Assembly at Silent Shores Resort in Mysuru, Kuldeep Singh Pathania said the efforts of the Lok Sabha to bring uniformity in the rules of procedure and conduct of business in legislative bodies at the national level were commendable. He said uniformity between Parliament and state legislatures would be in the national interest and would ensure that the Centre and states followed a similar parliamentary system. The committee of presiding officers constituted by the Lok Sabha comprises



representatives from six legislatures. Satish Mahana chaired the meeting. Apart from Kuldeep Singh Pathania, the meeting was attended by U T Khader Fareed, Vijender Gupta and Shringain Longkumer as members. Rahul Narwekar could not attend the meeting due to unavoidable reasons. The meeting began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by dignitaries. During the deliberations, members discussed and comparatively

analysed the rules, procedures and functioning of their respective legislatures. In his address, Satish Mahana specially mentioned Kuldeep Singh Pathania and described him as a renowned expert in the parliamentary system whose knowledge served as a guiding force for all members. Pathania gave a detailed presentation on the functioning and rules currently followed in the Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly.

BJP releases vision document for Dharamshala MC, focus on basic infrastructure and modern development: Sudhir Sharma

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAY 12

Senior BJP leader and MLA Sudhir Sharma, while releasing the BJP's "Sankalp Patra" for the Dharamshala Municipal Corporation elections, stated that the Bharatiya Janata Party is committed to transforming Dharamshala into a modern, well-planned, environment-friendly and world-class tourist city. He said that the document is not merely an election manifesto but a comprehensive vision document prepared with a long-term development perspective for the entire Municipal Corporation area. On the occasion, BJP State Vice President Pawan Kajal, spokesperson Rakesh Sharma, Sanjay Sharma, Vishav Chakshu and District President Sachin Sharma were also prominently present. Sudhir Sharma said



that the BJP's vision document has been prepared keeping in mind the present requirements and future challenges of Dharamshala city. He added that while BJP candidates have separately highlighted local ward-level issues, the party's Sankalp Patra provides a long-term roadmap for the holistic development of the Municipal Corporation. He said the BJP's priority is to strengthen basic infrastructure, modernize traffic management and improve the quality of life for citizens. With this objective, the party has resolved to develop smart parking

facilities at 22 identified locations, ensure 24x7 drinking water supply and construct small dams on major khads for water conservation. Sudhir Sharma further stated that BJP will initiate a funicular transport project from Charan Khad to Bhagsunag to reduce traffic congestion and promote tourism. He pointed out that the project was originally proposed in the Smart City DPR but failed to materialize due to lack of political will. He assured that once BJP forms the Municipal Corporation, the project will be prioritized.

AIIMS Bilaspur leads historic newborn life-saving mission as India marks NRP Day with massive healthcare training drive

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, MAY 12

In a remarkable nationwide initiative aimed at strengthening newborn survival and reducing neonatal deaths, the National Neonatology Forum (NNF) India celebrated NRP Day with one of the country's largest synchronized healthcare training campaigns. The Department of Neonatology at All India Institute of Medical Sciences Bilaspur actively participated in this historic mission by organizing an intensive



hands-on Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) training session for healthcare professionals. AIIMS Registrar Dr Rakesh Singh said in a release that the nationwide campaign, led under the guidance of Dr Lalan Kumar Bharti, aims to ensure that every newborn receives immediate and effective resuscitation support at birth. Across India, nearly 1,100 training courses were conducted simultaneously, training around 23,000 healthcare providers in critical newborn life-saving skills. At AIIMS Bilaspur,

36 healthcare professionals from both government and private sectors underwent specialized practical training under the leadership of Dr Nalini A and Dr Ashok Garg. The program was held under the patronage of Lt Gen Prof Dr Daljit Singh. Experts emphasized that the first few minutes after birth are extremely crucial, and timely intervention can save countless newborn lives. This synchronized national effort is expected to create a historic milestone in India's healthcare journey toward safer newborn survival.

Baddi Police conducts flag march in Nalagarh ahead of MC Elections 2026

ANWAR HUSSAIN
NALAGARH:

Keeping in view the upcoming Municipal Council Nalagarh Elections 2026, Baddi Police on Monday conducted a flag march and area domination exercise in various wards of the Nalagarh region to ensure free, fair, and peaceful elections. The flag march was carried out with the objective of maintaining law and order in the area and strengthening the sense of security and confidence among the general public. During the march, police personnel interacted with local residents and encouraged them to participate in the voting process fearlessly, peacefully, and impartially. Citizens were assured that comprehensive security arrangements are being made to ensure smooth conduct of the elections. Police officials also warned that strict action would be taken against anyone attempting to disrupt the election process, indulge in anti-social activities, or disturb law and order during the elections. Baddi Police stated that its primary aim is to maintain public confidence, ensure a peaceful environment, and facilitate a free and fair electoral process. The police also appealed to the public to cooperate with the police and administration in conducting the elections peacefully.



RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL: The Art of Living organization completed 45 years on Tuesday. A langar service was organized at Kaithal Pathwa Chowk on this occasion. Brahmachari Dnyaneshwar Ji explained that Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji founded this organization exactly 45 years ago. Today, the organization has established its presence in both India and abroad, serving approximately 190



countries. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also visited the International Ashram in

Bengaluru and inaugurated the meditation temple. To celebrate this occasion, volunteers organized a langar service in Kaithal. It began with bhajans. Devotees experienced the wonderful combination of food and bhajans. Kavita Gandhi, Sonia Miglani, Ruchi Sharma, Piyush Hasija, Vineet Hasija, Yudhishtir, Garima Kapil Gugnani, Shailja Khurana, and Bharat Khurana were present.

CHANDIGARH
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026

NEWS BRIEF

Badaeher school students excel in board examinations



KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Students of Government Senior Secondary School Badaeher have brought laurels to the institution by delivering outstanding results in the Class 10 board examinations. School principal Gyan Singh Raizada shared the information during a felicitation ceremony organised for students and their parents. He said student Jaspreet Singh secured an impressive 97.57 percent marks in the examination. Student Jaspreet Kaar scored 96.57 percent, while Simran secured 91.71 percent marks. The principal said the achievement had made not only the parents but also the entire school fraternity proud. Giving details of the results, he said Jaspreet Singh secured 683 marks out of 700, Jaspreet Kaar obtained 676 marks, while Simran scored 642 marks.

Sugni Devi School strikes Gold: Nine Medals at National Taekwondo Championship



KARAMBIR LADWA: Players of Sugni Devi School, Ladwa performed brilliantly in the Open National Taekwondo Championship and won nine medals. This information was given by school Principal Pooja Chhabra. She told that about 1500 players from all over the country had participated in this competition which ran from May 8 to 10 in which our school students Sunaina, Venika, Warish, Rihan and Drishti won gold medals, Drishti Nandal and Sneha won silver medals and Vanshika and Pari brought glory to the school by winning bronze medals. Team coach Karanjit told that the children had worked hard for three hours daily for the last six months.

Rahul Gandhi slams NEET paper leak, calls it "crime" against youth's future

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, MAY 12

Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday criticised the government over NEET exam cancellation, saying that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Amrit Kaal' has turned "poison" for the country. In a post on social media platform X, the Congress MP called the development not just a "failure" but a "crime" against youth's future. He highlighted that parents made sacrifices so that their wards could afford the NEET coaching but in return they receive paper leaks, government negligence, and organised corruption in the education sector. "The NEET 2026 exam has been cancelled. The hard work, sacrifices, and dreams of more than 22 lakh students have been crushed by this corrupt BJP regime. Some fathers took loans,



some mothers sold their jewellery, lakhs of children stayed up all night studying, and in return, they got paper leaks, government negligence, and organised corruption in education. This is not just a failure—it's a crime against the future of the youth," Rahul Gandhi said. Gandhi further intensified his criticism, saying that despite repeated paper leaks, the "paper mafia" escapes, and the

students bear the punishment. "Every time, the paper mafia gets away scot-free, while honest students bear the punishment. Now, lakhs of students will once again endure the same mental stress, financial burden, and uncertainty. If one's destiny is determined not by hard work but by money and connections, then what meaning will education hold?"

The Prime Minister's so-called Amrit Kaal has turned into a poison era for the country," he said. Amid allegations of a paper leak and examination irregularities, the Centre on Tuesday cancelled the NEET-UG 2026 examination conducted on May 3 and announced that the country's biggest undergraduate medical entrance test will be re-conducted on dates to be notified separately. The Government has also referred the matter to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for a

comprehensive probe into the allegations. In a statement, the National Testing Agency (NTA) said the decision was taken after inputs were examined in coordination with central agencies, and findings shared by law enforcement agencies raised concerns over the integrity of the examination process.

"On the basis of the inputs subsequently examined by NTA in coordination with the central agencies, and the investigative findings shared by the law enforcement agencies and in order to ensure that there is transparency in the system, the National Testing Agency, with the approval of the Government of India, has decided to cancel the NEET (UG) 2026 examination conducted on 3 May 2026, and to re-conduct the examination on dates that will be notified separately," the statement said.

Lord Parashurama's life is unique example of courage, martial prowess, peace and patience: Dr Arvind Sharma

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL, MAY 12

Cooperatives, Prisons, Elections, Heritage, and Tourism Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma said that Lord Parashurama's life is a unique example of courage, martial prowess, peace, patience, and wisdom. He appealed to younger generation to draw inspiration from his ideals and establish justice and equality in society. He said that continuing fight against social evils is our collective responsibility, which we will fulfill together. He attended Lord Parashurama's birth anniversary celebrations at the Brahmin Dharamshala on Kharaudi Road and offered flowers at statue of Lord Parashurama. He inaugurated Saint Pandit Janaki Prasad e-Library and solar system. Addressing devotees, he said that Lord Parshuram's life is



a source of inspiration, embodying qualities such as courage, perseverance, martial prowess, peace, patience and wisdom. He emphasized need to collectively inspire youth to embrace these ideals to establish justice and equality in society. While extending his greetings on occasion of Lord Parshuram's birth anniversary, said that his life has always been exemplary. Through his devotion to his parents and gurus and his active participation in

Jan Kalyan Manch Social Service Organization distributes water bowls for birds



DALBIR SINGH MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: In Teeka Market of Shanti Nagar, Jan Kalyan Manch Social Service Organization under supervision of organization's senior vice president, Ramesh Dutt Sharma and special invitee, Mahendra Sharma distributed water bowls for birds in view of scorching heat. Shopkeepers in market praised Jan Kalyan Manch's work and said that other social organizations should take inspiration from Jan Kalyan Manch organization to promote social service. Dalbir Singh Malik, president of organization said that providing water to thirsty during summer is no less than bathing in Ganges River and therefore, every citizen of society should have water bowls filled with water for birds on rooftops of their homes. Sanjay Sharma, organization's publicity secretary and Swatantra Sharma, advisor, played a key role in distribution of bowls. He made passersby pledge to always prioritize providing drinking water for animals and birds and to inspire others to do same. In addition to organization's officials, prominent members of community also extended their full support to bowl distribution program.

Volunteers are working to unite society: Virendra



NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: Annual festival of Shiv Branch of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh was celebrated with enthusiasm. Nearly 70 volunteers shared message of maintaining a healthy body through sports, yoga and asanas. Through intellectuals, volunteers urged society to rise above caste discrimination and walk the path of harmony. Social worker Virendra Garg attended event as chief guest. While co-district physical education head Abhimanyu Singh was present as main speaker. While Ambala division executive member Mansingh Arya attended as a special guest. Program was presided over by Block Sanghchalak Pradeep Chaudhary and Block Karyavah Virendra Saini. Stage was conducted by co-district Sanghchalak Harendra Mohan. Chief Guest Virendra Garg said that way volunteers of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh are not only engaged in social service themselves but are also playing their part in this work by involving others with them, feeling of nationalism is getting stronger in country. If we all understand our responsibility towards nation in same way and do our work in different fields, then country will not only become a developed nation.

Mayor steps in: Protesting sanitation workers assured of quick resolution of their demands

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 12

Municipal Corporation Mayor Suman Bahmani on Tuesday reached among the sanitation workers who were on strike demanding various demands including confirmation of irregular workers. She interacted with the employees at the protest site, listened seriously to their problems and demands and assured them of a quick solution. Mayor Suman Bahmani while addressing the employees said that she has talked to Haryana Urban Local Bodies Minister Vipul Goyal regarding their demands. She said that the demands related to the state level would be discussed by the Minister with Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, so that a positive solution to the problems of the employees can be found. The Mayor said that most of the



local level demands put forth by the employees a few days ago have been fulfilled by the Municipal Corporation Administration. Even before Diwali, she had worked to clear the pending arrears of the employees. Even now discussions have been held with the government regarding their state level demands. The government is seriously considering their demands and a positive decision will be

Labour Codes: "Blatant, Unilateral" assault on the rights of workers

CHAMAN LAL
KARNAL, MAY 12

Under the chairmanship of CITU District President Bijnes Rana, Haryana District Secretary Seva Ram, Gulzar Singh, Jagmal Singh, Neeraj Arora District Singh Pal, a public meeting was held in the fountain park, after which they demonstrated outside the Deputy Commissioner's office, burnt four copies of the Labor Code and submitted a memorandum in the name of the Prime Minister. By implementing the Labor Code, the Central Government took an anti-labor decision - Bijnes Rana, Satpal Saini, OP Mata, Neeraj Arora, OP Sihmar, Jagmal Singh, while issuing a joint statement, have strongly condemned the implementation of the Labor



Code by the Central Government. The leaders said that the central government already wanted to implement the Labor Code from April 1, 2026, but its notification was deliberately withheld due to the assembly elections. It was implemented just four days after the election results came out, which clearly showed the anti-labor and fraudulent policy of the government. They said that with the implementation of the Labor Code, the rights of workers would be weakened, working hours would increase, job security would end and the contract system would be promoted. Today, municipal and fire department employees across Haryana are fighting for their rights and respect. Employees are being continuously exploited for the last several years. Fire employees are neither getting adequate salaries nor are they being provided security facilities.

Pharmacy students of NIILM University on educational tour to Talwar Pharma in Roorkee

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL: A group of students from Pharmacy Department of NIILM University departed for Talwar Pharma in Roorkee on educational tour. Dean Dr Gautam Kumar said that primary objective of this tour was to familiarize students with actual drug manufacturing process, quality control, GMP standards and workings of pharmaceutical industry. Students visited Talwar Pharma's production plant, R&D lab, quality control and packaging unit. Company Director Vipin Talwar briefed students on drug formulations, regulatory guidelines and innovative technologies and informed them about employment opportunities and necessary skills available in pharmaceutical sector. University Chairman Sandeep Chahal and Vice Chancellor Prof Devendra Singh Dhull extended their best wishes and congratulations to students. Varsity administration believes that such industrial visits provide practical application to students' theoretical knowledge and better prepare them for future challenges. This educational tour included B Pharma and D Pharma students. Senior professors from department, tour coordinator Ravindra Malik, Dr Neelam, Dr Simranjit Singh, Dr Vikram, and Shivani were also present as guides.



Call for Gurus: Preserving Haryana's art and cultural soul

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Under the Guru-Shishya Parampara Training Scheme, the Art and Cultural Affairs Department of Haryana has sought a list of gurus and their disciples from the district for the conservation and promotion of endangered genres. The objective of this scheme is to preserve the traditional folk arts, music, instruments, dance and other cultural forms of the state and pass them on to the new generation. Giving information, District Information and Public Relations Officer Satyawani Mahiwal said that as per the letter received from North Central Region Cultural Centre, Prayagraj, the department has been instructed to provide the details of such gurus who are imparting training in endangered genres. Trainers proficient in the sciences should submit their application along with name, address and telephone number and other details in the office of District Information and Public Relations Officer, Karnal, Room No. 19, Second Floor, Mini Secretariat Sector-12. Incentive amount will also be provided by the department to the selected guru, accompanist and disciples. Under the scheme, an incentive of Rs 7,500 per month will be given to the Guru, Rs 3,750 per month to each accompanist and Rs 1,500 per month to each disciple. District Information and Public Relations Officer Satyawani Mahiwal said that to avail the benefits of this scheme, folk artists, gurus and cultural institutions working in the district should provide their details as soon as possible, so that the list of eligible persons can be sent to the department. He said that this scheme was an important step towards preserving the cultural heritage of the Government of India, which will give a new identity to the traditional arts.

Havan organised in Akhand Siddha Hanuman Temple for happiness and prosperity of area

KARAMBIR LADWA
MAY 12

A wonderful atmosphere of religious devotion was seen in Akhand Siddha Hanuman Temple on Tuesday. Havan was organized in the temple to wish for the greatness of the temple and the happiness and prosperity of the area. Before the havan, musical recitation of Sundar Kand and recitation of Hanuman Chalisa also took place in the temple. On this occasion, Hanuman devotees who came from far-flung areas including nearby villages offered prayers to Hanuman by offering oil and loincloth containing custard apple. Offerings were made in the Havan by the priest of the temple and wishes were made for the prosperity,



peace and public welfare of the area. The temple complex echoed with shouts of Jai Shri Ram and Bajrangbali. On this occasion, Swami Satyanand Maharaj described the glory of Lord Hanuman in detail. He said that Hanuman was not only a symbol of strength and devotion but also an ideal of true service, dedication and loyalty. He said that the person who worshiped Hanuman with true heart, all his pains went away and positive energy was infused in his life. After the Havan, a huge Bhandara was organized in the temple premises, in which thousands of devotees took Prasad. Many Hanuman devotees were present on this occasion.

Health Minister hands over ownership documents to 393 families under Proprietary Rights Scheme

TAPINDER SINGH
PATIALA, MAY 12

Under the Punjab Government's public welfare scheme "Mera Ghar Mere Naam," Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Balbir Singh today handed over proprietary rights to 393 families and distributed ownership documents to beneficiaries at village Rodgarh in Patiala district. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Balbir Singh said that the "Mera Ghar Mere Naam" scheme is a historic and people-centric initiative of the Punjab Government aimed at providing legal ownership rights to people who had been residing in their homes for generations but were deprived of legal documentation. He said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant



Mann, the Punjab Government is committed to ensuring people receive their rightful entitlements while maintaining administrative transparency. The Health Minister stated that the entire process under the scheme has been implemented in a transparent manner. Detailed surveys of houses, verification of records and proper scrutiny were carried out before granting ownership rights to eligible families. He added that beneficiaries would now not only receive legal protection but would also be able to avail themselves easily of various government facilities and schemes linked to home ownership. Dr. Balbir Singh said the scheme is proving to be a major relief for rural residents. Many families had been living in their homes for decades but faced several difficulties due to the absence of legal ownership rights.

NEWS BRIEFS

Mayor Renu Bala Gupta's elder sister-in-law passes away

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Renu Bala Gupta and former BJP district acting president Brij Gupta suffered a deep personal loss after the demise of their elder sister-in-law Usha Gupta, wife of Shrawan Gupta, on Tuesday morning. She had been unwell for some time. News of Usha Gupta's demise spread grief across Karnal and nearby areas. A large number of political leaders, social workers, administrative officials, businessmen and local residents reached the Gupta residence in Chaudhary Colony to pay their last respects and express condolences to the bereaved family. People from different walks of life prayed for the peace of the departed soul and extended support to the grieving family during the difficult time. Her funeral procession commenced from the family residence in Chaudhary Colony and proceeded through the city before reaching Shivpuri at Shri Sewak Sabha Jundla Gate, where the last rites were performed according to religious traditions.



Special incentive packages approved for various industrial projects

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, MAY 12

The 19th meeting of the Haryana Enterprise Promotion Board (HEPB) was held late Monday evening in Chandigarh under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini. Several key decisions were taken in the meeting regarding the grant of special incentive packages and other relief measures to various industrial units with the objective of promoting industrial investment, manufacturing capacity and employment generation in the state. The projects approved during the meeting are expected to bring large-scale investments and create new employment opportunities for local youth in Haryana. The special incentive packages for the projects were approved by HEPB based on the recommendations of the Executive Empowered Committee (EEC) headed by the Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister. Industries and Commerce Minister Sh. Rao Narbir Singh was also present in the meeting. During the meeting, BEUMER India Private Limited was granted approval for a special incentive package of Rs. 43.05 crore under the Haryana

Enterprise and Employment Policy-2020. The company will establish a state-of-the-art intralogistics systems manufacturing facility in Jhajjar district, which will create employment opportunities for 138 youth in Haryana along with strengthening modern industrial infrastructure.



Similarly, AITMC Ventures Limited was granted approval for a special incentive package of Rs. 58.51 crore under the Haryana Enterprise and Employment Policy-2020. The company will establish a drone and drone components manufacturing hub in Hisar district, which will boost the defence and aerospace manufacturing sector and create employment opportunities for

800 youth in Haryana. The meeting also approved a special incentive package of Rs. 31.68 crore for Abhiuday Print Industries Private Limited under the Haryana Enterprise and Employment Policy-2020. The project will promote investment in the advanced packaging materials manufacturing sector and provide employment opportunities to 105 youth in Haryana. Similarly, Mark Exhaust Systems Limited was granted approval for a special incentive package of Rs. 39.95 crore under the Haryana Enterprise and Employment Policy-2020. The company will establish an auto components manufacturing unit in Jhajjar district, strengthening the state's auto components manufacturing sector and generating employment opportunities for 123 youth in Haryana. The meeting approved a special incentive package of Rs. 35.21 crore for Canpack India under the Haryana Enterprise and Employment Policy-2020. The company will expand its aluminium can manufacturing capacity in Mehat district, creating employment opportunities for the youth of Haryana. In addition, ATL Battery Technology (India) Private Limited was granted a final extension of one year.

Congress extends support to sanitation workers' protest in Karnal



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 12

The ongoing protest by sanitation workers outside the Karnal Municipal Corporation received support from the Congress party on the 12th day of the agitation demanding regularisation of employees. District Congress Committee (Rural) president Dr. Rajesh Vaidya Valmiki visited the protest site and listened to the grievances of the sanitation workers. During the protest, Rajkumar, president of the Municipal Employees Union, submitted a memorandum highlighting that many sanitation workers had been serving on contractual and temporary posts for years without being regularised despite repeated assurances from the government. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Rajesh Vaidya said sanitation workers were the "lifeline of the city" and had risked their lives during the Covid-19 pandemic to maintain cleanliness.

He alleged that the government was ignoring their genuine demands and asserted that the Congress party stood firmly with the workers. He warned that if the sanitation workers were not regularised immediately, the Congress would intensify the agitation from the streets to the Assembly. Dr. Vaidya also demanded implementation of equal pay for equal work, regular salaries, pension benefits, medical facilities, job security, risk allowance and health insurance for sanitation workers. He further called for an immediate end to the contractual employment system and demanded permanent jobs for all temporary sanitation workers. The protest was attended by district councillor Pappu Lathar, district vice-president Krishna Sharma Bastara, youth leader Robin Michael, Nitin Malhotra, Veerbhan Bidlan, Rekha Rani and Rajendra Kumar along with hundreds of sanitation workers and women participants. Employee leaders said the protest would continue until their demands were fulfilled.

Bhavya and Khushi secure top positions in Hindi poetry competition

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA TARAORI, MAY 12

Pratap Public School organised a Hindi poetry competition in which students from Classes I to IV participated enthusiastically and impressed everyone with their performances. Students from different classes presented poems on a variety of creative themes. Class I students recited poems on "Homework Ka Dukh" and "Chhut-ti Ka Intezaar", while Class II students presented poems on "Maa Ki Daant" and "Agar Mere Paas Jaadu Hota". Class III students performed on themes including "Mobile Mera Saacha Dost" and "Pariksha Aur Meri Haalat", whereas Class IV students presented poems on "Pet Aur Dimaag Ki Behas" and "Meri Neend Ki Aatmakatha". In Class I, Bhavya and Khushi secured first position. Kathleen stood second, while Harleen and Riya secured third place. Amayra



received a consolation prize. In Class II, Ishreeti won first place, while Aradhya and Kavya received consolation prizes. From Class III, Prabhgun Kaur and Tahira Aneja secured first position, while Tejash Dabar stood second. Dhruv and Anvi secured third

HC decision clears way for HSGPC to take over Miri Piri Medical College management

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 12

A wave of joy spread among the Sikh community after the Punjab and Haryana High Court reportedly cleared the way for handing over the management of Miri Piri Medical College to the Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (HSGPC). According to Sikh community representatives, the court dismissed the petition filed by Miri Piri Charitable Trust, making the path easier for the HSGPC to take over the institution's management. Community leaders credited Baljit Singh Daduwal, an international Sikh preacher and chairman of the HSGPC Dharam Prachar Committee, for the development. They said he had been consistently

fighting at different levels for the college to be handed over



to the Sikh community of Haryana. They stated that the man-

agement of the medical college could be transferred to the Haryana committee at any time. Community members said that if the institution comes under HSGPC management, students from Haryana would benefit, particularly through priority in admissions. They also expressed hope that people would receive affordable and accessible medical treatment through the institution. Former HSGPC executive member Guruprasad Singh, Gurupurab Management Committee president Varinder Singh and general secretary Inderpal Singh welcomed the development and said the Sikh community in Haryana had long hoped to see the institution managed under the leadership of Baljit Singh Daduwal and the Sikh sangat.

Youth Congress expresses anger over cancellation of NEET UG 2026

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 12

The Haryana Youth Congress has expressed strong resentment over the cancellation of the NEET UG 2026 examination, alleging that the decision has shattered the dreams of lakhs of students aspiring to become doctors. Haryana Youth Congress media department vice-chairman Mukesh Chaudhary said the National Testing Agency had repeatedly failed in conducting fair examinations. He alleged that the agency was constituted to prevent paper leaks and cheating, but had failed to conduct examinations like NEET in a transparent manner. He further alleged that some officials of the agency could be linked to paper leak rackets and demanded that the National Testing Agency be dissolved. Mukesh Chaudhary also raised concerns over the recently conducted Assistant Professor Psychology examination in Haryana. He said around 400 candidates had appeared for 85 posts, but only three candidates cleared the examination, which he described as shocking. He alleged that the results reflected a conspiracy aimed at portraying Haryana's youth as incompetent. Referring to the Assistant Professor Hindi recruitment, he claimed that out of 67 selected candidates, only 19 belonged to Haryana while the remaining candidates were from outside the state. The Youth Congress leader said the government should stop "playing with the future of youth" and ensure fairness and transparency in recruitment and competitive examinations.



Anil Vij safeguarding ideals of martyrs, says Viresh Shandilya

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Viresh Shandilya, national president of the Anti Terrorist Front India, praised Haryana cabinet minister Anil Vij during the unveiling ceremony of a grand statue of Maharana Pratap in Ambala Cantonment.

The statue was unveiled in the presence of thousands of people at Sadar Chowk in Ambala Cantonment. On the occasion, Viresh Shandilya honoured Anil Vij with a ceremonial stole and presented him with a portrait of Maharana Pratap. Addressing the gathering, Shandilya described Anil Vij as a "true son of Bharat Mata" and a leader committed to preserving the ideals of martyrs. He said Vij was the first MLA and minister from Ambala Cantonment after Independence and the formation of Haryana in 1966 to actively work towards honouring freedom fighters and national heroes through memorials and statues. He said statues of Bhagat Singh were being installed in Ambala Cantonment, while parks and memorials dedicated to Subhas Chandra Bose and Kar-gil martyrs had also been developed. Shandilya further stated that Anil Vij had written Ambala's name in "golden letters" by establishing what he described as Asia's largest martyr memorial in the city. He added that it was a matter of pride that Narendra Modi would inaugurate the memorial. He also referred to Vij as a "warrior of this era" and said societies that remember their martyrs are recognised as warrior communities. During the event, Anil Vij also reportedly announced plans to install statues of Shivaram Rajguru and Sukhdev Thapar in Ambala Cantonment.



ACS Sunita Mishra issues instructions to DCs over drill exercise on floods

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 12

Regarding the State-Level Mock Exercise on Floods, Sunita Mishra—Financial Commissioner and Additional Chief Secretary for Revenue and Disaster Management—issued directives to the Deputy Commissioners of all districts via video conferencing concerning flood relief operations and sought detailed information regarding necessary arrangements. She stated that the State Government is fully prepared to tackle natural disasters such as floods, and the objective of this mock exercise is to test the preparedness of various departments. Teams from the administration, police, Health Department, Fire Department, NDRF, and SDRF participated in the video conference. During the conference, Additional Chief Secretary Sunita Mishra noted that modern equipment and trained personnel are being utilised to ensure that relief and rescue operations during a disaster are both swift and effective. During the video conference, she appealed to citizens to adhere to the guide-

lines issued by the administration in the event of a disaster and to refrain from spreading or believing rumors. She emphasized that the government is continuously working to ensure the safety and security of the general public. In addition to

She issued necessary instructions to officials, emphasizing that trained personnel and officers stationed at the emergency control room must discharge their duties with the utmost responsibility. She further directed the concerned Block



Development and Panchayat Officers (BDPOs) to recognise the pivotal role played by Panchayats in rural areas. Accordingly, she instructed them to coordinate closely with the "Sarpanches" (village heads) in rural areas to complete flood-related preparedness measures ahead of

schedule, and to pre-designate safe locations for children and pregnant women in the event of sudden flooding. She directed Anganwadi workers, ASHA workers, and other field staff to proactively identify pregnant women so that they may be safely evacuated to designated secure locations during a flood emergency.

Victoria School players shine in Wushu competition

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA HISAR: Players of Victoria International Public School and Balaji Academy delivered an impressive performance in a Wushu competition, bringing laurels to their school, village and the region.

The players won several medals through disciplined performances and dedicated efforts, creating an atmosphere of joy and celebration on the school campus. In the gold medal category, Naksh in the 37 kg category, Jeevika in the 35 kg category, Komal in the 30 kg category and Kapish in the 28 kg category secured top honours. Silver medals were won by Shivani (32 kg), Darpan (28 kg), Arushi (42 kg) and Siddharth (36 kg). Bronze medals were secured by Poonam (37 kg), Komal (32 kg), Bhavna (37 kg), Divya (30 kg), Jatin (24 kg) and Bhiksha in the 37 kg point fight category. The school credited coach Kiran Lamba for the achievement, stating that the players succeeded due to her skilled guidance and continuous training. School chairman Raminvas Verma, director Amit Saharan, Radheshyam Bidasa, principal Vijendra Chahal, staff members, sarpanch Rajveer Verma and other dignitaries congratulated the players. They said the school was continuously striving to promote excellence not only in academics but also in sports and co-curricular activities. The management extended best wishes to the players, their parents and the coach for the achievement and wished the students success in future competitions.



Committee formed to determine rates for materials used in govt building construction: DC

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 12

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Anand Kumar Sharma has constituted a committee, chaired by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the District Council, to determine the rates of materials utilised in government building construction projects. The committee comprises the District Food and Supplies Controller, the Executive Engineer of the Panchayati Raj Department, the Executive Engineer of the Public Works Department (PWD), and the Block Development and Panchayat Officer (BDPO) of Ghararunda, who will serve as members. The Deputy Commissioner was holding a meeting with officials from the concerned departments in his office on Tuesday. He stated that the aforementioned committee would prepare and submit its report regarding the rates of materials used in government



building construction as expeditiously as possible. The committee is tasked with ensuring that its recommendations regarding the rates to be fixed within the district are duly submitted. Present at the meeting were District Council CEO Amit Kumar, DDPO Kanchan-lata, Executive Engineer of the Panchayati Raj Department Narayan Dutt, along with officials from other departments. Deputy Commissioner Directs Audit of Biogas Plant in Hasanpur Village. Separately,

Senior BJP leader Vijay Pal alleges extortion threat, seeks security

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 12

Senior BJP leader and advocate Vijay Pal has alleged that he received threats from an international caller demanding 50 lakh as extortion money and threatening to blow up him and his family with hand grenades. According to a complaint submitted to the Karnal Police, Vijay Pal, son of former Haryana deputy speaker Ved Pal, said he received a WhatsApp call late at night from an overseas number. He alleged that the caller identified himself as "Brar" and threatened him with serious consequences if the ransom amount was not paid. Vijay Pal claimed the caller threatened to attack him and his family with bombs and hand grenades and also mentioned details about his residence and his father's identity. In the complaint, Vijay Pal alleged that some criminal and anti-social elements had been trying to harm him and his family as part of a conspiracy. He further claimed that certain individuals had been conducting surveillance on his family for several days and that he had already informed the police and administration about the matter in writing earlier. He said the threatening call had created panic within the family and demanded strict legal action against those responsible. He also sought adequate security for himself and his family. Vijay Pal stated that he would soon raise the matter before Nayab Singh Saini, Karnal MP Manohar Lal Khattar and the party organisation.

INLD will stand by sanitation workers in every struggle: Surjit Pehalwan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, MAY 12

On Tuesday, leaders of the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) arrived at the protest site to express their solidarity with the municipal corporation's sanitation workers, who are currently on strike regarding their demands. During the visit, INLD Karnal District President Surjit Pehalwan stated that the treatment being meted out to the sanitation workers is unjust, and the government must immediately accede to their legitimate demands. He asserted that, under the government's contract system and the DC Rate mechanism—and even in recruitments being conducted through the Skill Employment Department—sanitation workers are being overlooked. This is despite the fact that these employees have been rendering their services for a long time,



managing the city's sanitation system with utmost diligence and integrity. Surjit Pehalwan emphasized that sanitation workers constitute the backbone of the municipal corporation, and without them, the city's entire system could grind to a halt. Consequently, he urged the government to regularise the services of these employees with immediate effect and to fulfill all their reasonable demands as soon as possible. He gave an assurance that the INLD would stand firmly by the sanitation workers at every step and provide its full support in their fight for their rights. Numerous INLD office-bearers and workers were present at the protest, including Phool Singh Manjura, Yashvir Rana Kukku, Jaipal Punia, Bharat Mandhan, Raghuvver Kuteel, Ramkumar Aibla, Sumeer Kachhwa, Jundla Constituency President Mehar Singh, Advocate Sandeep, Rajesh Batan, Kavita Dhankhar, and Rajesh Singla.

EDITORIAL

Govt cuts oil and gas royalty rates to spur upstream investments

The Centre's decision to cut royalty rates on crude oil and natural gas production is aimed at encouraging upstream exploration and production activity in India and attracting fresh investments into the oil and gas sector, according to a report by global brokerage CLSA. The report said, "These actions confirm the government's intention to promote policies which boost upstream exploration and production." The report adds that the decision is expected to provide a significant boost to state-run Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Oil India. "In a surprise move, the government cut the royalty charged on the production of crude oil and gas which could add fair value of 7 per cent-9 per cent for ONGC and 9 per cent-11 per cent for Oil India," CLSA said in its report.

The brokerage highlighted that the government has revised the royalty structure for nomination blocks by introducing a standard ad-valorem deduction of 20 per cent and applying a royalty rate of 12.5 per cent for onshore blocks and 10 per cent for offshore blocks.

According to CLSA, the effective royalty rate on onshore crude production will decline from 16.66 per cent to 10 per cent, while offshore royalty will reduce from 9.09 per cent to 8 per cent. Royalty on natural gas has also been reduced to 8 per cent from the earlier 10 per cent. For areas awarded under the Discovered Small Field Policy and Hydrocarbon Exploration and Licensing Policy (HELP), the revised royalty structure provides additional incentives for exploration in difficult terrains.

Ultra-deep-water production in such fields will attract zero royalty for the first seven years, 5 per cent for the next phase, and 2 per cent thereafter. According to CLSA, the effective royalty burden for ONGC's onshore crude production could decline substantially under the revised framework. "For nomination blocks, which form a big chunk of current production for ONGC and Oil India, the existing royalty rate on crude oil from the onshore block is 16.66 per cent after subtracting a flat deduction. These have now been changed by making the deduction to a standard ad-valorem 20 per cent and then applying a rate of 12.5 per cent for onshore blocks and 10 per cent for offshore blocks," the report said. The brokerage added that the changes effectively imply a reduction of around 6.7 percentage points in royalty for onshore crude production and nearly 1 percentage point for offshore crude. CLSA further said the royalty reduction sends a strong policy signal at a time when global crude prices remain elevated, and concerns over the possibility of a windfall tax had weighed on upstream energy stocks. "The surprise action to cut upstream tax instead of raising it should put fears of a new windfall tax to rest," the report noted.

PM Modi's call for economic restraint sparks debate over India's economic health

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal to citizens to cut discretionary spending, conserve fuel, postpone gold purchases and embrace work-from-home practices has triggered a sharp national debate over whether the Indian economy is facing deeper structural stress than the government is publicly acknowledging.

The remarks, made at a BJP event in Hyderabad against the backdrop of rising tensions in West Asia and fears of prolonged instability arising from the Iran-United States conflict, were framed by the Prime Minister as precautionary measures aimed at conserving foreign exchange and insulating India from external shocks.

Yet the unusually direct appeal for austerity-like behavioral changes has been interpreted by opposition parties, economists and sections of the market as a sign of mounting concern within the government over inflationary pressures, weakening consumption and broader economic vulnerabilities.

Urged citizens to reduce fuel consumption, use public transport, postpone non-essential foreign travel, minimise edible oil imports, lower dependence on chemical fertilisers and rely more on digital meetings and work-from-home arrangements. "We must make efforts to use only as much as is needed to save foreign currency and reduce the adverse effects of war crises," he said, while stressing that India needed to save foreign exchange "by any means."

The appeal comes at a delicate moment for the economy. Rising global crude oil prices linked to instability in West Asia threaten to widen India's import bill and pressure the rupee, while household consumption — a key driver of economic growth — has shown signs of uneven recovery despite strong headline GDP numbers. Economists note that India remains heavily dependent on imported crude oil, edible oil and gold, all of which

place stress on the current account during periods of global turbulence.

Several market analysts said the Prime Minister's language stood out because Indian governments typically avoid directly asking citizens to curb consumption unless policymakers anticipate sustained external pressure.

"When a country starts asking citizens to cut luxury spending and save fuel, it usually means the government is preparing carefully for global economic pressure ahead...," a noted economist said.

Other experts said: "When a prime minister publicly asks citizens to reduce fuel usage, postpone gold purchases and avoid unnecessary travel, it suggests concern about foreign exchange reserves, imported inflation and pressure on macroeconomic stability. It indicates the government is preparing the public psychologically for a difficult economic phase."

Opposition parties, however, seized on the Prime Minister's comments to launch a coordinated attack on the BJP-led government's economic record.

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi alleged that the Centre was shifting the burden of economic mismanagement onto ordinary citizens instead of addressing structural weaknesses. "These are not suggestions — they are proof of failure," Gandhi said in a post on X, accusing the government of repeatedly demanding "sacrifice" from the public while evading accountability.

Gandhi argued that after more than a decade in power, the BJP government had reached a stage where citizens were being instructed "what to buy and what not to buy, where to go and where not to go". He further alleged that the government's inability to manage inflation, unemployment and rising living costs had forced it into public appeals for austerity.

Former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister and samajwadi party President Akhilesh Yadav also mounted a sharp attack,

claiming the BJP had "completely lost control" of the economy. Linking the Prime Minister's remarks to weakening investor confidence and currency pressures, Yadav questioned how India could realistically achieve its long-promised five trillion-dollar economy target if citizens were simultaneously being urged to cut spending and consumption.

"The dollar is soaring to the skies while the Indian rupee is sinking to the depths," Yadav said, alleging that the government's statements would create "fear, panic, anxiety and despair" in markets and business circles.

The political criticism taps into broader public anxieties over persistently high food prices, rising household expenses and concerns over employment generation. While official inflation has moderated compared with the peaks seen after the pandemic, retail prices of essentials, transport costs and housing-related expenditure continue to strain middle-class and lower-income households. Youth unemployment and underemployment also remain politically sensitive issues, particularly after recent elections.

Financial markets reacted cautiously following the Prime Minister's remarks. Analysts said the comments reinforced investor concerns about the inflationary impact of rising crude oil prices and the possibility of slower consumer spending if households become more conservative in their expenditure patterns.

Benchmark indices witnessed volatility as investors assessed the implications of prolonged geopolitical tensions and potential stress on India's import bill. Market participants also tracked the rupee closely amid fears that higher oil prices could widen the current account deficit.

"Markets generally dislike signals that hint at economic caution from the highest political level," said a market

strategist. "The concern is not merely the appeal itself but what policymakers may be seeing ahead — especially regarding crude oil prices, inflation and consumption demand."

Another economist said the Prime Minister's comments highlighted the difficult balancing act facing policymakers. "India's macroeconomic fundamentals are still stronger than many emerging economies, but rising imported inflation can quickly affect household budgets. Advisories on conservation are economically rational, but politically they create the perception that stress is building."

The debate also reflects a deeper ideological divide over economic management. Supporters of the government argue that Modi's appeal demonstrates responsible leadership aimed at preparing the country for external shocks amid global uncertainty. Critics, however, contend that asking citizens to tighten spending effectively acknowledges that

the economic burden of geopolitical instability will ultimately fall on ordinary households.

The Congress accused the Prime Minister of being "clueless" on ensuring India's energy security despite the Iran-US conflict continuing for months. Opposition parties have also questioned why calls for austerity emerged immediately after elections, alleging a disconnect between political messaging during campaigns and the government's current economic concerns.

For now, economists believe the immediate trajectory of oil prices and developments in West Asia will determine whether Modi's appeal is remembered as prudent caution or as an early public acknowledgement of deeper economic strain. If geopolitical tensions ease, the measures may appear preventive. But if inflation accelerates, the rupee weakens further and consumption slows, the Prime Minister's remarks could increasingly be viewed as a signal that policymakers anticipate a more difficult economic period ahead.



Indian 10-year bond yield breaches 7% mark amid global geopolitical tensions



The Indian 10-year bond yield breached the 7 per cent mark as global geopolitical tensions and persistent inflationary concerns weighed on the domestic debt market. The India 10-year government bond yield stood at 7.031 per cent, reflecting an increase of 0.047 basis points or 0.67 per cent. According to a report by the Bank of Baroda, the 10-year yield is expected to fluctuate between 6.9 per cent and 7.1 per cent through the remainder of the month. "We expect India's 10Y yield to trade in the range of

6.9-7.1% in the current month, with risks tilted to the upside.

The cut-off yield for the New GS2036 at 6.94% also suggests that yield is likely to hover in that range and not expected to be much below the 6.9% mark," the report said. Government bonds, often called G-Secs, are low-risk debt securities issued by governments to raise funds, promising to pay periodic interest (coupons) and return the principal upon maturity. Yield represents the actual return on investment, calculated as the coupon

divided by the bond price and moves inversely to the bond's price.

The primary risk to the bond market emanates from the absence of a formal peace deal in ongoing global conflicts, which continues to keep yields sticky. Recent developments, including reports of the United States rejecting a peace plan from Iran, suggest a higher probability that yields will continue to hover around the 7 per cent threshold. As per the report, markets are also awaiting India's upcoming inflation data to gauge the impact of higher global producer and retail prices. The report noted that any Consumer Price Index (CPI) print exceeding the 4 per cent mark poses a significant upside risk to domestic yields.

"In May'26 (up to 8th May 2026), we saw net FPI debt inflows at USD 460mn compared to net FPI equity outflow of USD 1.5bn. However, amidst a volatile dollar and elevated geopolitical risk, pressure on debt outflows may continue to build up and it would put pressure on India's 10Y yield," the report noted.

The BoB report also mentioned that domestic liquidity conditions remain comfortable at approximately 0.8 per cent of Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL), though net durable liquidity shows some moderation. This pressure is attributed to a faster pace of accretion in currency in circulation. Despite these domestic factors, the directional movement of India's 10-year yield remains closely aligned with global trends.

UK PM Starmer faces internal revolt

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer is facing mounting political pressure after dozens of lawmakers from his own Labour Party called for his resignation following poor local election results, even as he vowed to remain in office and warned that leadership instability would plunge Britain into "chaos", CNN reported. According to CNN, Starmer has come under fire after his Labour Party suffered significant losses in the recently concluded council elections across England, with the far-right Reform UK and the liberal Green Party marking major gains, as well as setbacks in devolved elections in Scotland and Wales. In response, Starmer told party members in London that he accepted responsibility for the results but insisted he would not step down. "What we witnessed with the last government was the chaos of constantly changing leaders, and it cost this country a huge amount," Starmer said, adding, "A Labour government would never be forgiven for inflicting that on our country again," as reported by CNN.

However, the report noted that internal dissent within the party intensified shortly after, with more than 70 Labour Members of Parliament reportedly urging him to resign or announce a clear timeline for departure. Several party members have also stepped down from ministerial-aide positions in protest, CNN reported.

Despite Labour's landslide victory in the 2024 UK General Election, Starmer has faced growing criticism over immigration policy, economic decisions, and what opponents describe as a lack of political vision and leadership charisma. According to CNN, following last week's local election setbacks, in which Labour reportedly lost over 1,400 council seats and control of the Welsh parliament, some lawmakers have

within Westminster circles about potential successors. Former UK deputy prime minister Angela Rayner, who previously resigned over a property tax issue, has not formally declared a leadership challenge but is viewed as a possible contender.

In a statement cited by CNN, Rayner said Starmer must "meet the moment and set out the change our country needs." Responding to the political pressure, Starmer said, "Like every prime minister, I have learned a lot in the first two years in the job in terms of the policy changes that our country faces.

Incremental changes won't cut it." The report further noted that Starmer attempted to signal a policy reset, including a push to improve relations with the European Union after years of Brexit tensions, though he provided limited detail on the proposed direction. As internal pressure builds, reports also suggest that discontent has spread into senior levels of government. A cabinet meeting is scheduled to be held in Downing Street on Tuesday morning, CNN reported. The situation has raised comparisons with past UK political recoveries following local election setbacks, though analysts cited in the report noted that Starmer's current political challenges appear significantly more severe due to the scale of internal party dissent, as per CNN.



concluded that Starmer may not be positioned to lead the party into the next general election scheduled for 2029.

Internal party mechanisms could allow challengers to force a leadership contest if they secure the backing of at least 81 MPs, representing one-fifth of Labour's parliamentary seats, CNN reported. While Starmer continues to resist calls for resignation, speculation is growing

Ultra-processed foods increase risk of heart disease: Study

Ultra-processed foods may be doing far more damage than many people realize. A major new European cardiology report warns that people who eat the most ultra-processed foods face significantly higher risks of heart disease, irregular heart rhythms, obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, and even cardiovascular death. Researchers say these industrially manufactured foods often packed with sugar, salt, unhealthy fats, and additives can disrupt metabolism, trigger inflammation, and promote overeating, even when marketed as "healthy."

Eating large amounts of ultra-processed food (UPF) may significantly increase the risk of heart disease and death, according to a new report published in the European Heart Journal. The report combines findings from all currently available research examining the connection between

UPFs and cardiovascular disease. Researchers say growing evidence links high consumption of UPFs to obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, chronic kidney disease, and death related to cardiovascular conditions. The authors are urging doctors to discuss UPF intake with patients and offer practical advice on reducing consumption as part of routine healthcare.

The clinical consensus statement was produced by the European Society of Cardiology's Council for Cardiology Practice and the European Association of Preventive Cardiology, along with a panel of experts led by Professor Luigina Guasti from the University of Insubria, Varese, Italy; Dr. Maria Laura Bonaccio, IRCCS NEUROMED, Pozzilli, Italy; Professor Massimo Piepoli, University of Milan, Italy; and Professor Licia Iacoviello, LUM University, Casamassima,



Italy. Professor Guasti said: "UPFs, made from industrial ingredients and additives, have largely

replaced traditional diets. Research suggests these foods are linked to several risk factors for

cardiovascular disease, such as obesity, diabetes and high blood pressure, and to the risk of

developing and dying from heart disease. However, this evidence has not yet made its way into the advice we give to patients on healthy eating. "We hope that this consensus statement from the European Society of Cardiology will help doctors recognize UPFs as a potential risk factor and provide clear guidance to their patients on limiting UPFs to prevent cardiovascular risk factors, disease and death," added Guasti. The report outlines several major findings from existing research: Adults who consume the most UPFs face up to a 19% greater risk of heart disease, a 13% higher risk of atrial fibrillation, and as much as a 65% higher risk of death from cardiovascular disease compared with people who consume the least.

UPFs are also associated with worsening obesity, type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and unhealthy fat accumulation in the

bloodstream. UPF consumption continues to rise across Europe. UPFs account for 61% of calories consumed in the Netherlands and 54% in the UK, compared with 25% in Spain, 22% in Portugal, and 18% in Italy. Many national dietary guidelines still focus mainly on nutrients and do not specifically address food processing. Doctors Urged to Discuss UPFs With Patients The authors are calling for stronger public awareness about UPFs through updated dietary guidelines, clearer food labeling, and government regulation. They also recommend that doctors caring for patients with cardiovascular disease, or those at risk for it, ask specifically about UPF intake when evaluating diet and lifestyle habits. In addition, the report says healthcare professionals should encourage patients to reduce UPF consumption alongside standard advice about exercise, smoking,

alcohol use, and overall nutrition. Researchers also note that some foods marketed as "healthier" options may still qualify as ultra processed foods.

The researchers say evidence linking UPFs to cardiovascular disease has been consistent across large and varied populations. However, they also point out that most studies so far have been observational, with relatively few long term intervention trials. Dr. Bonaccio adds: "The associations between UPF and heart disease are consistent and biologically plausible. UPFs raise cardiovascular risk mainly by promoting obesity, diabetes, hypertension and the build-up of unhealthy fats in the blood. UPFs tend to be high in sugar, salt, and unhealthy fats. They also have additives, contaminants and an altered food structure, which may trigger inflammation, metabolic disruption.

PRITI SAINI
SADHAURA: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) staged a vigorous protest in front of the main gate of Swami Vivekananda School, Sector-17 HUDA, drawing attention to the dilapidated and pothole-ridden road situated right outside the school premises. Issuing a stern warning to the government and the administration, party leaders and workers declared that if the road is not



repaired immediately, the administration will be held solely responsible for any major accident that may occur. AAP leaders pointed out that hundreds of school children, parents, and ordinary citizens traverse this road daily; however, the condition of the road is so abysmal that the risk of an accident looms constantly. The situation becomes even more perilous during the rainy season and peak traffic hours.

NEWS BRIEF

DM orders to ban movement of illegal and unfit vehicles



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: District Magistrate Barnala Harpreet Singh IAS has issued orders to ban movement of such vehicles in district Barnala under Section 163 of the Indian Civil Safety Code, 2023, which are not fit to be operated on roads as per the Motor Vehicles Act 1988. The District Magistrate said that it has come to his notice that many such vehicles are being operated on public roads which violate government rules and pollution norms. Due to these vehicles, not only is pollution increasing, but sometimes serious road accidents also occur, which poses a threat to the health, life, property and safety of the common people. The District Magistrate said that due to such illegal and unfit vehicles, the law and order situation is also affected and sometimes incidents like fights and quarrels also occur. Keeping this in mind, a ban has been imposed on the operation of any such vehicle on roads.

Chief Secretary KAP Sinha launches state of art vending machine dispensing Milkfed products

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, MAY 12

With a view to solidify the Cooperative sector and expand its outreach in keeping with the progressive vision of the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, an ultra modern state of the art vending machine of Milkfed was installed today at the Punjab Civil Secretariat- 1 by the Chief Secretary K.A.P. Sinha. Doing the honours, the Chief Secretary stated that these technologically advanced vending machines shall dispense Tetrapack Flavoured Milk beverages, different Lassis, Fruit Juices, Mineral Water, Ice-creams etc. in a convenient and consumer-friendly manner, thereby enhancing accessibility while reinforcing the trusted presence of Brand Verka, Brand Sohna & Brand Five Rivers. The Milkfed has initiated installation of state-of-the-art vending machines



aimed at providing fresh, hygienic and easily accessible Verka products to consumers at prominent public locations. The momentous occasion also saw Guddi, the girl companion of Verka's beloved mascot Veera, being unveiled and introduced to the consumers. The launch of Guddi marks a thoughtful initiative by Brand Verka towards promoting gender equality while simultaneously reflecting the strong family values and emotional bonds deeply rooted in the culture of

Punjab. Notably, the Punjab State Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Limited, popularly known as Milkfed Punjab, owner of the iconic Verka brand, is one of the largest Cooperative Dairy organizations in India working continuously for the economic upliftment of dairy farmers, while providing quality milk and milk products to consumers across the country. Under its ambitious Vision 2026, Milkfed is focusing on rapid expansion of market reach,

strengthening of dairy infrastructure, digital transformation, value-added product diversification, enhancement of farmer prosperity and establishment of consumer-centric modern retail systems. While addressing the gathering, the Secretary Cooperation-cum-Chairman Milkfed Punjab, Ajit Balaji Joshi lauded the efforts of Milkfed and informed that as part of the futuristic activities, more such vending machines including the Ice Cream vending machines would see installation at the Punjab Civil Secretariat - 2 (Mini Secretariat), Punjab & Haryana High Court and the places witnessing the maximum footfall of the people i.e. the Government offices, Airports, District Civil Secretariats, Colleges, Malls and other public places for greater consumer convenience and wider market expansion.

Flag Foundation of India presents 54-foot-tall Tricolor to Technology Education Research Integrated Institute

HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA, MAY 12

As part of a campaign spearheaded by the Flag Foundation of India—aimed at promoting awareness regarding the national flag—colossal Tricolors are being installed across the Kurukshetra parliamentary constituency to instill a spirit of patriotism in every citizen. Today, the Flag Foundation of India presented a flagpole and other associated materials to

the Technology Education Research Integrated Institute for the hoisting of a 54-foot-tall Tricolor. Representing the Flag Foundation of India, Bhusan Mangla and Dr. Raj Kumar shared important information regarding the flag with the institute's Vice Chairman, Virender Goyal, and Accountant, Chandra Bansal. In this context, Dharamvir Singh, the Office-in-Charge for MP Naveen Jindal, stated that MP Naveen Jindal secured for the common people the

right to hoist the national flag at their homes. He noted that the MP had waged a struggle for years to achieve this right. The Flag Foundation of India has successfully facilitated the installation of colossal Tricolors at over 200 locations across the country. He added that such initiatives not only strengthen the spirit of patriotism among the youth but also heighten their awareness regarding their duties toward the nation.

Promising Mitali Budhiraja clears MBBS exam; brings honour to family

DINKAR GAWRI

HANSI: Today marks a day of double celebration for the family of Dr. Rahul Budhiraja, the Senior Medical Officer (SMO) at the Civil Hospital in Hansi. His daughter, Mitali Budhiraja, has successfully cleared her final MBBS examinations with outstanding marks from the Government Medical College in Amritsar. Mitali's success has not only created an atmosphere of joy within the family but has also garnered congratulations from across the fields of education and medicine. Mitali hails from a family



where the values of service and education are deeply ingrained in their very ethos. Her father, Dr. Rahul Budhiraja, currently serves as the SMO at the Civil Hospital in Hansi, while her mother, Dr. Jyoti Kapoor, renders her services as an SMO at the Civil Hospital in Bhiwani. Notably, all four members of this family are associated with the medical profession, a fact that underscores their unwavering commitment to serving society. The roots of Mitali's success lie in her family's strong academic lineage.

'Project Kitaab Evam Kalam' stationery distribution drive organised in government schools



DAVINDER SHARMA
RUPNAGAR: The NSS unit of Rayat College of Law organised a stationery distribution campaign in the Government Primary School and Government Middle School of village Asron under the initiative titled "Project Kitaab Evam Kalam". The programme was conducted under the guidance of NSS Programme Officer Dr. Sohnu and the college management. During the campaign, NSS volunteers distributed notebooks, pencils, pens, erasers, sharpeners and other essential stationery items among students from nursery to Class VIII. Biscuit packets were also distributed among the children as a gesture of encouragement and affection. The organisers said the primary objective of the initiative was to provide educational support to students and motivate them towards learning. It was also announced during the programme that the NSS unit's ongoing educational assistance campaign would officially be known as "Project Kitaab Evam Kalam". The name was proposed by Dr. Sohnu and several NSS volunteers. The decision was taken in view of the fact that the NSS unit had earlier organised similar stationery distribution drives on three occasions for students of different classes at Government School Railmaja.

Awareness programme held at Community Centre in Purana Hamida under "Sahi Rah" campaign



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: An awareness programme was organised at the Community Centre in Purana Hamida under the "Sahi Rah" (Right Path) campaign. Providing details, a police spokesperson stated that an awareness programme was held on Tuesday at the Community Centre in Purana Hamida as part of the "Sahi Rah" initiative. The event aimed to sensitize the youth and the general public regarding the adverse effects of drug abuse. Superintendent of Police (SP), Kamaldeep Goyal, attended the programme as the Chief Guest. Upon his arrival at the venue, the organizers and local residents welcomed him by garlanding him with flowers and presenting him with mementos. Present on this occasion were Advocate Sushil Arya, Dr. Naveen Sharma, Dr. Bulbul, Dr. Satish Lohat, Surender Madan, Fateh Singh Gill, Hasim Lambardar, President Jangsher Singh, Ishtaq Malik, Ashwani Monga, City Police Station In-charge Narendra Singh, Hamida Police Post In-charge Shamsheer Rana, along with other officials and staff members. Addressing the gathering, SP Kamaldeep Goyal remarked that drug abuse is emerging as one of the greatest challenges facing society today. The youth, in particular, are rapidly falling prey to this menace, thereby adversely affecting both families and society at large.

NFR Central Hospital participates in nationwide drive to improve new-born survival



YUGMARG BUREAU
MALIGAON: The Central Hospital of Northeast Frontier Railway actively participated in the nationwide Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) Day on 10th May, 2026 reaffirming its commitment towards strengthening new-born healthcare and reducing preventable neonatal deaths. As part of the programme, 15 healthcare professionals participated in a dedicated training session conducted at Central Hospital, Maligaon. The session was led by Dr. Immanuel Tuolor, Senior Divisional Medical Officer, Paediatrics Department, who served as the Lead Instructor. The event was coordinated by Dr. KMSK Krishna, Senior Divisional Medical Officer, Paediatrics Department. The nationwide initiative was organised under the leadership of the National Neonatology Forum (NNF) in collaboration with the Government of India, Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP), Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI) and Trained Nurses' Association of India (TNAI). The programme aimed at building large-scale life-saving capacity at every delivery point by ensuring the availability of at least one trained healthcare provider for every new-born. The initiative emphasised the importance of timely intervention during the critical "golden minute" after birth, when immediate resuscitation support can significantly improve new-born survival outcomes.

Kala Srishti Manch organises grand cultural programme on Mothers' Day



HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: Kala Srishti Manch, the city's leading organization dedicated to art and culture, organized a grand, emotional and cultural program on the auspicious occasion of Mother's Day. Music, poetry, dance and qawwalishow full of reverence, love and respect for mothers. The program, which continued late into the evening, left everyone present deeply moved. The program opened with a powerful poem by Subhash Sudha, a former Haryana government minister, filling the atmosphere with literary grandeur. Music, songs and poetry captivated the audience. Deepak Kaushik captivated the audience with his song, "Ek Hansi Shaam Ko Dil Mera Kahin Kho Gaya." Vishal Pandit elevated the emotions with his rendition of "Kahin Door Jab Din Dhal Jaye." Dr. Satya Bhusan performed "Shaam Ka Khayal Aa Gaya," and Dr. Swarit Sharma mesmerized the audience with songs like "Honthon Se Chhoo Lo Tum Mera Geet Amar Kar Do" and "Na Umr Ki Seema Ho." Dr. Sahdev Sharma and Dr. Swarit Sharma's duet, "Tu Pyar Hai Kisi Aur Ka, Tujhe Chahta Koi Aur Hai," received special appreciation. Namita Kaushik's rendition of "Har Ghadi Badal Rahi Hai" and Pooja Pandit's "Bole Re Papihara" added sweetness to the program.

PWD employees angry over pending wages, threaten agitation if issues are not resolved

MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: Executive meeting of Joint Employees Forum Branch, Indri, affiliated to All Haryana PWD Mechanical Workers Union Reg. No. 41, headquarter in Charkhi Dadri and affiliated to camp office in Karnal, was held at Jalghar No. 2, Indri. Meeting included an in-depth discussion on employees' pending demands and departmental problems. Addressing meeting, Branch and District President Registrar Rana stated that Executive Engineer Board No. 2 has scheduled a meeting on May 13 to resolve employees' issues. He stated that if job workers' pending wages, dagri, shoes, soap and other demands, pending for one year are not resolved, all employees associated with organization will stage a protest. Entire responsibility for this will rest with departmental officials. Registrar Rana leveled serious allegations of corruption in department, stating that an attempt is being made to withhold and usurp pending wages of job workers through collusion between officials and contractors. He stated that families of employees are facing financial hardship due to prolonged non-payment of salaries. Branch Secretary Rajkumar Saini stated that triennial elections for Karnal district of organization will be held on May 15 at B&R office on Mall Road, Karnal. He alleged that previously, employees were paid Rs 13,500 on salary bills of Rs 15,500 rupees.

CA Association holds 4th blood donation camp at its office

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 12

The Chartered Accountants Association (CA), Yamunanagar, successfully organised its fourth mega blood donation camp at its office located in HUDA Sector 17. Over 30 units of blood were collected during the event. Members and citizens participated enthusiastically in this social and humanitarian initiative, setting a shining example of humanity. Tarun (District Revenue Officer) graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Highlighting the significance of blood donation, he stated that it is the greatest form of charity—one that has the power to save the life of a complete stranger. He emphasised that, in times of need or during emergencies, we should come forward immediately to donate blood to save a life. Furthermore, he noted that a healthy individual can safely donate blood again after



a period of three months. Dr. Vikas Kumar (Dentist) attended the program as a Special Guest and encouraged everyone to donate blood on a regular basis. Speaking on the occasion, the Association's Chairman, Rajat Alagh, underscored the social importance of blood donation, stating that Chartered Accountants are playing a leading role not only in the financial sector but also in fulfilling their social responsibilities.

Global Recognition: Har Ghar Valmiki Ramayana reaches Vietnam Heritage Site

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI, MAY 12

The "Har Ghar Valmiki Ramayana" campaign, which is being run with the aim of spreading Indian culture and the ideals of Maharishi Valmiki across the world, is now creating a new identity at the international level. The campaign has gained new momentum with the presentation of Valmiki Ramayana at the famous UNESCO World Heritage Site My Son Sanctuary in central Vietnam. During this, devotees and lovers of Indian culture appreciated the campaign and expressed their desire to take it forward across the world. Tejinder Singh Teji, the



international coordinator of the expedition, presented copies of India's (ASI) technical team at the My Son World Heritage Site in Vietnam. On this occasion, all the officials praised the expedition, calling it important for the preservation of Indian culture and historical heritage. members of the Archaeological Survey of India's (ASI) technical team at the My Son World Heritage Site in Vietnam. On this occasion, all the officials praised the expedition, calling it important for the preservation of Indian culture and historical heritage.

Committee formed to determine rates for materials used in govt building construction: DC

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Deputy Commissioner Dr. Anand Kumar Sharma has constituted a committee, chaired by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the District Council, to determine the rates of materials utilised in government building construction projects. The committee comprises the District Food and Supplies Controller, the Executive Engineer of the Panchayati Raj Department, the Executive Engineer of the Public Works Department (PWD), and the Block Development and Panchayat Officer (BDPO) of Gharanda, who will serve as members. The Deputy Commissioner was holding a meeting with officials from the concerned departments in his office on Tuesday. He stated that the aforementioned committee would prepare and submit its report regarding the rates of materials used in government building construction as expeditiously as possible. The committee is tasked with ensuring that its recommendations regarding the rates to be fixed within the district are duly submitted. Present at the meeting were District Council CEO Amit Kumar, DDPO Kanchanlata, Executive Engineer of the Panchayati Raj Department Narayan Dutt, along with officials from other departments. Deputy Commissioner Directs Audit of Biogas Plant in Hasanpur Village. Separately, during the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the construction work of the biogas plant located in Hasanpur village within the Gharanda block.



Peaceful dharna for restoration of Hisar Doordarshan Kendra coninues



MAHENDER GOYAL
HISAR: Inder Singh Malik President of Haryana door dershhan Kendra Hisar bachao jan Sangharsh Samiti intimated that 'today is 1224 day of continues peaceful dharna for restoration of alone Doodershan Hisar with complete infrastructure available in good conditions it is not possible to run. Chandigarh kender being not in Haryana as well as 250 kms away from Hisar so how doctors expert's cultural activism can travel paying huge amounts and boardings lodgings for two to three days. Neither self nor government dept can bear such expensive transitioning. So, it is tricky and eye washing to self and citizens by government in pretext of shifting Hisar door dershhan kender to Chandigarh. Doordershan kender Hisar Haryana should be restored immediately in interest of nation and state, said Malik

Congress backs sanitation strike, blames government for city chaos



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: The sanitation workers' strike entered its 12th day on Tuesday. The Congress Party's urban district unit arrived at the protest site and announced its full support to the workers. District President Devendra Singh, targeting the BJP government, said that all sections of society were being ignored today. The sanitation workers' strike has been going on for the past 12 days, but the government was not willing to listen to them. Devendra Singh said that the strike has worsened the city's cleanliness situation. Piles of garbage everywhere pose a risk of spreading disease. In the summer, the garbage is stinking, making life difficult for people. District President Devendra Singh said that the government should put aside its ego and engage in dialogue with the workers protesting for legitimate demands. Devendra Singh said that if the garbage spread disease, the government and administration will be responsible. He added that the Congress party stood with the workers in this fight for justice. Senior Congress officials Monica Doomra, Ravinder Bablu, Sukhjinder Singh, Sumit Pal Singh, Sardar TP Singh, Balraj Kaushik, Mithlesh Chaudhary, Ram Shankar Singh, Laxman Vinayak, Nirmala Yadav, Geeta, Nawab Khan, Sandeep Bagga, and others were present on the occasion.

Brahmaswarup Brahmachari, supreme head of Shri Jayaram Institutions, honours Kharati Lal Singla



HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: Brahmaswarup Brahmachari, the supreme head of Shri Jayaram institutions operating nationwide arrived at the Sector 7 residence of Kharati Lal Singla, a prominent social worker and trustee of Shri Jayaram Vidyapeeth, Kurukshetra. On this occasion, Brahmachari received a warm welcome and blessings from numerous dignitaries, including Kulwant Saini, Ramni was Bansal, Bharat Bhusan Singla, Rajendra Singla, Gaurang Singla, Satya Narayan Singla, Mahendra Singla, Ravindra Singla, Moolchand Gupta, Subhash Gupta Advocate, VedPrakash, Suresh Kumar Garg, Om Prakash Garg, Vinod Singla Jhansa, Yashpal Rana, Rajesh Singla, Naveen Singla, Ankit Bansal, and others. On the occasion, Brahmachari praised social worker Kharati Lal Singla for his services to Shri Jayaram institutions and public support. He formally honored Kharati Lal Singla.

CHANDIGARH (R N KHERA):The Department of Nursing, GMCH Chandigarh organized the valedictory function of International Nurses Week-2026 on 12th May, 2026 with the theme "Empowered Nurses Save Lives." The week-long celebration was held to commemorate the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. The event was inaugurated on 6th May by Director Principal Prof. Ravneet Kaur Bedi, who appreciated the dedicated services of the nursing professionals. During the week, nursing staff organized help desks in the OPD area and assisted around 700 patients and their attendants. An awareness programme on organ donation was also conducted for five consecutive days. Various activities including a CNE programme on "Compassion Fatigue," Best Ward Competition, and a theme-based poetry competition were organized for nursing professionals. The valedictory ceremony was graced by Director Principal Prof. Ravneet Kaur Bedi as Chief Guest and Medical Superintendent Prof. Vishal Gugliani as Guest of Honour. Nursing Superintendent Ms. Amanvir Kaur highlighted the importance of empowering nurses and emphasized that strong nursing leadership and supportive work environments directly improve patient care and safety.

NEWS BRIEF

Skoda Auto India launches updated Skoda Kodiaq 4x4 with advanced features
AMRITSAR: Skoda Auto India has introduced the 2026 version of its flagship luxury SUV, the Skoda Kodiaq, with several new features and technology upgrades. The company has launched the Kodiaq range in three variants — Lounge, Sportline, and Selection L&K. The introductory ex-showroom price starts at Rs 36.99 lakh, while the top-end variant is priced at Rs 46.99 lakh. According to the company, the updated Kodiaq now comes equipped with Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS). Key features include adaptive cruise control, lane assist, blind spot detection, rear traffic alert, LED matrix headlights, and a 360-degree camera. The Sportline variant has been designed with a sporty character inspired by Skoda's motorsport DNA, while the Selection L&K variant offers premium leather seats, massage function, ventilation, and heating features.

Bajaj Auto announces ₹3,000 off on Pulsar 125 for a limited period

KARNAL - Bajaj Auto Ltd., the world's most valuable two- and three-wheeler manufacturer, has rolled a limited period offer on Pulsar 125, bringing added value to India's favourite performance motorcycle. The Pulsar 125 range that starts at Rs. 87,255 (ex-showroom-Delhi) respectively, is now being offered at ₹3,000 off for a limited-period, making it an even more compelling choice for riders seeking accessible performance backed by a trusted legacy. The refreshed range is further elevated with new youthful colour options and updated graphics, adding a layer of contemporary appeal to it. This evolution ensures that riders now get a more modern, feature-enhanced experience without compromising on the proven fundamentals of performance, comfort, and reliability.

HDFC Bank WhatsApp Chat Banking Crosses 1 Crore Unique Monthly Active Users Milestone

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA/AMBALA: HDFC Bank's WhatsApp Chat Banking platform has crossed significant adoption milestones, with over 1 crore 30-day active users and 2 crore 90-day active users as on March 31, 2026. The platform now serves more than 4 crore registered customers, almost 40% of the Bank's customer base. Alongside user growth, transactions have increased by 20%, demonstrating deeper engagement. Speaking about the milestone, Rajanish Parmanand Prabhu, Head – Payments and Digital Banking Channels, HDFC Bank, said: "Crossing the 1 crore unique monthly active users milestone is a significant moment in our digital journey. What began as a simple service interface has now evolved into a full-scale conversational banking ecosystem. Customers are increasingly choosing chat for both routine services and high-value transactions. Our focus remains on making banking more customer-centric, intuitive and accessible within the platforms customers use every day." Today, HDFC Bank offers one of the most comprehensive suites of services on WhatsApp.

Vi Movies & TV forays into Microdramas; Offers Bullet Microdrama App as first offering free of cost

LUDHIANA/CHANDIGARH: Catering to the growing demand for mobile-first, short serialized content, Vi Movies & TV, the content aggregator platform from leading telco Vi, today announced its foray into the microdrama category. Microdramas will be available on Vi Movies & TV for the first time in partnership with Bullet Microdrama App and can be accessed via the Vi Movies & TV App. Microdramas are rapidly gaining popularity among India's smartphone-first audiences. According to industry reports, India accounted for 11% of global downloads of Microdrama platforms in Q1 2025 reaching 35 million. The microdrama market in India is poised for exponential growth, projected to reach \$1.5 billion by 2026 and \$4.5 billion by 2030.

Cantabil expands its retail presence with the opening of its New Store in MALERKOTLA

MALERKOTLA - Cantabil Retail India Ltd., one of India's leading apparel manufacturer and retailer, has further strengthened its strong presence in Punjab with the launch of its latest store at Malerkotla. Spanning across 1950 sqft area, the brand store is located at Shop No. 13 & 14, Thandi Sadak, Opp. Jain Sweets, Malerkotla, marks a significant milestone in the brand's expansion journey. Dedicated to offering a comprehensive selection of men (formal-wear, casuals, and party-wear), women (casual, ethnic and formal-wear), with the trendiest range of kids apparel, along with accessories, Cantabil redefined the retail experience. Cantabil has solidified its position as a leader in the fashion industry. Commenting on this exciting launch, Mr. Deepak Bansal, Director of Cantabil Retail India Ltd., expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "We are excited to introduce our new family store in Malerkotla. Cantabil has garnered immense appreciation in the mid-premium segment, resonating with customers."

IndiGo Rolls out 'Great Connections Fest' Offering Fares Starting from ₹3,999

CHANDIGARH / LUDHIANA: IndiGo, India's preferred airline, has announced 'Great Connections Fest' offering attractive fares for connecting flights across its domestic and international network. The offer is valid for bookings made from 12 May 2026 until 15 May 2026, for travel between 22 May 2026 and 30 September 2026. As part of the sale, customers can avail all-inclusive one-way fares starting from ₹3,999 for domestic and ₹9,999 for international sectors. In addition to discounted fares, IndiGo is offering special prices for select Add-on services, including Fast Forward starting at ₹250 and Emergency XL seats starting at ₹500 on select domestic and international sectors.

VFS Global enhances UK visa submission experience with 12 Premium Application Centres across India

CHANDIGARH/JALANDHAR: With demand for travel from India to the UK continuing to grow, VFS Global now operates a network of 12 Premium Application Centres (PACs) for UK visa customers across India, offering a more comfortable visa submission experience. The Premium Application Centres are designed for customers who value convenience, privacy and time efficiency, including business travellers, families, senior citizens and professionals with demanding schedules. Located across key cities, these centres provide a premium environment while fully adhering to the processes and guidelines set by UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI). To book an appointment for these Premium Application Centres, customers need to select their centre of choice while applying for their UK visa online. Mumbai Tower, Chief Operating Officer - South Asia, VFS Global, said, "Indian travellers today increasingly seek convenience, comfort and flexibility. Our UK Premium Application Centres across India are designed specifically to meet these expectations, offering customers a more streamlined and personalised experience while maintaining the highest standards of security and compliance."

Chandigarh plans major sports push, targets International events



CHANDIGARH: Chief Secretary of UT Chandigarh, Shri H. Rajesh Prasad, IAS, on Monday chaired a high-level review meeting of the Sports Department to assess ongoing infrastructure projects, major sports initiatives, and future plans aimed at strengthening Chandigarh's position as a leading sports hub in the country. During the meeting, the Secretary Sports and senior departmental officials presented a detailed overview of infrastructure development works, major sporting events held during 2025-26, athlete welfare initiatives, and proposed national and international events for 2026-27. Officials informed that several key projects were undertaken during 2025-26, including the development of an international-level Billiards and Snooker Hall at the Sports Complex in Sector 42, air-conditioning works in indoor sports halls, an all-weather swimming pool at Sector 39, upgradation of the cricket stadium in Sector 16, chess centres in Sectors 8 and 39, and an international-standard Boccia Court at Sector 8. The Chief Secretary directed officials to expedite implementation of all projects planned for 2026-27 and ensure their completion within stipulated timelines. Upcoming projects include installation of CCTV cameras at all sports complexes, laying of AstroTurf at the Hockey Stadium in Sector 18 and the six-a-side hockey ground at Sector 42, upgradation of the synthetic athletic track in Sector 7, and development of sports infrastructure at Lake Sports Complex. Emphasizing optimum utilization of sports infrastructure, the Chief Secretary asked the department to actively pursue hosting national and international sporting events in Chandigarh. Director Sports informed that Chandigarh Administration is bidding to host the Asian Relay Championship 2027 and the 21st Asian Roller Skating Championship 2027.

Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria Attends Oath-Taking Ceremony of Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma

GUWAHATI/CHANDIGARH: Punjab Governor and Administrator, UT Chandigarh, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria today attended the oath-taking ceremony of Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma as the Chief Minister of Assam at a grand function held in Guwahati. The ceremony was graced by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh, besides several Governors, Chief Ministers, Union Ministers and other eminent dignitaries from across the country. On the occasion, Shri Kataria extended his heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma on assuming office once again as the Chief Minister of Assam. He expressed confidence that under Shri Sarma's leadership, Assam would continue to achieve new milestones



in development, good governance and public welfare. It is pertinent to mention that Shri Gulab Chand Kataria had earlier served as the Governor of Assam and remained on the constitutional post for more than a year during the previous tenure of Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma as Chief Minister. During that period, both leaders shared a strong administrative coordination and a common vision for the progress and welfare of the people of Assam. The swearing-in ceremony also reflected the rich cultural heritage and vibrant traditions of the North-Eastern region. A large number of public representatives, senior officials, social leaders and distinguished guests were present on the occasion. Shri Kataria observed that the North-East has emerged as a major centre of growth and national integration under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Sri Guru Hargobind Public School Achieves 100% Class 10 Result

AMIRK SINGH CHOWK MEHTA: Sri Guru Hargobind Public School, Vairo Nangal, once again achieved an excellent result in the Class 10 examinations this year, recording a 100 percent pass rate. Students of the school delivered an outstanding performance, bringing pride to the institution as well as their parents. Anmolpreet Kaur secured the first position in the school with 93 percent marks. Damanpreet bagged the second position, while Muskanpreet Kaur secured the third position. School Director Naninder Singh, Madam Rajwanti Kaur, and Principal Sakshi Bedi



congratulated the students, parents, and teachers on the remarkable achievement. They said the excellent result was made possible through the hard work and dedication of the students and the sincere efforts of the teaching staff.

Motherhood Hospitals Mohali Celebrates Mother's Day with "Care, Checked In"



CHANDIGARH: Motherhood Hospitals Mohali celebrated Mother's Day with a special wellness initiative, "Care, Checked In," bringing together 25 mom influencers along with their children, making it a total of around 50 members, for an engaging and meaningful event focused on preventive healthcare, self-care, and family wellness. Designed around the idea that mothers often prioritise everyone else before themselves, the event encouraged women to pause and focus on their own health and well-being. The initiative combined expert guidance, wellness screenings, interactive activities, games and family participation to create a supportive and awareness-driven experience for mothers. As part of the event, attendees underwent personalised wellness assessments, including BMI analysis, blood pressure checks, vitals monitoring, baseline health evaluations and consultation with gynaecologist. Senior consultants and specialists from Motherhood Hospitals Mohali also interacted with participants and offered guidance on preventive healthcare, hormonal wellness, nutrition, pregnancy care, mental well-being, and healthy lifestyle practices. The event featured engaging expert-led sessions on topics relevant to modern women and mothers, including essential health screenings, balancing motherhood with self-care, postpartum recovery, fitness, and building healthy habits for the entire family. Doctors also highlighted the importance of early detection and preventive care in managing lifestyle disorders and women's health concerns.

Dr. Harish Vashisht Appointed Chandigarh State President of RLD Professional Cell

CHANDIGARH: The Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) has appointed Dr. Harish Vashisht as the Chandigarh State President of the party's Professional Cell. The appointment was announced by senior advocate and National President of the RLD Professional Forum, Ravikant Chadha, following the approval of National General Secretary (Organisation) Tilkot Tyagi.



Dr. Harish Vashisht has been actively associated with the fields of education, healthcare, social service and skill development for the past 25 years. Presently, he is serving as the Dean and Professor at the School of Health Sciences, NIILM University, Katlhal (Haryana). He holds several professional qualifications, including a PhD in Hospital Administration and Physiotherapy. He is successfully managing various educational and healthcare institutions. Dr. Vashisht has also played a significant role in providing training and employment opportunities to thousands of youth under various ministries and skill development projects of the Government of India. Apart from academics and healthcare, Dr. Vashisht has remained actively involved in social and sports activities. He has served as Chairman of Hindustan Scouts and Guides, Chandigarh, Senior Vice President of Softball Association Chandigarh, and Senior Vice President of Mini Golf Association Himachal Pradesh. On this occasion, Ravikant Chadha said that Dr. Harish Vashisht has been entrusted with this responsibility considering his organisational capabilities, social commitment, and dedication towards the party. He expressed confidence that under Dr. Vashisht's leadership, the Professional Forum in Chandigarh would gain new strength and attract more professionals towards the ideology of Rashtriya Lok Dal.

PNB Kitchenmate Unveils 'Sabse Bada Offer' Campaign Featuring 'Sarkata' Sunil Kumar

LUDHIANA : PNB Kitchenmate has launched its latest campaign, 'Sabse Bada Offer,' bringing alive the scale of its biggest-ever consumer offer through a fresh, narrative-led approach, featuring Sunil Kumar, the actor and professional wrestler who portrayed the main villain, 'Sarkata,' in the 2024 horror-comedy film, Stree 2. The

cluttered advertising landscape, merely stating "biggest offer" is not enough, consumers need to feel it. The film brings this idea to life through a clever narrative progression. Set in a familiar, real-world environment, the story unfolds with a police officer stepping into a home, expecting to meet someone "bigger." What follows is a layered build-up of visual escalation, where each new character redefines what "big" means, creating curiosity, humour, and anticipation. At the centre of this progression is Sunil Kumar, whose towering presence adds authenticity and impact to the storytelling. His entry builds intrigue, presenting scale in a way that feels real rather than exaggerated. Just as the audience believes they've reached the peak, the narrative flips. The campaign delivers its core message, that even the biggest physical scale falls short in comparison to something far greater. The product reveal is intentionally held back as the final payoff, ensuring maximum engagement and recall. The film closes with a sharp, memorable line that ties the entire narrative together: "Sabse bada insaan bhi chhota pad gaya..." PNB Kitchenmate ke offer ke saamne."

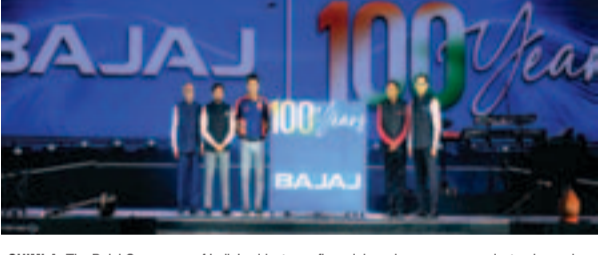


campaign is designed to cater to consumers across Tier 2 and Tier 3 regions and reinforce PNB Kitchenmate's promise of delivering high-value, practical kitchen solutions. Conceptualized by Auro Pixel LLP and directed by Himanshu Bisht, the campaign was developed in close coordination with Daksh Jain, Marketing Head, PNB Kitchenmate, who played a key role in shaping the campaign strategy and execution. The campaign is built on a simple yet powerful creative insight: in today's

Sanjay Tandon urges citizens to strengthen 'Vocal for Local' movement

CHANDIGARH: Senior BJP leader Sanjay Tandon on Tuesday appealed to the people of Chandigarh to actively support Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Vocal for Local" campaign by promoting and purchasing indigenous products. Reacting to the Prime Minister's appeal in view of the prolonged West Asia crisis, Tandon said that strengthening local industries and encouraging Indian-made products is not only essential for economic self-reliance but also crucial for generating employment opportunities and empowering small traders, artisans, and entrepreneurs. He said the "Vocal for Local" movement has emerged as a powerful initiative towards building a self-reliant India and reducing dependence on foreign goods. Tandon emphasized that every citizen can contribute to nation-building by consciously choosing local products in their daily lives. It is worth mentioning that Prime Minister Modi has appealed for national austerity measures, specifically urging citizens to curb petrol/diesel usage, limit foreign travel, and reduce gold purchases. These measures aim to conserve foreign exchange reserves amid intense economic pressure from the West Asia conflict.

Bajaj at 100: From Freedom Movement to Global Scale



SHIMLA: The Bajaj Group, one of India's oldest family businesses and among its largest conglomerates by market cap at \$USD 148 billion, today commemorated 100 years in business — with Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi extending his greetings on a milestone that traces India's own arc — from the freedom movement to its global economic rise. Founded in 1926 in Mumbai (then-Bombay) by Jammalal Bajaj, a freedom fighter, social reformer, philanthropist, industrialist and considered the fifth adopted son of Mahatma Gandhi, the Bajaj Group serves one in three Indian households and employs over 130,000 employees. With over 100 companies, exports to over 100 countries, and an upcoming foray into healthcare, the Bajaj Group has built one of India's most trusted brands across automobiles, financial services, consumer electronics and engineering. Some of its listed companies include Bajaj Auto, Bajaj Finserv, Bajaj Holdings & Investment, Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Housing Finance, Bajaj Electricals and Mukand. Niraj Bajaj, Chairman, Bajaj Auto, in his address themed 'India and Bajaj,' said: "As a family, we thank our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for his wishes and encouraging words. The story of Bajaj and the story of India have never really been separate. India's journey towards self-reliance did not begin recently. It began nearly a century ago when visionary Indians believed that Bharat must build for itself, produce for itself, and stand on its own feet. One of those pioneers was Jammalalji our founder. His philosophy of 'common good over individual gain' shaped our decisions across generations."

Ather Energy delivers highest-ever quarterly volumes of 83,418, up 76% YoY

CHANDIGARH : Ather Energy (ATHERENERGY), one of India's leading electric two-wheeler manufacturers, delivered its strongest-ever performance in FY26, driven by growth in volumes, market share, and revenue, alongside a sharp reduction in EBITDA losses. The company sold 2,62,942 units in FY26, up 69% YoY, and closed the year with record quarterly volumes of 83,418 units in Q4 (up 76% YoY). EBITDA margins improved by -1,630 bps YoY for the year and -2,080 bps YoY in Q4, reflecting improving unit economics and operating leverage. Growth during FY26 was driven by geographic expansion, a rapidly scaling retail footprint, and the continued strong performance of Ather's family scooter Rizta. Ather doubled its retail network during the year, ending FY26 with 700 Experience Centres (Ecs), up from 351 at the end of FY25. The service



network expanded in tandem to approximately 548 service centres in FY26, nearly 2x its FY25 footprint, supporting a consistent customer experience as volumes scaled. Ather's charging ecosystem also scaled significantly during the year, with customers now having access to over 6,000 charging points powered by LECCS, making it the largest fast charging network for two wheelers in India. Rizta has been a key driver of Ather's market share gains across India. Middle India saw the fastest growth, with the share rising to 17.3% in Q4 FY26 from 9.5% a year ago, while Rest of India grew to 12.1% in Q4 FY26 from 6.5% in Q4 FY25. South India remained the strongest region, retaining leadership with a 23.5%* market share in Q4 FY26.

Bajaj Auto announces ₹3,000 off on Pulsar 125 for a limited period



Chandigarh : Bajaj Auto Ltd., the world's most valuable two- and three-wheeler manufacturer, has rolled a limited period offer on Pulsar 125, bringing added value to India's favourite performance motorcycle. The Pulsar 125 range that starts at Rs. 87,255 (ex-showroom-Delhi) respectively, is now being offered at Rs. 3,000 off for a limited-period, making it an even more compelling choice for riders seeking accessible performance backed by a trusted legacy. The refreshed range is further elevated with new youthful colour options and updated graphics, adding a layer of contemporary appeal to it. This evolution ensures that riders now get a more modern, feature-enhanced experience without compromising on the proven fundamentals of performance, comfort, and reliability.

Amazon Expands Health Coverage for 90,000 Delivery Associates across India



SHIMLA: Amazon India today announced an expansion of health and insurance benefits for nearly 90,000 delivery associates across its operations network in India. The benefits provide Outpatient Department (OPD) coverage for routine medical expenses, hospitalization support for inpatient care, and compensation for temporary or permanent disabilities ensuring both immediate medical needs and income loss due to injury are covered. These benefits will be rolled out to associates across all last-mile programs. Mediclaim coverage will be increased up to ₹1.5 lakh, OPD expenses of up to ₹10,000 are now covered, and Group Personal Accident coverage has been expanded up to Rs-10 lakh. The wellness benefits cover associates and up to three family members annually, includes unlimited multilingual virtual doctor consultations and two free in-person OPD visits per family each year. Additional support includes discounts on diagnostics, pharmacy, dental and eye care, along with tools that encourage preventive health and fitness.

BJP Meeting in Zirakpur Ward 16 Draws Huge Support



ZIRAKPUR: A public meeting organized by the BJP in Ward No. 16 of Zirakpur witnessed enthusiastic participation and strong support from local residents on Tuesday. Several senior party leaders and office bearers attended the event, including Zirakpur in-charge Rakesh Kumar Gupta, Sanjeev Khanna, Gurdarshan Singh Saini, and the Mandal President. Addressing the gathering, Shifali Jain said the overwhelming response from residents reflects the people's trust in the BJP's policies and development-oriented governance. She stated that the BJP has always worked closely with the public to resolve local

Haryana's Air Crisis: Ammonia Levels Rise 8% as PM2.5 and PM10 double the National Standards



CHANDIGARH : Respirer Living Sciences has released a comprehensive analysis of air pollution trends in Haryana, tracking ammonia (NH₃), fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), and coarse particulate matter (PM₁₀) across 31 monitoring stations spanning 2024 through early 2026. The findings show particulate pollution has persistently exceeded national health standards, and ammonia (an often-overlooked agricultural and livestock pollutant) is emerging as a key driver of secondary particulate formation across the state. The report, titled "Trends in NH₃, PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ in Haryana: Recommendations for a Pilot-scale Real-time, Source-specific Ammonia Monitoring Network", draws on data from the Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) and other monitoring agencies, offering the most detailed multi-year picture of Haryana's air quality challenge to date. Under India's National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), the safe limits for PM_{2.5} are 60 µg/m³ for a 24-hour average and 40 µg/m³ annually, for PM₁₀, these are 100 µg/m³ and 60 µg/m³ respectively; and for NH₃, 400 µg/m³ over 24 hours and 100 µg/m³ annually. The WHO 2021 guidelines are far stricter, setting PM_{2.5} limits at just 15 µg/m³ (24-hour) and 5 µg/m³ (annual), and PM₁₀ at 45 µg/m³ and 15 µg/m³ — no WHO guideline currently exists for NH₃.

Haier India Launches Next-Gen Premium Spartan AI Tower AC Powered by AI-Atmom



KARNAL: Haier Appliances India, the world's No. 1 global major appliances brand for 17 consecutive years, brings a new expression of power, prestige, precision and premium design to modern living with the launch of Spartan AI Tower Air Conditioner, powered by AI-Atmom. Built for homes that demand presence as much as performance, the Spartan AI Tower air conditioner delivers with powerful, prestigious cooling and high-performance efficiency. With its striking form and thoughtful engineering, it moves beyond utility to become a defining element in the room, designed for those who value clean aesthetics and technology that fits in effortlessly. The Spartan AI Tower Air Conditioner showcases Haier's commitment to

next-generation innovation and thoughtful design that truly meets consumer needs. It combines advanced features such as AI Climate Control 2.0, which learns usage patterns to deliver personalized cooling complemented by Dynamic Environmental Adaptation, which optimizes performance in real time and AI Pre-Cooling up to a 1 km geofence that anticipates user arrival to cool the room in advance. Commenting on the launch, Mr. NS Satish, CEO, Haier Appliances India, said, "The Spartan AI Tower air conditioner is a statement of intent, to redefine what an air conditioner can be in a market as diverse and dynamic as India. This is not just about cooling a space; it's about creating intelligent, responsive and elevated experiences that align with modern households live.

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Inner Wheel Club Mid Town distributed ration kits to TB patients at Civil Hospital



SARABJIT SUFI LUDHIANA, as always, Inner Wheel Club Mid Town has come forward to help the needy. Today, 25 TB patients were distributed ration kits at Civil Hospital in the presence of Dr. Ashish Chawla, District TB Officer and Naveet Joshi, Secretary Red Cross, in which nutritious food, pulses, dalia khichdi etc. were all present. Speaking on the occasion, Club President Nisha Sharma said that we will give these ration kits to these patients for a full six months. Club Editor Sulekha Sachdeva Kusam Agarwal etc. were prominently present on this occasion.

International Nurses Day Celebrated at Malwa College



KULWINDER KARWAL SARDULEWALA: International Nurses Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Malwa College Sardulewala on Monday. The event highlighted the importance of the nursing profession and its invaluable contribution to society. Addressing students associated with the nursing field, Managing Director Raj Sodhi and faculty members praised the dedication and selfless service of nurses towards humanity. Speaking on the occasion, Mrs. Sodhi said that nurses are the backbone of the healthcare system and work tirelessly around the clock for the care and well-being of patients. She emphasized that nursing is not merely a profession but a noble mission of serving humanity. She also encouraged students to carry out their duties with honesty, compassion, and a spirit of service. On the occasion, students took a pledge to perform their responsibilities with sincerity and dedication and assured that they would always remain committed to their professional duties.

We never say treasury is empty, our policy is to return people's money back to people: CM Mann

SAMRALA: Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Tuesday launched a blistering political offensive against the BJP, Akali Dal and Congress, pointing out that these traditional political parties betrayed Punjab for decades through divisive politics, anti-Punjab decisions and corruption, while warning that the BJP would once again impose the black farm laws if voted to power in the state. During Lok Milni at village Manki in Samrala, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said the BJP had exposed its anti-Punjab mindset by making Sanskrit compulsory and Punjabi optional in Army schools, and pointed out that the party thrives on creating communal tensions before elections to polarise voters.



Reminding people of the deaths of hundreds of farmers during the farm laws agitation, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann questioned how the BJP could still seek votes in Punjab after "sacrificing farmers at the borders", while asserting that unlike previous governments, the AAP Government was returning public money back to people through welfare schemes, jobs, education, healthcare and development works. He also granted 50 lakh for development projects in the village.

Addressing a gathering during Lok Milni in Samrala, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said Punjab must remain alert against divisive and anti-Punjab forces that are continuously attempting to destabilise the state politically, socially and economically. "The BJP has an anti-Punjab mindset and making Punjabi an optional subject while making Sanskrit compulsory in Army schools in Punjab is a reflection of this mentality. BJP has always treated Punjab unfairly," he added. The Chief Minister pointed out,

"Whether it is the issue of Punjab University, Chandigarh, BBMB, the SYL canal, the Harke canal, Republic Day tableaux, RDF funds or border area funds, Punjab has consistently faced injustice at the hands of BJP". He said the BJP has always pursued politics of riots and division and called upon the people to give a befitting reply to forces trying to create instability in Punjab ahead of the upcoming elections. "Some political parties in Punjab are trying to divide people in the name of religion. BJP's politics revolves around creating divisions between communities and then frightening both sides for votes. Punjab has already seen dark days in the past which derailed the development of the state, and therefore people must

outrightly reject such forces," he added. Urging people to remain united, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said his government has worked tirelessly for the all-round development of Punjab and unlike previous rulers, he has never misused public money for personal comfort. "I have not taken even a single penny from the public exchequer for myself. Every rupee of taxpayers' money is being spent judiciously for public welfare. Being your son and brother, I have always focused on sharing your pain and hardships rather than living a life of luxury like previous rulers," he said.

The Chief Minister noted earlier governments remained confined behind the walls of their palatial residences and never

the dubious and treacherous character of these leaders. These cheap theatrics cannot stop me from serving Punjab till my last breath," he added. Launching a sharp attack on opposition parties, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said they have no agenda against the Punjab Government because the government has taken several historic decisions for public welfare. Slamming the Akali Dal, he said the party had deeply bruised the psyche of Punjabis through incidents of sacrilege of Sri Guru Garh Sahib ji. "Every vote cast for Akalis will be a mandate in favour of sacrilege of Guru and Gurbani. They disrespected the bani of the great Gurus and ordered firing on innocent people in Behbal Kalan and Bargadi. They also showed grave disrespect to Sri Akal Takht Sahib," CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said.

Referring to Sukhbir Badal's claims regarding development during Akal rule, the Chief Minister said Akali leaders conveniently ignore the painful incidents of Kotakpura, Behbal Kalan and Bargadi where sacrilege incidents took place and innocent people lost their lives. "Akalis mercilessly punished Punjab, emotionally hurt Punjabis and patronised mafias across the state. Every vote to Akalis will be a mandate in favour of sacrilege," he said. CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said the Akali leadership can never be forgiven because it patronised the drug trade during its tenure, destroying generations of Punjab's youth. "These people are responsible for the genocide of several generations because drugs flourished under their protection during their long era of misrule," he added.

Addressing the press conference, Dr. Pawan Kumar stated that a total of 2,42,856 candidates had appeared for the examination this year, out of which 2,05,618 students passed successfully. He informed that the overall pass percentage stood at 84.67 percent. The pass percentage among girls was recorded at 87.97 percent, while that of boys stood at 81.45 percent. Thus, girls outperformed boys by 6.52 percentage points, once again proving their academic superiority. He further informed that among all districts of Haryana, Charkhi Dadri secured the first position with the best performance in the state, while Nuh remained at the bottom of the list. A close competition was also witnessed between rural and urban areas, where the pass percentage in rural regions stood at 84.98 percent, slightly better than the 83.91 percent recorded in urban areas. Dr. Pawan Kumar also stated that the pass percentage of private schools was 87.94 percent, whereas government schools recorded 82.44 percent. The improved performance of both categories of schools reflects positive signs of progress in the state's education system.

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Canon India Expands Business Portfolio with New High Speed A3 Colour MFD and Document Scanners

LUDHIANA: Canon India, a leader in digital imaging solutions, today announced the launch of the imageFORCE C3150, a high-performance A3 colour multifunction device purpose-built for enterprises, SMEs, government organisations and copy shop owners. Offering high-speed colour output of up to 50 pages per minute, the imageFORCE C3150 delivers consistent quality, reliability and media flexibility to support demanding, high-volume print environments. Through this launch, Canon aims to expand its footprint across key verticals and new markets, drive incremental market share, and build on its No. 1 position in the laser copier market for 10 consecutive years. Speaking on the launch, Mr. Toshiaki Nomura, President & CEO, Canon India, said, "At Canon India, our focus is on continually strengthening our business imaging portfolio to stay ahead of the evolving needs of enterprises, institutions and businesses across India. The launch of the imageFORCE C3150 A3 colour MFD underscores our commitment to delivering high-performance, reliable solutions that help customers scale their print environments, while the introduction of the imageFORMULA DR-C340 and DR-C350 scanners reinforces our focus on accelerating document digitisation and information workflows. Together, these solutions reflect our future-ready approach to driving productivity, expanding our presence across key verticals and strengthening our market share in India's laser copier segment." Sharing his views on the new launches, Mr. C. Sukumaran, Vice President, Canon India, said, "In India's highly competitive business and commercial print environment, colour quality, speed and consistency directly influence customer trust and long-term growth. With the imageFORCE C3150 has been developed with a deep understanding of these market realities, enabling enterprises, SMEs and commercial print customers to deliver reliable, high-quality colour output across everyday jobs while expanding their application capabilities."

RBU Hosts "Idea Carnival 2026", Showcases Student Innovation and Entrepreneurial Spirit



LK BANSAL MOHALI: The Entrepreneurship & Startup Support Cell (ESSC), under the Centre for Career Success at Rayat Bahra University organized "The Idea Carnival 2026" in collaboration with Startup Punjab. The event was held under the esteemed leadership of Chancellor Gurdinder

Singh Bahra, Vice Chancellor (prof) Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Satish Kumar, and the guidance of Dr. Simmi Prakash Group Director - ESSC. The carnival emerged as a vibrant celebration of innovation, entrepreneurship, and student creativity, bringing together industry experts, faculty

members, and budding entrepreneurs from RBU and its allied institutions. Students from RBU, RBPU, RBIS, and Rayat Bahra Senior Secondary School enthusiastically showcased innovative business ideas, startup models, products, and prototypes aimed at addressing real-world challenges.

Board of School Education Haryana Declares Class 12 Examination Results

CHANDIGARH - The Board of School Education Haryana on Tuesday announced the results of the Annual Senior Secondary (Class 12) Examination-2026. During a press conference held at the Board headquarters in Bhiwani, Board Chairman Dr. Pawan Kumar shared detailed statistics related to the examination results. Once again, girls in the state demonstrated their academic excellence by outperforming boys. Addressing the press conference, Dr. Pawan Kumar stated that a total of 2,42,856 candidates had appeared for the examination this year, out of which 2,05,618 students passed successfully. He informed that the overall pass percentage stood at 84.67 percent. The pass percentage among girls was recorded at 87.97 percent, while that of boys stood at 81.45 percent. Thus, girls outperformed boys by 6.52 percentage points, once again proving their academic superiority. He further informed that among all districts of Haryana, Charkhi Dadri secured the first position with the best

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KVK Hoshiarpur Farmers Honoured for Eco-Friendly Farming



successfully managed crop residue without burning stubble and adopted modern environment-friendly agricultural practices. During the event, farmers Onkar Singh and Kulvir Singh from village Thinda, Kulwant Singh Gill and Jagdeep Singh from village Paddi Sura Singh, Ramandeep Singh from village Salla Khurd, Balwinder Singh and Bakhtawar Singh from village Bham, Jaspal Singh from village Khanpur, and Harnek Singh and Bali Singh from village Rasoolpur were specially honoured for adopting eco-friendly farming methods and effective crop residue management techniques.

HOSHIARPUR, MAY 12 (DALJEET AJNOHA): Ten progressive farmers associated with Punjab Agricultural University-Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Hoshiarpur were honoured at the "Sustainable Agriculture and Crop Residue Management Summit" held at PAU, Ludhiana, for their contribution towards sustainable agriculture and environmental conservation. Sharing details, Dr. Maninder Singh Bons, Associate Director (Training), KVK Hoshiarpur, said the summit was presided over by Satbir Singh Gosal. The event was also attended by Dr. Makhan Singh Bhullar, Director of Extension Education, and Dr. Ajmer Singh Dhatt, Director of Research, PAU Ludhiana. The programme was jointly organised by Punjab Agricultural University, Clean Air Punjab, Sanjhi, and Aasra organisations to encourage "Green Champions" who

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Open tender through E-tendering is invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing Contractors for following work on railway website www.leaps.gov.in up to 15.00 hrs on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter:

S. No.	Open Tender No.	Name of work	Date of Closing/Opening	Approx. Cost.	Earnest Money	Completion period	Validity period	Cost of tender form
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SBI pensioners association holds 38th AGM at Panjab University

MOHALI: The 38th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the State Bank of India Pensioners Association was held at the Law Auditorium of Panjab University on May 10 with enthusiastic participation from pensioners across the Chandigarh Circle. The meeting was presided over by Vijay Magon. Several senior dignitaries attended the event, including Krishan Sharma, General Manager Neeraj Bharti, DGM and CDO Kunal Kumar Bhowmik, and leaders of various pensioners' and officers' associations. The proceedings began with the honouring of dignitaries and ceremonial lamp lighting. Children presented a colourful Ganesh Vandana accompanied by rhythmic yoga performances, adding cultural significance to the event. Dr. M.K. Virmani, Circle General Secretary, welcomed the gathering and highlighted the unanimous elections of the Circle Association along with the achievements and activities undertaken during the past two years. Comrade Amarpal, Chairman of the Circle Association, spoke about key concerns of pensioners. Addressing the gathering, Krishan Sharma elaborated on welfare initiatives being undertaken by the bank for retirees, while Neeraj Bharti appreciated the contribution of retired employees towards the growth and development of the bank. Kunal Kumar Bhowmik appreciated the constructive role played by the Pensioners Association in raising retirees' issues with the management. Priyavrat, General Secretary of SBIOA Chandigarh Circle, highlighted the coordinated efforts of SBIPA and SBIOA in resolving pensioners.



PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR: Jalandhar Rural Police has achieved another major success under the special campaign launched by Punjab Police for public safety and protection of citizens' property. Police teams have recovered 120 more missing mobile phones and returned them to their rightful owners.

Addressing the media, SSP Jalandhar Rural Harvinder Singh Virk said that under the leadership of SP (Investigation) Vaneeet Ahlawat, teams of the District Saanjh Kendra and CIA Staff traced the phones through continuous technical investigation and cyber tracking. The SSP said complaints regarding lost mobile phones are registered at Saanjh Kendras and uploaded on the CEIR (Central Equipment Identity Register) portal. Through detailed data analysis and cyber tracking, information is shared with police stations and CIA teams to ensure recovery of the devices. During the campaign, police teams working under the supervision of Sub-Inspector

Dalvinder Singh, Incharge District Saanjh Kendra, and Inspector Pushp Bali, Incharge CIA Staff, recovered 120 mobile phones worth nearly ₹25 lakh through round-the-clock efforts. With the latest recovery, the total number of recovered mobile phones has reached 419. Police officials said the successful return of the phones has further strengthened public trust in Jalandhar Rural Police. SSP Harvinder Singh Virk said mobile phones today contain important personal data, photographs, banking details, and other sensitive information. He urged citizens to immediately report any lost or stolen mobile phone to the police. He also warned that lost mobile phones can be misused by anti-social elements for criminal activities and cybercrime. Prompt reporting not only helps recover the device but also prevents possible misuse. Reiterating the department's commitment towards public safety and cybercrime prevention, the SSP said such special campaigns will continue in the future as well.

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is hereby informed to the general public that original property documents pertaining to land situated at Village Maharbanpura, Navkotli, District Amritsar, presently owned by EMAAS Land Holding Pvt Ltd and Raja and Co-owners Pvt Ltd, have been lost/stolen/impounded while in transit near on District Court Amritsar on 06.05.2026. The missing documents include Complex Sale Deed dated 17.10.2006 bearing Deed No. 6377, Bahi No. 1, Jid No. 9821, Pages 81-82 Sale Deed dated 23.04.2001 bearing Deed No. 790, Bahi No. 1, Jid No. 8506, Page 39 Sale Deeds dated 15.05.2000 bearing Deed No. 1625, 1624, 1623 & 1622; Bahi No. 1, Jid No. respectively 8370, 39, 38, 37, 36 Pages/GPO dated 25.04.2007 bearing Deed No. 520, Bahi No. 4, Jid No. 1877, Page 99 Sale Deeds dated 17.10.2006 bearing Deed No. 6375, 6376, 6378 & 6374 Sale Deed dated 17.09.2003 bearing Deed No. 5447, Bahi No. 1, Jid No. 9028, Pages 60-61 Tarrakatt dated 15.05.2000 registered vide Deed No. 978 Tarrakatt dated 30.04.2001 registered vide Deed No. 1432 Despite extensive search efforts, the aforesaid original documents could not be traced. The general public is hereby cautioned not to deal with, rely upon, or enter into any transaction on the basis of the said documents. Any person having possession or information regarding the aforesaid documents is requested to inform the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication.

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The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantor and the public in general that the following Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor(s) has/has been in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 08th Day of May of the Year 2026.

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Therefore, the public notice is hereby issued in lieu of direct communication. The Borrower(s) and/or their Guarantor(s), where applicable, are hereby called upon to meet the outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failure to do so will result in the initiation of further actions, as permitted under Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 after the lapse of the 60-day period. The Borrowers are specifically informed to Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act regarding their rights to redeem the secured assets.

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Prime Video Unveils the Captivating Trailer of System, a Prime Original Movie that Navigates the Battle Between Power and Justice

CHANDIGARH: Prime Video today unveiled the trailer of its upcoming Original movie, System, a gripping courtroom thriller that challenges a system where power defines the truth. Directed by Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari and produced by Pammi Baweja, Harman Baweja, and Smitha Baliga, System captures

the universal themes of ambition, revenge, fight for justice, and moral ethics. Written by Harman Baweja, Arun Sukumar, Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari, Tasneem Lokhandwala, and Akshat Ghildial, the film features Sonakshi Sinha, Jyotika, and Ashutosh Gowariker in lead roles, supported by Preeti Agarwal, Addinath Kothare, Aashriya Mishra, Gaurav Pandey, and Sayandeep Sengupta in pivotal roles. System will premiere exclusively on Prime Video in Hindi, across India and over 240 countries and territories worldwide on May 22.

The trailer for System opens with Neha, a determined young lawyer played by Sonakshi Sinha, taking on a tough challenge from her father (Ashutosh Gowariker) to be worthy of a partnership in his firm. To pull it off, she recruits Sarika (Jyotika) - a street-smart courtroom stenographer, who secretly harbors motives of her own. What follows is a fast-moving glimpse into intense courtroom battles, messy relationships, and some powerful moments. Hard-hitting dialogues like "Ameeri ke shor mein gareeb ki awaaz kho jaati hai" cut straight to the core conflict, and viewers are left to wonder, in a System where influence can outweigh truth, has power killed justice or does it still stand a chance? Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari, the director and co-writer of System shares, "I believe there are innumerable stories that surround us but bringing them to life on screen authentically and creatively, is tough. I love to challenge myself and that's why System came into existence." She adds, "I am thrilled that Prime Video believed in my vision for this intriguing story about how justice can feel different depending on where you stand in society. With Sonakshi Sinha and Jyotika, two powerful women protagonists at the heart of the narrative, I am confident that this original movie will not only entertain but also spark cultural conversations among viewers in India and around the world."

Amazon to expand its network of Ashray rest centers to 250 in 2026

CHANDIGARH : Amazon India today announced plans to expand its Ashray network to 250 centers by the end of 2026, building on its existing network of 100 facilities across Delhi NCR, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai, and other cities nationwide. As part of this expansion, the company plans to launch 50 new centres by the end of May. Ashray is Amazon's network of dedicated rest centres for all delivery drivers, including those outside of Amazon's network, equipped with air-conditioned seating, drinking water, electrolytes, mobile charging points, clean washrooms, first-aid kits, and comfortable resting space, designed to give delivery drivers a place to rest and recharge during their routes, particularly during peak summer months. The 100 existing centres, located in 16 cities in India, have recorded over one million visits from delivery drivers across the industry in 2025. Amazon India has also rolled out mobile "Ashray" units — air-conditioned vans that are stationed along high-traffic delivery routes so delivery drivers can access rest and hydration support without needing to travel to a fixed location. These mobile units carry amenities, such as air-conditioned seating, drinking water, electrolytes, Wi-Fi and mobile charging points. Salim R Memon, Director Operations, Amazon India said, "The health, safety, and wellbeing of associates across our operations network is the topmost priority for us. Ashray was built on a simple idea — that every delivery driver, whether they deliver for Amazon or not, deserves a clean, cool place to rest during their workday. Scaling to 250 centres and taking these facilities directly to delivery drivers through our mobile units is a reflection of that commitment. This is also part of our broader investment of over INR 2,800 crore to strengthen associate safety, health, and wellbeing across our operations network."

JioHotstar x Swiggy Unlock Match-Time Commerce at Scale, Redefining Interactive Streaming

CHANDIGARH : In a defining leap for the future of streaming, JioHotstar, in partnership with Swiggy (Swiggy Ltd, NSE: SWIGGY / BSE: 544285), introduced a first-of-its-kind in-app food ordering experience natively integrated within its platform. With over 37 million users already experiencing the feature during the ongoing cricket season, the integration combines live sports, contextual triggers and seamless in-app checkout, a capability that moves beyond discovery to enable real-time transactions within the streaming environment. Available across 690+ cities, the experience allows viewers to browse restaurants, unlock exclusive match-triggered and 'can't miss' offers, place orders, and track deliveries, all without leaving the live stream. Built exclusively for mobile, the feature enables a fully native and seamless journey from discovery to checkout within the JioHotstar platform, creating a more immersive, rewarding, and transaction-led match-time experience for fans through contextual engagement and exclusive moments designed specifically for live consumption. Speaking about the initiative, Ishan Chatterjee, CEO - Sports, JioStar said, "We are moving towards a world where the boundaries between content and commerce are becoming increasingly fluid. Streaming platforms will no longer operate in isolation, but as integrated environments that anticipate and enable what users want to do in the moment. Bringing together live sports and real-time commerce is an early expression of that future, one where engagement is not just about watching, but about acting in the moment." Speaking about the partnership, Rohit Kapoor, CEO, Swiggy Food Marketplace, said "Live sports viewing has evolved into a highly interactive experience, where fans often multitask while staying deeply engaged with the action. Ordering food during a match is already second nature for many viewers, and our partnership with JioHotstar allows fans to enjoy their favourite food and the match at the same time, without missing out on either."

Swanand Kirkire announces his new single 'Akelaa'



Acclaimed lyricist-composer Swanand Kirkire is all set to release his new song titled 'Akelaa'. Sharing his thoughts on this musical direction, Kirkire, in a press note, said, "Romantic songs have always been very close to my heart. There's something timeless about love as an emotion; it keeps evolving, yet remains deeply personal for everyone. As a lyricist, I've always enjoyed capturing those small, intimate feelings that often go unspoken, and as a composer, I try to give those emotions a melody that stays with you. He added, "Over time, I've realised that I also love singing these songs myself, because it allows me to express them exactly the way I feel them. There's a certain honesty in that process; it's raw, it's direct, and it doesn't feel filtered. That's what I want to explore more through my own platform." Swanand Kirkire is planning to share one original track every month on his YouTube channel. "Releasing one song every month is my way of staying connected to that creative instinct. It's not about scale of pressure, but about consistency and sincerity. I want to build a space where listeners can come back for something real, something emotional, something that speaks to them on a personal level," he shared. Kirkire has given Hindi cinema some of its most heartfelt and poetic songs. Among his most beloved works are the soulful 'Baawra Mann Dekhne Chala' (2003) and the timeless 'Piya Bole' (2005). He also earned widespread acclaim for the National Award-winning 'Bande Mein Tha Dum' (2006) and the deeply moving 'Behni Hawa Sa Tha Woh' (2009), songs that continue to resonate with listeners across generations.

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Actress Mira Nair is coming up with a new film, 'Amri', which is inspired by the life and art of Amrita Sher-Gil, a pioneer in India's modern art world. Notably, the ensemble cast is led by Anjali Sivaraman as celebrated artist Amrita Sher-Gil, alongside Emily Watson as her mother, Marie-Antoinette Gottesman, and Jaideep Ahlawat as her father, Umrao Singh Sher-Gil. The film also stars Krisztian Csakvari as Victor Egan, Anjana Vasan

as Indira Sher-Gil, Jim Sarbh as Karl Khandalavala, and Priyanka Chopra as Madame Azurie. Priyanka Chopra also serves as an executive producer on the film. On Tuesday, the film's first look was unveiled. Check it out here.

For Mira Nair, Amri is also a deeply personal film. Sher-Gil's work has been impactful on the filmmaker's visual imagination, and the film reflects a connection that is both artistic and profoundly felt. Talking about Amri, Mira Nair, in a press note, shared, "Every film

I've made in the last several decades has been inspired by the art of Amrita Sher-Gil. She taught me how to see. She absorbed the best European training to distill the soul of India in a way that no one ever had - it is this distillation that has informed my own cinema from the beginning. The bravery of her palette, color and framing of the ordinary people of India has eternally moved me." Producer Samudrika Arora shared, "Amrita Sher-Gil's life and oeuvre reflect the aspirations of the modern generation, where identity

and unapologetic self-expression meet. There is something deeply human in the tension of coming from two wildly different worlds - the challenge of belonging to both and never entirely to either. What moved me to make this film is how Amri carried the best of each world within her and did not lose herself in the space between them. It is a privilege to bring this story to fruition alongside Mira, whose craft for telling crosscultural stories is unparalleled." Producer Michael Nozik added, "While the film is set

between the two World Wars, Amrita is a character out of time and before her time - she is a true visionary artist and social revolutionary; her life story is a beacon of inspiration. With Mira's direction, Anjali's performance of Amrita seizes that spirit of youthful curiosity and rebellion." Meanwhile, major exhibitions of Amrita Sher-Gil's work are planned across the world for 2027, starting in Paris, moving to Los Angeles and Doha, and finally ending in New Delhi, where a permanent exhibition is planned.

Tamannaah attends Bhasma Aarti at Mahakaleshwar Temple in Ujjain



Actor Tamannaah Bhatia on Tuesday morning attended Bhasma aarti at the Mahakaleshwar Temple in Ujjain. She was joined by her close friend and producer Pragya Kapoor. After offering prayers at the sacred place, Tamannaah also spoke to a news agency, sharing her experience of participating in the devotional rituals. "One can only visit this place when the divine summons arrives. Today, having received the opportunity to witness the 'Bhasma Aarti', it was truly profound to experience such a collective surge of spiritual energy alongside everyone else. It is an incredibly ener-

gising and invigorating experience; simply sitting there and absorbing that atmosphere is, in itself, a privilege of immense magnitude," she said. Meanwhile, on the work front, Tamannaah will be seen sharing screen space with Sidharth Malhotra in 'Vvan'. The film will debut in theatres on August 28. While sharing the release date, trade analyst Taran Adarsh, a month ago, wrote, "Ektaa R Kapoor-TVF join forces: Sidharth Malhotra - Tamannaah Bhatia starrer 'Vvan' release date locked. 28 Aug 2026 [#RakshaBandhan] is the release date of #Vvan, a folklore-driven thriller." According to a press release shared by the makers,

'Vvan' is set in the deep forests of Central India and is described as a mix of ancient legends, hidden temples, and adventure. It has been shot in real forest locations. Earlier, a BTS picture from the sets of Vvan was shared by the makers, which gave fans a sneak peek into the cute chemistry between Sidharth and Tamannaah. In the image, Tamannaah can be seen blushing while sitting on a scooter, as Sidharth looks at her affectionately. The film is directed by Deepak Mishra and Arunabh Kumar, and produced by Ekta Kapoor. It is backed by Balaji Motion Pictures in association with The Viral Fever (TVF).

Action comedy 'Ride or Die' gets July premiere date



Octavia Spencer and Hannah Waddingham-starrer is all set to be released on July 15. Prime Video on Monday announced the release date of the action comedy, sharing some first-look images as well. "Ride or Die," which comes from Paramount Television Studios, will debut all eight episodes at once on July 15, as per Deadline.

Here's the logline for the show: "Ride or Die follows best friends Debbie Claybourne (Octavia Spencer) and Judith Burton (Hannah Waddingham) who thought they knew everything about each other, except Judith turns out to be an international assassin. When a mysterious figure emerges from Judith's past and a hit goes horribly wrong, both of their worlds are turned upside down as they're forced to go on the run together. It's a race against time and a road trip across Europe, with law enforcement, highly trained assassins, and some very dangerous criminals at their heels." Tessa Coates created the series and is executive producer, along with showrunner Matt Miller and director Peyton Reed. "Ride or Die" was first announced last year at the Amazon upfront presentation. Bill Nighy, Ed Skrein, Sylvia Hoeks, Calam Lynch, Savannah Steyn, Jamie Parker, and Jacky Ido also feature in "Ride or Die".

Diljit Dosanjh cautions against spreading "fake narratives", says "Abusing my fans will not be tolerated"

Singer-actor Diljit Dosanjh on Monday issued a strong cautionary note, urging people to refrain from targeting his fans during his live shows and warning against the circulation of false narratives around such incidents. In a stern message shared on his Instagram handle, the singer said that while protests outside his events may be a matter of expression, any attempt to disturb the audience inside venues or target fans would not be acceptable. "Anyone can protest outside, but if you try to harass my fans by coming inside... it will not be tolerated. You are abusing my fans by putting these banners outside and bringing them inside. I am not going to tolerate this. This is not about the banner, but your intention behind it," Diljit wrote, also clarified that he had instructed his security personnel to remove individuals who attempt to disrupt the atmosphere at his shows. "I told the security personnel to remove anyone who is trying to disturb the event. I

didn't say anything to any Banner. Don't spread Fake Narrative. I have been avoiding this since last year, BUT NOT ANY MORE.. Thank You. LOVE & PEACE," he added. Meanwhile, his statement came after videos from his Aura Tour concert in Calgary went viral online, showing the singer-actor halting his performance mid-show in response to a disruption in the audience.

In the clips circulating on social media, Dosanjh can be seen pausing the concert and asking security and event organisers to remove individuals he said were attempting to disrupt the event. The singer briefly stopped the performance during the ongoing Aura Tour concert in Calgary, Canada, after members of the audience were seen waving flags associated with pro-Khalistan sentiment. On noticing the situation, he asked those involved to refrain from such actions and directed the organisers and security teams to take appropriate steps to remove the individuals from the venue.



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