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Retail inflation may rise to 5.1% in current fiscal from 2% in last fiscal: Crisil

NEW DELHI: Retail inflation in India is expected to rise to 5.1 per cent in the current fiscal year as higher wholesale prices, elevated crude oil costs and a weakening rupee increase pressure on consumer prices, according to a report by Crisil. The report stated that the recent sharp rise in wholesale inflation, mainly due to the ongoing West Asia conflict, could gradually pass on to consumers in the form of higher retail prices. It stated, "We expect retail inflation to print higher at 5.1 per cent in the current fiscal compared with 2 per cent last fiscal." According to the report, Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation rose sharply to 8.3 per cent in April 2026 from 3.9 per cent in March, while Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based inflation increased only marginally to 3.48 per cent from 3.40 per cent during the same period.

SC to hear cases through video conferencing on Mondays, Fridays

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Friday decided to hear cases exclusively through video conference on Mondays and Fridays, and judges "unanimously resolved" to encourage car-pooling arrangements amongst themselves in order to ensure optimum fuel utilisation. The move came following a call by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on cutting down avoidable expenditure due to the ongoing West Asia crisis. "Matters listed on miscellaneous days (i.e. on Mondays, Fridays, or such other days as declared to be miscellaneous), and matters listed during the Court's partial working days, shall be heard by video-conferencing only."

Farmers clash with police at Mohali-Chandigarh border

UNI CHANDIGARH: Tension prevailed at the Mohali-Chandigarh border on Friday as protesting farmers attempting to march towards the Raj Bhavan in Chandigarh clashed with police personnel amid heavy security arrangements and road barricading. Farmers from different parts of Punjab had gathered to press for several demands, including restoration of cooperative loan limits, a legal guarantee for Minimum Support Price (MSP), and increased support for agriculture-related infrastructure. The protest also led to traffic diversions at two major border points connecting Mohali and Chandigarh. As protesters tried to cross police barricades erected at the Punjab-Chandigarh border, security personnel stopped them from entering the union Territory. Police resorted to tear gas shelling after some demonstrators allegedly attempted to jump over barricades and move towards Chandigarh.

NEET-UG re-exam on June 21

Computer-based test from next year, says Pradhan



AGENCY NEW DELHI, MAY 15

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Friday announced that the NEET-UG re-examination will be held on June 21, and said the medical entrance exam will be computer-based test from next year onwards as part of reforms in view of allegations of irregularities linked to it.

Addressing a press conference, Pradhan said the government's "topmost priority" remains students and their future. He said strict action is being taken against irregularities found in the conduct of the NEET-UG.

"Our topmost priority is the future of the students. We will not let malpractice happen this time. The government is with you," he said.

NEET-UG held on May 3 was cancelled following allegations of irregularities in the examination process.

He said the issue came to light after objections were received through the National Testing Agency (NTA) grievance system regarding alleged overlaps with "guess papers", following which an inquiry was initiated.

"The process began on May 8 and continued through May 8, 9, 10 and 11. When we got clarity and were confirmed that questions had gone out. We

took the decision on May 12 in the interest of students," he said.

"Immediately, discussions were held, and both the NTA and the government, along with the Higher Education Department, initiated a preliminary inquiry.

The matter was then handed over to the concerned agencies of the Government of India," he said.

The minister said the government had handed over the case to the CBI and expressed confidence in the probe.

"CBI has rightly said... no one will be spared. Whether someone is within the NTA or outside it, no one will be spared," he said.

India ready to extend all possible support for peace in West Asia: PM Modi in UAE



AGENCY ABU DHABI, MAY 15

India is ready to extend all possible support to bring peace in West Asia, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday during his talks with UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

The Modi-Al Nahyan meeting took place shortly after the prime minister landed in the Gulf nation in the first leg of his five-nation tour that also includes four European countries.

He condemned the attacks on the UAE, Modi said in his opening remarks in the

meeting with the UAE leader.

The UAE, which hosts a prominent US military base, has been at the receiving end of Iranian strikes during the ongoing US-Israeli war on Iran.

Modi further said, "The way UAE has been targeted is not acceptable" but "the way UAE has handled the current situation with restraint is praiseworthy."

The prime minister highlighted how the impact of the West Asian conflict is being felt globally, adding, "India is ready to extend all possible support to bring peace in West Asia."

The prime minister was

received at the airport by the UAE President, reflecting the importance attached by the country to Modi's visit. The Indian leader was also accorded a guard of honour.

I extend my thanks to my brother Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan for his "gracious gesture" in receiving me at Abu Dhabi Airport, Modi said on social media.

"And I look forward to our discussions aimed at strengthening the ties between India and the UAE across key sectors, such as energy, investment, supply chains, and more," he said.

MP High Court declares disputed Bhojshala complex as Hindu Temple



UNI BHOPAL: The Madhya Pradesh High Court on Friday accepted the disputed Bhojshala structure in Dhar to be a Hindu place of worship, the Temple of Vagdevi (Goddess Saraswati). The Indore Bench of the High Court delivered its judgement after hearing five petitions submitted in the matter. In its verdict, the court placed the protection of the site under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), and granted the rights of worship at the place to Hindus. Heavy security arrangements have been put in place since yesterday all over the Dhar town and also at Indore and other places in the state in view of the judgment coming today. Dhar Collector Rajiv Ranjan Meena and SP Sachin Sharma inspected the Bhojshala site today and reviewed the security arrangements. More than 1200 police personnel have been deployed to maintain peace and ensure law and order. The security situation is more tense today, as the decision in favour of Hindus has come on a Friday, the day when the Muslims are allowed to offer their weekly Juma Namaz at the Bhojshala complex. The Muslims claim the structure to be the Kamaal Maula Mosque. According to Indore (Rural) DIG Manoj Kumar Singh, security has been deployed across all locations. He appealed to the people of Dhar to accept the High Court's decision and urged all citizens to fully cooperate in maintaining law and order. While delivering its decision today, the court noted that it had taken into consideration archaeological and historical evidence, provisions of the ASI Act, the report of the survey conducted by the ASI, and also the precedent of the Supreme Court decision.

Revenue Lok Adalats to be organised in all districts for resolution of land disputes: CM Saini

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, MAY 15

Revenue Lok Adalats will be organised across Haryana for the speedy resolution of land-related disputes. Through these Lok Adalats, Deputy Commissioners, SDMs and Tehsildars will ensure time-bound settlement of disputes through mutual agreement between the concerned parties.

Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini gave these directions while reviewing the five-year implementation roadmap and action plan prepared by the Revenue and Disaster Management Department under Viksit Bharat-2047.

During the meeting, Additional



Chief Secretary and FCR of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Dr. Sumita Misra, informed

that the department will implement a Digital Court Case Management System for the speedy resolution of revenue-related disputes so that cases can be disposed of on a priority basis. On this, the Chief Minister directed that Revenue Lok Adalats should be organised on the lines of National Lok Adalats for swift resolution of land disputes, where concerned officers would settle disputes through mutual consent of both parties. He directed that people should be informed and made aware about these Lok Adalats through Patwaris in all districts and Deputy Commissioners, SDMs and

Tehsildars should be assigned targets for resolving land disputes so that the general public gets relief.

The Chief Minister said that new online services should be introduced in the Revenue Department by moving beyond traditional methods so that all government services can be delivered to citizens in a transparent and simplified manner. He directed that laptops and tablets should be procured for all newly-appointed Patwaris and high-speed internet services should be provided so that all Patwaris can deliver services digitally.

Petrol, diesel prices hiked by Rs 3 per litre

UNI NEW DELHI: Fuel prices across the country have gone up sharply after oil marketing companies increased petrol and diesel rates by up to Rs 3 per litre, adding to the burden on consumers and transport operators. Following the revision, petrol prices in Delhi rose from around Rs 94.77 per litre to Rs 97.77 per litre, while diesel prices climbed from Rs 87.67 per litre to Rs 90.67 per litre. Similar hikes were reported in several metro cities, including Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru and Hyderabad.

The latest increase comes amid volatility in global crude oil markets and rising international energy costs, which have put pressure on domestic fuel retailers. Industry observers said the revision reflects higher input costs faced by oil companies after a prolonged period of relatively stable retail fuel prices. In Mumbai, petrol prices crossed the Rs 106 per litre mark, while diesel rates moved above Rs 94 per litre. Chennai and Kolkata also witnessed a steep rise in retail fuel rates after the revision.

AAP's Halla Bol against rising petrol & diesel prices

YUGMARG BUREAU CHANDIGARH, MAY 15

As petrol prices rose soon after the conclusion of elections in five states, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) launched demonstrations across Ludhiana, Amritsar and Jalandhar, calling out the BJP-led central government for pushing the country deeper into inflation after first increasing gas cylinder prices and now fuel rates.

AAP leaders said that after the conclusion of elections in five states, the Central BJP government has continuously increased first the price of gas cylinders and now petrol prices, which has placed an economic burden on the lives of common people. They



said that the foreign and domestic policy of the Modi Government has proven to be a failure.

During a demonstration in Amritsar, AAP Punjab State Chief Spokes-

person and MLA Kuldeep Dhaliwal stated, "Due to inflation, the backbone of the country's people has already been broken, and on top of that, the massive increase in fuel prices has made life ex-

tremely difficult for poor and middle-class families. Due to the rise in petrol and diesel prices, the prices of daily-use goods and vegetables have also skyrocketed, for which the pro-corporate policies of the Modi Government are directly responsible." Addressing the demonstration in Ludhiana, District President Jatinder Khanguara warned the Central Government that if the increased prices are not withdrawn immediately, Aam Aadmi Party will intensify this struggle further and will raise the voice for the rights of the people from the streets to Parliament. "The party always stands with the common people and will not tolerate this exploitation by the Central Government," he said.

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1947 - 2009



SMT. TARA JAIN
1948 - 2017

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I No 15632425W L/NK Rohit J Khodake R/o Village Shegaon, Tehsil Sengaon, District Hingoli (Maharashtra) Pin-431542. Declare that in my Army Service Record My Father Name Mentioned KHODAKE JANARDHAN SAKHARAM Which is incorrect his Correct Name is JANARDHAN SAKHARAM KHODAKE. 9000A
I Maninderjit Sidhu w/o Jasdev Singh R/o Village Bedadpur, Tehsil Baba Bakala (Amritsar). Have Changed my name from Maninderjit Sidhu to Maninderjit Randhir Singh Sidhu. Please Note. 9000A
I, Poonam Sandhu W/o Vikram Sandhu R/o H. NO 372 Jatto Mohalla Kalandri Gate Karnal, Haryana have changed my name from Poonam Devi to Poonam Sandhu. In future i should be known as Poonam Sandhu. 100046

I Ritu Rani W/o Raj Kumar Village and Post office Bara Gaon Distt Karnal have changed my name from Ritu to Ritu Rani. Please all concerned note please. 100074
I Rajesh Kumar Saini S/o Sh. Phool Chand, R/o H.No. 1800-B/6, Jyoti Nagar Distt. Kurukshetra has changed my name from Rajesh Kumar to Rajesh Kumar Saini. Please all concerned note please. 100074
I Rajindra Saini W/o Sh. Rajesh Kumar Saini, R/o H.No. 1800-B/6, Jyoti Nagar Distt. Kurukshetra has changed my name from Rajindra to Rajindra Saini. Please all concerned note please. 100074
I, Lucky Kaushal W/o Sh Umesh Uppal Resident Of H.no 118 Shivalik Enclave Near Fun Republic Nac Manimajra Chandigarh Have Changed My Name From Lucky Kaushal To Muskaan Uppal For All Purposes. 60013
I, Sonia (Aadhaar No. 4353 2714 5382) W/o Late Gurbaksh Singh R/o 7B Krishna Nagar Gamri, Near 50 Feet Road, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra hereby declare that my daughter Prerna who is an adult, is now beyond our control and disobeys us. Therefore, I have severed all family relations with my daughter Prerna. I hereby disown her from all my movable and immovable family property. Henceforth, I shall not be responsible for any of Prerna's good or bad deeds, transactions, or liabilities. 100074
I, Kaka Ram \$ My Wife Gurmeet Kaur R/o Miniam Distt. Moga 142039 want to add surname Dhalival to the 10th Certificate of my son Partej Singh Dhalival as our all document already have this sernomes. 63372
I, Sandeep Kaur W/o Major Singh H.No.294 Saheed bhagat Singh Nagar Ward No. 01 Morinda Tehsil Morinda Distt. Rupnagar Punjab Declare that my passport No. AN943815 in my husband name entered wrongly Mejoor Singh but my Husband correct name is Major Singh. So amended my husband name Major Singh in my passport. 63372
I No 4480243H Hiv Pinta Singh S/o Santa Singh Village Basarke District Tarn Taran Have changed my daughter 's Name from Mahakpreet Kaur to Mehakpreet Kaur D.O.B 01/09/2010 vide affidavit No IN-PB3158540055621Y 63372
I, Arshdeep Kaur D/o Sukhvinder Singh R/o VPO. Athoula, Jalandhar, Punjab declare that my father's true and correct name is Sukhvinder Singh instead of Sukhvinder Singh and my mother's true and correct name is Manjit Kaur instead of Manjeet Kaur. Both these names belongs to one and the same person. All concerned please note. 63372

I Suman Rani W/o Sh. Sachin Gupta, House No 115, Alka Hospital Lane Ward 6 Gharaunda (karnal) Haryana - 132114 Information That In My Adhar Card Number 555373855698 My Name Appear As Have Suman Gupta And In My Pan Number Asipr6346j My Name Appear As Suman Rani Now I Have Changed My Name From Suman Rani To Suman Gupta After Marriage All Concerned Please Note 900010
I Ram Naresh (Army no. 2488755X Rank HAV) (MACP Nb Sub) s/o Ram Swaroop r/o Khairana, tehsil Kanina, District Mahendergarh declare that in my service records my daughter name is wrongly mentioned as Anjna Kumari. Her correct name as per Aadhar card & other documents is Anjana. 989752
I, Harsh Yadav S/o Rajesh R/o Vill. Kheri Khummar, Teh. & Distt. Jhajjar (Hr.) declare that I want to correct in my 10th & 12th class marksheet my mother name Santosh Kumari in place of Santosh for all future purposes. 989752
I, Drishti D/o Karamvir R/o Village Kanpur PO Sirta Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Drishti To Drishti Saini. Concerned Please Note. 84451
I Nar Devi W/O of Sh . Karm Chand resident of Vill Kaindol, PO Badhonighat, Tehsil Baddi , Distt . Solan (H.P) PIN :173233 declares that my name has been wrongly mentioned as Nar Dee in my aadhar card (. 9927 6553 4792) where as my correct name is Nar Devi . Now , I want to change my name from Nar Dee to Nar Devi. please concerned note . 989666

ਮੈਂ ਬਲਵੀਰ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਰਾਮ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਮਹਿੰਦਰ ਪੁਰ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਬਲਾਚੌਰ ਜਿਲਾ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਭਗਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਗਰ ਨੇ ਆਪਣਾ ਨਾਂ ਬਲਵੀਰ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਤੋਂ ਬਦਲ ਕੇ ਬਲਵੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਰੱਖ ਲਿਆ ਹੈ। 63372
I, Parmjeet Kaur W/o Lakhwinder Singh R/o Vill: Bahadargarh W.No. 2 Po. Talaria Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib have changed my name from Parmjeet Kaur to Paramjeet Kaur. 63372
I, Raj Kumar S/o Ram Pal R/o Vpo. Kot Ranjha Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my minor son name from Manish to Manish Kumar. 63372
I, Harwinder Singh alias Harvirder Singh S/O Harnek Singh R/O H.No-B-XX/96, Sekha Road , Gali No-5, Barnala declared that both names are mine. Please note it. 63372
I, Lovepreet Kaur W/o Sony Singh Chahal R/o Nihalwal Barnala have changed my name from Lovepreet Kaur to Lovepreet Kaur Chahal. 63372
I, Swarn Jit Kaur Hargun W/o Sukhmander Singh Hargun VPO Daroli Bhai Moga have changed my name to Swarnjit Kaur. 63372
I, Harnoor Kaur Hargun D/o Sukhmander Singh Hargun VPO Daroli Bhai Moga have changed my name minor Daughter Harnoor Kaur. 63372
I Sandip Kumar S/o Darshan Kumar R/o W.No.10, Mansa Have changed my Name Sandeep Kumar Garg. 63372
I Sinderpal S/O Ranjha Ram R/O Village Mandian Distt Malerkotla Have Changed My Name To Sinderpal Singh. 63372

I, Kulbir Singh S/o Gurbachan Singh R/o Vill: Sultanpur Po. Rahon Teh- Nawanshahr, Punjab, have changed my name from Kulbir Singh to Kulvir Singh. 63372
I, Mamta Ralhan W/o Barjesh Kumar R/o Near Channi Resort Rahon P o . R a h o n T e h - Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Mamta to Mamta Ralhan. 63372
I, Gurgopal Singh Panesar S/o Jinderpal Singh R/o Vpo Bir Badhni, Distt. Moga, 142037, Punjab, India, have changed my name to Gurgopal Singh. 63372
I, Kamalpreet Kaur Grewal D/o Balbir Singh, W/o Gurinder Singh Grewal R/o H.No. 180 Lalton Kalan Ludhiana have changed my name from Kamalpreet Kaur Grewal after marriage. 63372
I, Jaswinder Kaur W/o Harjit Singh R/o Vill: Ahan Kheri Teh-Malerkotla Distt. Malerkotla-148023 have changed my name to Jaswinder Kaur Cheema. 63372
I, Kuldeep Singh S/o Gurmail Singh R/o Vill: Amarpura urf Gurthari Distt. Bathinda-151401, Pb, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known Kuldeep first name and Singh as surname. 63372
I, Kulwinder Singh S/o Mithu Singh R/o Vill: Amarpura urf Gurthari Po. Pakka Kalan Distt. Bathinda-151401, Pb, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known Kulwinder first name and Singh as surname. 63372
I, Prem W/O Roshan Lal R/o H.No. 28 W.No. 12 Adarsh Nagar Sirsa (125104), Haryana, have changed my name from Prem to Prem Lata. 63372
I Pawan Kumar S/O Mohan Lal R/O Rampura Phul Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Pawar Kumar Garg. 63372
I, Baljeet Singh S/o Gurdita Singh R/o H.No.58, Vill-Burj Kahan Singh Wala, Distt Bathinda, have changed my name to Baljit Singh S/o Guraditta Singh. 63372

I Gurdeep Singh Mann S/O Gurdev Singh R/O #620, Model Town, Phase-1, Bathinda Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Gurdeep Singh. 63372
I, Satvinder Singh S/o Baljit Singh R/o Patti Bhoonder Ki Vpo. Rurka Kalan Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Satvinder Singh. 63372
I, Mohinder Singh S/O Mehar Singh R/O Vpo Chuhar Chak Tehsil Moga Distt Moga, Punjab, India Have Changed My Name To Mahinder Singh. 63372
I, Kamaljit Kaur Saini W/O Surjit Singh R/O Jattiwala (Ludhiana) have changed my name Kamaljit Kaur. 63372
I, Kamaljeet Kaur D/O Gurdial Singh R/O Lal Kalan (Ludhiana) have changed my name into Kamaljeet Kaur Sandhu. 63372
I Budha Singh S/O Sansar Singh R/O Vpo Sahdra Teh Balachaur Distt SBS Nagar Punjab have changed my name to Bujha Singh. All Please Note. 63372
I, Gurwinder Singh S/O Jarnail Singh R/O VPO P a n a m T e h s i l Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India, have changed my name from Gurwinder Singh to Singh Gurwinder. 63372
I, Makhhan Singh S/O Baldev Singh R/O VPO M a z a r a T e h s i l Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India, have changed my name from Makhhan Singh to Singh Makhhan. 63372
I, Raghbir Singh Chiount S/O Ganga Singh R/o 365/8 Morinda Teh- Morinda, Distt Rupnagar, have changed my name from Raghbir Singh Chiount to Raghbir Singh. 63372
I, Narinder Singh R/o Vill: Khanpur Po. Harlalpur Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib have changed my minor daughter name from Neetu to Gouri Dhiman. 63372
I, Rekha Kaur W/o Balwinder Singh R/o Patti, Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Rekha Kaur to Rekha Rani. 63372

I, Preeti jha W/o Raja Nand Jha R/o MCB -Z7-09736, Street No 05, Canal Thana, Data Ram ka Bag, Bathinda have changed my name from Preeti Jha to Priti Jha. 63372
I, Neeraj Bassi S/o Rakesh Kumar R/o H No 1/14 Veer Colony Sikandar Pura Mohalla Bathinda have changed my name to Neeraj Bassi. 63372
I Sandeep Kumar Bassi S/o Rakesh Kumar Bassi R/o H No 1/14 Veer Colony Bathinda have changed my name to Sandeep Kumar to Sandeep Kumar Bassi. 63372
I Deepika Bassi D/o Rakesh Kumar Bassi R/o H No 1/14 Veer Colony Bathinda have changed my name to Deepika to Deepika Bassi. 63372
I, Shamsher Singh S/o Joginder Singh R/o Vill- Bahadarpur Teh-Batala Distt. Gurdaspur have changed my name Shamsher Singh to Singh Shamsher. 63372
I, Manmohanjit Kaur W/O Ranjit Singh Boparai R/O Vpo Takhanwadh Tehsil Moga Distt Moga Punjab India Have Changed My Name To Manmohanjit Kaur Boparai. 63372
I, Harmeet Kaur w/o Sukhpal Singh Hno-220, village jandan wala, teh Bathinda (Punjab), have changed my name from Harmeet Kaur to Harmeet Kaur Maan, please concerned note. 63372
I, Kuldeep Kaur Wife of Gurpreet Singh R/o Village Manihala Jai Singh Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Kuldeep Kaur to Surname as Kaur and my given name is Kuldeep . Plznoteit. 63372
I, Baljit Kaur alias Manpreet Kaur W/o Mohinderpal Singh R/o Ranian Distt. Moga have changed my name to Manpreet Kaur. 63372
I am Sheeja Joji W/O Joji Joseph R/o Doshanj Road Secret Heart School Moga I Change My Name from Sheeja Joji to Sheeja. 63372

I Sukhdev Kaur Brar W/O Aatma Singh R/O Jhandewala Distt. Moga I have Changed My Name From Sukhdev Kaur Brar To Sukhdev Kaur. 63372
I, Gourav Kumar S/o Prem Lal R/o Taj Enclave Alipur, P.O. Mithapur, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab-144022 have changed my name from Gourav Kumar to Given Name Gourav & Surname as Kumar. All concerned please note. 63372
I, Kashish D/o Rakesh Kumar Bassi R/o W/o Sanjeev Kumar H No 136 Rasta mohalla Jalandhar pin 144001 have changed my name to Meenakshi to Kashish. 63372
I, Rajni katiyal W/o Vikas Katiyal R/o A-201, Om Nagar West V Vasein Road Tahne vasai Maharashtra pin 401202 Rajni Bala to Rajni Katiyal Same person and Two names used by me. 63372
I, Davinder Pal Singh S/o Sh. Darshan Singh, R/o H. No. 125, Gujral Nagar, Jalandhar declare that I Have Changed My name from Davinder pal Singh to Davinder Paul Singh. 63372
I, Arshdeep S/o Surjit R/o Vill: Nawa Pind Donewal Teh-Shahkot Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name from Arshdeep to Singh Arshdeep. 63372
I, Darshan Singh Dhir S/o Surjit Singh R/o W.No. 20 St.No. 02 Near Mai Janki Gurdwara Guru Arjan Dev Nagar Moga Pb, India, have changed my name from Darshan Singh to Darshan Singh Dhir. please note. 63372
I, Balbir C/o Chhabal Ram R/o H.No. 722 W.No. 09 Nanak Nagri Moga have changed my name to Balbir Chand. 63372
I, Darshan Kumar Chindalia R/o St.No.05 W.No.08 Near Gurdwara Sahib Maharaja Ranjit Singh Nagar Moga Distt. Moga have changed my name to Darshan Kumar. 63372

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NEWS BRIEF

Amritsar police to implement e-learning traffic enforcement with smart cameras

HARPAL SINGH AMRITSAR: Under the guidance of Hon'ble Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the directions of DGP Punjab Gaurav Yadav and the supervision of Gurpreet Singh Bhullar, Commissionerate

Police Amritsar will launch an e-Challan-based traffic enforcement system within this month. As part of this initiative, smart surveillance cameras are being installed across the city to strengthen traffic discipline, enhance road safety and promote responsible driving behaviour among citizens.

Sheikh Farid Senior Secondary School Bajkhanana's Class 10th result remained 100 percent



JAGDEEP SINGH GILL JAITU: The results of class 10th were declared in the Punjab School Education Board recently. In which the result of Sheikh Farid Senior Secondary School Bajkhanana was 100%. In which Sukhpreet Kar son of Rajvinder Singh secured the first position in the school by scoring 556/600 marks and the second position was secured by Ramandeep Kar son of Karamjit Singh and the third position was secured by Khushpreet Kar son of Avtar Singh. The principal of the school, Madam Satyavidarpar Kar, congratulated the children and their parents. The parents of the children who secured positions in the school thanked the school staff and Principal Madam Satyendrapal Kar, Manager Mr. Maninder Singh Katkapura and Navreet Singh Mani Coordinator with full enthusiasm.

Spl Gurmat camp at Gurdwara Sri Nanak Jhira Sahib from May 25 to connect children with sikh heritage

HARPAL SINGH AMRITSAR: Gurdwara Sri Nanak Jhira Sahib Management Committee is organizing a special "Gurmat Camp" to connect the younger generation with Sikh history, Gurbani, and Sikh values. The camp will be held from May 25 to May 28, 2026, where children will be provided with religious and moral education.

During the camp, children will be taught Punjabi language, Sikh history, Gurbani recitation, Japji Sahib, Ardas, and Sikh way of life in detail. Apart from this, religious films will also be shown to familiarize children with Sikh religion and heritage. Special attention will also be given to character building.

Farmers clash with police at Mohali-Chandigarh border during protest march

CHANDIGARH, MAY 15 (UNI)

Tension prevailed at the Mohali-Chandigarh border on Friday as protesting farmers attempting to march towards the Raj Bhavan in Chandigarh clashed with police personnel amid heavy security arrangements and road barricading.

Farmers from different parts of Punjab had gathered to press for several demands, including restoration of cooperative loan limits, a legal guarantee for Minimum Support Price (MSP), and increased support for agriculture-related infrastructure. The protest also led to traffic diversions at two major border points connecting Mohali and Chandigarh. As protesters tried to cross police barricades erected at the Punjab-Chandigarh border, security personnel stopped them from



entering the union Territory. Police resorted to tear gas shelling after some demonstrators allegedly attempted to jump over barricades and move towards Chandigarh. Despite the action, protesting farmers continued advancing while raising religious slogans, including "Bole So Nihal". Police later used water cannons to disperse the crowd and push protesters back from

the barricaded zone. Kanwardeep Kaur, who visited the border checkpoints to review the arrangements, said extensive barricading had been put in place and discussions with farmer leaders were continuing. She said the administration was maintaining complete vigilance to ensure law and order. Senior Chandigarh Police officials, including the SSP, remained on site and

Punjab and Haryana High Court stays Kharar Municipal Council elections

KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN): The Punjab and Haryana High Court has stayed the Kharar Municipal Council elections, which were to be held along with the elections to other local bodies in Punjab, for the time being. This order was issued by the Hon'ble Court today on a petition filed by the residents of 6 villages Pir Suhana, Triptri, Radiala, Tolamajra, Bhukhari and Daumajra, which were included in the limits of Kharar in the year 2021. They had pleaded with the Hon'ble Court that although they were included in the limits of the Municipal Council in 2021, they are not being included in the elections being held now nor have their wards been demarcated. Meanwhile, the hopes of a large number of potential candidates have been dashed due to this decision. Today, on the third day of filing nomination papers, about 45 candidates filed their nomination papers. People are surprised that the Municipal Council officials have not made any warding of these villages by December 31, 2025, while the Municipal Council had 27 wards and they could have increased further. In this regard, people have argued that if the council had made the warding properly in advance, then there would have been no financial loss to the government because a lot of expenditure has been made on paper materials etc. on voter lists related to these votes, because if a new warding is done now, then there will be a lot of expenditure for the government again.

BBMB marks 51st Raising Day with pride and enthusiasm

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, MAY 15

Bhakra Beas Management Board celebrated its 51st Raising Day with great grandeur, dignity and enthusiasm on 15 May, 2026 at Indradhanush Auditorium, Sector-5, Panchkula, marking the completion of its glorious 50 years of establishment.

The golden occasion stood as an inspiring symbol of BBMB's five decades of dedicated service, technical excellence, invaluable contribution to nation-building and its unwavering commitment towards public welfare.

The event was graced by Shri Manohar Lal, Union Minister for Power, Housing and Urban Affairs, as the Chief Guest. Smt. Shruti Choudhry, Minister, Irrigation & WR Department, Haryana; Sh. Barinder Kumar Goyal, Water Resource Minister, Punjab and Sh. Suresh Singh Rawat, Water Resource Minister, Ra-



jasthan were the special guests. The gracious presence of Chief Secretary, Punjab, BBMB Board Members, Senior IAS officers, CMDs/MDs of Power Utilities, Ex-Chairman and Ex-Whole Time Members of BBMB and other distinguished dignitaries added immense prestige to the event. The programme commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp followed by the welcome address by Sh. Manoj Tripathi, Chairman, BBMB. In his address, he highlighted BBMB's

historic achievements, its culture of excellence and its continued commitment towards nation-building. He stated that BBMB has set remarkable benchmarks in the areas of power generation, water management and environmental balance.

On this occasion, the Ministers and other dignitaries also released a commemorative Coffee Table Book dedicated to BBMB's glorious legacy, historic achievements, new initiatives and future plans.

Young players should bring glory to country through sports: Gurmeet Singh Khudian



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, MAY 15

Punjab Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fisheries Minister S. Gurmeet Singh Khudian today attended the All India IPSE Hockey Tournament (Boys Under-14) Championship-2026 organized at Punjab Public School (PPS) Nabha as the Chief Guest. On this occasion, the Principal of the school Dr. D. C. Sharma, teachers and students welcomed him.

Addressing the event, S.

Gurmeet Singh Khudian said that sports play an important role in the all-round development of the young generation.

He said that hockey is our national game and the land of Punjab has always been the land of great players. He said that such tournaments not only instill interest in sports among the students but also promote discipline, team spirit and competition and healthy thinking. He welcomed the teams from various states participating in the tournament and inspired the young players to maintain the

true spirit of the game.

S. Khudian said that he has a special emotional connection with PPS Nabha as his children have also received education in this school. He encouraged the students to devote themselves to studies and participate in sports.

During the event, great enthusiasm was seen among the players and the spectators also thoroughly enjoyed the sports competitions.

A large number of school students, teachers, and parents of the students were present on this occasion.

World Himachali organization to organise 'First Annual Festival Nyunder-2026



CHANDIGARH, MAY 15

In an effort to celebrate and promote the rich cultural heritage, folk traditions and social unity of Himachal Pradesh, the World Himachali Organization will organise the "First Annual Festival Nyunder-2026" on Saturday, May 16, 2026. The grand cultural event will be held at MCM DAV College, Sector 36, Chandigarh, from 5 PM onwards. The chief guest for the occasion will be Lok Sabha MP Anurag Thakur. Apart from these, Rajya Sabha MP Dr. Sikandar Kumar, Rajya Sabha MP Anurag Sharma and MP Kangra-Chamba Dr. Rajiv Bhardwaj will grace the program as special guests. Addressing a press confer-

ence at the Chandigarh Press Club, Chairperson Asha Jaswal and President Amit Rana stated that the objective of the event is to bring together Himachalis living across India and abroad, while also connecting the younger generation with their roots, traditions and folk culture. They added that the festival will showcase the vibrant colours and spirit of Himachali heritage. The cultural evening will feature a special performance by renowned folk singer Karnail Rana, who will entertain the audience with his popular Himachali folk songs. Traditional performances such as Himachali Nati and Jhamakda dances will also be presented, adding to the festive atmosphere.

High Court's stay on Kharar Municipal Council elections exposes AAP's negligence and fraud: Ravinder Khera

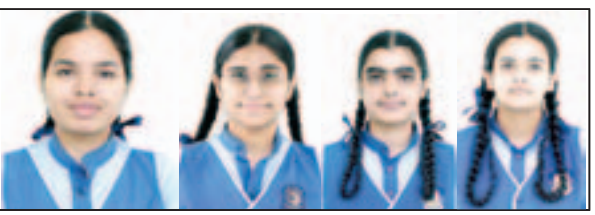
SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, MAY 15

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has stayed the Kharar Municipal Council elections, which Shiromani Akali Dal leader Ravinder Singh Khera has termed as the result of the government's deliberate administrative negligence and a conspiracy to maintain illegal possession of civic funds. The stay was imposed after a petition was filed by the residents of villages whose gram panchayats were abolished and included in the municipal council. Despite being included in the municipal council limits, the residents of these villages were deprived of the fundamental right to vote in the municipal council elections. Shiromani Akali Dal leader and Kharar constituency in-charge Ravinder Singh Khera held the Aam Aadmi Party government directly responsible for the entire matter. He said that in 2021, many new



villages were included in the limits of Kharar city, but despite the passage of five years, no AAP official or elected representative has made any attempt to demarcate wards for these areas. He alleged, "No steps have been taken to include these villages in the municipal council election process, enroll their names in the voter lists or provide their rights to the residents." Ravinder Khera said, "This is not just an administrative error, but a well-thought-out conspiracy. The AAP government had five years, but it deliberately did nothing. This stay by the High Court is a direct result of their shameful negligence."

Blossoms Convent students dream big after excellent results



JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): The students of Blossoms Convent School who secured top positions at the city and district levels in Humanities, Commerce, Medical and Non-Medical streams are now aspiring towards bright and ambitious futures. Giving more information about this, School principal Dr. Navneet Kaur stated that during an interaction with the achievers, it was revealed that Mandeep Kaur, who scored 99.4% in the Humanities stream, aims to become a UPSC or PCS officer and serve the nation. "Alongside her, Avneet Kaur aspires to pursue LL.B and establish a successful career in the field of law. In the Commerce stream, Mehakveer Kaur, who secured 98%, dreams of entering the banking sector and achieving great success while making her parents proud. Another Commerce student, Prabhdeep Kaur, who scored 97.2%, wishes to fulfill her dream of becoming a Chartered Accountant (CA)," she added. The principal further said that among the Science stream students, Jasmeet Kaur aspires to pursue B.Sc Nursing and become a part of the medical profession. Meanwhile, Jashanpreet Singh aims to become a Data Scientist and contribute innovative ideas and advancements for the country.

MLA Barindermeet Singh Pahra supports Municipal Council Employees' Protest, launches sharp attack on Government



GURDASPUR (VERMA): Employees of the Municipal Council Gurdaspur have been continuously protesting for the past 10 days over their pending demands. The employees are demonstrating against the government regarding regularization of jobs and several other issues. Amid the ongoing protest, local MLA Barindermeet Singh Pahra and former Municipal Council President Baljeet Singh Pahra reached the protest site and extended their support to the employees. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Pahra strongly criticized the Punjab Government and said that the very workers who maintain cleanliness in the city, collect garbage, and clean drains are today forced to protest for their legitimate demands. He stated that the government should seriously listen to the employees' grievances and resolve them at the earliest. MLA Pahra also responded to allegations made by opposition parties regarding his tenure as Municipal Council President. He said that during his term, several developmental works were carried out in the city and every effort was made to provide basic facilities to the public.

Shiromani Akali Dal Badal releases first list of 23 candidates for Municipal Corporation elections



PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): Intensifying the election activities for the Municipal Corporation (MC) elections, the Shiromani Akali Dal Badal today released the first list of 23 candidates for the Pathankot constituency. This announcement was made in the presence of the party's senior vice president Gurbachan Singh Babbhali and under the leadership of District President and area Incharge Pathankot Surinder Singh Kanwar (Minta). On this occasion, Ravi Mohan area Incharge Bhoo, Sanjeev Sharma area Incharge Sujjanpur, Avtar Singh Kaler District President Rural Pathankot, Harpreet Singh Raja Circle President, Gurpreet Singh Guru District Youth President Pathankot, Anhad Prabhakar National President SOI, Balwinder Singh Khalsa, Gurnam Singh General Secretary, Aman Bhagwansar District President Farmers Wing, Salinder Saini, District President BC Wing Rural, Gursaran, Vikram, Parminder Singh, Gurtej Circle President, Vishal Circle President, Harish Hapu Circle President and many other dignitaries and workers were present in large numbers.

Municipal Council Elections: Congress candidates file nominations at SDM Office, Payal



DORAHA (AMRISH ANAND): All candidates contesting the Municipal Council Payal elections on behalf of the Congress Party filed their nomination papers today at the office of Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) M. S. Preetinder Singh Bains. The nominations were submitted under the supervision of former MLA S. Lakhvir Singh Lakha and former president Nagar Council Payal S. Malkiat Singh Dhaliwal. On this occasion, Congress candidates from different wards of the Payal constituency, along with supporters and party leaders, were present in large numbers. Party workers displayed great enthusiasm and expressed confidence in the victory of all Congress candidates. Prayers were also offered for the success of all candidates in their respective wards so that they may emerge victorious and live up to the expectations of the people.

Why sacrifice only from Public in name of national interest, questions swarnkar community

GURDASPUR (VERMA): Kashmir Singh Rajput, National President of the Akhil Bharatiya Swarnkar Sangh-3545, has raised serious questions over the country's economic policies and rising inflation. He stated that during every national crisis, sacrifices are expected only from the common people, middle class, small traders, and the Swarnkar community, while the responsibility of those running the government and the system is rarely discussed.

He said that recent appeals to reduce gold purchases are directly affecting small jewellers and traditional artisans. In India, gold is not merely a luxury item but a symbol of social security, tradition, and future savings. Poor and middle-class families save for years to purchase gold for their daughters' marriages and for times of financial need. Kashmir Singh Rajput recalled that when excise duty was imposed on gold in 2016, jewellers and gold traders across the country staged a prolonged protest, which severely affected thousands of small businessmen and craftsmen.

He said that once again, continuously rising gold and silver prices are creating serious challenges for small traders. He also questioned the increase in salaries, allowances, and facilities for Members of Parliament and legislators. He stated that if the country is talking about economic discipline, there should not be separate standards for leaders and the general public.



36th annual two-day Jor Mela at Peer Baba Rehmat Shah Darbar in Patti village



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, MAY 15

In a grand display of devotion, the 36th annual two-day Jor Mela will be held at the Darbar of Peer Baba Rehmat Shah in Patti village, Hoshiarpur district, on May 31 and June 1. Organised by Mukh sevadar Baba Rattan Singh Dhanota with the blessings of Peer Baba Rehmat Shah and support from the community, the event promises an atmosphere of love and reverence. Baba Rattan Singh Dhanota released the official poster at the darbar, announcing that on May 31, prominent Qavals (devotional singers), gayaks, and nakals will mark

their presence starting at 4 pm with the traditional lighting of lamps (chirag roshan). Performers include Rajesh Chandla, Dalwinder Dayal Puri, Shri Das & Das Shiva Ropar, Raju Shah Mastana, Prem Heera, Upkar Patti, Harihari Lal & Party. On June 1, the ceremony of offering chadar (ceremonial sheet) will take place around 10:15 am in the presence of devotees. Special guests include MP Dr Raj Kumar Chabbwal and MLA Dr Ishank Kumar Chabbwal. Adding to the festivities, KK Ayurvedic Medicines and Acupressure Physiotherapy Care Centre will set up a free medical camp.

CSIR-CLRI demonstrates industry ready technology for High-Value utilization of leather waste



JALANDHAR (PARAMJIT SINGH): A one-day workshop on "Sustainable Leather Processing for Tanneries in Jalandhar" was organized by CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute (CSIR-CLRI), Regional Centre, Jalandhar as part of the National Technology Day Celebrations 2026. The workshop aimed to showcase industry-relevant technologies developed by CSIR-CLRI, with special emphasis on technologies for the effective utilization of solid waste generated from tanneries. Senior representatives from the leather and allied industries, along with participants from various educational institutions, attended the event. During the workshop, a breakthrough technology for the preparation of various types of high-value "Protein Syntan" from leather chrome shaving waste was demonstrated. The technology attracted significant interest from tanners and academic participants due to its potential to reduce the cost of chemical consumption in leather processing by nearly 40-50 percent. The event was graced by Dr. Thamikavelan, Director, CLRI; Shri Amandeep Singh Sandhu, President, Punjab Leather Federation; and Shri Heera Lal Verma, CEO, Punjab Effluent Treatment Society for Tanneries, as Chief Guests.

M.C. Elections; Congress candidates in Bassi Pathana and Khamano to contest on party symbol only: Dr. Dholewal

FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): In a firm and clear announcement ahead of the upcoming Municipal Council elections in Bassi Pathana and Khamano, Rajiv Gandhi Panchayati Raj Organization Co-Convenor Dr. Amandeep Kaur Dholewal stated that all Congress candidates will contest exclusively on the party's official 'Hand' election symbol.

Issuing a press statement, Dr. Dholewal cautioned party workers about certain mischievous elements who, according to her, are attempting to mislead Congress volunteers by pretending to represent the party. She alleged that these individuals are trying to create confusion and fear among genuine workers through unethical tactics.

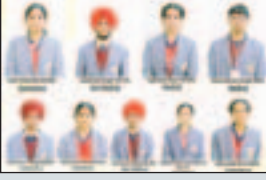
She emphasized that no individual, regardless of their position or influence, is above party discipline. "Such deceptive practices will not be tolerated. Party workers must remain alert and avoid falling prey to misinformation," she asserted.

Dr. Dholewal further assured that the Congress Party will stand firmly behind its official candidates, offering them full support and protection throughout the election process. Appealing to the voters of both Municipal Council areas, she urged them to extend their wholehearted support to the 'Hand' symbol, ensuring the victory of Congress candidates and strengthening democratic governance at the local level. This strong message from Congress leadership aims to reinforce unity, discipline, and clarity within the party as the election battle intensifies in both towns.



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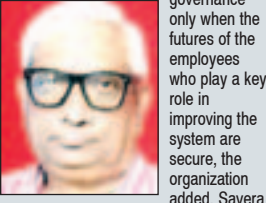
Doraha Public School shines in CBSE Class XII results



AMRISH ANAND DORAHA: Doraha Public School students achieved outstanding results in the CBSE Class XII examinations, bringing laurels to the institution with excellent academic performance across Commerce, Medical and Non-Medical streams. Vani Sharma topped the school with 95.8%, followed by Jasdeep Singh with 94.4% and Agamjot Kaur with 93.6%. Other achievers included Karandeep Singh (89%), Harkaran Singh (88.8%), Harsimran Kaur (87.4%), Gurmoor Singh (86.8%), Akshita Narendra Mishra (86.4%) and Shivanki Som (86%). School Chairman Sukhpal Singh, Chairperson Umal Kaur, Director S. Japvir Singh, Director S. Tapvir Singh and Principal Monika Sarwal congratulated the students, parents and staff on the excellent results.

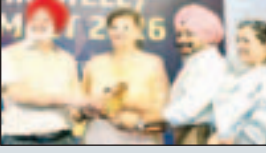
Job security essential for Government employees' futures: Dr Ajay Bagga

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHARPUR: Social-awareness organization Saveria has urged Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann to immediately regularize employees working in government departments on outsourcing, contract and temporary bases. The group said that only when employees have job security can they work with a sense of dedication. The government can deliver good



governance only when the futures of the employees who play a key role in improving the system are secure, the organization added. Saveria office-bearers Dr. Ajay Bagga, Harish Saini, Dr. Sardool Singh and Dr. Avnish Ohri said in a statement that public services form the backbone of welfare. Government departments cannot function effectively while the people who work in them live with insecurity about their future, they said.

Agrim Club of Desh Bhagat University hosts grand adieu and Alumni meet 2026



AJAY MALHOTRA FATEHGARH SAHIB: The Agrim Club, under the aegis of Desh Bhagat University, successfully organized the Adieu (Farewell) and Alumni Meet 2026 at the APJ Abdul Kalam Seminar Hall. The event drew enthusiastic participation from students, alumni, faculty, and dignitaries, creating a memorable blend of emotions, celebrations, and cherished memories. The program began with a floral welcome for Hon'ble Dr. Zora Singh, Chancellor, and Dr. Tajinder Kaur, Pro-Chancellor, followed by ceremonial lamp lighting and the DBU Anthem. Prof. (Dr.) H. K. Sidhu, Director of the Faculty of Agriculture and Life Sciences, warmly welcomed the gathering. She inspired attendees with the words: "Education is a dress rehearsal for a life that is yours to lead." Vibrant cultural performances by outgoing and junior students infused the event with energy and color. Highlights included the crowning of Ms. Jagriti Rajput as Ms. Fresher and Mr. Andleeb as Mr. Fresher; Ms. Avantiya received the Ms. Personality title, and Mr. Rahul Raj was awarded Mr. Personality. The Alumni Meet segment shone as alumni from across Indian states and abroad shared inspiring experiences, achievements, and fond memories. Their stories motivated current students and reinforced ties with the university. Event organizer Dr. Avinash Kumar Bhatia emphasized how student-life memories shape personality and growth. Dr. Simranjeet Kaur expertly hosted the proceedings, complemented by engaging activities for faculty. The Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor praised the flawless organization. In his address, Dr. Zora Singh assured students they would always remain part of the DBU family, with unwavering support wherever needed.

Free cancer screening & awareness camp held at Angels World School



SANJEEV TEJPAL MORINDA, MAY 15

Angels World School, Morinda, in collaboration with the World Cancer Care Society and Apna Punjab Foundation, successfully organised a large-scale free cancer screening and awareness camp, drawing an overwhelming response from residents of the surrounding areas. The camp witnessed the participation of a team of 25 experienced doc-

BJP looted votes in West Bengal, now looting people through fuel price hike: Aman Arora

SUMER GARG
CHANDIGARH, MAY 15

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab President and Cabinet Minister Aman Arora on Friday strongly condemned the BJP-led Central Government over the continuous rise in fuel prices and inflation, stating that the BJP-led government has pushed common people, farmers and small businesses into financial distress while favouring a handful of corporate houses.

Addressing a press conference, AAP Punjab State President Aman Arora said the entire country is witnessing the suffering caused by rising inflation despite the tall promises made by PM Modi before coming to power 12 years ago. "The BJP Government has once again burdened common people, farmers and small businesses with rising fuel prices and inflation. The entire country is witnessing how the people are suffering under inflation despite the tall promises made by PM Modi before coming to power 12 years ago," he added. Referring to the latest hike in fuel and LPG prices, Aman Arora said, "Im-



mediately after the West Bengal elections, the Central Government increased the price of commercial LPG cylinders by ₹43, dealing a severe blow to small businesses and traders. Along with this, the Centre increased petrol prices by ₹3.14 per litre, diesel by ₹3.11 per litre and CNG prices by ₹2. This is a shameful gift to the people of the country."

He asserted that the BJP only remembers public welfare during elections but imposes economic burdens on people after securing votes. "The BJP talks about public

welfare during elections, but after winning votes it starts looting the hard-earned money of the people.

These price hikes are being done only to benefit a few selected corporate houses close to the ruling party," Aman Arora said.

Targeting the BJP over its poll promises, Aman Arora stated, "The BJP had promised to deposit ₹15 lakh into every citizen's bank account, create two crore jobs and double farmers' income. Instead of doubling farmers' income, the BJP Government has con-

tinuously increased the financial burden on farmers through inflation and rising fuel costs."

Highlighting the impact on Punjab's farming sector, the AAP Punjab State President said the diesel price hike will directly hit agricultural operations during the paddy sowing season. "Farmers require thousands of litres of water and fuel for irrigation during paddy sowing. The increase in diesel prices will directly affect their agricultural operations and increase their financial burden," he added.

Kendriya Vidyalaya SLIET Longowal students shine in CBSE Class XII results

LONGOWAL (RAVI GARG): Students of Kendriya Vidyalaya SLIET Longowal once again brought laurels to the institution by delivering an excellent performance in the CBSE Class XII Board Examination results declared today. Continuing its tradition of academic excellence, the school achieved a remarkable 100% pass result with outstanding quality performance across both Science and Commerce streams. Girls particularly outshone boys with exceptional achievements.



In the Science stream, Navneet Kaur secured the first position by scoring an impressive 96.2%, followed by Akhori Supratik Sinha with 92.2% and Manjot Kaur with 91%. In the Commerce stream, Gurmanpreet Kaur topped with an excellent 94.8%, while Lakshika secured second position with 84.4% and Khushpreet Kaur stood third with 81.8%.

Adding further glory to the school's achievement, Akhori Supratik Sinha scored a perfect 100 marks in Biology. Gurmanpreet Kaur achieved an outstanding 99 marks in Accountancy, while Akshita Dhebla scored 98 marks in English.

Ludhiana police bust international cyber fraud racket, arrest 132 accused

CHANDIGARH, MAY 15 (UNI)

In a breakthrough, Ludhiana Police has busted an international cyber fraud network operating through illegal call centres and arrested 132 accused involved in cheating foreign nationals through sophisticated online scams, officials said.

Police Commissioner Swapan Sharma said the accused posed as technical support providers of multinational companies and targeted victims abroad by sending fake virus alerts and security warnings under the name of Microsoft. He said a fake customer care number was displayed on victims' screens, and once contacted, calls were routed directly to the fraudsters through X-Lite software.

Acting on a tip-off, police conducted coordinated raids at multiple commercial premises near Sandhu Tower and Silver Oak in Ludhiana, leading to the arrest of the accused and exposing the large-scale cybercrime setup.

On Thursday, officials said the FIR has been registered at Cyber Crime Police Station under FIR No. 37 dat-



ed May 13, 2026, under Sections 318(4), 319(2), 336(3), 61(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Sections 66-C, 66-D, and 75 of the IT Act.

During the raids, police recovered around Rs 1.07 crore in cash, 98 laptops, 229 mobile phones, and 19 luxury cars. Authorities have also frozen over 300 bank accounts linked to the accused network. The Income Tax Department has been roped in for further financial scrutiny.

According to police, the gang operated in a structured manner with teams divided into "openers" and "closers". Openers would gain access to victims' systems using remote software such as Ultra-

Viewer, while closers impersonated bank officials to extract money transfers from victims.

Victims were allegedly coerced into making payments through multiple methods, including cash pickups from homes, purchase of gold, Apple and Amazon gift cards, wire transfers to foreign accounts, as well as hawala and cryptocurrency channels. Investigators said the proceeds were later routed back to India through illegal financial networks. Police further revealed that each operator handled around 8 to 10 calls daily and was paid fixed salaries along with performance-based incentives.

Ved Kaur Arya Girls Senior Secondary School, Qadian achieves outstanding 100% board result

VERMA
GURDASPUR, MAY 15

Ved Kaur Arya Girls Senior Secondary School, Qadian has once again brought laurels to the institution with its exceptional performance in the Punjab School Education Board (PSEB), Mohali examinations held in March 2026.

The school achieved a remarkable 100% result, reflecting the hard work, dedication, and academic excellence of both students and staff. Sharing details of this outstanding achievement, Principal Mrs. Mamta Dogra stated that the students delivered excellent performances in all three streams — Science, Commerce, and Arts. In the Science Stream, Kanwaljit secured the first position with an impressive 95% marks, followed by Darshana with 94%, while Anjali achieved the third position with 92.2% marks. In



the Commerce Stream, Anjali Kumari topped with 87.6%, Manmeet Bhatia secured second position with 85.6%, and Prabdeep Kaur stood third with 85.4% marks. Similarly, in the Arts Stream, Sartaj Singh secured first place with 83.4% marks, followed by Suneha with 82.4%, while Prince

achieved third position with 82% marks. Principal Mrs. Mamta Dogra proudly mentioned that all students from the three streams scored above 70%, which is a matter of great pride for the school.

She congratulated the students for their hard work and dedication and appreciated the continuous support of parents and the sincere efforts of the teaching staff. She also extended heartfelt congratulations to the Chairman of the school, Mr. Ajay Goswami, and Manager Dr. (Mrs.) Anjana Gupta for their constant encouragement and visionary leadership, which played a significant role in achieving these excellent results. The school management expressed confidence that the students would continue to excel in the future and bring further glory to the institution through their achievements and dedication.

Life in Army with quarter guard procedure displayed to the underprivileged children at Tibri Cantt

CHANDIGARH, MAY 15



In a heartwarming and inspiring initiative, the children studying at the "Parliamentary Education Study Center" being run for underprivileged children of the slum area at Maan Kaur were given a glimpse of life in the army and memorable welcome at Tibri Cantt under the dynamic leadership of Ramesh Mahajan. The educational and motivational visit was organized on the special invitation of the Army authorities.

The tour was conducted under the supervision of Bakshi Raj, with participation from 37 children and 5 teachers. Upon their arrival at Tibri Cantt, the children were made averse with the Quarter Guard drill by the Indian Army personnel a deeply

emotional and unforgettable moment that filled the young minds with pride, joy, and inspiration. During the visit, the children were acquainted with the glorious history, courage, discipline, and supreme sacrifices of the Indian Army in safeguarding the nation.

The children observed every aspect with immense curiosity and enthusiasm and many expressed their heartfelt desire to join the Indian Army in the future and dedicate their lives to the service of the nation. Describing the visit as a "once in a lifetime experience," the children shared that the interaction with the armed forces strengthened their feelings of patriotism, respect for the Army, and confidence to dream big despite difficult circumstances.

G. Holy Heart School Mehal Kalan shines bright in Class XII board results 2025-26



BARNALA (BALWINDER AZAD): Under the visionary guidance of Managing Director Mr. Sushil Goyal, GHHS once again created history with its stupendous performance in the Class XII Board Examinations 2025-26. The school proudly celebrates the outstanding achievements of its students who brought laurels to the institution with their hard work and dedication.

The biggest highlight of the result was the remarkable achievement of Ashpreet Kaur from the Humanities stream, who secured an exceptional 98% marks and emerged as the District Topper. Adding another feather to her cap, she scored a perfect 100/100 in English and 100/100 in Punjabi, showcasing her extraordinary academic brilliance. To honour her extraordinary achievement, the Managing Director, Mr. Sushil Goyal, felicitated Ashpreet Kaur and appreciated her dedication, perseverance, and commitment towards excellence. On this proud occasion, she was also invited to inaugurate the school's newly built Podcast Studio, marking yet another memorable moment in the history of the institution. The school also applauded the excellent performance of Manveer Singh and Sukhmandeep Kaur from the Commerce stream, who both secured an impressive 92% marks in the board examinations. Their achievements reflected the school's strong academic environment and commitment towards quality education.

Sri Guru Gobind Singh Collegiate Sr Sec School Sanghera achieves excellent results

BARNALA (BALWINDER AZAD): The results of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Collegiate Senior Secondary School Sanghera, a well-known educational institution in the area, have been excellent under the guidance of the Managing Committee President of the institution Bhola Singh Virk and the supervision of the school's Principal Dr. Ravinder Kaur Jawanda. Giving information in this regard, Principal Dr. Ravinder Kaur Jawanda said that the students of +2 Arts group have secured the first position in the school. In which Avneet Kaur daughter of Parminder Singh secured the first position by getting 90 percent marks, Gunreet Kaur daughter of Sukhbir Singh secured the second position by getting 88.4 percent marks and Parmeen Kaur daughter of Hardeep Singh secured the third position by getting 85% marks. In the 12th Commerce Group, Simranjit Kaur daughter of Hardeep Singh secured first place by scoring 87 percent marks, Manjinder Singh son of Jagtar Singh secured second place by scoring 74.4 percent marks and Navjot Kaur daughter of Sukhjit Singh secured third place by scoring 72.4 percent marks.



District level training camp organized by Bureau of Indian Standards



SURINDER DAMDAMI
KOTKAPURA, MAY 15

As per the targets set during the State Level Committee meeting held in December 2024, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Chandigarh Branch today organized a District Level Training Camp at the Deputy Commissioner Office, Faridkot. The camp was organized under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Rahul Chaba and Shalu Varshney, Head (CHBO). Its main objective was to strengthen coordination between various departments for effective implementation of

schemes related to standardization and quality assurance in the district. During the camp, special emphasis was laid on increasing awareness and understanding about important initiatives like BIS Certification Mark (ISI Mark), hall-marking of gold jewellery, mandatory registration scheme, procurement of BIS certified products and management system certification. During the discussion, it was emphasized that joint efforts between various departments and officials of Faridkot district are very necessary to effectively implement the quality control orders.

Sri Guru Harkrishan Public School's Class XII results 100 percent

SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, MAY 15

The students of Sri Guru Harkrishan Public School Pathankot have brought glory to the school by performing brilliantly in the 12th class results announced by CBSE. Like every year, this year also the school's result was 100 percent.

Giving information in this regard, the school's principal Rachna Ahuja said that the school's 12th class result was excellent.

The children passed the board examination by securing good marks. He said that from the school's commerce stream, Kriti Gupta secured first place in the school with 97.8 percent marks, Yashvi Mahajan secured second place with 97.4 percent marks, Ritwik Malhatra secured third place with 96.2



percent marks, Jaskirat Singh secured fourth place with 96 percent marks and Ojas Agarwal secured fifth place with 95.6 percent marks.

Similarly, in the medical stream, Chahat secured first place in the medical stream by scoring 93.4 percent marks, Mannat Sharma secured second place by scoring 92.6 percent marks, Anami-Ka Khullar secured third place by scoring 92.2 percent marks, Nandika secured fourth place by scoring 90.2

percent marks and Abha Bhagat secured fifth place by scoring 90 percent marks.

While in the non-medical stream, Rachit Sanotra secured first place with 91.4 percent marks, Lakshay Kumar secured second place with 88.4 percent marks, Khwaisah and Vishesh Chaudhary secured third place with 88.2 percent marks, Pihu secured fourth place with 87.2 percent marks and Deepanshi Mahajan secured fifth place with 86.6 percent marks.

JMK International School records 100% result in CBSE Class XII exams



PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): Students of JMK International School delivered an outstanding performance in the CBSE Class XII examinations, the results of which were declared recently, with the school registering a 100 per cent pass result. Harshita Suri of the Commerce stream secured the first position in the school by scoring 98.4 per cent marks. Amayra Dhir stood second with 97.6 per cent, while Nisha Rajpurohit secured the third position with 97.4 per cent marks. School Chairman Anuj Sood and Principal Neeti Kochar congratulated the students and their parents on the excellent performance. They said the remarkable results reflected the hard work of the students, dedication of the teachers and constant support of the parents. They also encouraged other students to draw inspiration from the achievers. Principal Neeti Kochar said that in the Humanities stream, Amitoj Kaur secured the first position with 95 per cent marks, followed by Sanchi Ravgotra with 94 per cent and Rashi with 93 per cent marks. In the Medical stream, Mannat Kalkat and Mayukh Mahajan jointly secured the top position with 93.2 per cent marks. Mannat Sharma stood second with 90.6 per cent, while Avika secured the third position with 89.4 per cent marks.

Punjab Governor to confer Startup Samagam 2026 Awards in City



LUDHIANA (SHARMA): Governor of Punjab, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, will be the Chief Guest to the upcoming Startup Samagam Awards 2026, a Leaders' Conclave to be held on May 21 at Park Plaza in city. Samagam is a flagship event of Ludhiana Angels Network, who has done contribution in the field of the startups and the Samagam is now one of the most recognized events in the state of Punjab. This event sees trailblazing enterprises and startups come under one roof to celebrate the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship thereby putting a remarkable contribution to the nation's vibrant and ever-evolving entrepreneurial landscape.

Shri Sanjeev Pahwa, Chairman Ralson Tires, speaking on the occasion said that it is his great pleasure to participate with Ludhiana Angels Network in awarding the Best Institute in promoting entrepreneurship. The other stalwarts who addressed the Press Conference today are Shri JR Singh, owner of JRS Eastman, Shri Umesh Munjal, owner of UM Holdings, and Vineet Sood, chairman of Centex International.

Teacher training workshop conducted at Science College



JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): A Teacher Training Workshop for Environmental Nodal Officers was organized at Samnati Government College of Science Education and Research, Jagraon, with the aim of spreading awareness about environmental conservation and sustainable living among the masses. The programme was jointly organized by "Kudrat De Raakhe," Municipal Committee Jagraon, Samnati Government College of Science Education and Research, Jagraon, and Paryawaran Sanrakshan Gatividhi, Jagraon. The workshop focused on important topics including waste management, water conservation, eco-friendly household practices, and environmental protection. During the programme, eminent speakers shared valuable insights on various environmental issues. Dr. Santosh Kumar motivated participants to promote greenery through plantation and seed preservation, while Dr. Rakesh Sharda explained practical methods to reduce household waste through reuse and recycling under the theme "Zero Waste House."

NEWS BRIEF

"Reach Safe Una" Road Safety App launched by DGP Ashok Tiwari at SP Office Una



KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: "Reach Safe Una" Road Safety App was launched by Ashok Tiwari Director General of Police Himachal Pradesh at SP Office Una on Thursday yesterday. While addressing to the media persons: Ashok Tiwari DGP Himachal Pradesh said that this Reach Safe Una App will help to control Traffic in Una District and this app will help to safe driving in Una. He said that QR code provided by Una police for this app should be used by vehicles drivers for downloading this app. DGP added that vehicles drivers should follow the traffic rules. Sachin Harimeth SP Una and other senior officers of Una police were also present on this occasion.

90-year-old woman inaugurates Sipur Fair in Shimla, promotes Women Empowerment

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 15

A two-day district-level fair began at Sipur village near Shimla on Thursday, with 90-year-old local resident Muratu Devi inaugurating the event as the chief guest in a unique initiative promoting women empowerment.

Addressing the gathering, Muratu Devi said women empowerment means ensuring equal development opportunities and enabling women to speak freely, make independent decisions and live life on their own terms. She said women today are becoming increasingly empowered in every field and are contributing significantly to the social and economic progress of their families. Welcoming the chief guest, the fair committee convener said the fair has been



organised continuously for the past 37 years with the support of the local community. He added that for the first time, the committee unanimously decided to honour the oldest woman of the area as chief guest to promote the message of women empowerment.

The organisers informed that sports and cultural activities have been arranged to make the fair more attractive. A total of 18 volleyball teams, eight men's kabaddi teams and 10 women's kabaddi teams are participating in the competitions.

Students from various schools, including Government Senior Secondary School Mashobra, Bagthal School, Mul Koti School, Maya Public School Mashobra, Model Education School Mashobra and Sophia School Mashobra, presented colourful cultural performances during the event.

A health camp organised by the Health Department is also providing free health check-ups, medical tests and medicines to visitors. Departments of agriculture and horticulture have set up stalls to spread awareness among farmers and orchardists.

Local women's groups and self-help groups are also displaying and selling handmade products and traditional food items at the fair, drawing enthusiastic participation from visitors.

Governor meets Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji Maharaj in Bengaluru

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 15

Governor Kavinder Gupta today called on the globally renowned spiritual leader and founder of the Art of Living Foundation, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji Maharaj at Bengaluru. The Governor visited the Centre to greet Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji Maharaj to extend him of birthday greetings. On the occasion, the Governor held a warm and cordial interaction with Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji Maharaj. The Governor and Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji Maharaj exchanged views on spiritual values, human welfare and the promotion of peace and harmony in society. The Governor appreciated the invaluable contribution of Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji Maharaj in spreading the message of peace, compassion and spirituality not



only across India but throughout the world. He also discussed the potential for the Art of Living Foundation to further extend its humanitarian, educational and wellness initiatives in Himachal Pradesh for the benefit of the people of the state. Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji Maharaj expressed his commitment to the welfare of society and the nation at large.

NEET exam paper leak is playing with future of country: Gaurav Kumar

AVINASH CHAUHAN

AMB: Gaurav Kumar, President of Swami Vivekananda Seva Trust Chintpurni, described the NEET exam paper leak as extremely unfortunate and called it a direct threat to the future of millions of students. He said that millions of students across the country prepare for competitive exams with hard work and dedication to fulfill their dreams, but such incidents only serve to demoralize hardworking youth.

Gaurav Kumar said that maintaining transparency and credibility in the education system is the primary responsibility of the government and related agencies. If the fairness of the country's most important competitive examinations is questioned, it is a matter of serious concern for the entire education system. He demanded that a fair, transparent and timely investigation into the matter be ensured and strict legal action be taken against all the culprits, mafias and concerned officials involved in the paper leak, so that such incidents do not recur in the future.

Gaurav Kumar said that youth are the nation's greatest strength, and any injustice to their dreams and hard work is unacceptable. He urged the central government and exam-conducting agencies to further strengthen the security system for competitive exams and to take rigorous and effective steps at the technical level, so that the credibility of any exam is not questioned in the future.



SSRVM Schools organise grand ceremony to honour meritorious students



KISHORI LAL BAINS

UNA: SSRVM School Chain organised a grand felicitation ceremony to honour meritorious Class 12 students for the academic session 2025-26. The programme was attended by chairman Satish Kumar Sharma, managing director Sumesh Kumar Sharma, principal Brij Bala Sharma, parents, teachers and members of the media fraternity. The event was dedicated to recognising the hard work, discipline and outstanding achievements of students. Student Manya Raizada remained the centre of attraction during the ceremony after securing 98.2 percent marks and achieving third position in the Arts stream across Himachal Pradesh. She also secured a perfect score of 100 out of 100 in Political Science. Other meritorious students honoured during the programme included Komal Patial with 93.2 percent, Simran with 92.2 percent, Amitoz with 89 percent, Rachit Sharma with 86.2 percent, Anmol Handa with 83 percent, Harshita Chandel with 81.4 percent, Manpreet with 81 percent, Premlata with 80.8 percent, Dolly with 80.6 percent and Ivana with 80 percent marks.

Congress government denying SC women the right to contest elections: BJP

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 15

BJP Himachal Pradesh Media Convener Karan Nanda, while addressing a press conference, launched a sharp attack on the Congress government, accusing it of deliberately attempting to influence the ongoing Panchayati Raj elections and deprive Scheduled Caste women of their democratic rights. He stated that the present Congress government is resorting to manipulation, misuse of power and administrative interference to secure electoral advantage.

Karan Nanda said that the Panchayati Raj election process officially began on April 29, 2026, when the election schedule was announced. Nomination filing commenced on May 7,



while polling dates were fixed for May 26, 28 and 30. However, in the middle of the election process, on May 8, 2026, the Panchayati Raj Department issued a controversial notification, which BJP considers a direct attempt to interfere with and influence the elections.

He alleged that through this notification, the Congress government is preventing Scheduled Caste women from contesting Panchayati Raj elections if they were

women of their constitutional and democratic rights. He questioned how a woman whose name exists in the voter list and who is legally entitled to vote can be denied the right to contest elections.

He further stated that in many other states, women from Himachal Pradesh who marry and settle there are permitted to contest elections without discrimination, but the Himachal Congress government has imposed an unjust restriction that violates democratic norms.

Referring to a specific case from Sirmour district Karan Nanda mentioned Anurani, a Scheduled Caste woman originally from Yamunanagar, Haryana, who married into a Valmiki family in Kala Amb, Himachal Pradesh around 2009-10.

Legal Notice sent to BJP Leader over false remarks: Devinder Jaggi



SANJAY AGGARWAL

DHARAMSHALA: Congress leader Devinder Jaggi from Dharamshala has hit back at a BJP leader over false remarks made by the latter. Speaking at a press conference in Dharamshala on Friday, Devinder Jaggi stated that he is sending a legal notice to the BJP leader and warned that if the leader does not issue a public apology, he will file a defamation suit. Jaggi asserted that the BJP leader has leveled several allegations regarding the Municipal Corporation, all of which are completely devoid of facts. Responding to the BJP leader's claim that the Municipal Corporation's "House" (assembly) had not convened, Jaggi pointed out that Dharamshala has a BJP MLA. He noted that whenever a Municipal Corporation meeting is held, the MLA is also invited to attend; therefore, if the House had indeed not met, why did the MLA not raise the issue? Terming the BJP's election manifesto for the Municipal Corporation polls a "bundle of lies," Jaggi argued that the BJP has made all these electoral promises without any budgetary backing promises they will never be able to fulfill.

Illegal fishing mafia faces major crackdown in Govind Sagar; Fisheries Department seizes 27 Kg banned nets

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, MAY 15

In a decisive move to safeguard the rich aquatic wealth of the historic Govind Sagar Reservoir, the Fisheries Department launched an intensive early-morning crackdown against illegal fishing activities, sending a strong warning to violators operating in the reservoir region. Acting under a special enforcement drive, Fisheries Officer Surender Patial along with his departmental team carried out a surprise patrol operation at around 6:00 AM on Friday across several sensitive stretches of Beat No. 1 of the reservoir area. The inspection zone extended from Kunkhar Khadd to Raipur village on the right bank and Sharat village on the left bank. During the operation, the team seized nearly 27 kilograms of undersized and banned gill nets being illegally used for fishing in the reservoir. Authorities also registered two separate cases linked to unlawful fishing practices, while further investigations have already been initiated to identify those involved. The departmental team simultaneously inspected fishing boats and monitored ongoing fishing activities within the reservoir to ensure strict



compliance with fisheries regulations. Officials reiterated that continuous surveillance and surprise inspections will remain a priority in the coming days to protect the reservoir's ecological balance and fisheries resources.

Assistant Director of Fisheries, Bilaspur Division, Pankaj Thakur stated that the department is committed to taking stringent legal action against anyone found violating the Himachal Pradesh Fisheries Rules. He also appealed to fishermen and local residents to actively support efforts aimed at preserving the invaluable fisheries wealth of the reservoir.

Section 163 imposed in Una ahead of ULB Polls

UNI
UNA, MAY 15

With the objective of conducting the urban local body elections in a peaceful, fair, and orderly manner, necessary restrictive orders have been issued under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, across six urban local body areas of the district. These orders will remain effective from 3:00 PM on May 15 until the completion of the voting process on May 17. Una District Magistrate Jatinder Lal has issued the orders in this regard. These orders have been issued to maintain law and order and to ensure free and fair elections in the areas falling under the Municipal Councils of Mehatpur-

Basdehra and Santoshgarh, as well as the Nagar Panchayats of Amb, Daultapur Chowk, Gagret, and Tahliwal.

According to the orders, during the specified period, activities such as the assembly of more than five persons, the organization of public gatherings and political meetings, the use of loudspeakers, carrying weapons, sticks, banners, or placards, and raising slogans will be prohibited within the urban local bodies undergoing the electoral process. Furthermore, political workers from outside the district will not be permitted to stay in the respective areas after the conclusion of the election campaign period. Additionally, obtaining prior

permission from the local administration will be mandatory for organizing any election processions. A complete ban will also be imposed on the assembly of unauthorized persons in crowds around the vote-counting centers. In the orders, the District Magistrate has also clarified that no restrictions of any kind will apply to the daily activities of ordinary citizens, marriage ceremonies, funeral rites, or the movement of voters proceeding to polling booths to cast their votes. Similarly, all liquor shops, outlets, and establishments serving alcohol within the six concerned urban local body areas will remain closed from 3:00 PM on May 15 until the completion of the electoral process on May 17.

French Ambassador reviews progress of 'Himachal Pradesh Disaster Risk Reduction Programme' in Kullu

ASHISH SHARMA
KULLU, MAY 15

French Ambassador to India Thierry Mathou arrived here on a two-day visit to Kullu district. He was received at Bhuntar Airport by Nishant Thakur, Additional Secretary (Revenue-Disaster Management) and Project Director (HPDRRP), Government of Himachal Pradesh. He chaired a meeting of the District Disaster Management Authority in Kullu, held in the meeting hall of the Multipurpose Building. The meeting reviewed the progress of the Himachal Pradesh Disaster Risk Reduction Programme (HPDRRP). This program is being implemented by the state government with financial and technical assistance from the French agency, AFD. During the meeting, the Project Director gave a detailed



presentation on the objectives of the HPDRRP. The challenges of disaster risk management in Himachal Pradesh and the role of the State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA) were also discussed. The presentation discussed the development of fire stations, construction of SDRF complex and helpad and establishment of Early Warning System (EWS). The main objective of all these initiatives is to strengthen the disaster preparedness and response mechanism in the state. He then visited the existing

District Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC) and reviewed its functioning. They were briefed on the proposed plans for the new DEOC building and discussed the importance of strengthening the emergency communications and coordination infrastructure in the district. Additional Deputy Commissioner Ashwani Kumar, Assistant Commissioner Jayabanti Thakur, Executive Engineer of Public Works Department B C Negi, District Revenue Officer Surabhi Negi and officers of various departments were present in the meeting.

Harsh Mahajan slams Himachal government over debt crisis

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 15

BJP Rajya Sabha MP Harsh Mahajan on Friday launched a sharp attack on the Congress government in Himachal Pradesh, alleging that the state has been pushed towards economic crisis, mounting debt and administrative failure under the leadership of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. Addressing the media, Mahajan said the upcoming Municipal Corporation, Zila Parishad, Panchayat Samiti and Panchayat elections are not merely local body polls but a crucial opportunity to "save Himachal Pradesh." He appealed to voters to support BJP-backed candidates and send a strong political message against what he termed as



"misgovernance, false promises and economic mismanagement" by the Congress government. Mahajan alleged that during its tenure, the Congress government has weakened the state financially through rising taxes, inflation and stalled development works. He claimed that every section of society, including employees, unemployed youth, farmers, traders and women, is facing hardship. Citing the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report, the BJP MP said 12

state boards and corporations are currently running in losses exceeding Rs. 6,454 crore. He alleged that the Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board alone has accumulated losses of over Rs. 3,246 crore, while the Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) is burdened with liabilities of nearly Rs. 10,966 crore. Mahajan further claimed that although the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) was restored by the government, no separate pension fund has been created, which could place a heavy financial burden on the state treasury in the coming years. According to him, the CAG report also highlighted a revenue deficit of Rs. 5,558 crore and a fiscal deficit of Rs. 11,266 crore during 2023-24.

Laghu Udyog Bharti celebrates 33rd Foundation Day in Baddi



ANWAR HUSSAIN

NALAGARH: Laghu Udyog Bharti's Barotiwala unit celebrated its 33rd Foundation Day with enthusiasm at SVM Burawala under the chairmanship of unit president Sanjeev Singh. Regional Officer of Himachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board, Atul Parmar, attended the event as the chief guest. The programme began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp before the portraits of Bharat Mata and Goddess Saraswati. Addressing the gathering, Atul Parmar emphasized the collective responsibility towards environmental protection and urged industrialists to remain environmentally conscious alongside industrial growth. He also inaugurated a new computer lab at the school established by the Barotiwala unit of Laghu Udyog Bharti and announced the donation of a printer for the facility. International member of Laghu Udyog Bharti, Vikram Bindal, highlighted the history and contribution of the organization, describing it as one of the country's largest industrial associations providing significant employment opportunities. He said the Foundation Day was celebrated across all units nationwide and reiterated the organization's commitment to resolving industrial issues.

NEWS BRIEF

Census 2027: House listing operations commence in Barnala District



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: House listing under the first phase of the Census 2027 commenced today across Barnala district. The exercise will continue till 13 June 2026. Deputy Commissioner-cum-Principal Census Officer Harpreet Singh, IAS held a meeting with enumerators and supervisors at the District Administrative Complex today. He described enumerators as the most vital link in the entire census process and urged them to complete the task with utmost dedication and efficiency. He said that more than 1200 enumerators and supervisors have been deployed across the district. The enumerators have been provided with complete kits and will record all data digitally through the HLO (House Listing Operations) App. A total of 33 questions will be asked during the House Listing and Housing Census.

Barnala Health Department launches Dengue Awareness Drive in Schools



KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA: As per the directions of Health Minister Punjab Dr. Balbir Singh and the letter of Director Health Department Punjab, the Health Department Barnala has made students aware of dengue prevention in all educational institutions of district Barnala so that the spread of mosquitoes in schools and homes can be prevented through students, these words were expressed by Civil Surgeon Barnala Dr. Harpal Singh Sidhu. At this time, the teams of the Health Department examined the breeding sources of mosquitoes in schools and gave information about observing one day of the week, Friday, as a dry day. District Epidemiologist Dr. Munis Kumar and Dr. Sakshi Soni said that if a person experiences symptoms like high fever,

CBI probes NTA officials to crack larger NEET-UG paper leak conspiracy; Telegram use surfaces

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, MAY 15

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), probing the NEET-UG 2026 paper leak case, informed a special court that it is investigating a larger conspiracy involving officials of the National Testing Agency (NTA) and other departments, while tracing the digital and financial network linked to the leak. A Special CBI Court on Thursday remanded five accused -- Mangalal Biwal, Vikas Biwal, Dinesh Biwal, Yash Yadav and Shubham Khairnar -- to seven days of CBI custody. Seeking police custody of the accused, the CBI submitted before the court that custodial interrogation was required to identify officials of the NTA and other departments allegedly involved in the leakage of the NEET-UG 2026 question paper before the examination. According to the agency, accused Shubham



Khairnar of Nashik in Maharashtra allegedly obtained the leaked NEET question paper on April 28, 2026, from a person in Pune, who had sourced it through an NTA contact. The CBI alleged that

Shubham entered into a deal to purchase the leaked paper and distribute it for monetary gain. "It is alleged that Shubham obtained the paper on April 28, 2026, from another person in Pune, who obtained the same from his alleged NTA source," the CBI submitted. The agency further alleged that Shubham struck a deal worth Rs 15 lakh with accused Yash Yadav for the leaked paper. According to the CBI, WhatsApp chats between Yash Yadav and Shubham were recovered from Yash Yadav's mobile phone, while Shubham had allegedly deleted incriminating material from his device. "Though Shubham intentionally deleted incriminating material, his mobile phone has been seized for forensic examination," the agency told the court. The investigation has also revealed the alleged use of Telegram to circulate the leaked question paper in PDF format.

HSNCB holds anti-drug awareness drive at Yamunanagar School



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 15

Ambala unit of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau (HSNCB) organized an anti-drug awareness program at Shri Guru Nanak Public School, Yamunanagar. Main objective of this program was to motivate youth towards a healthy, educated and empowered future while keeping them away from dangers of drug addiction. It was organised under guidance of Bureau Chief Additional Director General of Police Shri Sanjay Kumar and under leadership of Superintendent

of Police Mohit Handa. Under supervision of Inspector Shri Mahroof Ali, SI Phool Kumar and ASI Rajendra Kumar of unit addressed the students. They said that youth who stay away from drugs are ones who take country to new heights. Officials elaborated on physical, mental and social ill effects of drug addiction and appealed to students to stay away from it. SI Phool Kumar further described drug addiction as like termites that hollow out society and encouraged students to remain active in education, sports and creative activities.

Recent assembly election results of five states victory of public trust and BJP public-friendly policies: Sushant Bharti

YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA, MAY 15

Sushant Bharti, State Executive Member of the BJP Legal Cell, said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Bharatiya Janata Party was continuously strengthening its support base across the country. He described the BJP's formation of governments in three of the five recent state elections as a victory for the people's unwavering trust and the party's public-friendly policies. He was addressing a meeting of BJP workers held at his office. A large number of party workers attended the meeting. He said that the BJP has always prioritized national interest and the development of the common people, which was why the people of the country were expressing full confidence in the leadership of



Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said that due to the BJP's policies and the strength of its organization, the day was not far off when the BJP's flag would fly across the country. He said that the benefits of the Central Government's schemes were reaching every section of society. The Central Government has made historic strides in the welfare of the poor, the upliftment of farmers, the empowerment of women and the provision of employment to youth. This is why the people of the country are consistently standing with

the BJP. Sushant Bharti said that the BJP's growing strength in West Bengal was proof that the people there also desired change. He said that due to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's policies and the BJP's working style, the party has succeeded in forming government in Bengal. He called on party workers to go from village to village and door to door to spread the government's schemes and achievements to the people, so that more and more people can connect with the BJP's ideology.

Krishna's grace lies at root of cow service and Gita recitation: Gyananand

HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: At Shri Krishna Kripa Gaushala, Gita scholar Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj unveiled images of cow Gopal and Hanuman. Brahmins, led by Acharya Naresh, first performed ritual worship of these images in Vedic rites. Gita scholar also performed final offering of yagna. Devotees extended their best wishes to Swami Ji on his birthday. In his blessings



on this occasion, Gita scholar Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj urged devotees to engage in cow service, Gita recitation and daily chanting of mantras. He said that Lord Krishna's grace lies at root of cow service and Gita recitation. He emphasized that reciting Gita is essential for a meaningful life. Life's treasure is blissful and it also brings God's grace. Living a life dedicated to God ensures God's grace. Gita recitation creates a virtuous environment. Wherever there is God's grace, there is joy. In his address, Haryana Agriculture Minister Shyam Singh Rana said that while country is governed by Constitution, society is governed by words of saints. Life of Gita scholar is dedicated to cow and Gita. Gita was preached on battlefield of Kurukshetra. Gita contains solutions to all life's problems. He said that life becomes successful through grace of saints. Emphasizing cow service, Shyam Singh Rana said that cow service holds great importance in Sanatan culture.

Disciplinary action will be taken against officers found negligent in handling court cases: DC



HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena said that disciplinary action will be taken against officers and employees who are negligent in handling court cases. Officials have been given one month to complete pending court cases as soon as possible and government orders have also been issued for this purpose. He was addressing a meeting of officials regarding pending court cases in auditorium of Mini Secretariat today. Earlier, DC took feedback online regarding pending cases from SDM Pehowa Anil Doon, SDM Shahbad Shambhu Rathi and revenue department officials from Ismailabad and Ladwa and issued necessary guidelines. He said that departmental officers and employees will have to further improve their working system and take serious action on cases pending in court. DC duly presented government's orders before all officers and said that there will be no waiting for answers for years. Government has taken a strict stand on this issue and has decided that no case should remain pending in court due to negligence of officer.

Tiny Tots celebrate spirit of motherhood at Delhi Public School Yamuna Nagar

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 15

The Kindergarten students of Delhi Public School Yamuna Nagar organised a heartwarming Mother's Day celebration on 15 May 2026 to honour the unconditional love, care and sacrifices of mothers. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from pre-primary students and their mothers, creating an atmosphere filled with joy, love and togetherness. The programme commenced with the warm welcome of mothers followed by the ceremonial kindling of the lamp by the Principal, Ms. Purnyma Wadhwa. A floral welcome added grace and vibrance to the occasion. The tiny tots captivated the audience with a soulful dance performance titled "Maa Ka Aanchal", celebrating the comforting presence of a



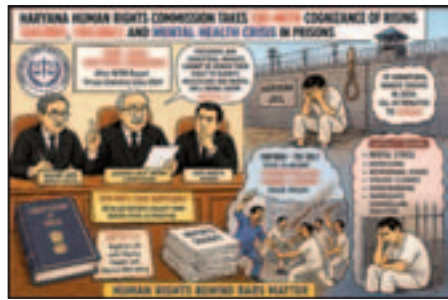
mother. The highlight of the event was the "Walk of Grace" Round, where mothers confidently walked the ramp with elegance and enthusiasm. Another engaging activity, "Style My Mom", brought smiles and laughter as children creatively showcased their love and admiration for their mothers. The audience was further enthralled by a lively Dance Duet performance presented by the young learners. A meaningful skit beautifully portrayed the emotions and selfless devotion associated with

motherhood. The "Mom Talk Circle" provided mothers an opportunity to share their experiences, thoughts and cherished moments of parenting. The programme concluded with an award ceremony where mothers were appreciated for their enthusiastic participation and spirit. Principal, Ms. Purnyma Wadhwa applauded the confidence and enthusiasm displayed by the young learners and extended her gratitude to all the mothers for their active participation and support.

Haryana HRC takes notice of prison suicides, violence crisis

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 15

The Haryana Human Rights Commission (HHRC) has taken suo-motu cognizance of rising suicides, prison violence, overcrowding and the growing mental health crisis in Haryana jails, as highlighted in the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report 'Prison Statistics India-2024'. Treating the issue as a serious human rights concern, the Commission has registered a suo-motu case and sought detailed reports from senior state authorities. A Bench comprising Justice Lalit Batra, Chairperson, Kuldeep Jain, Member (Judicial), and Deep Bhatia, Member, observed that prisoners and undertrial inmates cannot be denied their constitutional right to dignity, healthcare and mental well-being guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution merely because they are incarcerated. According to the NCRB report placed before the Commission, Haryana recorded 15 unnatural inmate deaths in 2024, all attributed to suicide. The report further revealed that Haryana was the only state in the country to report firearm-related violent clashes inside prison premises. The



Commission expressed concern over increasing incidents of depression, stress, withdrawal-related issues, inmate violence, overcrowding and inadequate counselling facilities in prisons. In its order, the Commission stated that custodial institutions are constitutionally bound to protect inmates from self-harm, mental trauma, violence, depression and social isolation. It emphasized that custodial suicides can be prevented through timely psychological intervention, regular counselling, psychiatric supervision, emotional rehabilitation, grievance redressal systems, family support and de-addiction treatment.

Punjab State Pensioner Welfare Association holds meeting and discussion with PRTC Chairman



TAPINDER SINGH
PATIALA: Office bearers and members of the Punjab State Pensioner Welfare Association, Patiala, held a special meeting with PRTC Chairman Advocate Harpal Juneja. During the interaction, the association members highly appreciated the efforts being made by Chairman Harpal Juneja towards the improvement of PRTC enhancement of passenger facilities, and strengthening of administrative efficiency. During the meeting, the members also brought to the notice of Chairman Harpal Juneja several important development-related issues and suggestions concerning the old and new bus stands. Chairman Juneja listened to the concerns seriously and assured the members that the necessary action would be taken. Representatives of the association also extended their full support and best wishes to Chairman Harpal Juneja for further promoting the progress of PRTC and effectively carrying forward works in the public interest. Prominent members present on the occasion included Pension Association leaders S. Gurdeep Singh Walia (President), Ajit Singh Saini (Chairman), Satpal Singh Chambal (General Secretary), Gurneet Singh Tiwana (Finance Secretary), Parmjit Singh (Vice President), Harcharan Singh Gill (Vice President), Baldev Krishan Sharma, Ashok Parashar (Senior Member), besides Harry Mukhmlpur, Rahul Mehta, and other members.

Shri SD Sr Sec School's excellent performance in 10th board examination



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Sanatan Dharma Senior Secondary School, Chhoti Line, Jagadhri performed excellently with 100 per cent Class 10 results. Out of 217 students, 96 secured in the merit list, with 18 of them scored above 90 per cent. Harpreet secured first place in the school with 95.4 per cent (477/500). Janvi secured second place with 94.2 per cent (471/500), and Piyush secured third place with 93.2 per cent (466/500), bringing laurels to the school and their parents. The Principal, Satish Garg, expressed his immense joy and congratulated the students and their parents, stating that the students had achieved excellent marks, breaking the previous year's record. He encouraged the students to work hard and move forward in life and wished them a bright future.

Keshav branch of BVP organises Sanskar camp, introduces people to moral values and Indian culture

MAHENDER GOYAL
HISAR, MAY 15

The Keshav branch of the Bharat Vikas Parishad successfully organized a Sanskar Camp at Guru Jambheshwar Senior Secondary School to promote values and culture. Based on the theme "Strong Mind - Strong Life," the camp introduced children to moral values, discipline, patriotism, and various aspects of Indian culture. The camp was formally inaugurated by lighting a lamp in front of portraits of Mother India and Swami Vivekananda. Provincial Activity Coordinator (Environment) Manik Mittal presided over the event. As the keynote speaker, Keshav Branch President, Anupama Agarwal shared her



thoughts on mental balance with the children in simple and effective words. She explained how important it is to have a balanced and optimistic mind and brain, along with a healthy body. She also detailed the negative effects of excessive smartphone use. She explained that our culture has always been very rich. Understanding this, we should always engage in noble, creative, and nationalistic work. Program chairman Manik Mittal

provided information about good conduct and social responsibility through inspirational passages from the Ramcharitmanas and Swami Vivekananda, cultured activities, and various informative topics. The children participated enthusiastically and were inspired to do noble work. The branch members and the school family were instrumental in the successful organization of the camp.

DC directs departments to pay special attention to cleanliness and beautification of Patiala

TAPINDER SINGH
PATIALA, MAY 15

Under the leadership of Patiala Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal, the 38th District Environment Committee meeting was convened to discuss key environmental and civic issues. Detailed deliberations were held regarding the beautification of Patiala, maintaining cleanliness, making the city pollution-free, solid waste management, and disposal of plastic waste. Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal stated that making Patiala clean and beautiful is one of the administration's top priorities, and any negligence in this regard will not be tolerated. He directed all departments to complete projects related to



city beautification and environmental conservation on a priority basis. The DC specifically instructed officials to ensure immediate removal of garbage from roads, intersections, and public places, and to further strengthen the city's sanitation system. He also issued strict directions for lifting waste lying along roadsides and clearing old garbage dumps within a fixed timeframe. He directed officials to regularly monitor the ongoing solid waste

management works to ensure their effective implementation. During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner also expressed concern over the rising air and noise pollution in the city and ordered stricter regulation of heavy vehicle movement within city limits. He instructed the traffic police and concerned departments to restrict the entry of heavy vehicles into the city beyond the designated timings to ensure smooth traffic flow and reduce pollution levels.

NEWS BRIEFS

Woman employee shot dead outside house in broad daylight in Karnal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: A woman employee of the electricity department was shot dead outside her residence in broad daylight in Karnal's Sector 9 on Monday, triggering panic in the area. The assailant, who was wearing a helmet, fled the spot after opening fire. According to preliminary information, the victim had returned home during lunch hours from her office and was parking her scooter outside the house when the attacker approached her from behind and shot her at close range in the head. She collapsed on the spot and died shortly after.

The entire incident was captured on CCTV cameras installed near the house. Footage reportedly shows the accused arriving on a motorcycle, parking it behind a car, approaching the woman and firing at her before fleeing the scene.

Initially, family members believed the woman had died after accidentally falling. However, after reviewing the CCTV footage, they discovered that she had been shot. Police were subsequently informed and teams rushed to the spot to begin the investigation. The victim's husband, Vimal Arora, said he was at work when he received information about the incident. "At first we were told that she had fallen and died due to injuries, but CCTV footage clearly shows a man firing at her."

Empowering women and children is govt's priority: CM Saini

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MAY 15

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini said that women and children form the foundation of any society and nation, and no country can become strong without empowering them. He said that empowering women and children is among the top priorities of the Haryana Government and the Women and Child Development Department should prepare its next five-year action plan keeping this objective in mind.

The Chief Minister gave these directions while reviewing the upcoming five-year action plan of the Women and Child Development Department under Haryana Vision-2047.

He said that the Haryana Government aims to build an inclusive and equitable society where women have the right to live with dignity, remain free from violence, and where every child is nurtured in a safe, healthy and supportive environment with full opportunities for growth and development.

The Chief Minister directed the department to introduce various activ-

ities for children to assess whether they are achieving age-appropriate physical and mental milestones. He said that baby shows and health competitions should be organised for children of every age group and winning children should also be rewarded. Representatives from society, families and the government should also be involved in



such programmes. He said these activities would create awareness among mothers regarding children's health. He further stated that the first six years of a child's life are extremely important as their entire future depends on this stage.

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that an ideal family and a healthy society cannot be imagined without women's edu-

cation, health and awareness, because the physical and mental well-being of children also depends upon mothers. Therefore, strategies to create greater awareness among women should also be included in the department's future action plan. To provide a supportive environment and empower women, working women hostels and crèche centres for their children should be established in every district.

The Chief Minister said that the Women and Child Development Department should prepare a special awareness campaign across the state to improve the birth rate of girls. He directed the department to set a target of taking Haryana's sex ratio above the national average of 933 and prepare a concrete action plan to achieve it. He also directed the department to increase the target for anaemia screening among women and children and provide supplements as required. He further issued directions regarding providing special nutritional support to children up to three years of age and lactating mothers.

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that a district-wise Women Empowerment Index should be prepared in Haryana to identify districts.

Shri Ghantakarna is a deity endowed with extraordinary powers: Muni Piyush

CHAMAN LAL
KARNAL, MAY 15

On Krishna Chaudas—the auspicious day marking the special grace of the highly potent deity, Shri Ghantakarna Mahavir—a devotional gathering was organised with deep reverence at the Shri Ghantakarna Mahavir Pilgrimage Site on Indri Road. The proceedings commenced with a collective chanting of the Ghantakarna Beej Mantra, offered as a prayer for the welfare of humanity and the well-being

of all. Muni Sanyamesh, Sadhvi Jagriti, Pushpa Goyal, Jaipal Singh, Sarita Jain, Pawan Jain, and Mahendra Pal presented melodious devotional songs. Lines from various bhajans such as "O Dada, do not turn me away from your doorstep now; I am faltering—please lift me up," "In the tearful moments of life, I find solace in Your love; standing in Your court, O Dada, I feel I lack nothing else," "Who cared for me before I began worshipping You? I was merely searching for my own identity before I surrendered to You," "I have asked the Baba for but one boon: may Your grace remain with me as long as I live," "He upon whom the Baba places His hand is safely guided across; whoever seeks Your refuge finds salvation," "Whether the moon and stars are visible in the sky or not, I yearn only for a glimpse of You," "You are my boat, and You are the shore; You are the sole support of my life," "Cherish the Lord's words with care, for within them lies a profound secret," and "Wherever You lead, I shall follow—without complaint or personal desire; let whatever happens be solely according to Your divine will, O Lord; and if I must speak, I shall speak only to You"—created a deeply devotional atmosphere.



Deputy Preceptor Shri Piyush Muni Maharaj, speaking in the context of the highly potent deity Shri Ghantakarna, explained that devotion is the supreme and most effective medium for receiving

the energy of grace from the Supreme Soul (*Paramatma*) and divine powers. Devotion yields the greatest fruit when it is selfless. Just as a mother pours out her boundless affection upon her child, so too do divine powers shower their blessings upon their devotees, enriching their lives. Through its unparalleled capabilities, divine power is capable of transforming even the impossible into reality. Shri Ghantakarna is a benevolent deity—an embodiment of grace—who showers paternal affection upon his devotees, bestowing upon them both spiritual fulfillment and material prosper-

Recover dues from property tax and rent defaulters; Set Monthly Targets, says Dr. Vaishali Sharma

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAY 15

District Municipal Commissioner Dr. Vaishali Sharma held a review meeting on Friday with all heads of corporation branches and municipal secretaries in the Municipal Corporation office auditorium, addressing over a dozen agenda points. During the meeting, she directed the Urban Project Officer-cum-Specialist, Praveen Chug, and his team to ensure that street vendors in the city benefit under the PM SVANidhi scheme. She stated that loans should be disbursed with immediate effect to those street vendors whose applications have already been approved. She clarified that the

time lag between the approval of an application and the actual disbursement of the loan must be reduced to zero. Letters are to be issued to banks that delay loan disbursements, directing

The Municipal Commissioner directed officials from the Property Tax and Rent branches, as well as the secretaries, to expedite recovery proceedings regarding pending property taxes and shop rents. Monthly targets are to be established for this purpose, and notices must be issued to all defaulters. Additionally, action is to be taken against advertisements displayed illegally within the city. ATP (Assistant Town Planner) Praveesh Kaushik reported that FIRs have been registered against 23 individuals for displaying illegal advertisements. Furthermore, efforts to recover fines levied through challans have been intensified.

them to clear pending cases. The Deputy Municipal Commissioner was directed to assign specific targets to all employees and to conduct a weekly review of the work accomplished.



'Voice of Media' working for journalists' interests: Raghubir Singh

PRITI SAINI
SADHAURA, MAY 15

A significant meeting of the 'Voice of Media' organisation was held on Thursday at the Sadhaura Rest House. More than a dozen journalists from across the district participated in the meeting to discuss the organization's activities and issues related to the interests of journalists. For this meeting, the State President of 'Voice of Media', Sardar Raghubir Singh, arrived specially from Ambala. He was accompanied by Barkha Ram Dhimani, the District Vice President of 'Voice of Media' for Ambala. Addressing the gathering, State President Raghubir

Singh stated that practicing journalism has become an extremely challenging task in the current times. Journalists are compelled to face various difficulties and pressures; under



such circumstances, organizing themselves to safeguard their rights and ensure their security has become the need of the hour. He highlighted that 'Voice of Media' is an international organization actively operating in 56 coun-

tries, with a membership base exceeding 600,000 individuals. He further informed the attendees that 'Voice of Media' is the first organisation of its kind in the country to offer free membership to journalists. Additionally, the organisation is providing journalists with crucial benefits—such as insurance coverage—to ensure that they and their families receive financial security in times of need. During the meeting, the participating journalists also shared their views and emphasized the importance of strengthening the organisation. Journalists present on this occasion included Miha Singh Chahal, Kaushik Khan, Sukhwinder Kashyap, Sanjeev Kumar, Ramkishan Kashyap, Rashid Nirala, Sanjay Sahni, Preeti Saini, and Harish Gujral, among others.

Prime Minister Modi should initiate formation of a Men's Commission to protect men from harassment: Viresh Shandilya

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KATHAL: Viresh Shandilya, National President of Anti Terrorist Front India, has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to constitute a Men's Commission on the lines of the Women's Commission to address cases of alleged harassment and victimisation faced by men.

Addressing mediapersons at the Kaithal Rest House, Viresh Shandilya said his organisation would support any law providing capital punishment in rape cases. However, he also demanded strict legal provisions against women found guilty of filing false rape cases. He stated that if a false case is proven, stringent punishment should also be incorporated into the law. Shandilya further said that opposition parties have continuously alleged since 2019 that the BJP comes to power through alleged irregularities in Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). He urged the Central Government to consider conducting elections through ballot papers instead of EVMs so that such allegations could be addressed decisively. He added that transparent electoral practices would help end political controversies surrounding voting systems. During the interaction, Viresh Shandilya also criticised Jagdish Jhinda over remarks related to Lord Hanuman, alleging that the statement had hurt the sentiments of followers of Sanatan Dharma.



Lakshya Public School student Anjali secures sixth rank in Haryana with 98.8% marks



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
DHANSUJHISAR: Lakshya Public School created history with an outstanding performance in the Class 10 board examinations, recording a 100 per cent result and producing several high achievers. The school's student Anjali, daughter of Krishan Kumar, secured 494 marks out of 500, achieving 98.8 per cent and earning the sixth position in Haryana. She also topped the school. According to school director Ramniwas Verma, Janhvi, daughter of Rakesh Kumar, and Muskan, daughter of Jagdish Jhajra, secured the second position jointly with 95.8 per cent marks each. Sneha, daughter of Sanjay Kumar, secured third position with 95.4 per cent marks, while Mantisha, daughter of Mukesh Kumar, stood fourth with 94.8 per cent. Kiran, daughter of Ajit Kumar, secured fifth position with 93.8 per cent marks. Mahi, daughter of Satish Kumar, Meenakshi, daughter of Satveer Singh, and Nisha, daughter of Sivaram, jointly secured sixth position with 92.6 per cent marks each. Lakshya, daughter of Dilbag Singh, secured seventh position with 91.8 per cent marks, while Kapil, son of Mahavir Singh, secured eighth position with 91.6 per cent. Meena, daughter of Rajkumar, stood ninth with 91.4 per cent marks and Preeti, daughter of Devender Singh, secured tenth position with 91.2 per cent. The school informed that 16 students scored above 90 per cent marks, 26 students scored above 85 per cent, 40 students secured more than 80 per cent, while 55 students achieved above 75 per cent marks.

'Sanskriti Podcast Studio' inaugurated in Tilak Nagar, initiative by Akhil Nath and Swami Amit Dev draws attention

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
NEW DELHI, MAY 15

Sanskriti Podcast Studio was formally inaugurated in Tilak Nagar with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by Vijay Kumar Chopra. The studio is a joint initiative of Akhil Nath and Swami Amit Dev aimed at promoting Indian culture, yoga, spirituality and positive life values through modern digital platforms.

Among those present on the occasion were Vidyagiri Ji Maharaj, Dr. H.S. Rawat, Dr. R.K. Midha, senior journalist Girish Chandra Sharma, Heera Yogi, Mangesh Trivedi, Yogacharya Tanu, Mahesh Chand Goyal, Rajiv Kholsa and Mayank Porwal along with several distinguished guests.

Addressing the gathering, Padma Shri Vijay Kumar Chopra said the Sanskriti Podcast Studio would emerge as a strong platform for cultural awareness and positive social awakening. He urged youngsters to make yoga a part of daily life and said such initiatives would help strengthen Indian culture and moral values. Praising Akhil Nath, he said he was carrying forward the ideals of his late father Bharat Prem Nath based on the philosophy of "simple living and high thinking".

The studio management stated that



the platform would feature podcasts and inspirational conversations focused on yoga, Ayurveda, spirituality, Indian culture and social awareness. The first special episode recorded at the studio was based on the theme "Fit even at the age of 95 — the yoga journey of Padma Shri

Vijay Kumar Chopra".

Akhil Nath said the initiative with Swami Amit Dev was an important step towards spreading positive awareness in society. He added that the aim of the studio is to connect youth with Indian knowledge systems, yoga and inspirational ideas through modern communication mediums. During the programme, Vidyagiri Ji Maharaj, Dr. H.S. Rawat, Dr. R.K. Midha and senior journalist Girish Chandra Sharma shared their views on Indian culture, yoga, mental health and positive journalism. Heera Yogi, Mangesh Trivedi and Yogacharya Tanu demonstrated the practical benefits of yoga, while Yogacharya Tanu especially emphasised the importance of regular yoga practice for women and youth.

The event also witnessed the presence of Dushyant Nayak, Dr. Kiran Vishkarma, Himanshu and Ayush along with personalities from social, cultural and media fields. Speakers collectively expressed confidence that Sanskriti Podcast Studio would become a meaningful platform for promoting Indian culture, yoga and a positive lifestyle across all sections of society.

Rajat Malik Installs Kalash at Guru Ravidas temple



JAIBEER RANA THAMBER

BARARA: A grand religious ceremony was organised at the temple of Sant Shiromani Shri Guru Ravidas Ji, located in the Yogi Mohalla area of Barara. Municipality Chairman Rajat Malik attended the event as the Chief Guest and, with deep reverence, performed the sacred service of installing the Kalash atop the temple's spire. Addressing the devotees on this auspicious occasion, Rajat Malik expressed his sense of accountability towards society and reaffirmed his unwavering faith at the feet of Guru Maharaj. He made a significant announcement regarding a grant of ₹11 lakh for the construction of a spacious hall within the temple premises, intended to enhance facilities for the devotees. Chairman Rajat Malik stated, "The teachings of Sant Shiromani Shri Guru Ravidas Ji guide us along the path of mutual brotherhood and selfless service. The construction of a hall within the temple will provide the local congregation with a modern venue for Satsangs, religious ceremonies, and social events."

MLA Jagmohan Anand resolves public grievances during Jan Sunwai

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAY 15

Jagmohan Anand on Thursday heard public grievances and addressed several issues during a Jan Sunwai programme held at his camp office in Sector-13, Karnal.

A large number of residents from the constituency attended the public hearing and placed their personal as well as community-related issues before the legislator. Jagmohan Anand listened to the grievances and directed the concerned officials to resolve the pending matters on priority.

The MLA said that under the leadership and guidance of Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, he was continuously working for the development of Karnal, public welfare and the dignity of every family while following



the principle of "service as organisation".

Jagmohan Anand said that Jan Sunwai was not merely a platform for listening to public grievances, but also an important responsibility to strengthen the trust of people by ensuring resolution of their problems. He stated that his constant effort was to listen to every citizen seriously and ensure that

their concerns were addressed on priority. He further said that public trust is the greatest strength of a public representative and inspires him to remain committed to public service.

The MLA added that every resident of Karnal was like a member of his family and standing with people in their joys and hardships was both his duty and privilege.

SDM issues directives regarding sanitation and illegal colonies

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER

BARARA: Barara SDM Salindra Siwah held a review meeting on Friday at his office located within the Mini Secretariat, attended by officials from the Barara Municipality and other concerned departments. During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on key public interest issues, including ongoing development works within the municipal area, sanitation management, flood control, the rehabilitation of stray animals, and the prevention of illegal colonies. In the course of these discussions, necessary directives regarding various tasks were issued to the Municipal Secretary. The meeting commenced with a review of the sanitation arrangements within the municipal area. The SDM directed officials to submit a detailed report outlining the measures already implemented—as well as future plans—aimed at making the city's sanitation system more effective and organized. He also sought information regarding the number of vehicles, machinery, and sanitation workers deployed by the agency responsible for door-to-door waste collection, as well as their operational procedures. He emphasised that no form of negligence in sanitation management would be tolerated, reiterating that providing a clean environment to the citizens remains a top priority for the administration. With the monsoon season in mind, special attention was also devoted during the meeting to flood management and emergency preparedness.



Bal Vikas Vidya Bharti High School records 100 percent Class 10 result



HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA, MAY 15

Bal Vikas Vidya Bharti High School located on Salarpur Road, Kurukshetra, achieved a 100 per cent result in the Class 10 examinations declared by the Board of School Education Haryana. Students of the school secured impressive marks in all subjects, showcasing their talent, dedication and hard work. School Director Master Bal Krishna expressed hap-

piness over the excellent performance of the students. He informed that Nidhi scored 466 marks out of 500, Neha secured 450 marks, Vandana obtained 448 marks, Sandhya Sharma secured 440 marks, Kritika achieved 435 marks, Tania secured 431 marks, Prachi obtained 430 marks, Shashi scored 423 marks, Kirti achieved 422 marks, Jigyasa secured 426 marks, Anurag scored 413 marks and Shivanshi obtained 408 marks out of 500. Congratulating the stu-

dents, parents and teachers on the achievement, Master Bal Krishna said that students can certainly achieve success if they utilise their time in the right direction. He encouraged students to continue working hard and bring laurels to their parents and teachers in future as well.

On the occasion, Headmistress Saroj Bala along with staff members Dharampal Chauhan, Anil Chauhan, Rajneesh Kumar and Isha Sharma were also present.

EDITORIAL

Govt tightens gold import rules

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has tightened monitoring of duty-free gold imports under the Advance Authorisation (AA) scheme, capping imports at 100 kilograms per authorisation and introducing stricter compliance checks, according to a Commerce Ministry notification issued on Thursday. The move comes days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged citizens to reduce gold purchases and channel savings towards productive investments, amid concerns over rising gold imports and pressure on India's trade balance. In a Public Notice dated May 14, the DGFT said it has inserted five new notes under the Standard Input Output Norms (SIONs) for gems and jewellery exports "with immediate effect." The notice stated, "Advance Authorisation (AA) for import of gold shall be issued, subject to a maximum permissible quantity limit of 100 kilograms." Advance Authorisation is a scheme under the Foreign Trade Policy that allows exporters to import raw materials such as gold without paying customs duty, provided the imported material is used for manufacturing export products. The new rules are aimed at strengthening compliance and monitoring in the gold import ecosystem. The DGFT further said, "In case of application for Advance Authorisation by a first-time applicant, a mandatory physical inspection of the applicant's manufacturing facility shall be undertaken by the concerned regional authority to verify the existence, capacity and operational status of the manufacturing facility." The government has also linked fresh approvals to export performance. According to the notice, "Any subsequent Advance Authorisation for the import of gold, shall be considered for issuance only upon fulfilment of at least 50% of the export obligation prescribed under the preceding Advance Authorisations for gold." This means exporters will need to complete at least half of their export commitments before receiving another gold import approval. The DGFT has also mandated tighter reporting norms for companies importing gold under the scheme. "The Advance Authorisation holder shall submit a fortnightly performance report to the concerned Regional Authority (RA), duly certified by an independent Chartered Accountant certifying gold imports and exports undertaken under the authorisation," the notice said. Additionally, regional authorities have been directed to send monthly consolidated reports to DGFT headquarters for "centralised monitoring and policy oversight." India is among the world's largest importers of gold, and gold imports significantly impact the country's current account deficit and foreign exchange outflows. The Public Notice said the five new notes have been inserted under SIONs M-1 to M-8 of the Handbook of Procedures 2023, "prescribing conditions for the issuance and monitoring of Advance Authorisations for import of gold."

As India sends new envoy, Bangladesh's anti-India chorus grows louder

As a new high-powered Indian envoy prepares to take charge in Dhaka, the second political appointee to serve as India's High Commissioner to Bangladesh, a familiar and potentially dangerous political pattern appears to be resurfacing across the border.

In recent weeks, leaders of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami and figures associated with the National Citizen Party (NCP), widely believed to be ideologically aligned with Jamaat circles, have sharply raised the issue of alleged persecution of Muslims in Assam and West Bengal following the BJP's victory in the Bengal assembly elections.

Jamaat Amir Shafiqur Rahman publicly referred to the political shift in West Bengal and urged India to ensure that "no harm is done by targeting any religion, caste, or ethnic group."

NCP leader Nahid Islam went further, alleging that Muslims and Matua community voters had been denied voting rights and warning that reports of "persecution" in Assam could have repercussions inside Bangladesh itself.

While the language may have sounded cautionary, even threatening at points, the broader significance lies elsewhere -- these statements are part of a steadily expanding anti-India rhetorical space in Bangladesh at a highly sensitive diplomatic moment.

"This partisan anti-India rhetoric is disturbing, as several key takeaways from our relationship, such as the Ganges water treaty, are to be negotiated. However, the BNP government there has made it clear that they are not party to this narrative," pointed out Pinka R Chakravarty, former Indian High Commissioner to Dhaka.

Dhaka officially has attempted to maintain balance even as it gears up to welcome former Railway Minister Dinesh



Trivedi as India's envoy. The Bangladesh government has stated clearly that there is no evidence of systematic persecution of Muslims in India.

Simultaneously, however, it has strongly opposed any Indian attempt to extend border fencing beyond the agreed 150-yard limit. This comes after the West Bengal cabinet transferred several unfenced land parcels to the Border Security Force to complete fencing work along stretches of the more than 4,000 km-long India-Bangladesh border.

The cumulative effect is politically significant. Border fencing, minority rights, river waters, and regional security are increasingly being woven together

into a larger narrative that risks hardening public opinion against India inside Bangladesh.

"The timing of coming up with an anti-Indian narrative is significant. Though the government has distanced itself, we cannot rule out a tacit approval to keep India under pressure while negotiating with Bangladesh," said Shantanu Mukharji, former National Security Advisor to Mauritius.

History also offers sobering parallels of periods when India was being labelled by politicians in Dhaka. In 1964, following the so-called Hazratbal relic controversy in Jammu and Kashmir, involving rumours that a sacred hair believed to

belong to the Prophet Muhammad had disappeared, communal violence erupted across what was then East Pakistan.

Islamist and communal political forces, including elements linked to Jamaat and the Muslim League, exploited the incident to target Hindu-owned businesses and urban communities. The issue had less to do with the relic itself and more to do with mobilising sentiment for domestic political purposes.

A similar mobilisation occurred over the Ganges waters issue in 1976. The 30-year Ganges Water Sharing Treaty is due for renewal this December, making water diplomacy once again politically charged.

A year after Sheikh Mujib died, veteran Bangladeshi leader Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani threatened a "Long March" to India's Farakka Barrage, accusing New Delhi of drying up the Padma river and causing ecological devastation in Bangladesh.

The current rhetoric emerges against a backdrop of shifting regional alignments. Bangladesh's ties with China have deepened substantially over the past decade. Around 70 per cent of Bangladesh's military hardware reportedly originates from China, and bilateral military engagement has expanded steadily.

At the same time, exchanges between Bangladeshi and Pakistani military establishments have visibly increased, with several Pakistani military delegations visiting Bangladesh in recent months. A delegation from Jamaat-e-Islami also recently met Bangladeshi Jamaat leaders in Dhaka.

None of this necessarily means Bangladesh is moving into an overtly anti-India strategic camp. Bangladesh's economic and geographic realities still make stable ties with India indispensable.

"However, it does suggest that anti-India narratives are becoming increasingly useful as instruments in Bangladesh's domestic political contestation," pointed out Mukharji. Other officials added that this is happening "particularly ahead of sensitive negotiations over water sharing, border management and regional influence."

For India, the challenge is not merely diplomatic. It is about recognising how historical grievances, identity politics, regional geopolitics, and great-power competition that are beginning to converge in Bangladesh's public discourse.

India requires Rs 80 lakh crore investment in urban infra by 2037



India will require nearly Rs 80 lakh crore in urban infrastructure investment by 2037 to support rapid urbanisation and economic growth, according to a report by Brickwork Ratings. The report highlighted urban areas are expected to contribute nearly 70 per cent of India's GDP by 2036, making sustainable financing for cities a national priority. It said the Urban Challenge Fund, a Rs 1 lakh crore

central government-backed scheme, is aimed at changing the urban financing model by moving cities from grant-based support to market-based funding. It said the scheme could help generate nearly Rs 4 lakh crore in urban investment over five years. Under the fund, urban local bodies will have to raise at least 50 per cent of project financing through municipal bonds, bank loans or public-private partnerships before central support is

released. The Centre will contribute 25 per cent of project costs, while the remaining share will come from states or urban local bodies. The report noted this financing model is expected to strengthen financial discipline and transparency, while also improving the creditworthiness of cities. It added that credit ratings will become critical for cities, particularly Tier-II and Tier-III urban centres, to access market financing. It also highlighted the limited development of municipal bond markets, stating, "Since FY18, only 17 cities have issued municipal bonds, amounting to INR 45.4 billion, highlighting the large untapped financing opportunity in the sector," said Manu Sehgal, CEO, Brickwork Ratings.

Further, investor confidence in municipal bonds has significantly improved, reflected in the drop in yield spreads from ~480 bps (FY20) to ~155 bps (FY26) versus the RBI Repo Rate. It indicates material drop in risk premium over the RBI benchmark. The report added that smaller urban centres, including 4,223 urban local bodies and north-eastern towns, currently have little access to market debt and may benefit from the fund's Rs 5,000 crore Credit Repayment Guarantee Scheme.

"Some Souls arrive like destiny — Quietly, suddenly, eternally"



Dr. Tanu Jain

pleasant, familiar, even comforting — yet somehow they remain outside the sacred interior of the soul. And then, unexpectedly, someone arrives for a few weeks, a few conversations, perhaps only a season... and alters the emotional architecture of our existence forever.

Why does this happen?

How can a stranger become emotionally indispensable in such little time?

How does someone begin to occupy our thoughts so completely that silence itself starts sounding like their absence?

And why do some connections feel less like introductions... and more like recognitions? Perhaps this is why human beings have always believed in something beyond ordinary encounters. Some call it soul connection. Some call it karma. Some call it divine timing. And some simply stand speechless before it, unable to explain why one person among billions suddenly begins to feel like home.

It is strange, isn't it?

We do not consciously decide to become deeply attached. No one sits down one evening and says, "Today I shall allow this soul to enter my inner world." It simply happens. A conversation becomes comfort. Comfort becomes anticipation. Anticipation becomes emotional dependence. And before we realise it, our inner world has quietly rearranged itself around

someone's existence. Seconds become minutes. Minutes become hours. Hours become nights of thought. And suddenly, another human being begins living inside your emotional rhythm.

Are we truly doing this?

Or are we merely witnessing something larger than our own understanding unfold through us?

Indian spiritual philosophy often speaks of rinanubandh — karmic bonds carried across lifetimes. Perhaps some souls meet not for the first time, but after long separations beyond human memory. Perhaps that inexplicable familiarity we feel is the soul remembering what the mind cannot recall.

And yet, even knowing attachment can bring suffering, we continue to love. We continue to connect. We continue to open the doors of our heart despite knowing how fragile human presence is.

Why?

Because maybe the purpose of deep connection is not possession.

Maybe it is transformation.

Some people are not sent into our lives to stay forever in physical proximity. Some arrive to awaken dormant parts of us — to soften us, deepen us, expand our capacity to feel, to pray, to create, to surrender. They become mirrors through which we encounter hidden dimensions of ourselves.

This is why separation in profound love feels unbearable. Not because we miss conversation alone, but because we miss the version of ourselves that came alive in their presence.

And then comes the real question — what do we do with all this energy?

What happens when the heart continues speaking even after words stop?

What happens when the longing becomes too vast for ordinary life?

How do we stop ourselves from drowning in constant thought?

Perhaps the answer is not suppression, but refinement. Love is powerful life-force energy. If it cannot flow toward the person directly, it must flow somewhere else — otherwise it turns into obsession, anxiety, restlessness, and emotional exhaustion. The same energy that keeps you awake at night can also become prayer, poetry, discipline, purpose, spiritual growth, art, service, or silent devotion. When you cannot speak to the person you love, let your love become gentler than possession.

Let it become: prayer instead of panic, creation instead of craving, silence instead of force, growth instead of grief.

Write what you cannot say. Walk beneath the night sky carrying their memory softly instead of desperately.

Channel your ache into becoming wiser, kinder, stronger, deeper.

Because real love, perhaps, is not measured by how tightly we hold someone... but by how beautifully we transform because they existed.

Even John Keats understood this aching beauty when he wrote that three days spent truly with someone one loves could contain more delight than fifty ordinary years. Such connections compress eternity into moments. They remind us that depth is not created by duration alone. Sometimes one soul sees another with such rare sincerity that time itself becomes irrelevant. And maybe that is the final truth about soul connections. Not every connection is meant to be explained. Not every attachment is meant to be solved. Some are simply meant to be felt — deeply, painfully, beautifully. Perhaps certain souls are sent into our lives not to teach us how to possess love... but how to survive being transformed by it.

Ceo Bareilly Ministry of defence

From degrees to competencies: Embedding skill education in universities



Dr. Vijay Sharma

however, will depend on how effectively institutions operationalise this vision on the ground. Skill education is not about replacing traditional academic learning; rather, it complements and strengthens it. It emphasizes practical knowledge, hands-on training, problem-solving abilities, and industry exposure. When students are equipped with both conceptual clarity and practical competence, they become not only job seekers but also job creators.

However, the actual challenge lies in its effective implementation. Universities must move beyond conventional degree programmes and embed skill-based courses into their curriculum. This requires a systemic shift in curriculum redesign, industry collaboration, faculty training,

and robust certification mechanisms. Here, national Council of Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) plays a pivotal role. As a regulatory body, NCVET standardizes vocational education by ensuring quality assurance, accreditation, and alignment with the National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF). It brings credibility and uniformity to skill certifications across the country. Through its dual-awarding mechanism, higher educational institutions can now offer programmes that provide both academic degrees and industry-recognized skill certifications for its students as well as standalone courses for the community as per the need of the local industry. This not only enhances employability but also bridges the long-standing

gap between academia and industry.

The integration of NCVET-aligned courses within universities has multiple benefits. First, it makes education more inclusive by offering variety of course options. Second, it equips students with practical competencies alongside theoretical knowledge. Third, it fosters entrepreneurship by enabling learners to acquire job-ready skills or even start their own startups.

Institutions must also actively engage with Sector Skill Councils and industry partners to ensure that the training provided is relevant and up-to-date. Apprenticeships, internships, and on-the-job training should become an integral part of higher education. Moreover,

awareness among students, parents, and society at large needs to be enhanced to remove the stigma often associated with vocational education

In last 30 years, as an industry professional, academician and administrator, I have witnessed personally the transformative potential of skill-integrated education. The introduction of NCVET-approved courses and the establishment of skill hubs within the university ecosystem have opened new avenues for its students and particularly those from nearby rural areas. Such initiatives not only enhance employability for the students but also contribute to regional socio-economic development.

The experience of implementing NCVET-aligned

programmes within a University offers valuable outcomes. The introduction of skill-based courses across diverse sectors, coupled with structured certification, will certainly enhance student engagement and employability. Particularly for students from rural and semi-urban backgrounds, such initiatives open pathways that are both aspirational and attainable. Skill hubs within the university ecosystem are emerging as catalysts for community-oriented development, extending the benefits of higher education beyond campus boundaries.

However, scaling such initiatives requires faculty readiness to teach skill-based courses i.e. academic rigour and practical expertise. Institutional partnerships with industry and Sector Skill Councils must be strengthened to ensure

relevance and demand of training to be imparted. Additionally, societal perceptions need to address that vocational education must be seen not as an alternative option, but as a parallel and equally respectable pathway.

In conclusion, the successful implementation of NEP 2020 depends on how effectively we integrate skill education into higher learning. NCVET provides different levels of courses (level I-8) and the necessary framework and credibility to make this vision a reality. It is now the responsibility of higher educational institutions to embrace this change and create a future-ready workforce that is skilled, adaptable, and globally competitive.

India's aspiration to become a global leader cannot be

realised without a workforce that is not only educated but also skilled. The convergence of NEP 2020 and NCVET provides a historic opportunity to reshape higher education in line with this objective. What is required now is institutional commitment, administrative innovation, and a willingness to impart academic cum skill education.

The measure of success will not lie in the number of degrees conferred, but in the competencies acquired and livelihoods enabled. Universities must rise to this challenge and by doing so, they will not only redefine education, but also contribute meaningfully to national development.

By Registrar, Central University of Punjab

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Dr. Guruchetan Singh Sandhu, an orthopedic specialist at Dr. Netrapal Rawal Hospital, stated that the prevalence of osteoporosis is on the rise in today's times. People often become aware of the condition only when they suffer a sudden bone fracture. To



prevent this—and specifically for women—it is crucial to regularly monitor Bone Mineral Density (BMD) and bone calcium levels after the age of 30. Dr. Sandhu completed his MBBS in Russia, followed by his postgraduate studies in Orthopedics at the Tata Memorial Centre. He noted that

the success of hip and knee replacement surgeries depends equally on the patient (50%) and the doctor (50%). He observed that most people opt for surgery only when their osteoporosis has advanced significantly or when the gap in their knee joints has widened excessively.

NEWS BRIEF

SC Commission stays NH-254 road expansion action in Moga



JAGRAJ SANGHA
MOGA: The Punjab State Scheduled Castes Commission has intervened in the ongoing controversy surrounding the expansion of NH-254 passing through Patton and Jawahar Singh Wala villages in Moga, bringing relief to several affected families. According to reports, local residents filed a complaint before the Commission stating that nearly 18 to 20 houses were likely to be affected due to the highway expansion work, causing serious concern among villagers. Taking cognisance of the matter, Commission Chairman Jasvir Singh Garhi issued notices to the concerned departments and ordered a stay on further action related to the project until a detailed investigation is completed. The decision has been welcomed by the affected families, who expressed hope that justice would be delivered and their homes protected.

Meeting held to organise 12th International Yoga Day

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAY 15

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Anand Kumar Sharma stated that, just like every previous year, the 12th International Yoga Day will be celebrated in the district on June 21st in a grand and splendid manner. To ensure the successful organisation of the event, the Deputy Commissioner convened a meeting of district officials at the Mini Secretariat auditorium and issued necessary directives. He informed that Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. Rahul Raiya has been appointed as the Nodal Officer for the Yoga Day program. Similarly, for programs at the sub-divisional level, the respective Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs) will serve as Nodal Officers; they will oversee the entire arrangements and encourage the maximum number of



youths, men, and women to participate in the event. Furthermore, they are to ensure the participation of local public representatives. The Deputy Commissioner directed that committees be constituted expeditiously for the programs to be held at the district, sub-divisional, and block levels on the occasion of International Yoga Day, and urged officials to work in coordination to ensure that all necessary arrangements are completed in a timely manner. The Deputy Commissioner instructed officials from the Health Department to ensure the availability of medical

facilities and ambulances throughout the duration of the program. He also directed officials from the Public Health Department to make appropriate arrangements for drinking water and sanitation facilities. During the meeting, District Ayurveda Officer Dr. Satpal provided a detailed overview of the framework prepared for the 12th International Yoga Day. He explained that a three-day training program—scheduled from May 18 to May 20—will be conducted across all districts of Haryana at stadiums, yoga centers, and other suitable venues. This

training will be imparted to Physical Education Lecturers, PTIs (Physical Training Instructors), and DPEs (Directors of Physical Education)—covering educators from both government and private schools—by yoga experts and assistants from the respective district's AYUSH Department, yoga teachers from yoga committees, and yoga instructors from the Sports Department. Similarly, from May 21 to May 23, a three-day training program will be conducted in all schools across the district. This training will be imparted by yoga experts and assistants from the Department of AYUSH, yoga teachers from various yoga committees, lecturers in Physical Education, PTIs, DPEs, yoga instructors from the Sports Department, and trained yoga instructors from the Police Department.

YUGMARG BUREAU
MALIGAON, MAY 15

Northeast Frontier Railway will observe World Environment Day through a series of awareness programmes and environment protection activities across all its divisions and units from 15th May to 5th June, 2026. The theme for this year's observance will be "Climate Change", highlighting the importance of environmental conservation, sustainable practices and collective responsibility towards protecting the planet for future generations.

The observance aims to promote environmental sustainability, cleanliness and conservation awareness among railway employees, passengers and the general public. Various programmes including plantation drives, cleanliness campaigns, awareness rallies, seminars and eco-friendly initiatives will be organized throughout

NFR to celebrate World Environment Day 2026 with focus on climate change



the NFR network during the period. Special emphasis will be laid on reducing plastic usage, maintaining cleanliness at railway stations and colonies, water conservation and promotion of green practices in railway operations. Railway officials, staff members, students and social organizations are expected to actively participate in the campaign. As part of the celebrations, mass tree plantation drives will be

conducted at stations, railway colonies, offices, workshops and other railway premises to enhance green cover and encourage environmental responsibility. Northeast Frontier Railway has consistently undertaken various eco-friendly measures and remains committed towards sustainable and environment-friendly railway operations in the Northeast region.

BJP attempting to dismantle democratic system: Rao Narendra Singh



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: A state-level review meeting of the Congress party was held at the Gymkhana Club, organized by the Yamunanagar District Congress Committee. The meeting was attended by State Party President Rao Narendra Singh, Co-in-charges Parul Goethe and Jitendra Baghel, MLA Chaudhary Akram Khan, and the presidents of all district units. During the meeting, State President Rao Narendra Singh held one-on-one interactions with all the district presidents, assessing their progress reports regarding organisational activities. Speaking to journalists after the meeting, Rao Narendra Singh accused the BJP of tampering with the democratic system. He stated that while the public is voting against the BJP, the party is resorting to deceitful means to alter the entire landscape. He alleged that the very same game was played during the municipal body elections. Rao Narendra Singh asserted that the BJP government is infringing upon the rights of local youth; while peons and clerical staff are being recruited locally, officers are being brought in from outside the region.

Sachin Garg wishes Swami Gyananand Maharaj very happy birthday



KARAMBIR
LADWA: Gita scholar Swami Gyananand Maharaj said that work done for the welfare of humanity was the greatest witness to God. The spirit of service is the true knowledge of the Gita. Social worker Sachin Garg on Friday, Gita scholar Swami Gyananand Maharaj said that the Gita was not just a scripture, but an art of living. Only by adopting it can we make our lives simple and meaningful. We must abandon our vices and live life selflessly. He said that God's blessings always shower on the person who felt contentment in the happiness of others. Sachin Garg said on this occasion that Swami's life was an inspiration for all of them. Many service works have been done in Ladwa area also under his guidance. Sachin Garg, who is a leader in social work, wished the Geeta scholar Swami Gyananand Maharaj a very happy birthday on the occasion of his holy birth anniversary and received his blessings by bowing before his feet. He also presented a bouquet of flowers to Swami Gyananand Maharaj and wished him good health and long life.

Trident Group explores AI, smart manufacturing tie-up with IIT Ropar



KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA: Trident Group hosted academicians from Indian Institute of Technology Ropar for an industrial visit to its tool and paper manufacturing facilities at Trident Dhaula, strengthening industry-academia collaboration focused on innovation, sustainability and technology-driven manufacturing. The visit was part of a pre-MoU engagement aimed at exploring collaboration in advanced data analytics, artificial intelligence-driven process control and smart manufacturing systems to improve operational efficiency and sustainability outcomes. The IIT Ropar delegation, comprising Dr. Jayaram Valluru and Dr. Navin Gopinathan, was welcomed by Trident's Innovation Team and introduced to the company's integrated manufacturing ecosystem. Discussions centred on process optimisation, intelligent automation, resource efficiency and the integration of emerging technologies into large-scale industrial operations. The delegation was also briefed on Trident's innovation-led manufacturing practices and sustainability initiatives, particularly its use of data-driven decision-making and advanced operational analytics.

GBIS students emerge as Nabha city toppers



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA: Continuing its tradition of academic excellence, GB International School (GBIS), Nabha, has once again brought laurels to the city with outstanding results in the CBSE Class 12 examinations for Session 2025-26. After the remarkable success of Class 10 students earlier this year, GBIS students from the Commerce and Humanities streams have now secured the top positions in Nabha city. Harsimar Kaur Chauhan of the Commerce stream scored an impressive 96.8% marks, while Yosana Bansal from the Humanities stream secured 95.8% marks, both emerging as Nabha City Toppers in their respective streams. The school also recorded excellent performances across all streams. In Commerce, Tanyapreet Kaur secured second position with 95.4% marks, followed by Hargun Kaur with 92.2%. In the Humanities stream, Namandeep Kaur scored 90.6%, while Khushpreet Kaur secured 89.6% marks. In the Medical stream, Swati Singhi scored 90%, Bisman Kaur Ganda obtained 86.8%, and Vanshika secured 84.4% marks. In the Non-Medical stream, Mansvi Garg scored 91.8%, Jayant Garg achieved 91%, and Jashanpreet Singh secured 88.6% marks.

Meaningful initiative by students of Navyug Sr Sec School towards green and sustainable future



HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA: Under the joint aegis of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (Government of India), the Skill Council for Green Jobs (SCGJ), and TÜV Rheinland, a successful two-day awareness and training programme was organized for the Class 12 students of Navyug Senior Secondary School. To conduct the training, Sangeeta Patra (Senior Vice President and Head – Apprenticeship Operations, CSR, Marketing & Partnerships) and Mr. Anand Maurya (Assistant Manager) were present at the school. The objective of this program was to foster awareness among students regarding environmental conservation, sustainable development, and green lifestyles.

Ladwa commission agents association divided into two parts

KARAMBIR
LADWA, MAY 15

Ladwa grain market has been divided into two parts. A group of commission agents of the market separated from the old commission agent association and formed a new association. It is said that about four and a half dozen commission agents united and held a meeting in the grain market Dharamshala on Friday and unanimously formed a new association. In the new executive, commission agent Sanjay Garg was unanimously elected as the president of the association and Vijay Pal Kamboj was elected as the secretary. It is said that some



commission agents of the market were angry with the commission agent association due to the discriminatory policy adopted regarding wheat lifting during the wheat season. Due to this anger, the angry commission agents held a meeting and formed a new association by the name of Food Grain Dealers Association. On Friday, a

meeting of commission agents was held at the Mandi Dharamshala under the chairmanship of former Mandi President Bimalesh Garg to form a new executive committee of the association. It was stated that the commission agents represented approximately four and a half dozen commission agents.

PWD Mechanical Workers Union polls conclude, Registrar Rana becomes district president for 3rd time

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI, MAY 15

Triennial elections of Kamal District Committee were held enthusiastically at camp office of Haryana Government PWD Mechanical Workers Union headquartered in Charkhi Dadri in Kamal. Election process was conducted under chairmanship of State Chairman Satpal Verma and State Publicity Secretary Kushal Pal Chauhan. Delegates from Building and Roads Department, Irrigation Department, Public Health (Indri, Karnal, Gharaunda, Assandh), Electricity Department and all seven branches of Kamal Horticulture Department



participated in elections. All delegates unanimously elected Registrar Rana as district president for third consecutive term. New executive committee appointed Sahib Singh Dhiman as district chairman, Kuldeep Rana as district secretary, Pawan Kumar as treasurer, Jai Bhagwan Sharma as office secretary, Jasbir Fauji as publicity secretary and Krishna Malik as district vice-

president. All newly appointed office bearers were also sworn in under union's constitution. Newly elected District President Registrar Rana warned the Executive Engineer, Provincial Division No. 2 (Buildings and Roads), Kamal, that if the employees' pending demands are not resolved through negotiations by May 30, union will launch a sit-in protest and effigy burning movement from June 1.

Jan Kalyan Manch honours 31 meritorious girls with the Kalpana Chawla Award



DALBIR SINGH MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: The city's renowned social service organisation, Jan Kalyan Manch, today honoured 31 meritorious female students with the 'Kalpana Chawla Award' at the Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Thanesar. The awards were presented in recognition of their excellence in education, moral values, culture, and their contribution to the cause of girls' empowerment. During the award ceremony, students who secured the first position in their respective classes—hailing from Government Adarsh Sanskriti Senior Secondary School (Kurukshetra), Government Girls Senior Secondary School (Thanesar), Government Senior Secondary School (Bhiwani Khara), Geeta Girls Senior Secondary School (Kurukshetra), and Mahant Prabhat Puri Girls Senior Secondary School (Thanesar)—were felicitated. It is noteworthy that Jan Kalyan Manch (Kurukshetra)—a registered social service organization—has carved a distinct identity for itself in the field of social service by undertaking various impactful initiatives within a very short span of its inception.

DC holds meeting with Sarpanch Association representatives and sarpanches regarding HPV Vaccine



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Deputy Commissioner Dr. Anand Kumar Sharma held a significant meeting today in his office with representatives of the Sarpanch Association and Sarpanches from various villages regarding the HPV (Human Papillomavirus) vaccine. During the meeting, he stated that the Sarpanch is the most important and responsible figure in a village. Their words carry profound influence within rural society. Therefore, all Sarpanches should actively raise awareness among the people in their respective villages regarding the HPV vaccine, ensuring that the maximum number of girls benefit from this welfare initiative launched by the government. The Deputy Commissioner remarked that the HPV vaccine serves as a form of health insurance for girls for the future. It is completely safe and carries no side effects. This vaccine is currently being administered to girls aged 14 to 15 years, offering them protection against cervical cancer. He noted that the HPV vaccination drive is being successfully implemented across the entire district.

Fruits distributed to patients on birthday of Gita scholar Swami Gyananand

DALBIR SINGH MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: As part of the Seva Swami Gyananand - Goodwill and Public Welfare Programs organized to commemorate the auspicious birthday of revered Gita scholar Swami Gyananand Maharaj Ji, a fruit distribution service was organized this morning for patients undergoing treatment and their families at Lok Nayak Jaiprakash Civil Hospital, Kurukshetra. A spirit of devotion, service and humanity was particularly evident on the hospital premises. Fruits were distributed to patients during program, wishing them a speedy recovery and a happy life. Devotees and social workers present



expressed their commitment to social service, emphasizing that service activities are continuously being carried out for the benefit of society, inspired by revered Gurudev and that serving the needy is true human service. Renowned businessman Mahabir Mandhan, Dr. Rishi Pal, President of Shri Krishna Kripa Jeevo Geeta Parivar, Sunil Vats, President of Shri Krishna Kripa Gaushala, Deputy President Rajkumar and PMO participated in this service. Dr. Sara Agarwal, Youth Leader Ravindra Kumar, Sahab Singh, Atul Kaushik, Vikas Malik, Lokesh Dhawan, and other devotees and social workers were present.

Board exam results of PM Shri Govt Sr Sec School, Sarawan 100%



PREETI SAINI
SADHAURA: Annual board exam results of PM Shri Government Senior Secondary School, Sarawan, for classes 10th and 12th were 100%, as usual. Passing students were welcomed by school's Principal, Rajneesh Gupta and staff members with sweets. He commended efforts made by school staff for this achievement and expressed his commitment to achieving even better results in future. In class 12th, Ravina of Arts Faculty secured first place with 464/500 marks, while Radha of Arts Faculty secured second place with 464/500 marks. Lavish of Science Faculty secured third place with 451 marks. In 10th grade, Simran secured first place with 469/500 marks, while Kanchan, daughter of Mukesh Kumar secured second place with 462 marks. In 12th grade, 132 students appeared for the exam, and 132 passed. In 10th grade, 132 students also appeared for exam and 132 passed. School principal and all staff members are happy with children's achievement. Block Education Officer Dharam Singh Rathi visited school and encouraged students.

Use products manufactured within the country; embrace indigenous culture and traditions

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Mahamandaleswar and Gita Manishi Swami Gyananand Ji has stated that every Indian should work with vigour towards enhancing self-reliance in every sector. He noted that a defining characteristic of India is that its 1.4 billion people stand united during times of crisis. He remarked that the Prime Minister recently established a new tradition by issuing an appeal to the public; his declaration was not limited merely to preaching to others, but was actively put into practice by himself. He was speaking during a special interaction held today. Earlier in the day, on the occasion of his birthday, he hosted priests, Brahmins, and ascetics for a meal and offered them Dakshina. He stated that his birthday serves merely as a catalyst—an occasion for carrying out acts of public service. Swami Ji observed that the Shrimad Bhagavad Gita offers the solution to the challenges of our times; indeed, the resolution to all the world's problems lies within the Gita. He asserted that the nation has today been blessed with a leadership that honours the Sanatan tradition and stands firmly with the people while keeping the country united. He further noted that the inspiration for Swadeshi is derived from the Gita. This spirit entails not merely the production of goods manufactured within one's own country, but—more importantly—the assimilation of one's ancient culture and traditions. He lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal, stating that it is a privilege for the people of this nation today to have a leadership that not only respects Sanatan traditions but also enhances national pride.

Chief Secretary holds meeting to review excise & taxation department



CHANDIGARH: A review meeting of the Excise & Taxation Department was held on 15.05.2026 under the Chairmanship of Shri H. Rajesh Prasad, UT Chandigarh. The meeting was attended by Shri Diprava Lakra, Secretary (Excise & Taxation); Shri Nishant Kumar Yadav, Excise & Taxation Commissioner, U.T. Chandigarh; Sh. Praduman Singh, Additional Excise & Taxation Commissioner-cum-Deputy Excise & Taxation Collector (Excise) and Excise & Taxation Officer (Excise). During the meeting, the department apprised that during the Excise Policy Year 2025-26, excise revenue amounting to Rs. 965.71 crore had been collected. It was further informed that out of a total of 97 retail liquor vends, 96 vends were successfully allotted for the Excise Policy Year 2026-27, whereby a bid amount of Rs. 560.85 crore received against the reserve price of Rs. 450 crore, thereby reflecting a significant increase in revenue realization. Further, it was also apprised that the Department is likely to achieve excise revenue collection of approximately Rs. 1009 crore against the fixed target of Rs. 1000 crore during the Excise Policy Year 2026-27. The Department further informed that several reformative measures have been introduced under the Excise Policy 2026-27, including auto-renewal of labels, maintenance of real-time stock inventory by excise licensees, re-introduction of liquor licences at departmental stores, and transportation of liquor through GPS-enabled vehicles for ensuring better transparency, monitoring, and regulatory compliance. The department also informed that under GST, revenue amounting to Rs. 2,454 crore was collected during the financial year 2025-26. The Chief Secretary directed the officers to further strengthen enforcement activities and maintain strict

vigil over all excise licensees. Directions were also issued to initiate breach proceedings against licensees found violating the provisions of the Excise Policy and relevant rules. Emphasis was laid on effectively checking the illegal movement and sale of liquor, and ensuring that all necessary preventive and punitive measures are taken to curb illicit trade. It was further directed that, as per the provisions of the Excise Policy, all Custom Bonded Warehouses situated within the jurisdiction of Chandigarh must be duly registered with the department. Strict action shall be initiated against the violators in cases of non-compliance with the prescribed provisions and procedures. With regard to GST enforcement, directions were issued to intensify enforcement measures and undertake detailed analysis of taxpayers to identify cases involving tax evasion, fraudulent claims of bogus Input Tax Credit (ITC), and fake firms/entities. The officers were instructed to initiate appropriate legal and penal proceedings against such defaulting taxpayers in accordance with the provisions of law. The Chief Secretary further emphasized the need for sustained monitoring, coordinated enforcement action, and strict compliance with statutory provisions to safeguard government revenue and ensure transparency and accountability in the functioning of the department.

CEO Chandigarh Briefs Political Parties on Special Electoral Roll Revision



CHANDIGARH: Election Commission of India has announced the third phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls covering 16 states and three Union Territories, including Chandigarh. To brief political parties about the revision process, Prerna Puri, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), U.T. Chandigarh, held a meeting with representatives of national political parties on Friday. During the meeting, the CEO informed that the last intensive revision of electoral rolls in Chandigarh was conducted in 2002. She said that due to rapid urbanisation, migration, newly eligible voters attaining the age of 18, delayed reporting of deaths and the possibility of inclusion of illegal foreign nationals, an intensive revision has become necessary to ensure an accurate and error-free electoral roll. The qualifying date for the revision has been fixed as July 1, 2026. The CEO stated that the revision would be conducted strictly according to the guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India to ensure inclusion of all eligible voters while removing ineligible names in a transparent manner. She informed that Booth Level Officers (BLOs) would conduct house-to-house verification visits with pre-filled enumeration forms. If residents are unavailable, forms will be left at their homes and collected during subsequent visits. Citizens can also fill forms online. BLOs will additionally carry Form No. 6 to facilitate registration of newly eligible voters. Prerna Puri further said that nearly 70 percent mapping has already been completed in the Chandigarh Parliamentary Constituency. Political parties were urged to appoint Booth Level Agents (BLAs) at every polling booth to ensure transparency and active participation in the revision process. The CEO also informed that a single BLA can submit up to 500 enumeration forms in one day during the enumeration phase. After completion of the process, the Absent, Shifted and Deleted (ASD) list will be shared with BLAs by respective BLOs. Training sessions for BLAs will also be organised shortly. Special camps will be organised on May 16 and 17 at all polling stations to facilitate voters. Help desks will also be established to assist the public, including persons with disabilities, senior citizens and marginalised groups. Appealing to residents of Chandigarh, the CEO urged all electors to verify their details available from the previous SIR exercise and share updated information with their respective BLOs for mapping purposes.

AEEL Signs MoUs with Army, BSF, CRPF and ITBP for Education Support

AMRITSAR: Aakash Educational Services Limited (AEEL), one of India's leading test preparatory institutions, has signed multiple Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with the Indian Army, Border Security Force (BSF), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) to provide educational support and scholarship benefits to defence and paramilitary personnel and their families. The initiative aims to improve access to quality education by offering structured scholarships, academic mentoring, career guidance and coaching support to serving personnel, veterans, gallantry awardees, disabled personnel and families of martyrs across the country.

ABD Delivers Highest Ever Annual EBITDA and PAT in FY26

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Allied Blenders and Distillers Limited (ABD), one of the leading spirits companies in India, has announced its audited financial results for theyearFY26. Commenting on the results, Alok Gupta, Managing Director of ABD, stated, "FY26 stands out as a defining year for ABD, marked by record annual profits and our second consecutive year of consistent quarterly performance post-listing. This success is driven by the accelerated growth of our P&A portfolio, build up of our luxury portfolio and disciplined cost management. Another landmark achievement is ICONIQ. While crossing the 10-million-case milestone. Our strategic investments in strengthening our manufacturing backbone will further enhance supply chain efficiencies, ensuring that ABD remains agile and margin accretive. With this strong foundation, we are now entering a transformative next phase of growth, centered on scaling our market presence and driving market shares as we enter the new financial year."

Jat Senior Secondary School Achieves 100% Result in Class 10 Board Exams

KAITHAL, MAY 15 (SANJAY SHARMA): Jat Senior Secondary School delivered an outstanding performance in the Class 10 board examinations by achieving a 100 per cent pass result, with all 62 students successfully clearing the exams. Adding to the school's achievement, 28 students secured positions in the merit list. Out of the successful candidates, 24 students passed in first division while 10 students secured second division. Anish, son of Bani Singh, topped the school by scoring 96 per cent marks (480 out of 500). Sneha, daughter of Dharamveer, secured second position with 95.4 per cent marks. Tanish, son of Rajesh Kumar, and Anjali, daughter of Anil Kumar, jointly secured third position with 94.6 per cent marks. Students also excelled in individual subjects. Tanish and Saavan scored a perfect 100 marks in Social Science and Physical Education respectively. Anish, Sneha and Krish Grover secured 99 marks in English and Sanskrit, while Jaspreet Kaur scored 98 marks in Punjabi. Sneha and Anjali also scored 97 marks in Science and Hindi.

RSS Meeting in Radaur Focuses on Social Harmony and National Unity

RADAUR (NIRMAL SAINI): A meeting under the social harmony initiative was organised by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) in Radaur, bringing together people from different communities to promote social coordination and national unity. Ambala Division Sanghchalak Ramakant attended the programme along with the keynote speaker, vice Division Coordinator Tarun Dogra participated as the special guest. The meeting was chaired by District Coordinator Vinesh Piana and Block Incharge Virendra Saini. Addressing the gathering, Ramakant said that every caste has its own identity and social perspective, and castes form an integral part of the country's social structure. However, he stressed the need to rise above caste-based discrimination and work together with a spirit of patriotism and mutual respect.

Students of Angels Public School excel in Class 12 results

BARBARA: The Class 12 students of Angels Public School, located in Barbara, achieved resounding success in the CBSE Board results, sending a wave of joy throughout the school. In the Arts stream, Lakshmi secured the first position by scoring 98 marks in Hindi, 97 in Physical Education, and 95 in English, along with achieving excellent scores in her other subjects. Lakshmi attributed her success to the support of her parents, the proper guidance provided by her teachers, and her rigorous study using NCERT textbooks. Similarly in the Commerce stream, Sai Malik secured the first position with scores of 95 in Accountancy, 94 in Physical Education, and 90 in Hindi, achieving comparable scores in other subjects as well. Likewise, in the Medical stream, Deepakshi earned a place in the merit list across all her subjects, including scores of 94 in English, 92 in Physical Education, 90 in Hindi, and 82 in Biology. Furthermore, students such as Shohit, Muskan, Vanika, Smile, and Angel scored over 90 marks in various subjects. Out of 41 students, 10 achieved scores ranging from 90 to 98 in more than one subject.

SDM Rajesh Khosli inspects house listing work in Bhatia Village

DINKAR GAWRI HANSI: Under the guidance of DC Rahul Narwal, the house listing phase—is currently underway as part of the ongoing census process in the district. On Friday, SDM Rajesh Khosli visited Bhatia village to inspect the ongoing house listing operations and issued necessary directives to the concerned officials and staff members. During the inspection, SDM Rajesh Khosli went door-to-door to assess the actual status of the enumeration work and verified the information being recorded by the appointed enumerators. The SDM emphasized that the census is a crucial administrative process for the nation, serving as the foundation upon which future development plans and government policies are formulated. Therefore, he stressed that no form of negligence should be tolerated in the execution of this task.

Suman Saini expresses grief over passing of late Usha Gupta and offers condolences

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Following the passing of late Usha Gupta sister-in-law of Mayor Renu Bala Gupta and elder sister-in-law of former BJP Executive District President Brij Gupta, a stream of people has been pouring in to offer condolences. A large number of dignitaries from various political, social, administrative and other fields are reaching out to offer condolences to bereaved family. In this sequence, Suman Saini, Vice-President of Haryana State Civil Welfare Council and wife of CM Nayab Singh Saini arrived at residence in Chaudhary Colony to express condolences. She was first to offer floral tributes to late Usha Gupta's portrait. After this, he had cordial conversation with family members and consoled bereaved on behalf of himself and CM Nayab Singh Saini. She said that entire society stands with Gupta family in this hour of immense grief.

MM Fashion Mall Launches Summer Bonanza Fest, Joins Swachh Bharat Drive



CHANDIGARH, MAY 15 (R N KHERA): MM Fashion Mall, in collaboration with the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation and Market Association Sector 22D, launched its "Shop More - Win More" Summer Bonanza Fest 2026 along with a special cleanliness awareness campaign under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. The event was formally inaugurated by Municipal Corporation Commissioner Amit Kumar in the presence of Joint Commissioner Balbir Raj, MOH Indereep Kaur, Area Controller Damanpreet Singh and Market Association Sector 22D President Praveen Duggal. As part of the initiative, the organisers also launched a cleanliness drive to promote awareness about a clean and green environment in the city. Under the Summer Bonanza Fest, customers shopping at MM Fashion Mall from May 15 to August 31, 2026, will get an opportunity to win exciting prizes including Tata cars, refrigerators, washing machines, mobile phones, induction stoves and other home appliances. Sahil, Managing Director of MM Fashion Mall, said that promotional campaigns like "Shop More - Win More," once limited to festive seasons such as Jamnashtrami and Diwali, are now being organised throughout the year to offer customers better shopping value and exciting rewards. He added that during the 108-day bonanza festival, shoppers making purchases of ₹2,000 or above will receive coupons to participate in lucky draws and contests.

Batter Bar Debuts at CP67, Blending French Pastry Art with Modern Café Culture



MOHALI: CP67, Mohali has welcomed Batter Bar, the celebrated French pastry and specialty coffee brand founded by pastry chef Abhinav Sunda. Known for its refined desserts, artisanal pastries, handcrafted coffees and warm café experience, the brand has launched its newest outlet at CP67, Sector 67, Mohali, further strengthening its presence in the Tricity. What began as a home-based venture in 2020 has today evolved into one of the region's most talked-about café brands. Founded by Abhinav Sunda, Batter Bar is deeply rooted in classical French pastry techniques and global culinary expertise. Abhinav pursued his professional training at The French Pastry School, Chicago,

Several leaders join BJP in presence of Sunil Jakhar and Ashwani Sharma



YUGMARG BUREAU MORINDA: Several political and social workers from Morinda and Sri Chamka Sahib joined the Bharatiya Janata Party in the presence of Punjab BJP president Sunil Jakhar and senior BJP leader Ashwani Sharma. Among those who joined the party was Sardar Daljit Singh Bittu, brother of Jassa Singh Rangaria and federation secretary from Morinda. The induction programme was conducted under the leadership of Amanpreet Roy, Jitinder Gumber and Harsh Kohli. Jitinder Gumber stated that Virender Singh along with his associates from Morinda also

DS Group Partners with NIIT Foundation and Singer India Limited to Strengthen Rural Skill Development in Karnal, Haryana



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Dharampal Satyapal Group (DS Group), a leading FMCG conglomerate and multi business corporation organised a felicitation ceremony at Barota village in Karnal district, Haryana, in collaboration with NIIT Foundation and Singer India Limited to recognise trainees who successfully completed advanced computer and stitching certification programs. A total of 80 students were honoured for completing the advanced computer course certified by NIIT Foundation and stitching program certified through Singer India Limited. During 2025 - 26, about 350 students, including close to 200 female participants, underwent computer training, while over 700 students have successfully completed the course cumulatively since inception. To further strengthen digital learning outcomes, the Foundation partnered with NIIT Foundation to introduce advanced computer certification courses supported by standardised assessments and practical learning modules. Under this collaboration, 130 students successfully completed the advanced certification course. The Stitching Centre, established in February 2026, completed its first training batch with 49 trainees successfully passing out on 9 May 2026. Through the partnership with Singer India Limited, trainees will receive industry-recognized certification, enabling them to pursue employment opportunities or establish self-owned boutique ventures with access to discounted sewing machines.

Fortis Mohali Performs Rare Triple Swap Kidney Transplant



CHANDIGARH: Fortis Hospital Mohali has successfully performed a rare and highly complex three-way Kidney Paired Donation, popularly known as a 'triple swap' kidney transplant, offering a new lease of life to three patients suffering from end-stage renal disease. The landmark procedure marks a significant advancement in organ transplantation and highlights the growing role of innovative transplant programs in overcoming donor incompatibility challenges. The life-saving procedure was performed by a team of doctors led by Dr Sahil Rolly, Consultant, Kidney Transplant and Dr Anna Gupta, Consultant, Renal Sciences and Kidney Transplant at Fortis Hospital, Mohali. The procedure involved three donor-recipient pairs who were unable to undergo transplantation due to blood group mismatch. Through the triple swap model, each donor donated a kidney to a compatible recipient in another family, creating a circular chain of transplants that enabled all three patients to successfully receive compatible organs. The highly coordinated surgery involved six simultaneous operations conducted across three operation theatres over nearly 10 to 11 hours. The procedure was carried out by a multidisciplinary team of more than 20 healthcare professionals led by Dr Sahil Rolly, Consultant, Kidney Transplant, Dr. Rohit Dhadwal, Senior Consultant, Department of Urology, Andrology and Robotic Surgery, Dr. Anna Gupta, Consultant - Renal Sciences and Kidney Transplant, Dr. Amit Kumar, Head, Anaesthesia, Dr. Anjana Sharma, Senior Consultant, Anaesthesiology, Dr. Jasmeet Kaur, Senior Consultant, Anaesthesiology, Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Consultant, Anaesthesiology, Dr. Rajesh Kumar Harish, Consultant, Anaesthesiology, and Dr. Priyanka Jain, Head, Transplant ICU.

Bajaj at 100: From Freedom Movement to Global Scale



AMRITSAR: 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 ongoing 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. In a message to the Bajaj family recognising the Bajaj Group's contributions to nation-building, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, said, "On the occasion of the centenary of the Bajaj Group, I extend my greetings and best wishes to everyone associated with this milestone. A hundred years is a significant journey for any institution. It reflects not only longevity, but also the ability to adapt to changing times, contribute to economic growth and remain relevant across generations. "Started under the leadership of Shri Jammalal Bajaj, the Bajaj Group has been a part of India's industrial and economic landscape through many phases of our nation's development. It has grown into a diversified company with operations across various sectors, which serve customers both in India and across the world.

Shiromani Akali Dal candidate Anita Kataria files nomination from Ward No. 11



Mukesh Chauhan Zirakpur: Shiromani Akali Dal candidate Anita Kataria filed her nomination papers for Ward No. 11 in the 2026 Zirakpur Municipal Council elections, amidst great enthusiasm and support from supporters, today in the presence of former MLA N.K. Sharma. The occasion was marked by considerable enthusiasm among party workers, women, youth, and residents. During the nomination, supporters raised slogans in support of Anita Kataria and the Shiromani Akali Dal, reaffirming their commitment to development and public service in Ward No. 11. Former MLA N.K. Sharma stated that Anita

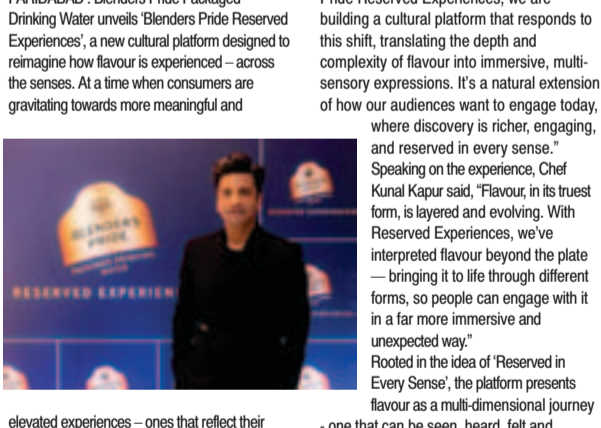
AU Small Finance Bank concludes 500+ Hyperlocal Community Activations across India to celebrate Mother's Day

CHANDIGARH: AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB), India's largest Small Finance Bank and the first institution in over a decade to receive in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India to transition into a Universal Bank, marked Mother's Day through one of its largest nationwide community engagement initiatives, organising over 500+ hyper local activations across India between 8th and 14th May 2026. The campaign engaged over 40,000 participants - predominantly women, bringing communities together through interactive experiences, appreciation-led engagements, meaningful conversations, and shared moments rooted in gratitude and togetherness. Designed to celebrate and engage women and mothers through meaningful neighborhood-led interactions, the initiative was conducted across residential communities, RWAs, corporate parks, customer touch points, and local engagement hubs in more than 30 cities nationwide.

JSW Cement Haryana Dargal Mahotsav Set for its Finals in Hisar

HISAR: Following the successful conclusion of the Rajasthan Cricket Mahotsav in Jodhpur, JSW Cement is set to host the grand finale of the Haryana Dargal Mahotsav on May 17, 2026, at the Shaheed Madan Lal Dhingra Multipurpose Hall in Hisar. After weeks of intense competition across all 22 districts of Haryana, the tournament has emerged as one of the state's largest grassroots wrestling initiatives, bringing together more than 1,500 wrestlers across multiple age groups and weight categories. Rooted in Haryana's rich sporting legacy and deep connection with wrestling, the Haryana Dargal Mahotsav was launched under JSW Cement's flagship sports initiative to identify and nurture grassroots talent while promoting traditional Indian sports. Over the course of the tournament, aspiring wrestlers from across the state have showcased exceptional skill, determination, and competitive spirit, drawing strong participation and support from local communities at every stage.

Blenders Pride Packaged Drinking Water Introduces Reserved Experiences



FARIDABAD: Blenders Pride Packaged Drinking Water unveils 'Blenders Pride Reserved Experiences', a new cultural platform designed to reimagine how flavour is experienced — across the senses. At a time when consumers are gravitating towards more meaningful and elevated experiences — ones that reflect their own evolving tastes and choices, 'Blenders Pride Reserved Experiences' responds to this shift by transforming flavour into something more expressive. Debasree Dasgupta, CMO, Pernod Ricard India, added, "Consumers today are seeking more intentional and elevated experiences, ones that go beyond functional and feel truly distinctive. With Blenders

Motorola Launches First Foldable Smartphone 'razr fold' in India

LUDHIANA: Motorola, a global leader in mobile technology and India's leading AI smartphone brand, on Thursday launched its first foldable smartphone, the Motorola razr fold, in India along with the new Moto Buds 2 Plus. The new foldable smartphone comes with what the company claims is the world's best foldable camera system, recognised with the DXOMARK Gold Label for imaging excellence. The device features a triple 50MP pro-grade camera setup powered by Sony LYTIA sensors and moto ai technology for enhanced photography and videography. The Motorola razr fold sports a 6.6-inch outer display that unfolds into a massive 8.1-inch 2K main display with a 165Hz LTPO refresh rate. Powered by the Snapdragon 8 Gen 5 processor, the smartphone is designed to deliver advanced AI performance, multitasking and premium gaming experiences. Motorola said the device is equipped with a massive 6,000mAh silicon-carbon battery offering more than 43 hours of battery life on a single charge. It supports 80W TurboPower fast charging, 50W wireless charging and 5W reverse charging for accessories. The smartphone also supports 8K Dolby Vision recording, 4K Dolby Vision video at 60fps from all lenses, advanced optical image stabilisation, AI-powered photo enhancement, adaptive stabilisation and up to 100x Super Zoom Pro.

Ravinderjit Singh Ravi Gill elected chairman of Zilla Parishad Moga



MOGA, MAY 15 (JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA): Ravinderjit Singh Ravi Gill was unanimously elected as the Chairman of the Zilla Parishad Moga on Thursday. Following his election, Ravi Gill thanked the Aam Aadmi Party leadership, local MLAs, party workers, supporters and voters for placing their trust in him and electing him as a member of the District Council. Speaking to reporters, he expressed gratitude to Dharamkot MLA Davinderjit Singh Ladi Dhos, Moga MLA Dr. Amandeep Kaur Arora, Nihal Singh Wala MLA Manjit Singh Bilaspur and Bagha Purana MLA Amrit Pal Singh Sukhanand for their support. Ravi Gill said he would work tirelessly for the overall development of Moga district and fulfil the responsibilities entrusted to him with honesty and dedication. Meanwhile, Dharamkot MLA Davinderjit Singh Ladi Dhos congratulated Ravi Gill on his appointment and said the Aam Aadmi Party always stands firmly with its dedicated and hardworking workers. He added that the party leadership continues to encourage and reward committed young leaders by entrusting them with important responsibilities.

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Online applications are invited w.e.f 04/05/2026 to 24.05.2026 from eligible candidates through University website i.e www.bfuhhs.ac.in for the recruitment to the posts of **Associate Professor (Physiotherapy)-01 & Junior Physiotherapist-01** under Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 2097-E of One Bed Room Category in Block No.25 & Parking in Block No.25 in Sector 63, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of **SMT. MANJIT KAUR W/O SH. CHARANJIT SINGH** from the name of allottee/transferee **SMT. SURESH W/O SH. DILBAG SINGH**.

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned the DU No. 2097-E of One Bed Room Category in Block No.25 & Parking in Block No.25 in Sector 63, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee(s) **SMT. SURESH W/O SH. DILBAG SINGH**. Now **SMT. SURESH W/O SH. DILBAG SINGH** has sold the above said dwelling unit to **SMT. MANJIT KAUR W/O SH. CHARANJIT SINGH** vide Sale Deed executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh dated 10.12.2025. **SMT. MANJIT KAUR W/O SH. CHARANJIT SINGH** has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in her name on the basis of Sale deed. If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 5176-3 of Category-HIG, Phase 1, Manimajra, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of **SH. S. VIJAY BHASKAR (SRINIVASAN VIJAY BHASKAR) S/O SH. N. SRINIVASAN (SRINIVASAN)** from the name of allottee/transferee **SH. CHARANJIT SINGH S/O SH. SUKHO DEV SINGH**.

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned the DU No. 5176-3 of Category-HIG, Phase 1, Manimajra, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee(s) **SH. CHARANJIT SINGH S/O SH. SUKHO DEV SINGH**. Now **SH. CHARANJIT SINGH S/O SH. SUKHO DEV SINGH** has sold the above said dwelling unit to **SH. S. VIJAY BHASKAR (SRINIVASAN VIJAY BHASKAR) S/O SH. N. SRINIVASAN (SRINIVASAN)** vide Sale Deed executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh dated 09.04.2026. **SH. S. VIJAY BHASKAR (SRINIVASAN VIJAY BHASKAR) S/O SH. N. SRINIVASAN (SRINIVASAN)** has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in his name on the basis of Sale deed. If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of ownership right 75% share in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 3072-2 (Second Floor) of LIG in Sector-41-D, Chandigarh on the basis of Transfer Deed in the name of **SH. MANJINDER SINGH S/O LATE SH. BAHADAR SINGH** (Having 25% share) from the name of allottee/transferee (i) **SMT. BALWINDER KAUR W/O LATE SH. BAHADAR SINGH** (Having 25% share) THROUGH SELF and GPA OF (ii) **JASMEET KAUR SAINI D/O LATE SH. BAHADAR SINGH** (Having 25% share), & (iii) **SMT. GURDEEP KAUR D/O LATE SH. BAHADAR SINGH** (Having 25% share).

(SISTERS TO BROTHER AND MOTHER TO SON)

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that the Dwelling Unit No. 3072-2 (Second Floor) of LIG in Sector-41-D, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee (i) **SMT. BALWINDER KAUR W/O LATE SH. BAHADAR SINGH** for self & GPA OF (ii) **JASMEET KAUR SAINI D/O LATE SH. BAHADAR SINGH** (iii) **SMT. GURDEEP KAUR D/O LATE SH. BAHADAR SINGH** & (iv) **SH. MANJINDER SINGH S/O LATE SH. BAHADAR SINGH** (Having 25% share). It has been reported by **SH. MANJINDER SINGH S/O LATE SH. BAHADAR SINGH** (Having 25% share) has applied for transfer of ownership right in respect of said Dwelling unit on the basis of Transfer Deed in her name which was Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh on 19/03/2026. If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

Students of The Genesis School wave flag of success in class 12 Board examinations



CHAMAN LAL KARNAL: In the CBSE Class 12 Board Examination results for the 2025-26 session, students of The Genesis School, Karnal, have brought glory to the institution through their outstanding per Shashwat (93.8%), Abha (92.8%), Shaurya (92.2%), and Ayush (91%)—also achieved remarkable success. Furthermore, several other students secured marks exceeding 90%, making a significant contribution to the school's this remarkable achievement. The School Di dedicated guidance of the teachers, and the unwavering support of the parents. ishing all the successful students a bright future, they affirmed that the school would continue to strive relentlessly towards providing quality education and fostering holistic development in the years to come.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

By: CE/GS/UMB acting for and on behalf of The president of India invites Open Tenders (e-tenders) against below titled tender and available on www.irpsa.gov.in with closing date **06.06.2026 up to 14:00 Hrs.** Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards Earned Money through either in cash through e-payment gateway modes available on www.irpsa.gov.in portals or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender document. For more information login to www.irpsa.gov.in

Tender Type	Tendering Section	Bidding System	Date of Uploading tender	Bid Starting Date	Bid Closing Date/Time
Open	Engg. GS	Single Packet System	15.05.2026	23.05.2026	06.06.2026 (up to 14:00 Hrs)

S.N.	Tender No.	Details of Tender
1	05-GS-Engg-UMB/2026-27	Balance work at Sirhind, Nangal Dam & Rupnagar Railway Station in connection with 12.0 m wide FOB under Anvrit Bharat Station Scheme.
		Advertised Value (Rs.) Earnest money (Rs.) Validity of Offer Period of Completion
		9.86.78.623.45/- 19.73.600/- 90 Days 06 Months

Similar Nature of Work:- "Any Civil work other than track work"

Note1. Before bidding, bidders to check for any corrigendum issued against the tender.

Open Tender Notice No:- NIT-05-GS-Engg-UMB-2026-27, Date: 15.05.2026 1640/2026

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AXIS BANK

Retail Asset Centre: AXIS Bank Ltd, 2nd Floor, Property # 7-E, Municipal 2003/1142/16, Mahar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana-141001, Corporate Office: 3rd Floor, Block-B, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound, Panjabar Temple, Law Garden, Elanberg, Ahmedabad-380006

Publication of Notice regarding possession of property u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account. The Borrower/particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings of the property will be subject to the charge of the Axis Bank Ltd for an amount and interest thereon. Borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (ii) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Name of Borrower/Guarantor/Address: Mr. Dilbagh Singh S/o Mohinder Singh (Borrower & Mortgagee) Shalohi Baran Near Govt. Primary School PO Bariana, Hariana, Dist. Hoshiarpur Punjab-144208 Mrs. Poojara Rani W/o Dilbagh Singh (Co-Borrower/1 Village Shalohi PO Bariana, Hariana Near Govt. Primary School Dist.Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144208 Description of Immovable Property :- Equitable mortgage of all that piece and parcel of Residential house measuring about 17 Marla (3) sarsai as comprised in Khata no. 13/4 (8-0), 5/114(0), 6/314(0), 7/8(0) 14/2(4-0) situated in Village Bahi-ul-udin talah and Dist. Hoshiarpur in the name of Dilbagh Singh S/o Mohinder Singh vide sale deed no. 881 dated 15.10.1996 Boundaries North: Sukhdev West; Summerpal, South: Rasta, East: Rasta

Date of Demand: 20.11.2025 NPA DATE: 20.10.2025 Date of Possession: 14.05.2026 Amount Outstanding as per 13(2) Notice: Rs. 12,93,077/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Seventy Seven Only)

Place: Punjab, Date: 16.05.2026 -80/- Authorized Officer, Axis Bank Ltd

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- 1.73 GW Capacity Addition during the year
- 25% Increase in annual generation
- 47% Increase in annual consolidated revenue from operations

Extract of the Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and year ended 31st March, 2026 (₹ in Crore)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Standalone		Consolidated					
		Quarter ended	Year ended	Quarter ended	Year ended				
		31.03.2026 (Audited)	31.03.2025 (Audited)	31.03.2026 (Audited)	31.03.2025 (Audited)	31.03.2026 (Audited)	31.03.2025 (Audited)		
1.	Total income from operations	933.92	445.99	3,544.52	2,897.25	1,496.47	504.40	4,528.29	3,072.01
2.	Net profit before tax and exceptional items	244.79	55.59	1,629.85	1,296.10	(53.06)	(146.48)	1,200.63	1,111.69
3.	Net profit before tax (after exceptional items)	244.79	55.59	1,629.85	1,296.10	(53.06)	(146.48)	1,200.63	1,111.69
4.	Net profit after tax for the period	125.40	30.72	1,007.90	970.18	(117.84)	(127.72)	641.85	818.02
5.	Total comprehensive income after tax for the period	126.25	23.15	999.85	959.19	(116.94)	(135.34)	633.71	806.99
6.	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value of share ₹10/- each)	3,929.80	3,929.80	3,929.80	3,929.80	3,929.80	3,929.80	3,929.80	3,929.80
7.	Other equity excluding revaluation Reserve	10,778.40	10,352.30	10,778.40	10,352.30	10,309.04	10,248.85	10,309.04	10,248.85
8.	Securities Premium Account	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9.	Net Worth	14,708.20	14,282.10	14,708.20	14,282.10	14,238.84	14,178.65	14,238.84	14,178.65
10.	Paid up Debt Capital	10,502.57	10,557.16	10,502.57	10,557.16	32,206.75	27,036.40	32,206.75	27,036.40
11.	Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12.	Earnings Per Share (of ₹10/- each) (not annualised)								
	-Basic & Diluted (in ₹)	0.30	0.07	2.70	2.50	(0.31)	(0.34)	1.77	2.11
	-Excluding net movement in regulatory deferral account balance	0.32	0.08	2.56	2.47	(0.30)	(0.32)	1.63	2.08
	-Including net movement in regulatory deferral account balance	0.32	0.08	2.56	2.47	(0.30)	(0.32)	1.63	2.08
13.	Capital redemption reserve	206.83	206.83	206.83	206.83	206.83	206.83	206.83	206.83
14.	Debenture redemption reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	Debt equity ratio	0.71	0.74	0.71	0.74	2.26	1.91	2.26	1.91
16.	Debt service coverage ratio	1.89	1.15	2.18	2.08	1.46	1.05	1.92	2.10
17.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	2.73	1.82	3.48	3.41	1.85	1.81	2.73	3.41

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject:- Transfer/Mutation of Allotment/Registration D.U. No. 1015/1 of Cat-HIG-I in Sector 39-B, Chandigarh in the names of (i) **DR. RASHPAUL SINGH S/O SH. SARMU KH SINGH** AND (ii) **SH. DEVNOOR SINGH S/O SH. RASHPAUL SINGH**, on the intestate Demise of allottee/transferee **DR. SWEEN W/O SH. RASHPAUL SINGH**.

It is hereby notified for the information of the General Public and all concerned that **DR. SWEEN W/O SH. RASHPAUL SINGH**, owner of Dwelling Unit No. 1015/1 of Cat-HIG-I in Sector 39-B, Chandigarh expired on 17/04/2026 at Ferozpur Banger (Punjab) as informed by her legal heir. (i) **DR. RASHPAUL SINGH S/O SH. SARMU KH SINGH** AND (ii) **SH. DEVNOOR SINGH S/O SH. RASHPAUL SINGH**, have requested for transfer of ownership of Dwelling Unit No. 1015/1 of Cat-HIG-I in Sector 39-B, Chandigarh in their names on the basis of intestate demise of **DR. SWEEN W/O SH. RASHPAUL SINGH**. They have further stated that no other legal heir has been left out. In case anybody has any objection regarding the claim/right/interest in the dwelling unit which is proposed to be transferred by the Chandigarh Housing Board in favour of (i) **DR. RASHPAUL SINGH (Husband)** AND (ii) **SH. DEVNOOR SINGH (Son)** he/she may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of the above claimant(s).

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject:- Mutation/Transfer of allotment/ Registration of Ownership in respect of DU No. 3433 of Category-MIG (Ind), Sector 40-D, Chandigarh in the name of (i) **SH. GAURAV CHUGH S/O LATE SH. LEKH RAJ CHUGH & (ii) SH. SAURAV CHUGH S/O LATE SH. LEKH RAJ CHUGH** from the name of allottee/transferee **SH. LEKH RAJ CHUGH S/O SH. TIRATH DASS CHUGH**, on the basis of Registered WILL.

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that (i) **SH. GAURAV CHUGH S/O LATE SH. LEKH RAJ CHUGH & (ii) SH. SAURAV CHUGH S/O LATE SH. LEKH RAJ CHUGH** after the death of allottee/transferee **SH. LEKH RAJ CHUGH S/O SH. TIRATH DASS CHUGH**, have applied to Chandigarh Housing Board for transfer the DU No. 3433 of Category-MIG (Ind), Sector 40-D, Chandigarh in their favour, as **SH. LEKH RAJ CHUGH S/O SH. TIRATH DASS CHUGH** expired on dated 13.09.2025 at Chandigarh and left behind a WILL which was Registered with Sub Registrar, UT Chandigarh on 22.06.2022, in their favour. They have further stated that the WILL of the deceased allottee/transferee is the last WILL executed by him which has neither superseded nor cancelled till the death of the deceased. If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant(s), he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject:- Transfer/Mutation of Allotment/Registration of Dwelling Unit No. 2125-1, Category MIG-II, Sector 19-C, Chandigarh in the name of **SMT. JYOTI PRABHA KAPOOR W/O LATE SH. SATISH KAPOOR** on the intestate Demise of allottee/transferee **SH. SATISH KAPOOR S/O SH. DAWARKA DASS (DWARKA DASS KAPOOR)**. It is hereby notified for the information of the General Public and all concerned that **SH. SATISH KAPOOR S/O SH. DAWARKA DASS (DWARKA DASS KAPOOR)** allottee/owner of DU No.2125-1, Category MIG-II, Sector 19-C, Chandigarh expired on 30.01.2025 at Chandigarh as informed by his legal heir. **SMT. JYOTI PRABHA KAPOOR W/O LATE SH. SATISH KAPOOR** has requested for transfer of ownership of DU No. 2125-1, Category MIG-II, Sector 19-C, Chandigarh in her name on the basis of intestate demise of **SH. SATISH KAPOOR S/O SH. DAWARKA DASS (DWARKA DASS KAPOOR)**. She has further stated that no other legal heir has been left out. In case anybody has any objection regarding the claim/right/interest in the dwelling unit which is proposed to be transferred by the Chandigarh Housing Board in favour of **SMT. JYOTI PRABHA KAPOOR (Wife)**, he/she may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of the above claimant(s).

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh



MOHALI: Hustinder has officially released his latest five-track EP, *Young & Real* — a deeply personal and relatable musical journey that beautifully captures the raw emotions of youth. Honest, soulful, and emotionally rich, the EP explores themes of attraction, confidence, friendship, love, vulnerability, heartbreak, and self-discovery, reflecting the experiences that shape young lives today.

Known for his heartfelt songwriting and signature Punjabi sound, Hustinder has built a strong connection with audiences through tracks like *Punjab Bare*, *Vali Purane*, and *Euphoria*. With *Young & Real*, he takes his emotional storytelling a step further, presenting youth in its truest form — exciting, impulsive, emotional, imperfect, and beautifully real.

Speaking about the EP, Hustinder shared, "Young & Real is probably the closest I've come to expressing myself honestly through music. Every song comes from a real emotion or memory that stayed with me while growing up. I didn't want these songs to feel manufactured or perfect. I wanted them to feel real because youth itself is messy, emotional, beautiful, and unpredictable."

Blending cinematic storytelling with powerful emotions, *Young & Real* creates a heartfelt portrait of growing up — filled with chaos, connection, highs, lows, and unforgettable memories. More than just an EP, it stands as a reflection of feeling everything deeply and living every moment honestly, making it an experience listeners of every generation can connect with.

Ayushmann Khurrana Brings Nostalgia, Music & Memories to Indian Idol; Badshah Shares a Heartwarming Chandigarh Connection



CHANDIGARH : The upcoming episode of *Indian Idol* promises an entertaining blend of nostalgia, music, laughter, and heartfelt moments as actors Ayushmann Khurrana, Sara Ali Khan, Rakul Preet Singh, and Wamiqa Gabbi grace the stage of *Indian Idol* ahead of their upcoming film *Pati Patni Aur Woh Do*, releasing in cinemas on 15th May 2026.

During the interaction, Manraj reminds Ayushmann that his journey began on the very stage of *Indian Idol* and asks him about the experience of being rejected from the show. Recalling the memory with a smile, Ayushmann shares, "It was beautiful. Main Paschim Express se aaya tha, ek train hain, aur yahan land kiya tha. Main second round mein hi bahar ho gaya tha. Le-kin mere liye khoobsurat baal yeh thi ki aas-paas sab gayak, sangeetkar aur geelkaar the. Uss waqt hamare paas riyaz karne ke liye apps nahi hote the. Koi pankhe ki awaaz mein riyaz kar raha hola tha aur mujhe lagta tha, yeh kitne atrangi log hain! Lekin wahi log mujhe inspire karte the." He further added, "Aaj main dekh raha hoon ki talent bahut bada ho gaya hai. Log kehthe hain na hamare time pe hola tha, but this is a far better era to be a musician because yahan sirf talent hi survive karta hai."

Speaking about the special tribute to legendary singer Asha Bhosle Ji on the show, Ayushmann shared, "Indian Idol has always celebrated music in its purest form, and paying tribute to the legendary Asha Bhosle Ji was truly special for me. Her songs carry emotions, memories, and timeless magic. Watching the contestants perform her iconic tracks so beautifully made this evening unforgettable."

The moment continued as Manraj requested Ayushmann to sing his popular track 'Saadi Galli Aaja', leaving everyone delighted.

Adding to the evening's warmth, rapper and judge Badshah also shared a heartfelt memory about his bond with Ayushmann and their Chandigarh roots. Speaking fondly, he said, "Jab aap naye naye popular hue the, tab hum bhi Punjab University mein ghoomte the. I was one of those people jo kehthe the, 'isme aisa kya hai?' Lekin jab khud uss raste pe chale, tab pala chala ki kahaan se shuru hokar kahaan tak pahunchne ho aap."

"Dadi Ki Shaadi" Performing Impressively at the Box Office, Emotional Family Story Touching Audience Hearts



CHANDIGARH: At a time when action and glamour dominate most films, Kapil Sharma and Neetu Singh starrer "Dadi Ki Shaadi" is winning hearts with its simplicity, emotions, and strong family values. Since its release, the film has been performing consistently well at the box office and receiving an excellent response from audiences of all age groups.

The film's biggest strength is being considered its emotional storyline and the beautiful portrayal of family relationships. After a long time, audiences have got to see a wholesome family film that can be enjoyed together by every member of the family. Social media is also filled with positive reactions for the film, with many people calling it "the best family entertainer of the year."

In the movie, Kapil Sharma has not only made audiences laugh with his unique style but has also moved them emotionally, while Neetu Singh's screen presence and performance are being highly appreciated by viewers. The chemistry between the two artists and the emotionally driven family story are deeply connecting with audiences.

Many viewers coming out of cinema halls described the film as "heart-touching" and "a perfect movie to watch with family." What makes it even more special is that not only young audiences but also elderly viewers and family audiences are feeling emotionally connected to the film.

According to trade experts, the film's strong word-of-mouth publicity and excellent audience reviews are directly impacting its box office collections. This is why even in its second week after release, the film continues to perform strongly and maintain a solid hold in theatres.

"Dadi Ki Shaadi" is emerging not just as an entertaining film, but as a beautiful story about relationships, family, and love — one that audiences are embracing wholeheartedly.

Mouni Roy, Suraj announce separation in joint statement

Actress Mouni Roy and her husband, entrepreneur Suraj Nambiar, have announced their separation in a joint statement shared on social media on Thursday. The couple said they had mutually decided to "part ways" after "thoughtful reflection on evolving personal priorities," while also urging the media and the public to respect their privacy during the difficult period. In the formal statement, the two addressed ongoing speculation surrounding their relationship and expressed disappointment over media attention focused on their personal lives. "We note with dismay the unnecessary and intrusive attention into our personal lives by certain quarters of the media. We would like to state that we have decided to part ways and are taking the necessary time to address matters privately and amicably," the statement read. The note further clarified that the decision was made mutually and without external conflict. "After thoughtful reflection on evolving personal priorities, we have mutually chosen to move forward on separate paths with respect and understanding," the couple added.

Alongside the statement, Mouni Roy shared a personal message requesting privacy and restraint. "Humbly requesting everyone to give us privacy and dignity and not give out any false stories about me or Suraj. Expecting all of you to give us privacy in these hard times," she wrote. Despite the separation, the couple indicated they intend to remain on cordial terms moving forward. "We will endeavour to cherish our friendship in times to come. We sincerely appreciate your understanding, respect for our privacy, and the continued support extended to us during this time," the statement said.

The announcement came a day after rumours about trouble in the couple's marriage began circulating online. On May 13, Mouni Roy responded to the speculation through Instagram Stories, urging media platforms not to spread "false narratives." "Humbly requesting all the media houses not to publish false narratives and give us space and privacy. Please," she had written. Mouni Roy married Suraj Nambiar in Goa in January 2022. The couple held two wedding ceremonies following Bengali and South Indian traditions.



Dylan Sprouse, Barbara Palvin expecting first child



Actor Dylan Sprouse and model Barbara Palvin are expecting their first child together. The couple revealed the pregnancy while attending the 79th Annual Cannes Film Festival in Cannes, France, on Thursday, May 14. As reported by *People* magazine, Palvin appeared at the event in a light blue dress with cap sleeves and a feathered skirt, posing with her hand under her baby bump. Sprouse stood beside her in a tuxedo, with one arm around his wife as the couple posed for photographs together. The couple later announced the news on their official social media handles.

The announcement marks a new chapter for the couple, who tied the knot in Hungary in

July 2023 after confirming their engagement a month earlier. Sprouse and Palvin first met at a party in 2017 and began dating in June 2018. Over the years, the pair have frequently spoken about supporting one another's careers. Ahead of Palvin's appearance in the 2025 Victoria's Secret Fashion Show, Sprouse shared a message for his wife through *People* magazine. "I love you, baby. Break a leg tonight," he said, before jokingly adding that she did actually "break her foot" four weeks earlier, adding, "so, I wish you luck. I love you. I know you are going to kill it." Earlier this year, the couple also opened up about how they maintain their marriage while balancing work commitments. Speaking to *People* magazine in February 2025, following the launch of their Spring 2025 cam-

aign and *Dress to Express*, Palvin explained how they prioritise spending time together. "When I travel, he's there with me and we're not away from each other," she said. The model added, "When he's on set, I try to visit him. We have this rule that we're not supposed to be away from each other longer than two, three weeks." Last August, Palvin also shared details about undergoing surgery for endometriosis. In an Instagram post, she spoke about struggling for years with symptoms including "fatigue, severe pain, heavy and irregular flow" and "sleepless nights on the bathroom floor." "I thought this was just how it works for me," she wrote, adding that she was later "advised to seek out an endometriosis specialist."

Kumud Mishra, Sheeba Chaddha star in Farhan Khan's 'Mujhe Rok Lo'

Musical artist Farhan Khan has released "Mujhe Rok Lo", a cinematic track that marks the concluding chapter of his musical journey, Alif Laila. Featuring performances by acclaimed actors Kumud Mishra and Sheeba Chaddha alongside Pho Music and Farhan Khan himself, the song explores themes of longing, emotional vulnerability, memory and self-reflection, according to a press release.

Acting as the final piece of the Alif Laila narrative, *Mujhe Rok Lo* captures the emotional aftermath of love and the quiet desperation of holding onto moments slipping away. The track combines haunting melodies, poetic lyricism and emotionally charged visuals to bring the album's emotional universe full circle. The song has been lyrically written and composed by Farhan Khan, while the music production has been han-



dled by Moin. Speaking about the release, Farhan Khan said in a statement, "Alif Laila has been one of the most personal journeys of my life. 'Mujhe Rok Lo' is the emotional conclusion to that story, it's about holding onto people, memories, and feelings even

heartfelt way. It felt less like acting and more like experiencing a real emotion unfold. Farhan's storytelling has a rare emotional depth, and that's what makes this project feel so intimate and real."

Sunil Pal slams "vulgar" social media content

Veteran comedian and actor Sunil Pal has strongly criticised the growing culture of "short-cut fame" on social media, alleging that vulgar content, trolling and irresponsible comedy are negatively influencing the younger generation. Speaking to ANI, Pal expressed concern over the kind of content dominating digital platforms, claiming that many creators are gaining popularity through sensationalism rather than meaningful talent. "There is no censor on YouTube, so such films and reels are being made. Many boys come in reels wearing very few clothes, others sit in cars and talk nonsense just to create trends," he said. The comedian further alleged that online creators often encourage trolling



and abuse to increase engagement and views. "They hire trolls for views. If someone criticises them, they abuse that person and attack them online. Even when I say something positive like people should not abuse, I get targeted heavily," he added. Pal said the obsession with overnight success is harming the mindset of young audiences. "In the process of shortcuts, even number one becomes no one. If we write number one in shortcut, it becomes NO1," he remarked, using a wordplay to underline his point. Highlighting his interactions with students during college performances and public events, Pal said Indian youth possess immense potential in fields ranging from sports and arts to education and nation-building. "Our youth want to learn and achieve a lot. Their thinking is very good. But these shortcuts are taking them in the wrong direction," he said.

Referring to stand-up comedy and online entertainment trends, Pal criticised what he described as excessive use of abusive language, glorification of alcohol and drugs, and disrespect toward senior artists. "In many stand-up acts, all they talk about is drinking, drugs and abusing people. They even casually take the names of legends like Amitabh Bachchan and Dharmendra without understanding their stature," he said. Pal also expressed disappointment over what he called a lack of support from fellow comedians and artists from the industry. Pal said many stand-up acts focus excessively on "abuse, alcohol" and offensive humour instead of creativity and family entertainment. "In their 10-15 minute stand-up, all these things happen. They don't respect the elders," he said. "When I speak against such things, people surround and troll me. But many senior and junior artists who privately agree with me remain silent. If they spoke up too, things could change," he said. The actor further claimed that family audiences now specifically invite him because they associate his performances with clean comedy. "Wherever I go for shows, people tell me, 'Sunil ji, you won't do vulgarity because you are family entertainment,'" he added. Pal maintained that while social media has changed the entertainment landscape, creators and senior artists must take responsibility for guiding young audiences in the right direction.

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