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NEWS BRIEFS

Fourth MLA from AIADMK resigns, to join TVK

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CHENNAI: AIADMK legislator Esakki Subaya on Tuesday met Tamil Nadu Assembly Speaker J C D Prabhakar and submitted his resignation letter, making him the fourth party MLA to do so in two days.
The Ambasamudram MLA tendered his letter offering to resign his post as MLA to the Speaker at the Secretariat here. The latter initially declined to accept as it did not conform to the rules. Immediately, Subaya took back the typed letter and within minutes submitted the handwritten one which Prabhakar accepted.
Subaya is among the breakaway MLAs supporting former state ministers C Ve Shanmugam and S P Velumani and had voted in favour of the TVK government during the floor test in the Assembly on May 13.

CBI begins probe in Twisha death case

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BHOPAL: Bhopal Police on Tuesday said that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has begun its probe into the Twisha Sharma death case.Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police, Anil Sharma said they met CBI officials. "We met the CBI officials...The CBI has started the investigation at their level and the process to hand over the case to them is underway," he told ANI.A CBI team visited the residence of Samarth Singh, the husband of Twisha Sharma, as part of their investigation.The Supreme Court had directed the CBI to take over the investigation and proceed with the matter expeditiously. The CBI re-registered the FIR originally lodged at the Katara Hills Police Station and took over the case from the Bhopal Police.This Court's directive came following a comprehensive hearing that addressed multiple legal challenges that were pending across the trial court, the High Court, and the Supreme Court.After hearing extensive arguments from the legal representatives of the victim's family, the accused, and the state, the apex court disposed of the primary matter with the order for a CBI inquiry.

HP appoints Sanjay Gupta as Chief Secretary

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SHIMLA: The Himachal Pradesh government on Tuesday appointed senior IAS officer Sanjay Gupta as the regular Chief Secretary of the state, barely five days before his scheduled retirement on May 31, amid ongoing judicial scrutiny over his continuation in the top bureaucratic post.
According to a notification issued by the Department of Personnel, Governor Kavinder Gupta approved the appointment of Sanjay Gupta, an IAS officer of the 1988 batch, as Chief Secretary in the public interest.

US, India sign critical minerals pact to counter China's dominance

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The United States and India signed a sweeping critical minerals agreement on Tuesday, deepening their strategic partnership to secure supplies of rare earths and other materials essential to advanced technology, clean energy, and defense manufacturing, as both nations move to reduce dependence on Chinese-controlled supply chains.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio inked the Framework on "Securing of Supply in the Mining and Processing of Critical Minerals and Rare Earths" in New Delhi, formalizing cooperation that spans mining, processing, recycling, and related investment across the two countries.

The agreement arrives at a moment of intensifying global competition over minerals that underpin everything from electric vehicles to semiconductors and missile systems, markets long dominated by China.

"This framework sets a path toward reliable and resilient mineral supply chains," Rubio said, adding that coordinated efforts would strengthen American national security and economic competitiveness.

The U.S. Government is mobilizing unprecedented resources to secure critical mineral supply chains, supporting projects with more than $30 billion in letters of interest, investments, loans, and other support in partnership with the private sector.

These investments, along with Pax Silica and our reinvigorated diplomatic and commercial engagement are having a multiplier effect, mobilizing private capital many times greater than government outlays, which will generate billions of dollars in new projects to secure supply chains.

Officials said the government outlays were generating a multiplier effect, drawing in private capital many times greater than public spending.

Tuesday's signing builds on a series of moves that have rapidly accelerated India-U.S. coordination on the issue. In February 2026, India joined the U.S.-led Pax Silica initiative and Jaishankar attended a foreign ministers' meeting on critical minerals hosted by Rubio in Washington. The two countries are also cooperating under the Forum on Resource Geostrategic Engagement, known as FORGE, which Rubio launched earlier this year.

Quad emphasises energy security in Indo-Pacific

NEW DELHI: India, Australia, Japan and the United States of America reiterated their commitment towards ensuring energy stability and security and announced their intention to convene a Quad Fuel Security Forum to coordinate high-level discussions and facilitate cooperation in these areas. The details were shared by the Ministry of External Affairs in the Quad Statement on Indo-Pacific Energy Security.It said that the United States, Australia, India, and Japan will work to identify areas of cooperation for the Quad Initiative on Indo-Pacific Energy Security in technology, management, policy, international market analysis, and emergency response exercises through an engagement plan.To achieve this, the Quad will convene a Quad Fuel Security Forum to coordinate high-level discussions and facilitate cooperation, which would aim to recognise and leverage the unique resources and capabilities of each country's energy sector, including to strengthen their respective strategic petroleum systems."We recognise impacts of disruptions to global markets, particularly in relation to oil, gas, and petrochemical products as well as essential goods and critical downstream derivatives such as fertilisers, fall heavily on the Indo-Pacific region. Our leaders have expressed a clear collective intent to cooperate on energy security and resilience", the statement said.

Punjab civic polls see moderate voting amid clashes, allegations



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Punjab recorded over 62 per cent polling in elections to eight Municipal Corporations, 75 Municipal Councils and 20 Nagar Panchayats, even as several districts witnessed clashes, allegations of bogus voting and political confrontations during the polling process on Tuesday.

According to the State Election Commission, voting began at 8 am and will continue till 5 pm. Polling is being conducted through ballot papers instead of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). A total of 7,555 candidates are in the fray across the state.

Security was tightened across Punjab with nearly 35,000 police personnel deployed to ensure peaceful polling. Authorities also imposed restrictions on carrying several items inside polling stations, including switched-off mobile phones. A public holiday was declared in the state, while liquor sales remained prohibited during the voting period.

Tension surfaced at several locations during polling. In Ludhiana's Raikot, Congress alleged that supporters of AAP MLA Hakam Thekedar attacked Congress candidate Jagdev Singh Jagga from Ward No. 4 during the municipal council elections. Jagga sustained serious injuries and was first admitted to a local hospital before being referred to Ludhiana's DMC Hospital after his condition deteriorated.

Punjab Congress president Amrinder Singh Raja Warring strongly condemned the incident, alleging that the attack reflected a complete collapse of law and order under the Bhagwant Mann-led government. He demanded the immediate arrest of those involved and strict action against the perpetrators.

ED conducts multi-location raids in Punjab, Chandigarh over Rs 32.67 crore 'fraud' case

NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday carried out extensive search operations across multiple locations in Punjab and Chandigarh in connection with an alleged fraud and money laundering case involving Chandigarh Royale City Promoters Pvt Ltd (CRCPL) and the Royale Estate Group, officials said.The searches were conducted by the ED's Chandigarh Zonal Office-I under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). Officials, privy to the development, told ANI that the raids were conducted at several premises linked to the group, including the main office of Royale Estate Group located along the Chandigarh-Delhi Highway in Zirakpur.The action followed ED's probe initiated based on a case registered by the Punjab Police on July 19, 2025 against the directors and associated persons of Chandigarh Royale City Promoters Pvt Ltd in connection with alleged fraud and criminal conspiracy relating to deliberate default of statutory liabilities payable to Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA) and submission of dishonoured cheques amounting to approximately Rs 32.67 crore in relation to a residential colony project situated at Village Karala, SAS Nagar, Punjab.Investigators suspect that funds collected for the housing project were diverted through a network of associated entities and related parties. The ED also flagged suspicious inter-company transactions and alleged layering of funds linked to entities associated with the Royale Estate Group.Officials said the searches were conducted at multiple residential premises connected to individuals, including Praveen Kansal alias Rocky, Neeraj Kansal, Daljit Singh, Anurag Midha, Liaqat Ali, and Sumit Bansal, among others.During the raids, officials seized several incriminating documents, digital devices, financial records, and property-related papers, which are expected to aid further investigation.The ED said that the probe is ongoing and more details are likely to emerge as scrutiny of the seized material continues.

Five held in Pathankot ISI-linked spying network case

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Punjab Police and intelligence agencies have uncovered an alleged high-tech espionage network linked to Pakistan's ISI that was reportedly transmitting live footage of Indian Army and paramilitary movements from Pathankot to handlers across the border, officials said on Monday.

In the latest breakthrough, Pathankot Police arrested three more accused from Gurdaspur late Sunday night, including Hardeep Singh, the brother of the already arrested alleged mastermind Baljit Singh alias Beetu. Police said Hardeep Singh had allegedly helped conceal a mobile phone used in the operation and attempted to shield the accused from investigators. Two other accused, identified as Baljinder Singh alias Vicky and Taranpreet Singh alias Tannu, both residents of Sandalpur village in Gurdaspur district, were also arrested. According to police sources, the duo was allegedly in direct contact with Pakistan-based ISI handlers and acted as intermediaries in the network.

Gold drops Rs 2,800 to Rs 1.62 lakh/10g amid uncertainties

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Gold prices declined by Rs 2,800 to Rs 1.62 lakh per 10 grams in the national capital on Tuesday as military tensions between Washington and Tehran drove investors towards the US dollar.

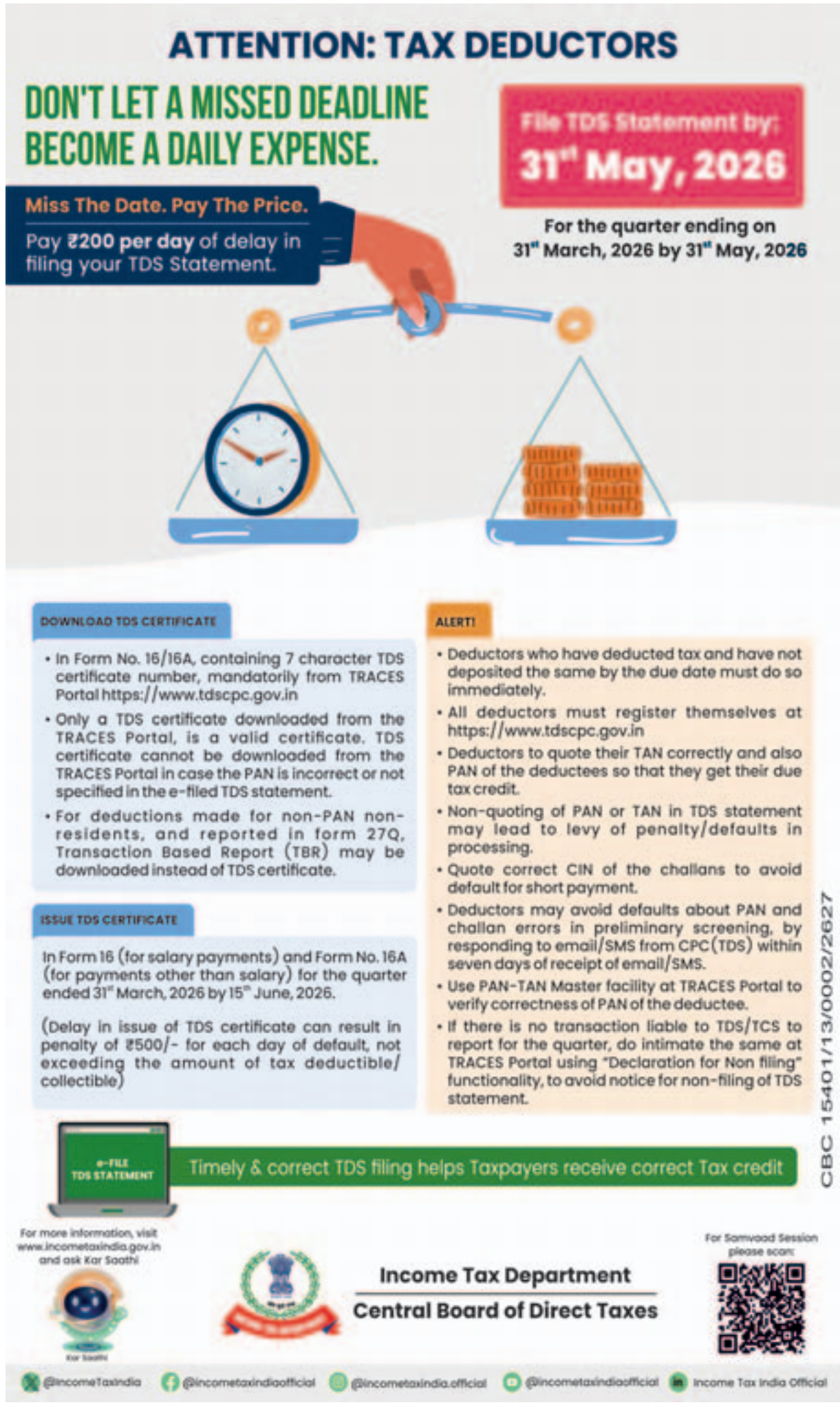
According to the All India Sarafa Association, the yellow metal of 99.9 per cent purity depreciated by Rs 2,800 to Rs 1,62,400 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes).

On Monday, gold had settled higher at Rs 1,65,200 per 10 grams.

"Gold prices turned lower on Tuesday and moved within a narrow range as uncertainty surrounding US-Iran negotiations kept investors cautious," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst - Commodities at HDFC Securities, said.

With no breakthrough on the diplomatic front, market participants largely stayed on the sidelines, avoiding aggressive positions and waiting for clearer signals on the geopolitical front, he added.

Silver, however, rose Rs 2,000 to Rs 2,73,000 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes), as per the association. It had finished at Rs 2,71,000 per kg in the previous session. "The ongoing lack of clarity has left precious metals in a state of consolidation, with the market also closely monitoring movement in crude oil, the US dollar, and Treasury yields for direction," Gandhi said. In the international markets, spot gold fell nearly 1 per cent to USD 4,534.69 per ounce, while silver slipped a little over 2 per cent to USD 76.49 per ounce. Analyst said market sentiment weakened after reports of fresh US military strikes on southern Iran despite ongoing negotiations in Qatar aimed at preserving a seven-week-old ceasefire. The United States Central Command said the operations were defensive in nature and did not signal an end to the ceasefire arrangement. Meanwhile, Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps claimed that it had shot down a US drone that entered Iranian airspace, adding another layer of uncertainty to already fragile negotiations. The renewed tensions pushed crude oil prices higher, reviving fears that elevated energy costs could sustain inflationary pressures globally and force central banks to maintain tighter monetary policy for longer. Saumil Gandhi said any progress toward a potential agreement could alleviate tensions in the energy market and address inflation concerns, creating a more favourable environment for precious metals. "Conversely, any setbacks in negotiations could reignite fears of inflation due to rising energy prices, which would reinforce expectations for tighter monetary policy and put additional pressure on gold and silver prices," he added.



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Elections to 3 Municipal Councils — Jandiala Guru, Majitha, Ramdas and 1 Nagar Panchayat Rayya concluded peacefully in District Amritsar



AMRITSAR (HARPAL SINGH): The general elections to 3 Municipal Councils namely Jandiala Guru, Majitha, Ramdas and 1 Nagar Panchayat Rayya in District Amritsar were conducted successfully and peacefully today. Despite the intense heat, voters of these Municipal Councils and Nagar Panchayat exercised their franchise enthusiastically.

District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner Mr. Dalwinderjit Singh informed that polling for the 3 Municipal Councils — Jandiala Guru, Majitha, Ramdas and Nagar Panchayat Rayya commenced at 8:00 AM and continued smoothly till 5:00 PM without any interruption. The overall polling percentage recorded across these Municipal Councils and Nagar Panchayat remained 63.5 percent.

Peaceful and high-participation voting marks Municipal Elections in District: DEO

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAY 26



The Municipal Council and Nagar Panchayat elections in the district were conducted peacefully on Sunday, with an impressive voter turnout of 69.10 percent.

According to officials, polling for a total of 80 wards under the Municipal Councils of Sirhind–Fatehgarh Sahib, Mandi Gobindgarh, Bassi Pathana and the Nagar Panchayat Khamanon took place without any disturbance, and the overall atmosphere remained calm throughout the day. District Election Officer–cum–Deputy Commissioner Dr. Sona Thind and Senior Superintendent of Police Shubham Aggarwal thanked the district's residents for participating in the democratic process with enthusiasm and discipline.

They also acknowledged the diligent efforts of civil and police personnel deployed on election duty for ensuring smooth and orderly polling.

Dr. Thind informed that Mandi Gobindgarh recorded a turnout of 71.11 percent, Sirhind–Fatehgarh Sahib 64.05 percent, Bassi Pathana 67.77 percent and Nagar Panchayat Khamanon registered the highest at 73.56 percent. With these figures, the district achieved a combined voter participation rate of 69.10 percent.

Officials expressed satisfaction over the peaceful conduct of the elections and reiterated their commitment to maintaining transparency in the entire process. The counting of votes will take place on May 29.

Demanding strict action against increasing Khalistani activities: Arvind Gautam

TILAK RAJ
MOHALI, MAY 26



Shiv Sena Punjab Youth Wing Punjab Chairman Arvind Gautam, Rajesh Malik District President Mohali, and Dinesh Khushwaha Kamgar Sena Mohali District President have written a letter to the Hon'ble Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, demanding strict action against increasing Khalistani activities and anti-national elements in Punjab.

The letter stated that Punjab is a sensitive border state adjoining Pakistan, where Pakistan-backed agencies are attempting to mislead the youth and promote Khalistani ideology.

Activities challenging the unity and integrity of the nation are continuously increasing through social media and public platforms. The Shiv Sena Punjab leaders stated that people associated with nationalist ideology in Punjab are continuously receiving threats, creating an atmosphere of fear among common citizens.

They urged the Central Government to identify Khalistani supporters and anti-national elements and take strict legal action against them.

Arvind Gautam also stated that immediate steps are necessary to stop separatist propaganda in order to maintain peace, brotherhood, and national unity in Punjab.

Municipal Council elections: 66.21% voter turnout recorded across six towns; polling conducted peacefully

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, MAY 26



A peaceful, fair and transparent voting process saw a total turnout of 66.21 percent in municipal council elections held on Tuesday across six towns in the district.

Under the directions of the State Election Commission, the district administration ensured robust security and other necessary arrangements throughout the polling exercise. Voting was conducted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., during which voters enthusiastically exercised their franchise.

Additional Deputy Commissioner-cum-Additional District Election Officer Nikas Kumar said turnout figures were 65.90 percent in Mukerian, 63.18 percent in Dasuya, 65.34 percent in Garhshankar, 68.80 percent in Haryiana, 75.03 percent in Garhdiwala and 67.07 percent in Uarmur Tanda.

Democratic spirit prevails in Pathankot-Sujanpur civic polls

PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): The municipal elections in Pathankot and Sujanpur witnessed heavy voter turnout and enthusiastic participation despite intense heat on Monday. Long queues were seen at several polling booths as people waited for hours to cast their votes.

However, voters at some booths complained about inadequate arrangements, including shortage of drinking water and insufficient cooling facilities. At the Government Senior Secondary School, Lamini, voters alleged that proper amenities had not been provided, causing inconvenience to senior citizens, women and sick persons. Punjab BJP working president and Pathankot MLA Ashwani Sharma cast his vote at the LDSS Plasma School polling booth in Ward No. 49. Minor tensions were also reported during polling. In Anandpur Rara area of Pathankot, Congress and BJP workers got into a heated argument over assistance being provided to an elderly woman voter. Police officials intervened promptly and restored order. A similar confrontation took place at a polling booth in Sujanpur's Ward No. 4, where supporters of the Aam Aadmi Party and Independent candidate Mahinder Bali allegedly clashed following the arrival of AAP leader Swaran Salaria.



FIR filed against five, including BJP local chief, for distributing liquor to voters during late-night campaign

HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): An FIR has been registered against five people, including the BJP Garhshankar mandal president and two female candidates, after allegations that liquor was being distributed to voters from two vehicles late last night in the run-up to the Nagar Council elections. Seven unnamed persons have also been named in the case.

According to police, the vehicles were stopped near Puda Colony close to Puda Park at around 1 a.m. yesterday after locals reported suspicious activity. Deputy Speaker Jai Krishan Singh Rouri visited the scene and gave a live account of the incident, showing the seized vehicles and their contents — bottles of liquor, BJP flags, and voter lists — and said action would be taken.

Classified

I Parvinder Kaur W/O Daulat Singh resident of Village: Nangal Thathal P.O Garhdiwala Distt: Hoshiarpur 144027, Here change my name and shall were after be known as Parwinder Kaur for all purpose and Declamtion
60018

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ਮੈਂ ਸਰਬਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਪਿਆਰਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਸਰਹਾਲਾ ਖੁਰਦ ਤਹਿ: ਗੜ੍ਹਸ਼ੰਕਰ ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਹੁਸ਼ਿਆਰਪੁਰ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੀ ਲੜਕੀ ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ। ਮੇਰਾ ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਅੱਜ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਕੋਈ ਤਾਲੁਕ ਵਾਸਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੀ ਲੜਕੀ ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਮੇਰੀ ਸੇਵਾ-ਸੰਭਾਲ, ਦੇਖ-ਭਾਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਦੀ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਮੈਂ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਖੁਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।
63372

ਮੈਂ, ਮਨੀਸ਼ ਬੱਤਰਾ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਵਿਮਲ ਬੱਤਰਾ ਵਾਸੀ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰਬਰ 56, ਅੰਬਿਕਾ ਕਲੋਨੀ, ਜਲੰਧਰ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਿਤਾ ਵਿਮਲ ਬੱਤਰਾ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਧਰਮ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਬੱਤਰਾ ਨਾਲੋਂ ਮੈਂ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਕਰੀਬਨ 20 ਸਾਲ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਖ ਰਹਿ ਰਿਹਾ ਹਾਂ। ਜਿਸ ਕਾਰਨ ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਪਿਤਾ ਵਿਮਲ ਬੱਤਰਾ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਸਾਰੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਸੰਪੱਤੀ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਜੋ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਕਿਸੇ ਤਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਲੈਣ-ਦੇਣ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ , ਉਹ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਖੁਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।
63372

I, Charanjeet Kaur, W/o Gurpyar Singh, R/o village Gandhuan, Tehsil Sunam, Distt Sangrur, declare that my son Narinder Singh is out of my control. So I disowned from our movable and immovable properties anybody dealing with him own risk.
63372

I, Pritpal Singh S/o Gurbachan Singh R/o Vill: Mandvi Po. Mandvi Teh-Moonak Distt. Sangrur declare that in my Passport my father name wrongly entered Gurbacahn Singh Cheema. But my father correct name is Gurbachan Singh. so amended my father name from Gurbacahn Singh Cheema to Gurbachan Singh in my Passport.
63372

I Mamta bedi C/O Jagan Preet Singh, Flat No. 319 B, Savitry Enclave, Savitry Tower, VIP Road, Zirakpur, PO Zirakpur, Distt. SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab – 140603 have changed my name from Mamta bedi to Mamta
60013

I Rajender Singh s/o Roshan Lal r/o Gharaunda, Tehsil Gharaunda, Distt Karnal (Hry). Have changed my name from Rajender Singh to Rajinder Singh. In future I should be known as Rajinder Singh.
100074

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I Prem Singh (Aadhaar No. 408429410524) S/o Sh. Ran Singh R/o Salarpur Road, Gobindgarh, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra, District Kurukshetra, have declared that my son Dilbag Singh and daughter-in-law Ruman Both are out of my control. That's why I disown both of them from my movable and immovable property. The person who deals with him in future will be responsible for himself. I will not have any responsibility.
100074

I, Khajan Singh son of Sadhu, resident of Village Ahar, Tehsil Israna, Distt. Panipat declare that my son Sahil and his wife Sakeena do not obey me. I have disowned them and have disinherited them from all my movable and immovable assets. Anybody dealing with them will do so at his/her own risk.
98732

I, Bhupender S/o Gyani Ram R/o Lakshman Chautra, Hansi, declare that in all my personal and official identification documents, my name is recorded as Bhupender. In my son Mayank's 10th & 12th class certificates, my name is wrongly written as Bhupender Singh due to a clerical mistake. In future, my name should be read as Bhupender Singh in all his school and board documents.
100046

Sahibdeep Singh S/o Jagdeep Singh R/o VPO Purain, Tehsil Jagraon (Ludhiana), I Have Changed My name from Sahibdeep Singh Bassi S/O Jagdeep Singh Bassi. Concerned Note.
98731

I, Tika Ram son of Surat Singh, r/o Village Sarfabad, Tehsil Safidon, Distt. Jind declare that name and date of birth of my son have been wrongly entered in his Adhar Card as 'Baby one of Pooja Rani' and 28.12.2017 whereas his actual name is Jewan and actual date of birth is 03.09.2017.
98732

Harminder Singh S/o Balbir Singh R/o Sukhmandeep Ice Factory, Chuni Khurd, Distt Fatehgarh Sahib Have Changed My Name To Harminder (Singh) As A Surname
666554

I, Deepika W/o Sh. Amit Resident of Gala Patti Village Kithana, Tehsil Rajound & District Kaithal, have changed my minor Daughter/Son name From First baby Dipika to Maneet . CONCERNED PLEASE NOTE.
100039

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sushil Ganotra S/o Late Sh. Suresh Kumar, House No. E-2104, Second Floor, Ansal Sushant City, Panipat declared that that my mother, Smt. Indu Ganotra W/o Late Sh. Suresh Kumar, passed away on 27-04-2024. My father, Sh. Suresh Kumar S/o Sh. Hardayal Ganotra, had also passed away on 23-06-2019. Further, the applicant's grandmother, Smt. Sham Devi, had passed away long ago. After the demise of Smt. Indu Ganotra and Shri Suresh Kumar, there are only two legal heirs:
Pooja Kakkar (Daughter)
Sushil Ganotra (Son)
There are no other legal heirs besides them. If any person has any objection, they may submit their objection within 30 days to the Municipal Corporation, Panipat.
900010

I, Rakesh Kumar S/o Sh. Lakhmi Chand Resident of Near Shiv Mandir Village Kathwar, Tehsil & District Kaithal, have changed my minor Daughter/Son name From Baby of Rakesh Kumar to Nistha Chaudhary.
100039

I, Kusum Devi W/o Jarnail Singh, R/o Near Rajni Colony, Aggarwal Colony, Gali No. 4, Kaithal, Tehsil & District Kaithal declare that I have changed my name from Kusum Devi to Kusum. In the future I should be known by the name Kusum. Concerned Please Note.
100039

I Atul Kumar Alias Atul Gupta S/o Kailash Gupta R/o H. No. 632-B, Surya Enclave, Jalandhar-144009, Punjab, have changed my name from Atul Kumar Alias Atul Gupta to Atul Gupta. All concerned may note
900026

I Kailash Chand S/o Murlidhar R/o H. No. 632-B, Surya Enclave, Jalandhar-144009, Punjab, have changed my name from Kailash Chand to Kailash Gupta. All concerned may note
900026

I Niti Bisht d/o Sudarshan Singh Bisht R/o Flat 234, Tower D2, Penta Homes, VIP Road, Zirakpur, Sas Nagar, Punjab 140603. have changed my Minor daughter's name from Priyanjli to Pranjaly Bisht.
60013

PUBLIC NOTICE

Punjab Gramin Bank Dirba intends to create equitable mortgage in respect of the property at Mehal Mubarak Colony, Kutta Khana, Sangrur-148001, measuring 510.43 sq. Yds with current owners Shakspal Singh S/o Pargat Singh and Mandeep Kaur W/o Shakspal Singh, any person claiming any interest or title in the property or otherwise having any objection can make representation to the bank within 7 days of publication of this notice. Punjab Gramin Bank Dirba-9888880115
63372

I, Kiran Bala, wife of Shri Anil Kumar, residing at Ward No. 9, near Channa Printing Press, Barwala, District Hisar have changed my name from Kiran Bala to Kiran.
989666

I , Renu Rawal W/o Gourav Makkar R/o HNo. 607/10 , S.B.I. Road, Near Old Bus Stand , Ward No. 13 , New Ashoka Colony , Kaithal (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Renu Rawal To Renu. Concerned Please Note.
84451

I hitherto known as Gurpreet Kaur D/o Khadak Singh R/O Village Khappain Wali 152026 PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Gurjit Kaur It is certified that I have compiled with other legal requirements in this connection
90002

I, NITISH SHARMA S/o PARSHOTAM SHARMA residing at House No. 332, 60 Ft. Road, Basant Avenue, Ludhiana, District Ludhiana, Punjab-141013, India, have changed the name of my minor daughter IBADAT SHARMA, aged 07 years and she shall hereafter be known as ARDAAS SHARMA. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.
90002

I, Paldeep Singh S/o Baldev Singh R/o Jago Sangha Chuheki Distt. Jalandhar my given name is Paldeep and my surname is Singh.
63372

I, Nirmal Kaur W/o Sohan Lal R/o Vpo. Hiala Teh-Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar, Pb, have changed my name from Nirmal Kaur to Kaur Nirmal.
63372

I, Suraj S/o Saroop Lal R/o Vpo. Bahloor Kalan Teh-Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar, Pb, have changed my name from Suraj to Kumar Suraj.
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I, Manjit Singh S/o Balvir Singh R/o Vill: Shahpur Patti Po. Jadla Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name to Manjit Singh Saini.
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I Davinder Singh Taur S/o Gurmeet Singh R/o Vpo. Nagra, Tehsil Samrala, District Ludhiana changed my name to Davinder Singh.
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I, Suman S/o Birbal Singh R/o Vill: Sihal Teh-Dirba Distt. Sangrur have changed my name from Suman to Suman Singh.
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I, Kajal W/o Amarjit Singh Vill-Pippli Teh-Shahkot Distt Jalandhar have change of my name from Kajal to Kajal Kaur. Concerned note.
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I, Prabhdeep Kaur W/o Baljinder Singh Sembhi R/o Chandigarh Road Mehla Colony Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name to Prabhdeep Kaur Sembhi.
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I, Pritpal Singh S/o Gurbachan Singh R/o Vill: Mandvi Po. Mandvi Teh-Moonak Distt. Sangrur have changed my name from Pritpal Singh Cheema to Pritpal Singh.
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I, Prabhu Devi W/o Gopal Kumar R/o 55, St.No. 8 Prem Basti Sangrur have known by both names Prabhu Devi and Kiran Devi one and the same person.
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I, Sukhwinder Singh S/o Mohinder Ram R/o Vpo. Dosanjh Khurd Teh-Banga Distt. S.B.S. Nagar, have changed my name from Sukhwinder Singh to Singh Sukhwinder. I have used Singh as my surname. Concerned note it.
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I Nazira W/O Bagha Khan R/O Bambiha Bhai Bagha Purana Moga have changed my name from Nazira to Shinderpal . Henceforth I shall we known as Shinderpal.
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I, Ravinder Pal S/o Rampal R/o H.No.853/11, Mandi Mullanpur, Jagraon (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Ravinder and taken Pal as a Surname.
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I, Mangat Ram S/o Jagan Nath R/o Vill: Dallewal Po. Goraya Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar declare that my given name is Mangat and my surname is Ram.
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I, Harman Kaur W/o Sumitpal Singh R/o Vill: Dallewal Po. Goraya Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar declare that my given name is Harman and my surname is Kaur.
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I Manpreet Singh Bhari S/O Rajinder Singh R/O Bhai Rupa Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Manpreet Singh.
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I, Paramjit Kaur Dal W/O Gurdas Singh R/O 25104 Hazi Rattan Road (Bathinda) Have Changed My Name To Paramjit Kaur.
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I, Shifali alias Shifali Goyal R/o H.No. 2671 Labhu Ram Street Sirhind (Fatehgarh Sahib) have changed my name from Shifali/Shifali Goyal to Shifali Aggarwal after marriage.
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I Samanjot Singh S/O Dharminder Singh Deol R/O Khandoor Distt. Ludhiana, I Changed My Name Samanjot Singh To Samanjot Singh Deol.
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I, Rajesh Jindal S/o Kasturi Lal R/o Gali No. 01, Water Works Area, Killianwali, Teh-Malout, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib, have changed my name from Rajesh Kumar to Rajesh Jindal.
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I Harman Singh S/O Satnam Singh R/O Vpo Mahal Tehsil Phillaur Distt Jalandhar Have Changed My Given Name To Read As Harman And Surname To Read As Singh Concerned Please Note.
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I Mandeep Kumar S/o Sulinder Pal R/o Vill Khojewala, PO. Khaira Majja Distt Kapurthala 144601,Punjab India have changed my name from Mandeep kumar to Mandeep is a given name and Kumar is a Sur Name.
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I, Bhawna Naveen W/o Kamal Kant Garg R/o W.No. 6 Surjan Basti Dirbha Distt. Sangrur Pb, have changed my name from Bhawna Naveen to Bhawna.
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I Abhinav S/o Surinder Kumar Sharma R/O H.No 3/57 Mohalla Bedian Banga Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab, have changed my name from Abhinav to Abhinav Ajnat. Please note.
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BJP District Vice President Pawan Manocha condemns not declaring results of Municipal Council elections immediately after voting



KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN): BJP's senior leader and Vice President of Mohali District Pawan Manocha has condemned the fact that when the local government elections have been held in the state today, why are the results not being declared today like before? Here today, he said that for the last two to three decades, it has always been the case that when the votes are cast, the counting of votes is done only after the voting is over and the results are declared.

He said that perhaps for the first time, the counting of votes will be done 2 days after the polling today, i.e. on May 29. He said that this has created suspicion among all the opposition parties that the current AAP government in the state should not push. He has demanded that the counting of votes be done immediately.

NEWS BRIEF

Appeal to Agarwals to become members of Agarwal Sabha Kharar

SHASHI PAL JAIN

KHARAR: Agarwal Sabha Kharar has been playing an important role in social service for the past many years and in the coming time a great effort of social service will be made by adding more members to this Sabha. Giving information in this regard today, Agarwal Sabha Kharar President Ravi Kant Gupta, Secretary Davinder Gupta and Cashier Ramesh Gupta Bunty said that at present the population of Kharar is about 3 lakhs and out of that the population of residents belonging to the Agarwal community is more than 50 thousand and more than 10 thousand families belonging to the Agarwal community are living here in the Kharar Municipal Council.

They said that therefore, all the residents of the Agarwal community are requested to associate themselves with the Agarwal Sabha, which has 514 members at present, so that in the future we can come together and make some big effort.

Bhagat Mal Katha to be held at Kotla power house from June 2–4

DALJEET AJNOHA

HOSHIARPUR: A group of residents from kotla power house will jointly host the Bhagat Mal Katha at the Radha Krishna Mandir Sant Baba Bal Ji Ashram from June 2 to June 4. According to organiser Ranjit Singh and other coordinators, the discourse will be delivered by Sant Baba Bal Ji Maharaj of Kotla Kalan. The katha will take place daily from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and langar (community meals) will be served to attendees each day.



Panchabhuta is guiding light of home: Dr. Bhupendra Vastu Shastri

DALJEET AJNOHA

HOSHIARPUR: Internationally acclaimed Vastu expert and author Dr. Bhupendra Vastu Shastri says the arrangement of a building's Vastu plays a crucial — sometimes direct, sometimes indirect — role in events that occur in our lives. "A person can learn from past mistakes and improve in the future only when the home's Vastu is corrected," he asserted.



Dr. Bhupendra explained that if the five elements (Panchabhuta) in a dwelling are properly balanced, the house itself becomes a pathfinder and a blessing for its occupants. "Our universe is formed from five elements — ether (akasha), earth (prithvi), water (jala), air (vayu) and fire (agni) — and these same elements go into building our homes," he said.

All diploma, degree apprentice union holds important meeting with Power Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond

TAPINDER SINGH
PATIALA, MAY 26



A delegation of the 'All Diploma/Degree Apprentice Union' today held a special meeting with Punjab's newly appointed Power Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond. At the beginning of the meeting, union leaders warmly welcomed the minister and congratulated him on assuming his new responsibility.

During the meeting, the union representatives raised in detail the long-pending issue concerning unemployed diploma and degree apprentices before the minister. The union leaders stated that despite possessing high qualifications and technical experience, thousands of young candidates are still unemployed.

The Power Minister listened carefully to the demands of the youth and assured them that prompt action would be taken on the matter. He said that the department would soon announce the relevant vacancies to provide employment opportunities to unemployed youth and deserving candidates would be given preference.

A special discussion was also held regarding the panel meeting scheduled by the administration on June 4. The minister assured the union that the government would seriously consider finding a concrete and meaningful solution to the demands of the youth during the June 4 meeting, so that educated and experienced candidates could get their rightful opportunities.

Among those present at the meeting were State President Sukhmander Gill Moga, Karan Sharma Ajnala, Sukhwinder Nathuwala, Jagjit Khanna, Jagjit Sangrur, Raju Ram Shutrana, Hari Singh Bareta and other union leaders.

Day 126 of gangstran te vaar: Punjab police conducts 509 raids; 229 held

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, MAY 26

Police teams from all the districts in coordination with Anti-Gangster Task Force (AGTF) Punjab have been conducting special operations across the state. On Day 126, Police teams arrested 229 individuals held with 10 weapons, taking the total arrests to 32,187 since the launch of the campaign.

As the decisive 'Gangstran Te Vaar' campaign enters its 126th day, Punjab Police on Tuesday conducted 509 raids at identified and mapped locations linked to associates of gangsters across the state.

As per the information, the "Gangstran Te Vaar"— a decisive war to make Punjab a gangster-free state was launched by the Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav on January 20, 2026.

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Apart from this, preventive action has been taken against 104 persons, whereas, 10 persons were verified and released after questioning. Police teams have also arrested three proclaimed offenders (POs) during the operation.

People can anonymously report information related to wanted criminals and gangsters, and also share tips on crime and criminal activity, through the Anti Gangster Helpline number 93946-93946. Meanwhile, Police teams have continued its drive against drugs "Yudh Nashian Virudh" for 451st day with 25 drug smugglers arrested today and recovered 513 grams heroin and Rs 20,200 drug money from their possession.

With this, the number of total drug smugglers arrested has reached to 65,502 in just 451 days.

As part of De-addiction, the Punjab Police has convinced four persons to undergo de-addiction and rehabilitation treatment today.

Drugs can harm your friends and family: Romesh Mahajan National Awardee



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GURDASPUR, MAY 26

To address the growing concern of drug abuse among the youth, the Red Cross Integrated and Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts Gurdaspur under the kind guidance and support of Sh. Shiv Dular Singh Dhillon IAS Retd., Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State branch Chandigarh, successfully arranged a drug awareness and prevention lecture at St. Kabir public sr sec school, vill. Bakhatpur, Gurdaspur. The initiative aimed to motivate students about the I'll effects of drug abuse. The programme was headed by its Principal Sh. S B Nair, management committee members and attended by a large audience of students and respected teachers.

Addressing the gathering, the team IRCA Gurdaspur comprising Sh. Raghbir Singh, Mrs KomalPreet kaur and Ms Abha Sharma delivered a brief impressive lecture highlighting the causes and effects of drug addiction. They stressed upon the signs of drug abuse and the importance of early intervention and support systems.

They also motivated them to not use any kinds of drugs in their life as the more you use the drugs the less you will live. The management of the school highly appreciated this action of the centre. While pledge taking, the students took oath to not touch any kind of drugs in their life and to be ambassadors of NMBA. The total number of beneficiaries was 250.

MCM holds internship orientation programme



CHANDIGARH, MAY 26

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women organised an Internship Orientation Programme for Semester II and Semester IV students from various disciplines to familiarise them with the internship framework under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the guidelines of Panjab University, Chandigarh.

The programme was conducted by Dr Nitasha Khehra, IQAC Co-Coordinator, and Dr Minakshi Rana, NEP Coordinator of the college.

The session highlighted the significance of internships in fostering experiential learning, multidisciplinary exposure, and skill development among students. Participants were informed about the mandatory internship categories, including Internship for Enhancing Employability (IEE), Internship for Developing Research Aptitude (IDRA), and Community Outreach Activities.

Detailed information was shared regarding internship duration, appointment of internship supervisors and mentors, maintenance of daily and weekly activity logbooks, and the overall internship process in accordance with Panjab University norms.

Students were advised to maintain regularity, discipline, and active participation throughout the internship period.

RBU secures prestigious positions in the all-India rankings



LK BANSAL
MOHALI, MAY 26

Rayat Bahra University has achieved remarkable recognition in the latest All-India University Rankings released by The Week, reaffirming its growing reputation in higher education across the country.

In another significant achievement, Rayat Bahra University was ranked 2nd in Punjab among Emerging Universities, reflecting its rapid academic growth and expanding influence in the education sector.

The university earned the distinction of being ranked 3rd in Punjab among Private Universities and secured the 35th position at the national level in the same category.

The institution also performed impressively in the broader national rankings.

University Chancellor Gurvinder Singh Bahra said that the achievement reflects the university's continuous commitment towards academic excellence, innovation, industry-oriented education, research, and holistic student development. He credited the faculty members, students, researchers, and administrative staff for their collective efforts in strengthening the institution's standing at the national level.

Khatri Sabha Mahila mandal and Khatri Sabha matrimonial committee's work is appreciable



AMRITSAR (HARPAL SINGH): Khatri Sabha Mahila Mandal and Khatri Sabha have been continuously carrying out social, cultural, and service-oriented activities with dedication for the past 15 years. Matrimonial Committee President Sunil Khanna stated that now a days middlemen and agents charge lakhs of rupees in the name of arranging matrimonial alliances, yet many families eventually break apart. In contrast, hundreds of matches arranged by the committee are successfully leading happy married lives today.

Dr. Swaraj Grover, who has been successfully working since 1968 to reunite thousands of broken and distressed families and restore happiness in their lives, said that one of the major cause of family disintegration in present times is the inability to find suitable matrimonial matches for deserving boys and girls. The Matrimonial Committee is a strong platform dedicated to strengthening family values. cooperation, and goodwill are the true identity of this committee.

Every single vote is greatest strength of democracy, one vote can change election results: Joginder Singh Salaria

BHOA (VERMA): Founder of the international organization PCT Humanity, Joginder Singh Salaria, while expressing his views regarding the Municipal Corporation and Municipal Council elections, stated that every single vote plays an extremely important role in a democracy. He said that many times candidates lose elections by just one vote, despite putting in tremendous hard work, strategy, and resources to secure victory. In such situations, the true value and power of a single vote become evident.



He further said that in earlier times, people could easily be influenced through big promises and assurances to gain votes, but the circumstances have completely changed today. The public is now far more aware of its rights, future, and development than ever before. Voters no longer support candidates merely on the basis of speeches or false promises; instead, they cast their votes after carefully evaluating a candidate's work, public image, and dedication toward the people.

Joginder Singh Salaria stated that the era when elections were won solely through slogans and assurances has come to an end. Today's voters clearly understand which candidate will genuinely work for public welfare and which one has entered the electoral field only to gain power. People now prefer to elect representatives who prioritize development work and sincerely strive to resolve the problems of the common public.

Mahilpur truck union stages protest against Centre over four fuel price hikes in two weeks: Dhiman



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, MAY 26

Truck drivers and owners from the Mahilpur Truck Union staged a protest on Monday, halting vehicles to denounce the Centre's decision to raise petrol and diesel prices four times in two weeks. The demonstration was led by union president Baljit Singh Bains and Labour Party leader Jai Gopal Dhiman. Speakers said repeated increases in petroleum prices are pushing the transport business to the brink. Bains and Dhiman argued that transporters provide livelihoods to thousands across the country but are being squeezed from all sides by government policies. They warned that successive fuel price rises have triggered steep inflation in food items and widespread public distress. Transporters are already burdened by high taxes, heavy tolls and steep permit fees imposed by successive administrations, they said, resulting in significantly reduced work and mounting debts.

Civil Surgeon conducts surprise inspection of civil hospital Amritsar; reviews heat stroke preparedness and emergency services



AMRITSAR (HARPALSINGH): Civil Surgeon Dr. Satinderjit Singh Bajaj conducted a surprise inspection of Civil Hospital Amritsar to review the functioning of emergency healthcare services and assess preparedness for the ongoing heat wave and heat stroke season.

During the visit, detailed inspections of the Emergency Ward, Trauma Centre, Intensive Care Unit (ICU), and Mortuary were carried out. The Civil Surgeon interacted with doctors, nursing staff, and supporting personnel to review patient care services, cleanliness arrangements, availability of medicines, emergency equipment, oxygen supply, and duty rosters.

Keeping in view the rising temperatures, special emphasis was laid on the preparedness to manage heat stroke and other heat-related illnesses. The Civil Surgeon inspected arrangements related to cooling facilities, availability of ORS packets, essential emergency medicines, ice packs, safe drinking water, and functional cooling equipment for the prompt treatment of heat stroke patients. He directed all emergency staff to remain fully alert and prepared to handle any heat-related emergency situation.

Moga and Kot Isekhan Municipal Council, Nagar Panchayat elections held peacefully

JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA
MOGA, MAY 26



The elections in 50 wards of Moga Municipal Corporation and 13 wards of Kot Isekhan Nagar Panchayat today began from 8 am and continued till 5 pm, which ended peacefully, even though the atmosphere of hot weather persisted outside many wards.

Out of the 130321 voters for the 50 wards of Moga and 10452 voters for the 13 wards of Nagar Panchayat Kot Ise Khan, 58.35 percent polling was recorded for Moga Municipal Corporation till 5 pm and 72.76 percent voting was recorded for Kot Ise Khan.

The counting of votes polled will be held on 29 May 2026 (Friday). While talking to the media, many voters used their votes by giving priority to development works. It is noteworthy that there was a very hot summer in ward number 3 and ward number 10 of Kot Isekhan. Similarly, a very hot atmosphere was seen in the seats of ward numbers 7, 11 and 12 of Kot Isekhan. While talking, Shiromani Akali Dal District President Nihal Singh Bhullar, Dharamkot constituency in-charge Barjinder Singh Makhan Brar, Moga constituency in-charge Sanjit Singh Sunny Gill and Urban President Sanmukh Bharti thanked all the voters for getting the huge support of Shiromani Akali Dal. They claimed that Shiromani Akali Dal candidates will definitely win in large numbers in these elections. Meanwhile, BJP District President and former MLA Harjot Singh Kamal and former District President Dr. Seemant Garg and District President of Congress Committee Hari Singh Khai also thanked the voters for their support.

Ex-serviceman Rinku Singh's inspiring initiative helping youth achieve success in Army and police services through free training

VERMA
GURDASPUR, MAY 26



At a time when many young people are struggling to find the right guidance and opportunities, former serviceman Rinku Singh has emerged as a beacon of inspiration for the youth of the region. With a strong sense of patriotism and dedication towards nation-building, he has been providing free training to young boys and girls for recruitment into the Army and Police services for the past nearly three years.

His tireless efforts and commitment have already transformed the lives of many youngsters, several of whom are now proudly serving the nation in the Army and Police departments. His initiative has not only inspired the youth but has also created a wave of positivity and motivation throughout the area.

Sharing information about the training program, Rinku Singh said that nearly 30 boys and girls gather daily at 5:00 AM at the SN College ground to undergo rigorous physical training.

The trainees are prepared according to the physical standards required for Army and Police recruitment examinations. They are trained in running, hurdles, push-ups, long jump, high jump, and various other physical activities aimed at improving endurance, discipline, and confidence.

He further stated that the training sessions are not limited to physical fitness alone. Along with strengthening their bodies, the youth are also encouraged to develop qualities such as discipline, self-confidence, determination, and patriotism. According to him, these values play a crucial role in shaping responsible citizens and dedicated officers of the nation.

To make the training more effective and engaging, Rinku Singh also organizes competitions for the participants from time to time.

Those who perform exceptionally well in these competitions are honored and rewarded, which further boosts their morale and motivates others to work harder. This healthy competitive spirit is helping young aspirants remain focused on their goals and strive for excellence.

Rinku Singh, who himself served the nation for 17 years, said that his mission now is to use his experience and knowledge to guide the youth in the right direction. He believes that if young people receive proper guidance, a positive environment, and sincere mentorship, they can not only uplift their families but also bring pride to the entire region and the country.

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Sultanwind police organizes "Chhabil" to provide relief amid rising heat

AMRITSAR (HARPAL SINGH): Punjab Police officials organized a "Chhabil" (sweet cold water distribution service) outside Sultanwind Police Station keeping in view the rising temperatures and public convenience in Amritsar on May 26.



On the occasion, senior police officials including Vishaljeet Singh, Preet Inder Singh, and Mohit Kumar, along with police staff, served sweet chilled water to passers-by and commuters as a gesture of public service and humanity.

The officials stated that Punjab Police remains committed to public welfare and continues to actively participate in social service initiatives for the well-being of society.

Local residents and commuters also appreciated the thoughtful initiative taken by the police department during the intense summer heat.

NEWS BRIEF

Essential goods handed over to migrant workers



PARAMJIT SINGH

JALANDHAR: Recently, the huts of migrant workers in village Raipur caught fire, destroying essential goods.
On the instructions of Deputy Commissioner Shri Varjit Walia, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Jalandhar-1 Mrs. Shubhi Angra led by Red Cross Society and Tehsildar Swapandeep Kaur provided food, ration, utensils and other assistance.
On this occasion, Secretary Red Cross Society Shri Surjit Lal and other employees were also present.

Eid-ul-Adha prayers to be held at Idgah mian samdushah on May 28

HARPAL SINGH

AMRITSAR: The management committee of Idgah Kabristan has announced that Eid-ul-Adha prayers will be offered at Idgah Mian Samdushah, Sultanwind Road, on May 28 at 9:00 AM.
Speaking to journalists, city Imam Mujammal Hussain Qadri said that Eid-ul-Adha is one of the most sacred and significant festivals of Islam. On this occasion, members of the Muslim community gather in mosques and Eidgahs to offer special prayers.



He stated that the holy festival of Eid-ul-Adha will be celebrated with religious devotion at Idgah Mian Samdushah under the supervision of the Idgah Kabristan management committee.

Bibi Jasmeet Kaur Chhina will contest from Sanour on behalf of Misal Satluj



RAWEL BHINDER

PATIALA: Bibi Jasmeet Kaur Chhina has been declared the candidate of Sanour assembly constituency by 'Misal Satluj'. Misal Satluj has made a program to field its candidates across Punjab and in the context of such a program, Bibi Jasmeet Kaur Chhina has been given the Sanour constituency. Bibi Chhina confirmed this by holding a press conference here today and said that she will join the sewa of the Panth and Punjab and this is her first innings in politics. She said that Sanour constituency is being looked after, there are many basic needs and she is promising the people that after getting administrative power, the issues of the people will be resolved on priority basis. Bibi Chhina also told that she is from a martyr family, her husband was martyred in the Sikh struggle and after raising her children, she has now started public service through politics and Sanaur constituency is not old for her, she has got her education in Bahadurgarh in this constituency and she knows the entire constituency well.

AAP accused of misusing govt schemes to sway local body elections: Tikshan Sood

DALJEET AJNOHA

HOSHIARPUR : Former cabinet minister and senior BJP leader Tikshan Sood has accused the Aam Aadmi Party of misusing government schemes and machinery during municipal and council elections. Sood claimed the AAP is panic-stricken over a possible defeat in the local body polls and is willing to adopt any means — including bribery and coercion — to secure victory and protect its reputation.



He alleged that despite the model code of conduct being in force across Punjab for local body elections, AAP legislators are flouting the rules by distributing government provisions such as flour, lentils, and sugar under their ration schemes in various neighbourhoods, often bringing along probable party candidates. Sood said one such event was held today at a depot in Railway Mandi.

SC Commission seeks report over alleged Punjab Congress Chief Warring audio clip

CHANDIGARH, MAY 26 (UNI)



The Punjab State Scheduled Castes Commission has taken suo motu cognisance of a controversial audio clip allegedly linked to Punjab Congress chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring and summoned Sri Muktsar Sahib Senior Superintendent of Police Abhimanyu Rana to appear before it on May 29.

According to the notice issued by the Commission, the action was initiated after a purported audio clip circulating on social media allegedly contained objectionable remarks referring to members of the Scheduled Castes community. The Commission stated that the matter was brought to its attention through a communication from Punjab Social Security and Social Justice Minister Baljit Kaur.

The Commission said it had decided to initiate an inquiry under Section 10 of the Punjab State Scheduled Castes Commission Act, 2004. It directed the police authorities to conduct a forensic examination of the audio clip and submit a detailed factual report regarding the authenticity of the recording and the voice sample analysis.

As per the notice, the SSP or SP Headquarters concerned has been asked to appear personally before the Commission at 9 am on May 29, along with the status of the forensic probe and all related investigation details. The Commission also warned that in case of non-compliance with its directions, it may invoke powers equivalent to those of a civil court under the provisions of the Act.

The alleged audio clip recently went viral on social media, triggering political controversy and objections from organisations associated with the Scheduled Castes community. Police and investigating agencies are currently examining the authenticity of the clip and whether the voice in the recording matches that of Raja Warring. Rejecting the allegations, Raja Warring termed the clip "fake propaganda" and accused the ruling AAP government of misusing institutions for political vendetta. "A child can identify that the voice is not mine. Instead of taking action against those spreading fake propaganda and lies, the AAP government is busy using institutions for political revenge," Warring said in a statement. The Punjab Congress chief further claimed that a similar fake audio clip had been circulated nearly seven years ago and alleged that the present controversy was another attempt to malign his image through the Scheduled Castes Commission.

AAP will not touch double figure: Warring

CHANDIGARH: Rubbishing the claims of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann that the Congress will not win more than nine seats in the ensuing 2027 assembly elections, Punjab Congress president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring today said that the Chief Minister was either living in a fools' paradise or deliberately misleading people of Punjab.

"Congress will further improve its 2017 performance in 2027 as people of Punjab have now realized that they committed a big mistake in 2022", he said. In a strong counter attack on Mann's claims, Warring asserted, "take it under my oath that the AAP will not touch the double figures this time as people of Punjab have had enough of their theatrics". He said the AAP leaders were used to such drama of "giving it in writing" about the number of seats they will win.

Arora says opposition's joint front proves AAP's strength

SUMER GARG
SUNAM, MAY 26



Cabinet Minister and Punjab President of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Aman Arora, after casting his vote along with his wife Shabina Arora in Ward No. 1 here, while responding to media queries said that the continuous increase in fuel prices by the Central Government amounts to putting an additional burden on the common people. He said the repeated hike in oil prices would lead to large-scale inflation and badly affect ordinary citizens.

Arora stated that India could procure cheaper oil from Iran and Iraq, but instead the Central Government was purchasing oil under the influence of the United States, resulting in expensive fuel for the people.

Expressing concern over the five times increase in fuel prices within the past few days, he said the rise in petroleum product prices would have a widespread impact on inflation and on the daily lives of common people. He urged the Central Government to formulate a people-friendly policy instead of acting like a puppet of any particular country. Arora further said that in Sunam, opposition parties were compelled to form a joint front, which he described as direct proof of the growing strength of the Aam Aadmi Party. He added that Municipal Council elections across Punjab were being conducted peacefully and no incidents of coercion or malpractice were being reported anywhere.

According to him, people were coming out in large numbers to cast their votes freely and according to their own choice. He also remarked that for the first time, voters were seen casting ballots without fear. Referring to previous governments, he alleged that instances of intimidation and electoral malpractice during elections were well known to the public. However, he said that during the current elections, the administration had been given strict instructions to maintain a peaceful atmosphere and not allow any anti-social element to disturb the electoral process.

Aman Arora visited various polling booths across all 23 wards of Sunam and encouraged party candidates. He also visited polling booths in Longowal to meet AAP candidates.

During this period, some members of the opposition also reportedly met him and acknowledged that the polling process was being conducted peacefully without any coercion or malpractice.

Dr. Balbir Singh launches 25-km road development works worth Rs 5 crore in urban estate

TAPINDER SINGH
PATIALA, MAY 26



Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Balbir Singh today launched development works for 25 kilometres of roads being constructed at a cost of around ?5 crore in Urban Estate Phase-2, Patiala.

On this occasion, he said that the Punjab Government is fully committed to providing better basic amenities to the people and ensuring the overall development of every city and village in the state.Dr. Balbir Singh stated that the renovation of roads in Urban Estate Phase-2 would provide major relief to residents and make transportation smoother. He informed that the Punjab Government has also released special funds for the repair and beautification of parks in the area so that people can enjoy a clean and green environment.Appealing to residents, the Health Minister said that keeping the surroundings clean is the shared responsibility of every citizen.

He urged people not to allow garbage heaps to accumulate and to pay special attention to the cleanliness of their homes and neighbourhoods. Praising the residents of Urban Estate, he said they had set an example by keeping their locality very clean and well-maintained.

He added that people from other areas should also draw inspiration from this.Dr. Balbir Singh encouraged people to plant more trees, saying that tree plantation is one of the greatest needs of the present time. He said that plants not only help keep the environment clean but are also the primary source of oxygen for human life. He added that a person can experience true happiness and peace only by staying connected with nature.

The Health Minister said that the Punjab Government's primary objective is to deliver better basic facilities to every citizen of the state. With this commitment, the government is working day and night for Punjab's development and the welfare of its people.

State level meeting of Master Cadre Union held



CHANDIGARH: An important meeting of the Master Cadre Union Punjab, struggling for the interests of teachers, was held in Phagwara, in which a large number of union leaders, founder members and district representatives from different districts of Punjab participated.

During the meeting, various leaders addressed and discussed in detail important issues related to teachers and important decisions were taken unanimously.During the meeting, Mann condemned the anti-employee policies of the government and said that promotions from Master Cadre to Lecturer and from Master Cadre to Headmaster should be done as soon as possible.

The leaders said that due to the long-standing suspension of promotions, there is an atmosphere of disappointment in the teaching profession and many posts are lying vacant in schools. If these promotions are done immediately, the education system will be strengthened and the poor and general class children studying in government schools will get direct benefit from it.

The meeting also welcomed the decision of Punjab and Haryana High Court regarding DA.

Polls for MC Dinanagar, Gurdaspur, Qadian, and Sham Chaurasi to be held on 13 June

CHANDIGARH: In pursuance to the Notification no. 03/01/Elections(S-2)/MEB/2026/78 dated 21.05.2026, issued u/s 13-A of the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911, by the Department of Local Government, Punjab, the State Election Commission Punjab announces the dates for the conduct of general elections to elect the members of MC Dinanagar, MC Gurdaspur, MC Qadian, and MC Sham Chaurasi.

As per the election schedule, the period for filing nomination papers will start from 30.05.2026 (Saturday) between 11:00 A.M. to 03:00 P.M. in the O/o of the concerned Returning Officer designated for the purpose.

The last date for filing nominations will be 03.06.2026 (Wednesday) upto 03:00 P.M. Scrutiny of the nominations will take place on 04.06.2026 (Thursday). The date for withdrawal of nominations will be 05.06.2026 (Friday) by 03:00 P.M. Elections to these Municipal Councils shall be held on 13.06.2026 (Saturday) from 08:00 A.M. to 04:00 P.M. The Counting of the votes will take place on the same day immediately after the completion of poll.

The Commission has made all the logistical arrangements to conduct these elections in a free, fair and peaceful manner.

With the announcement of the election schedule, the Model Code of Conduct has come into force with immediate effect in the jurisdiction of the Municipal Councils where the elections are going to be held. It will remain in force till the completion of the election process.

Govt should assign responsibility to Principal Secretary Krishan Kumar to eliminate corruption from local bodies department

GURDASPUR (VERMA): Today,former State Secretary of the Punjab Engineering Technical Drawing Wing and retired senior citizen Amrit Verma, along with retired Punjab Police officer and senior citizen Gurnam Singh, jointly stated that if the Punjab Government truly wants to eradicate corruption from the Local Bodies Department, then Principal Secretary Krishan Kumar should immediately be given charge of the department.





This, they said, would prove highly beneficial for the Punjab Government with immediate effect They further stated that it is commonly observed that unlike the Water Resources Management Department, where no senior officer can ignore rules and regulations considering it their strict responsibility, in the Local Bodies Department the rules and regulations framed by the Punjab Government are allegedly being ignored openly.

The same work is reportedly being repeated again and again only to book expenditures.

They alleged that in this department even a Sub-Divisional Engineer transfers roads belonging to another department, and the Municipal Council carries out premix work on such roads from its own budget, yet no inquiry is conducted, nor does the A.G. Audit Wing take any action.

Harbhajan Singh ETO casts vote like ordinary citizen along with family



HARPAL SINGH
AMRITSAR, MAY 26

Punjab Public Works Minister and MLA from Jandiala Guru, Harbhajan Singh ETO, today fulfilled his democratic duty by standing in line with ordinary voters along with his family and casting his vote during the ongoing Municipal Council elections in Jandiala Guru. He cast his vote at the polling booth of Ward No. 1 and appealed to the public to come out in large numbers and exercise their right to vote. Speaking to the media on the occasion, Cabinet Minister Harbhajan Singh ETO said that every citizen's participation in voting is essential for strengthening democracy. He stated that voting is not only a right but also a responsibility towards democracy. He added that the huge enthusiasm among people during the Municipal Council elections reflects their strong faith in the democratic process.

He further said that peaceful and fair elections are the beauty of democracy, and every voter should exercise their franchise without any fear or pressure.

Jathedar Daduwal hands over cheque of Rs 10 lakh to Haryana Committee on behalf of his trust

SARBJIT SUFI
LUDHIANA, MAY 26



In a special thanksgiving ceremony held on May 24 at Gurdwara Guru Granthsar Dadu Sahib, Sirsa, Haryana, the Panth's renowned Sikh preacher Ambassador for Peace Jathedar Baljit Singh Daduwal, Chairman Dharam Prachar, Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee, through its Sukh Sewa Simran Trust (Razi), honored children who excelled in the field of education and sports by giving them a special cash amount.

Along with this, the Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee, in the Guru Ke Langar service, which was announced to be donated Rs 10 lakh to the Haryana Committee for Guru Ke Langar service in the Panthic gathering at Gurdwara Dadu Sahib on April 12, a cheque was presented to the office bearers of the committee. Jathedar Daduwal's assistant brothers Jagmeet Singh Brar informed that Jathedar Daduwal ji, through his Sukh Sewa Simran Trust, always works for the marriage of girls from needy families, treatment of patients, payment of fees of needy school children and now he has also given special honors to children who excel in the field of educational sports. The girls' kabaddi team prepared by coach teacher Rajpal Singh Lakdawali, who won the Kabaddi Cup from Ferozepur the other day and had also won gold medals twice from Punjab, Jathedar Daduwal ji presented baskets of five kilos of almonds to 12 girls including coach Rajpal. Along with this, Rupinderjit Kaur, who came first in class 10 in the government school of village Dadu Sahib with 92% marks, and Ramandeep Kaur, a girl from village Dadu Sahib who came first in Plus Two with 87% marks, and Parvinder Kaur, a girl from village Tilokewala who won gold medal in Gatka, were also presented with gifts.

Lt Gen Harjeet Singh Sahi assumes charge as chief of staff, Western Command

PARAMJIT SINGH
CHANDIGARH, MAY 26

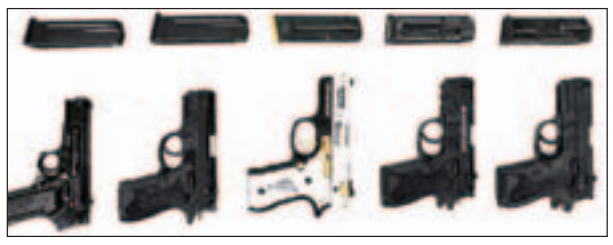


Lieutenant General Harjeet Singh Sahi, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, YSM, SM assumed the appointment of Chief of Staff, Headquarters Western Command on 26 May 2026 at Chandimandir Military Station. He succeeds Lieutenant General Puneet Ahuja, AVSM, SM, VSM, who has proceeded to assume the appointment of Director General Strategic Planning at Army Headquarters.

An alumnus of Punjab Public School Nabha and Indian Military Academy Dehradun, Lt Gen Sahi was commissioned into 23rd Battalion, The Rajput Regiment in December 1988 and presently holds the prestigious appointment of Colonel of The Rajput Regiment. The General Officer has extensive operational experience across the Northern, Western and Eastern theatres including Siachen Glacier. He commanded his battalion and an Infantry Brigade along the Line of Control and Counter Insurgency Force (Kilo) in Jammu and Kashmir. He has the unique distinction of commanding 3 Corps, the largest Corps of Indian Army with area of responsibility along Eastern Borders, Indo-Myanmar border and hinterland of six states of North East. He was instrumental in ensuring infrastructure upgradation and stability in the area of responsibility including state of Manipur that witnessed outbreak of ethnic conflict in May 2023. Prior to this appointment, he served as Commandant, Army War College, Mhow, where he spearheaded several initiatives aimed at aligning professional military education with emerging operational dynamics and technological advancements. Under his leadership, the institution was awarded the prestigious Chief of the Army Staff Unit Appreciation on 15 January 2026.

Weapon supplier held with 5 glock pistols in Ferozepur

TAPINDER SINGH
FEROZEPUR, MAY 26



In a major breakthrough amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state, Counter Intelligence (CI) Ferozepur has busted a cross-border illegal arms trafficking module with the arrest of its weapon supplier and recovered five .30 bore Glock pistols along with four live cartridges from their possession, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Tuesday.

The arrested accused has been identified as Lakhwinder Singh, a resident of village Khehra Ke Uttar in Ferozepur. The arrested accused has a criminal background and released from jail a month ago. DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary investigation has revealed that the recovered weapons were allegedly smuggled into India through cross-border channels and intended for further distribution through the network. The DGP said that further investigation is underway to uncover forward and backward linkages in this case to identify all individuals associated with the module. Sharing operational details, AIG CI Ferozepur Gursewak Singh said that police teams had received a reliable input about suspect Lakhwinder Singh working as a weapon supplier in the region.

Acting swiftly, the Police team of CI Ferozepur has carried out secret operation in the Kulgarhi area of Ferozepur and arrested Lakhwinder Singh, he said, while adding that during his search, police party recovered the consignment of five sophisticated weapons.

Rayat Bahra Professional University organises felicitation ceremony



HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): Rayat Bahra Professional University organised a grand felicitation ceremony to honour more than 300 students from various schools and academies who achieved outstanding results in the Class 12 Board Examinations 2026. The students were presented with certificates of appreciation and mementos in recognition of their achievements. A large number of students, parents, and teachers attended the event.

On this occasion, Avinash Rai Khanna congratulated the meritorious students and their parents for their remarkable achievements. He encouraged students to set clear goals in life and work consistently towards achieving them. He said that hard work, discipline, and positive thinking are the keys to success. During the programme, Dr. Chander Mohan shared the vision of the Rayat Bahra Group and said that the group started its journey in the field of education in the year 2000 and today three universities are being successfully operated under the group.

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Criminal absconding for eight years arrested in Theog: SP Sirmaur

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NAHAN: The PO Cell team of Sirmaur Police arrested a criminal declared absconding by the court for eight years from Theog in Shimla district. District SP NS Negi stated that the criminal, who had been absconding since 2018, had a case of burglary and theft registered against him at Rajgarh police station. The PO Cell team, Nahan, today arrested the said criminal, Jai Prakash, son of Shri Sundar Singh, resident of village Dhaila Dayothi, Dr. Shargaon, Tehsil Rajgarh, District Sirmaur, Himachal Pradesh, from Theog, Shimla. The SP stated that the accused, Jai Prakash, was wanted in case number 42/18, dated August 12, 2018, registered at Rajgarh police station under sections 457 and 380 of the Indian Penal Code. The accused was absconding since the registration of the case and was declared an absconder by the court. The team of PO Cell Nahan was continuously engaged in searching for the absconding criminals. In this connection, on the basis of secret information, the accused was arrested from Theog today. The arrested accused is being produced in the court for further action.

NEWS BRIEF

2,873 Voters to decide fate of hot BDC seat in Patta ward

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: The political fate of key candidate Ranesh Rana for the much-discussed BDC seat of Patta Ward No. 10 (Batoli Kalan-Haripur Sandoli) will be decided by 2,873 voters on May 31. The seat has emerged as one of the hottest contests in the BBN region, drawing significant public attention. Heavy polling was also witnessed on Tuesday in Sheetalpur, the home ward of Ranesh Rana. According to official figures, Gram Panchayat Bhatoli Kalan under Patta Development Block has a total of 1,962 voters, including 1,032 male and 930 female voters. Similarly, Gram Panchayat Haripur Sandoli has 911 voters, comprising 486 male and 425 female voters. Ranesh Rana is facing a tough contest against Ashok Kumar, a prominent contractor and experienced local leader who has served twice as Pradhan and once as a BDC member.

Explore possibilities of DBT under MIS: Chief Minister

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 26



Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, while presiding over a meeting of the Horticulture Department here Monday evening, has directed to explore the possibilities of monetary disbursals through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) under the procurement made under the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS). This would replace the existing payment system where benefits are transferred through non cash payments to the horticulturalists.

He asked the officers to ensure timely disbursal of the amount through DBT and said that the step would strengthen the small and marginalized apple growers and improve their economic conditions.

The Chief Minister instructed the department to assess the estimate of apple crop production for the ongoing season and initiate advance preparations to facilitate the horticulturists. The department informed that this year approximately 132 collection centres would be established for the procurement of apples through MIS. The Chief Minister directed the department to make hassle-free arrangements and adequate number of collection centres for the horticulturists to procure culled apples. Sukhu also emphasised the need of efficient management of the produce and directed to market the apple juice concentrate and other products of the Horticultural Produce Marketing Committee effectively to make it profitable to the institution. He also directed to increase the number of auction centres for expeditious sale of produce. He directed to digitize the entire procurement process to ensure greater transparency in the system. He said that the state government was committed to safeguarding the interests of the apple growers and has introduced various initiatives during the last three and half years to ensure the welfare of the farming community. Vice Chairman HPMC Surender Sharma, Principal Secretary Finance Devesh Kumar, Secretary Horticulture C. Paulrasu, Secretary to the Chief Minister Rakesh Kanwar, Director Digital Technology and Governance Dr. Nipun Jindal, Managing Director HPMC D.C. Rana, Deputy Commissioner Shimla Anupam Kashyap, Director Horticulture Satish Kumar and other senior officers were also present in the meeting.

Governor calls for religious tourism circuit in state



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAY 26

Emphasizing the immense spiritual and tourism potential of Himachal Pradesh, Governor of Himachal Pradesh Kavinder Gupta today called for the creation of a dedicated and well-structured Religious Tourism Circuit for Dev Bhoomi Himachal Pradesh, aimed at connecting the State's revered temples, Shakti Peethas, monasteries and sacred destinations through better infrastructure, enhanced connectivity and modern pilgrim facilities. He said that such an initiative would not only strengthen the spiritual identity of the State but also generate employment opportunities, boost the local economy and preserve the rich cultural and religious heritage of Himachal Pradesh. The Governor stated this while interacting with media persons after paying obeisance at the holy shrine of Maa Jwala Devi Temple in Kangra district today. The Governor was accompanied by the First Lady Smt Bindu Gupta. On the occasion, Shri Kavinder Gupta offered prayers for the peace, prosperity and well-being of the people of Himachal Pradesh and the entire nation and sought the divine blessings of Maa Jwala Devi for happiness and harmony across the country.

78.25% polling recorded in Una Panchayat Elections

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, MAY 26

Polling for the first phase of Panchayati Raj elections was conducted peacefully across 85 gram panchayats in Una district on Tuesday, recording an impressive 78.25 per cent voter turnout. According to District Election Officer Jatin Lal, out of a total 1,34,805 voters, as many as 1,05,485 electors exercised their franchise till 5 pm. Of these, 55,249 were women and 50,236 were men. The polling process remained peaceful, fair and smooth, with enthusiastic participation from youth, women and senior citizens. Long queues were witnessed at several polling stations from the early morning hours. Among all subdivisions, Amb recorded the highest turnout of 79.99 per cent, where 20,415 voters cast their votes, including 10,533 women and 9,882 men.

Bangana recorded 79.03 per cent polling with 19,946 voters, while Haroli registered 78.2 per cent turnout with 25,786 voters. In Una subdivision, the turnout stood at 77.38 per cent, with 20,809 voters exercising their franchise, while Gagret recorded 76.63 per cent polling, with 18,529 voters casting votes. The District Election Officer said polling was conducted in a cordial atmosphere without any untoward incident. He further informed that the second phase of Panchayati Raj elections in the district will be held on May 28 across 83 gram panchayats in all five development blocks — Amb, Bangana, Gagret, Una and Haroli. Preparations for the second phase have been completed to ensure smooth and peaceful polling.

Shiv Gauri Siddh Seva Mandal holds meeting for 26th Amarnath Yatra bhandara



SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: Shiv Gauri Siddh Seva Mandal organised a meeting in Baddi under the chairmanship of its president Ram Lok Chaudhary regarding preparations for the 26th annual bhandara during the upcoming Amarnath Yatra. During the meeting, Ram Lok Chaudhary said the historic Amarnath Yatra will commence from July 3 this year and the organisation will set up its 26th consecutive langar and service camp at Domail Baltal, around 14 kilometres before the holy cave shrine. He said the bhandara will continue from July 3 till the conclusion of the pilgrimage. Detailed discussions were held regarding arrangements for food, drinking water, accommodation, toilets, night stay facilities and other services for devotees. The organisers stressed providing improved facilities compared to previous years. Ram Lok Chaudhary said permission for the bhandara is being obtained from the Jammu and Kashmir administration and all official guidelines will be strictly followed during the event.

Bilaspur witnesses vibrant democratic spirit as Panchayat Polls record impressive 75.61% voting turnout

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, MAY 26



The first phase of Panchayati Raj Institution elections in Bilaspur district concluded on a highly enthusiastic and peaceful note, with voters across rural regions participating wholeheartedly in the grand democratic exercise. The district registered an impressive overall voter turnout of 75.61 percent, reflecting strong public faith in grassroots democracy and local self-governance.

Among all development blocks, Shri Naina Devi Ji emerged as the frontrunner with the highest polling percentage of 80.45 percent, showcasing exceptional public enthusiasm and civic participation. On the other hand, Ghumarwin Development Block recorded the lowest turnout at 71.76 percent. Significantly, women voters once again played a decisive role in strengthening democracy, registering a remarkable participation rate of 79.23 percent, while male voter turnout stood at 72.04 percent.

District Election Officer (Panchayat) and Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar informed that polling was conducted smoothly from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM under the guidelines issued by the State Election Commission. The first phase covered 62 Gram Panchayats across four development blocks of the district.

The Sadar Bilaspur Development Block recorded an encouraging voter turnout of 78.86 percent across 17 Panchayats. Ghumarwin Development Block registered 71.76 percent polling in its 21 Panchayats, while Shri Naina Devi Ji Development Block achieved the highest participation with 80.45 percent across 9 Panchayats. Jhanduta Development Block recorded 75.16 percent polling across 15 Panchayats.

The peaceful and energetic polling atmosphere across Bilaspur reflected the growing awareness and active participation of rural voters in shaping local governance and development.

Congress Seva Dal suspends Pawan Chaudhary over alleged anti-party activities

ANIL KUMAR
BHORANJ: The Himachal Pradesh Congress Seva Dal has suspended Pawan Chaudhary, a resident of Dhamrol village in Bhoranj Assembly constituency, with immediate effect over alleged anti-party activities and statements against a Congress-supported candidate in the Dharol Zila Parishad ward. The action was taken following recommendations by the party's disciplinary committee. Orders regarding the suspension were issued by Engineer Sandeep Batra, State General Secretary (Administration) of the Congress Seva Dal. According to the order, Pawan Chaudhary was allegedly making critical statements against the Congress-backed candidate and was found involved in activities considered against party discipline. The order stated that despite repeated warnings, no improvement was seen in his conduct, following which the disciplinary committee recommended his removal from all organisational posts and suspension from the Seva Dal. Copies of the suspension order have also been sent to senior party functionaries, including office bearers of the All India Congress Seva Dal, the Chief Minister and the HPCC president. Notably, Pawan Chaudhary's wife Rajkumari is contesting the Zila Parishad election from the Dhamrol ward as an independent candidate, while Rasna Devi is contesting as the Congress-supported nominee. Vijay Banyal, president of the Bhoranj Block Congress Committee, said the Congress Seva Dal is a disciplined organisation and there is no place for anti-party activities within it.

Jairam Thakur targets CM Sukhu over Chief Secretary appointment

DINESH AGARWAL
MANDI, MAY 26



Former Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur on Monday launched a sharp attack on the Congress government, alleging that Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu is "fully compromised" before corrupt officials. In a press statement issued from Mandi, Thakur strongly criticised the decision to give permanent appointment to the acting Chief Secretary, saying the move raises serious questions over the government's intentions. He said the appointment of an officer whose selection has been challenged in the High Court through a public interest litigation, and on which the court has issued notice to the government, was inappropriate at such a sensitive stage. Thakur alleged that three FIRs under the Prevention of Corruption Act have been registered against the officer and that the officer's name has also surfaced in the Chester Hills benami property case. Despite this, the government was allegedly shielding the officer instead of taking action, he claimed. The BJP leader further alleged that the Chief Minister was rewarding tainted officials and was planning to grant them service extension or reappointment after retirement.

Praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Thakur said the Centre's approval of two major tunnel projects worth Rs 2,620 crore to divert river waters was a strong response to critics questioning the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty with Pakistan. He said the Rs 2,352-crore Chenab-Beas Link Tunnel in Lahaul-Spiti and a Rs 268-crore sediment bypass tunnel at Salal Dam in Jammu and Kashmir would strengthen water and energy security while benefiting Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan.

Mushroom farming trainees complete final examination

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, MAY 26



The final examination of trainees undergoing mushroom farming training under the PNB Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI), Una, was successfully conducted at Talmehra and Dehar villages.

The examination was held in the presence of Chief Examiner Harmesh Rajput and Domain Examiner Aman. A total of 26 trainees appeared for the test, which included both written and oral assessments.

Chief Examiner Harmesh Rajput said that all trainees had worked hard throughout the training programme and performed well in the examination. He said that apart from mushroom production techniques, the participants were also provided valuable knowledge related to self-employment, investment management and entrepreneurship development during the training. Institute Director Sudhir Kumar Sharma informed that after the completion of the examination, the institute would continue to provide guidance and support to all trainees for the next two years to help them establish their self-employment ventures. He added that the training programme is conducted completely free of cost, and participants are also provided free facilities including meals, uniforms and stationery during the training period. National Career Service Centre Director Ranjan, who attended the programme as the chief guest, congratulated the trainees on successfully completing the training and encouraged them to start their own ventures.

Himachal Pride Foundation urges rural women to adopt self-employment for economic empowerment

ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR, MAY 26



A programme was organised recently at Bagdhar in Banikhet area of Chamba district under the aegis of Himachal Pride Foundation for rural women and girls under the Savitribai Phule Rural Women Self-Employment Scheme. The foundation's national president, Anil Kumar Singh, attended the event as chief guest and encouraged rural women and young girls to develop skills and adopt self-employment for financial independence. Addressing the gathering, Anil Kumar Singh said employment opportunities for women in the hilly regions of Himachal Pradesh remain limited. He said many rural women wish to move forward in life but are unable to do so because of lack of resources and professional training.

He added that self-employment can become a strong source of income for women if they work with dedication and receive proper skill training. He informed that the foundation is running training centres in several districts of the state where rural women are being trained in tailoring, embroidery and beauty parlour-related skills to help them become self-reliant. During the programme, diploma certificates were distributed to girls who successfully completed one-year training courses in tailoring, embroidery and beauty parlour work. Anil Kumar Singh further stated that the foundation is also focusing on the health and hygiene of economically weaker rural women and adolescent girls. He said the organisation regularly distributes free sanitary napkins at the grassroots level to spread awareness and help women protect themselves from serious health issues. He added that the foundation also organises health and hygiene awareness camps in rural areas to educate women and adolescent girls about sanitation and personal health.

Congress government has made mockery of key administrative appointments: Rakesh Jamwal



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: BJP State Chief Spokesperson and MLA Rakesh Jamwal said that the Congress government in Himachal Pradesh has turned important administrative appointments into a mockery. He stated that appointing senior IAS officer Sanjay Gupta as the regular Chief Secretary for merely four to five days reflects the government's confused and unstable administrative functioning. Jamwal said that Sanjay Gupta had already been serving as the Acting Chief Secretary with additional charge since October 1, 2025, and formalizing his appointment just days before his retirement has raised serious questions regarding the intentions and priorities of the state government. He alleged that the Congress government is functioning in an authoritarian manner and is pressurizing government officers while taking administrative decisions. According to Jamwal, instead of strengthening the administrative structure of the state, the government is focused on politically motivated decisions. The BJP leader further said that appointing someone to such a crucial constitutional and administrative post for an extremely short duration is an insult to the administrative system and negatively affects the morale of officers working within the government machinery. Rakesh Jamwal also pointed out that the appointment has come at a time when serious allegations and controversies related to Sanjay Gupta are already under public discussion.

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(Loan A/C No.) L9001060124780443, Kishan Chand (Borrower), Smt. Santosh Thakur (Co-Borrower)	17-Apr-26 Rs. 4,15,258/- Rs. Four Lac Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Eight Only As On 15-Apr-26	Property Situated At Khata Khatauni No. 10 Min/38 Min Share Of 1/7 Land Measuring 00-00-20 Hectre, Out Of Land Measuring 00-01-34 Hectre And Khata Khatauni No. 10 Min/44 Min Share Of 1/7 Land Measuring 00-00-38 Hectare Out Of Land Measuring 00-02-65 Hectre Total Land Measuring 00-00-58 Hectre (Along With House/ Structure In Khasra No. 99) Situated At Mohal Ganoti Tehsil Shimla (Rural) And District Shimla Hp. **Admeasuring 00-00-58 Hectre**
(Loan A/C No.) L9001060130130979 & L9001060837582940, Daya Ram (Borrower), Bansi Lal (Co-Borrower), Smt.Mira Devi (Co-Borrower)	17-Apr-26 Rs. 7,51,248/- Rs. Seven Lac Fifty-One Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Eight Only& Rs. 2,93,840/- Rs. Two Lac Ninety-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Only As On 15-Apr-26	Property Situated At- Hadbast No.35/85 Khasra No.2234/1565, Khewat/Khatauni No 383/503, Vill-Mohal Shamshi, 0.1 Km From Forest Chouk Shamshi Teh-Bhuntar, Dist- Kullu, Himachal Pradesh **Admeasuring 29 Sqmtr**

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Power employees protest against non-release of DA and Old Pension Scheme

SUKH NAHAR

JAGRAON: Under the leadership of the Technical Services Union, power employees today staged a protest demonstration at the Jagraon division office against the Punjab Government for not releasing pending dues, including Dearness Allowance (DA), and for not implementing the Old Pension Scheme. Addressing the employees on the occasion,



Technical Services Union Zone President Sukhwinder Singh Kaka and Jagraon Division President Avtar Singh Kler demanded that the Punjab Government immediately release the pending 18% DA arrears to employees and implement the Old Pension Scheme for employees recruited after 2004. They also demanded that the decision to implement Central pay scales for employees recruited after July 17, 2020 be withdrawn and that salary scales be provided according to the Punjab Government's Pay Commission recommendations.

NEWS BRIEF

Army Agniveer recruitment results declared for Hamirpur ARO, around 1,000 youth selected

ANIL KUMAR

HAMIRPUR: The final results for the recruitment of Agniveer General Duty, Agniveer Technical, and Tradesmen—conducted for the youth of districts Hamirpur, Bilaspur, and Una under the Army Agniveer Recruitment 2025-26—have been declared. Colonel Sridhar Rajan, Director of the Army Recruitment Office (ARO) Hamirpur, said that these results have been made available on the website joinindianarmy.nic.in. He further informed that, this time, approximately 1,000 youths have been selected under the jurisdiction of the Army Recruitment Office Hamirpur—a feat that constitutes a record in itself. Hamirpur centre recruits jawans from Hamirpur, Una and Bilaspur districts of Himachal Pradesh. He has appealed to all successful candidates to report to the Army Recruitment Office, Hamirpur, on May 27 at 8:30 AM to complete the subsequent formalities.

Tibetan cultural festival to feature storytelling and traditional dance

SANJAY AGGARWAL

DHARAMSHALA: At the Police Ground in the headquarters town of Dharamshala, visitors will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in Tibetan culture over the course of three days. This three-day Tibetan Cultural Festival is being organized from May 28 to May 30, promising to showcase the vibrant splendor of Tibetan heritage. Speaking at a press conference on Tuesday, Tenzin Lekshay, spokesperson for the



Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), announced that the festival would serve as a platform to showcase Tibetan culture and traditions. Cultural programs highlighting the richness of Tibetan heritage will be presented throughout the event. Additionally, a medical camp will be organized, and a book exhibition will be set up. This event is expected to be particularly beneficial for those interested in learning more about Tibetan culture.

Dalits will play central role in Congress: Rahul Gandhi

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Without explicitly naming anyone, including the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), Congress leader Rahul Gandhi attributed the rise and strengthening of parties catering to the Dalit vote bank solely to the policies of the Congress itself. Addressing a meeting of the party's Scheduled Castes Department at the Congress headquarters on Monday, Rahul Gandhi stated that had the Congress taken the appropriate measures for Dalits during the 1980s and 90s, neither would caste-based regional parties have emerged, nor would the Dalit community have gravitated toward them.Signalling a shift, Rahul Gandhi further asserted that Dalits would now play a central role within the Congress party.Sources present at the meeting revealed that Rahul Gandhi praised BSP founder Kanshi Ram, noting that he succeeded in uniting the Dalit community and instilling a sense of self-confidence within them.According to sources, Rahul Gandhi remarked during the meeting that the BJP is, on one hand, seeking to dismantle regional parties, while on the other, it is stripping Dalits of their rights. Atrocities against Dalits are on the rise.In this context, the Congress will champion the rights of Dalits, and they will occupy a pivotal position within the party. The Congress, he affirmed, will fulfil the dreams of Baba Saheb Ambedkar.Just a year ago, Rahul Gandhi had publicly acknowledged that the Congress had neglected the OBC community; he had even offered an apology for this at the time. Now, Rahul has articulated a nearly identical sentiment regarding the Dalit community.Essentially, through these efforts, Rahul is attempting to establish a strong foothold within the Dalit and backward communities. During the recent Lok Sabha elections, he held rallies while holding a copy of the Constitution, asserting that the Constitution was under threat during the Modi government's tenure.It is widely believed that this strategy yielded dividends for the Congress and the INDIA alliance among the Dalit electorate. Regarding the OBC category, Rahul Gandhi had advocated for a caste census. Collectively, these initiatives contributed to a doubling of the Congress party's seat tally in the Lok Sabha.With the upcoming Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections in mind, Rahul Gandhi appears to be intensifying his outreach campaign directed at the Dalit and backward classes. Last week, in his parliamentary constituency of Raebareli, he unveiled a statue of Veera Pasi, a freedom fighter hailing from the Dalit community, and also addressed a Bahujan Sabha.

Youth will gain practical work experience by doing internships alongside studies: SDM



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAY 26

SDM Devendra Sharma said that to develop youth skills and integrate them into mainstream, My Bharat is launching Experiential Learning Program as a pilot project in district. Its primary objective is to provide youth with practical experience in departments along with bookish knowledge. He said that under this program, ITI and college students will be attached to various government departments for internships. 40 departments have been identified for this project. All concerned departments should work in coordination and cooperation to make this project a success. He was giving instructions at District Youth Program Advisory Committee meeting in auditorium of Mini Secretariat today. During meeting, he instructed all departments to compulsorily onboard portal so that youth can apply online from home. He directed the Employment Department official to ensure that registered students are attached to relevant departments according to their qualifications. Upon completion of internship, children will receive experience certificates. Departments will ensure children's attendance and geo-tagged photos will be used for transparency. He directed all relevant departments to appoint nodal officers for smooth operation of project. SDM said that children under this project will also have work experience certificates by time they complete their studies which will facilitate their future employment opportunities. He appealed to departments to encourage any youth who wish to learn a skill on their own and submit their data to My Bharat portal.

North Western Railway achieves major energy milestones

YUGMARG BUREAU
JAIPUR, MAY 26



North Western Railway (NWR) has recorded significant achievements in energy conservation, electrification and solar power generation during April 2026, marking steady progress towards sustainable and efficient rail operations. According to Chief Public Relations Officer Amit Sudarshan, North Western Railway has made notable progress in electrification works. By April 2026, a total of 181 electric locomotives, including 78 WAP-7 and 103 WAG-9HC locomotives, have been successfully commissioned at the Bhagat Ki Kothi Electric Loco Shed. He said that across NWR's four divisions, 226 pairs of passenger trains, accounting for nearly 80 per cent of total passenger services, are now being operated successfully on electric traction. In freight transportation, around 61 per cent of total goods movement is being handled through electric traction. In the field of energy conservation, North Western Railway generated nearly 15.80 lakh units of electricity through solar power plants during April 2026. Additionally, by shutting down diesel locomotives during idle time, the railway saved 509 kilolitres of fuel, resulting in financial savings of approximately Rs 4.72 crore. NWR is also rapidly expanding its solar energy projects. Rooftop solar projects are currently underway across the Jaipur, Ajmer, Bikaner and Jodhpur divisions, with 348 kilowatts of solar capacity commissioned till April 2026. On the safety and modernization front, facilities such as KAVACH safety systems, LED headlights, waterless urinals, cab air-conditioning and advanced driver seats are being introduced in locomotives in a phased manner.

Ahead of monsoon, Municipal Corporation ramps up drain cleaning in Twin City

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 26



Keep view the ensuing monsoon season, the Municipal Corporation has intensified the campaign of cleaning drains in Twin City. MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora, Mayor Suman Bahmani, Municipal Corporation Commissioner andMahabir Prasad are coming to the field and inspecting the drains. In this series, on Tuesday, in 41 degree temperature, Mayor Suman Bahmani and Municipal Corporation Commissioner Mahabir Prasad inspected the cleaning of various drains including the drain from Prakash Chowk to Gori Shankar Temple of Jagadhri Zone. During the inspection, Mayor Suman Bahmani took stock of the cleaning system, silt lifting and drainage status of big drains of Jagadhri. Instructions were given to free the drains which were encroached and get them drained out. Mayor Suman Bahmani directed the officials to ensure complete cleaning of all the big and small drains of the city before the onset of monsoon so that the problem of waterlogging does not arise during the rains.She said that the places where illegal encroachments have been made on drains should be identified and action should be taken to remove them because due to encroachments the drainage of water gets affected and people have to face problems during the rains. During the inspection, the Mayor also gave instructions to immediately remove the silt being removed from the drains. She said that many times after cleaning the silt remained on the banks of the drains for a long time, due to which the same silt again went into the drains and the purpose of cleaning was not achieved. Therefore, no carelessness should be taken in the silt lifting work. Corporation Commissioner Mahabir Prasad said that the cleaning work of the drains of the city was being divided into three zones by the Municipal Corporation. Different teams have been given responsibility in each zone so that the cleaning work can be completed within the stipulated time limit. He instructed the officials to do regular monitoring and prepare daily reports of the cleaning work. Mayor Suman Bahmani said that the objective of the Municipal Corporation was to complete all the necessary preparations before the monsoon so that the city residents did not have to face problems like waterlogging, dirt and contaminated water.

Mehtab Kadian elected President of Jatan Mohalla Panchayat for second time



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAY 26

Special meeting was held under city's Jatan Mohalla Panchayat to discuss formation of management committee. Meeting was chaired by Amar Singh Mann, former District President of Numberdar Association. Present on occasion were Joginder Singh Lathar, former District President of Jat Mahasabha. Meeting was held in Shivalaya Temple complex.President Mehtab Kadian presented an audit report for past four years. Audit report was unanimously approved by members of Jatan Mohalla Panchayat present at meeting. All members participated in discussion regarding formation of management committee and farmer leader Mehtab Kadian was unanimously re-elected as President for next three years. After being elected as Chairman of Managing Committee, newly appointed Chairman Mehtab Kadian expressed his gratitude to all members present and said that responsibility which has been entrusted to him by Panchayat, he will discharge this responsibility with complete honesty and integrity. He said that soon with the cooperation of all the members, the Managing Committee will be expanded by including office bearers. On this occasion, a large number of committee members including Gyan Singh Kadian, Ashok Lathar, Jitendra Lathar, Jaipal Mann, Joginder Kadian, Karambir Lathar, Captain Iqbal Singh, Advocate Saurabh Kadian, Ajmer Lathar, Bijendra Lathar, Satinder Mann, Advocate Manish Lathar, senior journalist Yashpal Kadian were present.

Special Lok Adalat for cheque bounce cases at Panipat Court on May 30

RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT, MAY 26



The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Panipat, will organize a special Lok Adalat for cheque bounce cases on May 30, 2026, at the District Court Complex, Panipat, with thousands of pending cases expected to be resolved through mutual settlement. Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Varsha Sharma informed that two special courts are currently hearing cheque bounce cases in the district court under the Negotiable Instruments Act. These courts are presided over by Anuradha and Tarun Verma, where pending cases can be amicably settled through the Lok Adalat process. She said that parties who have received court notices should appear on the scheduled date, while those who have not received notices can also voluntarily visit the court, retrieve their case files, and seek settlement through mutual compromise. The CJM further stated that the DLSA will provide free legal aid to needy persons. Parties involved in cheque bounce disputes can approach the authority for assistance and resolution. Highlighting the scale of pending matters, she said nearly 8,000 cheque bounce cases are pending in the two special courts, with around 4,000 cases in one court alone. A significant number of these are expected to be taken up during the Lok Adalat. She added that most cheque bounce disputes are financial in nature, and once the complainant receives the due amount, litigation often becomes unnecessary. This makes such cases highly suitable for settlement through compromise and mediation. CJM Varsha Sharma noted that both the Supreme Court and High Courts have consistently encouraged mediation and mutual settlement in cheque bounce matters to ensure speedy justice.

Broken sides of Rihod-Barwala road causing accidents, villagers seeks repairs



JITENDRA KAUSHIK

BARWALA: Condition of road from Rihod to Barwala is continuously deteriorating. Cracks and sinkholes at several locations along road are causing significant inconvenience to pedestrians and drivers. Locals say broken edges pose a constant risk of accidents. According to villagers, traffic on Mouli-Barwala road has increased significantly since closure of Mouli-Barwala road. Due to constant movement of heavy vehicles, sides have broken at many places and the road has caved in in many areas.Drivers are forced to drive in middle of road. Residents say road is already narrow and broken edges, combined with risk of collisions between oncoming vehicles, are constantly present.Drivers often lose control while trying to avoid suddenly broken edges, further increasing risk of accidents. This problem becomes even more serious during rainy season.Waterlogging along roadside obscures potholes, increasing risk of vehicle slippage. Pedestrians and drivers face greater difficulties at night due to lack of adequate streetlights.

ICOLD Chief calls for Global Cooperation on Dam Safety



YUGMARG BUREAU

GUADALAJARA (MEXICO): International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD) President Devendra Kumar Sharma on Monday stressed the need for greater global cooperation and innovation in dam engineering to address the growing challenges posed by climate change. Addressing the inaugural session of the International Symposium on "Water, Energy, and Society: The Evolving Role of Dams in a Changing World" during the 94th Annual General Meeting of ICOLD in Guadalajara, Sharma said the role of the global dam engineering community has become more crucial than ever in ensuring water, food and energy security. The symposium, attended by around 1,000 professionals from 70 countries, was inaugurated in the presence of Jalisco Governor Pablo Lemus Navarro. Sharma, who is also a member of India's National Security Advisory Board and former chairman of the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission, said the accelerated impacts of climate change have posed unprecedented challenges for the global dam community.

Their safety is in our hands: Protecting humans and animals this summer: DC

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 26



Deputy Commissioner Preeti stated that it is essential to protect both the public and livestock from heatwaves. As the heat is increasing, people should take necessary measures as advised by the health department to avoid the heat and especially take special care of children. Advising the public to take precautions in daily life to protect themselves from the rising heat, Deputy Commissioner Preeti stated that if precautions are not taken in the face of rising temperatures, hot winds and heat waves can cause physical stress, which can even lead to death. She emphasized that heat rapidly depletes our body's water content, so drink adequate amounts of water throughout the day, even when not feeling thirsty. This helps regulate body temperature and prevents dehydration. Keep your home cool. Use curtains and shutters during the day. Keep windows open at night. Use fans and damp clothing. Ensure the availability of cool drinking water near your workplace. The Deputy Commissioner advised wearing light-colored, loose-fitting, and cotton clothing when going out in the sun. Use protective eyewear, an umbrella, a turban, a scarf, a hat, shoes, or slippers. Always carry water with you when traveling. If you work outside, use a hat or umbrella and keep a damp cloth over your head, neck, face, and limbs. To rehydrate, use ORS solution and homemade drinks like lassi, lemonade, buttermilk, etc. Recognize the symptoms of heat stroke such as, heat rash, or heat cramps, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea, and seizures. If you feel faint or unwell, consult a doctor immediately. She advised that to avoid the increasing heat and heat wave, citizens should avoid going outside during the afternoon, especially between 12 and 3 pm. Along with citizens, livestock also need to be protected from the heat. She added that during the summer, farmers and livestock owners' livestock are also affected and need to be protected from the heat.

Parmar named best Yogi at open Yoga competition

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, MAY 26



Mukand Lal Public School student Parmar was adjudged "Best Yogi," while Deeksha and Ruchi of Khalsa Yoga Academy were jointly declared "Best Yogini" at a grand Open Yoga Competition held at the auditorium of DAV Girls College, Yamunanagar.

The event was jointly organized by Yoga Bharati Yamunanagar and the Yoga Department of DAV College. Participants from various schools and yoga academies enthusiastically took part in the competition and displayed impressive yoga skills.

During the prize distribution ceremony, all participants were honored and the results were officially announced. Parmar received the title of Best Yogi for his outstanding performance, while Deeksha and Ruchi shared the Best Yogini title in the girls' category.

The winners were presented with cash prizes and trophies, while participants securing first, second and third positions in different age groups and categories were awarded medals. Chief Guest Dr. (Major) Harinder Singh Kang, retired Principal of Guru Nanak Khalsa College, felicitated the winners and wished them a bright future. Addressing the gathering, he described yoga as the foundation of a healthy life and encouraged youngsters to adopt it as a regular practice.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Viresh Shandilya welcomes Maulana Arshad Madani's statement on declaring cow as national animal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
AMBALA : Vireesh Shandilya, international president of Vishva Hindu Takht, has welcomed the statement made by Maulana Arshad Madani in which the cleric urged the Central Government to declare the cow as the national animal.
Reacting to the statement, Shandilya said Madani's remarks were a matter of respect for crores of followers of Sanatan Dharma. He stated that cows hold religious significance in Hindu beliefs and are revered in Indian culture.
The Vishva Hindu Takht and Brahmin Mahapanchayat leader said that voices promoting harmony between Hindu and Muslim communities still exist in the country. Referring to freedom fighter Ashfaqulla Khan, he said there have always been individuals who worked towards communal harmony and national unity. Shandilya further said that Madani's demand for declaring the cow a national animal reflects efforts to strengthen social harmony and mutual respect between communities. He also appealed to people involved in cow slaughter-related activities to reflect upon Madani's statement. He announced that Maulana Arshad Madani would be honoured with a "Gaurakshak Award" by Vishva Hindu Takht for his statement supporting cow protection.

CM reviews major ongoing development projects in state

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MAY 26

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini on Tuesday chaired a high-level 'Pragati' review meeting at the Haryana Civil Secretariat to assess the status of major development projects worth more than Rs. 75 crores currently underway across the state. Stressing the need for timely execution, the Chief Minister directed all departments to accelerate the pace of work and ensure that projects are completed within stipulated timelines.

Major Healthcare Projects Reviewed

During the meeting, special emphasis was laid on key healthcare infrastructure projects aimed at strengthening medical facilities in the state.

Reviewing the construction of the Mother and Child Hospital and Service Block at Faridabad Civil Hospital, officers apprised the Chief Minister that nearly 28 percent of the work has been completed and the project is scheduled for completion by January 18, 2028.

Similarly, the officers further apprised the Chief Minister about the 100-bed Mother and Child Hospital being constructed at the Sonipat Civil Hospital campus at a cost of Rs. 138.12 crore. Around 20 percent of the project work has been completed so far and the facility is expected to be ready by October



19, 2027.

The Chief Minister also reviewed the construction of a 100-bed hospital at Assandh in Karnal, being developed at a cost of Rs. 76.19 crore. Officers further apprised that approximately 25 percent of the work has already been completed.

Emphasising the importance of quality healthcare infrastructure, the Chief Minister said that all health-related projects must be developed as per the highest standards and that no compromise with quality would be tolerated at any level. The Chief Minister said that the government has further intensified administrative monitoring to ensure faster execution of developmental and infrastructure projects across Haryana. Officers further apprised the Chief Minister that construction work on the International Convention Centre in Sector-78, Faridabad, being developed at a cost of Rs. 378.90 crore, has achieved nearly 50 percent physical progress. The project is expected to be completed by February 2027. Under the education and horticulture sector, the Chief Minister also reviewed the construction of the Maharana Pratap Horticultural University (MHU) campus in Karnal, which is being developed at a cost of Rs. 422.54 crore. Officers further apprised that the project has progressed up to 43 percent completion. Officers further apprised the Chief Minister that approval has been granted for setting up a new 90 KLPD capacity multi-feed ethanol plant at Panipat Sugar Mills under the Cooperation Department at an estimated cost of Rs. 200 crore.

D-Saint School organises annual academic award ceremony



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
JHINJHANA, MAY 26

D-Saint School, Jhinjhana organised its annual academic award distribution ceremony with great enthusiasm and celebration to honour students for their outstanding academic achievements.

The programme began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp before Goddess Saraswati by school manager R.P. Singh, principal Santosh Tomar, Leela Singh and Mukesh Tomar, while Dinesh Chandra Sharma and Satyabir Singh offered floral tributes. Students presented a Saraswati Vandana, adding a devotional touch to the event.

The school management honoured students from Nursery to Class 12 who secured first, second and third positions in their respective classes. The ceremony aimed to encourage meritorious students and inspire others towards academic excellence.

Senior teacher Dinesh Chandra Sharma conducted the stage proceedings, while the event was presided over by school manager R.P. Singh.

Among the award winners, Akshit, Deepa and Deshvi secured the top three positions in Nursery, while Vidhan, Sagar and Vedanti were honoured in LKG. In UKG, Naksh, Yash and Greeva secured the first three positions respectively.

From primary classes onward, students including Lavi, Aastha, Keshav, Navjot Kaur, Nirneet Kaur, Aina, Sunita, Avni, Hania, Paridhi, Jiya, Radhika, Vanshika, Manjot, Shagandeep Kaur, Prince, Jia Chauhan and Mahak Khan were among those felicitated for academic excellence.

In board classes, Anshika, Navya and Aarish secured top positions in Class 10, while Monica, Vanshika and Aditya excelled in the Class 12 science stream. In the arts stream, Pavandeep Kaur secured first place, followed by Jyoti and Parvjot jointly in second place, while Ritu Chauhan secured third position.

Among CBSE students, Nawajish secured first position in Class 12, followed by Riyansh Saini and Nihal Rana.

The "Best Student Award" for the year was presented to Shagandeep Kaur of Class 8 for her overall performance and achievements.

Several parents and guests, including Ajaiv Singh, Pradeep Kumar, Billu, Purushottam, Rajendra Singh, Harpreet Singh, Sachin Kumar, Gurdeep Singh, Mamtesh and Sujit Kaur, attended the event.

Discussion held at Jayaram Public School on how to make lectures effective and interactive

HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA, MAY 26

Under the inspiration of Brahm Swaroop Brahmachari—the Supreme Head of the nationwide network of Shri Jayaram Institutions and Chairman of the Shri Jayaram Educational Institute—teachers are receiving tips on enhancing their teaching skills during a three-day teacher training workshop currently being held at the Smt. Kesari Devi Lohia Jayaram Public School. On the second day of the workshop, the focus was on how to make lectures both effective and interactive. Speaking on the occasion, the keynote speaker, Dr. Sudhir Sharma, explained that the process begins with teachers and students attaining a state of calm and concentration through the practice of *Anulom-Vilom* (alternate-nostril breathing) and other breathing exercises. He emphasized that teachers should cultivate a sense of curiosity among



students, thereby enabling them to grasp the subject matter more effectively. As part of the programme, a specific activity was conducted wherein all the participating teachers presented their views on various subjects within a stipulated time frame.

Also present at the event was music teacher Ghanshyam, who—drawing inspiration from the folk culture of the hills—highlighted the usage of *Raga Pahadi* in Himachali folk songs and performed several beautiful hill ballads in his melodious voice, which were highly appreciated by the teachers in attendance. Meanwhile, Tabla artist Nitin Sharma further enriched the programme with his captivating Tabla performance. School Principal Anju Agarwal was also present throughout the workshop.

HSNCB Karnal unit arrests two drug traffickers with 8.76 grams heroin

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAY 26

The Karnal unit of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau (HSNCB) has arrested two alleged drug traffickers and recovered 8.76 grams of heroin from their possession during a special anti-narcotics operation.

According to officials, the action was taken on the directions of HSNCB chief and Additional Director General of Police Sanjay Kumar and under the supervision of Bureau Superintendent of Police Mohit Handa as part of the ongoing campaign against drug trafficking across Haryana.

Karnal unit in-charge Inspector Rishipal Kumar said Sub-Inspector Narendra Kumar received secret information that two persons, identified as Mohit and Manish, were involved in the sale of heroin in Karnal city. Acting on the tip-off, the police



team conducted a raid in Gali No. 1 of Shastri Nagar and intercepted the accused on a motorcycle.

During the search conducted in the presence of a gazetted officer, police recovered 8.76 grams of heroin from the possession of the accused.

The arrested accused have been identified as Mohit, son of Ramchandra, resident of Shastri Nagar near the railway underpass, and Manish, son of Mahendra, resident of Shiv Colony near Chauhan Studio, Karnal. Police said both accused were produced before the court and taken on police remand for further interrogation. Investigators are now trying to trace the wider drug trafficking network and identify other persons linked to the racket. ADGP Sanjay Kumar reiterated that eliminating the roots of drug abuse and trafficking remains the bureau's top priority.

Power employees protest in Barara; no consensus reached even after talks

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA: On Tuesday, employees staged a vigorous protest within the premises of the Barara sub-divisional office of the Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (UHBVN) under the banner of the Contractual Electricity Employees Union. Affiliated with the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, this organization brought work to a standstill for two hours, demanding that technical staff currently posted in offices be deployed for field duties. The employees allege that the dispute remains unresolved due to the obstinate stance adopted by the Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO). In fact, the union had already submitted a notice to the department regarding this matter on May 22.



Acting according to a predetermined strategy, when employees gathered on the premises today and began raising slogans, officials finally sprang into action under administrative pressure. The SDO issued a letter inviting union office-bearers to the negotiating table for talks. During these discussions—conducted under the coordination of District Executive President Manish Sangwan and the chairmanship of Dinesh Kamboj—the management's attitude remained wavering, preventing any consensus from being reached. District President Manoj Saini and Secretary Sandeep Saini stated that if technical staff are not present in the field during this summer season, the general public will have to face significant hardships. The organization has warned that if a concrete decision regarding their demands is not taken soon, this sit-in protest will continue indefinitely. Hundreds of employees—including those working on DC rates and those under the Haryana Kaushal Rojgar Nigam—were present on this occasion.

Smt Ahilya Bai Holkar Skill Development Center started training courses in computer and digital skills for youth

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Smt. Ahilya Bai Holkar Skill Development Center is being run in Karnal by Swabalambi Bharat Abhiyan Karnal and Swarnim Bharat Foundation. Training courses under computer and digital skills for youth and teenagers were started on Tuesday by this Centre. Computer training course was launched at the center. The chief guest on the occasion was Megha Bhandari, Chairperson of Centers for Hearing Handicapped in Haryana. Councilor Sankalp Bhandari was present in the program. On this occasion, chief guest Megha Bhandari said that it was important for the youth today to have computer knowledge. He said that especially with the support of the government, such centers can prove helpful in providing employment to the people. On this occasion, the chief guest was welcomed by Suresh Puri, Pravesh Agarwal, Meenu Chawla.



Thirty girls have taken admission in the Centre. Through this, youth are being given training in computer and AI technology. Giving information, center in-charge Pravesh Agarwal, Devendra Arora and Suresh Puri said that training programs have started under this, training in IT literacy, course window internet, Word, Excel, Power Point and typing is being given under the course conducted by Haryana State Certificate Window Information Technology. The duration of this course will be three months. After the training, the trainees will be given certificates of HKCL and Technical Education of Haryana and Swalambi Bharat Abhiyan. The second course has started with the training of Computer and Digital Skills Vocational Course. Its duration has been kept for 36 days. This training will be given from 9 am to 11 am. This course has started from May 25. In this, certificates will be given by Swabalambi Bharat Abhiyan and Swarnim Bharat Foundation. Ahilyawai Holkar Skill Development Center Sector 14 Beauty and Nail Wellness training program is also being started.

Mayor Renu Bala Gupta listens to public grievances, stresses citizen participation for Karnal's development

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAY 26



Karnal Mayor Renu Bala Gupta on Tuesday interacted with residents at her office and listened to various civic grievances, while directing officials to ensure prompt and transparent resolution of complaints.

During the public interaction programme, several issues raised by citizens were resolved on the spot. The Mayor held detailed discussions on matters related to public welfare and assured residents that the Municipal Corporation remains committed to addressing their concerns effectively.

She instructed concerned officials to take immediate and effective action on complaints so that citizens do not face inconvenience. She said the primary objective of the Municipal Corporation is not merely administrative functioning, but treating every public issue as a responsibility and resolving it in a time-bound manner.

Discussions during the programme focused on strengthening sanitation arrangements, road repairs, drainage systems, street lighting, cleanliness drives, maintenance of parks and other basic civic facilities in the city.

Renu Bala Gupta said continuous efforts are being made to transform Karnal into a clean, beautiful and modern city equipped with better civic infrastructure. She added that public trust, suggestions and participation are the biggest strengths for the city's development.

She urged residents to openly share issues related to their areas so that the Municipal Corporation can work more effectively and efficiently.

Highlighting the importance of transparency and public participation, the Mayor said collective efforts are essential to give Karnal a new identity in the fields of urban development, cleanliness and modern civic amenities. She further directed officials not to show negligence in resolving public grievances and asked councillors to actively monitor issues in their respective wards to ensure Karnal continues progressing in development and sanitation.

No tolerance for lapses in sanitation; strict action against negligence: Rajat Malik

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA: Rajat Malik has adopted a strictly uncompromising stance to ensure that sanitation arrangements within the limits of the Barara Municipality are fully streamlined and robust. On Tuesday, a crucial review meeting with the staff was held at the Municipal Office, presided over by Rajat Malik. During the meeting, he stated in unequivocal terms that no negligence or laxity whatsoever would be tolerated at any level regarding the city's sanitation system. Rajat Malik displayed a visibly stern demeanor throughout the meeting. To ensure that the city's cleaning operations are both smooth and regular, he has implemented a special system under the leadership of Municipal Secretary Mohit Saini. Effective immediately, direct accountability has been established for the sanitation supervisors and the entire sanitation branch.



"Strengthening the sanitation system is our utmost priority. The public should not face any inconvenience whatsoever. If any negligence is detected regarding waste collection or cleaning in any ward, strict action will be taken against the concerned employees and supervisors." It was also clarified during the meeting that a comprehensive daily report regarding the work being executed at the ground level would be prepared. A team led by Municipal Secretary Mohit Saini will oversee this entire system, while President Rajat Malik himself will conduct surprise and continuous monitoring of the operations. Administrative officers of the Municipality, sanitation supervisors, employees of the sanitation wing, and other staff members were present at the meeting.

Youth's body found in fields; Suspected murder involving acid attack on face

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI, MAY 26

The death of a young man under suspicious circumstances in the Indri region of Karnal has sent shockwaves through the area. Relatives have leveled serious allegations of murder following the discovery of the 22-year-old's body in the fields near Nanhera village. The deceased has been identified as Bobby, a resident of Churni Jagir village. The family alleges that the youth was lured away from his home as part of a premeditated plan, brutally murdered, and his body subsequently dumped in the fields. The case has taken an even more grave turn due to the presence of acid-like burns found on the face of the deceased. Based on the complaint filed by the family, the police have registered a case against six individuals and have initiated an investigation. According to the family, on the morning of May 25, a group of youths from Sangoha village called Bobby on his phone and asked him to come out of his home. Bobby told his family mem-



bers that he was merely stepping out nearby and would return shortly; however, he never came back. As late night approached without any trace of him, the family's anxiety grew. The following day, the police informed them that the body of a young man had been found lying in the fields near Nanhera village. Upon reaching the scene, the family members identified the body as that of Bobby.

The family members were left horrified upon arriving at the crime scene. They allege that acid had been thrown on Bobby's face, causing severe burns and disfigurement. The body was found lying amidst the crops in the fields. The family contends that the youth was first physically assaulted and subsequently murdered, after which his body was abandoned in the fields. Following the incident, an atmosphere of fear and panic has prevailed within the village and the surrounding areas. According to the family, Bobby had been embroiled in a feud with certain youths from Sangoha village for approximately one and a half years.

Woman murder in Karnal was planned abroad, police arrest shooter

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Police have claimed to have solved the sensational murder case of a woman in Sector-9, Karnal, revealing that the conspiracy was allegedly hatched abroad while a professional shooter was hired to execute the crime.
Addressing a press conference, DSP Rajeev said the accused shooter, identified as Vikas of Salempur village in Ladwa, has been arrested and produced before the court, which granted six days of police remand for further investigation.
According to police, the woman was shot dead on May 15 in Sector-9 by an armed [illegible]. Following the incident, the CIA-1 team launched an operation and arrested accused Vikas after a police encounter. During the exchange of fire, the accused sustained bullet injuries in his leg and was later admitted to Karnal Civil Hospital for treatment. He was formally arrested on May 25.
Investigation revealed that the victim's family had a long-standing parking dispute with neighbour Vikas, son of Inderjit. Several complaints regarding the dispute had earlier been filed at Sector-9 police station. Police said that after the death of his father Inderjit, accused Vikas allegedly blamed the victim's family and gradually turned the rivalry into a murder conspiracy.
DSP Rajeev said the accused neighbour had earlier travelled to Australia and later reached Bangkok, where he came in contact with shooter Vikas from Salempur village. Their friendship deepened over time and the accused allegedly provided financial assistance to the shooter.
Police further disclosed that efforts have now been initiated through Interpol and other agencies to trace the accused mastermind currently abroad. Officials claimed that the main conspirator would also be brought to India soon.
Police records show that arrested shooter Vikas is a convicted criminal in an earlier murder case and was out on parole. Officials said he had availed parole twice earlier and absconded after receiving parole for the third time. Several criminal cases are reportedly registered against him.

Bharat Vikas Parishad Nilokheri branch holds oath-taking ceremony

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Bharat Vikas Parishad organised an oath-taking ceremony at Bannu Dharamshala in Kisan Basti, Nilokheri, where the newly elected office-bearers of the Nilokheri branch assumed charge.

The programme commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp and rendition of the national song "Vande Mataram". CA Neeraj Garg administered the oath to the new executive committee and congratulated the office-bearers.



Balakar Saini took charge as president, while Ashish Sindwani assumed office as secretary. Rajiv Kataria was sworn in as finance secretary, Rita Gupta as women and child coordinator, Deepak Ahuja as sanskar coordinator, Piyush Wadhwa as service coordinator, Bajinder Sharma as contact coordinator and Gurmeet as environment coordinator.

Provincial president Haryana North Kapil Gupta attended the programme as chief guest. Addressing the gathering, he said Bharat Vikas Parishad has around 1,600 branches across the country, including 53 branches in Haryana North region. He highlighted that the organisation has been continuously engaged in service and cultural activities for several years and also operates several hospitals across the country providing affordable medical treatment. Senior branch member and representative of the Municipal Committee Satnam Ahuja attended the event as special guest. He said the Nilokheri branch has been serving free lunch every Saturday at the Nilokheri Civil Hospital for the past seven years as a permanent service project. He added that the branch regularly organises social and cultural initiatives, including Bharat Ko Jano, national group singing competitions and Guru Tegh Bahadur Balidan Diwas programmes in schools across the town.

The programme concluded with the national anthem and slogans of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai".

Among those present on the occasion were Suraj Dua, Arjun Muniyal, Naresh Kashyap, Gyan, Ashok Ahuja, Pawan Mahendru, Sunil Bhatia, Mohit Bhatia, Dhan Singh, Keval, Ajay Bali, Vinod Gupta and Vikas Arora, along with other members of the Nilokheri branch.

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Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.

Marie Curie

EDITORIAL

Russia threatens 'systematic strikes' on Kyiv

Russia has threatened to launch "consistent and systematic strikes" on Ukraine's defence infrastructure in Kyiv and advised foreign citizens to leave the city. The Russian Foreign Ministry issued a statement warning after Ukraine's deadliest drone strike in Starobilsk, in which 18 people were killed and 42 others wounded, as per Al Jazeera. "Russia's Armed Forces are beginning to launch consistent and systemic strikes on Ukrainian defence industry enterprises in Kyiv, including specific facilities for designing, manufacturing and programming drones and preparing them for operation. The Kyiv regime deploys these drones with the help of NATO specialists who supply components, provide reconnaissance and target acquisition data," the Foreign Ministry said.

MFA urged foreign nationals to leave the city and citizens not to approach the facilities of the military and administrative infrastructure. "As these facilities are scattered across Kyiv, we notify foreign citizens, including the personnel of diplomatic missions and international organisations, of the need to leave the city as soon as possible. We urge residents of the Ukrainian capital not to approach facilities of the military and administrative infrastructure of the Zelensky regime," they said.

Kyiv has significantly enhanced its drone warfare capabilities in recent months, reporting notable success in striking Russian targets, particularly energy infrastructure.Moscow, which launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine four years ago and claims four eastern Ukrainian regions as its own, has described these attacks as "terrorism" and has responded with large-scale missile and drone strikes, Al Jazeera reported.

Additionally, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov also officially conveyed to the US State Secretary Marco Rubio that, in response to the Kyiv's attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure on Russian territory, the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation are launching systematic and consistent strikes against facilities located in Kiev that are used for the needs of the Ukrainian military, as well as against the relevant decision-making centres, Ministry of Foreign Affairs said.Meanwhile, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has flagged "short supply of Kyiv's anti-ballistic capabilities". He said that Ukraine is working with European partners to have sufficient quantities. "We are working with all our partners on air defence for Ukraine - this is the first priority.

Anti-ballistic capabilities are now in short supply globally because of the war with Iran, but we must look for solutions," he said. "We are trying to accelerate work in Europe on producing our own anti-ballistic capabilities on the continent in sufficient quantities. We will also continue engaging with the United States regarding its ability to support Ukraine," he added.

Gold prices to range between Rs 1.5-1.8 lakh for remainder of 2026



Indian domestic gold prices are expected to trade in the range of Rs 1,50,000 to Rs 1,80,000 per ten grams over the remainder of 2026, before rising further to a range of Rs 1,60,000 to Rs 1,90,000 per ten grams in 2027. According to a ICICI Bank Global Markets report, this projected price movement is in response to the ongoing uptrend in global gold prices alongside a steady depreciation in the Indian Rupee.

As per the report, the domestic gold market has already rallied by approximately 20 per cent on a year-to-date (YTD) basis. This sharp growth stems primarily from a 7 per cent depreciation of the Rupee so far this year, rising international rates, and the immediate pass-through of recent customs duty hikes.

A further near-term uptick of 2 to 3 per cent remains possible as the local market continues to absorb the impact of the customs duty hike from 6 per cent to 15 per cent, which became effective on May 13, 2026.

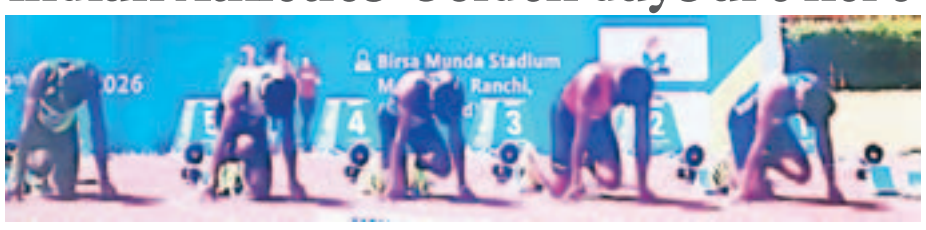
The report noted that the domestic projection for the rest of 2026 assumes an average USD/INR exchange rate of 96.00 and an international gold price average of around USD 4,700 per ounce. For 2027, the local price expectation relies on an average USD/INR level of 96.50. However, the report cautioned that there are specific downside factors that could alter this trajectory."Risks are for a flatter trajectory going into 2027 if the uptrend in global gold prices is much more modest than we have assumed that could take place if the FOMC embarks on a tightening regime," the report said.

On the import side, India saw an 81 per cent year-on-year (YoY) surge in gold import values during April, which mostly reflected the higher pricing environment. However, actual import volumes slowed to about 30 tonnes in March and April compared to the 2025 monthly average of 50 tonnes, showing that elevated costs are curbing physical demand. The report, citing data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), also noted a visible slowdown in gold ETF flows, which averaged Rs 26.5 billion over March and April, down from Rs 240.5 billion in January and Rs 52.5 billion in February.

On the global front, the report mentioned that gold values gained about 5 per cent YTD in 2026, following a 65 per cent rally over 2025. Prices dropped by nearly 15 per cent after the West Asian conflict began on February 28, 2026, driven by gold's negative correlation with a strengthening US Dollar index. The report highlighted that the US Dollar gained safe-haven traction because the United States is a net crude oil exporter, shielding its economy from the immediate terms-of-trade shocks affecting other global blocks.

This trigger caused a broad unwinding of non-dollar assets.Citing data from the World Gold Council, the report stated that for the first quarter of 2026, overall jewellery demand fell by 23 per cent and investment demand dropped by 5 per cent due to lower ETF flows, though central bank buying rose by 2 per cent. Total aggregate demand still managed a 2 per cent increase, indicating that structural bullish drivers remain functional.

Indian Athletics' Golden days are here



Indian athletics appears to be entering a golden phase. While the Federation Cup Athletics Championships in Ranchi has given the country moments of immense pride- with two major barriers breached and one national record rewritten three times- Indian distance runners are also making their mark on the international stage.

India's distance-running sensation Gulveer Singh added another feather to his cap on Sunday, finishing second at the Sound Running Track Fest in Los Angeles with a timing of 13:03.93, rewriting his own national record by nearly eight seconds.

Gulveer already holds India's national records in the 3,000m, 5,000m, 10,000m, 21km and 25km events. He appears firmly on course for medals at this year's Commonwealth and Asian Games and is rapidly edging closer to breaking the elusive sub-13-minute barrier for India.

Indian pole vaulters, meanwhile, continue to raise the bar- quite literally- by producing national records at almost every meet. The rivalry between Dev Meena and Kuldeep Kumar has become one of the most exciting contests in Indian athletics, unlike the global stage where Armand Duplantis has virtually dominated the event single-handedly.

It has also been a difficult year for the Indian pole vaulters, not just because of their demanding competitive schedule but because of the hardships they have endured while travelling for meets.

In one instance, they had to jump out of a moving train to save their poles after railway officials cut the ropes securing them outside the coaches following passenger complaints over space constraints. In another case, they were reportedly forced to deboard midway through a journey.

Despite these challenges, they once again thrilled spectators at the Federation Cup in Ranchi. This time, Dev Meena surpassed Kuldeep Kumar's previous national record by one centimetre.

Bravo to the duo. While their chances of winning medals at the highest international level may still be limited, they are laying the foundation for the next generation of Indian athletes to dream bigger and aim higher.

National records have now been set on each of the three days of the Federation Cup in Ranchi- another sign that Indian athletics may indeed be stepping into its most promising era yet.

N. Korea fires unidentified projectile toward Yellow Sea



North Korea on Tuesday allgedly fired at least one unidentified projectile toward the Yellow Sea, according to the South Korean news agency Yonhap, citing the country's military. According to the news agency, the S. Korean Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said it was analysing details of the launch. Further details are awaited. Earlier, in April, North Korea confirmed that it had successfully test-fired upgraded tactical ballistic missiles equipped with cluster warheads, an exercise personally overseen by leader Kim Jong Un.

According to a Kyodo News report citing the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA), a total of five "Hwasongpho-11 Ra surface-to-surface tactical ballistic missiles struck the target area about 136 kilometres away" during the Sunday drills.This demonstration of military hardware was detected by neighbouring monitors, though initial assessments of the launch platform varied. While Pyongyang identified the projectiles as land-based, authorities in Japan and South Korea noted that several short-range missiles originated from the Sinpo region.The South Korean military further suggested at that time that the weapons "may have been submarine-launched" given the coastal location of the site.

Notably, North Korea is not a signatory to the "Convention on Cluster Munitions that prohibits all use, production, transfer and stockpiling of the weapons that scatter submunitions over a wide area." While a global consensus has seen upwards of 120 nations sign this international treaty, several major powers, including North Korea, Iran, Israel, and the United States, remain outside the agreement.

The development comes as Washington and Tehran continue to engage in ceasefire negotiations. US President Donald Trump said that Iran's enriched Uranium (Nuclear dust) will be "turned over" to the US to be destroyed or will be destroyed at an acceptable location.

Trump said this decision will be taken in "conjunction and collaboration" with Iran, signalling Tehran's relaxing its stand as the two countries attempt to reach a peace agreement."The Enriched Uranium (Nuclear Dust!) will either be immediately turned over to the United States to be brought home and destroyed or, preferably, in conjunction and coordination with the Islamic Republic of Iran, destroyed in place or, at another acceptable location, with the Atomic Energy Commission.

Ultra-processed foods increase risk of heart disease: Study



Ultra-processed foods may be doing far more damage than many people realize. A major new European cardiology report warns that people who eat the most ultra-processed foods face significantly higher risks of heart disease, irregular heart rhythms, obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, and even cardiovascular death.

Researchers say these industrially manufactured foods often packed with sugar, salt, unhealthy fats, and additives can disrupt metabolism, trigger inflammation, and promote overeating, even when marketed as "healthy."Eating large amounts of ultra-processed food (UPF) may significantly increase the risk of heart disease and death, according to a new report published in the European Heart Journal.

The report combines findings from all currently available research examining the connection between UPFs and cardiovascular disease.Researchers say growing evidence links high consumption of UPFs to obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, chronic kidney disease, and death related to cardiovascular conditions.The authors are urging doctors to discuss UPF intake with patients and offer practical advice on reducing consumption as part of routine healthcare.

The clinical consensus statement was produced by the European Society of Cardiology's Council for Cardiology Practice and the European Association of Preventive Cardiology, along with a panel of experts led by Professor Luigina Guasti from the University of Insubria, Varese, Italy; Dr. Marialaura Bonaccio, IRCCS NEUROMED, Pozzilli, Italy; Professor Massimo Piepoli, University of Milan, Italy; and Professor Licia Iacoviello, LUM University, Casamassima, Italy.Professor Guasti said: "UPFs, made from industrial ingredients and additives, have largely replaced traditional diets. Research suggests these foods are linked to several risk factors for cardiovascular disease, such as obesity, diabetes and high blood pressure, and to the risk of developing and dying from heart disease. However, this evidence has not yet made its way into the advice we give to patients on healthy eating."We hope that this consensus statement from the European Society of Cardiology will help doctors recognize UPFs as a potential risk factor and provide clear guidance to their patients on limiting UPFs to prevent cardiovascular risk factors, disease and death," added Guasti.

The report outlines several major findings from existing research:Adults who consume the most UPFs face up to a 19% greater risk of heart disease, a 13% higher risk of atrial fibrillation, and as much as a 65% higher risk of death from cardiovascular disease compared with people who consume the least.

UPFs are also associated with worsening obesity, type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and unhealthy fat accumulation in the bloodstream.UPF consumption continues to rise across Europe. UPFs account for 61% of calories consumed in the Netherlands and 54% in the UK, compared with 25% in Spain, 22% in Portugal, and 18% in Italy.

Many national dietary guidelines still focus mainly on nutrients and do not specifically address food processing.Doctors Urged To Discuss UPFs With PatientsThe authors are calling for stronger public awareness about UPFs through updated dietary guidelines, clearer food labeling, and government regulation.They also recommend that doctors caring for patients with cardiovascular disease, or those at risk for it, ask specifically about UPF intake when evaluating diet and lifestyle habits.

In addition, the report says healthcare professionals should encourage patients to reduce UPF consumption alongside standard advice about exercise, smoking, alcohol use, and overall nutrition. Researchers also note that some foods marketed as "healthier" options may still qualify as ultra processed foods.The researchers say evidence linking UPFs to cardiovascular disease has been consistent across large and varied populations. However, they also point out that most studies so far have been observational, with relatively few long term intervention trials.Dr. Bonaccio adds: "The associations between UPF and heart disease are consistent and biologically plausible. UPFs raise cardiovascular risk mainly by promoting obesity, diabetes, hypertension and the build-up of unhealthy fats in the blood. UPFs tend to be high in sugar, salt, and unhealthy fats. They also have additives, contaminants and an altered food structure, which may trigger inflammation, metabolic disruption, gut microbiome changes and overeating."We need long-term intervention trials to test whether reducing UPFs improves cardiovascular health. More research is also needed to understand the effects of specific additives, processing compounds and food structures on heart health. Future studies could focus on implementing UPF-focused dietary interventions in clinical practice," added Bonaccio."The research on UPFs has been accumulating for a decade, and it highlights the risks of high UPF consumption and the benefits of choosing whole or minimally processed foods. This emphasizes that disease prevention should not focus solely on nutrients, but also on the degree of food processing. Even foods with good nutritional profiles can be harmful if highly processed. Integrating UPF awareness into routine medical care could improve patient's health without adding significant cost or time," added Bonaccio.

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Prof Pradeep Kumar Mittal appointed chairperson of Department of Computer Science and Applications



KURUKSHETRA-(DALBIR SINGH) s per the orders of Kurukshetra University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Somnath Sachdeva, Professor Pradeep Kumar Mittal of the Department of Computer Science and Applications has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Department of Computer Science and Applications for a period of three years, effective from May 31. Prof. Maha Singh Poonia, Director of the Public Relations Department, stated that alongside this role, Professor Pradeep Kumar Mittal will also serve as a member of the Academic Council and the Faculty of Sciences, as well as the Chairperson of the Board of Studies.

NEWS BRIEF

HPCL and Tata Motors Partner to Develop Scalable Circular Economy Model

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), a Maharatna Oil Marketing Company, and Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to pilot a structured and scalable model for the responsible collection and recycling of used automotive lubricants. This collaboration brings together the complementary strengths of two leading Indian organisations to address a critical sustainability challenge, while supporting compliance with India's evolving Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework and advancing the country's circular economy goals. Launching the pilot, Mr. Ch Srinivas, Executive Director – Lubes, HPCL, said: "Achieving true circularity in used oil begins with reintegrating re-refined base oil into finished lubricants.

Airtel defends 'Priority Postpaid' service before DoT panel, denies net neutrality

CHANDIGARH: Bharti Airtel has defended its new "Priority Postpaid" service before a Department of Telecommunications (DoT) panel, asserting that the offering, powered by 5G network slicing, neither violates net neutrality norms nor degrades service quality for prepaid users. According to the submission made by Airtel in response to a clarification sought by the Committee on Communications and Information Technology, the company said not allowing the use of mainstream features of 5G to offer services will jeopardise the potential of 6G in the country.

"Priority Postpaid is implemented in a content-neutral manner and is fully consistent with the existing TRAI and DoT framework. There is no blocking, throttling, content-specific prioritisation, zero-rating, or preferential treatment of any application," Airtel said.

Myntra's EORS goes live from May 29 with 6 million trend-first products

CHANDIGARH : Advancing its role as a growth catalyst for India's e-lifestyle ecosystem, Myntra has announced the 24th edition of End of Reason Sale (EORS), starting May 29, with early VIP access on May 28. Featuring 6 million+ styles, the event will further strengthen Myntra's role as a growth enabler for India's fashion and lifestyle ecosystem, creating scaled opportunities for emerging brands while bringing trend-first selection, compelling value and convenience to millions of customers across the country.Among the thousands of global, domestic and homegrown D2C brands, 15,000 emerging brands, including 5,000 making their EORS debut, will leverage the platform's technology, creator ecosystem and nationwide reach to connect with millions of customers across India. EORS continues to serve as a growth enabler, driving heightened demand for emerging brands through enhanced visibility, new selection launches and category expansion.

Motorola Enters India's Top 5 Smartphone Brands in Q1 2026

NEW DELHI: Motorola has emerged among India's top five smartphone brands in Q1 2026, marking a major milestone in its growth journey. According to the latest IDC Quarterly Mobile Phone Tracker, the company climbed from the 9th position in Q1 2024 to 5th place in Q1 2026, registering one of the fastest growth trajectories in the Indian smartphone market.Motorola's market share grew from 4.6 percent in Q1 2024 to 8.9 percent in Q1 2026, driven by the strong performance of its moto g, motorola edge, razr and newly launched signature series smartphones. The brand's premium growth has been fueled by AI-led innovation, aspirational design language and advanced camera technologies.

The company has further strengthened its premium positioning through collaborations with global brands such as Pantone™, Swarovski, Bose, Corning and as the official smartphone partner for FIFA World Cup 2026™.

TVS Motor Company Ranked #1 Globally For Shareholder Value Creation In 'Durable Consumer Goods' By WirtschaftsWoche And Boston Consulting Group

MANDI: TVS Motor Company, part of TVS VENU, has been ranked #1 globally in the 'Durable Consumer Goods' category in the annual 'Best Stocks in the World', ranking published exclusively by Germany's leading business weekly WirtschaftsWoche, based on the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) Value Creators analysis.WirtschaftsWoche, founded in 1926 and celebrating its centenary this year, is Germany's largest weekly business publication, widely read by senior executives, institutional investors and corporate decision-makers across Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Its annual 'Best Stocks in the World' analysis is one of the most widely cited rankings of listed companies in the German-speaking region.The independent study evaluated more than 2,000 listed companies across 35 industries worldwide. Over the five-year period from 2021 to 2025, TVS Motor Company delivered an average annual Total Shareholder.

Ambuja Cements' watershed-led transformation enables sustainable prosperity in rural SerJeri

SHIMLA: Ambuja Cements, the 9th largest building materials solutions provider globally and part of the diversified Adani Portfolio, is driving water security and sustainable rural livelihoods in SerJeri village of Kunihar block in Solan district through integrated watershed development and renewable energy–led irrigation solutions. Located near an Ambuja Cements mining area, SerJeri faced acute water scarcity due to erratic rainfall and lack of irrigation, resulting in low productivity and vulnerable livelihoods. To address this, Ambuja Cements' CSR arm implemented a NABARD-funded Watershed Development Project in 2019 in Patti Badog, covering 392 households and treating 991 hectares through soil conservation, water harvesting, and sustainable agriculture practices. Key interventions included check dams, water storage structures, contour trenching, revival of traditional water systems, plantation drives, and promotion of drip irrigation. Strong community participation,led by the Village Watershed Committee, ensured ownership and long-term sustainability.

Pernod Ricard India Unveils 'Royal Stag Barrel Select Reserve Whisky',

SHIMLA: Royal Stag Barrel Select from Pernod Ricard India proudly announces the launch of its newest variant: Royal Stag Barrel Select Reserve Whisky. Designed for the discerning few who seek distinction and depth in every sip, this new expression is a testament to the brand's relentless pursuit of excellence and commitment to innovation in Indian whisky. The new variant features a tall, sleek bottle that exudes elegance, complemented by a premium clear-on-clear label a first in the category. Endorsed by Master Blender Kevin Balmforth, the new product underscores authenticity and expertise. Crafted with the assurance of the Triple Select Promise, Royal Stag Barrel Select Reserve Whisky brings together three superior product attributes: Select Indian grain spirits, Select Scotch malts maturated in Select American oak barrels. The result is a liquid that reflects the highest standards of craftsmanship and quality- a testament to the brand's commitment to creating an exceptional blend for the discerning few.

CM reviews major ongoing development projects in Haryana



CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini on Tuesday chaired a high-level 'Pragati' review meeting at the Haryana Civil Secretariat to assess the status of major development projects worth more than Rs. 75 crores currently underway across the state. Stressing the need for timely execution, the Chief Minister directed all departments to accelerate the pace of work and ensure that projects are completed within stipulated timelines.

Major Healthcare Projects Reviewed During the meeting, special emphasis was laid on key healthcare infrastructure projects aimed at strengthening medical facilities in the state.

Reviewing the construction of the Mother and Child Hospital and Service Block at Faridabad Civil Hospital, officers apprised the Chief Minister that nearly 28 percent of the work has been completed and the project is scheduled for completion by January 18, 2028.

Similarly, the officers further apprised the Chief Minister about the 100-bed Mother and Child Hospital being constructed at the Sonipat Civil Hospital campus at a cost of Rs. 138.12 crore. Around 20 percent of the project work has been completed so far and the facility is expected to be ready by October 19, 2027.

The Chief Minister also reviewed the construction of a 100-bed hospital at Assandh in Karnal, being developed at a cost of Rs. 76.19 crore. Officers further apprised that approximately 25 percent of the work has already been completed.

Emphasising the importance of quality healthcare infrastructure, the Chief Minister said that all health-related projects must be developed as per the highest standards and that no compromise with quality would be tolerated at any level.

Focus on Speeding Up Infrastructure and Development Projects The Chief Minister said that the government has further intensified administrative monitoring to ensure faster execution of developmental and infrastructure projects across Haryana.

Officers further apprised the Chief Minister that construction work on the International Convention Centre in Sector-78, Faridabad, being developed at a cost of Rs. 378.90 crore, has achieved nearly 50 percent physical progress. The project is expected to be completed by February 2027.

Under the education and horticulture sector, the Chief Minister also reviewed the construction of the Maharana Pratap Horticultural University (MHU) campus in Karnal, which is being developed at a cost of Rs. 422.54 crore. Officers further apprised that the project has progressed up to 43 percent completion.

Approval Granted for Ethanol Plant at Panipat Sugar Mill Officers further apprised the Chief Minister that approval has been granted for setting up a new 90 KLPD capacity multi-feed ethanol plant at Panipat Sugar Mills under the Cooperation Department at an estimated cost of Rs. 200 crore. The proposal is now being sent to the High-Powered Purchase Committee (HPPC) for finalisation of the tender process. Officers shared that the project is likely to be completed during the financial year 2027-28.

ASHA Workers Submit 9-Point Demand Charter to Arti Singh Rao



CHANDIGARH: A high-level delegation of ASHA workers on Tuesday met Haryana Health Minister Smt. Arti Singh Rao in Chandigarh and submitted a 9-point charter of demands, highlighting their key issues and concerns. During the meeting, the Health Minister attentively heard the concerns raised by the delegation. She appreciated the contribution of ASHA workers in strengthening the grassroots healthcare system and assured them that the government is fully sensitive and committed to addressing their issues. She categorically stated that all genuine demands of ASHA workers would be fulfilled at the earliest possible time. Ms. Arti Singh Rao also issued on-the-spot directions to the Director of the National Health Mission (NHM), Haryana. She directed the Director to thoroughly examine all points mentioned in the 9-point demand charter, including technical aspects, and ensure prompt and appropriate action is taken without delay. The Minister reiterated that the state government, under the leadership of Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini, is continuously working to strengthen the healthcare system and improve the working conditions of frontline health workers.

Punjab Government Delivered Promises Through Work on Ground: Bhagwant Mann

CHANDIGARH: Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said the AAP government has focused on delivering real results for the people of Punjab instead of making announcements only for publicity. Addressing the NDTV Nava Punjab Summit, the Chief Minister highlighted the government's achievements in welfare, jobs, infrastructure, healthcare and industrial growth. Bhagwant Mann said the government has fulfilled several promises made to the people after coming to power. He stated that nearly 90 percent of households in Punjab are getting zero electricity bills under the 300 units free power scheme, giving major relief to common families facing rising expenses. The Chief Minister also spoke about employment generation and said more than 65,000 government jobs have been provided in a transparent manner without corruption or political recommendation. He added that deserving youth are now getting jobs purely on merit. Highlighting infrastructure development, Bhagwant Mann said over 44,000 kilometres of roads are being constructed across the state to improve connectivity in both rural and urban areas. He also said the government is developing nearly 3,000 playgrounds and stadiums to encourage sports and provide positive opportunities for the youth. On industrial development, the Chief Minister said investor confidence in Punjab is increasing because of transparent governance, industry-friendly policies and better power management. He added that industrial centres such as Ludhiana and Mandi Gobindgarh are witnessing renewed growth. Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said the state has shown improvement in financial management and claimed that Punjab's debt-to-GDP ratio has declined by nearly three percent. He also highlighted efforts being made to improve irrigation systems and groundwater levels in the state. Punjab Health Minister Balbir Singh said Aam Aadmi Clinics are receiving a strong response from the public, especially women and rural residents. Industries Minister Aman Arora added that Punjab has received investment proposals worth more than Rs 75,000 crore.



Understanding Spine Health: Why It Matters at Every Age

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SANGRUR : The spine plays an important role in supporting the body, maintaining posture, enabling movement, and protecting the spinal cord. However, spine health is often overlooked until pain or discomfort begins to interfere with daily life. From childhood to older age, maintaining a healthy spine is important at every stage of life to ensure mobility, flexibility, and overall well-being.Dr. Jaskaran Singh, Senior Consultant- Neurosurgery, Manipal Hospital Patiala, suggests five important tips to keep your spine healthy:-Maintain Good Posture- Poor posture can place unnecessary stress on the spine. Sitting upright, keeping screens at eye level, and avoiding slouching can help reduce strain on the neck and back.Stay Physically Active- Regular exercise helps strengthen the muscles supporting the spine. Activities such as walking, stretching, yoga, and low-impact exercises can help maintain spinal strength and mobility.Practice Proper Lifting Techniques- Incorrect lifting posture can increase the risk of back injuries. Always bend your knees, keep your back straight, and avoid lifting heavy objects suddenly or twisting while carrying weight.Maintain a Healthy Weight- Excess body weight can increase pressure on the spine and joints, leading to pain and mobility issues. Following a balanced diet and staying active can help reduce this burden.Avoid Prolonged Sitting- Long hours of sitting, especially with poor posture, can strain the spine. Taking short breaks, stretching, and changing positions regularly can help prevent stiffness and discomfort.Maintain Bone Health- Calcium, Vitamin D supplements should be taken regularly for healthy spine especially after 40 years of age A healthy spine is essential for maintaining an active and independent lifestyle at every age. If you experience persistent back pain, stiffness, or mobility issues, consult a spine specialist for timely evaluation.



Nissan GRAVITE CNG Debuts with Segment-First Twin-Cylinder Retrofitment Kit, Enabling True 7-Seater CNG Mobility

HARYANA : Nissan Motor India Private Limited (NMIPL) today announced the launch of government-approved CNG retrofitment kit for the All-New Nissan GRAVITE, featuring an innovative segment-first smart twin-cylinder technology that retains full 7-seater modularity & usability. Available at an introductory price of INR 82,999/- across 16 states, the GRAVITE CNG is designed to offer customers a smarter, more economical and environmentally conscious mobility solution while retaining ample space in the 3rd row, offering comfort and everyday practicality. A practical yet forward-looking solution, the GRAVITE CNG combines "Smart Power with Smarter Savings," delivering significantly lower running costs per/km while retaining its joyful modularity, comfort and everyday usability. The government-approved CNG kit is fully developed, manufactured and quality assured by Motozen. Customers can order the CNG kit installation via Nissan authorised dealers, for an extremely convenient and trusted purchase route to access the CNG solution. A 3-year / 1,00,000 km warranty on kit components via a third-party provider is also being offered. Mr. Thierry Sabbagh, Divisional Vice President and President, Middle East, KSA, CIS and India – Nissan and Infiniti, said, "India continues to be a strategic market for Nissan, and our focus is on bringing products and mobility solutions that are relevant, accessible and future-ready, aligned with the evolving needs of the customers. The introduction of the CNG option for the All-New Nissan GRAVITE is a significant step in that direction. With GRAVITE CNG, we are extending a proven, practical solution to customers seeking a combination of family-focused space, everyday mobility, and lower running costs in key CNG markets."



Maruti Suzuki sets up Advanced Manufacturing Lab at Government ITI Hassangarh



ROHTAK : Aligned with the Government of India's Skill India mission, Maruti Suzuki India Limited ("Maruti Suzuki") has set up an Advanced Manufacturing Lab (AML) at Government ITI, Hassangarh, Rohtak, to equip students with industry-relevant skills and support the development of a future-ready workforce. In the first year, around 200# students at Government ITI Hassangarh will be trained in the advanced manufacturing lab. The initiative, part of Maruti Suzuki's CSR-led skill development programme, aims to bridge the gap between academic learning and the rapidly evolving requirements of the automobile industry. The AML replicates real-world shop-floor environments and offers hands-on training in critical areas of automobile manufacturing, including assembly, welding, painting, machining, mechatronics, and safety. This practical exposure is designed to enhance students' technical competence, industry readiness, and overall employability.The inaugural event was attended by Mr. Sachin Gupta, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Rohtak, along with senior officials from Maruti Suzuki and the institute.Speaking about Advanced Manufacturing Lab, Mr. Rahul Bharti, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs, Maruti Suzuki India Limited, said, "Through the Advanced Manufacturing Lab at Hassangarh, we are bringing real shop-floor learning and modern machinery into classrooms. This initiative, aligned with Skill India mission, equips students with confidence to handle industry-specific processes and nurtures talent for the evolving automotive ecosystem. It is part of our commitment to build a skilled, future-ready workforce for India's manufacturing.

BJP Candidates Will Win by Huge Margins – Gurdarshan Singh Saini



Zirakpur / Mukesh Chauhan : Senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader Gurdarshan Singh Saini and his team worked tirelessly day and night to ensure the victory of party candidates in the ongoing municipal council elections. On this crucial occasion, Mr. Saini, along with his team and son Hardeep Singh Saini, conducted a whirlwind tour of various areas under all three committees of the constituency and reviewed the ground situation. Addressing the media during the visit, Gurdarshan Singh Saini strongly criticized the present government and administration. Making serious allegations, he claimed that the nomination papers of several strong BJP candidates, who were likely to win, were deliberately rejected as part of a conspiracy. He further alleged that large-scale vote shifting had also been carried out in different wards to influence the elections.

Mr. Saini asserted that despite what he termed as the government's high-handedness and misuse of administrative machinery, the condition of the Aam Aadmi Party in these elections is going to be extremely poor, as the public has now understood everything clearly. He said that the BJP team has worked relentlessly at the booth level and there is tremendous enthusiasm among the people towards the Bharatiya Janata Party. He expressed confidence that all BJP candidates would register historic victories with huge margins in the Municipal Council elections and that the BJP would secure control over all three committees. On the occasion, District OBC Morcha President Harpreet Singh Saini, Pushpinder Mehta, Pradeep Pal Singh, along with several senior BJP leaders, party members, and workers, were present in large numbers and were actively managing booth-level responsibilities.

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APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(I)] POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) under the "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice on the date as mentioned below calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice as per the details given in below table:

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor/Guarantor / Loan A/c No.	13(2) Notice Date & Amount	Description of Mortgaged Property	Date of Possession Taken
(A/c No.) L9001060829852474 **M/S Choudhary Hardware (Borrower),** Smt.Munni Devi (Co-Borrower), Ghanshyam (Co-Borrower)	**21-Jan-26 Rs. 468227/- Rs. Four Lakh Sixty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Seven Only 19-Jan-26**	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Killa No 23/1 5-17, Khewat 228 And Mustail No 61, Khatauni No 305, Vill- Namaul, Dist- Mahendragarh, Haryana, 123023 **Admeasuring 90.75 Square Yard,** East : PLOT OF GHANSHYAM, West : NANGAL CHOUDARY ROAD, North : SHOP OF RAJ, South : SHOP OF SATPAL	**21-May-26**
(A/c No.) L9001060146187383 **M/S Sunil Milk Dairy (Borrower),** Sunil (Co-Borrower), Smt.Parmeshweri (Co-Borrower)	**22-Jan-26 Rs. 1562658/- Rs. Fifteen Lakh Sixty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Eight Only 19-Jan-26**	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At - Khewat No. 705 Khatoni No. 770 Waka Rakba Samaspur Teh. And Distt. Ch. Dadri, Haryana India 127306 **Admeasuring 189 Sqyd,** East : STREET, West : H/O RAKESH , North : H/O KULDEEP, South : H/O RAJVIR	**21-May-26**

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

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Place: Haryana **Date: 26-May-2026** **Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited**

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Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of Securitisation Act of 2002

As the loan account became NPA therefore the Authorized officer under section 13(2) of "The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002" had issued 60 days demand notice to the borrowers/co-borrowers/ Mortgagers/Guarantors (collectively referred as "Borrowers") as given in the table. According to the notice if the borrowers do not deposit the entire amount within 60 days, the amount will be recovered from auction of the mortgage properties/secured assets as given below. Therefore you the borrowers are informed to deposit the entire loan amount along with future interest and expenses within 60 days from the date of demand notice, otherwise under the provisions of 13(4)and 14 of the said Act, the Authorized officer is free to take possession for sale of the mortgage properties/Secured assets as given below.

Borrowers to note that after receipt of this notice, in terms of Section 13(13) of the Act, 2002, you are prohibited and restrained from transferring any of the secured assets by way of sale, lease or otherwise, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Borrowers attention are attracted towards Section 13(8) r/w Rule 3(5) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Act that the borrowers shall be entitled to redeem their secured asset upon the payment of the complete outstanding dues as mentioned below before the publication of auction notice, which thereafter shall cease to exist.

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower /Mortgagor/Guarantor/ Loan A/c No.	Date and Amount of Demand Notice Under Sec. 13(2)	Description of Mortgaged Property
(A/c No.) L9001060129435989 **M/S Yadav Electrical Store THROUGH IT'S PROPRIETOR GAJRAJ SINGH,** Satyawart G(Co-Borrower), Dinesh Kumar (Co-Borrower), Kuldeep , Gajraj Singh, Ashish , KESHU RAM(Co-Borrower)	17-Apr-26 Rs. 2288576/- Rs. Twenty-Two Lac Eighty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Six only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At- Khewat No. 385 , Khatoni No. 424 , Mustil No. 86//13/2/2(2-1) , Mauja - Kotiya , Tehsil - Kanina , Dist - Mahendragarh , Haryana **Admeasuring 11 Marla**
(A/c No.) L9001060128979973 **M/s Hemraj Hardware Through its proprietor Hemraj,** Smt.Kamla Devi (Co-Borrower) Hemraj (Co-Borrower)	17-Apr-26 Rs. 1369755/- Rs. Thirteen Lac Sixty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Five only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At- Ward No 10 & Ward No 6, Near- Shani Mandir, Vill-Nangal Chaudhary, Tehsil- Narnaul, District- Mahendragarh, Haryana **Admeasuring 188 Sq.Yrd**
(A/c No.) L9001060126126878 **M/S Bala Ji Pharmacy (Borrower),** Smt.Shweta (Co-Borrower), Ran Singh (Co-Borrower), Vinod Kumar (Co-Borrower)	17-Apr-26 Rs. 664466/- Rs. Six Lac Sixty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Six only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At Khewat No 72 , Khatoni No 82 , Khasra No 427 , Khewat No 602 , Khatoni No 647 , Khasra No 421/2 , Goriwala , Dabwali , Dist - Sirsa , Haryana **Admeasuring 11 Marla 1 Sarsai**
(A/c No.) L9001060144921426 **Mahesh Kumar Kapoor (Borrower),** Atam Parkash (Co-Borrower), Yogesh Kumar (Co-Borrower), Smt.Pushp Latta (Co-Borrower)	17-Apr-26 Rs. 1083933/- Rs. Ten Lac Eighty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Three only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At Uid No-Property Code 6046805n0Mms41Rr01A ,House Lgd 604680365 ,Lal Dora Of Village Nagpur ,District -Fatehabad ,Haryana **Admeasuring 617.98 Sq.Mtr**
(A/c No.) L9001060834121696 **M/S Shubham Photo State And Atal Seva Center (Borrower),** Shubham Kumar (Co-Borrower), Charanjit Kaur (Co-Borrower)	18-Apr-26 Rs. 272800/- Rs. Two Lac Seventy-Two Thousand Eight Hundred only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At Kh No 294 1384 302 1379, Nai Dabwali Mandi, District- Sirsa, Haryana **Admeasuring 133 Square Yard**
(A/c No.) L9001060138948530 **M/S Pawan Dairy (Borrower),** Sharmila Wo Om Parkash (Co-Borrower), Om Parkash (Co-Borrower), Pawan Kumar (Co-Borrower)	18-Apr-26 Rs. 996402/- Rs. Nine Lac Ninety-Six Thousand Four Hundred Two only **As on 15-Apr-26**	(1) Property Situated At - Lgd Id 599690651 U.I.D No 599695p0M0501R651, Village Koyal, Tehsil Narwana Distt Jind, Haryana,126116 **Admeasuring 94 Square Metre** (2) Property Situated At - Lgd Id 599690651 U.I.D No 599695p0M0501R651, Village Koyal, Tehsil Narwana Distt Jind, Haryana,126116 **Admeasuring 164.2 Square Metre** (3) Property Situated At - Lgd Id 599690651 U.I.D No 599695p0M0501R651, Village Koyal, Tehsil Narwana Distt Jind, Haryana,126116 **Admeasuring 87.57 Square Metre**
(A/c No.) L9001060141726239 **M/S Jai Maa Screening Plant (Borrower),** Rishi Pal (Co-Borrower), Pamni Devi (Co-Borrower)	18-Apr-26 Rs. 1026139/- Rs. Ten Lac Twenty-Six Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Nine only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At -Khewat No 35 Khatauni No 39 Khasra No 637 2-1, Property No 637, Hb No 190, Near Shiv Mandir Naraingarh, District - Ambala, Haryana, 134203 **Admeasuring 605 Square Yard**
(A/c No.) L9001071443850462 **M/S Nain Dairy Farm (Borrower),** Monit (Co-Borrower), Suman (Co-Borrower), Rajiv Kumar & Deepak (Guarantor)	18-Apr-26 Rs. 1822220/- Rs. Eighteen Lac Twenty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At - Khewat And Khata No 9/9, Khana Khera, Dist - Jind, Haryana, 126116 **Admeasuring 257 SQ YD**
(A/c No.) L9001060739942226 **M/S Ram Chand Des Raj (Borrower),** Vinod Kumar (Co-Borrower), Pooja Rani (Co-Borrower)	20-Apr-26 Rs. 2485742/- Rs. Twenty-Four Lac Eighty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Two only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At Khewat No 96 , Khata No 382 ,Nai Dabwali , Tehsil - Dabwali , Dist - Sirsa, Haryana **Admeasuring 113.43 Sq. Yrd.**
(A/c No.) L9001060146403290 **Ashok Kumar (Borrower),** Utsav Swami (Co-Borrower)	20-Apr-26 Rs. 2564898/- Rs. Twenty-Five Lac Sixty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Eight only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At Lal Dora , Jhadsa , Teshil And Dist - Guragaon , Haryana **Admeasuring 147.5 sq.yrds**
(A/c No.) L9001060139864071 **Manjeet (Borrower),** Smt.Sushila Devi (Co-Borrower), Alok Chauhan (Co-Borrower)	24-Apr-26 Rs. 1373757/- Rs. Thirteen Lakh Seventy-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Seven Only **As on 23-Apr-26**	Property Situated At Khewat/Khata No 131 , Mustail No 50 , Killa No 13(8-0) , Vill - Bans Hariya , Tehsil And Dist - Gurgaon , Haryana **Admeasuring 12.5 Marla**
(A/c No.) L9001060132143321 **M/S Balaji Pharmacy (Borrower),** Ran Singh (Co-Borrower), Smt.Shweta (Co-Borrower), Vinod Kumar (Co-Borrower)	24-Apr-26 Rs. 954619/- Rs. Nine Lakh Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Nineteen Only **As on 23-Apr-26**	Property Situated At Khewat No 249 , Khata No 273 , Murba No 59 Killa No 10(4-3) , Vill - Goriwala ,Dist- Sirsa ,Haryana **Admeasuring 12 Marla 6 Sarsai**
(A/c No.) L9001060137905954 **Dhan Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Santosh (Co-Borrower), Naresh (Co-Borrower), Rajan (Co-Borrower)	27-Apr-26 Rs. 309051/- Rs. Three Lakh Nine Thousand Fifty-One Only **As on 24-Apr-26**	Property Situated At - Mustil No 75,Killa No 11/1/2-3 Mustil No 76 Killa No 6/1/2-5 Mustil No 75 Killa No 11/2Min4-5 Mustil No 76 Killa No 6/2Min5-5 Mustil No 75 Killa No 10/2Min3-5,Mustil No 75,Killa No 10/2Min3-5, Out Of Khewat Khata No 637/555, Village Maidawas, Tehsil Badshahpur, District- Gurgaon, Haryana, 122101 **Admeasuring 403 Sqyd**

Place: Haryana **Date : 26-05-2026** **Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited**

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Kashyap Mahapanchayat appoints ex-Sarpanch Shamlal Kashyap as head of Indri constituency

MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: Taking a major step towards strengthening organization and uniting community, Kashyap Mahapanchayat Haryana appointed former Sarpanch Shamlal Kashyap of Beed Raikhana as head of Indri constituency.This appointment was met with jubilation among Kashyap community, with organization



officials and community members extending their best wishes. Appointment was made in presence of Kashyap Mahapanchayat Haryana's patron, Ramkumar Kashyap Advocate, State President Ramjilal Kashyap, State General Secretary Balbir Kashyap, Youth State President Sushil Kashyap, State Advisor Jile Singh, State Spokesperson Mainpal Kashyap, State Secretary Ashok Kashyap and other officials. Expressing gratitude to organization's top leadership, newly appointed Halqa Pradhan Shamlal Kashyap stated that Kashyap Mahapanchayat Haryana is not just an organization but a family that will work to give society new direction and change its condition.

NEWS BRIEF

Hy Govt offers major relief: 100% Property Tax interest waiver by June 30

MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: Indri Municipal Corporation has announced a major relief for residents by offering a 100% waiver on pending property tax interest. Municipal Secretary Dharamveer Singh stated that, as per



Haryana government's directive, interest on outstanding property tax dues from 2010-11 to 2024-25 has been completely waived. He added that to avail of this scheme, citizens must verify their property details on portal by June 30. Property tax interest waiver will be available only after verification process is complete.Municipal Secretary urged residents to update their documents promptly to fully benefit from this special government relief scheme.He stated that this will provide financial relief to citizens and facilitate settlement of past tax dues. Dharamveer Singh said that Municipal Corporation is providing necessary assistance for convenience of the people and citizens can contact Municipal Corporation office for any information.

DC motivates newly appointed Patwaris at orientation program



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAY 26

An orientation session was organized for 159 newly appointed Patwarison Tuesday in the auditorium of the local KalpanaChawla Government Medical College. Deputy Commissioner Dr. Anand Kumar Sharma participated in the program as the chief guest. During this, he congratulated the newly appointed Patwaris and inspired them to work with honesty and dedication in their respective field.

During the address, the Deputy Commissioner shared his personal story and said that in rural areas, more people understood the importance of Patwari than the DC. He said that Patwariwas the backbone of the revenue department. For the villagers, the role of Patwari is as the closest representative of the government.

Sanitation workers launch indefinite strike in Sadhaura



PRITI SAINI
SADHAURAM, MAY 26

Sanitation workers employed by the Sadhaura Municipality began an indefinite strike on Tuesday to protest against the non-payment of their salaries for the past three months. Angered by the persistent delays in wage disbursement, the employees staged a vigorous demonstration in front of the municipal office, raising slogans against the municipal administration and the Secretary. The employees state that, due to the prolonged non-receipt of wages, their families are facing a severe financial crisis, and it has now become difficult for them to even meet their daily basic necessities. The striking sanitation workers revealed that they have not received their salaries for the last three months. They noted that while demands to release their wages were made to municipal officials on multiple occasions, they received nothing but assurances each time.

Passenger convenience enhanced with extended and new summer special services

YUGMARG BUREAU
MALIGAON, MAY 26



To clear the additional rush of passengers during the summer rush, services of train no. 07046/07047 (Secunderabad - Naharlagun - Secunderabad) has been extended for additional five trips in both directions. Train No. 07046 (Secunderabad - Naharlagun) weekly special has been extended to run from 29th of May, 2026 till 26th of June, 2026. While in return direction, train no. 07047 (Naharlagun - Secunderabad) weekly special has been extended to run from 01st of June, 2026 till 29th of June, 2026. The trains will operate with the existing schedule of service, timings, composition and stoppages. Additionally, it has been decided to run a Summer Special train from Katihar to Bhagalpur. The train will operate on daily basis from 27th of May to 01st of June, 2026 in both the directions. Train no. 03407 (Bhagalpur - Katihar) Special will depart from Bhagalpur at 07:00 hours to reach Katihar at 13:00 hours on the same day. In return direction, train no. 03408 (Katihar - Bhagalpur) Special will depart from Katihar at 14:10 hours to reach Bhagalpur at 20:20 hours on the same day. The train will operate as an unreserved special train with a composition of 13 general coaches. The extension of the Secunderabad – Naharlagun – Secunderabad Special and the introduction of the Katihar – Bhagalpur Summer Special will provide substantial relief to passengers during the peak summer travel season. The additional trips between Secunderabad and Naharlagun will help cater to the increased passenger demand, reduce waiting lists and improve the availability of confirmed accommodation on this important route connecting the northeastern region with southern India. The extended services will also offer greater travel flexibility and convenience to passengers travelling to and from Arunachal Pradesh and other northeastern states.

Former Minister Savitri Jindal praises the work of Maharaja Agrasen Shiksha Samman Yojana

HANS RAJ



KURUKSHETRA: Rajesh Singla, Chief Administrator of the Maharaja Agrasen Shiksha Samman Yojana (MASY) and State General Secretary of the Agrawal Vaishya Samaj Haryana, paid a courtesy call on Savitri Jindal, former Haryana Government Minister and Hisar MLA. On the occasion,members and office bearers of MASY were also present. A detailed discussion took place on the modern education system, the all-round development of students, competitiveness and the importance of value-based education in society. Former Minister Savitri Jindal stated that modern and technical education is essential in today's times, but incorporating Indian culture, moral values and values is equally important. She emphasized that the goal of education should not only be to obtain employment, but also to make good citizens and responsible individuals. She urged educational institutions and social organizations to make special efforts to inculcate moral values in students. Rajesh Singla provided Savitri Jindal with detailed information about the various social and educational initiatives being undertaken by the Maharaja Agrasen Shiksha Samman Yojana (MASY) organization in the field of education. He explained that the organization is continuously providing educational support to economically weaker and resource-poor students. With the organization's guidance and support, many students have received higher education and are now working in prestigious positions and making significant contributions to society and nation-building.

BJP to organise programmes under campaign "12 years of trust, development and public welfare" from June 5 to 21

SANJAY SHARMA



KAITHAL: As per the instructions of the Haryana State leadership of the Bharatiya Janata Party and under the guidance of the State President, various public welfare and organisational programmes will be organised in Kaithal district from June 5 to June 21, 2026, under the campaign "Twelve years of trust, development and public welfare". This information was given by BJP Kaithal District President JyotiSaini in a press statement. BJP Kaithal District President Jyoti Saini stated that the BJP organization will organize extensive public relations and public welfare programs to commemorate the completion of the central government's historic 12 years under the successful leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. She said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country has achieved unprecedented achievements in the areas of development, welfare of the poor, women's empowerment, farmer welfare, and self-reliant India. She said that under the campaign, media dialogue programmes would be organised from June 8 to June 12, in which the Chief Minister, State President and members of the Union Cabinet will interact with media representatives. In addition, a special public relations campaign will be launched from June 8 to June 14. Under this campaign, Union ministers, MPs, state officials, and MLAs will participate in various programs. These programs will primarily include a special public relations campaign, tree planting campaign, cleanliness drive, and progress path march.

Property dealer murder accused arrested by Crime Branch in Yamunanagar



RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: The Crime Branch-1 team of Yamunanagar Police has arrested the main accused involved in the brutal murder of a property dealer who was attacked with a sharp-edged weapon in the Farakpur police outpost area. Addressing mediapersons, DSP Rajat Gulia said that Superintendent of Police Kamaldeep Goyal had issued strict directions to all police teams to trace and arrest the accused involved in the murder of property dealer Kali Ram, son of Hansraj, a resident of village Harnoul, Police Station Chhappar, district Yamunanagar.Acting swiftly under the supervision of Crime Branch-1 in-charge Raj Kumar, a police team comprising Sub-Inspector Kapil, ASI Sukhdev Singh, Mukesh, Satbir Singh, Jagir Singh, Vijay Kumar and Amarjit Singh arrested the main accused, Gulzar Singh, son of Prem Singh, resident of Kamal Nagar Mandebar, near Badhi Majra.

TACO signs MoU with Rajasthan govt for nature interpretation centre at Sariska Tiger Reserve



YUGMARG BUREAU

JAIPUR: The Animal Care Organization (TACO), the flagship animal welfare initiative under the Anil Agarwal Foundation and Vedanta Group's social impact programme, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Rajasthan Government for the establishment of the Agnivesh Agarwal Nature Interpretation Centre at Sariska Tiger Reserve. The MoU was signed in the presence of Rajasthan Forest Minister Sanjay Sharma and Priya Agarwal Hebbar, Non-Executive Director of Vedanta Limited, Chairperson of Hindustan Zinc Limited and anchor of TACO. Senior officials and representatives from the forest department and Vedanta were also present on the occasion. The Agnivesh Agarwal Nature Interpretation Centre is envisioned as a dedicated hub for promoting wildlife conservation awareness, environmental education and community participation. The centre will help visitors and local communities gain a deeper understanding of biodiversity conservation, ecological sustainability and the importance of protecting wildlife and natural ecosystems. During the event, Sanjay Sharma and Priya Agarwal Hebbar also flagged off eight surveillance vehicles for Ranthambore Tiger Reserve.

Naveen Jindal Foundation organises free medical camp in village Bakhli



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI

PEHOWA: Acting on the initiative of MP Naveen Jindal, the mobile medical unit operated by the Naveen Jindal Foundation is continuously reaching out to villages, providing free medical treatment to the people. Continuing this effort, the mobile medical unit visited the villages of Bakhli Kalan and Bakhli Khurd on Tuesday, where residents of both villages availed themselves of healthcare services right in their own neighborhoods. During the camp, a team led by Dr. Pramod Singh conducted general health check-ups for patients and provided necessary medical consultations. Screenings were conducted for various ailments, including high blood pressure and diabetes.

DC visits Faral village, inspects Kushan and medieval period archaeological sites

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL, MAY 26



DC Aparajita visited Faral village today and inspected important sites related to historical and archaeological heritage. She was accompanied by Dr. Narendra Parmar, Deputy Director of Haryana Archaeology and Museums Department and relevant officials. During visit, archaeological sites and remains dating back to Kushan period were observed and discussions were held on conservation and development of region's historical heritage. DC said that Faral village is an ancient and historical place with a long-standing significance. An important stupa dating back to Kushan period is located here, which was inspected. She said that during survey, painted red ware, artifacts and other archaeological remains were also recovered from site which could play a significant role in understanding historical background of region. She said that administration and Archaeology Department would make efforts to gather further evidence related to Kushan period and work towards preserving historical heritage by taking further action in accordance with Indian archaeological and conservation standards.

Mega legal services camp at Panipat Court on June 2

RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT, MAY 26



Under the directions of the Haryana State Legal Services Authority, Panchkula, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Panipat, will organize a Mega Awareness-cum-Service Camp on June 2 at the Conference Hall located on the ground floor of the District Court Complex. In this regard, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Varsha Sharma, held a meeting on Tuesday with representatives of various government departments, institutions, and non-government organizations and issued necessary guidelines. Chief Judicial Magistrate Varsha Sharma said that the main objective of the camp is to provide various government services and legal assistance to the general public at a single place. She stated that the camp is being organized under the guidance of the Haryana Legal Services Authority, Panchkula, and representatives of multiple departments will remain present under one roof so that people do not have to visit different offices for their work. She informed that services related to Aadhaar card issues, corrections in Family ID (PPP), banking-related information, and free legal aid would be made available during the camp.

Terror of stray dogs: Villagers panic, demand action from Administration



JITENDRA KAUSHIK

BARWALA: Menace of stray dogs is steadily increasing in villages of Barwala area. Stray dogs roaming in packs on streets and main roads have increased villagers' concerns. Frequent incidents of attacks and bites on people have created an atmosphere of fear among villagers. Villagers say that children, elderly and women are most at risk.Children going to school in morning and farmers going out to work in fields are constantly in fear. In many villages, people are now avoiding going out alone. Residents of nearby villages, including Mouli, Haryoli and Khedi, reported that stray dogs swarm streets and lanes as soon as evening falls. In many cases, dogs have attacked and injured pedestrians. Injured are forced to visit hospitals for treatment. Villagers allege that despite repeated complaints, no concrete action has been taken by administration.

2-day training campaign leaves deep impression on hearts and minds of BJP workers: Rajesh Sapra

RAHUL KOHLI



YAMUNANAGAR: BJP District President Rajesh Sapra informed that BJP organization provided an opportunity for officials and workers listed for training to participate in two-day training camp of BJP District Yamunanagar, chaired by BJP District President Rajesh Sapra. Held at DPS School, Bhambhouli, Jagadhri, two-day camp provided an opportunity for all workers to receive training from senior BJP officials. BJP District President Rajesh Sapra explained that two days of training passed without realizing it. On first day, seven sessions were attended followed by a cultural program in evening. During night, training was spent in classroom with colleagues. Everyone shared refreshments and lunch together.On second day, they participated in morning branch, performed havan and received training in five sessions. Both days of training demonstrated tremendous discipline and coordination among BJP workers.During training, mobile phones of all BJP workers were deposited separately so that everyone's attention remains focused on training. BJP State Incharge Dr Satish Poonia himself praised arrangements and location of this BJP training camp organized at DPS School Bhambhauli Jagadhri and from stage praised District Supervisor Pramod Koshik.

Stay aware to protect against heat and heatwaves: Vishram Meena

HANS RAJ YADAV



KURUKSHETRA: Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena stated that temperatures are rising continuously, and along with this, the severity of heatwaves is intensifying. With temperatures expected to rise further in the coming days, heatwaves could have an adverse impact on people's health. He appealed to the general public to remain vigilant, adhere to the advisories issued by the department, and ensure the safety of both themselves and their families.He advised against stepping out of the house unnecessarily during the hottest hours of the day. Specifically, avoid exposure to direct sunlight between 12:00 PM and 4:00 PM—the period when the likelihood of heatwaves is highest. If stepping out is unavoidable, keep your head covered with a cap, scarf, umbrella, or hat, and wear loose-fitting, light-colored cotton clothing to help regulate your body temperature. He emphasised the importance of preventing dehydration during the summer season. One should continue to drink adequate amounts of water, regardless of whether one feels thirsty or not. Consuming homemade beverages such as lemon water, lassi, buttermilk, ORS, and rice water is beneficial. Advising people to avoid junk food and excessively oily or spicy dishes, he recommended consuming only fresh fruits, green vegetables, and light, home-cooked meals.

DC Anand Sharma arrives for night halt in village Shahpur; Resolves public grievances



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: In accordance with his scheduled itinerary, DC Anand Kumar Sharma arrived at Village Shahpur in the Chirao Block on Monday evening for a night halt. During his visit, he listened to the villagers' grievances and resolved them on the spot. He stated that the issues faced by the general public would be resolved in a time-bound manner, and priority would be accorded to development works related to the people's basic necessities. During the night halt program, Sarpanch Chandrabhan welcomed DC Dr. Anand Kumar Sharma with a floral bouquet and apprised him of the collective issues facing the village. On this occasion, Block Committee Chairman Satish Dadupur honored the DC by presenting him with a shawl. Meanwhile, Pala Ram Dadupur, the newly elected member from District Council Ward No. 10, honored ADC Dr. Rahul Raiya.

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Grand Finale of Kids India, Miss India, Mrs. India & Mr. India 2026 Dazzles Zirakpur



CHANDIGARH : The much-awaited Grand Finale of "Kids India, Miss India, Mrs. India & Mr. India 2026" was held with grandeur at Hotel Clarion Inn, Zirakpur. The glamorous talent and fashion extravaganza brought together contestants from across the country, offering them a prestigious platform to showcase their talent, confidence, personality, and cultural spirit. The evening began with the traditional lamp-lighting ceremony and a spiritual Ganesh Vandana, followed by a warm welcome for chief guests and distinguished dignitaries. Guests encouraged participants and applauded the event for promoting talent and empowerment on a national stage. Bollywood actor Rahul Roy emerged as the star attraction of the evening as the celebrity guest. The esteemed judging panel and special invitees included Amarjeet Kaur (Mrs. India Asia 2023), Rajinder Kaur (Winner Shine Mrs. India 2024), astrologer Ravi Thakur, celebrity fashion designer Sonal Mittal of Rainbow Fashion Studio, celebrity makeup artist Richa from Keya Makeover, professional makeup artist Manisha Makeover, international groomer Jeet Gon from Kolkata, Natasha Chauhan from Shimla, and model Manisha Saxena.

In the Miss India 2026 competition, Priyanka Neogi from Cooch Behar was crowned the winner, while Vaishnavi Meena from Indore, Madhya Pradesh secured the position of 1st Runner-Up and Ekta Saxena from Kota, Rajasthan was declared 2nd Runner-Up. Contestants including Tanishka Sharma, Aarohi Rajput, and Amandeep Kaur from Bathinda also impressed the audience with their performances and confidence on stage.

In the Kids India category, Ayaanveer Gupta emerged as the winner, while Ivaan Grover secured the title of 2nd Runner-Up. Baani Kathiria won the Girls Kids India title with her remarkable stage presence and talent. The Mrs. India 2026 title was won by Payal Bansal from Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh. Dr. Renu Saxena from Delhi was declared 1st Runner-Up, while Kanchan Maini from Panchkula

Honda launches the New Honda City

CHANDIGARH : Honda Cars India Ltd. (HCIL), a leading manufacturer of premium cars in India, today announced the launch of New Honda City and the India Premiere of its Global Hybrid SUV the All New ZR-V e:HEV.Celebrating Honda's legacy of sporty design and engineering excellence, the two models arrive as 'Two Sporty Icons' created for customers seeking premium styling, sporty dynamic performance, advanced technology and refined driving experience. The launch also marks a significant milestone for Honda in India with the introduction of Honda ZR-V – a globally acclaimed premium Hybrid SUV now making its debut in the Indian market.The new Honda City continues its iconic legacy with enhanced sporty styling, modern sophistication, enriches interiors with new features and Honda's signature engaging driving dynamics. The model will be available in both Petrol and e:HEV Strong Hybrid variants, offering customers a choice between Refined Petrol Performance and Advanced Electrified Mobility.

It's the Super Over of shopping as Mega Cricket Festival goes live on Amazon.in

CHANDIGARH : As the cricket season reaches its climax, Mega Cricket Festival on Amazon.in brings exciting deals across cricket essentials, fitness gear, fan merchandise and home entertainment. Whether gearing up for a gully cricket match, training to sharpen your game, upgrading your kit or setting up the perfect viewing experience for every match, customers can shop from a wide AI-
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collectibles.Beyond great deals, Amazon's AI-powered shopping tools make discovering the right products easier than ever. Not sure which bat suits a ten-year-old just starting out, or which gym gloves offer the right grip for weight training? Ask Rufus for instant,
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kit bag you liked and want something similar? Try prompts like 'show me cricket-themed room décor and fan collectibles under ₹2000' or 'next match day ke liye fan accessories aur cricket merchandise dikhao'. Lens AI can help you find it instantly, no need to know the brand name or exact product title.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

e-TENDERING

OPEN TENDER NOTICE No. NIT-02/2026-27, DATED: 26.05.2026

Open tenders through e-tendering are invited on & behalf of President of India by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/G, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto 15:00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter:-

S. N.	Tender No.	Name of Work	Approx. Cost (Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Date of closing & opening
1	30-Elect/ T-02/ 2026-276	Electrical work in connection with Provision of standby tube well in Railway colony & station at Barnala and provision of tube well in replacement of failed tube well no. 08 in Railway colony Bathinda in the section of SSE/W/L/BTI under ADEN/BTI over Ambala division, Repair to water supply with staging & grill of new goods office, Track machine rest house at NBA in the section of SSE/W/PTA, repair to water supply pipeline in PWI colony and making connection of new pump house & new RCC OH tank to existing pump house and RCC OH tank in railway colony in the section of SSE/W/DUI and repair of corroded and broken existing old pipelines and broken PVC tanks at CJL, LHA, GRN on DUI - JHL section and JPS UKN, DNX & making arrangement for submersible pump instead of open well pump at UKN diggi for normal operation of filter plant & AMC of RO plant at GRN, DNX, RPHR & pressure filter plant at UKN on JHL - HSR section in the section of SSE/W/SAG under ADEN/PTA, Improvement of water supply in Railway colony, Jagadhari Workshop by providing one deep tubewell and two RCC overhead tanks of 225KL capacity over Ambala Division.	Rs. 22,92,504.43	Rs. 45,900.00	03 Months	16.06.2026

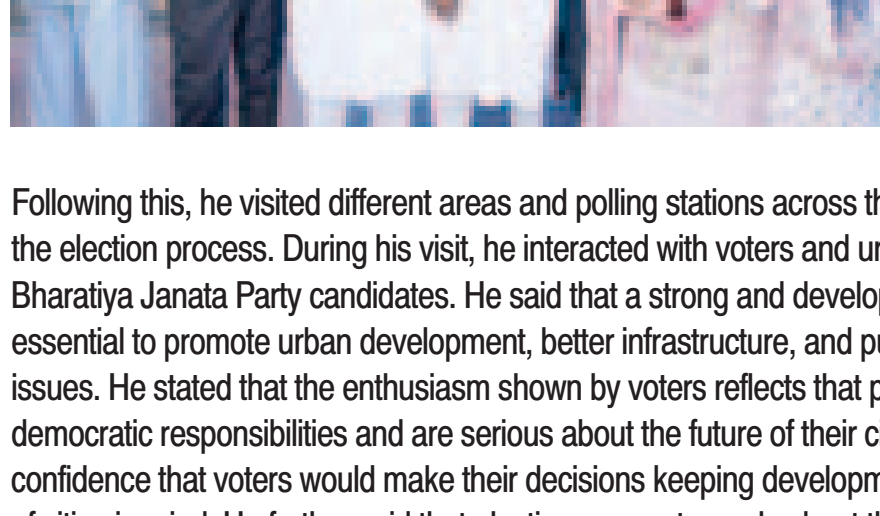
1. Tenderers are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN/GST as per conditions. **2.** The required Bid Security will be acceptable On-line payment through Net Banking/or Payment Gateway only well before & upto 15.00 hrs. of closing date & time of tender. **3.** Tenderers should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in e-Tendering of works tenders. **4.** For detail, please log on IREPS website **www.ireps.gov.in**. **5.** GST will be levied as per GST Act. 2017.

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Sanjeev Khanna appreciates voters' enthusiasm amid intense heat

ZIRAKPUR(MUKESH CHAUHAN): Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) State Secretary and Halka Derabassi In-charge Sanjeev Khanna on Tuesday expressed gratitude to all voters who stepped out of their homes and participated in the democratic process despite the intense heat during the Municipal Council elections. He said that despite difficult weather conditions, people made a significant contribution towards strengthening democracy by casting their votes.

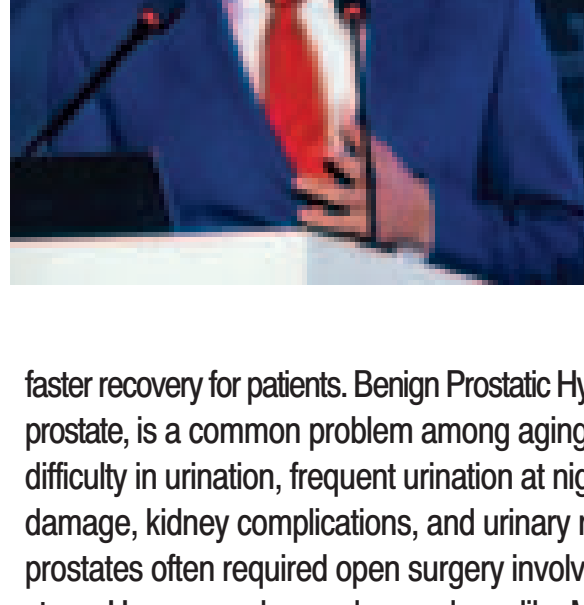


Sanjeev Khanna, accompanied by his wife Renu Khanna, exercised his voting right early in the morning. On the occasion, he also appealed to people to come out in large numbers and cast their votes.

Following this, he visited different areas and polling stations across the constituency to review the election process. During his visit, he interacted with voters and urged them to support Bharatiya Janata Party candidates. He said that a strong and development-oriented team is essential to promote urban development, better infrastructure, and public welfare-related issues. He stated that the enthusiasm shown by voters reflects that people are aware of their democratic responsibilities and are serious about the future of their cities. He expressed confidence that voters would make their decisions keeping development and the betterment of cities in mind. He further said that elections are not merely about the victory or defeat of candidates, but also serve as an important opportunity to determine the future direction of cities. He added that greater public participation strengthens democracy and is a sign of an aware and responsible society.

Advanced MOSES laser technology used for three complex prostate surgeries in a day

NEW DELHI: In a major breakthrough in advanced urological treatment in North India, Dr. Rohit Dadhwal, Robotic & Advanced Urology Surgeon, successfully performed three complex MoLEP (MOSES Laser Enucleation of Prostate) surgeries in a single day using the latest MOSES 2.0 Laser Technology. The surgeries included patients suffering from severe enlarged prostate conditions, including one patient with a 120-gram prostate, another with a 134-gram prostate, and a third patient with an 80-gram enlarged prostate along with multiple urinary bladder stones. The achievement is being seen as a significant milestone in minimally invasive prostate surgery and advanced laser urology care in the region. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Rohit Dadhwal said that the aim is to provide world-class and minimally invasive urology treatment to patients closer to home in North India. He said that advanced technologies such as Robotics, Rez m Therapy, and MOSES Laser Surgery are transforming urology treatment by offering greater precision, reduced complications, and faster recovery for patients. Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH), commonly known as enlarged prostate, is a common problem among aging men and can lead to symptoms such as difficulty in urination, frequent urination at night, weak urine flow, urinary infections, bladder damage, kidney complications, and urinary retention. Traditionally, patients with very large prostates often required open surgery involving more pain, bleeding, and longer hospital stays. However, advanced procedures like MoLEP with MOSES 2.0 technology now allow treatment through a minimally invasive laser approach even in large prostate cases.



According to experts, the major benefits of advanced MoLEP surgery include minimal bleeding, faster recovery, shorter hospitalization, early catheter removal, suitability for large prostates, and durable long-term results. Dr. Rohit Dadhwal is also actively involved in introducing advanced urology procedures in the region, including Robotic Urology Surgery, Rezm Water Vapor Therapy, RIRS and Laser Stone Surgery, advanced prostate and kidney stone treatment, and minimally .

REFORM ARC LIMITED

(Formerly known as Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Limited)

2nd floor ICC Chambers, Saki Vihar Road, Near MTNL Telephone Exchange, Powai Mumbai 400072

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION SALE OF SECURED ASSETS

REFORM ARC LIMITED (Formerly known as Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Limited) called as "RARC", acting in its capacity as Trustee of **"RARC (IOB MSME) 095 Trust"** is an assignee and a secured creditor of below mentioned borrower by virtue of **Assignment Agreement dated 26.12.2025** executed with Indian Overseas Bank.

The undersigned in exercise of powers conferred under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 hereby give notice to public in general that the below mentioned property shall be sold by way of "online e-auction" for recovery of dues. The properties shall be sold strictly on **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "NO RECOURSE"** basis apart from other terms mentioned below.

Name of Borrower/guarantors/mortgagors

1. **M/s. Gurukripa Packaging Industry Prop: Dhruv Dhanda s/o Sanjeev Dhanda Add:** - Ground Floor, B-21-4122, Street No-04, Gurunanak Street, Shimlapuri, Gill Road, Ludhiana, Pun ab- 141003
2. **Mr. Sanjeev Dhanda s/o Naresh Dhanda Add:** - H.no-4122, Street No-04, Gurunanak Street, Opposite ITI College, Jania Nagar, Ludhiana, Punjab-141003
3. **Mr. Dhruv Dhanda (Proprietor) S/o Sanjeev Dhanda Add:** - Flat No-514, Ground Floor, Passi Chowk, Housefed Complex, Pakhowal Road, Phallewal, Ludhiana, Pun ab - 141202

Outstanding dues as on dt. 14.05.2026 - Rs. 1,49,20,003.19/- (Rupees One Crores Forty Nine Lakhs Twenty Thousand Three and Paisa Nineteen Only) for Loan Account Numbers : - i) 158933000000042 ii) 158903303000057 iii) 158903304000002 iv) 158903304000005 v) 158903351000002 vi) 158903303000055 vii) 158903510000014

This property is in physical possession with RARC

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Land & Building bearing Khasra no.974, 979, 967, 968, 969, 970, 972, 973, 975, 976, 977, 978, 980, 981 khewat no.430415,433/418, Khatoni no.509,512 as per Jamabandi for the year 2014-15 measuring 500 square year situated at Jaspal Bangar (Abadi Buta Colony), Tehsil and Distt. Ludhiana in the name of Dhruv Dhanda S/o Sanjeev Dhanda vide sale deed bearing wasika no. 2019-20/103/1/3674 dated 24.06.2019

1.RESERVE PRICE- Rs. 40,00,000/- Rupees Forty Lakhs Only)
2.EMD AMOUNT- Rs. 4,00,000/- Rupees Four Lakh Only)

Details Of Auction Events: -
Inspection Date of Property: 05.06.2026 from 11.00 A.M. to 02.00 P.M.
Last date for bid submission: 11.06.2026
Date of e-auction: 12.06.2026 between 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. (with extension of 5 minutes each)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE

1. The property shall not be sold below the reserve price, and sale is subject to confirmation by RARC as secured creditor. The properties shall be sold strictly on **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "NO RECOURSE".**
2. The E-Auction shall be conducted through RARC approved service provider **M/s ARCA EMART PRIVATE LIMITED through the website: https://www.Auctionbazaar.com**. Detailed terms and conditions of the E-Auction, Bid Form, and Tender Documents are available on:www.rarc.co.in and https://www.auctionbazaar.com
3. Intending bidders must possess a valid e-mail ID. The Participation ID and Password will be communicated only through e-mail by the E-Auction service provider.
4. Interested bidders shall submit the duly filled Bid Form along with proof of EMD deposit and self-attested **KYC documents (PAN Card, Aadhaar Card, etc.)** to the Authorized Officer at: REFORM ARC LIMITED (Formerly known as Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Limited) 2nd floor ICC Chambers, Saki Vihar Road, Near MTNL Telephone Exchange, Powai Mumbai 400072 and by email to himanshu.yadav@rarc.co.in and Narendra.r.shukla@rarc.co.in. Last date of submission of **Bid Form is 11.06.2026**. Bid Forms received late or without EMD shall be summarily rejected.
5. Neither RARC nor the service provider shall be responsible for any failure on the part of the bidder due to internet/network issues, power failure, or technical lapses. Bidders are advised to make adequate alternative arrangements.
6. All bidders shall comply with the provisions of **Section 29A of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.**
7. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT fund transfer to **Current Account No: 040211010000004, Name of the Bank: Union Bank of India, Branch: Mumbai, Name of the Beneficiary: "Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Limited", IFSC Code: UBIN0590070.** Please note that the Cheque/Demand Draft shall not be accepted towards EMD.
8. The balance sale consideration amount will be remitted in **Current Account No. 024702000003532, Name of the Bank: Indian Overseas Bank, Branch: Santacruz(W), Name of the Beneficiary: RARC (IOB MSME) 095 Trust, IFSC Code: IOBA0000247** through RTGS/NEFT.
9. Bids below the Reserve Price and/or without EMD shall not be accepted. Bid increment amount shall be in multiples of **Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)**. In case of a sole bidder, at least one incremental bid shall be mandatory.
10. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale consideration (inclusive of EMD) immediately upon being declared successful bidder and the balance 75% within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale.
11. In default of payment within the prescribed period, the amount already deposited including EMD shall stand forfeited without further notice. However, extension of time may be granted at the sole discretion of the Authorized Officer.
12. EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded without interest after completion of the auction process.
13. The particulars specified herein are stated to the best of the knowledge and belief of the Authorized Officer. However, the Authorized Officer shall not be responsible for any error, misstatement, or omission.
14. The undersigned Authorized Officer reserves the absolute right to accept or reject any bid or to adjourn/postpone/cancel the auction without assigning any reason whatsoever.
15. Prospective bidders are advised to conduct independent due diligence regarding encumbrances, title, measurement, liabilities, and condition of the property before submitting bids. No claim shall be entertained thereafter.
16. All statutory dues, taxes, charges, stamp duty, registration charges, transfer charges, and any other incidental expenses relating to the sale shall be borne solely by the successful purchaser.
17. For further details, contact **Mr. Himanshu Yadav, Authorised Officer - Legal, Mobile No. 9892049543 and Mr. Narendra Shukla, AVP-Resolution, Mobile No-9321339065.**
18. The Sale Certificate shall be issued solely in the name of the successful bidder. No request for addition, deletion, substitution, or change of name(s) shall be entertained under any circumstances. The Sale Certificate shall be issued only upon receipt of the full sale consideration and confirmation of the sale by the Secured Creditor.

THIS NOTICE WILL ALSO SERVE AS STATUTORY 15 DAYS NOTICE TO THE BORROWER/GUARANTORS/ MORTGAGOR UNDER SARFAESI ACT AND RULES MADE THEREUNDER.

Place: Ludhiana
Date: 27.05.2026

Authorized Officer
REFORM LIMITED
(Formerly known as Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Limited)

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1. Manjit Singh — Son
2. Chanchal Singh — Son
3. Davinder Kaur — Daughter
4. Manmohan Singh — Son
5. Surinder Kaur — Daughter
6. Ravinder Kaur — Daughter

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AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED

(A SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANK)

Regd. Office: 19-A, Dhuleshwar Garden, Ajmer Road, Jaipur - 302001 (CIN:L36911RJ1996PLC011381)

APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(I)] POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) under the "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice on the date as mentioned below calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice as per the details given in below table:

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor/Guarantor / Loan A/c No.	13(2) Notice Date & Amount	Description of Mortgaged Property	Date of Possession Taken
(A/c No.) L9001060143046339 **Harpreet Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Kuldeep Kaur (Co-Borrower), Joginder Singh (Co-Borrower)	21-Jan-26 Rs. 1052522/- Rs. Ten Lakh Fifty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Two Only 19-Jan-26	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At - Khasra No-2739Min, 2740, 2741Min, Village- Phagwara Sharki, Teh- Phagwara, Dist - Kapurthala, Punjab, 144401 **Admeasuring 431.06 SQ YD,** East : ROAD, West : MOHAN LAL, North : OTHERS, South : DHARAM DUTT	22-May-26
(A/c No.) L9001060138030819 & L9001060143103618 & L9001060839630054 **Ramesh Kumar (Borrower),** Ravi Kumar (Co-Borrower), Rajesh Kumar (Co-Borrower)	21-Jan-26 Rs. 1028540/- Rs. Ten Lakh Twenty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Forty Only & Rs. 514740/- Rs. Five Lakh Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Only & Rs. 505853/- Rs. Five Lakh Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Three Only 19-Jan-26	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At - Khasra No 4046/1/03-15,4365/4049/1-01-10, KHATA NO - 450-976, Near Icici Bank, SANGAT KALAN, Dist- Bathinda, Punjab,151401 **Admeasuring 62.55 SQ YD,** East : SHOP OF AJAY KUAMR, West : VACANT LAND OF RAM KUMAR, North : ROAD, South : VACANT LAND OF SUKHCHAIN SINGH	22-May-26
(A/c No.) L9001060148988168 **M/S Kahlon Traders (Borrower),** Smt.Jaswinder Kaur (Co-Borrower), Harmeet Singh (Co-Borrower)	22-Jan-26 Rs. 2645241/- Rs. Twenty-Six Lakh Forty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Forty-One Only 19-Jan-26	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At - Khasra No.- 192//9/1,12, 28, Vill Kalanaur,Teh Kalanaur, Dist-Gurdaspur, Punjab ,143512 **Admeasuring 1 KANAL 6 MARLA,** East : GALI, West : HARWINDER SINGH, North : ROAD, South : GALI	22-May-26
(A/c No.) L9001060834261134 **Parminder Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Rajni Bala (Co-Borrower)	13-Feb-26 Rs. 491006/- Rs. Four Lakh Ninety-One Thousand Six Only 10-Feb-26	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- GEETA BHAWAN ROAD, NEAR GURU BHAWAN MANDIR, Mohalla Geeta Bhawan, TEHSIL & Dist - Gurdaspur, Punjab, 143521 **Admeasuring 114 Square Feet,** East : HOUSE OF WAZIR CHAND, West : HOUSE OF WAZIR CHAND, North : ROAD, South : HOUSE OF GURDIAL SINGH	22-May-26

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

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Place: Punjab **Date: 26-May-2026** **Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited**

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Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of Securitisation Act of 2002

As the loan account became NPA therefore the Authorized officer under section 13(2) of "The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002" had issued 60 days demand notice to the borrowers/co-borrowers/ Mortgagers/Guarantors (collectively referred as "Borrowers") as given in the table. According to the notice if the borrowers do not deposit the entire amount within 60 days, the amount will be recovered from auction of the mortgage properties/secured assets as given below. Therefore you the borrowers are informed to deposit the entire loan amount along with future interest and expenses within 60 days from the date of demand notice, otherwise under the provisions of 13(4)and 14 of the said Act, the Authorized officer is free to take possession for sale of the mortgage properties/Secured assets as given below.

Borrowers to note that after receipt of this notice, in terms of Section 13(13) of the Act, 2002, you are prohibited and restrained from transferring any of the secured assets by way of sale, lease or otherwise, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Borrowers attention are attracted towards Section 13(8) r/w Rule 3(5) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Act that the borrowers shall be entitled to redeem their secured asset upon the payment of the complete outstanding dues as mentioned below before the publication of auction notice, which thereafter shall cease to exist.

Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower /Mortgagor/Guarantor/ Loan A/c No.	Date and Amount of Demand Notice Under Sec. 13(2)	Description of Mortgaged Property
(A/c No.) L9001060131538168 **Bhupinder Singh (Borrower),** Smt. Sukhdeep Kaur (Co-Borrower)	17-Apr-26 Rs. 1452357/- Rs. Fourteen Lac Fifty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Seven only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At - Rect No 1898/1(4-17), Killa No 1(4-17), Khewat No 877/1, Khatoni No 1101/1, Village -Abohar-II, DIST - Farilka, Punjab. **Admeasuring 44.16 Sq.Yds**
(A/c No.) L9001060720302111 **Smt.Gurmeet Kaur (Borrower),** Harbhagwan Singh (Co-Borrower)	17-Apr-26 Rs. 898117/- Rs. Eight Lac Ninety-Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventeen only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Land Measuring 6.66 marla i.e. 666/108900 share of 54 karnal 9 marla Khasra No. 99//20/2(7-7) 21(8-0)100//25(8-0)101//5(8-8), 6(3-12) 102//1(8-0) 10 (8-0) 100//16/2(3-2) khatta no 166/274 & 275 Reg. no. 2020-21/65/1/156 dt. 20-5-2020 vill. Malakpur Dist. Mansa Punjab **Admeasuring 6.66 Marla**
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(A/c No.) L9001060125219543 **Ashwani Kumar (Borrower),** Smt.Sonika (Co-Borrower)	17-Apr-26 Rs. 623287/- Rs. Six Lac Twenty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Seven only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At- 4 marla 2 sarsai being 19/279 share of total land 3 kanal 2 marla Rect No 81 Killa No 18/1/1(3-2) ,Reg. No. 2019-20/56/1/799 Dt. 24-5-2019 Vill & Dist- Fazilka, Punjab **Admeasuringj 4 marla 2 sarsai**
(A/c No.) L9001060831885386 & L9001060127852182 **Himanshu Kanojia (Borrower),** Smt.Simran (Co-Borrower), Smt.Santosh Rani (Co-Borrower)	17-Apr-26 Rs. 245050/- Rs. Two Lac Forty-Five Thousand Fifty only & Rs. 1311400/- Rs. Thirteen Lac Eleven Thousand Four Hundred only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Sitauted At -Khasra No.- 36/11/2,19/2/2,20,22/1,37/12,13,14, 15/2,19/1,8/1/2, Khata No 594/651,595/652, Vill.- Jamalpur Awana, District - Ludhiana, Punjab **Admeasuring 86 Sqyds**
(A/c No.) L9001060128168070 **Bhagirath Ram (Borrower),** Vajir Chand (Co-Borrower), Shanker Lal (Co-Borrower)	17-Apr-26 Rs. 489176/- Rs. Four Lac Eighty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Six only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At 10 marla Rect No 85 Killa No 18 Min (0-6) 24/1/1 Min(0-4)Sale Deed No 4615 dt. 2-3-2004, Near Mandir Fazilka, Vill & Dist- Fazilka, Punjab **Admeasuring 10 marla**
(A/c No.) L9001060136464799 **Saraj Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Paramjeet Kaur (Co-Borrower), Balkar Singh (Co-Borrower)	17-Apr-26 Rs. 807367/- Rs. Eight Lac Seven Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Seven only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Comprised in Khewat No 524,Khatauni No 759,KhasraNo 53//14/2,4-2,Jamabandi Year 2018-19,Situated at Village Karma, Teh Guruharsahai. Dist- Firozepur, Punjab Vide Transfer Deed No 2023-24/114/1/139,Dated 28-04-2023. **Admeasuring 00K-09 Marlas 06 Sarsahi**
(A/c No.) L9001060144921426 **Mahesh Kumar Kapoor (Borrower),** Atam Parkash (Co-Borrower), Yogesh Kumar (Co-Borrower), Smt.Pushp Latta (Co-Borrower)	17-Apr-26 Rs. 1083933/- Rs. Ten Lac Eighty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Three only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At Uid No-Property Code 6046805n0Mms41Rr013A ,House Lgd 604680365 ,Lal Dora Of Village Nagpur ,District -Fatehabad ,Haryana **Admeasuring 617.98 Sq.Mtr**
(A/c No.) L9001060100568293 **Gurjant Singh (Borrower),** Rajpal Kaur (Co-Borrower), Raghbeer Singh (Co-Borrower), Darshan Singh (Guarantor)	18-Apr-26 Rs. 301630/- Rs. Three Lac One Thousand Six Hundred Thirty only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At - H No 58, Survey Number-496/827, Dugaal Kalan, District- Patiala, Punjab, 147105 **Admeasuring 1320 Square Feet**
(A/c No.) L9001060146412379 **Gian Singh (Borrower),** Parwinder Kaur (Co-Borrower)	18-Apr-26 Rs. 1548447/- Rs. Fifteen Lac Forty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Seven only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At - Khewat Number 538 Khatauni No.714 To 716 Rect No 5,Muktsar-3, Tehsil Muktsar & Dist - Muktsar, Punjab **Admeasuring 1352.85 SQ YD**
(A/c No.) L9001060827624597 & L9001060123733110 **Ravinder Kumar Gaba (Borrower),** Shamli Shamli (Co-Borrower)	18-Apr-26 Rs. 162077/- Rs. One Lac Sixty-Two Thousand Seventy-Seven only & Rs. 420396/- Rs. Four Lac Twenty Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Six only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At- Wasika No 2656, Khewat No 140 Khatauni No 263, Singhanwala 2, Tehsil & Dist- Moga, Punjab **Admeasuring 272.25 Sq. Yrd.**
(A/c No.) L9001070234819210 **Deepanshu Chhabra (Borrower),** Anil Kumar (Co-Borrower), Mamta Chhabra (Co-Borrower)	18-Apr-26 Rs. 848631/- Rs. Eight Lac Forty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-One only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At - Plot No 66, Khasra No 27 8/10/2 11/1 20/2 21/1 9/9 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 22 23 24 25 17/2/1 3/1 4/1 5 18/1/1 Khatta No.85/87 H.B No103, Village Baloke Green Avenue, Distt- Ludhiana, Punjab, 141001 **Admeasuring 203.33 Square Yard**
(A/c No.) L9001060837468681 & L9001060127758521 **Subedar (Borrower),** Manisha Kumari (Co-Borrower)	18-Apr-26 Rs. 369716/- Rs. Three Lac Sixty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Sixteen only & Rs. 468429/- Rs. Four Lac Sixty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Nine only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At Khasra No 17/1/1,2/1,2/2,4/1,8/1/1,9/1/1,8/2/1,10/1,3,2 1/2,22/2,23/1/1,3/2,17/24/2,18/5/2,26/1/3,2/ 1,3/1,3/3, Plot No 74, Basti Bawa Khel, Kabir Vihar, Dist- Jalandhar, Punjab **Admeasuring 1429.31 Square Feet**
(A/c No.) L9001060128502278 **M/S Rajindra Agriculture Works (Borrower),** Sukhpal Kaur (Co-Borrower), Gagandeep Singh (Co-Borrower), Rajinder Singh (Co-Borrower)	18-Apr-26 Rs. 1179804/- Rs. Eleven Lac Seventy-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Four only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At - Khasra No 775 Min 06-15,776 1 Min 06-15 And Khatta No 1287 2802 And Present Khatta No 1512 2920, Talwandi Sabo, Gurudwara , District- Bathinda, Punjab, 151301 **Admeasuring 212.31 Square Yard**
(A/c No.) L9001060133847817 **Manjeet Singh (Borrower),** Shamsher Singh (Co-Borrower), Jagdeep Singh (Co-Borrower)	18-Apr-26 Rs. 1543807/- Rs. Fifteen Lac Forty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seven only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At - Khewat No 184 Khatouni No 281 Khasra No 1284 4-3 1315 0-5, Gobindpura Patwar Halqa, Tehsil Sherpur, District - Sangrur, Punjab, 148025 **Admeasuring 1360 Square Yard**
(A/c No.) L9001070142600051 **Sachin Yadav (Borrower),** Shweta Yadav (Co-Borrower)	18-Apr-26 Rs. 893725/- Rs. Eight Lac Ninety-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Five only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At - Khewat No 1005 Kathoni No 1478 Khasra No 921/18 0-18, Navi Abadi, Dist - Firozpur, Punjab **Admeasuring 116.66 SQ YD**
(A/c No.) L9001060138395986 **Manmohan Kumar (Borrower),** Kamaljeet Kaur (Co-Borrower)	18-Apr-26 Rs. 515023/- Rs. Five Lac Fifteen Thousand Twenty-Three only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At -Khasra Nos 555, Khwaspur, District- Hoshiarpur, Punjab, 146001 **Admeasuring 57.47 Square Yard**
(A/c No.) L9001060140841132 **Raj Kumar (Borrower),** Vadhu Devi (Co-Borrower), Shairi (Co-Borrower)	18-Apr-26 Rs. 688976/- Rs. Six Lac Eighty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Six only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At -Killa No 10/1 6-0 And 10/2Min 1-0,10/2 1-0, Khewat 531 And 71And Khatoni No 1659 And 235 236, Rect No 89, Wariyam Khera, Fazilka , Abohar, District-Firozpur, Punjab, 152116 **Admeasuring 635.25 Square Yard**
(A/c No.) L9001060143824810 **Baldev Singh (Borrower),** Raj Kaur (Co-Borrower)	18-Apr-26 Rs. 848843/- Rs. Eight Lac Forty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Three only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At - Khatta No 703/796,Khasra No 82/11/1, Village Manukey-1, Hadbast No 150, Tehsil Jagraon, Dist - Ludhiana, Punjab **Admeasuring 136.12 Sq. Yrd.**
(A/c No.) L9001060145403878 **Amritpal Singh (Borrower),** Manjit Kaur (Co-Borrower)	18-Apr-26 Rs. 962709/- Rs. Nine Lac Sixty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Nine only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At - Khasra No 76/15/5,76/16/2, Bhikhiwind, Tehsil Patti, District - Tarn Taran, Punjab, 143303 **Admeasuring 24 Sq. Yrd.**
(A/c No.) L9001060127859727 **Hem Raj (Borrower),** Rashmi (Co-Borrower)	20-Apr-26 Rs. 3984374/- Rs. Thirty-Nine Lac Eighty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Four only **As on 15-Apr-26**	(1) Property Situated At Khata No 241/255 , Khasra No 41//21 , Khata No 240/251 , Vill - Sherpur Kalan , Hb No 176 , Tehsil And Dist - Ludhiana, Punjab **Admeasuring 42-1/2 sq.yrds** (2) Property situated at khasra no 503 , 504 , khata no 794/876 , vill - jamlpur awana , HB no 177 ,Tehsil and dist - ludhiana, Punjab **Admeasuring 150 sq.yrds**
(A/c No.) L9001071043242456 **Amandeep Singh (Borrower),** Raj Rani (Co-Borrower)	20-Apr-26 Rs. 2855774/- Rs. Twenty-Eight Lac Fifty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Four only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At Khasra No 278/2 , 277 , Vill - Dhaliwal Bet , Tehsil Dhilwan , Dist - Kapurthala , Punjab **Admeasuring 1 kanal 5 marla**
(A/c No.) L9001070143243168 **Rajan Sharma (Borrower),** Bharti Sharma (Co-Borrower), Mohit Sharma (Co-Borrower), Krishna Devi (Co-Borrower)	20-Apr-26 Rs. 3652780/- Rs. Thirty-Six Lac Fifty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty only **As on 15-Apr-26**	Property Situated At Street No 4 , The Bank Employee Co- Operative House Building Society Ltd.Near Balram Nagar , Dist- Bathinda , Punjab **Admeasuring 3,3/8 biswas**
(A/c No.) L9001060138679150 **Smt.Virpal Kaur (Borrower),** Rachhpal Singh (Co-Borrower)	24-Apr-26 Rs. 635547/- Rs. Six Lakh Thirty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Seven Only **As on 23-Apr-26**	Property Situated At - Khasra No 24/9/3 3-10 10/3 1-5 11/1 0-16 12/1 1-9, Khewat No 2697 Khatauni No 3473, Sale Deed No 1978, Tehsil And Dist- Moga, Punjab, 142048 **Admeasuring 152.3 Square Yard**
(A/c No.) L9001060122306592 **M/S New Brand Point (Borrower),** Baltej Singh (Co-Borrower), Smt.Neena Rani (Co-Borrower)	27-Apr-26 Rs. 446459/- Rs. Four Lakh Forty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Nine Only **As on 24-Apr-26**	Property Situated At - Killa No 3 8-0 4/1 4-19 4/2 1-18 7/1 7-11 8 8-0 Khewat No 51 Khatoni No 128 Rect No 5, Varas Wala Arian,Tehsil-Makhu, District - Firozpur , Punjab, 142044 **Admeasuring 138 Sqyds**
(A/c No.) L9001060831448908 & L9001060126090061 **Batra Sweet House (Borrower),** Paras Kumar (Co-Borrower), Kuljeet Singh (Co-Borrower), Surjit Singh (Co-Borrower)	27-Apr-26 Rs. 598281/- Rs. Five Lakh Ninety-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-One Only & Rs. 1467822/- Rs. Fourteen Lakh Sixty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Two Only **As on 27-Apr-26**	Property Situated At Kh No 33 ,Near Dr Satpal Clinic ,Guru Harsahai ,Panje Ke Uttar Firozpur ,District-Firozpur ,Punjab **Admeasuring 87 Sq. Yrd.**

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India's girl band VIVA returns after 20 years



Indias all-girl pop group VIVA, featuring Neha Bhasin, Anushka Manchanda, Pratichee Mohapatra, and Mahua Kamat, is set to return to streaming platforms more than two decades. After years of effort and persistence by VIVA in collaboration with JioStar, the music is finally returning to audiences across the world through KaanPhod and all major audio streaming platforms.Speaking about VIVA's legacy, Anushka Manchanda in a press note expressed, "VIVA represents a powerful moment in time that laid the foundation for us to be strong, independent women. We are humbled and grateful for the love we have continued to receive over the last two decades, and so this moment feels all the more magical as it comes together!"Neha Bhasin, sharing her excitement, added, "VIVA was never just a band, it became a feeling, a memory and an entire era for us and for a generation that grew up with our music. As India's first pop girl band, we shared something truly special together and that connection has stayed alive over the years through the incredible love of our audiences. I'm so happy that the songs and videos which defined so many millennial memories will now finally be available for newer generations to discover, experience and enjoy as well.""-VIVA feels inseparable from who I am, almost like an extension of my own name. It was where my musical journey truly began, shaping me not just as an artist but as a person. It holds some of my happiest memories, deepest friendships and biggest milestones. Seeing the music return after all these years feels emotional, nostalgic and a little surreal. There's something beautiful about knowing these songs will now become part of the lives of both old listeners and an entirely new generation," said Pratichee MohapatraMahua Kamat added, "The music of VIVA is finally returning to where it has always belonged with the listeners who have carried these songs in their hearts for all these years. The love and support we've continued to receive across generations has been truly overwhelming, and it means so much to know that fans everywhere can now stream, rediscover and celebrate these songs all over again."

Travis Head's wife Jessica faces online abuse after SRH player spat with Virat Kohli



Social media has increasingly become a space where negativity often spreads faster than positivity. It's also strange to see how people who have no direct involvement in an incident can end up becoming targets of online abuse. This trend has been especially visible during the ongoing IPL season.Recently, Jessica, the wife of Australian batter and Sunrisers Hyderabad opener Travis Head, became the target of online abuse following a viral on-field exchange between Head and Royal Challengers Bengaluru star cricketer Virat Kohli.Several fans of Virat Kohli flooded the comment sections of Travis Head's pictures with Jessica, making demeaning and inappropriate remarks about her.Because of offensive language, the comments couldn't be shared here. Jessica reportedly spoke to Australian media and opened up about the hate messages she had been receiving.Some sensible fans even chimed in the comments section, urging others not to spread hate against anyone.

Amid the backlash, Jessica posted a picture with Travis on Monday evening, the same post that had been flooded with hate comments, appearing to give a subtle yet fitting response to the trolls. the recent SRH vs RCB clash, Travis and Virat had exchange of words at the crease and after the match ended, Virat did not shake Travis's hand even though Aussie batter had extended it.In the ongoing IPL 2026, Virat has made 557 runs in 14 matches at an average of 50.63, with a strike rate of 163.18, including a century and four fifties.His side RCB will be taking on Gujarat Titans (GT) in Qualifier One at Dharamsala on Tuesday, with the winner earning a spot in the final at Ahmedabad next Sunday.On the other hand, Head has had a moderate IPL with 393 runs in 14 matches at an average of 28.07 and a strike rate of above 168, with two fifties.

Shopsy Evolves into an AI-Native, Engagement-led Commerce Platform Built for Gen Z and Bharat's Next 100 Million Shoppers

AMRITSAR: Shopsy by Flipkart, one of India's fastest-growing hypervalue e-commerce platforms, today announced the launch of the new AI-powered Shopsy app. The platform transformed from an offers-led shopping destination into an engaging, rewarding gamified experience built for India's next 100 million shoppers - young, aspirational, value-conscious consumers across metros and tier 2+ cities who are reshaping how India shops online. Three structural shifts are redefining India's e-commerce landscape: Tier 2+ cities now account for 65%* of new shopper growth; Gen Z, a cohort with fundamentally different discovery habits, accounts for almost half of the online shopper base in India; and a trust gap that still persists on digital platforms. Shopsy's new app addresses each of these shifts: a platform that unites social discovery, video-led product experience, personalization and a gamified rewards loop into a seamless and intuitive journey for the hyper-connected Gen Z and the next 100 million Bharat shoppers, meeting the shopper where they are and earning their trust before the transaction. Every part of the reengineered app has been designed around how Bharat's shoppers shop, from how they discover to how products are showcased. Product pages are built around immersive visuals, real customer photos, and autoplay video that convert intent into engagement. AI-powered search and personalization surface the right product to the right shopper at the right moment, with an understanding of regional intent and vernacular discovery patterns that make the experience feel native rather than generic.The result is an intuitive, trust-first shopping experience where confidence is built before the transaction, and commerce adapts to the individual user. Sakait Chaudhary, Senior Vice President, Softlines, Grocery, Marketplace and Shopsy, Flipkart, said, "India's next 100 million shoppers are reshaping commerce, they are experimental, deeply rooted in culture and driven by experiences that are both engaging and rewarding.

Mere Karan Arjun aa gaye!



Television actors Divyanka Tripathi Dahiya and Vivek Dahiya have announced the arrival of their twin baby boys, marking the beginning of a new chapter in their lives as parents.The couple shared the happy news on social media on Tuesday, drawing congratulatory messages from fans and followers across platforms.Vivek Dahiya revealed the news through a heartfelt Instagram post featuring an image of two baby boys. The post carried the message, "We asked for happiness... God said, 'Take double.' Blessed with twin baby boys."In the caption, Dahiya expressed his excitement about embracing parenthood. "The wait is finally over... 'The Boys' are here and life already feels more beautiful than we ever imagined," he wrote. Adding a playful cinematic reference, the actor quoted the iconic film 'Karan Arjun', writing, "Mere Karan Arjun aa gaye!"https://www.instagram.com/p/DYyjFg-sjvS/Dahiya also sought blessings from fans and well-wishers as the couple begins their parenting journey. "Need all your love and blessings as Div and I begin this incredible new chapter of parenthood," he added.Soon after the announcement, social media was flooded with congratulatory messages celebrating the arrival of the "Divek" babies.Divyanka Tripathi and Vivek Dahiya tied the knot in 2016 after meeting on the sets of the television show 'Yeh Hai Mohabbatein'. The couple has remained one of television's most popular celebrity pairs over the past decade. Divyanka rose to fame with the daily soap 'Banoo Main Teri Dulhann' and later expanded her television career through reality shows, including 'Nach Baliye 8', 'Khatron Ke Khiladi 11'.

Demi Lovato opens up about married life with Jordan Lutes



Singer and songwriter Demi Lovato is celebrating her first wedding anniversary with husband Jordan "Jutes" Lutes by reflecting on their growing bond and love story, according to E! News. Speaking to E! News, Demi shared that her relationship with Jutes continues to deepen with time."I really thought on my wedding day that was maxed out, like the most amount of love that you'll ever feel for a person," Demi said. "And then time goes by and you just form this connection that is so intimate and so fulfilling that you just fall completely more and more in love," according to E! News. The couple marked their first wedding anniversary on May 25. However, the two musicians spent the occasion apart due to their respective tour commitments."The fact that it's our wedding anniversary and we're going to be apart really sucks, but we're just gonna pretend," Jutes told E! News. "As soon as tour's over, we'll be together and we'll celebrate."Demi and Jutes first met in early 2022 while collaborating on songs for her album Holy Fvck.Recalling their first meeting on The Zach Sang Show in 2024, Jutes said, "I felt like we connected really quickly. It was like really good friends really fast. I wasn't considering anything romantic."Demi, however, admitted she felt an instant attraction."I had a crush immediately," the singer shared on an episode of Chicks in the Office.

India's Best Dancer Judge Terrence Lewis



1) India's Best Dancer, as a platform, has always celebrated individuality. As someone known for your technical approach, how do you evaluate a dancer who brings their own style to the stage?

Response - Technique is the vehicle, not the destination. When evaluating unique styles, I look for internal logic which means, is the dancer in conversation with their body, or just acting on habit? Individuality with full awareness is true artistry.

The most memorable dancers aren't the ones who are technically perfect, they are the ones who are irreplaceable. I will always score a unique spirit higher than a perfect execution. My goal is to see spirit and technique arrive together,that is when a performer becomes truly unstoppable.

2) Over the years, how have you seen platforms like India's Best Dancer shape and influence the way dance is perceived in India?

Response - Talent has always existed in India, but infrastructure was missing. Platforms like IBD have been quietly revolutionary by providing a pathway for everyone from small-town classical dancers to street dancers in Mumbai. More importantly, they've granted cultural permission, making a father in Rajasthan proud to see dance as a viable path for his child.

However, visibility is not the same as depth. While we've made dance visible, the next frontier is making it valued through sustainable careers and long-term support. For me, the real legacy of IBD isn't the viral moments, it's seeing contestants years later still teaching, creating, and building their own lives through dance.

3) Many contestants come with inspiring personal journeys. How do those stories shape the way audiences connect with their performances?

Response - Stories are undeniably powerful, they add a layer of meaning that technique alone cannot manufacture. When a journey is authentic, it opens something in the audience and the judges because humans are wired to connect through story.

However, I am careful not to let a narrative do the work that the dancing should. Carrying a contestant solely on their story disservices and limits their talent. The most memorable performers are those who integrate their biography into their movement so seamlessly that they become one. When a dancer processes their life through art, the audience doesn't just connect, they are changed by it.

4) There's always a fun dynamic between you, Geeta Kapur, and Karisma Kapoor on India's Best Dancer. How would you describe the chemistry among the three of you this season?

Response - Our chemistry this season is rooted in authenticity. Geeta and I share a deep history even when we disagree, it's built on a foundation of respect. She acts as the heart of the panel, providing the love and context our contestants need.

Karisma balances us by bringing a visceral, emotional perspective. She bypasses technical jargon to identify exactly how a piece makes the audience feel. Together, there's a comfort that comes from truly listening to one another rather than just acting as judges. I think the audience will feel that genuine connection.

5) This season celebrates the theme 'Apna Wala Dance'. As a mentor and choreographer, how important is it for a dancer to discover and stay true to their own unique style while still mastering technique?

Response - When I heard the theme 'Apna Wala Dance,' it resonated because I've spent thirty years asking dancers 'Who are you when you move?' Most spend their first decade learning the grammar of dance by imitating others, which is a necessary foundation. But the real work is excavating your own identity once you've mastered that grammar.

Technique has a syllabus, but individuality doesn't,no one can hand it to you. I always tell my students that technique makes you reliable, but your own style makes you irreplaceable. There is only one space in the universe for the specific way your history and emotions translate into movement.

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