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Punjab police busts Pak-backed narco-terrorism hawala network; 11 held, 5-cr in different currencies recovered

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MAR 24

Striking a major blow to the narco-terrorism hawala networks amidst the ongoing anti-drugs campaign 'Yudh Nashlan Virudh' launched on the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) of the Punjab Police with the support of Central Agencies has arrested 11 persons—including five drug smugglers, three drug hawala money couriers and three hawala traders—and recovered drug money in different foreign currencies amounting to Rs 5.09 crores, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Monday.

The arrested drug smugglers have been identified as Harjinder Singh alias Ajay (26) of Ram Talai in Amritsar, Harmanjit Singh alias Harry (27) of Guru Nanak Colony in Amritsar, Sagar (28) of Naraingarh in Chheharta of Amritsar, Lavdeep Singh (30) alias Lala of Husanpura Kalan in Batala and Harbhaj Singh (30) alias Bheja of Kakkar in Amritsar, while, drug hawala money couriers have been identified as Saurav alias Saurav Mahajan (24) of Joda Phatak in Amritsar, Tanush (28) of Ghah Mandi Chowk of Amritsar and Harminder Singh (28) alias Harry of Damganj in Amritsar.

The arrested Hawala traders have been identified as Ashok Kumar Sharma (60), an owner of Phagwara-based Sharma Forex Money Changer, and his accomplices Rajesh Kumar (60) of Mutiarpur Mohalla in Phagwara and Amit Bansal alias Sunil (47) of Sukhchain Nagar in Phagwara.



The development came following two months of meticulous investigations and sustained follow-up of backward and forward linkages in the arrest of two individuals Harjinder Singh alias Ajay and Harmanjit Singh alias Harry after recovering 263 grams heroin and Rs 5.60 lakh drug money from their possession on January 21, 2025.

DGP Gaurav Yadav, while addressing a press conference, said during the investigations in this case police teams from ANTF arrested three hawala money couriers Saurav Mahajan, Tanush and Harminder alias Harry on the very next day, and recovered Rs 47.50 lakhs drug money, besides impounding their Mahindra XUV 300 vehicle. Following the trail of investigations, on January 24, police teams have successfully arrested two more drug smugglers identified as Sagar and Lavdeep Singh alias Lala, and Rs 5 lakh drug money along

with an Activa scooter and 160 grams heroin were recovered from them, he added.

The further investigations into this case has led the police teams to expose the role of an inmate lodged in Central Jail Amritsar identified as Harbhaj Singh alias Bheja, who emerged as the mastermind of this racket and was found to be in contact with Pakistani drug smuggler Shahbaz from inside the jail, he said, while adding that on January 26, the accused was brought on production warrant from Central Jail Amritsar and formally arrested in this case. Pertinently, Pakistani smuggler Shehbaz, a resident of village Burewal in district Narowal had illegally entered India, and FIR under relevant sections was registered against him in February 2021, following which, he had remained lodged in Central Jail, Amritsar before his deportation to Pakistan.

PM to unveil two mega projects for Hry: Nayab

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MAR 24

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini while addressing a press conference on Monday said that Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi will visit Haryana on April 14 and will gift two major projects to the people of the state. These include the foundation stone laying of a new 800 MW unit at the Deenbandhu Chaudhary Chhotu Ram Thermal Power Plant in Yamunanagar, built at a cost of Rs. 7,272.06 crore, and the inauguration of air services from Maharaja Agrasen Airport, Hisar.

Cabinet Ministers, Sh. Krishan Lal Panwar, Sh. Vipul Goel, and Sh. Krishan Kumar Bedi also remained present during the press conference.

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that a state-level event will be held in the state to mark the birth anniversary of Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. He further shared that the Prime Minister's presence as the chief guest of the programme will serve as an inspiration for the younger generation and boost morale across the state.

The Chief Minister said that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar dedicated his life to uplifting the underprivileged and backward communities, providing society with a unifying path through the Indian Constitution. To ensure that his life and contributions continue to inspire future generations, this event is being organized.

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini shared that great personalities, saints, and spiritual leaders are invaluable treasures for society and to acknowledging the same, the state government has launched the 'Sant-Mahapurush Vichar Samman evam Prasara Yojana', aimed at spreading the messages and teachings of such revered figures to every citizen.

The addition of an 800 MW unit at the Deenbandhu Chaudhary Chhotu Ram Ther-



mal Power Plant will increase Haryana's domestic power generation capacity to 3,382 MW.

The Chief Minister said that the Union Ministry of Power has granted approval to Haryana Power Generation Corporation Limited (HPGCL) for setting up this third unit at the Yamunanagar-based thermal power plant. This project is an expansion of the existing 2x300 MW units at the facility. The project has a completion deadline of 52 months, with commercial operations expected to commence within 48 months.

He said that with the addition of 800 MW unit, Haryana's domestic power generation capacity will reach 3,382 MW. Currently, the state has an installed power capacity of approximately 14,000 MW, of which 2,582 MW is generated by HPGCL. This project has already received clearance from the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, along with approval from the Haryana State Pollution Control Board, shared Sh. Nayab Singh Saini. The Chief Minister said that Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi will inaugurate air services from Maharaja Agrasen Airport, Hisar.

Centre notifies 24 per cent salary hike for MPs, pensions of ex-MPs also increased

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, MARCH 24

The Central Government has notified a 24 per cent increase in the salaries of Members of Parliament (MPs), effective from April 1, raising their monthly salary from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 1.24 lakh.

The notification, issued by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, also increased daily allowances of the sitting MPs from Rs 2000 per month to Rs 2,500 per month and the pension and additional pension for every year of service in excess of five years of ex-MPs.

The pension for former MPs has been raised from Rs 25,000 per month to Rs 31,000, while the additional pension for each year of service beyond five years has been increased from Rs 2,000 per month to Rs 2,500. This revision has been made under the powers granted by the Salary, Allowances,



and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954, and is linked to the Cost Inflation Index as specified in the Income-tax Act, 1961. Meanwhile, in Karnataka, the state government has approved a 100 per cent salary hike for the Chief Minister, Ministers, and MLAs, sparking widespread debate. The approval was granted for two amendment bills—the Karnataka Ministers' Salaries and Allowances

(Amendment) Bill 2025 and the Karnataka Legislature Members' Salaries, Pensions, and Allowances (Amendment) Bill 2025.

Sources indicate that these bills are likely to be tabled in the Assembly on Thursday.

Justifying the hike, Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara cited rising expenditures and the need for lawmakers to sustain themselves.

Flight bound to Shimla has close shave on runway

UNI
SHIMLA, MAR 24

A major accident was narrowly avoided at Jubbarhatti Airport in Shimla on Monday morning when an Alliance Air ATR aircraft arriving from Delhi had trouble slowing down after landing.

The flight, which had Himachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri and DGP Dr. Atul Verma on board, had to be stopped using emergency brakes just before the runway ended.

Sources say the plane almost went beyond

the runway, causing panic among passengers. Some started crying as the aircraft neared the edge. Even after the plane stopped, passengers were kept inside for 25 minutes, which made them even more anxious. Before applying the emergency brakes, the airline crew informed passengers about a technical problem. While no one was hurt, the incident left passengers shaken and scared. The director of Jubbarhatti Airport, KP Singh, confirmed that a technical fault led to the issue. "The aircraft was checked before takeoff from Delhi, and no problem was found at that time. Engineers are now looking into what went wrong," he said.

श्री राम मंदिर अज्ज सरोवर विकास समिति (पंजी.)

आपको सादर आमंत्रित करती है नशे के खिलाफ जन यात्रा जिसका नेतृत्व

श्री गुलाब चंद कटारिया

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9.00 बजे निर्माण अधीन श्री राम मंदिर की कार सेवा में भाग लेंगे।

9.30 बजे नशों के खिलाफ जनयात्रा का नेतृत्व करेंगे।

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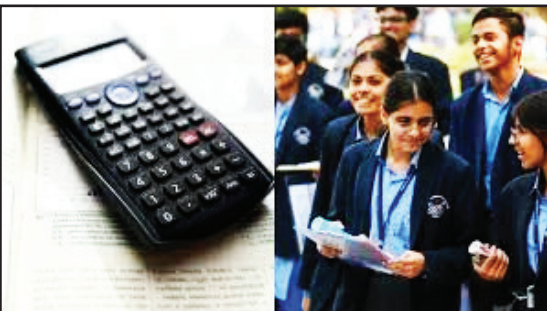
CBSE examining proposal to allow use of calculator in class 12 accounts exams

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, MAR 24

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is examining a proposal to allow use of basic non-programmable calculators in class 12 accountancy exams to ease cognitive load associated with lengthy calculations, according to board officials.

A panel will be formed to formulate guidelines on their use to ensure uniformity, they added.

While CBSE allows students with special needs in both classes 10 and 12 to use calculators, the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) allowed class 12 stu-



class 12 accountancy examination, limited to functions necessary for typical financial calculations, such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and percentage calculations," a senior board official said.

"A panel will be formed to provide clear guidelines regarding acceptable calculator models to ensure uniformity and prevent the use of advanced or programmable devices. The curriculum committee has argued that the move will allow students to allocate more time to analytical responses and case study assignments," the official added.

dents to use calculators in 2021.

"The board's curriculum committee had proposed that basic, non-programmable calculators be allowed in

I Singh Smilepreet S/o Sukhwinder Singh R/o VPO Fattu Dhingra Tehsil & District Kapurthala, Punjab have changed my name from SMILEPREET SINGH TO SINGH SMILEPREET 989666

I Rajinder pal Singla S/o Sh. Brij Mohan R/o H/No 341/7 VIP colony ladwa, Tehsil Ladwa, District Kurukshetra have changed my name from Rajinder pal Singla to Rajinder pal In future I should be known as Rajinder pal 989666

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Karamjit Kaur wife of Jagjit Singh resident of village Lauhka, Tehsil Patti, Distt. Tarn Taran That on my Pan card my father's name is mentioned as Talwant Singh and on the other hand on my matriculation certificate my father's name is mentioned as Dhanwant Singh. That Talwant Singh as well as Dhanwant Singh is one and same person. 50008

I, Smt Usha Rani Wife of No 14559835L HAV Jai Pal Singh (Retd) Resident Of Village Mangoli Jattan, Post Office Sangharu, Tehsil Babain, Distt Kurukshetra (Haryana)-136156 have changed my name and Date of Birth from USHA RANI (DOB 02 Sep 1966) TO USHA DEVI (DOB 01 Jan 1968) vide affidavit before notary distt court, Kurukshetra. 50008

We Rinku S/o Mool Chand and Sonia W/o Rinku both R/o H.No. 137, Ramneek Avenue PO Nurpur, Pathankot Road , Jalandhar -144012, Punjab, declare that our son is *Mohit Basra* and his wife *Chetna* are out of our control. So, we disown and disinherited them from all our moveable and immoveable properties with immediate effect. Whosoever shall deal with them of any kind do this with his/her own risk and responsibility. Ourself and other family members have no relationship with them . All Concerned may note. 900026

We Rinku S/o Mool Chand and Sonia W/o Rinku both R/o H.No. 137, Ramneek Avenue PO Nurpur, Pathankot Road , Jalandhar -144012, Punjab, declare that our son is *Sumit Basra* out of our control and falls into bad habits. So, we disown and disinherited him from all our moveable and immoveable properties with immediate effect. Whosoever shall deal with him of any kind do this with his/her own risk and responsibility. Ourself and other family members have no relationship with him. All Concerned may note. 900026

I Anasthasia Lakra Mother of No. 15181689Y Rank Hav. Sanjay Toppo Unit 339 Med Regt , Jalandhar presently residing at Hara Tikry, Hara Tikry (EFA), North And Middle Andaman, Kishorinagar, Andaman and Nicobar Islands - 744202, certified that in service record of my son my name and date of birth is running as Anastasia Lakra (DOB 09/02/1964) instead of my correct name and date of birth as Anasthasia Lakra (DOB. 01/01/1955) as per my UID and Pan Card vide affidavit date 24/03/2025 affidavit attested by *Notary,* Jalandhar. All Please Note. 900026

I Bunipas Toppo Father of No. 15181689Y Rank Hav. Sanjay Toppo Unit 339 Med Regt , Jalandhar presently residing at Hara Tikry, Hara Tikry (EFA), North And Middle Andaman, Kishorinagar, Andaman and Nicobar Islands - 744202, certified that in service record of my son my name and date of birth is running as Bonifus Toppo (DOB 26 /11/1961) instead of my correct name and date of birth as Bunipas Toppo (DOB. 01/01/1952) as per my UID and Pan Card vide affidavit date 24/03/2025 affidavit attested by *Notary,* Jalandhar. All Please Note. 900026

I, Navneet Kaur Bhinder w/o Sandeep Singh R/o village Gande ke, Post office Chone ,Tehsil Batala, District Gurdaspur, Punjab, Pin 143514 have changed my name from Navneet Kaur Bhinder to Navneet Kaur. Concerned to be noted. 989666

I, Paramjit Kaur w/o Darshan Singh r/o village Pandori khas tehsil Nakodar district Jalandhar have changed my name from Paramjit Kaur to Paramjit Kaur Sandhu. All concerned note please. 100066

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Uday Singh, son of Shri Ruldu Ram R/o village Jakholi, Tehsil and District Kaithal declare That my son Surendra Singh and his wife Geeta is out of my control. So I disown with them from my moveable/immoveable property. If anybody dealing with them at his/her own risk. 989666

I, Bimla Mother or Service No. 14687102X Rank - NK. Name - Kuldeep Sharma Serving in 10 Corps Zone Workshop C/o 56 APO Suratgarh Rajasthan, R/o vpo Chandana Distt. Kaithal State Haryana Pin Code - 136027 have changed my Name from BIMLA DEVI to BIMLA due to Aadhar card 9399 6449 6134 vide affidavit no. L 372567 dated 11.03.2025 Before Notary Public kaithal (Haryana). 40001

I, Gurmeet Singh Kambo (Aadhaar Card No. 9710 6394 5704) S/o Kartar Singh R/o House No. 1665, Street No. 2, New Dashmesh Nagar, Moga, declare that my son Jaspinder Singh Kambo (married) is beyond my control and does as he pleases. Therefore, I dispossess him of my movable and immovable property. He will be responsible for the good or bad deeds done by him. I and my family have no dealings/affairs with him. 90007

I, Mandeep Kaur is a Lineal Descendent Daughter of Army No. 4460793K Rank EX NK/TS Name Ram Singh who was an Ex Service man. permanent resident of Ward No. 05, Muglu Patti, Mandirani Road, Baghapurana, Teshil Baghapurana & Distt. Moga (Punjab) declared that in my father army record my date of birth wrongly written as 5-12-1987. but my correct date of birth in my school certificate is 25-5-1986 90007

I, Ranbir Singh, S/o Sher Singh, resident of village Baghora, Sub Tehsil Ghanaur, Tehsil Rajpura, District Patiala, have disowned my son Joban Singh and his wife Khushi Bedi from my moveable immovable properties due to out of my control, Anyone dealing with them will be doing so at their own risk. 50008

I, Kiran Bala w/o Sh Sudesh kumar R/o House no 102, Sodal Nagar Jalandhar declare that my Son Abhishek kumar @ Arjun is out of my control. so I disown him from my all moveable and immoveable property. anybody dealing with him at their own responsibility. 778934

I, Kishan Singh S/o Bhulla Singh R/o Moh Brahampuri Akalpur Road Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar declare that I known by four names Kishan Singh, Krishan Singh, Kishana and Kishan Chand both names are mine and same and the one person and my actual name is Kishan Singh. 63372

I, Parmjit Kaur, mother of No. 2501922K Hav Gurmail Singh presently residing at Vill: Mehal Khurd Po. Mehal Kalan Teh-Barnala Distt. Barnala (Pb) 148104 have changed my name from Parmjit Kaur to Paramjit Kaur vide affidavit dated 24-Mar-2025 before IN-PB19575332415230X. 63372

I, Rubi Rana W/o No. JC-450673Y Rank: Ex, Sub, name Achhar Singh R/o Vill: Munjal Kalan Po. Pajola Teh & Distt. Patiala declare that in my husband service record my name wrongly entered Ruby Rana and wrongly entered DOB as 11 July 1975. But my correct name is Rubi Rana and correct DOB is 21-09-1974. So amended my name & DOB in my husband service record. 63372

It Is For General Information That I, Sukhwinder Kaur Daughter Of Late. Sulinder Pal R/O Village Mazara Nauabad, Distt. S.B.S Nagar, Punjab-144511 Declare That Name Of My Father Has Been Wrongly Written As Surinder Pal In Certificate Of Education , Actual Name Of His Is Sulinder Pal, Which May Be Amended Accordingly. 63372

I, Raj Kumar S/o Rajinder Pal R/o Vill: Chaunda Teh-Amargarh Distt. Malerkotla declare that my daughter Pirthi Sharma is out of my control. So I disown with her from my moveable/immoveable property. If anybody dealing with her at his/her own risk. 63372

I Sohan Pardhan s/o Jagdish Chand Village Rampura Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my name Sohan Pardhan to Sohan 98765

I, Lovepreet Singh s/o Joga Singh r/o Vpo. Haripur tehsil Nakodar district Jalandhar have changed my name from Lovepreet Singh to Lovepreet Singh Mattu. All concerned note please. 100066

I Sunita Rani W/o Jatinder Pal R/o Flat No. 207, Block B, Sector 127, Chajju Majra, Shivalik Heights, SAS Nagar Mohali, 140307 (Pb.) have changed my name from Sunita Arora to Sunita Rani. 100071

I Jatinder Pal S/o Lt Shri Shiv Dyal R/o Flat No. 207, Block B, Sector 127, Chajju Majra, Shivalik Heights, SAS Nagar Mohali, 140307 (Pb.) have changed my name from Jatinder Arora to Jatinder Pal. 100071

I Jasbir Kaur Marar D/o Karamjit Singh R/o. H.No.355, Gali No.1, Chandler Nagar, Simbal Chowk, Batala, Distt Gurdaspur. Have Changed my name from Jasbir Kaur Marar to Jasbir Kaur. Concerned Note. 10005

I, Vinod Kumar Garg S/o Megh Raj Garg R/o H.No. 198/6, Sadhu Mandi, Pipli Road Thanesar, District Kurukshetra declare that I have changed my name from Vinod Kumar Garg S/o Megh Raj Garg to Vinod Kumar S/o Megh Raj. In future I should be known and identified as Vinod Kumar S/o Megh Raj. 100070

I Shama Rani W/o Mohinder Pal, R/o House no.162-A, Nanda Colony, Farakpur, Jagadhri Workshop, Distt Yamunanagar that I have Changed my Name From Shama Rani to Shyama Rani. 100060

I Sachin Kumar S o Sh.Suresh Kumar R/o Village Badi Majra, P O Hamara, Distt Yamunanagar that I have Changed my name From Sachin kumar Dhiman to Sachin Kumar. 100060

I, Vijay Kumar Verma S/o Vishwa Mitter Verma R/o H.No.2191, Street No.2, Islamabad Amritsar have Changed my name to Vijay Verma 72737

I, Kanwar Rajpal Singh Jakhed S/o Baldev Singh R/o 65-a, Hbn Sunrise Colony, Mansa Road, Near Jassi, Bathinda Have Chanded My Name From Kanwar Rajpal Singh Jakhed To Kanwar Rajpal Singh Jakhar. 900028

I, Jaspal S/O Surjit Singh, R/O Pandori Ladha Singh, Hoshiarpur, Punjab, 144520. have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jaspal Singh 50008

I Varinderjit Singh Grewal s/o Arjan Singh R/o ward no.5, Bhadaur distt Barnala have changed my name as Varinderjit Singh 50008

I parampreet kaur w/o loveneeet singh sidhu house no MCB-Z6-02930 gali no 13 multania road bathinda have changed my name from parampreet kaur to parampreet kaur sidhu 50008

I,Manpreet Singh S/O Surjeet Singh R/O Jodhpur Barnala, have changed my name to Manpreet Singh Raikae. 50008

I, Monika Aggarwal w/o Vijay Kumar R/o H.No.1, W.No.11, Nabha Gate, Amloh, Fatehgarh Sahib, PIN:147203, have changed my name to Monika Gupta 50008

I, Kawaljit Kaur w/o Baljit Singh, Resident of Village Rana Kala, R/O.Jabbowal, Tehsil & District Amritsar have Changed my name from KAWALIJT KAUR TO KANWALIJT KAUR, All concerned note. 50008

I parampreet kaur w/o loveneeet singh sidhu house no MCB-Z6-02930 gali no 13 multania road bathinda have changed my name from parampreet kaur to parampreet kaur sidhu 50008

I Buta Singh Simar S/o Mohinder Singh R/o H.No-606, Village Kumbbarwal, Distt Sangur. I Have Changed my name to Buta Singh. 50008

I,SAWARNIJT KAUR Legally Wedded Spouse Of 15156792y Rank Hav (gnr) Sukhiyjan Singh R/o Vpo Mangiana Tehsil Mandi Dabwali Distt Sirsa Haryana 125104 Have Changed My Name From Sawarnijt Kaur To Swarnijt Kaur. 50008

I,Jagmeet Singh brar s/o Balwinder Singh resident of Gali No. 2, Ward No. 7, Swami Vivekanand Nagar, Opposite Bishnoi Dharamshala, Chautala Road, Mandi Dabwali, District Sirsa, Haryana, 125104, have changed my name from Jagmeet Singh Brar to Jagmeet Singh. 50008

I, Tegala Bharathi, DOB: June 1, 1982, (Aadhaar No.: 7666 5171 0801) D/O Venkati, R/O Sacred Heart convent School, Kartarpur Road, Kishangarh, V.P.O. Naugaajia, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab-144301, changed my name from Tegala Bharathi to Bharathi Tegala. All concerned please note. 461257

I, Mukesh Kumar S/o Tara Chand R/o Ghumriara Mohalla, P.O. Behrampur, Teh. & Distt. Gurdaspur have changed my name to MUKESH and Surname as KUMAR. Please Note. 461257

I,Jagtar Singh S/o Baldev Singh R/o Vpo Bahrowal, Tehsil Banga, Distt S.B.S.Nagar Punjab India-144505. That I am going to use "SINGH" as my surname. Henceforth, "Singh" shall be known as my surname for all future purposes. 461257

I, Ranjit Kaur W/o Amarjeet Singh R/o Sotran Road Banga, Tehsil Banga, Distt S.B.S.Nagar Punjab India-144505. That I am going to use "Kaur" as my surname. Henceforth, "Kaur" shall be known as my surname for all future purposes. 461257

I, Geeta W/O Manoj Kumar R/O Village Sangal Sohla, Mand, Jalandhar - 144013, Punjab, India declare that Divya, Divya Mahajan, Divya Kumari is one and same person i.e my daughter. That name of my daughter Divya mentioned in School records is correct. All concerned please note. 461257

I, Chandan S/O Satnam Dass R/O B-1/63, St no - 2, Ravidass Nagar, Maqsudan, Jalandhar - 144008, Punjab have changed my name from Chandan to Chandan Suman in which Chandan As given name and Suman as surname. All note. 461257

I, Manpreet S/O Hussan Lal R/O VPO. Kotli Than Singh, Jalandhar - 144101, Punjab have changed my name from Manpreet to Manpreet Bhardwaj in which Manpreet as given name and Bhardwaj is surname. All note. 461257

I Inderjit Kumar S/o Rajan Kumar R/o Mohalla Seen Pura Kapurthala Punjab India, Have Changed my Name From Inderjit Kumar To Inderjeet Kumar. 461257

I, Jaspal S/O Janak Raj R/O Chakoki, Distt. Kapurthala-144624, Punjab have changed my name from Jaspal to Jaspal Sharma.(Jaspal As given name and Sharma as surname). All note. 461257

I, Service No. JC303492N, Rank Sub (OCC), Name - Suresh Kumar H S/o Haridasan of Unit 615 (I) ABDEE Camp, C/O 56 APO R/O Puthan Purayil House, Thachangodu, Chungathara, Malappuram, Kerala - 679334. Declare that in my service record my mother name is Sarswati K mentioned erroneously. The correct name of my mother is Saraswathi K as per Aadhaar Card. 100078

I AKHILESH SAH father of NO 15451804X NK BAVI RAJ GUPTA Resident of GRAM CHANDAUPUR, PO-CHENFUL, DIST-SARAN, BIHAR, PIN-841209 My name & DOB wrongly entered as AKHILESH KUMAR GUPTA (06-03-1962) in my son service record. My Correct name & DOB is AKHILESH SAH (01-01-1962) 778934

I, Ashok Kumar, son of Shri Baldev Raj, 48, Nehru Palace, Karnal, hereby declare that I have changed the name of my firm Gaurav Roadlines to Gaurav Trans India. In future it will be known as Gaurav Trans India. Note the relevant information. 100046

I, ANGURI DEVI legally mother of Arvind Yadav presently residing at 295 6 Main Road, Near Govind Mithan Bhandar, Hansari Jhansi, (Uttar Pradesh) 284135 have my correct Dob 01-01-1961 and incorrect Dob 06-07-1954 vide affidavit dated 24-03-2025 before Notary Publicatt Ferozepur. 900023

I, Harmel Singh S/O Kaka Singh R/O Vpo. Katani Kalan Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Harmail Singh. 63372

I Rajesh Jindal S/O Late Girdhari Lal R/O Jain Colony Bhawanigarh Have Changed My Name To Rajesh Kumar. 63372

I, Parminder Kaur Urf Manjeet Kaur W/O Gurdev Singh, R/O Village Wara Waryam Singh, Tehsil Zira Distt Ferozepur, Have Changed My Name Parminder Kaur. 63372

I, Nisha Rani W/O Jasmeet Singh, R/O Mohalla Kamboan Wala, Zira, Tehsil Zira Distt Ferozepur, Have Changed My Name Navneet Kaur. 63372

I, Nachhttar Singh Sidhu S/O Buta Singh R/O Mahal Kalan (Barnala) have changed my name to Nachhttar Singh. 63372

I, Jasvir Kaur W/O Paramjit Singh R/O VPO. Ladhana Jhikka, Distt. Tehsil Banga, S.B.S Nagar, Punjab, India, declare that my given name is Jasvir and in which Kaur is my Surname. 63372

I, Parminder Singh Dhaliwal S/o Kuldeep Singh R/o Vpo. Rajgarh Distt. Ludhiana Pb-141421 have changed my name to Parminder Singh. 63372

I, Jyoti alias Minakshi W/o Pardeep Kumar R/o H.No. 83 Muhalla Khai Dharamkot Distt. Moga have changed my name to Jyoti. 63372

I, Kavita Batra D/o Mohinder Batra and W/o Parveen Kumar R/o HL-136, Phase-1, Mohali, SAS Nagar declare that Kavita Batra and Kavita is the name of one and the same person. So Known me with both name. 63372

I Jaswinder Singh Ghuman S/o Gurdev Singh R/o Village Kapial Tehsil Bhawanigarh District Sangrur Have Changed My Name Jaswinder Singh Ghuman to Jaswinder Singh. 63372

I Ranjot Singh S/O Hardial Singh R/O Vpo Phambra Teh Nawanshahr Distt S.B.S. Nagar. I Have Changed My Name Ranjot Singh To Ranjot Singh Bhangal. 63372

I, Gurpreet Kaur Pahal W/o Surjeet Singh R/o Gumtali Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Gurpreet Kaur. 63372

I, Harshdeep Singh Pahal S/o Surjeet Singh R/o Vpo. Gumtali Teh-Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name to Harshdeep Singh. 63372

I, Pardeep Gumber S/o Raj Krishan Gumber R/o H.No. 94 Eldeco Estate One G.T. Road Malhotra Palace Ludhiana have changed my minor son name from Shaurya to Shaurya Gumber. 63372

I, Jatinder Singh s/o Parmjit Singh R/o Vpo. Ratainda Teh-Banga Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name to Singh Jatinder. 63372

I, Malkit Singh S/o Nirmal Singh R/o Vpo. Takhtu Chak Distt. Tarn Taran Pb, declare that my given name is Malkit and surname is Singh. 63372

I, Rupinder Kaur W/o Hardeep Singh R/o Village Otalan (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Kaur Rupinder. 63372

I, Daljit Kaur W/o Hardev Singh R/o Nasirpur Jania Teh-Dharamkot Distt. Moga have changed my name from Daljit Kaur to Kaur Daljit as a given name and Kaur as a surname. 63372

I Ram Bhuwal S/O Devta Parsad R/O Ward No. 12 M.D. Dayanand Model School Shankar Road Nakodar. I have changed my minor son name Shivam to Shivam Prajapati. 63372

I Ram Bhuwal S/O Devta Parsad R/O Ward No. 12 M.D. Dayanand Model School Shankar Road Nakodar. I have changed my minor daughter name Kiran to Kiran Prajapati. 63372

I, Harish Chandra Poplani S/o Parmanand Poplani , R/o H No 4962, Block D, Puncham society, Sector 68, (S A S Nagar) Mohali, have changed my name from Harish Poplani to Harish Chandra Poplani. 63372

I, Balwinder Singh alias Dalveer Singh R/o Chakbhaika distt. Ludhiana i have known by both names Balwinder Singh alias Dalveeer Singh one and the same person. 63372

I, Sanjeev Kumar Matkan S/o Subash Kumar R/o H.No.324, Railway Road, Ahmedgarh, District Malerkotla Have Changed My Name To Sanjeev Kumar. 63372

I Kavita W/o Kashmir Singh R/o Kot Ise Khan (Moga) have declared to Kavita Alias Rani are One & same person. 63372

I Sarvan Singh Sandhu S/o Pritam Singh R/o Masitan (Moga) have Changed My Name To Sarvan Singh. 63372

I Sandeep Kumar Garg S/o Raj Kumar R/o Dhanuala (Barnala) have changed my name Sandeep Kumar. 63372

I, Charanjit Kaur W/o Nirmal Singh R/o Harike District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Charanjit Kaur to Charanjeet Kaur. 63372

I, Swran Kaur Wife Balveer Singh Resident Of Talwandi Bhai, District Ferozepur Changed Her Name To Swaranjeet Kaur. 63372

I, Chianpreet D/o Satish Kumar R/o Vill: Pona Teh-Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name to Chanpreet Sharma. 63372

I Sandeep Kaur Gill W/O Sukhmander Singh, R/O Dikh Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Sandeep Kaur. 63372

I, Harpreet S/o Harbhajan Lal R/o Vill: Behram Teh-Banga Distt. SBS Nagar, have changed my name from Harpreet to Harpreet Badhan. 63372

I, Jaswinder Ram S/o Resham Lal R/o Vill: Sal Kalan Distt. SBS Nagar, have changed my minor daughter name from Simranpreet to Simran Kaur. 63372

I Kiranpreet Kaur W/o Pawandeep Singh R/o Vpo Dhatt, Distt Ludhiana declare that my given name is Kiranpreet and my surname is Kaur. 63372

I Gurpreet Singh Sidhu S/o Chuhar Singh R/o Vpo Rasulpur Malla Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Gurpree Singh. 63372

I Baljit Kaur W/o Gurpreet Singh R/o Vpo Rasulpur Malla Tehsil Jagraon Dist Ludhiana have changed my name to Baljeet Kaur. 63372

I Sanjeev Kumar S/o Amar Nath R/o H: No 4808 Ward No 19, Lappeshah Chonk Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Sanjeev Arora. 63372

I Dharampal Singh S/o Karnail Singh R/o Village Rasulpur (Mallah) Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Dharampal Sidhu. 63372

I Isher Singh S/o Sukhdev Singh R/o Vpo Cheema Distt Barnala Have changed my name to Ishar Singh. 63372

I Urvashi Joshi C/o Bhupinder Kumar Sharma R/o H: No 3411, Moh Lahorian Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Urvashi Sharma. 63372

I Manpreet Singh S/O Mohan Singh Village Gagra, Tehsil Samrala (Ludhiana) Changed My Name Manpreet Singh To Singh Manpreet. 63372

I, Gurwinder Singh S/o Ram Singh R/o Vill: Mander Kalan Teh and Distt. Sangrur have changed my name to Gurwinder Singh Mander. 63372

I Preety Singla W/O Paresh Garg R/O Patran Road Puda Colony Dirba Have Changed My Name To Preety Garg After Marriage. 63372

I, Rajinder Kumar S/o Kashmiri Lal R/o #71 Type-III Sector-V Naya Nangal Teh-Nangal Distt. Rupnagar have known by both names Rajinder Kumar alias Rajinder Sharma one and the same person. 63372

I, Amandeep Kaur Pawar W/o Harmandeep Singh Pawar R/o H.No. 111 New Lajpat Nagar Pakhewal Road (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Amandeep Kaur to Amandeep kaur Pawar. 63372

I Daljeet Singh S/o Gurnam Singh R/o House No 237 Ward No 15 Assandh Distt Karnal I declare that I have changed my name from Daljeet Singh Virk to Daljeet Singh. 63372

I, Jaskamal D/o Kuldip Singh R/o Vill. Rehpa, P.O. Hakimpur, Tehsil Banga, Distt. Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar have Changed my name from Jaskamal to Jaskamal Kaur. 63372

I, Komal Kawatra Also Known As W/o Subhash Chander Kawatra R/o House No.213, Nimma Wala Chowk, Phagwara, Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab-144401, India Have Changed My Name To Komal Kawatra. 63372

I Kulwant Kaur W/O Sukhwinder Singh R/O Vill Deeda Sainian PO Dinanagar, Gurdaspur Pin 143531, I Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Kulwant Kaur To Kaur Kulwant. Pertains To One And The Same Person. 63372

I Sukhwinder Singh S/O Bahadur Singh R/O Vill Deeda Sainian PO Dinanagar Gurdaspur Pin 143531, I Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Sukhwinder Singh To Singh Sukhwinder. Both Names Pertains To One And The Same Person. 63372

I, Gurbhej Singh Brar S/o Gurnab Singh R/o VPO Hariewala (Moga) have changed my name to Gurbhej Singh. 63372

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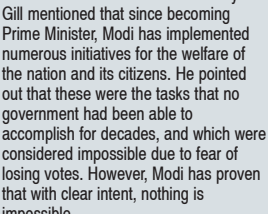
AIG Naresh Dogra, who has been serving in Jalandhar for the last several years, has been awarded DGP Disc



PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR: AIG Naresh Dogra, who has been serving in Jalandhar for the last several years, has been awarded the DGP Disc. Naresh Dogra has been given this honour for his excellent performance in the city regarding law and order. Naresh Dogra is currently posted as AIG in PAP Jalandhar.

Modi emerged as popular leader across all sections

VERMA GURDASPUR: Senior leader of the Gurdaspur Lok Sabha constituency and National Vice President of the Himalaya Family Organization, Paramjeet Singh Gill, stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has achieved what opposition political parties, after ruling the country for decades, failed to do. He further emphasized that this is why Modi has emerged as a popular leader among all sections of society. Gill mentioned that since becoming Prime Minister, Modi has implemented numerous initiatives for the welfare of the nation and its citizens. He pointed out that these were the tasks that no government had been able to accomplish for decades, and which were considered impossible due to fear of losing votes. However, Modi has proven that with clear intent, nothing is impossible. Gill praised Modi for revoking Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, which united India from Jammu and Kashmir to Kanyakumari. Despite facing threats and opposition from various extremist groups, including his political opponents, Modi accomplished this milestone. He also lauded Modi for resolving the critical issue of Triple Talaq in such a way that Muslim women were compelled to praise him.



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MCM holds DST sponsored 2-day workshop 'Nurture Nature'



CHANDIGARH : The Department of Botany and Add-on Course in Floriculture and Landscaping organised 'Nurture Nature'- a DST sponsored 2-day sustainability, skill cum entrepreneurship based hands-on workshop in Botanical Garden and Nature Park Sarangpur. The workshop was conducted by Maj Gen C.S. Bewli, President of Cactus and Succulent Society of India, and the President of Bonsai Society of Chandigarh. During the first session on day one of the workshop, the students visited the Bonsai Home wherein they were familiarised with different types of Bonsai and the plant species suitable for creating the same. This was then followed by a demonstration and hands-on session on creating Bonsai in the Nursery area in the second half. The second day commenced with the visit to the Cactus house where the students were introduced to the types, and habit of the cacti and succulents. In the concluding session, the students were trained on cacti and succulent propagating techniques including preparation of soil mixes, and selection of suitable species for grafting. This skill development and environmentally friendly activity was a huge success and highly appreciated by the students. Officiating Principal Ms. Suman Mahajan, while reinforcing the importance of such workshops, said that skill enhancement is the key to success in today's competitive environment.

35 units of blood collected on 94th Martyrdom Day



VICKY BHABAT ZIRAKPUR: On the 94th Martyrdom Day of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru, Vishvas Foundation organized a blood donation camp at Hermitage Market, Zirakpur. Indian Red Cross Society District Branch Mohali played an important role in this camp. 47 donors registered to donate blood in the camp, 12 were refused to donate blood due to health problems. The team of Blood Bank AM Care Blood Center Zirakpur collected 35 units of blood under the supervision of Dr. Karik Agarwal. Sadhvi Neelima Vishvas, President of Vishvas Foundation, said that people have a misconception that donating blood causes weakness in the body. There is no weakness due to blood donation, rather everyone must donate blood once in 90 days. This helps the needy as well as keeps the body healthy. A pious work like blood donation comes under the greatest service. All the blood donors who came to this blood donation camp were encouraged by giving them certificates of appreciation and gifts. On this occasion, Sandeep Parmar, Pawan Garg, Satya Bhushan Khurana, Vishal Kunwar and other dignitaries from Vishvas Foundation were present.

Mission Karmayogi presentation held in Chandigarh

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, MAR 24

A team from the Capacity Building Commission (CBC), Delhi, made a presentation on Mission Karmayogi – National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPC-SCB) before the Chief Secretary, U.T. Chandigarh. The team included Dr. Alka Mittal, Member (Administration), CBC; Ms. V. Lalithalakshmi, Secretary, CBC & CEO, Karmayogi Bharat; Smt. Divya Kapoor, Senior Advisor; and other consultants.

Mission Karmayogi aims to create a citizen-centric and future-ready civil service by equipping government employees with the right skills, knowledge, and approach. The initiative promotes life-



long learning, democratized knowledge-sharing, improved governance, and performance excellence. The Capacity Building Commission (CBC) was established on April 1, 2021, to guide and oversee these efforts nationwide. During the meeting, the Chief Secretary directed all departments to set up a Capacity Building Unit with Nodal Officers within a day and ensure that all employees—regular, contractual, or outsourced—are onboarded onto the i-GOT

Mission Karmayogi Portal. It was also decided that employees must complete four courses on the portal within a month, and each department must prepare a Capacity Building Plan within the same period. Heads of Department

Defence forces shine at world's highest and Asia's only Snow Marathon

CHANDIGARH: The fourth edition of the world's highest and Asia's only Snow Marathon concluded successfully at Sissu, near the north portal of the Atal Tunnel, situated at an altitude of approximately 10,500 feet. The event witnessed stellar performances from the defence forces with Naik Het Ram of the Dogra Scout Regiment (Indian Army) clinching victory in the 42 km full marathon. He clocked an impressive time of 4 hours and 15 minutes. Tamchor of Ladakh Scouts secured second place while OP Saran of the Indian Air Force finished third. In the women's category, reigning champion Tenzin Dolma successfully defended her title by completing the race in 4 hours and 46 minutes. The 21 km half marathon saw Nangdan emerge victorious in the men's category, followed by Namgyal in second and Ravikant in third. In the women's division, Natasha Mehar claimed the top spot.



Bains ensures to all students access to quality education



GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, MAR 24

Further empowering the education journey for the students of government schools in the state, Punjab school education minister, Harjot Singh Bains dedicated a brand new bus, having 31 seating capacity, for government senior secondary smart school, Sukhsal in Ropar district. SML Isuzu's chief financial officer (CFO), Mr. Rakesh Bhalla, presented the new bus to the school education department as part of the company's corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative. On the occasion, Mr Bains said that this generous initia-

tive will greatly improve the school's transportation capabilities, ensuring safe and comfortable travel for all students. While reaffirming the commitment of Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab Government to elevate the standards of school education to world-class levels, he stated that the school education department already possessed 230 buses and over 12,000 government school students have been availing the transportation facility. It reflects the government's unwavering commitment to supporting education, besides ensuring that all students have access to quality learning opportunities.

Students of M.Com. Sem. I of RR Bawa DAV College for Girls, Batala excel in varsity exam



VERMA
BATALA, MAR 24

The students of M.Com. Sem. I of RR Bawa DAV College for Girls, Batala got outstanding result and outshined in University Examinations. Principal Dr.EktaKhosla informed with utmost ecstasyl that the students of M.Com.

Semester-IKumariDamini bagged first position inBatalawhile KumariPawandeep

Kaurand KumariKawaljit Kaurbagged second and third positions in Batala respectively. On this occasion, Principal Dr.EktaKhoslaextended her felicitations to Mrs. SupriyaDuggal,Head, Department of Commerce along with other faculty members and congratulated the students and their parents for their excellent performance and wished them a bright future ahead.

Fortified products good for public health : Gupta

SUMER GARG
SUNAM, MAR 24

The local Hanuman roller flour mill (HRFM), district, Sangrur, has been officially granted permission to produce fortified chakki atta for the first time in Sangrur district.

The (HRFM) has launched a new category of fortified chakki-ground flour under the brand 'Hanuman Atta'. The launch event was inaugurated in the presence of Ms. Aditi Gupta (FDA-designated officer, Sangrur, Punjab); Mr. Pavittar Singla & Mr. Darshan Kumar Singla, both directors of Hanuman roller flour mill; Mr. Sanket Chopade, program officer, fortified health and Mr. Arun Garg, director, Shubham foods, Sangrur. The HRFM has adopted the fortified chakki grinding process using



high-quality grains. The flour is enriched with iron, folic acid, and vitamin B12, making it a highly nutritious and beneficial choice for consumers. This fortified chakki-ground flour, produced by the HRFM, is manufactured in compliance with the 2018 standards set by the food safety and standards authority of

india (FSSAI). The product aims to address nutritional deficiencies and promote overall well-being. On this occasion, Ms. Aditi Gupta conducted an awareness session on fortified products. She emphasized the importance and crucial role of fortified products in improving public health.

Distt Mohali Congress Committee led by Jeeti Padiala collects 135 units of blood



SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, MAR 24

On the martyrdom day of Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh, a massive blood donation camp was organized by the District Congress Committee at Ram Bhawan, Kharar under the leadership of District President Ranjit Singh Jeeti Padiala.

This camp was organized to pay tribute to the sacrifice of Shaheed Bhagat Singh while promoting the message of social welfare and helping the needy. 135 units of blood were collected in this blood donation camp, which is a significant achievement. Youth, social activists, Congress workers and students participated in large numbers and donated blood. A team of doctors from Max Hospital Mohali, led by Dr. Tarun Sharma, was present and checked up the blood donors and ensured that the blood donation was done in a safe and scientific manner. On this occasion Ranjit Singh Jeeti Padiala, President District Congress Committee, said that "Shaheed Bhagat Singh is not just a name for us, but a thought, which always inspires us to work for the welfare of the country and society.

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Tribute paid to martyrs on Martyrdom Day at SBS State University



ABHISHEK NANDA
FEROZEPUR, MAR 24

At the local Shaheed Bhagat Singh State University, under the guidance of Vice Chancellor Dr. Sushil Mittal, the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Society, led by University Registrar Dr. Ghazalpreet Singh, paid tribute to the martyrs on Martyrdom Day by offering floral tributes to the statue of S. Bhagat Singh installed in the campus. On this occasion, students remembered the martyrs and presented patriotic poems and

songs. The students presented an impressive performance by creating awareness against the spread of drugs among the youth through street plays. The campus registrar enlightened the students on the sacrifices made by S. Bhagat Singh and his companions for the country and asked them to adopt the thinking of S. Bhagat Singh and others. On this occasion, in-charge of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Society Dr. Sunil Bahl, Yashpal, Gurpreet Singh and Harpinder Pal Singh were present.

Anti human trafficking unit team achieves major success, reunites 17-year-old missing youth with his separated family

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MAR 24

The Anti Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) team of Haryana Police in Panchkula has succeeded in reuniting a 23-year-old boy, who went missing from Kapashera, Delhi 17 years ago, with his family. The boy was separated from his family 17 years ago, at the age of 6. This young man was traced due to the hard work and sensitivity of the Anti Human Trafficking Unit of the State Crime Branch, Panchkula. Director General of Police Shatrughat Kapur extended his best wishes to them and encouraged them to continue working with dedication in the future.

What was the matter The Haryana Police Anti Human Trafficking Unit Panchkula team received information about the disappearance of Arif Khan. The current age of this young man is 23 years and he was separated from his family 17 years ago in Kapashera, Delhi.



This young man was found in a destitute condition in Gurugram district in the year 2008 and has been living in the Balgram Rai institution for the past several years. This young man has passed ITI and is a final year BA student. The AHTU team collected all the information about the youth from the Balgram institution and started efforts to find his family. Although the youth did not remember anything about his home. During the investigation, it was revealed that a missing person report of the missing youth Arif Khan was registered at Kapashera Police Station in Delhi on June 12, 2008, based on which efforts were started to find the youth's family.

Special lecture on budget organized by Economics Department at Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadaur



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA DEHATI, MAR 24

Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadaur, a renowned institution of the area, is working under the management of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee. The institution is working under the able guidance of the Education Secretary of the Director of Education, Eng. Sukhminder Singh. While this institution is providing education to the students, it also continuously makes efforts for the development of the personality of the

students. Under this series, a one-day workshop on budget was organized by the Economics Department of the college on March 20, 2025 at Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadaur.

Prof. Manpreet Kaur of the Economics Department said that in this workshop, Prof. Bala Khanna, Head of Commerce Department (Mata Sahib Kaur Girls College Gehal) participated as the main speaker. Prof. Bala Khanna gave detailed information to the students about the types of budget and preparation of the budget. Apart

from this, he also shed light on the various areas coming under the budget of the Punjab Government and the budget of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee.

He analyzed the budget of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee with the help of bar graphs and told how the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee is contributing to taking the level of education to the highest level. Prof. Bala Khanna Ji said that the SGPC reserves 9.3% of its budget for education.

CU Punjab special programme organised to celebrate National Science Day 2025



ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, MAR 24

Central University of Punjab, under the patronage of Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari, organized one day event to celebrate National Science Day 2025 on the theme "Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science & Innovation for Viksit Bharat." The event was organized by the Institutional Innovation Council, CU Punjab, in collaboration with NC-SCT-DST, Govt. of India; PSC-ST, Chandigarh; and ANRF

(SSR Activity – SERB Metrics). Faculty, research scholars and students from university and nearby educational institutions enthusiastically attended this programme. The Chief Guest and Invited Speaker of this programme was Prof. Ashwani Pareek, Executive Director, NABL, Mohali. He delivered a special lecture on "Empowering Youth through Biomanufacturing: Innovate, Create, Transform," highlighting biomanufacturing's role in sustainable innovation, industrial growth, and eco-friendly solutions. Emphasizing the need

for skilled professionals, he encouraged students to explore new frontiers in biotechnology and contribute to research and entrepreneurship, shaping a future-ready scientific community. In his presidential address, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari emphasized the crucial role of young researchers in advancing India's global leadership in science and innovation. He urged students to cultivate scientific temperament, innovation, and entrepreneurship to achieve the vision of Viksit Bharat.

Baltana furniture market president mets Ravi Bhatar PS to CM Punjab



VICKY BHABAT
ZIRAKPUR, MAR 24

Today, a constructive and warm meeting was held with Ravi Bhagat Ji (IAS), Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister of Punjab, at his residence. The discussion primarily focused on key issues concerning the Furniture Market and Baltana, including infrastructural improvements, business facilities, and administrative support. During the meeting, Ravi Bhagat patiently listened to the concerns raised and assured that necessary steps would be taken at the earliest to address the challenges

faced by traders and residents of the area. His commitment to ensuring the swift resolution of these issues is highly commendable and brings hope for significant improvements in the near future. Expressing gratitude for his time and assurance, the Furniture Market Welfare Association, Baltana, Zirakpur, remains committed to working closely with the administration for the betterment of the business community and local infrastructure. The association looks forward to seeing positive developments that will strengthen the commercial ecosystem of the region.

354 units collected under Samvedna- 2 by NEFAA



SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, MAR 24

The National Integrated Forum of Artists and Activists conducted an International Blood Donation Awareness Campaign (Samvedana-2) at various places in Pathankot district. A district-level blood donation camp dedicated to Shaheed Azam Bhagat Singh, Shaheed Rajguru and Shaheed Sukhdev Ji was organized at a resort in Sarma. On this occasion, SSP Pathankot Daljinder Singh Dhillon, Ravinder Vicky alias Chacola Ronki Ram, Sunny Mahajan Chairman Paratap World School Pathankot, Shammi Chaudhary, Pankaj Sarma, Himmat Bajwa, Ram Lubhaya DPRO, Nindi

Mangyal, Dr. Mohan Lal Attari, Khushbir Katal, Kamalraj were present as the chief guests. This special ceremony was organized under the chairmanship of Deepak Walia, Project Director Punjab and Jammu Kashmir (NIFA). Ankur Bedi, Davinder Pal Manga, Dipinder Arora, Surjit Thakur Bittu, Suni Mahajan, Vijay Rana, Narinder Walia, Manoj Raina, Advocate Ravinder Thakur, Amandeep Kaur, Anuj Sharma and others were present on this occasion. Deepak Walia Project Director (NIFA) informed that blood donation camps were organized at various places in Pathankot district during which about 354 units of blood were donated by the youth.

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Nirmal Singh Rayat bereaved, mother Mohinder Kaur passes away
BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR: Mohinder Kaur, mother of Rayat Educational and Research Trust Chairman Nirmal Singh Rayat expired today after a brief illness. She was cremated at village Siana. family, Rayat-Bahra University chancellor Gurvinder Singh Bahra, LTSU Punjab chancellor Sandeep Singh Kaura, vice chancellor Dr. Parvinder Singh and a large number of people from all walks of life attended the funeral.

Financial aid to person who lost both hands due to electric shock while working in fields
AMRIK SINGH AMRITSAR: A person working in the fields got electrocuted, due to which he got severely burnt and both his hands had to be amputated during treatment. Market Committee Chairman Baljit Singh Rinku, after listening to his pain, gave him a cheque of Rs 1 lakh on behalf of Market Committee Amritsar to help him financially. Chairman Baljit Singh Rinku said that the Market Committee always stands firmly with the farmers in their happiness and sorrow. He said that the Punjab Government sympathizes with the farmers and laborers working in the fields in any unexpected situation and also provides them financial assistance by giving compensation. Market Committee Secretary Amandeep Singh Sandhu, Gurjant Singh, Jaswant Singh Pakhonke, Mohanmeet Singh, Mandi Supervisor Ravi Anmol and Mandi Supervisor Sikander Singh Randhawa were present on this occasion.

ADGP Naresh Arora, ADGP Human Rights, visits Hoshiarpur
DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIAHPUR: Today, ADGP Shri Naresh Arora, ADGP Human Rights, visited Hoshiarpur to supervise and review the progress of the Government of Punjab's flagship campaign, Yuth Nashiyan Virudh. As part of the visit, he participated in a Sampark Meeting, a large-scale community outreach program, where more than 900 people from all seven subdivisions of Hoshiarpur district took part. Senior officers including Deputy Commissioner Hoshiarpur, SSP Hoshiarpur, SDMs, BDPOs, and other officers were present, reflecting the district administration's strong commitment to the anti-drug movement.

AAP govt has done exceptional work on war against drugs: Manish Sisodia

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, MAR 24

AAP's senior leader and Punjab in-charge, Manish Sisodia, made a powerful statement today at the Chandigarh airport, highlighting the remarkable achievements of the Bhagwant Mann-led government in Punjab over the past three years. Speaking to the media, Sisodia emphasized the Aam Aadmi Party's unwavering commitment to eradicating drugs from Punjab, accelerating development, and fulfilling the promises made to the people of Punjab. Sisodia expressed his gratitude to AAP's national convener Arvind Kejriwal for entrusting him with the responsibility of overseeing Punjab's progress. He acknowledged the groundbreaking work done by the Mann government in clearing the mess left by previous administrations and setting Punjab on a path of rapid development. "Under



the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, the Punjab government has accomplished in just one month what previous governments couldn't achieve in decades," Sisodia remarked. He praised Mann's decisive leadership in tackling the drug menace, which has plagued Punjab for years, and emphasized that making Punjab drug-free remains the government's top priority. Manish Sisodia underscored that the fight against drugs is not just a government initiative but a mission of Punjab, leaving no stone unturned in its mission to eradicate drugs," he said. Highlighting the developmental work undertaken by the Mann government, Sisodia said, "The previous governments left Punjab in shambles, with rampant corruption, a crumbling education system, neglected healthcare, and skyrocketing unemployment. In just three years, the Mann government has cleared 20 years of this mess, and now Punjab is developing at rocket speed."

Rouri lays estimates committee report during Punjab Assembly Session

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, MAR 24

During the ongoing session of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, Sardar Jai Krishan Singh Rouri Deputy Speaker, Punjab Vidhan Sabha, and Chairman of the Estimates Committee, presented the committee's report on the budget estimates of the Department of Forest and Wildlife Protection (Punjab) and the Department of Revenue and Rehabilitation (Punjab).

While presenting the report, Deputy Speaker Rouri stated that the committee had conducted a thorough review of the budgetary provisions for these departments, held discussions with departmental officials, and submitted detailed recommendations to the House. The report on the Revenue and Rehabilitation Department includes key recommendations such as Ensuring the timely attendance of revenue officials in offices. Strict monitoring of patwaris and conducting surprise inspections to address delays in property transfers. Streamlining the land registration



process by enhancing online services for public convenience. Similarly, the report on the Department of Forest and Wildlife Protection emphasizes Optimal utilization of budget allocations to enhance efficiency as well as regularization of daily wage and contractual employees to improve workforce stability. Fair and transparent transfers of officials and employees. Massive afforestation efforts by planting native trees such as Kikar, Tahli, Jang Karir, Jamun, Mango, Dek, Neem, Bohar, and Pipal on vacant government lands, riverbanks, canals, drains, and roadsides. Deputy Speaker Rouri highlighted that 29 state government departments were selected for examination this year. The Committee scrutinized materials from all departments, conducted oral examinations of officials, and thoroughly reviewed estimates and other financial aspects. Emphasizing the importance of public funds, Rouri stated, that budget allocated by the House is the hard-earned money of the people. Departments must ensure that these funds are utilized efficiently for the maximum welfare of the citizens.

Deputy Commissioner reviews Aadhaar project progress with DDG UIDAI

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIAHPUR, MAR 24

Deputy Director General (DDG) of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), Ms. Bhawna Garg, IAS held a District Level Aadhaar Monitoring Committee meeting with Smt. Aashika Jain, I.A.S. Deputy Commissioner, Hoshiarpur along with Shri. Nikas Kumar, IAS ADC Hoshiarpur & various officials from other departments were also present. The discussion focused on the new use cases of Aadhaar, and the latest guidelines issued by the Government of India. Ms. Garg highlighted the government's initiative to strengthen Aadhaar records by updating residents' Proof of Identity (POI) and Proof of Address (POA) documents. Residents who enrolled for Aadhaar before 2015 and have not updated their details even once are urged to complete the update at the near-



est Aadhaar center or through the online portal <https://uidai.gov.in>. The online update facility is free of cost until 14th June 2025. Emphasizing the security features of Aadhaar, Ms. Garg advised residents to lock their biometrics online to enhance security. She also stressed the importance of registering mobile numbers with Aadhaar to enable seamless access to various Aadhaar-related services via a <https://myaadhaar.uidai.gov.in> or the mAadhaar mobile application. DDG further emphasized on the use of correct

SBS Green City Club plants trees dedicated to Martyrdom Day



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, MAR 24

SBS Green City Club Rampura Phul has started a tree planting campaign. Today, in memory of the martyrdom day of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev, a tree planting program was organized in New Shaheed Bhagat Singh Colony. This program was started by 'AAP' Block President Robi Brar and Ward Councilor Ravinder Kaur Dhillon by planting a tree. About 50 trees were planted in the new block prepared in the colony on the local Haramba factory road. Praising this work of the club, Robby Brar and Councilor Ravinder Kaur Ruby Dhillon said that it is very important to

plant new trees and take care of old trees for the protection of the environment. Club Chairman Darshan Singh Mann and President Rajesh Shakti said that the club has been running a tree planting campaign for a long time to make the colony and other parts of the city green. They said that along with planting new saplings, the club is also taking care of the old saplings. On this occasion, a large number of colony and city residents including Councilor Sunil Bitta, Councilor Surjit Singh, Dr. Baljinder Jaura, Gurbhajan Singh Dhillon, Jot Nirjan Singh Gill, Suresh Leela, Mandeep Dhillon, Nitin Goyal, Ravi Goyal, Ramnath Jindal were present.

Bharat Vikas Parishad Morinda honored for outstanding social service



MORINDA (SANJEEV TEJPAL): Bharat Vikas Parishad Morinda has been recognized for its exemplary contributions to social service. The honor was bestowed upon the Morinda branch by Bharat Vikas Parishad Punjab during the State Council Meeting held in Malerkotla. The event saw the participation of various branches and members dedicated to social welfare and community development. In recognition of its remarkable initiatives, Bharat Vikas Parishad Morinda was felicitated for its impactful work in community service. Furthermore, senior member and district coordinator Jatinder Gumber received a special honor for his dedicated efforts and leadership in driving various welfare programs. Speaking on this prestigious recognition, Jatinder Gumber expressed his gratitude and reaffirmed the commitment of Bharat Vikas Parishad to continue serving society. He emphasized that the organization has been consistently working towards the betterment of the community and will persist in its mission of humanitarian service in the years to come. The event highlighted the significance of volunteer-driven social initiatives and encouraged other branches to actively engage in similar noble causes. The recognition of the Morinda branch serves as an inspiration for those dedicated to community upliftment.

Principle of "One Person, One Position" will apply at time of appointments of Jathedar

CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA AMRITSAR: The President of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), Advocate Harjinder Singh Dhami, made an important announcement today in view of the current circumstances. He stated that respect of Jathedars and all Sikh organizations will be upheld within the Sikh Panth, and in the future, the opinions and advice of Sikh Sampradhas will not be ignored regarding the positions of Jathedars. Speaking to the media today at the SGPC office, Advocate Dhami said that rules regarding the qualification, appointment, jurisdiction, and retirement of the Jathedar of Sri Akal Takht Sahib will soon be established, and a high-level committee will be formed for this purpose.

PAU Dean College of Agriculture engages with students and faculty at Institute of Agriculture, Gurdaspur



SHASHI PAL JAIN LUDHIANA: Dr. Charanjit Singh Aulakh, Dean, College of Agriculture, Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana, paid a visit to the PAU Institute of Agriculture (IOA), Gurdaspur, where he was warmly received by Dr. Bhupinder Singh Dhillon, Associate Dean, IOA Gurdaspur; Dr. H.S. Randhawa, Director, PAU Regional Research Station, Gurdaspur; and the teaching and non-teaching staff of the Institute. During his visit, Dr. Aulakh interacted extensively with students from both undergraduate classes, offering valuable motivation and guidance. With a friendly and approachable demeanor, he personally addressed students' individual concerns and provided thoughtful insights to help them navigate academic and personal challenges. In addition to the student interaction, Dr. Aulakh held discussions with the faculty, encouraging them to continue their dedicated efforts in fostering a nurturing and academically sound environment.

"TB is serious but treatable disease, let's fight it together": Romesh Mahajan



GURDASPUR (VERMA): Indian Red Cross Society Punjab State Branch Chandigarh (an initiative taken by Tuberculosis India) in collaboration with Red Cross Integrated and Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts Gurdaspur celebrated Tuberculosis day at Preliminary Education Study Centre, Slum Area Village Maan Kaur Gurdaspur which was presided by Miss Raibhya, State Coordinator, TB Project and Miss Gupreet Kaur State Finance Assistant, TB Project where the Romesh Mahajan, National Awardee was the Chief Guest. There were huge gatherings of students along with their parents, the team members of TB projects gave motivational lectures on Tuberculosis where they said TB is a bacterial infection usually affecting the lungs caused by Mycobacterium tuberculosis. It spreads through the air when people with active TB cough, sneeze or spit it will also affect the other organs. The team also told the gathering about preventive measures and treatment.

Desh Bhagat University organizes program to Mark Shaheed Diwas of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAR 24

Desh Bhagat University paid tribute to the legendary freedom fighters Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev on the occasion of Shaheed Diwas by organizing a special program on its campus. The event aimed to honor the supreme sacrifices of the martyrs who played a pivotal role in India's independence struggle. The program commenced with a floral tribute to the portraits of the three revolutionaries by Dr. Zora Singh, Chancellor of Desh Bhagat University. Dr. Varinder Singh, Advisor to the Chancellor, University dignitaries, faculty members, and students gathered to remember the bravery and dedication of the young martyrs. Addressing the audience, Dr.



Zora Singh, Chancellor of Desh Bhagat University, emphasized the significance of Shaheed Diwas and encouraged students to draw inspiration from the fearless spirit of Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev. He stated, "The sacrifices of our great freedom fighters should never be forgotten. Their ideologies continue to guide us in building a

strong and self-reliant nation. "The event concluded with a pledge by students and faculty to uphold the values of patriotism, justice, and selfless service to the nation. Desh Bhagat University reaffirmed its commitment to preserving the legacy of India's brave revolutionaries and fostering a sense of national pride among the youth.

Rhyana Verma wins slogan writing competition



ANANATDEEP KAUR BATHINDA, MAR 24

On the occasion of the martyrdom day of Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Club Green City organized a slogan writing competition at Gurudwara Sahib, Green City Phase-3. Children participated enthusiastically in the competition and wrote patriotic slogans. Rhyana verma secured the second position, showcasing

exceptional talent, while other participants also performed commendably. The winners were honored in auditorium by Municipal Corporation Mayor Padamjit Mehta, who emphasized that such competitions help instill national awareness in children and inspire them through the sacrifices of martyrs. On this occasion, the club president and other prominent members were also present.

Akal Group of Institutions Gursagar Mastuana Sahib Award ceremony

BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA DEHATI, MAR 24

Today, Dr. Pal Kaur, who has recently received the Bharatiya Sahitya Akademi Award 2024, was felicitated at Akal Group of Institutions Gursagar Mastuana Sahib. Today, her award ceremony was held at Akal Group of Institutions. Along with this, Harpreet Kaur (Preet Heer) Ji's first book Kisan Andolan: Jujhde Khetan Di Garj was discussed. This program was organized at Akal College of Education Hall. At the beginning of the program, Mr. Jaswant Singh Khaira, Secretary Akal College Council, warmly welcomed the guests and informed them about the establishment, works, and achievements of Akal Group of Institutions.



This program was organized by Preet Heer. The program was started by Punjabi singer Vandana Singh with her beautiful religious song. After this, a pamphlet was read by the main speaker Dr. Devinder Saifi on the book of Dr. Pal Kaur (Bharat Sahitya Akademi Award winner). He told how Dr. Pal Kaur has summarized the history of the entire Punjab in this book. Dr. Pal Kaur has written the history of Punjab

with great poetic subtlety. In Preet Heer's book Kisan Andolan Jujhde Khetan Di Garj, Dr. Pritpal Kaur Chahal (Canada) shared her views about this book with the students. The visiting chief guest Dr. Hamir Singh said that in today's era, there is no competent leader who can give the right direction to the administrative structure for any work. Rather, only narratives are being created to mislead children and youth.

Bharat Vikas Parishad Nabha unit secured fourth position in Punjab East



NABHA (RAKESH JINDAL): Bharat Vikas Parishad Nabha Unit has played a major role in running social service projects in the year 2024-2025 due to which the Nabha team has secured fourth place among the 37 branches of Punjab East. Giving information in this regard, Council President Geeta Singla, Secretary Akash Jalota said that in this regard a program was organized yesterday at Malerkotla Dera Nursing Das Kali Mata Mandir in which Davinder Pal Singh Chhabra State President, Jeet Gogia State Secretary, Ramesh Malhotra Organization Secretary, Navdeep Gupta Finance Secretary, Deepthi Bhatia Women's Head, Baljinder Singh Bitratu elected new State President, Om Prakash Garg District Coordinator, Women's Head Divya Jain, Sant Singla etc. were present. On this occasion, out of all the 37 branches of the entire Punjab East, the Nabha team was honored by being given the fourth position and the President of the Nabha branch Geeta Singla, Secretary Akash Jalota, Cashier Puneet Goyal, Women's Head Divya Jain and their entire team were praised.

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: The recognition of Himachal Pradesh with the prestigious Diamond Status Award for its progress is a moment of immense pride, reaffirming the Congress government's commitment to the state's development, said Prem Kaushal, former chief spokesperson of the Himachal Pradesh Congress. He stated that this honor debunks the false propaganda spread by BJP leaders against the government.

Kaushal highlighted that despite economic challenges and the Centre's neglectful stance, the Congress-led government has been consistently working toward providing relief to all sections of society and making the state economically self-reliant. He emphasized that it was Congress governments that positioned Himachal Pradesh as a model among hilly states, paving the way for sustainable development.

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Sins are destroyed by listening to Shrimad Bhagwat Katha: Acharya Kuldeep Sharma



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: On the third day of the seven-day Shrimad Bhagwat Katha at Gugga Temple Suihi in Panchayat Siddh Chahad of sub-division Amb, narrator Acharya Kuldeep Sharma gave a beautiful description of the childhood pranks of Lord Shri Krishna. He said that Shri Krishna was very naughty in his childhood. He performed Raasleela with the Gopis. Listening to the Shrimad Bhagwat Katha is the best good deed in the world. Every human being should do good work in life. Lord Shri Krishna has said in the Gita that deed is the most important thing. Nothing is possible without deed. The person who does good deeds gets good results and those who do bad deeds get bad results. Therefore, everyone should do good deeds. Sins are destroyed by listening to the Bhagwat Katha.

Blood donation camp and community feast organized in Hamirpur on CM's birthday

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: To mark the birthday of Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, the District Congress Committee of Hamirpur is organizing a grand blood donation camp and community feast at Gandhi Chowk on March 26. The event aims to express public support for the Chief Minister and pray for his long and healthy life. Former District Congress Committee President Suman Bharti Sharma stated that the initiative reflects the people's affection and backing for CM Sukhu. "We wish for the Chief Minister's long life and good health. We pray that he continues to lead Himachal Pradesh with the same dedication and integrity for decades to come, steering the state towards growth and prosperity," Sharma said. The event will see participation from NSUI, Youth Congress, and other frontal organizations of the Congress party. Sharma urged the public to actively take part in this noble cause by donating blood, emphasizing that blood donation not only saves lives but also fulfills a vital social responsibility.

Union Home Minister urged for release of 9042 cr under PDNA



DINESH AGARWAL
NEW DELHI, MAR 24

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu while interacting with the media here today said that he discussed various important issues of the state with Union Home Minister Amit Shah during his recent visit to New Delhi. The Union Home Minister was requested to expedite the release of Rs. 9042 crore under Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) for year 2023-24 for which he ensure

prompt action. The Chief Minister further said that discussions were also held on the drug menace in the State. The Union Minister was apprised that drug related cases had declined by 30 percent in past two years and a new legislation was being introduced by the present state government in the Vidhan Sabha to tackle this menace more effectively. Responding to another question, the Chief Minister said that the State Congress in-charge Rajni Patil was in constant touch

Hamirpur helipad to be built soon at Rs. 15 crore: Dr. Pushpendra Verma

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: The helipad in Hamirpur, being developed at a cost of Rs. 15 crore, is a significant initiative by Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, said Congress leader Dr. Pushpendra Verma. He stated that the site development work in the Jaskot area is progressing at a rapid pace. Dr. Verma emphasized that CM Sukhu's visionary approach has led to the decision to establish this strategically located helipad,

which will benefit residents, traders, tourists, and even patients requiring urgent medical transport. He highlighted that once operational, the helipad will significantly reduce travel time, transforming hours-long journeys into mere minutes. He also mentioned that while Hamirpur residents initially hoped for a modern bus stand, CM Sukhu not only delivered an international-standard bus terminal but also placed Hamirpur on the global map by approving a helipad.

with the party leaders in Himachal Pradesh and the office bearers of the state party organisation would be announced soon after due consultation and approval from the

high command. He said that he would be speaking to the Union Minister for Civil Aviation regarding the recent technical snag in Shimla Airport.

Governor inaugurates free acupuncture medical camp



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAR 24

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla, who is also the President of the Himachal Pradesh State Red Cross Society, inaugurated a two-day free acupuncture medical camp at the State Red Cross Bhavan today. The camp has been organized by the Himachal Pradesh State Red Cross Section in collaboration with the All India Acupuncture Foundation, New Delhi. State Red Cross Hospital

Welfare Section Chairperson Janaki Shukla was also present on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that the State Red Cross was actively contributing to health awareness initiatives. He said that a similar acupuncture camp was organized last year, which has benefitted large number of people. Considering its positive results the camp was being organised again this year and renowned acupuncture specialist Dr. Sunil Kumar rendered his services.

Kangra Airport will release Rs 595 cr to affected people

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAR 24

The Kangra Airport expansion administration is working at a fast pace. A blueprint has been prepared to release Rs 595 crore to the affected people in lieu of land acquisition. So far, the district administration has given Rs 350 crore to the people in lieu of land. The administration has prepared the challan and sent it to the treasury to release the amount to the affected people.

If the government releases the amount for land acquisition, then the remaining affected people will be allotted Rs 245 crore. According to the information, so far compensation has been given for 57.12 hectares of land of 9 mohallas. Under the



expansion of Kangra Airport, 147.7587 hectares of land of 14 villages is being affected.

This also includes 25.1064 hectares of government land. As soon as the work of distributing the amount to the affected people in lieu of land acquisition is completed, the work of expansion of Kangra Airport

will also be started at a fast pace. With the increase in the length of the runway, the services of bigger aircraft will start here and night flight services will also be available to people from the country and abroad. With the expansion of Kangra Airport, the military aircraft will also be able to benefit from it.

New Tehsildar of Tauni Devi to conduct revenue circle inspections

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: In line with the revenue reforms initiated by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, revenue officials are now reaching out to citizens to provide doorstep services. As part of this initiative, Saurabh Dhiman, the newly appointed Tehsildar of Bamsan Tauni Devi, is set to launch a campaign to expedite pending revenue-related matters. He will tour all patwar circles to ensure efficient resolution of cases, offering greater convenience to residents. The Tehsildar post in Tauni Devi had been vacant for a long time, causing inconvenience to locals. However, with Saurabh Dhiman taking charge, revenue services are expected to improve significantly. Speaking about his priorities, Tehsildar Dhiman assured that all pending revenue matters will be addressed promptly. He also plans to hold a meeting with revenue staff to issue necessary directives. Emphasizing accessibility, he stated that land disputes are on the rise and pledged to resolve them efficiently to reduce complaints. Revenue department personnel have been instructed to process grievances without unnecessary delays, ensuring that people do not have to visit offices repeatedly. Originally from Palampur, Saurabh Dhiman has previously served in Rohru and Nahani. He reaffirmed his commitment to providing seamless revenue services and encouraged citizens to reach out to him on any working day for assistance.



Kangra Bar Association's demands will be fulfilled: Ajay Verma



SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: HRTC Vice President Ajay Verma in Himachal Pradesh Government has said that all the demands of Kangra Bar Association will be placed before the Chief Minister and efforts will be made to fulfill them. On Monday, a program was organized by Kangra Bar Association in which everyone welcomed Ajay Verma. On this occasion, all the members of Bar Association Kangra were present. HRTC Vice President Ajay Verma assured to fulfill all the demands placed by Bar Association Kangra President Kuldeep Chaudhary and said that all the demands will be placed before the Chief Minister and will be fulfilled as soon as possible. Among their demands, the main demand was to establish a regular District and Session Court in Kangra. Bar Association Kangra President Kuldeep Chaudhary, Vice President Naveen Saini, Vice President Meenakshi Sharma, Neeraj Chandel, Ajay Chaudhary, VK Sood and other members were mainly present in this meeting.

World Tuberculosis Day observed



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: Nehru Yuva Kendra Unna, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, organised World Tuberculosis Day at Punjab National Bank Rural Self-Employment Training Institute Una. On this occasion, District Council President Neelam Kumari was present as the chief guest. She was honoured by District Youth Officer Pradeep Kumar of Nehru Yuva Kendra Unna by giving her a memento. Retirement spokesperson and advocate Sham Dulari was present as the special guest. She shared information related to Akshay disease with the participants and also provided information about women's law! District Coordinator Gulshan Kumar from Regional Hospital Una shared detailed information with the participants about the history of Akshay disease and its prevention.

Felicitation ceremony to mark World TB Day held at Chamba

BALKRISHAN PRASHAR
CHAMBA, MAR 24

On the occasion of World Tuberculosis Day, an award ceremony was organized by the health department under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Mukesh Repaswal here today.

Representatives of gram panchayats, officials and representatives of NGOs, and a large number of officials of the health department and ASHA workers participated in this ceremony which contributed significantly in making the TB eradication campaign a success.

In his address DC said that the health department in Chamba district is doing a good job towards the elimination of tuberculosis with the help of panchayat representatives, NGOs and



health workers working at the ground level and ASHA workers. Earlier, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr Bipin Thakur gave important information regarding the objective of the event. He said that TB disease could be cured through timely testing and treatment. He appealed to all the people present including the media to make maximum number of people aware about TB disease at their own level so that as per the government guidelines, Chamba district could be made completely TB free by

the end of 2025. CMO informed that during the 100-day TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan run in the district, a population of 79,800 the 7 medical blocks of the district was identified as vulnerable to TB disease and during this period 100 percent of the identified population was tested. He informed that during this campaign, sputum of 5756 persons was tested, 13712 persons were tested with portable handheld X-ray machine and 42 new cases related to TB disease were found during this campaign.

Una District Administration gears up for uninterrupted power supply during summer

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, MAR 24

To ensure a seamless power supply during the summer months, the Una district administration has intensified preparations. In a meeting held on Monday, Additional Deputy Commissioner Mahendra Pal Gurjar reviewed the necessary arrangements with senior officials of the Electricity Board. The meeting was attended by Superintendent Engineer Balraj Sangar, Executive Engineer Yashvinder Singh, and other officials. The ADC directed officials to complete all essential maintenance work on time to prevent any inconvenience to the public. He also appealed to citizens to use electricity judiciously, emphasizing that saving one



unit of electricity is equivalent to generating one unit. Superintendent Engineer Balraj Sangar informed that essential maintenance work was recently carried out on Sunday, and additional repairs are scheduled over the next one to two weeks. Temporary power disruptions may occur, and consumers have been urged to cooperate. Sangar advised consumers not to set their air conditioners below 25°C, as this could result in savings of up to 50% on electricity bills.

He noted that last summer, the district's peak electricity demand ranged from 180 to 190 MW per day, with an expected increase this year. Responsible electricity consumption will help reduce stress on the power infrastructure. Highlighting the PM Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme, Sangar informed that the government is offering subsidies of up to ₹86,500 for rooftop solar plants up to 3 kW, allowing consumers to minimize or even eliminate their electricity bills.

Bilaspur surpasses TB-Free campaign target, 29 Panchayats declared TB-Free

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, MAR 24

Under the nationwide 100-day TB-Free Campaign launched by the Central Health and Family Welfare Department, Bilaspur district has exceeded expectations by screening and counseling 51,152 people against the target of 42,452. This achievement marks a significant stride in the fight against tuberculosis in the region. Currently, 829 people are undergoing TB treatment in the district, of which 247 cases were identified during the campaign. In a major boost to community participation, 182 individuals registered under the Nishchay Mitra Yojana, with



112 of them volunteering to provide nutrition kits to TB patients. Efforts are ongoing to enroll more Nishchay Mitras to enhance community support. In a commendable milestone, 29 out of 174 panchayats in the district have been declared TB-free. Among them, 11 panchayats reported no TB cases for one to two years,

and 18 reported zero cases for a full year. The Health Department will honor the 11 panchayats with silver medals and the remaining 18 with bronze medals. Chief Medical Officer Dr. Shashi Dutt Sharma, addressing the media on World TB Day, stated that the district initially identified 35 panchayats for TB-free evaluation, of which 29 fulfilled all six stringent criteria. He also shared key updates from the Health Ministry, including the removal of injections from TB treatment and a reduction in the treatment period from 18 months to just six months, with patients now required to take four oral medicines once a day.

Himalayan Literary, Cultural, and Environmental Forum honours three writers

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAR 24

A grand ceremony was organized by the Himalayan Literary, Cultural, and Environmental Forum at the historic Gaiety Theater in Shimla, where three writers, Dr. Hemraj Kaushik, Jagdish Bali, and Dr. Satyanarayan Snehi, were honored. The Governor of Himachal Pradesh, Shiv Pratap Shukla, was the chief guest at the event. The Governor honored the three writers, with Dr. Hemraj Kaushik receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award, and Jagdish Bali and Dr. Satyanarayan Snehi receiving the Sahitya Srijan Samman for their outstanding contributions to literature. The Governor



recalled that two years ago, he had the privilege of distributing literary awards to five women writers and attending the National Book Fair on the Ridge Grounds, both organized by the Himalayan Literary, Cultural, and Environmental Forum. The Governor expressed his fondness for literature, saying that it reflects society and provides a deeper understanding of reality. He praised the Forum's efforts to

promote literature and honor writers, including children, senior citizens, and differently-abled writers.

The Governor also expressed concern about the decreasing habit of reading and writing among youth due to excessive use of mobile phones and the internet. He emphasized the importance of promoting literature and organizing literary and cultural events in schools, colleges, and universities.

Students make educational tour of ITI Nehariya



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: On Monday, the students of Government Secondary School Isapur did a one-day "pre-vocational tour" to the Government ITI located in Naihariyan. On this occasion, they learned in detail about the functioning of the ITI and the businesses currently running here. ITI group instructor Rakesh Kumar told that this ITI was started in 2007. At present 85 trainees are getting training in fitter, SOT and dress making trades in this ITI. ITI instructors Vivek Kumar, Sunil Dutt and Asha Rani took the visiting students to various workshops and provided them important information about the machines installed there. On this occasion instructor Sunil Kumar and teachers from the school Kamaljit Kaur, Kiran Bala and Meena Kumari were also present. Sunil Dutt, instructor of Mathematics at Government Industrial Training Institute, Naihariyan, said that through such exposure visits, children get to know about the working of ITI and they also get help in understanding each other.

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63rd foot pilgrimage to reach Shahtalai on March 29 with thousands of devotees



RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: The 63rd annual foot pilgrimage to the revered Baba Balak Nath temple in Himachal Pradesh, initiated by Bhagat Tarsem Lal Maharaj, will commence from Ludhiana on March 26. Led by Bhagat Sanjeev Kumar, thousands of devotees will embark on this spiritual journey, which is held every year on the last Wednesday of March. Providing details, Naresh Kumar mentioned that the yatra will pass through various cities of Punjab, including Ludhiana, Rahon, Rodmajra, and Nangal, before reaching Shahtalai and ultimately the sacred shrine of Baba Balak Nath. Locals along the route wholeheartedly welcome and serve the pilgrims, making it a deeply spiritual and communal experience. The pilgrimage, drawing devotees from far and wide, receives full cooperation from the administration.

‘Never Quit’ session inspires youth on shaheed Bhagat Singh Martyrdom day



SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: On the occasion of Shaheed Bhagat Singh's martyrdom day, IRG NGO organized an inspirational session titled "Never Quit" in Billanwali village. The session aimed to encourage youth to draw strength from Bhagat Singh's unwavering courage, fearlessness, and patriotism while facing life's challenges. Many young individuals today succumb to substance abuse, lack of confidence, and societal pressure when confronted with difficulties. This session emphasized that true bravery lies in standing firm against all adversities and never giving up.

Sanjit Singh Sunny Gill attends CASCO Cricket Tournament as chief guest



JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA
MOGA: Shiromani Akali Dal Halqa Incharge Moga Sanjit Singh Sunny Gill attended the fourth CASCO Cricket Tournament being organized in the memory of Ashu Sood by Guru Nanak Cricket Sports Club Moga at the ground of Guru Nanak College Moga as the chief guest. On this occasion, he got to know the players and also encouraged them. On this occasion, Sanjit Singh Sunny Gill said in his address that sports are a strong part of a healthy society which plays a big role in creating a healthy and fit society and in today's era when drugs are being sold in large numbers in the state of AAP government and they are falling victim to it, our youth need more and more such sports festivals and to encourage the youth towards sports so that they can be saved from drugs. On this occasion, he also congratulated the tournament organizers for organizing the tournament. On this occasion, the tournament organizers also honored Sanjit Singh Sunny Gill specially.

Bhartiya Ambedkar Mission to honour 21 personalities at Sangrur event; Tehsil elections held

GOGI KMAALPURIYA
RAIKOT, MAR 24

A district level meeting of Bhartiya Ambedkar Mission Bharat was held at Blessing Palace under the leadership of National General Secretary BPEO Itbar Singh Nathowal and District Ludhiana (Rural) President Gursewak Singh Mitha. In which Bhartiya Ambedkar Mission (India) National President Darshan Kangra specially attended. Speaking on the occasion, Darshan Kangra said that the mission will organize a grand felicitation ceremony in a program to be held in Sangrur on April 10 under Baba Saheb Tujhe Salaam. In which 21 personalities who have achieved fame in different fields will be honored with Dr.



Ambedkar State Award and three representatives each of social workers and religious organizations and sports clubs who have performed well will also be honored by the mission. A form has been issued by the mission regarding this felicitation. Meanwhile, while Bahujan Samaj Party Halqa Incharge Ranjha Singh and BSP leader and former councillor Surinder Singh Pappi Sapra promised to provide all kinds of support, National General Secretary of

Bhartiya Ambedkar Mission BPEO Itbar Singh Nathowal and District President Gursewak Singh Mitha assured them that every effort would be made to take the thoughts of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Sahib to every home. On this occasion, tehsil level elections were also held in which Sukhraj Singh Sivian was elected as tehsil president, Jaswant Singh Basrao as senior vice president, Parminder Singh Sukhana as general secretary.

RAWEL BHINDER
PATIALA, MAR 24

A district-level task force meeting under the Child Labor Act was held today, chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Isha Singhal. The meeting was attended by CMFO Dr. Navjot Sharma, DCPO Dr. Shaina Kapoor, Assistant Commissioner of Labor Jasbir Singh Kharoud, and representatives from the police, industry, education, health, and District Legal Services Authority.

Addressing the meeting, Isha Singhal directed the police to take strict action under Section 76 of the Juvenile Justice Act against parents forcing their children to beg. She shared that from

SSD College organizes awareness camp on drinking water

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: SSD College organized a special camp in different villages of Barnala district to spread awareness about the quality of drinking water. Prof. Under the leadership of Charanjit Singh and Madam Parvinder Kaur, the college students tested the water quality in Thikriwal and Naiwal villages. During the test, it was found that the



water was not drinkable due to high TDS content. Keeping this problem in

mind, the students made the villagers aware about the importance of using water purifiers and drinking clean water. A seminar was also organized on this occasion, in which information was given about water conservation and its necessity. The students went door to door to make the people aware about water conservation and water quality.

Every section of society should make contribution in Punjab govt's fight against drugs: DIG Sidhu

KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA, MAR 24

Under the campaign being run against drugs in the state under the leadership of Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Bhagwant Singh Mann - War against drugs, a comprehensive public relations meeting was held by Barnala Police today. Addressing this meeting, DIG Shri Mandeep Singh Sidhu said that every section of society should make its important contribution in this fight of the Punjab government so that the young generation can be kept away from this bad habit. He praised the artists Mrs. Rupinder Rupri and Mr. Sardar Sohi who came from the stage and said that if the artists become a part of the people's movement in this way, drugs can be eradicated from the roots. He said that every section should make



an important contribution in the war against drugs on its own. The teaching staff should make their students aware about this, health workers should treat people suffering from drugs and the police department should work promptly against drug smugglers, with which victory is not far off. On this occasion, SSP Mohammad Sarfaraz Alam, Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Madam Anuprita Johal, Sub Divisional

Magistrate Barnala Shri Gurbir Singh Kohli and other senior police officers besides Chairman Nagar Sudhar Trust Shri Ram Tirath Manna, Shri Harinder Dhaliwal, Chairman Market Committee Barnala Shri Parminder Singh Bhangu, Sarpanch and Panch of different villages who have taken up the cause of making their villages drug free, owners of medical stores and other important people were present.

21 minor children involved in begging rescued

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Under the guidance of ADGP Crime Panchkula Haryana and SP Madhuban, during Operation Smile on Monday, the children engaged in begging near Area Shani Mandir and Namaste Chowk of Karnal were rescued from immoral work like begging by the members of CWC Karnal under the leadership of Anti Human Trafficking Unit Madhuban and the team of DCPO Karnal and MDD Bal Bhavan. On the spot, this DTF team Karnal studied the background of all the children and regarding the education of the children, their rehabilitation, their Aadhar card and their material needs, the DTF team fixed the duty of all separately for the development of these children on the spot and their parents were called and warned. And keeping in mind the future of these children, the DTF team also gave instructions to take follow-up of these children after 10 days.



I.G. College organises national level cultural Fest on 115th birth anniversary of late Lala Amarnath Khurania



SANJAY SHARMA

KAITHAL: A National level Cultural Fest was organized on the occasion of the 115th birth anniversary of late Lala Amarnath Khurania. The program occurred in two sessions. In Morning Session, Narendra Miglani, General Secretary Governing Body and in the evening session, Shri Rajesh Kalia, (IPS) Superintendent of Police, Kaithal graced the occasion as the Chief Guests.College Principal Dr. Aarti Garg and Evening Principal In-Charge Ms.Shweta Tanwar welcomed the Chief Guest along with President, Governing Body and Management Members by presenting them with a bouquet. The event started with lamp lighting and Saraswati Vandana. On this occasion, President MMV Samiti, Jagdish Bahadur Khurania, formally welcomed the chief guest and said that it is a matter of good fortune for our college that today such an eminent personality is present among us known for his excellent work in the field.

KU VC releases Research and Haryana Studies journals

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, MAR 24

Vice-Chancellor, Kurukshetra University, Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva released special issues of Kurukshetra University Research Journal (KURJ) and the Journal of Haryana Studies (JHS) in the presence of Registrar KUK, Dr. Virender Pal, Editor-in-Chief, Prof. Dinesh K. Gupta, and editorial board members of both journals, Prof. S. K. Chahel, Prof. Ashok Chauhan, Dr. Pawan Kumar, Dr. Jitender Bhardwaj, Dr. Archana, Dr. Jimmy Sharma.

During the journal releasing ceremony, Vice-Chancellor Prof Sachdeva commended the scholarly contributions made through these journals, emphasizing their role in fostering academic excellence and research innovation. Prof



Sachdeva lauded the editorial team's commitment to maintaining high publication standards. Registrar, Dr Virender appreciated the rigorous peer-review process and the multidisciplinary approach of the journals, acknowledging them as vital platforms for knowledge dissemination.

Editor-in-Chief, Prof. Gupta informed that the special issue of KURJ on Distance & Online Education in the Context of NEP 2020 was released today. Prof Gupta further noted that with the discontinuation of the

UGC CARE List of Journals, researchers are now guided by eight key parameters to identify standard academic journals and assured that both KURJ and JHS meet nearly all these criteria, reinforcing their credibility and significance in academic circles. Deputy Director, Public Relations, Dr Jimmy Sharma informed that these biannual journals are peer-reviewed, refereed, multidisciplinary, and multilingual in which faculty members and research scholars can contribute their work.

In-house teacher training workshop on ‘Life Skills Advance’ organized at New Happy Public School

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, MAR 24

New Happy Public School, Yamunanagar, hosted an in-house teacher training program (CBP) on the topic "Life Skills Advance." The primary objective of this workshop was to familiarize teachers with the modern and practical aspects of life skills so they can effectively guide students in overcoming life's challenges.

The session was conducted by resource person Mrs. Toshal, who elaborated on the three key components of life skills – Cognitive (Thinking Skills), Social (Social Skills), and Emotional (Emotional Skills) skills. She emphasized the importance of decision-making, problem-solving, self-awareness, empathy, and



effective communication in shaping students' overall development.

During the training, teachers actively participated in interactive activities, case studies, group discussions, and practical demonstrations, learning how to integrate life skills into their teaching methodologies. They also explored crucial aspects such as stress management, leadership, teamwork, and positive thinking, and pledged to incorporate these learnings into their

classrooms.

Principal Dr. Bindu Sharma appreciated the workshop and said, "Life skills education is not just essential for academic success but also for the personal and professional growth of students. This workshop empowers teachers to guide students towards self-reliance and confidence." Chairman G.S. Sharma also shared his thoughts, stating, "In today's world, life skills are no longer an additional learning aspect but a necessity.

Block Raikot teachers' cricket team wins zone level tournament



GOGI KMAALPURIYA

RAIKOT: The primary teachers' cricket team of Block Raikot today won the zone level cricket tournament held at Sports Stadium Pandori and took the trophy. Giving information in this regard, Captain Baljit Singh CHT Lohatbaddi and Deputy Captain Harjinder Singh Raikot of Cricket Team Block Raikot said that a cricket team has been formed by all the primary teachers of Block Raikot who are interested in playing cricket, which includes teachers working in the department and where children are organized to play games, the name of the block is being raised by the teachers by playing sports tournaments. Under this, today also during the zone level cricket tournament held at the Pandori Sports Stadium, the team of Block Raikot defeated the team of Sidhwan Bet-2 by 7 wickets and Shingara Singh was crowned the Man of the Match and Man of the Series.

Editorial

SC must ensure HC Judge, like anyone, faces the Law

Doubts about the chances of corrupt individuals presiding over courts in India have been widely expressed, starting from oblique references to plain statements about the share of tainted judges with in the system. The events that followed a fire that gutted loads of currency notes in the house of Delhi High Court judge Yashwant Varma have proved the whistle-blowers right. The ball is now lying with the Supreme Court of India, and it needs to take decisive action this time.

It is not that people are unaware of black sheep entering the hallowed precincts of Indian courts, but those who were in the know looked the other way. The natural question that follows is why the investigative agencies mandated to chase such people did not do their job. The answer lies in the response of the head of the Delhi Fire Services that his men who had rushed to the judge's house on a fire alert did not find the currency collection. This is an example of how no one, including those in senior positions, would like to touch the powerful who might think of themselves as above the law.

To play safe might often be the best way, and hence the inability to "find" the fruits of heist. The executive branch of government may ignore the rot that is undoing the judiciary for fear of repercussions or for convenience, while the legislative wing may stay off the "lakshmanrekha" instead of devising the means to stem it. Which leaves the entire problem at the door of the Supreme Court. The country's apex court has an added responsibility, for the Indian judiciary is a self-perpetuating institution, thanks to the fierce fights it has fought on several occasions in the name of protecting its independence. The framers of the Constitution were quite clear on the dangers of such a phenomenon developing later, and had unequivocally rejected anything more than a consultative role for the judiciary in the appointment of judges in the higher courts. Hence, they had designed procedures for picking people to the bench in both the Supreme Court and the high courts with checks and balances. It was the Supreme Court that frustrated every attempt to give the elected government any say in the process by expanding the scope of consultation in appointments to virtual control over it. Every judge sitting in the constitutional courts in the country today is a product of the system that the Supreme Court has designed.

After 50 years, population back as live issue in India

After a very long time, people are talking about the issue of population, and the need to control it. This is happening 50 years after the infamous 1975-77 Emergency imposed by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and the diabolical forced vasectomies done at the behest of then "power behind the throne", Indira's son Sanjay Gandhi. Family planning, which until then had been an inane government policy slogan, almost disappeared without a trace in the following decades.

There are murmurs here and there, now and then, that population growth is a matter of concern. In the last few years, population control has made its comeback into public discourse, but it still hovers on the margins. The thought barometer of the BJP government, the RSS, has talked about it in two voices, sometimes in favour, and sometimes not. RSS supremo Mohan Bhagwat at one point suggested the need for population control, while at another point he talked about the need for Hindus to have more children. Critics do not see much ambiguity in Mr Bhagwat's doublespeak. They say that when he talks of population control, he means control of the Muslim population, and when he says Hindus should have more children, it is in response to the unfounded fear that Muslims will one day overtake the Hindu population.

There is also the interesting fact that many in the BJP, and in the Narendra Modi government, take undeclared pride in the fact that India has overtaken China as the most populous country in the world about two years ago. There is not much reflection on the issues involved in being the most populous country. There is at the same time a tearing hurry that India must move towards the developed country bracket by 2047, when India will celebrate 100 years of Independence. Once again, not much



thought is spared on how it can be done if India's population were to continue to grow. According to population estimates of the United Nations, India's population in 2027 will be 168 crores, up from 34 crores in 1947. To become a developed nation by 2047 would mean that India will have to provide adequate living standards, including education, health, housing and income, to 168 crore people.

The Narendra Modi government has robust plans to meet the development targets, especially the sustainable development

goals, or what have come to be known as SDGs, which include education, health and homes for all, drinking water and minimum incomes. It is not clear whether Indian planners are factoring the growing population in the country while stepping up capacity-building from infrastructure to futuristic cities and transport systems. One of the major pressure points for India is that it is 3.2 million sq km in terms of area, and in 2024 the population density was 442 per sq km. This increases manifold when urban populations are taken into consideration. Urban

areas constitute three per cent of the total area, supports a little more than 30 per cent of the population and generate 60 per cent of the country's GDP. The other silver lining, according to projections, is that India's 15-59 working population will peak at 59 per cent in 2041, and India has the opportunity to reap the maximum demographic dividend around this time. The window of opportunity is expected to last for 38 years before it begins to narrow and close. India will see a decline in the population in 2100, coming down to 900 million if the SDGs are met.

Literature & Health

New eye drops slow vision loss in animals: Study

Researchers have developed eye drops that extend vision in animal models of a group of inherited diseases that lead to progressive vision loss in humans, known as retinitis pigmentosa. The eye drops contain a small fragment derived from a protein made by the body and found in the eye, known as pigment epithelium-derived factor (PEDF).

PEDF helps preserve cells in the eye's retina. A report on the study is published in Communications Medicine.

"While not a cure, this study shows that PEDF-based eye drops can slow progression of a variety of degenerative retinal diseases in animals, including various types of retinitis pigmentosa and dry age-related macular degeneration (AMD)," said Patricia Becerra, Ph.D., chief of NIH's Section on Protein Structure and Function at the National Eye Institute and senior author of the study.

"Given these results, we're excited to begin trials of these eye drops in people." All degenerative retinal diseases have cellular stress in common. While the



source of the stress may vary -- dozens of mutations and gene variants have been linked to retinitis pigmentosa, AMD, and other disorders -- high levels of cellular stress cause retinal cells to gradually lose function and die.

Progressive loss of photoreceptor cells leads to vision loss and eventually blindness. In this new study, led by first author Alexandra Bernardo-Colon, Becerra's team created two eye drop formulations, each containing a short peptide. The first peptide candidate, called "17-

Housing sales drop 23%, supply falls 34% in top 9 cities in Q1 2025

Learning Innovation Skill from Mahatma Gandhi Ji: The Importance of Getting Ideas from Experts For innovation, it is very important to get new ideas from experts.

Mahatma Gandhi ji was very good at getting ideas from others. He has different people from different backgrounds in his friends and acquaintances. He also used to read a lot and get new ideas from reading.

M. Gandhi himself has said! "Three moderns have left a deep impression on my life and captivated me. Raychandbhai by his living contact; Tolstoy by his book, "The Kingdom of God is within you"; and Ruskin by his "Unto This Last". Besides these three personalities, Gopal Krishna Gokhale, the Gita and the Bible were lifelong sources of inspiration for Gandhi. (Source: mkgandhi.org)

He also had the opportunity to interact with a diverse group of people while working with the Congress party, which has people



from different parts of India, with different religions and ideas. In his acquaintances and friends, there were people from different countries, with different religions, ideologies, and ideas.

Look at your circle of interaction and see how diverse it is. If it is already diverse, try to maintain this diversity. If it is not diverse, then diligently work to make it more diverse with people with different knowledge.

In the current times, when the Government is trying to promote Startups in India, you can develop new ideas through idea networking, test these ideas through idea networking, and

come up with solutions for various social challenges India is facing.

One interesting area of innovation is creating educational solutions in simple language. I am trying to do this through this column, taking my knowledge of innovation to the masses using simple language and the example of Gandhi ji, as most of this literature exists in thick research papers or books in English.

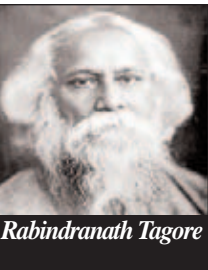
Takeaway: It is important to keep learning by interacting with people from diverse backgrounds to get new ideas. Similar to Gandhi ji, great leaders and businessmen get new ideas from experts and use these knowledge sources to come up with new ideas and solutions.

Professor Rajesh K Pillania, MDI Gurgaon. He is ranked jointly #1 in average research productivity in India and awarded top strategy professor in India. He makes strategy, innovation and happiness as simple, humorous and applicable.

POEM

Lotus

On the day when the lotus bloomed, alas, my mind was straying, and I knew it not. My basket was empty and the flower remained unheeded.



Only now and again a sadness fell upon me, and I started up from my dream and felt a sweet trace of a strange fragrance in the south wind. That vague sweetness made my heart ache with longing and it seemed to me that is was the eager breath of the summer seeking for its completion.

Rabindranath Tagore

The Ugly truths that lie behind the mad rush for government jobs across India

A video showing the distraught parents of a civil service aspirant in tears and seething with anger at their daughter being denied entry into a college to appear in the Civil Services Preliminary Examination on June 16 last year went viral, drawing the sympathy of viewers. She was a little late. Though the aspirant tried consoling her parents that she could appear later, they were agitated that she would lose one year.

In 2018, over 47.6 lakh candidates applied for 26,502 posts of loco pilots and technicians in the Railways. Nearly two crore aspirants, including post-graduates and doctorate degree holders, applied for just 62,907 posts of assistants and helpers. An advertisement of the Uttar Pradesh police recruitment and promotion board for the post of constables in December 2023 drew as many as 48,17,441 applications for just 60,224 posts, the results of which were declared recently.

Dwelling on the need to observe "absolute scrupulousness" in government recruitments, a bench led by Justice Sanjay Karol recently stated: "In



India, the reality is that there are far more takers of government jobs than there are jobs available". Hence, he added, the entry process should be done in an impeccable manner. Most parents aspire for their children to enter gov-

ernment service for the sake of the handsome salary coupled with other perks like medical cover, travel benefits, various allowances, and most of all for the job security it provides. Small wonder that lakhs of youth appear in

examinations conducted by the Central and state governments year after year.

No sooner that a person lands a government job, hordes of prospective brides and bridegrooms begin to swarm around their families. In jobs involving public dealings, the ill-gotten income as bribe adds to the value of the employee. Ironically, while bribery is frowned upon by society at large and corruption becomes a central plank of political campaigns, it is viewed as an asset within families. Coming late to the office and leaving early is the norm in most government offices. It is their supervisory officers who are to blame as they either do not follow the office timings themselves or are not courageous enough to pull up their subordinates.

Speaking at the judicial academy in Kolkata on June 29, 2024, Justice B.R. Gavai said: "Some of the judges in some high courts do not sit on time. It is shocking to know that some of the judges, though the court timings are from 10.30 am, sit at 11.30 am and get up at 12.30 pm, though court timings are up to 1.30 pm (in the first half). It is more shocking to know that some

judges do not sit in the second half," he said. The Department of Personnel and Training has directed all ministries and departments to ensure that all employees mark their attendance using the Aadhaar-Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS) without fail. Its memorandum of June 15, 2024 states: "It has been observed that despite clear instructions, several employees are not registering their attendance in Biometric Attendance System (BAS) and some of the employees have been coming late on a regular basis." Strict action must be taken against those who habitually come late and leave office early and that "half-a-day's casual leave should be debited for each day of late attendance..." it ordered, apart from disciplinary action under the CCS (Conduct) Rules. While in the defence services and paramilitary forces, acts of misdemeanour are met with penal action by summary trials like orderly rooms and award of minor punishments, more serious offences are dealt through court martial in the military and similar provisions, like judicial trials and departmental enquiries, in the paramili-

tary forces. In-service courses in these forces equip officers with the legal knowledge and expertise to handle disciplinary matters and inflict punishments to recalcitrant officials. By virtue of their experience in conducting departmental enquiries, they are better placed to conduct trials and enquiries. But in other departments, the proclivity to overlook cases of indiscipline stems from the fact that the disciplinary authorities themselves are not well conversant with the procedures and rules.

The non-availability of inquiry officers poses serious problems. The DoPT has directed all ministries to include retired officers in their panel of inquiry officers to conduct departmental enquiries to ensure enquiries are completed in the shortest time. This directive has yielded desired results. With the government's policy of ensuring that bureaucrats perform and maintain a high degree of probity or perish, the bureaucracy must excel. The message goes down the line that every employee must perform or face dire consequences.

Saints honored in saint conference

YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI PEHOWA: Advaita Swaroop Satsang Sabha Ismailabad organized a saint conference to honor saints in the ancient Shiva temple. In which the Mahant of Guru Gorakh Dham, saints from Nagli Tirth Dham, saints from Kurukshetra, Pehowa, Kaithal

and Jhaansa were honored. Saints delighted congregation with their sermons. Organizer Sunny Ahuja said that saints play an important role in upliftment of society. Saints work for welfare of whole society. Therefore, this program has been organized to

honor saints. Saint Divyanand Puri Kurukshetra Ashram, Sant Atma Vibhor Puri Pehowa Ashram, Sant Trilokpuri Jhaansa Ashram, Sant Shabdanand, Sant Divyanand, Sant Sharananand were honored in program. Mahant Tej Nath of Guru Gorakhnath



Dham said that through such events, society gets to know about saint society.

NEWS BRIEF

Govt agency purchases about 2500 quintals of mustard

YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI PEHOWA: With start of government mustard purchase in grain market, work of purchase is gradually coming on track and with the increase in arrival, work of purchase has also gained momentum. Market Committee Secretary Ankur Thakral said that mustard which is found to be correct as per government standards is purchased immediately at government support price. There is no problem regarding purchase in grain market. He told that till now warehouse purchase agency has purchased about 2500 quintals of mustard from market. At same time, about 3500 quintals of mustard has been sold privately so far. He appealed to farmers to bring only dry and clean mustard to grain market so that agency does not have any problem in purchasing.



BKU (Chadhuni) to launch mass movement after reconstituting union



JAIBEER SINGH SINGH BARARA, MAR 24

The Bharatiya Kisan Union (Chadhuni Group) held a special meeting at the Barara grain market, where a large number of farmers from the region participated. Addressing the gathering, BKU national president Gurnam Singh Chadhuni announced that the union's structure would be expanded not just across Haryana but also into neighboring

states. He urged union leaders to mobilize farmers at the village, neighborhood, and street levels to strengthen the movement. Chadhuni further declared that Ambala's existing executive committee had been dissolved, and a new committee would be formed on April 3 at Saha grain market. Emphasizing the need for unity, he stated that a divided farmer community weakens the movement, as witnessed in Punjab.

Rajput community demands cancellation of membership of MP who commented on Maharana Sanga



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: There is tremendous anger among the officials of Rajput Sabha and the people of the society in Karnal against the controversial comment made by SP MP Ramji Lal on Maharana Sanga due to which the people have expressed anger against him in Rajput Dharamshala located in Sector 8 and raised the demand to cancel the Rajya Sabha membership of the MP. The people of the society say that the MP has insulted not only

Rana Sanga but the entire Kshatriya community with his statement. Kamal Rajput Sabha chief Narendra Pratap Singh, senior vice president Kuldeep Nambardar, general secretary advocate Brijpal Rana and the members of the Sabha said that Maharana Sanga was not just a great warrior, but a symbol of courage, self-respect and indomitable valor. There were more than 80 wounds on his body, despite losing one arm, one eye and one leg, he stood firm on the battlefield.

TB can be fatal in not treated on time: Dr. Aneja

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, MAR 24

World TB Day is celebrated every year on March 24, so that people can be made aware about this serious disease. Dr. Ashish Aneja said that this is a disease that affects millions of people every year and if not treated on time, it can also be fatal. World TB Day is celebrated every year on March 24 since 1982. Celebration of this day was started by World Health Organization (WHO). Purpose of which is to remember anniversary of bacteria (Mycobacterium tuberculosis) discovered by Dr. Koch. There are many types of TB such as pulmonary TB (affecting the lungs) and extrapulmonary TB (affecting other parts of the body). If you want to avoid TB, take special care of these things: To avoid TB, maintain proper distance from TB patients, and if you see symptoms of TB, then contact doctor immediately. If TB is not treated timely and properly,



then it can prove to be fatal and dangerous. If TB is not treated properly then TB bacteria can become resistant to medicine which makes treatment difficult. TB damages lungs most due to which breathing problems start. TB also affects other parts of body a lot such as spinal cord, brain and kidney. Symptoms of TB include excessive cough, phlegm, fever especially in the evening, chest pain, weight loss and loss of appetite. It can be reduced through yoga and TB can be controlled. Here you are being told about some effective asanas for strengthening lungs and prevention of TB. TB is treated with antibiotics.

Tribute paid to martyrs on Martyrdom Day



SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL: Tribute paid to martyrs on the occasion of Martyrdom Day at Indira Gandhi Senior Secondary Public School on Monday. The tragic incident of March 23, 1931 was recorded by Riddhima, a class 12 commerce student in a prayer meeting. While telling the history of the day, students were reminded of the great sons of Mother India. They were given a certificate and the importance of their sacrifice in achieving India's independence was explained. The story of sacrifice brought tears to everyone's eyes. The principal praised the speaker Riddhima. He was also given an award. Apart from this, a program was also organized in the school on March 22 was also organized.

Punjabi Seva Sadan celebrates Foundation Day



RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL: Punjabi Seva Sadan organized Foundation Day celebrations in Sadan premises. This is 13th Foundation Day organized by the organization. Punjabi Welfare Sabha President Subhash Kathuria was chief guest and Mahesh Dhamija, head of Siraiki family was special guest. It was presided over by Punjabi Seva Sadan President Paruthi. It began with Bharat Mata ke Jai and paying tribute to martyrs. Main attraction of today's program was dance performance by children. Children mesmerized audience by performing dance. Kaithal's budding artist Praveen Dhiman presented patriotic songs in his melodious voice and received a lot of applause and praise from audience. Magic of Praveen's voice was captivating audience. No money was taken for this performance. Welcoming all guests, general secretary of Punjabi Seva Sadan shared information about service projects of organization with everyone.

Illegal commercial constructions flourish in Barara: Collusion between officials and politicians exposed



JAIBEER RANA THAMBER BARARA: Unregulated commercial construction in Barara subdivision is booming, allegedly due to administrative inaction and political collusion. Land mafias are erecting commercial establishments on agricultural land without municipal approval, jeopardizing balanced development and putting the hard-earned money of the public at risk. Areas such as Maujgarh Road, Adhoya Road, and Dosarka Road have become hotspots for illegal commercial constructions. This unchecked expansion is not only threatening agricultural productivity but also increasing the risk of a future food crisis. Despite this, local authorities and political leaders have turned a blind eye, raising suspicions of their involvement in the illegal activities. Investors purchasing these commercial properties are often unaware that they are putting their money into unauthorized constructions. Colonizers lure buyers with grand promises, but when legal action is taken or government facilities are denied, their investments collapse.

National Seminar on diversity, equality, and inclusion in commerce held at DAV PG College



CHAMANLAL KARNAL: A one-day national seminar on "Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion in Commerce" was organized at DAV PG College, Karnal, under the direction of the Department of Higher Education, Haryana. The seminar witnessed the participation of over 300 intellectuals, professors, and researchers from various universities, colleges, and research institutions across India. The keynote speaker, Dr. Anakeshwar Prakash, Controller of Examinations, Kurukshetra University (KU), emphasized the significance of diverse perspectives in fostering economic and professional growth. The event was chaired by Dr. Mahavir Narwal, Chairman of the Commerce Department, KU, with Dr. Subhash Chand from KU's Commerce Department as co-chair.

Happy Public School organises cultural program of Navrasangam Manobhav



MANMOHAN SHARMA HANSI: Happy Public School organized a cultural program of Navarasangam Manobhava on Monday. The chief guests of the ceremony was renowned world medalist Sunita Sharma and Bhim Award, Pooja Sihag Bronze Medal Commonwealth Game 2022 and Usha Sharma Sihag, first Indian female coach, Dr. Monica Gold Medalist and Scientist. While the school chairman Surendra Berwal presided over the function. During this, while expressing his views on the school's journey of overall development and excellence, he stressed on the importance of education in accordance with the changing educational approaches. On this occasion, the students of the school gave a very captivating and wonderful presentation. The students of the school took out a tableau of Ramrajya in front of the audience. The children were seen in charming costumes. The children gave a wonderful presentation depicting the Sanatan culture. The children's brilliant art skills mesmerized the audience.

Free plantation done on fifth day of NSS camp in Indergarh village



MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI: The fifth day of the seven-day special camp being run by the National Service Scheme (NSS) of Udhham Singh Government College Matak Majri Indri was started with yoga and NSS song as per the directions of the college principal Dr. Mahendra Singh Bagi. Dr. Babita of English Department, Government College Chandigarh participated as the chief guest on Monday's program. She told the volunteers that the youth of our country were the backbone of nation building. Giving examples of various youth like Lal Bahadur Shastri, Mother Teresa she inspired the students to achieve their goals. Chief guest Dr. Babita while addressing the students said that they should discharge their duties with full devotion, whatever post they held they should work while maintaining the dignity of the post. The stage was conducted by National Service Scheme Third Unit In-charge Dr. Bal Rishi Professor Dimple expressed gratitude to the chief guest. National Service Scheme second unit in-charge Professor Kuldeep assured the chief guest that the students would definitely adopt the various aspects of the motivational lecture given by him in their lives.

One-day in-house training program organized at Sun Rise Public School, Pratap Nagar



RK KASHYAP CHHACHHRAULI: One-day in-house training was organized by CBSE in Sunrise Public School Khirabad on Monday. In the training program about 50 teachers participated. The objective of this training was to provide guidance to teachers on important topics like Blueprint of Ideal Teacher Managing Time with Easy and Stress Free Teaching. Resource person Mr. Kapil Batra was invited in this training. He motivated the teachers under this training and told that an ideal teacher was one who helped in the all-round development of students. In the time management session, he taught the teachers how a teacher should manage time. Due to which a teacher can teach children properly in a stress-free environment. He also explained how students can be motivated in the right direction by identifying their learning abilities. Along with this, he encouraged all the teachers to pay attention to modern techniques like teaching in an effective manner. In the end, the resource person Kapil Batra was honored by the Principal of the school, Mrs. Paramjit Kaur Sindhu by giving him a memento.

Senior Citizen Forum holds programme to remember martyrs



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Mrs. Manakshi Jain, the head of the Rotary Club said that the community who did not remember the martyrs would not survive for a long time. She said that they were breathing in the open due to the martyrs. It was their responsibility to spread information about the freedom struggle to the coming generations. She was speaking at the Martyrs Day program organized by the Senior Citizen Forum on the premises of the Community Building of Sector Seven. The program was chaired by the head of the forum OP Garg. Earlier, members of Senior Citizen Forum and Chief Guest garlanded the statue of Shaheed Bhagat Singh. The whole atmosphere was echoing with patriotic songs. In the program, Patron Shamsheer Singh Sandhu said that it was the duty of every Indian to respect the martyrs. He made it clear that at all costs we should work for freedom and integrity of the country. On this occasion, patriotic devotional songs were presented.

Arya Samaj Foundation Week celebrated in DAV Police Public School, Jagadhri



RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: Arya Samaj Foundation Week was being organized in DAV schools under the aegis of the Aay Pradeshik Pratinidhi Upsabha, Haryana. Many activities will be organized in schools from March 19 to 31. In this series, speech, lecture and poetry recital were organized in D.A.V. Police Public School, Jagadhari. The week was started with Punya Prerana Divas. The death anniversary of Pandit Guru Dutt Vidyarthi was celebrated as Punya Prerana Divas. The students explained the life story of Pandit Guru Dutt and his works done for the Arya Samaj. Poetry recital was presented while describing in detail the objectives behind the establishment of Arya Samaj by Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati. Seerat of class V presented a poem and Vatsal of class VI explained in detail the rules of Arya Samaj. Activities were participated under the leadership of teachers Sonia Makhija, Monica Sharma and Sushma. The school's principal Mr. Anup Kumar Chopra assured that the school would enthusiastically participate in the Arya Samaj Foundation Week being organized by the Arya Pradeshik Upasabha and will tell the students the objectives behind the establishment of Arya Samaj and motivate them to follow the teachings in life.

Surjit Singh Kang assumes charge as Market Committee Chairman in Rayya



PRINCE BEAS: Surjit Singh Kang officially took charge as the Chairman of the Rayya Market Committee, one of North India's major grain markets, in a formal ceremony held at the Market Committee Office, Rayya. The event witnessed the presence of MLA Professor Baljinder Kaur, Suhinder Kaur (wife of Cabinet Minister Harbhajan Singh ETO), Improvement Trust Chairman Rajinder Singh Usma, Jalandhar Market Committee Chairman Subhash Bhagat, Adampur Market Committee Chairman Paramjit Singh, along with several Aam Aadmi Party leaders from various districts of Punjab. During the event, MLA Baljinder Kaur and Suhinder Kaur addressed the media, emphasizing that the Aam Aadmi Party values the hard work of its leaders and workers, rewarding them with significant responsibilities. They highlighted that Surjit Singh Kang has been a dedicated party worker, and by appointing him as Market Committee Chairman, the party has acknowledged his commitment and service. They also noted that Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann had officially announced his appointment on February 24 as part of the newly released Market Committee Chairpersons' list.

Workshop organized on 'Art and Drama in Education' at Shri Sant Ram College of Education, Kachhwa



MEGHRAJ LUTHRA KACHHIWA: Two-day workshop on "Art and Drama in Education" was organized at Shri Sant Ram College of Education, Kachhwa on March 21 and 22, 2025 with the aim of promoting creative and innovative methods in education. Ms. Anuradha, Lecturer (Arts and Drama), DIET, Shahpur was present as the main resource person in this workshop. She made the teachers and students aware of various methods of making teaching in the classroom more effective and enjoyable through art and drama. On this occasion, College Chairman Mr. Ashwani Bhardwaj and Principal Dr. Ekta inaugurated the program and encouraged the participants and emphasized the need of such workshops. The welcome committee played a special role in the success of the program, in which Rekha, Sadhana, Shweta Chakrapani, Monika, Aditya and Rakesh Vashisht played an important role. The committee warmly welcomed all the visitors and participants and conducted the program smoothly.

Executive body of Hasla block, Sadhaura constituted



PRITI SAINI SADHAURA: A meeting of Hasla organisation was organised in Government Model Senior Secondary School Sadhaura in which the executive body of Hasla block Sadhaura was constituted under the leadership of District Head Hasla Yamunanagar Vinod Saini. During this, Naresh Kumar, Lecturer Mathematics, PM Shri R.V. High School Sarawan was unanimously elected as Secretary, Madan Lal, Lecturer Sanskrit, PM Shri R.V. High School Salehpur was elected as Treasurer, Kewal Jeet, Lecturer Chemistry, R.V. High School Sadhaura was elected as Vice Head, Vinod Kumar, Lecturer Chemistry, PM Shri R.V. High School Salehpur was elected as Vice Head, Baldev Raj Bhartiya, PM Shri R.V. High School Salehpur was elected as Senior Advisor, Chetan Sharma, Lecturer Sanskrit, R.V. Sadhaura was elected as Press Secretary, Surjeet, Lecturer Mathematics, R.V. High School, Rasulpur was elected as Auditor, Ram Karan, Lecturer Punjabi, R.V. High School.

Kinetic Green Appoints Sudhanshu Agrawal as President, Mobility & International Business

CHANDIGARH: Kinetic Green Energy and Power Solutions Limited, the leading manufacturer of electric two and three wheelers in India is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Sudhanshu Agrawal as President, Mobility and International Business. With over two decades of rich experience in the automotive sector, both in domestic and international business Mr. Agrawal brings a wealth of expertise in strategic leadership, business development, expansion, and mobility solutions.

Samsung Announces Exciting Offers on Galaxy Wearables in India

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today announced a range of limited-period offers on its latest Galaxy wearables lineup, including the Galaxy Watch Ultra, Galaxy Watch7, Galaxy Watch6 Classic, Galaxy Buds3 Pro, Galaxy Buds3, Galaxy Buds FE, and Galaxy Ring. These special prices provide customers with a fantastic opportunity to own Galaxy wearables at attractive rates. Starting today, the Galaxy Watch6 Classic will be available at a massive discount of up to INR 20000, while the Galaxy Watch Ultra will be available with a discount of up to INR 10000.

Britannia Marie Gold & Inspire Institute of Sport Unveil 'HerSpark' – A Game-Changing Sports Scholarship for Women

HISAR: Britannia Marie Gold, one of India's leading biscuit brands, in partnership with the Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS), has launched 'HerSpark,' a first-of-its-kind national sports scholarship program for women athletes. It is designed to identify and nurture promising women athletes in boxing, swimming, judo, athletics, and para-sports to kickstart their sports career. The initiative offers aspiring young women athletes across India a fully funded three-year sports scholarship, covering professional training, coaching, lodging, nutrition, and educational opportunities. The program also offers world-class facilities and coaching from former Continental and Olympic athletes such as Mamuka Kizilashvili (Judo) and Yandris Belanzos Francis (athletics). Siddharth Gupta, General Manager - Marketing, Britannia Industries stated, "Britannia Marie Gold believes that every woman possesses an innate spark—the potential to achieve more.

Bidadi Industries Association Foundation Hosts 2nd Edition of Toyota Bidadi Half Marathon

CHANDIGARH: The Bidadi Industries Association Foundation (BIAF) successfully hosted the 2nd edition of the Toyota Bidadi Half Marathon on 23rd March 2025 at Jollywood Studios, nestled in the scenic Bidadi Industrial Area on the outskirts of Bengaluru. Centred around the theme "Run for Safety & Sustainability," witnessed a turnout of over 4,500 registered participants from diverse walks of life—highlighting a rising passion for fitness, road safety awareness, and environmental responsibility. Toyota Kirloskar Motor, given its strong commitment to road safety and sustainability, proudly supported the event as the Title Sponsor.

Amazon announces Zero referral fees on over 1.2 crore products;

CHANDIGARH/Ropar: Amazon India today announced its highest-ever reduction in seller fees to support lakhs of small businesses selling on Amazon.in from across the country. In a move aimed at further boosting growth of sellers on Amazon.in, the company has introduced zero referral fees on over 1.2 crore products that are priced below ₹300. Referral fees is a commission that sellers pay to Amazon for each product sold. The zero referral fees apply to more than 135 product categories. Amazon has also brought in a simplified flat rate for sellers using external fulfillment channels like Easy Ship and Seller Flex, with national shipping rates now starting at ₹65, down from ₹77. While Easy Ship is a fulfillment channel where Amazon collects packages from a sellers' location and delivers them to customers, as part of Seller Flex, Amazon manages a portion of the sellers' warehouse as an Amazon fulfillment center. Additionally, the company has reduced the weight handling fees for lightweight items under 1 kg by up to ₹17, lowering the overall fees that sellers pay to Amazon. Sellers shipping more than one product unit at a time stand to see up to 90%+ savings in selling fees on the second unit. These changes will enable sellers to offer a wider selection, competitive offers and grow their business.

3 roads constructed in ZP, Ward-6 at cost of Rs 2.60 cr: Vikram Rana

TARAORI(KAMAL SHARMA): Member representative of Zila Parishad Ward No. 6, Vikram Rana said that with the support of the state government, roads are being constructed in the villages under Zila Parishad Ward No. 6. A lot of cost of crores of rupees. He informed that about Rs 2 crore 60 lakhs have been spent on three roads by the Marketing Board. In which Rs 40 lakhs have been spent on the road to built from village Shamgarh to Taraori, Rs. 40 lakhs have been spent on the road built from village Beed Majra to Besholpur. Apart from this, Rs 1 crore 80 lakhs will be spent on the road to built from village Naraina to Kudak, on which construction work is going on. He informed that digital e-library has also been constructed in many rural areas falling under the council. Vikram Rana thanked Chief Minister Nayab Saini and said that with the support of the state government, no problem will be allowed in the development work in the rural areas falling under the ward.

Crime Branch-1 team arrests 2 thieves, recovers stolen goods

YAMUNANAGAR(RAHUL KOHLI): Crime Branch-1 team arrests 2 thieves, recovers stolen goods. Giving information, the police spokesperson said that Superintendent of Police Rajiv Deswal has given strict instructions to the district police to crack down on crime and criminals. Acting under these instructions, the team of Crime Branch-1 has succeeded in arresting two clever thieves. Stolen goods were recovered from the accused. The accused were produced in the court and sent to judicial custody. The police are investigating the matter. In-charge Virender Singh said that his team had received secret information that two persons were roaming near Ganpati Engineering College Chhachhralui in suspicious condition.

Project reports of two agencies for providing irrigation water to Nurpur Bedi's mountainous region under review of SEs Committee: Barindar Kumar Goyal

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH: Punjab Water Resources Minister Mr. Barindar Kumar Goyal, on Monday, informed the Punjab Vidhan Sabha that efforts are being made on a war footing to provide canal water for irrigation to 75 villages in Nurpur Bedi block of Ropar district and action will soon be taken in this regard.

In response to a question raised by MLA from Ropar Mr. Dinesh Kumar Chadha, about the status of the feasibility study for providing canal water for irrigation to 75 villages in Ropar district, the Cabinet Minister said that Expressions of Interest (EOI) proposals have been submitted by two agencies, which are under review by a committee of senior officials for final decision. Necessary action will be taken according to technical feasibility and availability of funds after which it will be sent to the Central Water Commission for further approval, he informed.

Sh. Barindar Kumar Goyal said that expression of interest notices were floated twice to examine the feasibility of the project. Two agencies participated in this earlier process. However, when the agencies were asked to provide detailed information about the project, they failed to give an



appropriate response. The EOI

had to be cancelled and subsequently reissued, to which again two agencies applied.

The Cabinet Minister said that this area is mountainous and surrounded by natural streams. Due to its elevated position, it is not possible to provide irrigation water through the canal system. Therefore, an EOI was floated to determine the project's overall impact and how water could be delivered to this area. He said that there are three potential sources through which water can be reached to this region. The first is to take water from

Nangal Dam through a pipe network or by lifting water from the dam. The second method is to draw water from the Swan River and store it, but the difficulty is that the Swan River flows only during the monsoon and there is no water after three to four months. The third approach is to collect water from Sri Anandpur Sahib Hydrel Channel through silos or overhead service reservoirs and deliver it to the area through lifting. He said that the EOI tender was floated to select the best method from these options.

Aggarwal Vaishya Samaj Haryana will run campaign for animals and birds in summer

Kurukshetra(Hans Raj): Rajesh Singla, State General Secretary of Aggarwal Vaishya Samaj Haryana, said that his organization was running a seed distribution program under the Green Kurukshetra Campaign. After this, in view of the summer season, food and water will be arranged for animals and birds in villages and towns. For this, the cooperation of people of the society will also be sought. Mr Singla said that the members of the organization were ensuring such places and trees where more birds can live. Nests will be set up on such trees. He said that in today's hectic life they were troubled in the struggle of their own needs. We should also take out some time for the mute animals and birds. He said that March-April and May-June, when the normal life was disturbed due to heat. In such a situation, mute animals and birds are dying in search of food and water. People of the society should come forward to help the mute animals and birds. Due to this, our colleagues and our team have decided that they will run this campaign on a war footing every year in the summer season. Mr Singla has also appealed to the people to come forward to help these voiceless animals and birds and arrange food and water for them. Munish Mittal, Kapil Mittal, Pramod Bansal, Jang Bahadur Singla, Vijay Garg, Ashok Garg, Ajay Gupta, Naresh Singla, Manju Singla, Pinky Jain, Sachin, Manoj Kumar were present on this occasion.



Anganwadi Workers Trained in Health, Nutrition, and Digital Safety

Delhi- A one-day training and awareness camp for 83 Anganwadi workers of Aizawl Rural Block was successfully conducted by STI Hub Mizoram at the Synod Conference Centre. The initiative aimed to enhance their knowledge and skills in health, nutrition, digital safety, and Ayurveda-based well-being to better serve their communities. The event was attended by Dr. Lalni Lawma, Minister of State for Rural Development, Mizoram, as the Chief Guest, and Mrs. Zoramthangi Chhangle, Director of Women & Child Development, Mizoram, as the Guest of Honour. They emphasized the crucial role Anganwadi workers play in child and maternal health and the need for continuous learning in the face of prime minister Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat.

Dr. Raghu Raman, Principal Investigator of the STI Hub project from Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Kerala, also participated in the event, and shared the vision of the project and the role that Anganwadi workers play in accomplishing that. Key Focus Areas The training covered: Essential Nutrition & Hygiene – Improving maternal and child health through proper dietary practices. Locally Available Nutrient-Rich Foods –



Addressing malnutrition using regional food sources. Anemia Prevention – Identifying and combating anemia in pregnant and lactating mothers. Digital Safety for Children – Equipping workers with strategies to protect children in the digital age. Ayurvedic Health Practices – Introducing holistic lifestyle principles for overall well-being. A highlight of the event was the demonstration of value-added food products developed using locally sourced ingredients. Participants sampled Moringa-Jaggery Cookies, Ginger-Perilla Bites, and Soya Nutriballs, which were praised for their health benefits and taste.

LPU Ranks Among Top Universities in QS World Rankings 2025 by Subject"

Jalandhar(J S SODHI) : Lovely Professional University (LPU) has achieved significant milestones in the QS World University Rankings 2025 by Subject, securing top rankings across 10 academic disciplines. The rankings, based on academic reputation, employer reputation, research citations, H-index, and international research network, highlight LPU's growing global presence. LPU ranked 6th in India and 301-350 globally in Agriculture and Forestry, surpassing institutions like the University of Calcutta. In Pharmacy and Pharmacology, it secured 9th place in India and 251-300 globally, outperforming AIIMS New Delhi and the Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai. LPU's Engineering & Technology program was ranked 15th in India and 308th globally, ahead of IIT BHU Varanasi and IIT Hyderabad. Other notable rankings include 22nd in Computer Science in India (551-600 globally), 14th in Social Sciences & Management (401-450 globally), 18th in Mechanical Engineering (501-575 globally), and 13th in Natural Sciences (451-500 globally).



LPU also excelled in Mathematics (19th in India, 501-600 globally) and Chemistry (19th in India, 451-500 globally). Dr. Ashok Kumar Mittal, MP (Rajya Sabha) and Founder Chancellor of LPU, expressed pride in these achievements, stating, "LPU is committed to fostering innovation, research, and global impact. These rankings mark a new era of academic excellence in India and showcase the dedication of our faculty, students, and researchers."

North India Expansion Begins: Arrow's Biggest Store Now in Model Town, Jalandhar

Jalandhar : Arrow is proud to announce the grand opening of its largest store in Punjab, strengthening its presence in the region's menswear market. Located in Model Town, Jalandhar, this expansive store spans over 2000+ sq. ft. of carpet area. The multi-level space is designed to offer a premium shopping experience, making it a top choice for men who appreciate refined style in the region. "We are glad to open our doors in Jalandhar, Punjab. This marks the beginning of our focused expansion in North India and reinforces our commitment to the region. The new store is built to be the biggest and is designed in keeping with Arrow's new look and feel. The collection encapsulates modern workwear, seamlessly blending sophistication with refined style" said Anand Ayier, CEO at Arrow. This store embodies Arrow's new identity, seamlessly blending a sophisticated aesthetic with a refreshed shopping experience. In line with this refreshed identity, the store's design incorporates sleek, modern elements that enhance its refined appeal. The store's design ensures a seamless and premium experience, allowing customers to engage with Arrow's latest collections like never before. Situated in Model Town, Jalandhar, this expansive space is set up with the fresh collection, showcasing Arrow's complete range, including sophisticated formal wear, versatile smart casuals, and elegant ceremonial wear that helps you celebrate every moment of life, catering to diverse style preferences. Designed with attention to detail, the store's layout ensures a seamless and enjoyable shopping journey, enhancing convenience and accessibility for customers.



UNIQLO launches its first Community Skill Centre project in India

CHANDIGARH: India -Global apparel retailer UNIQLO, in collaboration with Plan International, today announced the launch of its first skill center project in India, the Job Oriented Vocational Training Centre. The project is a collaborative effort aimed at empowering local communities and fostering future talent. This is UNIQLO's first ongoing social contribution activity in India and will provide practical training and skills to underprivileged youth.

A significant step in UNIQLO's efforts to invest in local talent and contribute to India's



economic prosperity, the three-year skill center project is designed to equip youth with the essential skills needed to thrive in today's rapidly evolving job market. The project is funded through a donation by UNIQLO parent company Fast Retailing Co., Ltd. of 120 Million Japanese Yen (INR 7 Cr*) over three years. Kenji Inoue, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of UNIQLO India, commented, "Inspired by our Life Wear philosophy of making everyone's life better, we hope this skill center project will have a life-changing, positive impact for thousands of young Indian people. It is fundamental for UNIQLO that, in every country and region that we operate, we always contribute to the society, and this new project reaffirms our long-term commitment to the Indian community. Education is an integral part of individual and societal development and, working with Plan International, we look forward to providing opportunities to empower young people." The skill centre/ saksamham centre is located in Dwaraka and will offer training in areas such as General Duty Assistant, Retail Trainee Associate, Sewing Machine Operator, and life skills like Digital and Financial Literacy, Gender Equality and Diversity, and Workplace Communication.

108 Ambulance Facilitates Safe Delivery During Emergency Transport

Patiala: The 108 Ambulance service once again demonstrated its life-saving capabilities by successfully facilitating a childbirth during an emergency transport. A pregnant woman, Sulekha Devi experiencing severe labor pains and fluid leakage, went into labor while being transported from Village Noor Kheriyar to Mata Kaushalya Hospital, Patiala.



As the situation escalated, with the baby's head already emerging, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Giraj Yadav and Pilot Amandeep Kumar acted swiftly and skillfully to manage the delivery inside the ambulance. Thanks to their expertise and prompt response, the woman safely gave birth to a healthy baby en route. Both the mother and her new born were safely dropped at Mata Kaushalya Hospital, Patiala. The mother and child is reported to be in good health. 108 Ambulance Project Head, Manish Batra expressed gratitude for the team's readiness and expertise, stating, "This emergency delivery highlights the critical role our ambulance service plays in ensuring safe transport and care during unexpected medical situations." He added, "Our EMTs are extensively trained to handle such emergencies and their professionalism makes all the difference in ensuring positive outcomes."

The 108 Ambulance service continues to be a trusted partner for emergency healthcare, providing essential services across the region and ensuring that critical situations are handled swiftly and effectively.

The Lawrence School, Sanawar Hosts CBSE Training Program for Teachers



CHANDIGARH, Aligned with the National Education Policy 2020, The Lawrence School, Sanawar organised CBSE Capacity Building Training Program in three phases. Over 130 teachers participated to enhance teaching skills in key areas which covered the subjects hailing from classroom management, experiential learning and gender sensitivity. The first session focused on Classroom Management which was led by expert trainers Neetu Jhutta and Sangeeta as teachers learned practical strategies to maintain a positive and productive classroom environment. The session covered student engagement, behavior management and inclusive learning spaces. The second session emphasized Experiential Learning based on Kolb's Model. Trainers Gosha Libheran and Ram Kumar Sharma guided through interactive discussions, group activities, and hands-on exercises to integrate experiential learning techniques into their classrooms.

Sacrifices of Martyrs paved the way for India's freedom: Suman

RAUDAUR (NIRMAL SAINI) A Women Entrepreneurship Conference was organized in Sudhal village on Sunday to mark the 300th birth anniversary of Mata Ahilyabai Holkar and Shaheed Diwas. The event was conducted by Swadeshi Jagran Manch and Swavalambi Bharat Abhiyan, with Municipal Mayor Suman Bahmani as the chief guest. Dr. Rajshree Khare, Principal of MPN College, Mulana, and Deputy Advocate General Surendra Kumar were the keynote speakers. The program began with lighting a ceremonial lamp and offering floral tributes to Bharat Mata, Mata Ahilyabai Holkar, and martyrs Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, and Sukhdev. District Coordinator Pradeep Chaudhary and Women's Coordinator Dr. Deepmala presided over the event, which witnessed the participation of over 200 women. On this occasion, 20 women and young entrepreneurs excelling in self-employment and entrepreneurship were honored with mementos and certificates of appreciation. Addressing the gathering, Mayor Suman Bahmani emphasized that martyrs sacrificed their lives for the country's freedom, and it is the duty of every citizen to realize their vision for India. She urged people to always remember the sacrifices of the martyrs and follow their path for the betterment of the nation. Speaking about women's empowerment, she highlighted that women are excelling in all fields, but their greatest responsibility lies in instilling values and direction in their children, who are the future of the country.

Kshema announced the launch of "Kshema Secure Hands" campaign

CHANDIGARH: Kshema General Insurance Limited, the "Official General Insurance Partner" of IPL team Punjab Kings, announced the launch of "Kshema Secure Hands" digital campaign. As part of this campaign, Kshema will run a contest for fans 18 years and above on its Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter/X handles offering a lucky winner match tickets and merchandise. This exclusive IP, created with Punjab Kings, will highlight the best fielding effort (catch taken, run saved, run out or stumping effected) of Punjab players in every match through the IPL 2025 season, reflecting Kshema's ethos of trust, reliability, and protection. The IP is designed to create awareness about Kshema's industry-first insurance products and aims to reconnect the IPL franchise with its roots and reignite the passion of its fans across India. Commenting about the "Kshema Secure Hands" campaign, Bhaskar Thakur, Chief Marketing Officer, Kshema General Insurance Limited said, "We are excited to launch the "Kshema Secure Hands" campaign as part of our partnership with Punjab Kings. We have planned this nationwide contest to drive home our message that insurance means security just like good fielding provides a safety net to the team during matches which can be the difference between a win/victory and loss/defeat. Cricket is the beating heart of India, and we couldn't have found a better vehicle to connect emotionally with fans and create awareness about insurance and its importance in mitigating adverse financial situations."



Bandhan AMC Introduces Vedartha – A Wealth Creation Platform for Onshore and Offshore Investors

Jalandhar : Bandhan AMC, a leading name in the Indian investment management industry, announced its new alternate investment platform, Vedartha. The new platform seeks to offer products using listed equities and fixed-income solutions under Bandhan AMC's Alternative Investment Funds (AIF) as well as Portfolio Management Services (PMS). Equity-focused products offered under Vedartha will be managed by a team led by Mrinal Singh, Head – Alternates (Listed Equities), whereas Fixed Income products offered under Vedartha will be managed by a team headed by Bhupendra Meel, Head – PMS & Alternative – Fixed Income. Link to Vedartha page: <https://bandhanamc.com/vedartha>

Veda, embodying the timeless pursuit of wisdom through knowledge, and Artha, signifying prosperity through purposeful wealth creation. Together, they reflect a philosophy where expertise drives prosperity, and wealth becomes a means to create enduring impact. Vedartha is supported by a dedicated and seasoned investment team with proven expertise, along with a senior management team with an average experience of 15-20 years. It is backed by Bandhan AMC's 25-year legacy and supported by Bandhan Group, GIC (Singapore), and ChrysCapital." said Vishal Kapoor, CEO, Bandhan AMC. "Vedartha reflects our commitment to offering bespoke solutions that cater to the nuanced financial aspirations of our clients. By combining innovation, expertise, and purpose-driven strategies within the listed equity space, we aim to support our clients in their wealth

creation journey," said Mrinal Singh, Head – Alternates (Listed Equities), Bandhan AMC. "At its heart, Vedartha echoes our belief that wealth creation is a journey guided by knowledge, expertise, and purpose. In the PMS and Alternative space, Vedartha is designed to create unique solutions for our clients, simplifying the complexities of navigating dynamic markets with trust & confidence." added Bhupendra Meel, Head – PMS & Alternative – Fixed Income. Vedartha's investment philosophy is built on identifying high-potential opportunities, crafting pertinent strategies, and constructing portfolios. Vedartha provides customised investment solutions that balance today's opportunities with tomorrow's possibilities. It provides a commitment to delivering an exceptional client experience through rigorous reviews, proactive insights, and personalised strategies.

Bank of Baroda launches the Baroda mDigiNext Mobile App

CHANDIGARH/Ludhiana : Bank of Baroda (Bank), one of India's leading public sector banks, today announced the launch of the Baroda mDigiNext mobile app, a dedicated cash management services app for the Bank's corporate customers using Baroda Cash Management Services (BCMS). This makes Bank of Baroda amongst the few banks in India to introduce an app exclusively to service corporates' cash management needs. Offering a range of critical payment functionalities, the Baroda mDigiNext mobile app aims to transform how businesses manage their working capital and cash flows, bringing in greater efficiencies and facilitating faster execution and ease of operations. The state-of-the-art Baroda mDigiNext mobile app is designed to streamline cash management operations and workflows for corporates. It provides customers with on-the-go 24x7 access to essential and advanced financial tools empowering corporates to make swift and informed financial decisions anytime, anywhere.

Laga Chakka, Toh Inaam Pakka - Zupee Turns IPL 2025 Sixes into Winning Moments

AMRITSAR: Zupee, India's leading online skill-based gaming platform, is elevating the excitement of IPL 2025 with its 'Extra Winnings' campaign, featuring the 'Laga Chakka Toh Inaam Pakka' offer for sports fans across the country. In both cricket and Ludo, a six is a game-changer—fueling excitement and triumph. Zupee Ludo is owning the 'Super 6' moment in IPL, making every six a rewarding opportunity on the Zupee Ludo app. Commenting on the campaign, Zupee's spokesperson stated, "We are thrilled to join IPL 2025, one of India's most celebrated sporting events. Our Extra Winnings campaign enhances fan and player engagement by turning real game moments into exciting rewards. And with our Laga Chakka Toh Inaam Pakka offer during the Super 6 moments, we bring fans closer to the action, reinforcing our commitment to delivering immersive and rewarding experiences. This partnership reflects our vision of blending entertainment with innovation, ensuring every match is more than just a game—it's an opportunity to win, celebrate, and be part of something extraordinary." To amplify the campaign's impact, Zupee has teamed up with cricketing legends Harbhajan Singh, K. Srikanth and renowned sports presenter Jatin Sapru to engage & entertain fans through a series of relatable and humorous ad films that celebrate the spirit of cricket.

Old Yadavindrian Association secures victory against Staggners of Asia in cricket match



CHANDIGARH: The Old Yadavindrian Association (OYA) secured a remarkable victory against the Staggners of Asia in a thrilling cricket match held at I.S. Bindra Punjab Cricket Association Stadium. Chasing a target of 199, OYA displayed exceptional batting performance and won by 8 wickets. Kushal Pal Singh Mann, Advisor to OYA, expressed his enthusiasm said, "It was an absolute pleasure to host the Staggners of Asia and be part of a match that celebrated the spirit of cricket. The STAGGNERS of Asia Cricket Club represents a long-standing cricketing tradition. Their visit to Chandigarh is an opportunity to celebrate the deep historical ties between Indian and British cricket. We are honored to host

them and look forward for more such matches." The STAGGNERS of Asia Cricket Club, a historic London-based wandering cricket club, is set to play a series of matches in Chandigarh. The club, known for its unique all-day cricket format, has a rich legacy dating back to the early 1920s when Maharaja Bhupinder Singh of Patiala hosted friendly matches in Chail, Himachal Pradesh. After World War II, Maharaja Yadavindra Singh formally established the club in 1945 for colonial officers, giving it the name STAGGNERS of Asia. The club played its first match in Delhi against the Railways Officers Cricket Club and has since upheld the tradition of playing friendly yet competitive matches worldwide.

The GSMA Board elects Gopal Vittal as the new Chairman

CHANDIGARH: The Board of Directors of the GSMA elected Gopal Vittal Vice Chairman & MD, Bharti Airtel, as its new Chairman, until the end of 2026. Gopal is currently the acting Chair of the GSMA board. In his role as the Chairman, Gopal will oversee the strategic direction of the GSMA. The members of this prestigious body include 1000 telecom companies from around the world, handset and device companies, software companies, equipment providers, internet companies, as well as organizations in adjacent industry sectors. Gopal becomes the second Indian after Sunil Bharti Mittal to be elected as the Chairman of the GSMA Board. The appointment also highlights the significant influence Airtel has in the global telecom industry, with both Sunil Bharti Mittal and Gopal Vittal having held key positions on the GSMA Board for years. Taking on the role, Gopal Vittal said "I am honored to be elected as the Chair of the GSMA Board. The mobile industry contributed \$6.5 trillion to the global economy in 2024 and is the spine on which much of the innovation in the world is built. The GSMA, as a global organisation unifying the mobile ecosystem, is fundamental to discover, develop and deliver innovation that impacts positive change for all. I look forward to working closely with the GSMA team and the rest of the Board to continue this important work." Mats Granryd, Director General of the GSMA, commented "I have worked with Mr. Vittal for many years and am delighted that he has been appointed Chair of the GSMA Board. His knowledge and experience makes him very well positioned to lead the Board and the industry through the current challenges and opportunities, including how to leverage AI and complete 5G for new business models and revenues streams". Gopal has served on the GSMA Board in different capacities for over a decade including as Deputy Chair for the last three years.



Ananya Panday gives shout out to team of ‘Superboys of Malegaon’



Actor Ananya Panday is all praise for the film ‘Superboys of Malegaon’.

On Saturday, she took to Instagram and gave a shout-out to the entire team of ‘Superboys of Malegaon’.

“Nothing like experiencing the magic of movies. At the movies. With the whole audience clapping, whistling, laughing and feeling every beat You must RUN to the theatres and watch this one @reemakagtil @zoieakhtar @faroutakhtar @ritesh sid @vidushak My buddy - you can literally do anything and everything @gourasadarsh Extra hugs for my of talent @muskkaanjaferi In awe of y’all, echo a masterclass in yourselves @vineet ksofficial @shashank.arora @manjiripuppala @pallassinggh @sagibayub @anujsinghduhan @riddhi-kumar,” Ananya wrote. The film, inspired by a true story, follows the journey of Nasir Shaikh, an aspiring filmmaker from the small town of Malegaon.

‘Jaat’ trailer: Sunny Deol vs Randeep Hooda in action-loaded film



After ‘Gadar 2’, Sunny Deol is all set to showcase his action avatar once again with his new film ‘Jaat’, which also stars Randeep Hooda, Viniyet Kumar Siingh, Saiyami Kher, Jagapathi Babu and Ramya Krishna.

On Monday, the film’s trailer was unveiled. It’s loaded with action-packed sequences and some whistle-worthy dialogues.

The trailer shows Sunny Deol ‘JAAT’ locking horns with antagonist Randeep Hooda (Ranatunga). With the film, Sunny promises to bring the magic of his ‘dhaai kilo ka haath’ to impress the South audience after impressing the North.

“Ye dhai kilo ke haath ki taakat pura north dekh chuka hain. Ab south dekhega. (The north has already seen the power of this two-and-half-kilo arm. Now, the south will

see it),” Sunny said at the end of the trailer, leaving fans nostalgic as the iconic dialogue was first used in Damini, for which Sunny won the National Film Award for Best Supporting Actor in 1993.

The high-octane film is directed by Gopichand Malineni and produced by Mythri Movie Makers and People Media Factory. It is set to hit theatres on April 10 and will be available in Hindi, Telugu, and Tamil.

Raid 2: Ajay Devgn’s intense look from thriller out

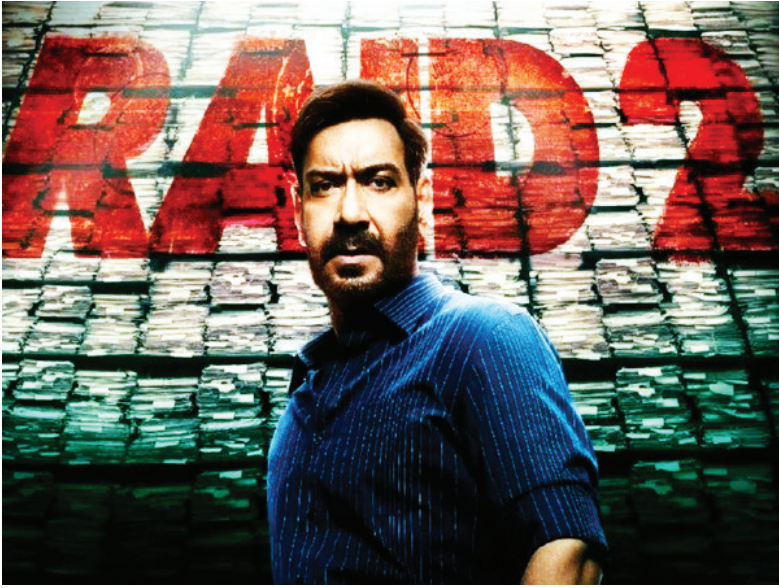
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Bollywood star Ajay Devgn’s next film is ‘Raid 2’. Captivating the audience’s attention, Ajay on Monday afternoon unveiled the first-look poster of his character IRS Amay Patnaik. Ajay posed amid hordes of files in the backdrop, giving intense expressions.

“Naya Shehar. Nayi File. Aur Amay Patnaik Ki Ek Nayi Raid. #Raid2 knocking at your doors in cinemas near you on 1st May, 2025,” he captioned the post.

Raid 2 is produced by Bhushan Kumar, Kumar Mangat Pathak, Abhishek Pathak and Krishan Kumar. The film, which will be released on May 1, is presented by Gulshan Kumar and T-Series and is a Panorama Studios production.

Raj Kumar Gupta has helmed the film, which is the sequel to the 2018 crime thriller that captivated audiences with its gripping story of tax raids and cor-



ruption.

In the movie, Ajay will share screen space with Riteish Deshmukh, Vaani Kapoor

and Rajat Kapoor.

‘Raid’ was released in 2018 and also starred Saurabh Shukla and Ileana D’Cruz. It was inspired by a real-life raid conducted by the officers of the Income Tax Department in the 1980s. Ileana played Ajay’s wife in the movie.

Meanwhile, Ajay Devgn is currently basking in the success of ‘Singham Again’, which is directed by Rohit Shetty.

In the film, he reprised the role of police officer Bajirao Singham whom he first essayed in the first part, which was released in 2011 and then again in 2014 in the second instalment of the ‘Singham’ franchise.

‘Singham Again’ also stars Kareena Kapoor Khan, Akshay Kumar, Tiger Shroff, Ranveer Singh, and Deepika Padukone, among others.

“I want people to know me as Rajeev, Not Bhavya” says Bhavya Shinde on embracing his negative role in Kaisa Mujhe Tum Mil Gaye

CHANDIGARH: Actors often push their limits to do justice to their roles, and Bhavya Shinde is no exception. As the menacing Rajeev in Zee TV’s Kaisa Mujhe Tum Mil Gaye, he is thoroughly enjoying his journey as the show’s negative lead. Driven by revenge, Rajeev is determined to kill his ex-wife Nimrit (Aakanksha Pal) and Amruta (Sriti Jha). To bring his sinister schemes to life, Bhavya has seamlessly slipped into more than five distinct disguises—transforming into a woman in a saree, a Parsi man, a waiter, and more. With each new look, he skillfully alters his voice, expressions, and body language, making every avatar unique and unpredictable.

What makes his portrayal even more compelling is the passion he pours into the role. Bhavya has embraced the creative challenge of playing a villain, relishing the opportunity to experiment with Rajeev’s many



shades of deception. From meticulous rehearsals to perfecting the nuances of each disguise, his dedication is evident in every scene. With each transformation, he adds more intrigue and danger to Rajeev, making the character both chilling and unforgettable for audiences.

Bhavya Shinde said, “Portraying Rajeev in Kaisa Mujhe

Tum Mil Gaye has been an incredibly thrilling experience for me. This negative role has given me the freedom to explore a darker, more complex side of acting, which I find exciting. What makes it even more special is the chance to take on multiple disguises—I’ve portrayed more than five different looks, including a Parsi man, a woman in a

saree, and a waiter, among others. Each transformation has been creatively challenging and immensely rewarding. From altering my voice and body language to getting into the finer details of each persona, this role has truly pushed my boundaries as an actor. I want people to know me as Rajeev, not Bhavya Shinde because that’s the impact I hope to leave with my performance. Playing with these shades of deception makes Rajeev’s character unpredictable and keeps the audience on their toes, which is what I love most about this role.”

As Bhavya continues to bring his character to life with striking disguises and unpredictable schemes, viewers are left wondering—will Rajeev succeed in his deadly plan to kill Amruta and Nimrit? Will Virat (Arijit Taneja) be able to save Amruta and Nimrit? To know more, keep watching Kaisa Mujhe Tum Mil Gaye, every day at 07:30 pm on Zee TV!

Simiran Kaur Dhadli’s Track ‘Putt Jatt Da’ Released

CHANDIGARH : Simiran Kaur Dhadli sets the stage on fire with her latest banger, Putt Jatt Da. Blending old school chivalry and modern day defiance, this fierce and powerful track tells the story of strength, unwavering love and swag that refuses to be shaken. Produced by Desi Trap Music and sung and performed by Simiran Kaur Dhadli, Putt Jatt Da is a story of a man who stands tall against the world. He fights, sacrifices and refuses to back down. The singer embodies this lover, portraying herself as the reason behind his unbreakable spirit. “I’m thrilled to share ‘Putt Jatt Da’ with the world,” says Simiran. “It is raw, real and unapologetic, which resonates with the way I live. It’s about the love that demands respect. The energy, the attitude, and the storytelling in this track make it special. I enjoyed bringing this vision to life, and I hope my listeners feel the power behind every beat.” Turn up the volume as this one’s for the fearless. With bold lyrics, hard-hitting beats and a vibe that’s impossible to ignore, Putt Jatt Da is set to take over playlists and streets alike.



Nikhil Savarna’s Big Break: From Army Roots to Leading Star in Zee Punjabi’s ‘Kashni’

Zee Punjabi continues to introduce fresh talent to its audience, and this time, the spotlight shines on Nikhil Savarna, who takes on the role of Aditya Nanda in the channel’s latest show, Kashni. Coming from an army background, Nikhil has always harbored big dreams of acting, and Zee Punjabi has given him the perfect platform to turn those dreams into reality.

Previously seen in various advertisements and web series, Nikhil has now secured his first major lead role, marking a significant milestone in his career. Starring alongside the new face Priyanka, who plays the titular role of Kashni, this show is set to captivate audiences with its compelling narrative and fresh energy. Aditya Nanda, portrayed by Nikhil Savarna, is a wealthy businessman raised by his ambitious mother.



Raj Kundra Wraps Up Punjabi Film ‘Mehar’, Celebrates with Cast!



Raj Kundra is foraying into the Punjabi film space with his maiden project ‘Mehar’. Earlier, he announced the filming for the same in Mohali, and within thirty days, Raj Kundra has now completed the film’s shoot. Along with the cast, Raj has called it a wrap and took to his social media handle to share the celebration.

Raj Kundra shared a video with the film’s cast, showcasing them celebrating the shoot’s completion. Apart from the video, the caption read, “It’s a wrap! 30 days of hard work, passion, and unforgettable memories on Mehara! Big cheers to the entire team for making this journey incredible. Directed by acclaimed Punjabi filmmaker Rakesh Mehta, the actor will be seen playing a distinct role in ‘Mehar’. The film, revolving around love, friendship, and life, also stars Geeta Basra, Master Angamveer Singh, Baninder Bunny, Savita Bhatti, Rupinder Rup, Deep Mandeep, Ashish Duggal, Hobby Dhalliwal, Tarsem Paul, and Kulvir Sony. ‘Mehar’ is presented by DB Digitainment and Raghu Khanna. Produced by Divvy Bhatnagar and Raghu Khanna, the cinematography is helmed by Ashudeep Sharma. As ‘Mehar’ is set to have a theatrical release on September 5, 2025, Raj Kundra has two more Punjabi films in the pipeline! Though the details of the same are yet to be unveiled, Raj will be seen exploring genres like action, drama, and comedy, promising a rollercoaster of entertainment for cinephiles.

Norwegian Cruise Line welcomes first guests abroad its all new Norwegian Aqua in Europe

CHANDIGARH: Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL), a global leader in innovative cruise travel, has welcomed the first guests aboard the highly anticipated Norwegian Aqua before embarking on her maiden voyage from Lisbon to Southampton, England.



Marking a new chapter in NCL’s fleet evolution, Norwegian Aqua is hosting over 2,000 invited guests aboard to experience how the Brand is delivering MORE with its newest innovations and offerings. This is the first of a five-part inaugural series, before concluding in Miami with the official christening voyage in April. As the first vessel in the cutting-edge Prima Plus Class, Norwegian Aqua builds on the legacy of the award-winning Prima Class and introduces groundbreaking experiences allowing guests to enjoy MORE of what they love about cruising with NCL. Guests aboard this exclusive inaugural voyage are among the first to experience the ship’s industry-leading attractions and amenities. To celebrate the occasion, NCL releases a first look of its 20th ship showcasing its upscale design and key innovations. “This is a milestone moment for Norwegian Cruise Line as we set sail aboard Norwegian Aqua, a ship designed to offer our guests MORE – more wide-open space, more thrills, more culinary experiences, and more immersive entertainment,” said David J. Herrera, president of Norwegian Cruise Line. “During this inaugural season, we look forward to welcoming our travel partners from around the world and to give them the exclusivity of being the first to experience our newest product.”

23rd Zee Cine Awards 2025: Celebrating the Glory of Cinema as Kartik Aaryan Unveils the FANtertainment Theme

CHANDIGARH : For over 2 decades, Zee Cine Awards has been a symbol of cinematic excellence, honouring the finest talents in the Indian film industry and celebrating the magic of Cinema on a grand global stage. From unforgettable performances to setting new benchmarks in entertainment, the awards have become a defining moment in Bollywood’s legacy. It’s a perfect blend of credibility and popularity, honouring not just talent but also celebrating the choices of the audience.

Beyond the glitz, glamour, and accolades, one force truly drives the industry forward—the fans. They cheer the loudest, celebrate the hardest, and stand by their idols through every triumph and setback. This year, Zee Cine Awards 2025 goes even bigger and pays tribute to the passion of these fans with its unique theme—‘FANtertainment.’ For the first time, Bollywood’s brightest stars will turn the spotlight onto their biggest cheer-



leaders, celebrating the unbreakable bond between cinema and its fans.

Watch the FANtertainment Brand Film here: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DHbQN3NSX-9H/?igsh=MTA0OGd4Z->

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The grand celebration kicked off in spectacular fashion at the press conference as 23rd Zee Cine Awards 2025 unveiled a reimagined trophy design that perfectly embodies this year’s theme. Bollywood’s

Rooh Baba, Kartik Aaryan, along with ZEE dignitaries and partners, revealed the brand-new trophy, which features two intertwined hands forming a heart—one half representing the film industry and the other half symbolizing the unwavering love of the fans. This powerful design signifies the deep emotional connection between Cinema and its biggest supporters—the fans. This year’s edition promises to be unlike any before—ushering in a new era of celebration with a stronger connection with the audiences, and a night that will redefine Bollywood’s biggest awards show.

The evening was a thrilling affair, as Tamannaah Bhatia, Vaani Kapoor and Jacqueline Fernandez brightened up the stage as recreated the iconic heart symbol from the trophy, reflected on their most cherished moments from past editions of Zee Cine Awards and set the expectations for the upcoming edition of 23rd Zee Cine

Awards 2025 on 17th May at NSCI Dome, Mumbai.

Kartik Aaryan said, “This year has been all about pushing my limits—be it exploring genres like biopic, or horror and comedy. Every role I take on is a chance to connect with my audience and fans, and their love is my biggest motivation.



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