



On sacred occasion of parkash purab of Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji, CM pays obeisance at Gurdwara Chevin patshahi

Prays for peace, progress and prosperity of state

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Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Friday paid obeisance at Gurdwara Chevin Patshahi and prayed for the progress of the state and prosperity of people.

'Kirat Karo, Naam Japo and Vand Chako' are still relevant in the present materialistic society. He said that Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji envisioned a casteless society free from rituals, thereby redeeming the suffering humanity from the pangs of agony.

by following the precious legacy of Guru Nanak Dev ji. He exhorted people to celebrate this sacred occasion with utmost devotion and dedication rising above the parochial considerations of caste, colour, creed and religion.

Likewise, Chief Minister said that Guru Nanak Dev ji through his teachings opposed tyranny, injustice and oppression during the invasion of Mughal emperor Babar. Quoting verse 'Pawan Guru, Paani Pitaah, Mata Dharat Mahat' from Gurbani, he said that Guru ji have equated air (pawan) with teacher, water (paani) with father and land (dharat) with mother adding that Guru ji had at that time taught the people to preserve environment when its pollution nowhere in scene.

AAP delegation submits memorandum to Governor, demands protection of Punjab's right over Chandigarh



CHANDIGARH: A delegation from the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), led by Punjab's Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema, today submitted a memorandum to the Governor of Punjab, Gulab Chand Kataria, registering their strong opposition to the Haryana government's proposal to set up a Legislative Assembly complex in Chandigarh.

the Governor House, Minister Harpal Singh Cheema stated that the matter was of immense importance for Punjab and belongs solely to the state, and the AAP government is firmly opposed to any attempt to allot land in the city for the construction of Haryana's Legislative Assembly.

"Chandigarh is Punjab's capital, and no other state has the right to build its legislature here," said Harpal Singh Cheema. "The Haryana government has sought

Haryana CM Naib Saini claims only 4 per cent unemployment in state



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The unemployment rate in Haryana has come down to just 4% at present, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini responded to the questions of the opposition. He said, the BJP government has given 1.7 lakh government jobs in the past 10 years while the Congress had given only 86 thousand jobs in their 10 years rule in the state.

Saini said about 10 years ago the number of registered unemployed in the state was 7,75,000, which has now come down to 4,04,000. He said that it is not necessary that every registered youth is unemployed. Some are self-employed while some are looking for better employment.

Walia on the CM window. Ambala's District Medical Negligence Board has also clearly written this in the report. Vinay Walia's brother Nigam Walia died during treatment at the Heart Centre.

According to the report, the centre management is negligent in the case of Nigam Walia's death. Director General of Health Dr. Kuldeep Singh a former CMO in the twin city hospitals has considered the matter very serious, considering it to be the centre's negligence.

Chandigarh residents are not getting the benefits of all government schemes, have been suffering over the years: Dr Jagmohan Singh Raju

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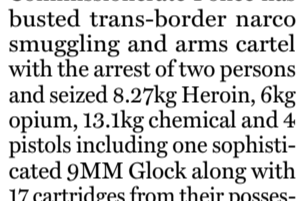
Punjab is the only state in the country wherein the residents of the capital Chandigarh have to suffer serious disadvantages in terms of employment, benefits of state government schemes etc., which are available to other residents of Punjab as a state.

This legal position has been affirmed by the Punjab Government in response to RTI application of Dr. Raju. Punjab Govt has categorically informed Dr Raju that no notification has been issued by the Punjab Government declaring Chandigarh as capital of Punjab and that no official record is available with it that corroborates that Chandigarh is the capital of Chandigarh.

Punjab police busts Narco smuggling & Arms cartel, 2 held with 8.2KG heroin

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Commissionerate Police has busted trans-border narco smuggling and arms cartel with the arrest of two persons and seized 8.27kg Heroin, 6kg opium, 13.1kg chemical and 4 pistols including one sophisticated 9MM Glock along with 17 cartridges from their possession,

act and Arms Act registered against both of them, while, accused Shambhu Kabir is also wanted in a murder case. He said that further investigations are going on to establish backward and forward linkages in this case.

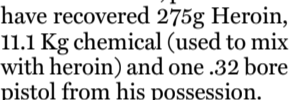


rested him from Band Bhatta at Prem Nagar Road in Kot Khalsa, Amritsar. During course of investigation on disclosure of accused Shambu, police teams have recovered 275g Heroin, 11.1 Kg chemical (used to mix with heroin) and one .32 bore pistol from his possession.

The CP said that in further course of investigation on the disclosure of accused Aditya alias Kaka two parcels of 5kg and 3kg Heroin each, 2kg Chemical, 6kg Opium and one 9MM Glock Pistol along with one live cartridge were recovered from him. More arrests and recoveries are expected in coming days, he said.

A big negligence in Ambala's Heart Centre, instead of a cardiologist a BAMS doctor treating the heart patients

SATISH HANDA Ambala



A big negligence has come to light in Ambala's Heart Centre inside the Civil hospital Ambala Cantt where instead of a cardiologist, a BAMS doctor was treating the patients, when this truth came to light after a complaint was made on the CM window and the investigation was handed over to Ambala's District Medical Negligence Board. Surprisingly, it is merely negligence with the lives of heart patients admitted in heart centres located inside the famous civil hospital Ambala Cantt, usually known as mini PGI at Ambala, running under the PPP policy in the district with the Badshah Khan Hospital of the industrial city Faridabad. It has come to light that instead of a cardiologist, a BAMS doctor treating patients in the heart center running in the district civil hospital of Ambala Cantonment. The truth came to light after a complaint was made by a Ambala city resident Vinay

Punjab Government assures to address legitimate demands of Industrialists

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brought several issues and suggestions related to PSIEC to his attention, and the Minister pledged full support to resolve these issues. He added that the state government is committed to the phased maintenance of all focal points and the prioritization of issues related to the upkeep of industrial areas and plots. Sond mentioned that since he assumed the role of Minister of Industry and Commerce, he has been holding continuous meetings with senior department officials and Punjab's industrialists to bring forward meaningful policies and schemes for the advancement and development of the industrial sector.

Horticulture department playing vital role in resolving agricultural crisis: Mohinder Bhagat

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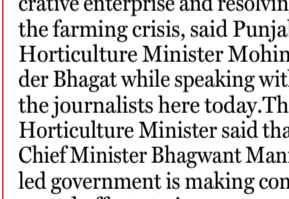


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While describing the horticulture department as an advisory body for farmers, providing environmentally friendly and economically beneficial guidance, Bhagat listed that through the department's initiatives, Punjab's farmers have established extensive orchards under crop diversification. This has not only increased the availability of health-promoting fruits

FIR against 4 Karnal rice millers allegedly embezzled rice of value worth Rs 17.80 crore

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Four rice millers working as CMR (custom milled rice) have embezzled rice of amount worth about Rs 17.80 crore of the government, of these three rice millers are from HAFED while one rice miller who alone embezzled government rice worth Rs 10.34 crore is from the DFSC department, which include a rice miller who embezzled the highest amount is from the DFSC department. These rice millers were allotted paddy under Kharif 2023-24 by HAFED and DFSC procurement agency and had to return 67% of their rice after milling to these agencies but they have embezzled rice worth Rs 17.80 crore, an FIR has been registered against the owners of these rice millers as well as their guarantors by the police having investigation in these cases.

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On 1.4.2022 Punjab Vidhan Sabha passed a resolution recommending "to the state Government to raise the matter with Central Government to immediately transfer Chandigarh to Punjab". But from information obtained under RTI it has been found that Bhagwant Mann Government has just done a mere eyewash by writing a routine letter to Government of India on 1.4.2022. No follow up action, whatsoever, has been taken after 1.4.2022. Neither, the Chief Minister called for this file again after 1.4.2022 till date nor any reminder issued.

Sond assured that Punjab is establishing better coordination between various departments to create a more conducive and suitable environment for industrialists. On this occasion, the industrialists

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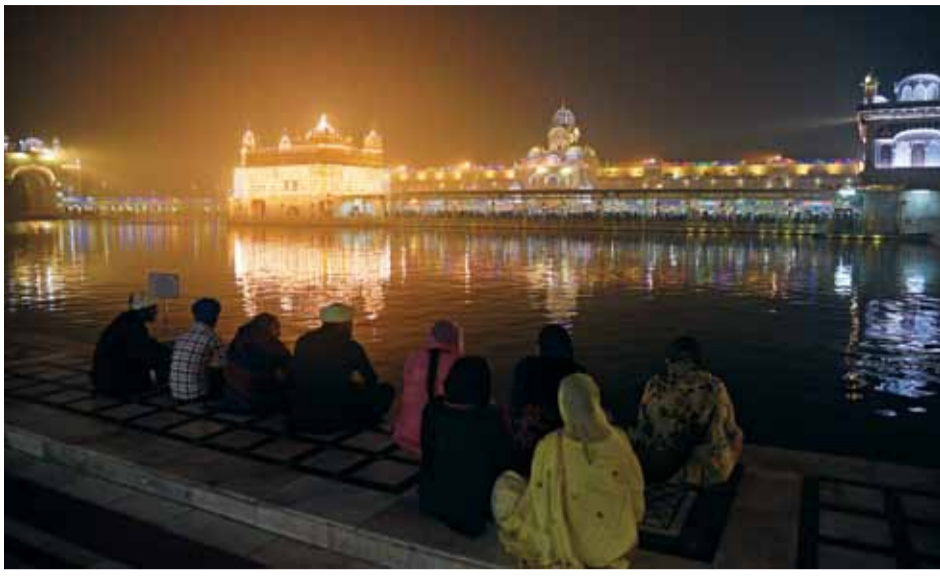
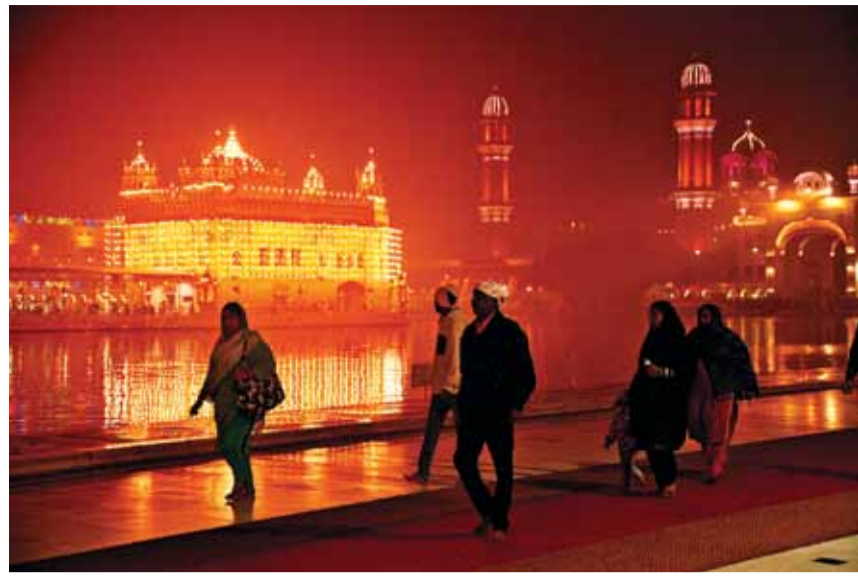












Sikh devotees pay their respects on the eve of the birth anniversary of the Guru Nanak at the illuminated of Sri Darbar Sahib (Golden Temple) on Thursday.

PHOTOS: PRABHJOT GILL

## Diljit proudly says 'Punjabi aa gaye Abu Dhabi' during his Dil-Luminati Tour



**MUMBAI:** Punjabi sensation Diljit Dosanjh, who had a successful tour in India, mesmerised concert-goers in the Middle-East and was heard proudly saying "Punjabi aa gaye Abu Dhabi."

Diljit took to Instagram, where he shared a glimpse of his performance in Abu Dhabi. Before starting, he said: "Punjabi aa gaye Abu Dhabi" and then crowned the number "Tu Mujhe Kabool" sung by Kavita Krishnamurthy and Mohammed Aziz from the 1992 movie "Khuda Gawah."

He captioned the video: "Marhaba Abu Dhabi." "Khuda Gawah" is a 1992 Indian epic drama directed by Mukul S. Anand. It stars Amitabh Bachchan, Sridevi in a double role, Nagarjuna, Shilpa Shirodkar, Danny Denzongpa, Kiran Kumar in pivotal roles.

In the film, Badshah Khan travels from Afghanistan to India to find the killer of Benazir's father so that he can impress her. He succeeds but soon finds himself framed for a murder and trapped in an Indian prison.

It was on November 4, when Diljit departed from Jaipur after his concert was held on Sunday. Diljit was seen wearing a red turban and black sweatshirt at the airport with Jaipur written in red on it.

"I have received a lot of love from Jaipur. I will never forget this love. Diljit in fact also shared a post on his X handle. "Thank You So Much Jaipur. A lot of love and respect for everyone Thanks to @jaipur\_police for Your Co-operation & Support DIL-LUMINATI TOUR Year 24."

He then talked about his love for the country. "Aur hum jaahan se hai - koi Jaipur se hai, Koi Gujarat se hai, Delhi se hai, Haryana se hai, Punjab se hai, -- Hum sab ko pyaar karte hai. Aur hum sab ke saath is desh ko pyaar karte hai. Marwariyo ke liye zor daar taaliyon. (And wherever we are from Jaipur, Gujarat, Delhi, Haryana or Punjab - We love all. And together we love our country. Please clap for my Marwari brother.)"

### Aamir Khan Defines Real Stardom: "It's About Filling Seats"



**MUMBAI:** Bollywood icon Aamir Khan recently spoke about the true meaning of stardom, emphasizing that the ultimate measure is how many seats a star can fill in theaters. In a video shared widely on social media, Aamir, in conversation with Hollywood Reporter, stressed that while many actors may be beloved, filling cinemas is the real mark of stardom.

"If you are able to fill cinemas, then you are a star," Aamir explained, underscoring the difference between general popularity and the specific ability to draw audiences for box office success. Reflecting on his role in the 2009 blockbuster 3 Idiots, he credited the film's success to the entire crew, emphasizing that his role as a star primarily impacts the initial draw—the opening days.

Aamir stated, "A star can be defined by the opening he is able to pull. The film itself is what makes it a hit over time."



A Sikh priest carries the Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh holy book) during a religious procession on the eve of Gurbpurav (birth anniversary) of Guru Nanak in Amritsar on Thursday.

PHOTO-PRABHJOT GILL

## Shael Oswal Unveils "Rabba Kare" with Urvashi Rautela

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Get ready to be swept away by Shael Oswal's latest release, Rabba Kare! Set to be this season's definitive romantic anthem, this song combines heartfelt lyrics with a soulful melody that will linger in listeners' hearts.

The music video features the glamorous Urvashi Rautela, whose screen presence adds a dazzling touch to the track's visual storytelling. Speaking on the release, Shael Oswal, "Every lyric and note in Rabba Kare captures emotions that words alone can't express. Collaborating with Urvashi has been incredible, and I'm thrilled to bring this musical journey to everyone. I truly



believe Rabba Kare will become a song of the heart this season."

Urvashi Rautela reflects on her experience, "Rabba Kare is a beautiful exploration of love, filled with emotion and melody. Working with Shael, whose passion shines in every note, has

been incredibly rewarding. I've been a longtime fan of his music, especially his hit Heeriye, and being part of this project feels both special and fulfilling. I'm confident that Rabba Kare will touch everyone who has experienced love in its purest form."

## Kashmir valley welcomes season's first snowfall, Month-long dry spell ends



**SRINAGAR:** Kashmir's higher reaches saw the season's first snowfall on Monday, bringing an end to a month-long dry spell, officials said. Light snowfall was reported in

the Affarwat area of Gulmarg in Baramulla district and at Sadhna Top in Kupwara district, while Srinagar and other plains received rainfall later in the afternoon.

The precipitation significantly lowered day temperatures, marking the onset of winter in the region. Snowfall was also reported in uninhabited mountainous areas, adding to the wintry transformation across the valley.

Snow also fell at the tourist resort of Sonamarg, located on the border with union territory of Ladakh, and Zojila pass that connects Jammu and Kashmir with Ladakh, closing it. The snow clearance work started on the pass soon after.

The Drass area of Kargil in Ladakh also received snowfall of about 3 inches. This has brought temperature down in Kashmir Valley and Ladakh.

## India's Sports Market to reach \$130 Billion by 2030, Create 10.5 Million Jobs



**NEW DELHI:** India's sports market is poised to reach \$130 billion by 2030 at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 14 per cent, a Google and Deloitte report said on Thursday. The report also projected the creation of up to 10.5 million jobs and \$21 billion in indirect tax revenue by 2030.

This growth — nearly double the pace of India's GDP — signifies a fundamental shift in how Indians consume and engage with sports, driven by increasing government investments, a rising trend of multi-sport culture, wide digital adoption,

and a range of quality sports content, the report noted. The sports goods and apparel market is leading the way, expected to double in value to \$58 billion by 2030, driven by a rising fitness culture and increased discretionary spending. "This is a pivotal moment for sports in India and the report outlines a clear path to unlock the value of sports for the nation. We're witnessing a surge in multi-sport fandom, a growing popularity of digital platforms, and deep engagement from Gen Z, who represent the largest segment of India's sports fanbase," said

Roma Datta Chobey, Managing Director (Interim Country Lead), Google India. These trends create a fertile ground for innovation and engagement, presenting unique opportunities for organisations and businesses to connect with passionate fans across the nation.

"We see immense potential in leveraging the digital ecosystem to enhance the fan experience and advance the growth of the sports sector, especially with AI-driven personalisation and insights, immersive technologies, and greater digital accessibility. We are excited about the opportunities to partner with the ecosystem to drive innovation and growth in the sector," Chobey added. The rise of digital platforms has transformed sports consumption in India. Most fans now access sports content digitally. This trend is even more pronounced among Gen Z, who make up 43 per cent of the fan base, and are driving demand for interactive, personalized experiences, the report mentioned.

## Myopia numbers increasing in technology-addicted Children: Experts



DOMINICK RODRIGUES Mumbai

"Children nationwide and globally are in danger of developing severe "myopia" and damaging their eyes in an uncontrolled atmosphere of vision-related activities, if corrective actions are not undertaken immediately," said Dr Jay Goyal while launching Mumbai's "1st Myopia Clinic for Kids" on Childrens Day.

The doctor also unveiled and highlighted the use of Western India's first cutting-edge technology device -- "Oculus Myopia-Master" -- in assessing and managing progression of myopia in children. This device played a crucial role in early detection, treatment and monitoring of myopia, he added.

Highlighting a 6-month study through a "Childrens Camp" held in a school recently, Dr Goyal, Director of the Surya Eye Institute and Research Centre, said that a recent school camp covering 1,256 students witnessed barely 36% students having normal vision with the remaining affected with myopia.

However, "on a positive note, 946 of these students received treatment successfully," he said, while noting that "Myopia (near-sightedness) if

left untreated leads to retina detachment, besides causing headaches, eye strain, squinting, excessive blinking etc."

While 40% of Indian children are likely to be affected by myopia by 2030, he said the School Camp's activity figures had prompted the Centre to create a "myopia" awareness campaign that would be focusing on the schools level in Mumbai, before planning to spread nation-wide gradually.

Underlining the causes of myopia among children as "uncontrolled use of mobiles, computers and television, dietary factors, besides greater time spent indoors," he said much-needed lifestyle changes in this regard -- including "Sunlight Progression" (playing and other activities in sunshine), "reducing screentime", using myopia glasses and eyedrops, and also educating the parents on this issue -- would bring about 80% change in the children.

"Untreated myopia progresses rapidly in children, causing complications like amblyopia, cataracts, glaucoma, besides significantly impacting academic performance, while early detection and treatment significantly reduces the progression of the condition," he added.

## St.Thomas School, Jagadhri hosted its Annual Sports Day, the Sports Carnival



GULSHAN KUMAR Yamuna Nagar

The Sports Carnival was an action-packed day of thrilling competitions, showcasing the athletic prowess of over 500 students from Classes Pre-Nursery to 12. The students had been training tirelessly under the guidance of experienced coaches to demonstrate their skills in various track and field events.

After the Inaugural ceremony on 16 October 2024, the Sports Carnival comprised several events, including sprint, relay, long jump, shot put and many other novelty races. The Carnival witnessed participation from students across classes Pre Nursery to 12th. The closing of the Sports Carnival was held on 14 November 2024 with Ishan Malhotra as the Chief Guest (Cricketer, IPL) and Shiven Sharma as the guest of

Honour. The Sports Carnival was declared open by the chief guest after the lighting of the torch by the National Achievers followed by the inspection of the parade in a grand convoy.

Dr.Chandana Lal, Principal, St.Thomas School Jagadhri, the backbone of the event said that it was a blessing of God Almighty that such an event was conducted at such a scale.

The Carnival that spanned over a month, encouraged students to achieve excellence and touch the zenith of fitness and teamwork. The Himalaya House lifted the trophy for the Best March past while the Aravali House won the trophy for the Cock House. St.Thomas School believes in fostering a holistic education that combines academic excellence with physical fitness. Our Annual Sports Day is a celebration of teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship.