



Drones, pistol seized along IB

FEROZEPUR, APRIL 30

The BSF has seized two drones, a pistol and six pistol magazines in multiple operations in border areas of Amritsar, Tarn Taran and Ferozepur districts.

In another incident on Tuesday evening, BSF troops launched a search operation in collaboration with the police and seized a damaged DJI Mavic-3 Classic drone from a field adjacent to Wan village in Tarn Taran.

On Wednesday, they seized one pistol from a field near Gatti Rajoke village in Ferozepur district. — OC

AAP MLA puts own govt in spot over reform claims in edu sector

Says teacher played truant for 4 years by hiring girl to teach students

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GURDASPUR, APRIL 30

Dera Baba Nanak AAP legislator Gurdeep Singh Randhawa turned out to be an embarrassment for his own government by admitting that a government elementary school teacher in his home segment had never attended school for the past four years and instead he had hired an unqualified girl to teach students.

The ruling party MLA has put his own government in the dock, much to the delight of Opposition leaders who said “this was a perfect example of CM Bhagwant Mann’s ‘Sikhya Kranti’ (education revolution) claims.

The MLA surprised everyone present at Government Elementary School, Sadhanwali, yesterday. He said schoolteacher Kulwinder Singh had remained absent for four years and instead he had “appointed”



Gurdeep Singh Randhawa, Dera Baba Nanak MLA

Sandeep Kaur at Rs 4,000 per month to teach students.

Balwinder Kaur, general secretary of the Democratic Teachers’ Front, said, “The tax paying public would like to know which politician or

official shielded the errant teacher for so long. And why did his seniors in the school not report his prolonged absence?”

A video of the legislator’s speech went viral. Sources said AAP volunteers tried to limit the damage but had little success. Deputy Commissioner Dalwinderjit Singh said he had asked DEO (Elementary) Paramjit Kaur to conduct a comprehensive probe. He added that he would also deputise a senior officer to inquire whether such incidents were occurring in other parts of his district or not.

Gurdaspur MP Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa said, “I invite CM Bhagwant Mann and AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal to Sadhanwali village to see how their education revolution is playing out. This is not an isolated case. I have information that similar things are happening in

scores of other schools.”

DEO Paramjit Kaur said she had started the inquiry and would submit the report to the DC soon.

Despite repeated attempts, the MLA could not be contacted for his version. A resident of Sadhanwali said, “We had been regularly complaining to officials. However, nobody listened to us even as our children were forced to take lessons from an unqualified teacher.”

Mission Samrath

Under the “Mission Samrath”, it is the duty of district resource coordinator or the block resource coordinator to inspect schools and elevate the standard of education. Officials of the Education Department wondered how it was possible for schoolteacher Kulwinder Singh to play truant when these coordinators visited the institute.

Teachers made to spend for inaugural works, says DTF

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As the AAP government has “failed” to release funds under the “Sikhya Kranti” drive, schoolteachers are being forced to shell out money from their own pockets for the installation of inaugural plaques and organise mass gatherings to inaugurate the upgraded infrastructure, the Democratic Teachers’ Front (DTF) alleged on Wednesday.

The front said teachers in 5,000 schools had been forced to fund the campaign. The government had earmarked Rs 20 crore for inaugural works in 12,000 government schools under the drive, which started on April 7 and would continue till May 31.

DTF president Vikramdev Singh said despite promising to release the funds, the government had failed to do so. He said each school head had spent Rs 50,000 to Rs 60,000 on the works and the events, which was thrice the amount promised by the government.

ISC, ICSE BOARD RESULTS OUT

Mallik tops state in Class XII exam



Mallik Arjun Ahluwalia in a jubilant mood with his parents.

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Patiala-based Mallik Arjun Ahluwalia has emerged as one of the national toppers in the ISC (Class XII) 2025 board exams — securing 99.75 per cent in humanities stream.

A student of Yadavindra Public School, Patiala, Ahluwalia has topped the state, bringing recognition to both his school and state. Ahluwalia, said, “Intense preparation and consistent support played pivotal role in cracking the exam,” he said.

Tarishi Singla, a student of Sat Paul Mittal School, Ludhiana, secured 99.25 per cent in medical stream and ranked second in the state. Singla said she studied 7 to 8 hours daily and focused on consistency.

Agam, a student of Sacred Heart Convent School, ranked third in the state by obtaining 97.75 per cent in commerce stream. She dreams of becoming a chartered accountant and will now take Common University Entrance Test (CUET). “It is a satisfactory result. As there were concept-based questions in the board exam, it is going to help me compete in the CUET as well,” said Agam.

Meanwhile, Krishiv Bansal topped the state with 99.4 per cent in the ICSE (Class X) board exams. He is also a student of Yadavindra Public School, Patiala. Khyati Moha of St Joseph’s Convent School, Jalandhar, ranked second with 99 per cent.

Navin Kumar Dixit, headmaster of Yadavindra Public School, said the results were a reflection of the students’ hard work and commitment.

IMD predicts increased heatwave days in May

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The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted above-normal temperatures and an increased number of heatwave days in May across north-west India, particularly in Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan. This comes despite expectations of a wet spell in the first five days of the month.

In a bulletin issued on Wednesday, the IMD said above-normal maximum temperatures were likely to prevail over most parts of the country, except some areas in southern peninsular India. Above-normal minimum temperatures were expected in most parts of the country during May. Over the past 24 hours, the highest maximum temperature (42.8°C) in Punjab was recorded at Bathinda, while Adampur recorded the lowest minimum temperature of 22.3°C.

According to the IMD, the maximum temperatures were appreciably above normal by up to 5°C in southwestern parts of Punjab and up to 3°C above normal in adjoining areas. These were, however, below normal by up to 3°C in parts of southeastern Punjab.

The IMD has predicted that the rainfall in May 2025 is most likely to be above normal, though it could be deficient in some parts of north-west India.

Ex-state AAP chief Chottepur ‘stopped’ from flying to US

GURDASPUR, APRIL 30

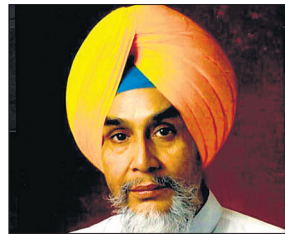
Former Punjab Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) president Sucha Singh Chottepur was “stopped” from flying to the US as immigration officers at Delhi’s Indira Gandhi International Airport allegedly impounded his passport.

Chottepur was scheduled to travel to Los Angeles on a Qatar Airways flight on the night intervening April 28 and 29 to attend the marriage ceremony of his grand-niece. According to Chottepur, the immigration officials impounded his passport, saying “it was misused by somebody else and a criminal case had also been registered” in this regard.

A two-time MLA, the former state AAP chief said he had a valid tourist visa.

“This seemed to be a long-drawn conspiracy. I fail to comprehend that when my papers were complete, on what basis the immigration officials stopped me and impounded my passport,” he said.

“I told them my side of the



Sucha Singh Chottepur

story but they refused to listen to me. I informed them that there was no case, civil or criminal, pending against me,” he said. The leader said he had got his passport renewed in 2019 from Jalandhar Regional Passport Office. He had travelled to Sacramento in 2019. His son, Ajay Pal Singh Sandhu, who had accompanied him to the airport, said the authorities gave no reason for not letting his father travel.

This incident comes days after Golden Temple Head Granti Raghbir Singh missed his flight to the US after he allegedly faced harassment at the hands of the Air India ground staff at the Delhi airport. — TNS

Punjab-Haryana water row & what’s behind it

EXPLAINER

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 30

THE Haryana Government stirred the hornet’s nest earlier this week, demanding a total of 8,500 cusecs of water from the Bhakra Dam, claiming it had no water even for domestic use.

Punjab has categorically declined their request, saying it has no water to spare.

As the stand-off between the two states continues, the Bhakra Beas Management Board approached the Union Ministry of Power, informing them that Punjab has agreed to release additional water to Haryana.

The Punjab Government claims that Haryana has already utilised its allocated share of water for September 21, 2024 — May 20, 2025 depletion period.

The state claims it has no water to spare as two of the three key dams — Pong and Ranjit Sagar — have very little water, much below the average water level.

This is as much because of the climate change (deficient monsoon last year and very little snowfall in upper reaches of Himachal) impacting water inflow into the dams, as because of the Pong being emptied now for annual maintenance of turbines.

Only the Bhakra Dam has 19 feet more water than its average level of 1,537 feet. But Punjab says it needs this water to irrigate its paddy fields till the monsoon arrives at the end of June.

Haryana seeks addl 4,500 cusecs
Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh



Saini wrote to his Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Mann on April 27, claiming that the Punjab Government was not honouring the decision taken by the BBMB on April 23, allowing additional 4,500 cusecs to Haryana. This demand was made over and above the 4,000 cusecs given to them on April 4 after they had already drawn their allocated share.

The Punjab Government opposed the additional allocation of water to Haryana in a BBMB meeting on April 28.

Mann released a video saying that Haryana had already utilised 103 per cent of its allocated water share — 3.110 MAF against its allocated share of 2.987 MAF.

Punjab also claims that in the BBMB meeting of April 4, Haryana had agreed to receive 4,000 cusecs and is now demanding more water.

Haryana CM Saini has also warned that if timely release of water was not made from dams now, the BBMB would have to

release excess water in eastern rivers during monsoons, thus paving way for more water flow towards Pakistan, which should not happen after the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty. He claimed that the reduced water supply to Haryana would affect Hisar, Sirsa and Fatehabad districts.

How river water is shared

According to the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960, the waters of Satluj, Ravi and Beas were allocated to India for its exclusive use.

After the re-organisation of Punjab in 1966, the Bhakra Management Board (BMB) was constituted. The administration and maintenance of the Bhakra-Nangal project was handed over to it in 1967.

Later, when Beas project works were completed, the Beas Construction Board was handed over to the BMB, following which it was renamed as the BBMB in 1976.

The board ensures the supply of

water to Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi and Chandigarh.

Each year, the water allocation to the states is decided twice — in the depletion period (between September 21- May 20) and in the filling period (May 21- September 20).

Why Punjab is unwilling to help

Other than the politics over the sharing of river waters, the state is itself grappling with fast depleting groundwater. To check this, the Punjab Government is stressing on use of canal water.

A whopping Rs 4,000 crore has been spent by the state on reviving 79 abandoned canals and 1,600 km of water channels (“khal”) that had either been filled or remained closed, as farmers relied more on pumping groundwater through tubewells rather than using canal water.

These have been restored in Fazilka, Ludhiana, Sangrur, Tarn Taran, Amritsar, Malerkotla, Hoshiarpur and Gurdaspur.

As a result, Punjab’s own utilisation of canal water has increased by 12-13 per cent in the depletion period.

“If we release more water to Haryana, there will be no water for paddy in Gurdaspur, Pathankot, Tarn Taran and Amritsar after June 10, which is the peak paddy transplantation period,” said a senior officer of the Punjab Water Resources Department.

The way forward

The two states will have to arrive at an agreement through discussions. In case they fail to do so, the Union Power Ministry can issue directions, which could force the states to explore legal remedies.

111 LMT wheat procured: Minister

CHANDIGARH, APRIL 30

Around 114 lakh metric tonne (LMT) wheat has arrived in the mandis across the state and around 111 LMT out of that has been procured so far.

Stating this here on Wednesday, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister Lal Chand Katarachak said the procurement by government agencies had crossed 100 LMT mark and it currently

stood at 103 LMT. He said Rs 22,815 crore had been credited to the accounts of farmers. Till date, 6,28,674 farmers had brought their produce to the mandis. The lifting was also gaining momentum and 47.37 LMT (56.6 per cent) produce had been lifted, he added. To ensure hassle-free procurement, 2,885 centres, including 1,021 temporary ones, had been established in the state, he claimed. — TNS

Girl dies by suicide at varsity hostel

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PATIALA, APRIL 30

A 19-year-old student from Mansa district allegedly ended her life by hanging herself from the ceiling fan at Mata Sahib Kaur Hostel of Punjabi University here on Wednesday. She was a third-year stu-

dent of a five-year integrated course at the varsity.

The incident came to light around 3.30 pm after which the hostel warden informed the varsity authorities and the police. No suicide note has been found. The police are investigating the case.

Airstrip sold fraudulently, HC slams Ferozepur DC for inaction

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CHANDIGARH, APRIL 30

An airstrip used by Indian armed forces during the 1962, 1965 and 1971 Wars was fraudulently sold in 1997, allegedly in connivance with revenue officials.

Taking a note of the allegations, the High Court has directed the Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, to personally “verify the veracity of the allegations”.

He was also asked to take “necessary action”, if required.

The directions came on a petition filed by Nishan Singh seeking an inquiry by the CBI or any other independent agency into the sale of land at Fattuwalla village. Hearing the petition, Justice Harpreet Singh Brar rapped the Ferozepur Deputy Commissioner for his inaction despite multiple requests from the Army and a previous

Was used in three wars

court order.

“The flabbergasting laxity displayed by the Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur, in the matter pertaining to the defence of the nation is ineffable and inexcusable,” the court said. “It is rather unfortunate that the Army, tasked with protecting the sovereignty of the nation, has been constrained to approach the Governor of Punjab...Such reckless behaviour...can cause a breach that would endanger the lives of the citizens and greatly compromise national security,” it asserted.

The Bench, during the course of hearing, was told that the land acquired by the Union of India in 1937-38 was being used by the Indian armed forces as an airstrip and advanced landing

IN BRIEF

Navjot Sidhu launches YouTube channel

Amritsar: Cricketer-turned-politician Navjot Singh Sidhu on Wednesday launched his YouTube channel (NavjotSidhuOfficial). He said the new channel would be bereft of any political content. “For the first time, I will share my life story, thoughts on spirituality, health, comedy, lifestyle and motivation in a simple and relatable way. This is about who I am – not as a politician, but as a human being,” he said. TNS

Youth murdered in Muktsar

Muktsar: A youth was allegedly killed by two brothers and their father at Ballamgarh village here on Wednesday. According to sources, the victim, Jagdeep Singh, had a dispute with them last week and a meeting was scheduled before the village Sarpanch regarding it today. Sources said Jagdeep had recently teased a girl from the accused’s family, but his relatives had denied the charge. The police have launched an investigation into the case. TNS

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