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NEWS BRIEF

Sensex drops by 451 pts, Nifty ends below 23,650

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MUMBAI: Benchmark Sensex declined by nearly 451 points on Monday due to selling in heavyweight stocks HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank and Reliance Industries, weak global trends and unabated foreign fund outflows. In a volatile trading session, the 30-share BSE barometer dropped by 450.94 points or 0.57 per cent to settle at 78,248.13. As many as 23 of its constituents closed lower while seven closed with gains. The barometer opened lower but recovered losses in the mid session to hit a high of 79,092.70.

Sebi to auction 23 properties of 9 companies in February

AGENCY

NEW DELHI: Sebi on Monday said it has scheduled an auction of 23 properties belonging to nine firms, such as Tower Infotech and Vibgyor Group of Companies in February, aimed to recoup funds illicitly collected from investors. Additionally, GBC Industrial Corporation, Waris Group, Pincon Group, Kolkata Weir Industries Ltd (KWIL), Annex Infrastructure India, I-core Group and MPS Group were the other firms whose properties will also be auctioned.

Shutdown in Katra against ropeway project enters sixth day

AGENCY

REASI/JAMMU: The shutdown in Katra against the proposed Vaishno Devi ropeway project entered its sixth day on Monday, as youth continued a hunger strike demanding the release of several individuals detained by police during the protests. The Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Sangharsh Samiti called for the shutdown on Wednesday, announcing that all activities would remain suspended during the bandh in Katra, the base camp for Mata Vaishno Devi. Shivani Jamwal, wife of detained Samiti leader Bhupinder Singh, joined the protestors and threatened to commit self-immolation if her husband and others were not released immediately, citing their deteriorating condition in police detention.

Sikkim Police rescue six travellers at Lachung

AGENCY

GANGTOK: Six stranded bikers were safely rescued by the Sikkim Police and villagers of Lachung after they were badly stuck up following sudden snowfall at at Yakshe, below the Yumthang Valley, in north Sikkim, police said on Monday " Members of the Lachung Dzomsa Hotel Association, alongside the Lachung Police team, successfully carried out a rescue operation following a sudden snowfall at Yakshe, below the Yumthang Valley in North Sikkim last night. The operation was launched after six tourists, traveling on three bikes, became stranded due to the unexpected snowfall." Police in a statement said . " The rescue mission was swiftly executed, and all six tourists were safely brought to safety.

Farmers' bandh hits life in Punjab; rail, bus service suspended

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CHANDIGARH, DEC 30



Life was hit in several places of Punjab due to a 'bandh' imposed by farmers demanding guarantee of MSP on all crops. As per reports road traffic was disrupted at several places and train services were also hit across Punjab on Monday. Around 175 trains were cancelled or delayed due to agitation. Impact of Punjab Bandh was completely observed in Jalandhar. Main markets of the city remained closed, and no buses were plying on roads and trains too were cancelled. Passengers at bus stand and railway station were seen waiting for the bandh to end so that they could reach their destinations. Rail and road traffic was crippled and commercial establishments remained shut in many places of the state. A call for a shutdown was given over a week ago by Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha over the Centre not acting on the farmers' demand for a legal guarantee for the MSP. Farmers observed a sit-in at Dhareri Jattan Toll Plaza which affected vehicular movement on the Patiala-Chandigarh National Highway. At Amritsar's Golden Gate, scores of farmers started to assemble near the city's entry point. Dharnas were staged in Bathinda's Rampura Phul. Farmer leader Sarwan Singh Pandher told reporters in Amritsar that emergency and other essential services would be allowed to operate.

SC to take stock today as Dallewal's hunger strike enters day 35

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NEW DELHI: As the indefinite hunger strike of Jagjit Singh Dallewal entered its 35th day on Monday, the Supreme Court would on December 31 examine Punjab government's measures to provide treatment to the ailing farmer leader. A team of the Punjab government officials on December 29 attempted to persuade the septuagenarian to take medical aid, but he declined it, fearing use of forces to oust him from the protest site. The farmers have been protesting at the Punjab-Haryana border at Khanauri to press the Centre for several demands, including a legal guarantee to a minimum support price for crops.

Mastering frontier technologies is need of the hour: Rajnath Singh

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MHOW, DEC 30



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday said that mastering frontier technologies in today's constantly-evolving times is the need of the hour, and the military training centres are playing a crucial role in equipping and readying the soldiers to deal with future challenges.

Addressing officers at the Army War College (AWC) here, Rajnath Singh highlighted the radical changes being witnessed in the ways of warfare, an official statement said. He said that unconventional methods like information warfare, Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based warfare, proxy warfare, electro-magnetic warfare, space warfare and cyber attacks are posing a big challenge in today's times.

He stressed on the need for military to remain well-trained and equipped to deal with such challenges, lauding the training centres in Mhow for their valuable contribution in these efforts. He also commended the centres for constantly improving their training curriculum, in sync with the changing times, and striving to make the personnel fighting fit for every kind of challenge.

Highlighting the government's vision of making the country Viksit Bharat by 2047, the Defence Minister said, "India is constantly moving on the path of development and is rapidly emerging as a manufacturing hub. From a military point of view, we are getting equipped with modern weapons.

We are also exporting Made-in-India equipment to other countries. Our defence exports, which were around Rs 2,000 crores a decade ago, have crossed the record figure of Rs 21,000 crore today. We have set an export target of Rs 50,000 crore by 2029".

Rajnath reasserted the Government's resolve to strengthen integration and jointness among the three services, exuding confidence that, in the times to come, the Armed Forces will be able to face challenges together in a better and more efficient way. He appreciated the fact that high-level training is provided to officers of all wings in Mhow Cantonment. He urged the officers to explore the possibility of promoting integration through training in areas such as weapons training in Infantry School; AI and communication technology in Military College of Telecommunication Engineering (MCTE); and Leadership - Junior and Senior Command in AWC.

India's housing market in De-Growth phase, pins hopes on Budget



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NEW DELHI, DEC 30

New home sales in India declined for the first time since the pandemic, as a sharp rise in housing prices and elevated borrowing costs ruined buyers' appetite in 2024 and the real estate industry is now eyeing the upcoming Budget for favourable economic conditions -- a key to reviving demand conditions. The de-growth in the Indian housing market came after three straight years of stellar growth, following the COVID-era downturn, and was attributed in part to a high base in the previous year, a fall in supply of new homes and price appreciation. Anuj Puri, Chairman of Anarock, one of the leading housing brokerage firms in the country, termed the year 2024 as a "mixed bag" for the Indian residential market and noted that, while demand for the affordable housing segment was weak, sales and launches of luxury homes remained strong. India's residential real estate market, estimated to be valued at over USD 300 billion, faced a marginal 4 per cent drop in sales volumes during 2024, according to data from consultant Anarock. After a 47 per cent decline in 2020, housing sales had grown by 71 per cent, 54 per cent and 31 per cent in 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively.

SC's Constitution Bench delivers 12 landmark judgments in 2024

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The year 2024 stands out for significant activity by the Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court of India, which delivered 12 landmark judgments involving five-, seven-, and nine-judge benches. The key judgments delivered by the Constitutional Benches in 2024:

1. Constitutionality of the Electoral Bonds Scheme, in the case of Association for Democratic Reforms versus Union of India, a five-judge bench on February 15, 2024, struck down the 2018 Electoral Bonds Scheme, holding that donor anonymity in political funding violates the voter's right to information. The Court emphasized the need to prevent "quid pro quo" arrangements between donors and political parties.

2. Automatic Vacation of Stay Orders in the case involving High Court Bar Association Allahabad vs The State of Uttar Pradesh. A bench, comprising five judges, on February 29, 2024 held that stay orders should not lapse automatically after six months.

Judicial discretion is necessary to vacate stay orders, overruling the precedent set in Asian Resurfacing of Road Agency vs Central Bureau of Investigation.

3. Legislative Immunity for Bribery in Sita Soren vs Union of India. A bench, comprising seven judges, in March of 2024 overruled the 1998 judgment in P V Narasimha Rao vs State, holding that legislators accepting bribes in connection with speeches or votes are not immune from prosecution. The decision reinforced the principle that bribery undermines democracy.

4. States' power over mines and minerals, in a case involving Mineral Area Development Authority vs Steel Authority of India, a nine-judge bench, in an 8:1 decision on July 25, 2024, ruled that "royalty" under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, is not a tax. States can impose taxes on mines and minerals, overruling India Cements vs State of Tamil Nadu (1989).

5. Sub-classification within reserved categories, in the case of State of Punjab vs Davinder Singh, a bench, comprising seven judges, on August one, 2024 upheld states' power to create sub-classifications within Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST) categories, noting varying degrees of discrimination among these groups.

6. Section 6A of the Citizenship Act, a five-judge bench on October 17, 2024 held that the provision granting citizenship to migrants who entered Assam before March 1971 was upheld. However, the Court mandated hearings to identify and deport post-1971 migrants.

Allu Arjun's bail hearing in stampede case postponed to January 3

AGENCY
HYDERABAD, DEC 30



Hyderabad's Nampally District Court on Monday postponed the hearing on Actor Allu Arjun's bail petition in the Sandhya theatre stampede case to January 3. The incident happened on December 4, when Allu Arjun attended the premiere of Pushpa 2: The Rule at Sandhya Theatre, a massive crowd gathered to catch a glimpse of the actor, and chaos ensued when he waved to fans from the sunroof of his car. This led to the tragic death of a woman named Revathi and injuries to her child.

Mentally disturbing : Rohit Sharma opens up about his flop show with bat

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MELBOURNE, DEC 30



After India received an 184-run humbling in the iconic MCG, Rohit Sharma addressed his poor form with the bat that has extended from the subcontinent to Australia in Test format.

After being hailed as India's hero in the home series against England and the T20 World Cup, Rohit now finds himself surrounded by criticism and questions.

Rohit, a player who has built a reputation for slamming the ball away for boundaries according to his will, is now struggling to put something across his name.

After watching India celebrate a record-shattering 295-run victory in Perth from the sidelines in the ongoing BGT, Rohit joined the squad from the Adelaide Test with hopes of finding his groove.

However, Rohit's return has been tainted by his lack of form and struggle to put runs across his name. The seasoned opener has just 31 runs from five innings, with a mere average of 6.20.

Many former cricketers have suggested that his lack of form has started to reflect in his captaincy. With his lean patch appearing to be a never-ending affair, Rohit admitted how mentally disturbing it is for a batter when things don't fall in place.

"There is nothing to think about what has happened in the past. Few results have not gone our way. As a batter, a lot of things that I am trying to do are not falling into the place that I would want to. But mentally, it is disturbing when you come here and try to do successfully, what you are supposed to," Rohit said in the post-match press conference.

"If those things don't fall into place, that is a big disappointment. There are things that we, as a team, and I personally, need to look at. Still a game to go if we play that well, it will be 2-2, and a draw will be really nice," he added.

The root cause of Rohit's criticism dates back to his outings in the Bangladesh series. When India faced Bangladesh, the dynamic opener amassed a mere 42 runs in two Test matches while averaging just 10.50

Rohit's concerning form extended during India's historic 3-0 home series whitewash against New Zealand. The fiery opener, who is in search of his lost flamboyance, contributed just 91 runs across three Test matches, averaging 15.17.

Prospects of economy expected to improve in 2025: RBI Governor

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MUMBAI, DEC 30



Facing criticism from the government over the central bank prioritising inflation overgrowth, the new RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra on Monday said that prospects of the Indian economy are expected to improve on the back of high consumer and business confidence in 2025.

"As we strive to preserve financial stability to support a higher growth path for the Indian economy, our focus remains steadfast on maintaining stability of financial institutions and, more broadly, systemic stability," Malhotra said in foreword to the Financial Stability Report. He further said that despite the global uncertainties Indian economy is expected to pick up pace in the second half of the current financial year. "Notwithstanding the uncertainties shrouding the global macro-financial ethos as it unfolds, prospects for the Indian economy are expected to improve after the slowdown in the pace of economic activity in the first half of 2024-25.

"Consumer and business confidence for the year ahead remain high and the investment scenario is brighter as corporations step into 2025 with robust balance sheets and high profitability," said Malhotra who took over as 26th Governor earlier this month.

Flagging the issue of growth moderation in the first half, the Finance Ministry in its November Monthly Economic Review had raised concerns that the possibility that structural factors may also have contributed to the slowdown in H1 should not be ruled out. India recorded a slowdown in GDP growth to a seven-quarter low of 5.4 per cent for the second quarter ended September 2024. For the first half, the GDP growth stood at 6 per cent. Slowdown in growth and moderation in inflation are building case for RBI to slash policy rate in its upcoming Monetary Policy Committee meeting.

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Delhi Police arrest 22-year-old transgender in connection with theft

NEW DELHI; Delhi Police have arrested a 22-year-old transgender accused of being involved in a theft case worth Rs 50,000, police said on Monday. "In an operation, the Shahdara police have arrested a 22-year-old transgender accused, Yash @ Yashika, in connection with a theft case involving Rs 50,000," Delhi Police said. According to the police, the accused had stolen the money from an office in Seemapuri on December 23. The police had registered an e-FIR and analyzed over 100 CCTV cameras to identify the suspect. The accused was arrested on December 28 and a stolen scooty was recovered from the possession. The police also recovered Rs 2,500 in cash. The accused has been previously involved in three cases and was handed over to the concerned Investigating Officer (IO) for further investigation.

NEWS BRIEF

Nitish sidelines BJP leaders in government advertisements : Congress

PATNA, DEC 30 (UNI) Congress on Monday pulled up BJP for being sidelined by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, saying their leaders were not getting any space in advertisements of Bihar government issued for several schemes and events.

Chief spokesman of Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee (BPCC) Rajesh Rathore said here that BJP leaders were not getting their space in government advertisements being issued for several schemes and other events.

Both Deputy Chief Ministers Vijay Kumar Sinha and Samrat Chaudhary were from BJP quota in Nitish Kumar government but their photos were not visible in advertisements, he added.

Congress leader said that by his action of ignoring Vijay Kumar Sinha and Samrat Choudhary in government advertisements, Kumar had expressed his annoyance against BJP. Difference between BJP and Chief Minister Kumar had reached a new level and it appeared that survival of the government was itself in the question, he pointed out.

Rathore said that indication given by Chief Minister Kumar had enough political meaning and BJP should understand it.

It was now crystal clear that Kumar was not prepared to tolerate BJP anymore, he remarked.

Kejriwal tampering with India's security by supporting Rohingyas: Hardeep Puri



AGENCY

NEW DELHI: Coming down heavily on Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener and former Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal over his Rohingya settlement claims, Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Monday said that by supporting Rohingyas again and again, Kejriwal is tampering with India's security.

In a video shared by Puri's office, the Union Minister attacked Kejriwal saying, that repeating lies doesn't make them true; and the truth is that till now no Rohingya has been ever provided with any flat anywhere.

"Koi aisa saga nahi jisko Kejriwal ne thaga nahi..Just because a lie is spread again and again, it won't become truth... the truth is that till now no Rohingya has been ever provided with any flat anywhere. Those who are doing this fake sloganeering also know this," he said.

Puri accused AAP's MLA of providing free ration, water and electricity to the Rohingyas saying that everyone knows whose voters Rohingyas are.

"Arvind Kejriwal's MLA made Rohingyas stay in Delhi and gave them free ration, water and electricity, also provided Rs 10,000 and got their voter ID card. The whole country knows, whose voters Rohingyas are. By supporting Rohingyas again and again, Kejriwal is tampering with India's security. This is a very low level of politics," he said.

Puri's remarks came after AAP Chief Arvind Kejriwal earlier today claimed that Hardeep Singh Puri and Amit Shah have all the data on how and where they have settled Rohingyas.

Kejriwal said "I request them to arrest Hardeep Singh Puri. He has all the data on where he settled Rohingyas and how. He tweeted and gave the information. Hardeep Singh Puri and Amit Shah have all the data on how and where they have settled Rohingyas."

Anna University sexual assault case: ANS Prasad calls for reforms within TN police department

AGENCY

CHENNAI: Highlighting the need for urgent reforms, Tamil Nadu BJP spokesperson ANS Prasad emphasizes the need for a dedicated Home Minister, accountability reforms, and a separate court for police personnel cases.

Prasad said that the Tamil Nadu Police's incompetence under DMK rule is exposed by the recent Anna University sexual harassment case, amidst skyrocketing crimes transforming the state into a violence hub.

"Administrative lapses, caused by ineptitude and mismanagement, erode public trust and underscore the urgent need for reform," he said.

BJP Spokesperson questioned and demanded answers from Chennai's Police Commissioner, specifically asking who the accused was speaking to during the crime. He claimed the police's failure to investigate and their cover-up attempts have led to a loss of public trust.

"Tamil Nadu Police's inaction and cover-up attempts have lost public trust. Chennai's Police Commissioner must answer: 'Who was the accused speaking to during the crime?' The police's failure to investigate and cover-up attempts have lost public trust," he said.

He also urged Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Stalin to appoint a dedicated Home Minister, implement reforms ensuring accountability, and establish a separate court for police personnel cases.

"This will ensure Tamil Nadu Police become a symbol of integrity, duty-bound, and protective of citizens' rights, operating with transparency and accountability," he said.

Tamil Nadu BJP spokesperson further alleged that the DMK government's priorities are skewed, focusing on the 2026 elections and party events over citizens' welfare.

"Effective governance demands accountability and transparency. A dedicated Home Minister will ensure Tamil Nadu Police's accountability,

Special camps for soldier recruitment, says Uttarakhand CM after meeting Army's Zonal Officer



AGENCY

DEHRADUN: Major General Manoj Tiwari, Zonal Recruiting Officer, Uttar Pradesh-Uttarakhand, met Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami at his camp office on Monday. CM Dhami said that 4500 candidates have been selected from Uttarakhand in Agniveer recruitment. Recruitment will also be done soon for 2000 vacant posts. Major General Manoj Tiwari said that camps will be set up at the state and district levels so that maximum youth from the state can participate in the upcoming recruitments. "Major General Shri Manoj Tiwari met us at the camp office. Uttarakhand is a soldier-dominated state and our government is providing administrative support to the army at every level. On this occasion, a detailed discussion was also held on the Agneepath scheme. Under Agniveer recruitment, 4500 candidates have been selected from the state so far and soon recruitment will be done on the vacant posts. Special camps will be organized at the state and district level to ensure the participation of a maximum number of youth in future recruitments. Our government will ensure every possible help in this regard," CM Dhami posted on X.

Adani announces complete exit from Adani Wilmar JV

NEW DELHI, DEC 30 (UNI) Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL) on Monday announced its complete exit from the FMCG joint venture Adani Wilmar.

The Adani group flagship



company in a media release said that it has signed the deal under which Lence Pte. Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Wilmar International, will acquire upto 31.06% equity shares of Adani Wilmar Ltd held by AEL subsidiary Adani Commodities LLP (ACL).

In addition, it has been agreed between the parties that AEL will divest 13% shares in Adani Wilmar to achieve compliance with minimum public shareholding requirements.

"It may be noted that with completion of these two legs, AEL would completely exit its 44% holding in Adani Wilmar. Adani Wilmar had market capitalization of Rs 42,785 crores (US$ 5.0 billion) as on Friday, 27th December 2024," Adani said.

"In consideration of the above, AEL's board of directors has adopted a resolution noting the resignation of ACL's nominee directors from the board of Adani Wilmar.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

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Pre-Bid Required	No	**Pre-bid query till date**	N.A.
Advertisement Value	Rs. 18,76,936.52/- Including all taxes GST etc.	**Tendering Section**	Tender & Works/ Electrical branch Jagadhri Workshop.
Earnest Money	Rs. 37,500/-	**Validity of offer**	60 days
Tender Document Cost	NIL (as per Part-I clause No. 3 of Indian Railways GCC April 2022)	**Period of Completion**	900 Days
Bidding Start Date	08.01.2025	**Bidding end date**	22.01.2025 upto 11.30 hrs.
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900017

I, Prakashi Dilbagh Singh Rohilla, wife of Dilbagh Singh Rohilla, residing at House No 884, Ground Floor, Amarvati Enclave, Panchkula 134107, Haryana, hereby declare that I am currently known by the names Prakashi Rani and Prakash Dilbagh Singh Rohilla. However, I am changing my name to Prakash Rohilla. Henceforth, I shall be known as Prakash Rohilla in all legal and official records. I am solely responsible for any legal consequences or discrepancies arising from the name change.

50008

We, Satish Gill S/o Ram Mehar and Kamlesh Gill W/o Satish Gill R/o H.No. 1-B Sunshine Enclave Vill: Singhpura Zirakpur (SAS Nagar, Mohali) declare that our son Sahil Gill and his wife Supriya and their children are out of our control. So we disown with them from our moveable/immoveable property. If anybody dealing with them at his/her own risk.

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I, Hitherto Known as Rahul Kumar S/o Ravi Kumar, residence of Near Surinder Furniture House, Abohar Road, Gali No. 4B, Muktsar, Punjab-152026, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kewal Kumar. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

63372

I Devender Kumar S/O Phool Chand R/O H.No 715/18 Shiv Colony Manav Kalyan Ashram Jind Declare That I Have Changed My Minor Daughter Name Vasvi To Vandan For All Purpose. Her Date Of Birth Is 20th July 2017.

63372

I RAMA BAGAL W/O RAJEEV BAGAL R/O Narot Mehra, PO Narot Mehra, Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab-145025 declare that the name of mine has been wrongly written as RAMA DEVI in my minor daughter KRITIKA THAKUR aged 14 years in her educational documents. The actual name of mine is RAMA BAGAL.

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I RAMA BAGAL W/O RAJEEV BAGAL R/O Narot Mehra, PO Narot Mehra, Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab-145025 declare that the name of mine has been wrongly written as RAMA DEVI in my minor daughter VIDIKA BAGAL aged 12 years in her educational documents. The actual name of mine is RAMA BAGAL.

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I Sucha Ram S/o Shama R/O Vill.Bhatija Randhawa PO Nussi Distt. Jalandhar declare that I have taken back / cancel the Notice given in favour of my son Avtar Chand and his wife Kulvir Kaur from movable and Immovable Property previously given in the newspaper who are now under my control and faithful towards us.Now they have full right in all my movable and Immovable Properties.All concerned may note.

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I, Smt Jaswindar Kaur Wife of JC-290859F SUB Ekbal Singh (UNIT-31 MED REGT) S/o Sh Jagir Singh Resident of Village Dheru Majra, Post Office Umri, Tehsil Thanesar, Distt Kurukshetra, (Haryana) - 136131 Have Changed my Name from JASWINDAR KAUR to JASWINDER KAUR Vide affidavit before Notary Distt Court Kurukshetra.

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The general public is invited to bid either through personally or by duly authorized person. **Bank will be free to bid for eligible properties.**

SCHEDULE OF SALE OF THE SECURED ASSETS PROPERTY

Sr. No. 1 Name of Borrower\Guarantor 1.M/S Dwarka Dass Madan Lal 1.) through its proprietor Naresh Asija S/O Sh Madan Lal, Bansa Wala Bazar, Jalandhar 2.Naresh Asija S/O Sh Madan Lal R/O 144,BSF Colony,New Grain Market,Jalandhar. 3) Rohit Sharma S/O Sh Nand Lal Sharma R/O NK-25, Nauhrian Bazar, Jalandhar 4)SH.RAHUL S/O SH.MADAN LAL 144-, BSF COLONY NEW GRAIN MARKET, JALANDHAR 5)Sushma Rani W/O Madan Lal R/O H.No.144, BSF Colony, Jalandhar. 6)Deepali Asija W/O Naresh Asija R/O H.NO.144, BSF Colony, Jalandhar. **Date of Demand Notice** 15/04/2023 **Description of Property alongwith Name of Mortgagor's** All that part and parcel of land and building i.o.property-shop no.2, measuring 09' X 10' = 90 Sq Ft, situated at Gurmandi,Jalandhar,(mortgaged) owned by Rahul Asija S/O Sh Madan Lal R/O 144,New BSF Colony,New Grain market,Jalandhar as avowed in pledged saledeed bearing No.5785 dated 12.09.2012 Which was duly registered with the office of SR- Jalandhar E SHOP NO.03 W SHOP NO.01 NORTH OTHER'S SOUTH RASTA 2.All that part and parcel of land and building i.e property-shop no.2, measuring 155.25 Sq Ft, situated at Gurmandi, Jalandhar, (mortgaged) owned by Sushma Rani W/O Madan Lal R/O 144, New BSF Colony,New Grain market, Jalandhar as avowed in pledged saledeed bearing No.5786 dated 12.09.2012 which was duly registered with the office of SR- Jalandhar 3.All that part and parcel of land and building i.o.property No.803 measuring 57.50 Sq Ft (only ground Floor without roof) situated at Barnawala Bazar, Jalandhar, (mortgaged) owned by Deepali Asija W/O Naresh Asija R/O 144, New BSF Colony, New Grain market, Jalandhar as avowed in pledged saledeed bearing No.11418 dated 17.02.2012 which was duly registered with the office of SR- Jalandhar. **Reserve Price** Rs.8,50,000-00 (Gound Floor Rs.5,00,000 Lac First Floor Rs. 3,50,000 Lac) RS.8,50,000-00 RS.17,00,000-00 **Earnest Money Deposit** 1,00,000-00 1,00,000-00 RS.1,00,000-00 RS.2,00,000-00 **Last Date to Deposit Earnest money** 20/01/2025 Before Start Of Auction 20/01/2025 Before Start Of Auction 20/01/2025 Before Start Of Auction **Date & Time of Auction** 20/01/2025 At 12 PM at The Citizens Urban Co Op Bank Ltd. 506-NEW JAWAHAR NAGAR, JALANDHAR CITY. 20/01/2025 At 12 PM at The Citizens Urban Co Op Bank Ltd. 506-NEW JAWAHAR NAGAR, JALANDHAR CITY. 20/01/2025 At 12 PM at The Citizens Urban Co Op Bank Ltd. 506-NEW JAWAHAR NAGAR, JALANDHAR CITY. **Incremental Bid Amount** Rs. 20,000/- Rs. 20,000/- Rs. 20,000/-

Sr. No. 1 Name of Borrower\Guarantor MUNEET SINGH PARHAR S/o SUCHA SINGH TL 110000694368 GUARANTOR5 1.Tarvinder Singh S/O Piara Singh, 748-Model House, Jalandhar City Parveen Kumar S/o Sardari Lal,3-Charan Nagar, Model House, Jalandhar.**Date of Demand Notice** 08-07-2021 **Description of Property alongwith Name of Mortgagor's** All the parts and parcel of land situated at Village Boot, Tehsil &Distt. Jalandhar measuring 17 Marlas(272 Sq.Ft.), comprised in Khasra No- 269 (8-0), /272 (7-8), 268 (6-9), property is in the name of Sh.Muneet Singh Parhar S/o Sucha Singh and Regd. vide Sale-deed no.7416 dt.21/02/2011 duly registered with the office of Sub Registrar Jalandhar. **Reserve Price** Rs.65,00,000-00 **Earnest Money Deposit** Rs.6,50,000-00 **Last Date to Deposit Earnest money** 20/01/2025 Before Start Of Auction **Date & Time of Auction** 20/01/2025 At 12 PM at The Citizens Urban Co –Op Bank Ltd. Head Office Branch,506,New Jawahar Nagar, Jalandhar City **Incremental Bid Amount** Rs. 1,00,000/-

BRIEF TERMS & CONDITIONS OF AUCTION

The sale shall be subject to the terms & conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions :

I. The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"and whatever there is.
II. The particular of Secured Assets Specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
III. The secured asset will not be sold below the reserve price.
IV. The amount so deposited as earnest money will not carry any interest.
V. Offer without Earnest Money and below Reserve Price will be rejected.
VI. The successful Bidder will immediately be required to deposit 25% of the sale price by way of cash/pay order after adjusting the earnest money paid. Upon failure of the highest bidder to deposit immediately 25% of the sale price the property will be reauctioned and sold to the next highest bidder or cancelled and the earnest money of the previous highest bidder shall be forfeited.
VII. The balance amount (75%) of the sale price is to be paid within 15 days of the date of auction or such extended period as permitted upon in writing by the Authorised Officer, in case of failure of deposit of the balance amount within the prescribed period, the amount earlier deposited shall be forfeited.
VIII. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of highest bidder subject to the confirmation of the same by secured creditor.
IX. All the charges include registration, stamp duty/ taxes etc. shall be exclusively bare by the successful bidder.
X. The secured creditor does not in any way warrant the fitness, quality or usability of the properties being sold.
XI. The Authorised Officer reserve the right to accept or reject any bid or postpone or cancel the auction without any reason and also to modify the terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice.

STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT 2002

Date : 30/12/020244
PLACE : Jalandhar **S/d Authorised Officer**

I, Babli Devi (Aadhaar No. 2389 6215 9668), wife of Shri Nadhu Ram, resident of village Sura, Tehsil Ladwa, District Kurukshetra declare that BABLI DEVI alias KRISHNA DEVI both names are same person and Date of Birth is 31-12-1961

989666

I Vijay Kumar son of Braham Dass house number 35 Tribune society Raipur khurd have change my name Vijay Kumar Verma to Vijay Kumar

100014

I, Sanjay Kumar Bansal s/o Shyam Lal r/o House No. 68/15, Gali No 1, Shora Kothi, Jakholi Adda Kaithal, District Kaithal (Haryana), have changed my name from Sanjay Kumar Bansal to Sanjay Kumar. Concerned please note.

84451

I Santro Devi wd/o Suganpal r/o VPO Kayla, tehsil and District Bhiwani 127309 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Santro Devi to Sumitra Devi. In future I will be known as Sumitra Devi.

989752

I Shiv Kumar Garg S/o Krishan Lal R/o Ward No 10,Amloh,Distt Fatehgarh Sahib Changed My Name To Shiv Kumar

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I Swarn Lata W/o Shiv Kumar R/o Ward No 10,Amloh,Distt Fatehgarh Sahib Changed My Name To Swarn (Lata) As A Surname

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I Sunil Kumar Aggarwal S/o Ram Nath R/o 645/8,Ward No 9,Kharar Have Changed My Name To Sunil Kumar

666554

I Jasbir Singh Bhangu S/o Bahadur Singh R/o Sanghera (barnala) Have Changed My Name To Jasvir Singh Bhangu .

50008

I, Vipan Kumar S/o Ram Prakash Khanna R/o.H.No.331-Basant Avenue Near Ashoka Park Amritsar has Changed my name to Vipan kumar Khanna. All concerned plz note

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE SH. PUNNAYDEEP SHARMA, SUB-REGISTRAR, U.T., CHANDIGARH.

Whereas, Sh. Shakti Kumar Marken S/o Late Sh. Ram Sarup R/o House Number 1603, Sector 33-D, Chandigarh has applied for registration of un-registered WILL dated 14.05.2007 of Late Sh. Ram Sarup S/o Late Sh. Ramji Dass after his death, who died on 02.01.2011. As per the WILL, Late Sh. Ram Sarup S/o Late Sh. Ramji Dass has bequeath his immoveable property i.e. JB-II and J-11 in Qutab Plaza D.L.F. City and P-2/053 (Phase-2) D.L.F Universal Ltd. / Commercial Projects Corporation etc. (D.L.F Center) Sansad Marg, New Delhi in favour of his son Sh. Shakti Kumar Marken S/o Late Sh. Ram Sarup R/o House Number 1603, Sector 33-D, Chandigarh, as mentioned in the said WILL. The General Public is hereby informed through this Notice that if, anyone has any objection or claim regarding the registration of said unregistered WILL, he/she may file objection(s) in the office of the Sub-Registrar, situated at Ground Floor, 30 Bays Building, Sector 17, Chandigarh within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, failing which the same will be registered under Section 40 of the Indian Registration Act, 1908. Given under my signature and seal of this office.

Sub-Registrar, U.T., Chandigarh.

I, Veena W/o Joginder Pal Singh R/o. Babari Nangal Tehsil Gurdaspur Talwandi Virk Babri Gurdaspur have Changed my name to Harjit Kaur

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I, Gaganpreet Singh Bedi S/o Gurdeep Singh R/o ward No.9, P/o Tehsil Dera Baba Nanak District Gurdaspur have Changed my minor daughter name from Ganieve Kaur Bedi to Ganieve Kaur is my given name and Bedi is surname

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I, Harpal Singh Shera S/o Milkha Singh R/o.928, ward No.13, Court Road Patti TarnTaran-143416 Punjab have Changed my name to Harpal Singh is my given name and Shera is my Surname

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I, Kudan Singh S/o Samund Singh R/o Vpo Jhita Kalan Amritsar Have Change My Name Kudan Singh To Kundan Singh

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I hitherto known as ANJU RANI D/o NAIB RAM R/O VILLAGE BAIRAMPUR, TEHSIL & DISTT S.A.S NAGAR (MOHALI), PUNJAB-140307 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as ANJLEENA.

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I hitherto known as GAGANDEEP KAUR W/o SEWA SINGH SANDHU R/O VILLAGE KAIRONWAL, NEAR GURDWARA, DISTT TARN TARAN-143401, PUNJAB, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as GAGANDEEP KAUR SANDHU.

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I, Amarjeet Kaur Sajjan W/o Harvinder Singh Sajjan R/o Fateh Singh Nagar W.No. 5 Barnala (Barnala) have changed my name to Amarjeet Kaur.

63372

I, Sadier Ali S/o Bhagdin R/o Vill: Jandali Teh-Payal (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Sadier Ali to Saider Ali.

63372

I Kamaldeep Singh S/o Manjeet Singh R/o W.No.10 Morinda Teh-Morinda Distt Ropar have changed my minor son's name from Rajveer Singh to Raghavjeet Singh.

63372

I, Sukhdev Singh S/o Basant Singh R/o Raunta (Moga) have changed the name my minor son Kudratjot Singh to Kudratjot Singh Bhullar.

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I, Amritpal Kaur W/o Harsimranjeet Singh Tathgar R/o Raunta (Moga) have changed my name Amritpal Kaur to Amritpal Kaur Tathgar.

63372

I Reema D/o Dhamu Village Siahar Tehsil Payal District Ludhiana Have Changed My Name Reema to Amandeep Kaur.

63372

I, Rupinder Singh Deol S/O. Gurtej Singh R/O. Village & Po Nangal Kalan, Tehsil Raikot, Distt Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Rupinder Singh.

63372

I Gagandeep Singh S/O Nirmal Singh Dhesi R/O Vpo Badduwal District Moga Have Changed My Name To Gagandeep Singh Dhesi.

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I, Gurdeep Kaur D/O Avtar Singh, Village Jhaloor, District Barnala, Have Changed My Name From Gurdeep Kaur Deol To Gurdeep Kaur.

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I, Hither To Known As Navjot Singh Son Of Baldev Singh Resident Of H.No. 1680, Street No. 3, Prem Nagar Near Lamba Pind Chowk, Jalandhar, Punjab, India Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Navjot Singh Dhanju.

63372

I Sandeep Kumar S/O Raj Kumar # 30309, Gurukul Road, Paras Ram Nagar, Bathinda Pin-151001 have changed my name from Sandeep Kumar to Sandeep and Kumar.

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I Rajveer Kaur W/o Shingara Singh R/o VPO Rahimpur, Nakodar, Jalandhar, Punjab changed my name to Rajveer as Given Name and Kaur as Surname.

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I hitherto known as Mandip Kaur W/o Jatinder Singh, residing at VPO Darapur, Distt. Hoshiarpur-144210, Punjab, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Mandeep Kaur.

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I, ANITTA JOSEPH is legally wedded spouse of Number 15225575W Rank Hav (RST) Name Jolly Joseph B presently residing at 6/194A, Vadakkey, Thottathu Veedu, iynkamam, Kulappuram, Kaliyakkavilai Post, Kaliakkavilai, Kanyakumari, (Tamil Nadu) Pin-629153 have changed my name from ANITTA JOSEPH to ANITTA R vide Affidavit Dated 30-12-2024 before Notary Public at Ferozepur.

900023

I Ripu Singh S/O Jagdish Singh,R/o GALI NUMBER-4, GURU RAM DASS NAGAR, Jalandhar have changed my name from RIPU SINGH TO RIPU KUMAR. All concerned may note

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All shops & business establishments remain closed as Mansa city observes complete bandh

MANSA(NARESH GOYAL): Mansa city observed a complete bandh today from dawn to dusk as all the shops and other business establishments remained closed for the full day. Not even a rehri wala could be seen in the market and bazaars and all markets wore a deserted look. The buses and other vehicular traffic too remained off the roads and private vehicles were also rarely seen plying on the roads. However, government offices and banks remained open and functioned as usual. Activists of various farmers' outfits held demonstration near the gurdwara chowk in the main bazar in the city. While addressing the gathering during demonstration, speakers of various non-political parties cursed the union as well as state government for their anti-farmers stance. Many of them even went to the extent of alleging that both state and union government were 'hand in glove' with each other when it comes to sorting out problems of farmers community. Rajwinder Singh 'Rana', a senior leader of CPI-ML accused the Punjab's Bhagwant Singh Mann-led government of playing with the interests of farming fraternity as Punjab Chief Minster had badly failed to feel the pulse of farmers who have been agitating for many years.

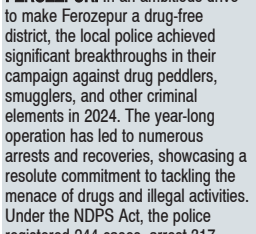
NEWS BRIEF

Ferozepur's Makhu block secures Rs.1.5 cr award under NITI Aayog



FEROZEPUR: In a significant achievement for the district, the Makhu block of Ferozepur has been awarded Rs. 1.5 crore under NITI Aayog's Aspirational Blocks Programme for its outstanding performance during the September 2023 quarter. This recognition is part of NITI Aayog's initiative to monitor and reward blocks showing exemplary progress on Key Performance Indicators through the challenge method.
The award was announced through a communication from B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog, to the Chief Secretary of Punjab on December 24, 2024. Makhu block, categorised under Zone 2-Northern India, has demonstrated remarkable improvement in various development parameters, leading to this achievement.
The District Administration will now prepare a comprehensive Plan of Action (PoA)/Project Proposal for the allocated funds in consultation with the Central Prabhari Officer. This proposal will be submitted to NITI Aayog for final approval by the Empowered Committee of Secretaries. Deepshikha Sharma, Deputy Commissioner, expressed her satisfaction with this achievement, stating, This recognition reflects our commitment to inclusive development and effective implementation of government schemes. The success of Makhu block demonstrates the dedication of our district officials and field staff in driving positive change at the grassroots level. We will ensure that the awarded amount is strategically utilized to further enhance the development indicators of the block."

Ferozepur police's 2024 anti-drug drive yields major arrests, seizures



FEROZEPUR: In an ambitious drive to make Ferozepur a drug-free district, the local police achieved significant breakthroughs in their campaign against drug peddlers, smugglers, and other criminal elements in 2024. The year-long operation has led to numerous arrests and recoveries, showcasing a resolute commitment to tackling the menace of drugs and illegal activities. Under the NDPS Act, the police registered 244 cases, arrest 317 individuals. The massive haul included 63.565 kg of heroin, 214.840 kg of poppy husk, 12.826 kg of opium, 200 grams of ice drug, 1.400 kg of ganja, 14,700 tablets, 76 grams of intoxicant powder, and Rs. 1.11 crore in drug money. The seizures also included 9 pistols, 2 rifles, 6 magazines, and 40 live cartridges, highlighting the nexus between drugs and illegal firearms.
In addition, the police acted decisively under the Arms Act, registering 34 cases and apprehending 61 individuals. Recoveries included 2 revolvers, 79 pistols, 2 guns, an AK-47 rifle, 45 magazines, and 245 cartridges, significantly disrupting the circulation of illegal weapons.
The campaign also targeted illicit liquor production and smuggling. Under the Excise Act, 173 cases were registered, leading to the arrest of 205 individuals. The recoveries included 4,584.520 liters of illicit liquor, 8,351.950 liters of liquor, 8,180 liters of beer, 1,27,127 liters of lahan, and 8 working stills, effectively dismantling several illegal operations.

Moga district 2024: A Year of sustainable growth and welfare milestones

MOGA: As the year 2024 comes to an end, the residents of Moga District reflect on a year of substantial development and impactful initiatives by the Punjab Government and district administration. The year witnessed remarkable milestones in sustainable development, welfare schemes, and innovative measures aimed at uplifting the standard of living for its citizens. Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Sarangal shared the facts are -
A significant achievement this year was a 76% reduction in stubble-burning incidents, with only 691 cases reported compared to 2,795 last year. Deputy Commissioner Vishesh Sarangal attributed this success to relentless efforts by government officials and cooperation from the farming community.
Moga secured the 9th position among 122 districts under the Aspirational District Program by NITI Aayog, a testament to its holistic development initiatives.
Yoga for Wellness: The CM's Yogashala initiative has benefited over 2,958 residents through 90 yoga classes conducted by trained instructors.
Healthcare Expansion: Three new Aam Aadmi Clinics were established, bringing the total to 28 in the district, and ensuring accessible healthcare for all.

MCC decides to implement `no work no pay' against striking door- to- door waste collectors

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, DEC 30



Taking strict note of Door to Door waste collectors joining strike, the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh has decided to implement the principle of 'No work No Pay'. Accordingly, the Door to Door waste collectors who have participated in strike, their wages/ payment will be deducted for the days they will remain on strike including those who were on strike on 21.12.2024.

Passing these orders here today, Municipal Commissioner Sh. Amit Kumar, IAS said that reportedly a section of Door to Door waste collectors have proceeded on strike, causing disruption to the essential services provided by the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh. Despite repeated appeals to return to work, the strike continues. He said that the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh is committed to ensuring the uninterrupted delivery of essential services to the citizens. Alternative arrangements are being made to maintain the continuity of services. Making an appeal to the striking employees, the Commissioner, asked them to reconsider their decision and return to work immediately. The Municipal Corporation Chandigarh is willing to engage in constructive dialogue to resolve the issues, but the strike must be called off first, he said.

AAP MP Malvinder Kang urges Central Govt to open dialogue with farmers

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, DEC 30



Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MP Malvinder Singh Kang today strongly criticized the Central Government for its continued indifference toward the demands of farmers protesting at the Punjab-Haryana border. He urged the government to immediately open dialogue with the farmers to break the ongoing deadlock and address their legitimate demands.

In a statement issued to the media, Kang highlighted the grave health concerns surrounding farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal, who has been on a hunger strike for over a month.

"The people of Punjab, along with the farming community, are deeply concerned about the deteriorating health of Jagjit Singh Dallewal. The Central Government must take this issue seriously and begin dialogue with farmers without any further delay," he said. Kang also pointed out that despite repeated efforts by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and the state government to initiate dialogue, the Centre has failed to engage with the protesting farmers. "The Punjab government has made numerous attempts to persuade the Central Government to open channels of communication with the farmers, but the Centre remains unresponsive. This inaction is unacceptable," he stated.

The AAP leader reiterated the importance of resolving the farmers' demands swiftly, citing a recent observation by the Honorable Supreme Court that emphasized the need for dialogue with the protesting farmers. He said, "It is disheartening that even after months of protests, the Central Government has not made any serious attempt to address the genuine demands of the farmers.

Their silence is not only prolonging the farmers' struggle but is also causing immense distress among the people of Punjab and across the nation." Kang expressed concern over the prolonged agitation, which has put farmers under tremendous stress. "The prolonged stalemate has left farmers, particularly in Punjab, in a state of deep worry.

Ludhiana bus stand remaines empty due to farmers' strike



LUDHIANA (SHARMA): Strike by farmers in Punjab today was also supported by roadways workers today and many buses remained closed today and passangers had to face a lot of trouble. The bus stand, which is usually bustling, was seen empty today and the roadways workers supporting the farmers went on strike and many routes remained closed. Due to which the commuters faced a lot of trouble. While people going on long routes were seen waiting for the buses to start.

Punjab bandh gets mixed response in Pathankot city

SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, DEC 30



In support of Jagjit Singh Dallewal, the elderly leader of the farmers' organization, who is on a fast to death for the demands of the farmers on the Khanuri border, and to put pressure on the central government for their demands, the bandh call given by the farmers' organizations in Pathankot city response received.

The operation of trains and buses between Pathankot and Amritsar, Jalandhar and Jammu has been affected due to the Punjab Bandh. Farmers' organizations staged protests at many places in the district. Farmer organizations protested at Ladpalwan on the Pathankot-Amritsar National Highway, Madhopur on the Jammu-Delhi National Highway and Kathlor Bridge on the Pathankot-Bamial Link Road and on the Pathankot-Jalandhar Highway and raised slogans against the Modi government. A large number of people faced hardship due to these sit-ins in the district.

Adequate security arrangements were also made by the police during the bandh call, so that the protest could be conducted peacefully and any untoward incident could be avoided. Public transport services were halted due to the shutdown. Farmer leader Gurnam Singh Chhina said that the Modi government had accepted the demands regarding the MSP but it has not been implemented yet. We all farmers' organizations want to tell the dumb-talking government of this closed road center that all the people of Punjab are with the farmers. He said that there was never any response to the call for a bandh in Pathankot, but today, from laborers to big businessmen, they stopped their business.

Lehra-Moonk markets remain completely closed on the call of the United Kisan Morcha



LEHRAGAGA (GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA): Today, the entire city residents showed great solidarity on the call for Punjab Bandh of the United Kisan Morcha Non-political and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha, and kept their shops and businesses completely closed. In this regard, after visiting Lehragaga and Moonak mandi, it was seen that shops and other businesses remained completely closed, even tea stalls, gas and milk supply were completely closed. On this occasion, the Trade Board, Arhtia Association, employee organizations, Grocery Merchants Association, trade unions, besides all shopkeepers, gave full support to the farmers' struggle. Since morning, the shopkeepers themselves kept their shops closed. The city's famous grocer and BJP leader Vinod Kumar Singla, Dev Raj Gandhuan, Jeevan Kumar kala, leader of Property Advisor Union and other association leaders said that we fully stand with the farmers and support the struggle of Dallewal Sahib. Therefore, the government should immediately fulfill the demands of the farmers and open Dallewal's fast to death.

Chancellor Dr. Zora Singh and Pro-Chancellor Dr. Tajinder Kaur honor Sahid son of legendary singer Mohammad Rafi



AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, DEC 30

In a grand tribute to the legendary singer Mohamad Rafi Saheb, the Yaadgar-e-Rafi Society organized the Rafi Memorial Nite-2024 to mark his 100th birth anniversary.

The event featured an enchanting evening of soulful melodies, with renditions of iconic songs sung by Rafi.The event was graced by Mr Harbhajan Singh ETO, cabnit minister Punjab chief guest and distinguished guests of honor, Dr. Zora Singh, Chancellor of Desh Bhagat University and Dr. Tajinder Kaur, Pro-Chancellor, who paid homage to the legendary artist.A special moment of the evening was the honoring of Sahid Rafi, the son of Rafi Saheb, his wife Firdaus Rafi and S Harbhajan Singh ETO cabnit minister, Punjab by Chancellor Dr. Zora Singh and Pro-Chancellor Dr. Tajinder Kaur.

On behalf of Yadgar-E-Rafi Society Dr Zora Singh honored Rafi and general secretary Mr BD Sharma. This gesture highlighted the enduring legacy of Mohamad Rafi, a voice that defined an era and continues to inspire millions. The musical performances during the event transported the audience to the golden age of Indian cinema, as artists beautifully revived Rafi Saheb's timeless classics along with the works of his contemporaries.

Panjab University students promote financial literacy and menstrual hygiene in Maloya



RAJIV JAIN
CHANDIGARH, DEC 30

Enactus team of Panjab University took an initiative to empower underprivileged communities through Financial Literacy and Menstrual Health & Hygiene Workshop at Maloya. The workshop was designed to help Maloya residents enhance their knowledge and improve their quality of life, conveyed Prof. Seema Kapoor, Faculty Advisor of Enactus team and Vice President of Corporate Sustainability Council, Women's Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CSC WICCI), Chandigarh. The program kicked off with a focused session on Menstrual Health and Hygiene, with Dr. Rajni Lamba, CEO of The Rural Environmental Enterprises Development Society (The REEDS), a renowned specialist in women's health, as the key speaker. Dr. Lamba spoke about the importance of menstrual hygiene and the need to break the stigma surrounding menstruation among women of rural and underserved communities.

Major initiatives undertaken by Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs dept. for transparency in ration distribution: Kataruchak

CHANDIGARH, DEC 30



The Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department had yet another successful year 2024 by undertaking several novel initiatives aimed at ensuring transparency in the functioning of the department. As many as 14420 E-PoS Kits including E-PoS devices and Iris scanners as well as Electronic Weighing Scales were purchased with a view to ensure hassle free distribution of the ration.

Disclosing this, the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister Mr. Lal Chand Kataruchak said that the tenders have been allotted in order to ensure the proper maintenance of the E-PoS machines and the Electronic Weighing Scales for the period of 5 years. Now, an E-PoS kit has been provided at each of the ration depots besides making sure to install Electronic Weighing Scales at these depots. He further said that in 2016, the margin money of the depot holders was Rs. 50 per quintal which has been increased to Rs. 90 Per Quintal and the increase has been implemented from April 2024. As a result, Rs. 38.43 crore stands released in this regard, said the Minister adding that this step would benefit 14400 ration depot holders in the State.

Besides, the department ensured a successful Rabi season by procuring 124.57 Lakh Metric Tonne (LMT) wheat for the central pool and crediting a sum of Rs. 28, 340.95 Crore in the accounts of 9 lakh farmers. Similarly, during the Kharif season, the department procured 172.93 LMT of paddy and credited an amount of Rs. 40,119.76 Crore into the accounts of approximately 8 lakh farmers. Also, till September 2024, 44,20,826 Quintals of Wheat was disbursed free of cost to the beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act (NFSA).

Taking strong steps to protect the interests of consumers, the Legal Meteorology wing earned revenue of Rs. 18.64 Crore by initiating action against those violating the principle of selling the goods in correct weight and quantity. Further, the 100 percent Aadhar Saturation was achieved and as per the Aadhar Saturation report of the UIDAI Dated November 11th, 2024, the State of Punjab ranks 7th amongst the States/UTs of the entire country.

Punjab Labour Department implemented many pro worker policies during 2024: Sond

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Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Labour Department has implemented many pro-workers policies during the year 2024. While special camps were organised across Punjab to make the workers aware of the government schemes and other policies, financial assistance worth crores of rupees were given to the workers under many welfare schemes.

Divulging the details, The Labour Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond said that all services/welfare schemes provided by the Department of Labour under various Acts have been digitized. He said that for example Approval of building plan, Acceptance of Stability Certificate. Registration of factory, Grant of license, Renewal of license, Amendment of license, Permission to employ women in night shift, Registration of Principal Employer, Grant of license to contractor, Payment of welfare fund, Claim of benefits of Punjab Labor Welfare Board, Registration of construction site, Registration of trade unions. Submission of Annual Returns under labor laws, claim of benefits of Punjab Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board, Registration of shop and commercial establishment etc have been digitised. He said that The Punjab Building & Other Construction workers welfare board has made various reforms like Simplification of Registration form, Translation of Form no. 27 in Punjabi for convenience of construction workers. He said that if any objection is imposed on the application of a worker, SMS is sent regarding the same to the construction worker and now Labour Inspectors will have to process the registration/renewal application within 14 days of receiving the application.

He further informed that The Punjab Building & Other Construction workers welfare board has simplified the terms and conditions of the various welfare schemes including Stipend Scheme, LTC Scheme and Shagun Scheme. Sond said that the Board has won SKOCH Award 2024 for policy formulation and implementation and distributed a total amount of 102.23 crore to 67,549 workers during financial year 2022-2023 and Rs 97.29 crore to 41,155 workers during financial year 2023-2024 under various welfare schemes.

Sherry Kalsi and Cabinet Minister attend first meeting of AAP, Chandigarh

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The first meeting of the office bearers of the newly announced organisation of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Chandigarh was held today in Sector 39. AAP Punjab Working President Amansher Singh Sherry Kalsi, Punjab Cabinet Minister Laljit Singh Bhullar, AAP Chandigarh Co-Incharge and Chairman Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board Dr. SS Ahluwalia along with President DSP Vijaypal and General Secretary Omkar Sunny Aulakh attended the meeting.

On this occasion, President DSP Vijaypal welcomed Punjab Working President Amansher Singh Sherry Kalsi, Punjab Cabinet Minister Laljit Singh Bhullar, AAP Chandigarh Co-Incharge and Chairman Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board Dr. SS Ahluwalia and thanked the party high command for the new responsibility. Dr. S.S Ahluwalia said on this occasion that every volunteer of Aam Aadmi Party is working day and night for the welfare of the city residents. A total of 86 office bearers have been appointed in the newly formed organization. A large number of other volunteers will also be given various posts by the party. He said that BJP has created many obstacles in the development of Chandigarh in the past and the city residents are very unhappy with these wrong deeds of BJP.

On this occasion, AAP Punjab Working President Amansher Singh Sherry Kalsi and Punjab Cabinet Minister Laljit Singh Bhullar congratulated all the office bearers and said that Aam Aadmi Party is the only party which gives big posts to even the smallest volunteers on the basis of their performance, he encouraged all the office bearers to intensify their efforts for the welfare of the people of Chandigarh.

On this occasion, all the office bearers thanked the party high command and assured the party that in the coming time they will work harder for the benefit of the city residents. Mayor Kuldeep Kumar, Vice President Councillor Hardeep Singh, Councillor Damanpreet Singh Badal, Abha Bansal, Secretary Meena Sharma, Kaushal Singh, Ravi Mani, Joint Secretary Mandeep Kalra, Simranjit Singh Simmi, Sunil Sehra, Sunny Bairwa, Rajesh Chaudhary, Kanta Dhamija, Harkesh Lucky Rana, Narendra Kumar Bhatia, Sudesh Khurcha, Spokesperson and Councillors Yogesh Dhingra, JJ Singh, Manmohan Pathak, Lalit Mohan, Sahil Makkar, Kanwalpreet Singh Judge, PP Ghai, Sharanjit Singh, Rajwinder Singh, Rulda Singh, Ferry Sofat, Shakeel, Rajinder Hindustani, Dr. Jagpal Singh, Desraj Sanawar, Dinesh Paswan, Sandeep, Vikrant Tanwar, Women Wing President Councillor Prem Lata, Councillor Suman, Mamta Kainth, Youth Wing President Councillor Ram Chandra Yadav and other officials were also present.

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Three youths arrested with stolen tractor

BARNALA DEHATI (BALWINDER AZAD): The police party of Rudeke Kalan police station has arrested three youths with stolen tractor. Giving information in this regard, SHO Sharif Khan of Rude Ke Clan said that a few days ago, the tractor of Buta Singh son of Bawa Singh, a resident of Pakhho Clan, was stolen from a petrol pump near Dhaula. In this regard, Buta Singh filed a complaint with the police. After the complaint, the police was actively searching for the police tractor, under which the police party arrested three youths along with the stolen tractor. The youths arrested by the police have been identified as Mandeep Khan son of Lal Khan resident of Pakho Clan, Amit Singh son of Pyara Singh resident of Pakho Clan, Manpreet Khan son of Shoki Khan resident of Mana District Muktsar. The youth arrested by the police are being produced in the District Magistrate's Court and are being remanded in police custody and are being closely interrogated regarding the matter. From which there is a possibility of more important revelations.



NEWS BRIEF

Markets remain closed on call of farmers' organizations

JS GILL

JAITU : Farmers have staged a protest on the Haryana-Punjab borders to get their remaining demands implemented from the central government, and farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dilewal has been on a hunger strike till death since November 26 to get the demands fulfilled and save Punjab's farmers, breeds and crops. Recently, the joint firm of Sanyakat Kisan Marcha, a non-political organization and Kisan Mazdoor Marcha, had given a call for a bandh on December 30 to people across the country on the instructions of farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dilewal and there were reports of people from all walks of life supporting this bandh, including various institutions of Punjab, Bus Operator Unions, Medical Practitioners Association and Insaaf Di Lehar Khatadar Union Punjab. During the bandh today, farmers of Block Bajakhana of BKU Ekta Sidhupur, under the leadership of farmer leaders Sakhpreet Singh Jhakharwala, Angrez Singh Wander, Ranjit Singh Dad, staged a protest from 7 am to 4 pm. On this occasion, the irresponsible attitude of the central government was strongly condemned by the farmer leaders. On this occasion, the farmer leaders said that it has been almost 35 days since farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dilewal sat on a fast unto death to get the accepted demands of the previous movement fulfilled and his health condition is very critical but the Prime Minister of the country is examining the farmers of the country as if the farmers are not of this country but residents of some other country.
They also pointed fingers at the Aam

Ajayvir Singh Lalpura meets Union Law Minister



BAHADURJEET SINGH
RUPNAGAR: Rupnagar district BJP President Ajayvir Singh Lalpura had a significant meeting with Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal in New Delhi. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss issues related to law and order in Punjab and other various problems. Lalpura apprised Law Minister Meghwal of the current situation in Punjab and drew his attention to various prevailing issues in the state. He explained the steps that could be taken to improve the law and order situation in Punjab and what kind of assistance is required from the central government. During the discussion, Ajayvir Singh Lalpura also engaged in an in-depth discussion on rising crime rates, drug problems, unemployment, and farmers' issues in Punjab.
Arjun Ram Meghwal listened to Lalpura earnestly and assured him that the central government would provide all possible assistance to resolve Punjab's problems. He emphasized that the central government is committed to the safety and prosperity of the people of Punjab and will take all necessary steps.

3 youngsters die in car accident



PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR: The car returning from the birthday party hit the divider and collided with the car coming from the other side, two youths died tragically in the accident, the third youth among the dead youths is Pankaj, a resident of Mehsompur village of Phillaur, while the second youth Deepak Bagga, who was a resident of Jalandhar, was a taxi driver who was returning from Ludhiana to Jalandhar.

Active role of all sections of society needed to eradicate drugs: Rajiv Verma



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR: An important meeting of the District Level Committee under the Narco Co-ordination Centre (Narco Co.ordination Centre) mechanism was held today at the District Administrative Complex under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner (JD) Rajiv Verma to review the campaign being run against drugs in the district and discuss the forward action plan. Officers from various departments including police, health and school education were also present in the meeting.
During the meeting, the Additional Deputy Commissioner said that the fight against drugs requires an active role not only from the administration but from all sections of society.

Rs 9.92 crore released for Scheduled Caste students: Dr Baljit Kaur

SHASHI PAL JAIN
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The Punjab government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, is working diligently for the welfare of Scheduled Caste students. Continuing this commitment, the Punjab Government has released ?9.92 crore to 1503 institutions in the state for students of classes 10+1 and 10+2 belonging to the Scheduled Caste category.

Sharing the details, Minister for Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities Dr. Baljit Kaur stated that ?9.92 crore has been sanctioned for 1503 institutions. She also informed that ?59.34 crore out of ?92.00 crore allocated had already been released to 256 institutions and efforts are being expedited to clear the remaining payments to other institutions.

Dr. Baljit Kaur highlighted that under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students, ?92.00 crore was allocated for fee payment (40%) for the academic years 2017-18 to 2019-20, benefiting students from Government institutions and Punjab students studying in institutions outside the state.

The minister appealed to parents to ensure the submission of income certificates so that students can maximize the benefits of this scheme.

She said that for the academic year 2024-25, the Punjab government has earmarked ?245.00 crore under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students to provide financial assistance to students. Dr. Baljit Kaur reiterated that the Punjab government, led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, is not only striving for the welfare of all sections of society but is also committed to securing a bright future for students belonging to Scheduled Castes.

She further mentioned that financial aid is directly transferred to the beneficiaries' bank accounts.



Punjab leads country in strengthening Anganwadi infrastructure : Randhawa

GURDASPUR (VERMA): The Punjab government has taken an important step to build 1,000 Anganwadi centers in the state to enhance the quality of services provided by Anganwadi centers. Giving information in this regard, the MLA of the Dera Baba Nanak assembly constituency said that the Punjab government is to build 1,000 Anganwadi centers under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). He said that each Anganwadi center is being built at a cost of Rs. 12 lakh. Proper flooring, painting, plumbing, electrification and woodwork will be done to ensure a conducive environment for children and mothers in these centres.

MLA S. Gurdeep Singh Randhawa further said that the construction work under the MGNREGA scheme is being carried out in collaboration with the Rural Development Department.



Increase of 2634.15 MLD in Punjab's sewerage treatment capacity in 2024: Dr Ravjot Singh

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, DEC 30

Under the leadership of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab government has made significant progress in providing better civic services and ensuring a clean environment for the residents of the state in 2024. This major advancement highlights the development in urban infrastructure and public service sectors within the state over the course of the year.

Minister for Local Governments, Dr. Ravjot Singh, shared that Punjab's total established sewerage treatment capacity has reached 2142 MLD (Million Liters per Day). With the addition of 492.15 MLD, the total capacity has now risen to 2634.15 MLD. The goal of this increase is to meet the growing needs of urban populations and ensure clean, purified water systems. Additionally, 52 Sewerage Treatment Plants (STPs) with a combined capacity of 607 MLD are under construction, with an estimated cost of Rs. 650 Crore. These projects are expected to be completed within the next 1-2 years, further expanding the state's sewerage management capabilities. Dr. Ravjot Singh further emphasized that the Punjab government has prioritized the improvement of urban infrastructure across the state. With the allocation of Rs. 450 Crore to urban local bodies (ULBs) in the current financial year, major development projects have been initiated. These initiatives will focus on modernizing urban areas, improving civic amenities, and enhancing the standard of living for residents.



Taking a major step to reduce dependence on groundwater, the government has launched large-scale surface water supply projects. Key cities such as Amritsar (440 MLD), Jalandhar (275 MLD), and Patiala (115 MLD) are already implementing these projects. Moreover, the Ludhiana Water Supply Project, with a capacity of 580 MLD, is expected to be operational soon. Additionally, 87 towns across the state are focused on surface water supply projects. These projects involve various phases, aiming to ensure continuous and sustainable water supply for urban populations. To ensure water availability, pilot projects for 24/7 water supply have been launched in Ludhiana, Amritsar, and Jalandhar. These initiatives are part of a broader plan to expand the "Drink From Tap" program to other cities in Punjab.

As part of the government's commitment to cleanliness, Punjab has made significant strides under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban). Rs. 401.73 Crore has been allocated for the purchase of solid waste management machinery, the establishment of processing facilities for solid waste, and the disposal of legacy waste. Additionally, 730 sewer cleaning machines, with an investment of Rs. 39.55 Crore, are being procured to address various issues related to sanitation and sewerage across the state.

Hampton Sky Realty ltd. donates 500 bedsheets at Civil Hospital



LUDHIANA (SHARMA): A Team of Hampton Sky Realty Limited under the leadership of CFO Deepak Sharma donated 500 bedsheets for the indoor patients of Civil Hospital here on Monday. The bedsheets were handed over to the hospital's Senior Medical Officer Dr Harpreet Singh. There was a dire need of bedsheets for the indoor patients of the hospital.SMO Dr Harpreet Singh highly thanked MP (Rajya Sabha) Sanjeev Arora for taking an initiative to arrange bedsheets for the hospital's patients. He added earlier, on the Arora's initiative 1,000 blankets were donated for the hospital's patients. Adding, SMO Dr Harpreet Singh said on the Arora's initiative several works are being carried out for renovation and upgradation of the civil hospital. He said they are highly thankful to Arora for carrying out all these public welfare works and specially for the patients. Many hospital staff members were present on the occasion.

Punjab first state in country to adopt practice of online appointments for registries

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Following the commitment of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann to provide hassle free and transparent online services to the residents of the state, the Revenue Department took several key steps under which Punjab became the first state in the country to successfully implement online registration and documentation for registries.

In the year 2024, major reforms were undertaken by the Revenue Department, which provided relief to the people. Apart from this, people have also derived advantage from the decision to approve registries without NoC since 1st December.

Divulging the details, Revenue and Rehabilitation Minister Hardip Singh Mundian said that Punjab is the first state in the country to launch the National Generic Document Registration System and implement it in all the sub-registrar offices of the state. More than 39 lakh wasikas have been registered through this system. Online time is available for registration and all the documents are submitted online. Apart from this, to make it easy to register properties, templates of properties have been prepared in easy language and uploaded on the website of the department. Along with this, auto-locking of e-stamps and e-registration has been made in the said system, which has prevented the reuse of e-stamps and e-receipts. With these initiatives, an increase in the collection of e-stamps has been recorded in the state. Mundian further said that taking an important decision to facilitate the residents of the state by digitizing the functioning of the revenue department, the Chief Minister has launched a website to streamline the process of registering private properties. More than 184 applications were received on the portal, out of which about 100 were disposed of.



Punjab Election Quiz-2025' to be conducted online and offline : DEO

SANGRUR (SUMER GARG): The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Punjab, Chandigarh to ensure maximum participation of people in democracy and awareness about the importance of voting is conducting 'Punjab Election Quiz-2025' dedicated to the 15th 'National Voter's Day'. While giving this information, the District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur, Mr. Sandeep Rishi said that under 'Punjab Election Quiz-2025' competitions are being conducted both online and offline. The District Election Officer(DEO) said that the online registration for these competitions can be done till 17th January 2025 and the online election quiz competition will be held on 19th January 2025 and the state level offline competition will be held on 24th January 2025. He said that in the first round, the winners will be identified at the district level under the online competition and the final offline competition will be held between the winners of 23 districts on January 24 at Ludhiana.



Sandeep Rishi said that online registration can be done for Punjab Election Quiz-2025 and voter ID card, Aadhaar card or school/college issued identity card can be submitted to participate in the competition. He said that the winners at the state level will be announced by the CEO on the occasion of the state level National Voter's Day being held in Ludhiana district and special prizes will be awarded by the Punjab government.

Stationery distributed to hundreds of children by Nishkam Seva Mandal



RAKESH SHARMA
NABHA, DEC 30

Like every year, the Nishkam Seva Mandal Vrindavan Dham under the leadership of Pandit Anu Sharma ji has distributed goods to the Sant Samaj at Sri Radha Gopi Kunj Vrindavan Dham. There, stationery was distributed to hundreds of children today.

On this occasion, stationery, socks, boots, food items were distributed to the children. Pandit Anu Sharma, chief sevaman of the mandal while talking to the media persons said that langar is installed by Nishkam Seva Mandal at Vrindavan Dham Chetan Kutia, Parikarma Marg every morning. in which hundreds of saints Mahatma and passers-by enjoy the langar. He said that daily social welfare activities are done with the support of people. Anu Sharma said that stationery, boots and socks etc. have been distributed to around 100 children today. he said that doing this kind of service gives peace to the heart. This helps the needy children on this occasion.

Retired teacher Paramjit Kaur Bajakhana wins 5000, 800 and 400 metres race at Master Athletics Championship, Firozpur

JS GILL
JAITU, DEC 30

In the last days of the year 2024, retired teacher Paramjit Kaur Bajakhana won the first positions in the 5000 meters, 800 meters and 400 meters race at the Master Athletics Championship Firozpur, bringing glory to herself, her village Bajakhana, Harjit Club Bajakhana and New Gangsar Sports Club.

The managing committee of the place and the chief guest specially honored her by giving her a token of honor. On which Harjit Kabaddi Club Bajakhana President Sarabjit Singh Brar, Kuldeep Singh Dhillon Fiji, Jagsir Singh Sira Dhillon, Jagsir Singh Brar Sira Sarpach Bajakhana, Resham Singh Brar Sarpach Bajakhana Kharad, Garvidar Singh Babu Dhillon Sarpach Bajakhana Nawan, Harjit Singh Chinan Badal Member of the Panchayat, Pawandeep Singh Dhillon, Lakha Dhillon, Senior Congress Leader Bhagat Singh Chahal, Prabhjit Singh Brar, Kalbir Singh Dhillon Former Sarpach, Garveer Singh Brar Former Sarpach, Laxman Singh Brar Former Sarpach, Satpal Neta, Mengal Singh Dhillon, Pal Singh Brar, Zara Singh Brar, Jasvir Singh Jassi Brar, Sarabjit Singh Brar Nabardar, Harjidar Singh Dhillon, Harmeet Singh Bajakhana expressed their happiness and prayed to God that the Seva Makt teacher Bibi Paramjeet Kar may prosper day and night.



Punjab bets on govt jobs, skill dev to stop brain drain : Arora

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Responding to Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann's clarion call to stop the brain drain and turn the youth into job creators rather than job seekers, Punjab Government has not just provided around fifty thousand regular jobs in the various departments of the state government but also walked an extra mile to make the state youth skilful, besides, helping them in starting their own ventures.

While underlining the two years and 9 months achievements of the state government, Punjab employment generation, skill development and training minister, Mr. Aman Arora said that as many as 49,949 government jobs have been provided to the youth in the first 33 months of its tenure, which is a record in itself. Apart from this, 2,65,430 candidates have also been provided assistance to get jobs in the private sector by organizing over 4,725 placement camps in the state. Punjab skill development mission has given skill training to 64427 candidates through captive employers, Government as well as private skill training agencies in courses like automotive machine operator, fitter, advanced respiratory therapist, desludge operator, warehouse packer, general duty assistant, security guard, courier delivery executive, electrician, beauty therapist, CNC operator, solar panel technician etc followed by employment to 47,821 candidates. He further informed that 8,56,874 candidates were given career guidance, 23,917 career talks were delivered in school colleges and conducting 1,373 self-employment camps, in which 1,77,049 applicants were given guidance for obtaining sanction for self-employment-loans, to encourage self-employment and entrepreneurship in the state. Mr Arora informed that a total of 74 cadets of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Armed Forces Preparatory Institute, SAS Nagar (Mohali) have been commissioned as officers in defence services since the CM Mann led-Punjab Government has come into power. As many as 64 cadets have joined training academies.



Jalandhar Administration gives healing touch to stranded train passengers



PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, DEC 30

The District Administration, under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal on Monday extended a humanitarian gesture by providing refreshments to stranded passengers of the Pune-Jammu train at Jalandhar Cantt Railway Station.

Following the Deputy Commissioner's directive, a team of Red Cross Society volunteers swiftly reached the station to assist the passengers affected by the unexpected halt. The volunteers distributed tea, biscuits, water, bread, and food packets, offering warmth and comfort to the stranded individuals.

Secretary Red Cross Society highlighted that the initiative reflects the administration's commitment to addressing public needs during exigencies.

The passengers, who were visibly relieved by the support, appreciated the administration's proactive efforts and reciprocated with gratitude.

New cooperative sugar mill project launched by Pb govt will bring prosperity to area: Sherry Kalsi

VERMA
GURDASPUR, DEC 30

The year 2024 has been a memorable and historic one for the sugarcane farmers of Batala area. Due to the efforts of Batala MLA and Aam Aadmi Party State Working President Mr. Aman Sher Singh Sherry Kalsi, the Mann government upgraded the second oldest cooperative sugar mill of the state, Batala, from 1200 TCD to 3500 TCD at a cost of Rs. 330 crore, the Batala area has been given a big gift due to its capacity.

This new project of Cooperative Sugar Mill Batala will not only increase the area under sugarcane cultivation in the area, but it will also create new employment opportunities for the youth. Thanking the Punjab Government, State Working President Mr. Aman Sher Singh Sherry Kalsi said that Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann has fulfilled the decades-old demand of the farmers by inaugurating the new project of Batala Sugar Mill. He said that the capacity of this sugar mill, which was running since 1961, was 1200 TCD and its machinery was very old, due to which this mill was crushing less sugarcane. He said that due to the low crushing capacity of the mill, the farmers had to take their sugarcane to distant mills, due to which they lost their time and money. Due to this, many farmers had also stopped sowing sugarcane.



MLA Mr. Sherry Kalsi said that the Punjab government has increased the capacity of the cooperative sugar mill Batala to 3500 TCD by spending Rs. 330 crore and a 14 MW co-generation plant has also been installed in it. Refined sugar will be produced in this mill and it will be the first cooperative sugar mill in the state to do so.

Mr. Sherry Kalsi said that the mill has a target of crushing 35 lakh quintals of sugarcane during the current season and it is an environment-friendly plant. He said that this is the first sugar mill of its kind in India where 100 percent gas pipeline will be laid and its capacity is 14000 cubic meters per day.

Jalandhar police hold strict vigil during "Punjab Bandh"



PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, DEC 30

In light of the statewide "Punjab Bandh" call by farmers, Sh. Swapan Sharma, Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar, along with his officers , conducted a comprehensive inspection across key areas in the city to ensure public safety, peace, and order.

Swapan Sharma visited multiple strategic checkpoints and inspected police presence at these critical locations. He emphasized the need for heightened vigilance and immediate responsiveness from law enforcement officers, urging them to act swiftly in case of any untoward incidents or disruptions. CP Jal stated that the safety and well-being of the public are our top priorities. To maintain law and order throughout the city, approximately 1,200 police personnel have been deployed across five divisions at 24 key points.

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Promotion list of deputy director and principal should be released soon: Rajan Sharma



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: Himachal Pradesh School Lecturers Association (HPSLA) State President Lokendra Negi, Provincial Organization Secretary Rajan Sharma, former State President Dr. Ashwani Kumar have urged the government to promote teachers with less than one year of service as Principal and Deputy Director. Association press secretary Rajan Sharma said that especially those teachers who have been waiting for their promotion for many years should also get an opportunity. HPSLA members argue that due to lack of promotion for a long time, or for some other reason, many senior employees have not been able to get the opportunity for promotion. At present, many lecturers are working as acting principals and many principals are also working as acting deputy directors.

NEWS BRIEF

Tourist bus overturns on Kalka-Shimla NH near Datiyar-Jabali



SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: A tourist bus traveling from Delhi to Shimla overturned on the Kalka-Shimla National Highway 5 near Datiyar on Monday morning. The accident occurred at around 7:05 AM. Eight passengers sustained minor injuries in the incident. Traffic movement was restricted to one-way on the highway due to the mishap.

Motorcyclist dies after crashing into pole

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: On Monday, a motorcycle (HP 12N-5470) collided with a pole near the material gate of Alliance Company in Bhatolikalan, Barotiwala. The accident occurred due to overspeeding and negligence by the rider. Both the rider and the pillion sustained serious head and body injuries. With the help of local residents, they were rushed to Brooklyn Hospital, Jharmajri. However, the motorcyclist, identified as Rajkumar alias Raju, son of Layak Ram from Nibhar Ramshahr, was declared dead by the doctors. SP Vinod Dhiman stated that a case has been registered, and further investigation is underway.

Snow at upper reaches of Dalhousie, Khajjiar road closed

BALKRISHAN PRASHAR
DALHOUSIE: The upper reaches of Dalhousie wooded hills had snowfall today resulting which the Banikhet-Dalhousie-Khajjiar via Lakkarmandi road had been closed for vehicular traffic due to icy road surface in Khajjiar and Jot pass. According to official reports, the Jot pass and Khajjiar had 15 centimetres of snow due to which the Chamba-Bhattiyat via Jot highway had been closed. The reports further told that the Chamba-Bharmour national highway was open upto Kharamukh as the Bharmour hills had been experiencing snow since last night.

Govt plans to spend Rs. 1570 crore to revolutionize the health sector: CM

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, DEC 30



Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said here today that the State Government is going to revolutionize the healthcare sector with an estimated capital expenditure of Rs. 1570 crore to be spent on the procurement of state-of-art medical equipments and machineries to benefit the people of the State. He said that annually 9.50 lakh patients are travelling out of the State for diagnostic and treatment resulting in a loss of Rs. 1350 crore of GDP per year. He said that this is a serious concern and the present State Government is prioritizing to strengthen healthcare infrastructure in the State to save the valuable money and time of the thousands of patients.

Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that medical colleges are being upgraded with the facility of robotic surgery in Neurology, Oncology, orthopedics and other departments as this will reduce the workload of the doctors and would also benefit the patients receiving treatments. He said that the process for installing modern PET Scan and MRI machines in IGMC, Shimla and Dr. Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College, Tanda, district Kangra is underway and this would be dedicated shortly. The Chief Minister said that a Cancer Care Centre of Excellence would also be set up in Dr. Radhakrishnan Government Medical College, Hamirpur with ultramodern facilities with an estimated cost of Rs. 300 crore. He said that this facility would have State's first cyclotron machine alongwith the facility of radiation and nuclear medicine therapy. He said that this centre would have 150 dedicated beds for the cancer patients.

Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu also directed to upgrade and strengthen the 69 healthcare facilities with enhanced level of care in the State by adding specialty beds and diagnostic capabilities in these hospitals. These health facilities will also be strengthened for secondary care, emergency services, equipment abilities and facility safety measures including fire fighting infrastructure and improvement in internal mobility etc. He said that special focus would be laid to establish in-house laboratories for enhancement of diagnostic and treatment facilities at Zonal Hospitals, Regional Hospitals, District Hospitals and Community Health Centres. He said that modular operation theatres would be established in Zonal Hospitals and Civil Hospitals under this plan. He said that these measures would go a long way in preventing the migration of patients to other States for diagnostic and treatments while boosting medical tourism in the State. The Chief Minister instructed the officers to accelerate the process of upgrading the healthcare facilities in the State and said that there is no dearth of money for this and the State Government would provide additional funding if required. He said that State Government is committed to provide world class health care facilities to the people of the State at their doorsteps.

Exercise for revision of BPL families lists to commence from April, 2025: CM Sukhu



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, DEC 30

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that the exercise for revision of the list of BPL families will commence in the State in the month of April, 2025. He was presiding over a review meeting of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj department here today. He directed the officers that it should be ensured that only genuine families appear in the BPL list and to formulate a new criteria in this regard. He instructed the department to formulate this criterion before 5th January, 2025 followed by the approval of the Cabinet. The new guidelines will be shared with the general public in the Gram Sabha scheduled in January 2025. Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu directed to constitute a two members Committee at the Sub Divisional level comprising the SDM and BDO to verify the lists of BPL families recommended by the Gram Sabha to ensure transparency. He emphasized on a robust mechanism to identify the deserving BPL families so that they are not deprived of the benefits being extended to such families. He also said that the State Government is considering revision of the annual income for selecting BPL families. The Chief Minister said that any objections against the final BPL families lists can be submitted to the respective Deputy Commissioner and Divisional Commissioner, who will have the authority to review and address these grievances.

Case registered regarding fighting between two groups

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB, DEC 30

Five people have been injured in a fight between two groups over the possession of a temple in Suri of subdivision Amb. Police have registered a case on the basis of complaints from both the sides and have started further proceedings. According to information, Kuldeep Singh, the president of Suri Panchayat and temple committee has registered a case that on Sunday he was sitting in the temple with his two companions Rajinder Kumar and Jagdev Singh after closing the gate, when two police officers came to investigate on their complaint. As soon as he opened the gate of the temple for them, Pratap Singh, Bhawani Singh, Sher Singh, Shavina Devi, Milkhi Ram, Laaj Banti, Ranjit Singh, Chanchala Devi, Rajinder Kumar, Gurdayal Singh, Chain Singh, Vital Kumar, Saligram, Shamsher Singh, Sant Ram, Ranjit Singh, Sunny Kumar, Suman Devi, Vittu Vakt came inside the temple from behind and attacked him. During this, these people attacked his wife and son who came to rescue him, as well as the police, in which he, his wife and his son were injured.

Kuldeep Kumar alleges that his wife is a cancer patient and during this fight she also fell unconscious. After this, the local people intervened and rescued them from the clutches of these people. Kuldeep Kumar says that these people threaten to kill him and his family. They beat them almost everyday to forcibly occupy the temple. He has appealed to the police to provide security and justice to his family. On the other hand, Pratap Singh, son of Mehar Singh, resident of Suri Tehsil Amb District Una, has filed a case that he goes to the temple every day to pay obeisance. On Sunday, when he reached the temple, Kuldeep Kumar, Avinash Kumar, Anjana Kumari, Daljit Singh, Vinod Kumar, Manoj Sharma, Rajendra Sharma, Soma Devi, Jagdev Singh, Joginder Singh, Manoj Kumar, Ajay Kumar, Anuradha, Anjana Kumari, Sham Thakur, Samit Thakur, Manish Rana, Aman Thakur, Sanjab Kumar, Meena Kumari, Kesari Devi, Jarnail Singh, Kamlesh Kumari, Asha Kumari beat him up and threatened to kill him and his family. Police has registered a cross case on the basis of complaint of both the parties and started further action.

Empowering youth for self-reliants: Minister Rajesh Dharmani

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, DEC 30



Himachal Pradesh's Town Planning, Housing, Technical Education, Vocational, and Industrial Training Minister, Mr. Rajesh Dharmani, conducted an extensive inspection of the Industrial Training Institute (ITI) Barthin in Bilaspur. The minister's visit underscored the government's commitment to fostering skill development and self-reliance among youth. During his visit, the minister interacted with women trainees in the dress-making business, praising their creativity while advising them to align their products with multinational standards to boost market demand. Encouraging innovation, he emphasized the importance of adapting to evolving entrepreneurial and market trends. Inspecting other trades, including Electrical, COPA, Electronic Mechanic, and Welding, Mr. Dharmani engaged with students, listened to their concerns, and inspired them to sharpen their technical abilities. He highlighted the significance of entrepreneurship as a pathway to self-reliance and motivated trainees to explore business opportunities alongside traditional employment.

The minister also proposed a collaborative approach, urging the institute to partner with external organizations to enhance practical training and business acumen. He suggested creating market-driven products to generate income for the institute, empowering trainees with real-world business experience.

Principal Sachin Sharma highlighted the institute's ongoing initiatives, sharing that trainees from three trades are currently undergoing on-job training in Mohali and Chandigarh, earning a stipend of Rs13,000 per month. Praising these efforts, Minister Dharmani termed the initiative a commendable step towards youth empowerment and creating better employment opportunities. His visit reinforced the government's vision of skill-based, market-oriented training for building a self-reliant and prosperous Himachal Pradesh.

Haroli: From water crisis to model of efficient water management

KISHORI LAL BAINS



UNA: The Haroli constituency in Himachal Pradesh, once plagued by severe water shortages, has now emerged as a beacon of efficient water management. Over the past year, this region has witnessed transformative changes, setting an example for sustainable water management practices. These efforts have not only resolved immediate water crises but also laid a solid foundation for future water needs. Under the leadership of Haroli MLA and Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri, the constituency has seen groundbreaking advancements in water management. Over the past year, nine drinking water projects worth Rs. 41 crore have been inaugurated, providing clean drinking water to more than 45,000 people. Additionally, ten more projects worth Rs. 122 crore are currently under construction. In a remarkable achievement, 64 large water storage tanks with a total capacity of 12.8 million liters have been built within just a year at a cost of Rs. 22 crore. These tanks are not only addressing current water shortages but are also designed to meet future needs, reflecting Agnihotri's commitment to public welfare and long-term development. According to Haroli's Executive Engineer of the Jal Shakti Department, Puneet Sharma, these storage tanks represent more than just infrastructure; they guarantee a brighter, healthier future for thousands of families in Haroli. Clean drinking water is now available year-round, thanks to an emphasis on recharging water sources and constructing large-scale storage facilities.

Sukhu govt will collapse under its own weight: Rajendra Rana

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR, DEC 30



Former Sujanpur MLA Rajendra Rana has accused the state government of unprecedented financial mismanagement, claiming that for the first time in Himachal Pradesh's history, the state treasury has been effectively shut down. He criticized Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's claims of improved economic conditions, stating that despite bills worth crores being approved, payments are not being released, and treasuries remain locked.

Rana alleged that funds from NABARD and central schemes are being diverted to cover employee salaries, leading to the collapse of the state's financial structure. He further accused the government of squandering public funds on favored individuals while failing to provide relief to the public and state employees.

Expressing concern for contractors, Rana noted that despite completing government projects, they are not being paid for their work. Many contractors, who relied on loans to complete these projects, are now facing financial crises.

Rana described the government's actions as being against employees and the common people, claiming that it has betrayed the trust of the state's citizens. Predicting a short tenure for the Sukhu administration, he declared that this government "will collapse under its own weight."

There were violent clashes between India and China in Galwan Valley: Dolma Tsering

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, DEC 30



The autobiography book of Dawa Shaurya Chakra was released at the Tibetan Settlement Office McLeod Ganj Hall. Dawa is a respected former military political leader who has been awarded the prestigious Shaurya Chakra and several other gallantry awards for his exceptional bravery and leadership during his decades of service in the Indian Army, especially during the Bangladesh Liberation War and Operation Meghdoot. In her address, Deputy Speaker Dolma Tsering reiterated the advice of the Dalai Lama to document the lives of the elder generations of Tibetans who have made invaluable contributions to the common good of Tibet in various ways. The Deputy Speaker described her experiences during the Chinese occupation of Tibet, especially at her birthplace Lhoka, and highlighted the culture, monasteries and landscape of the region in remarkable detail. She also shared insights of Dawa Shaurya Chakra about monastic life and how her entry into the monastic community enriched her experiences in multifaceted ways. His reflection of other important events in his life, including the occupation of Tibet by the Chinese Communist army, his enrollment in the Tibetan guerrilla group Chu-She-Gangdruk, which was founded by Andruksang Gonpo Tashi at Chaxa Driku Thang in Lhoka and comprised volunteers from all three provinces of Tibet, all of which are described in detail. He said that after the great uprising of 10 March 1959, he followed the footsteps of the Dalai Lama and went into exile in India. Though he initially worked as the director of the Tibetan refugee carpet factory in Dalhousie, his determination to resist the Chinese occupation eventually led him to join the Indian Army.

TB eradication camp organized in Govt ITI Pandoga by Health Department Una



KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: TB eradication campaign Camp was organized in Government ITI Pandogaon Monday today. This Camp was organized under leadership of Dr Pushwinder Singh Rana BMO Haroli. Heawared the students about TB disease. He was given the informationabout TB symptoms and prevention. In this camp, from Health Department MHS Mohan Lal, STS Satish, Asha Workers, Vishal Choudhary Principal of ITI Pandoga and staff were present.

Snow blower machine flagged off in snow valley of Pangi



BALKRISHAN PRASHAR
CHAMBA: In order to remove snow from the roads in the remote and mountainous Pangi tribal valley in Chamba district, the Resident Commissioner (RC) of Pangi, Raman Gharsangi today flagged off a truck-mounted snow blower machine. Resident Commissioner said that the state-of-the-art machine would be helpful in speedy opening of roads blocked due to heavy snowfall during the winters in Pangi valley. The machine had been purchased by the Public Works Department (PWD) at a cost of Rs 2.11 crore, he added. He said that till now JCB machines were used to remove snow from the roads, which took more time.

Hamirpur-Awahadevi National Highway turns into a mess of mud and puddles

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR, DEC 30



The condition of National Highway No. 3, under construction for the past two and a half years, has worsened significantly, especially after two days of rain. From Hamirpur to Awahadevi, the road is marred by mud and waterlogged areas, causing immense inconvenience to the public. Despite widespread frustration, no strict action has been taken against the negligent construction companies, leaving people questioning the silence of local representatives.

Residents like Deshraj, Bhumi Raj, Daljit, Rajesh, and others are demanding immediate action to complete the roadwork at a rapid pace. They are left wondering when the ordeal will finally end.

The most problematic stretches include Kot, Thana, Darkoti, Tauni Devi Bazaar, Bari Mandir's incline, Kolhu Siddh, Barada, Panjot, Sameerpur, and areas near the Awahadevi bypass. Large vehicles face significant risks at Bari Mandir and Kolhu Sidd, while sections like the Darkoti and Tauni Devi bypass remain incomplete. The 40-kilometer stretch from Hamirpur to Karnohal, awarded to Gawar Construction Limited on June 22, 2022, for ?223.272 crore under the World Bank-funded Green Highway Corridor project, was supposed to be completed by December 20, 2024, with five years of maintenance. However, the project was sublet to Surya Construction Company, raising questions about accountability and quality. The supervising agency, LN Malviya Infra Projects Pvt. Ltd., has been largely absent over the past two and a half years. NHIA site engineer Sushil Kumar stated that construction companies have been instructed to expedite the work and address dangerous sections immediately. Meanwhile, supervisor Shrikant assured that conditions at Tauni Devi, Bari Mandir, and Barada would improve soon. Residents, however, remain skeptical, demanding a resolution to their prolonged struggles.

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Mann ki Baat of PM heard by BJP workers



MANPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: At booth number 211, sat with booth workers and listened to country's successful Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, in 117th episode of Mann ki Baat. In today's episode, cancer is being defeated through Ayurveda. Youth of country is making their mark in field of sports and film personalities like Raj Kapoor, Mohammed Rafi, Mukesh, Jagjit Singh are still alive among youth through art. In field of painting, artists depict liveliness of life in statues of animals and gods. Master Narendra Gorasi, BUY President Mahavir Parmeshwar, Omprakash Tarachand, Surendra Kumar, Sanjeev Kumar, Rajiv Kumar, Ankit Kumar, Doctor Prakash Chandra, Balwinder Kumar, Rajkumar, Naresh Saini were present.

School buses being operated in serious violation of rules will not run on roads: DC



RANVIRPARASHAR
KAITHAL: DC Preeti has instructed the District Education Officer and RTA Secretary that school buses being operated in serious violation of rules should not be allowed to run on roads. School operators should fulfil parameters for operating buses during winter holidays so that no unpleasant situation has to be faced. Ensuring safety of general public is priority of district administration. To prevent road accidents and provide safe traffic, it is very important to have mutual coordination between all concerned departments and officials. Whatever responsibility is of department, complete it on time and ensure that related ATR is sent on time. She also urged general public to follow all road safety rules due to fog and mist. DC was chairing monthly meeting of Road Safety Committee in auditorium of Mini Secretariat today. DC discussed point-wise agendas in detail during meeting. She instructed police department to identify all illegal cuts and black spots and take necessary steps. Also, illegal cuts should be closed immediately. DC instructed to form a committee under chairmanship of ADC regarding illegal cuts. Committee will include officials of RTA, XEN B&R and NHAI who will give a report regarding need for legal cuts in district and closing illegal cuts.

Country and the State are on path of dev: Ranbir Gangwa

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Public Works (Building and Roads) and Pulic Health Engineering Minister, Sh. Ranbir Gangwa, said that both the Central and State Governments have launched various schemes aimed at benefiting the most marginalized sections of society. Gangwa made these remarks while addressing public grievances in Barwala, Hisar district, today. He personally heard the concerns of the residents and instructed the concerned officials to take immediate action to resolve the issues.
He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi and Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini, both the country and the state are making rapid progress. He emphasized that Sh. Modi's vision and leadership have significantly enhanced India's credibility on the global stage. He also highlighted that the Samadhan Camps, organized by the District Administration on the instructions of the State Government, are playing a crucial role in addressing the issues of the common people.

In just 107 days, we took important decision in the interest of the candidates, Himmat Singh

CHANDIGARH: The Haryana Staff Selection Commission (HSSC) Chairman, Sh. Himmat Singh while addressing a press conference on Monday said that since assuming office on June 8, 2024, and the subsequent reconstitution of the Commission on July 18, 2024, significant steps have been taken to streamline the recruitment process in the interest of candidates.
He shared that this year, the Commission declared results for a total of 56,830 candidates, of which approximately 36,000 results were successfully announced in just 56 working days by the Commission. Divulging the details about the Commission's achievements and initiatives, Sh. Himmat Singh said that the Commission has utilized social media platforms to raise awareness among candidates and linked them with the Commission's official website. For the first time, candidates can directly contact any officer of the Commission via phone or message to register their complaints. He said that the Commission strongly advocated for the interests of the candidates in court regarding the delayed recruitments.

Hry stands first in PRAGATI Dashboard: Chief Secretary reviews crime tracking system

CHANDIGARH, DEC 30



Haryana Chief Secretary Dr Vivek Joshi presided over the 29th meeting of the State Apex Committee for Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) here today.

It was revealed in the meeting that Haryana has consistently topped the PRAGATI Dashboard 29 times in the past 39 months, showcasing the sustained excellence and commitment of the state police force since June 2021. The portal is supervised by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) for all states and union territories.

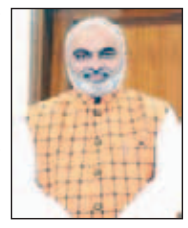
In addition, Haryana Police has also achieved a perfect 10/10 score on the RTS dashboard for citizen services provided through the HarSamay portal. As of December 26, 2024, Haryana Police has completed over 64,57,071 applications, processing them within the prescribed timelines. This performance has placed Haryana Police at the forefront among all departments in the state, with the highest number of applications processed through the SARAL portal. It was informed that e-Summon facility has been successfully implemented in Sirsa district which was selected for this pilot project. The Chief Secretary was informed that e-Summon portal will be made operational by 31st January in the state. It was also informed that the provision of sending alerts from e-Prsions to concerned SHOs and SPs on release of wanted persons and repeated offenders has been made.

Significant developments were also reported during the meeting regarding the implementation of various technological initiatives. On November 21, 2024, a live dashboard was integrated into the CCTNS Core Application Software, as part of the DGsP/IGsP Conference. This addition aims to further streamline the tracking of crime and criminal data in real time. Furthermore, the introduction of the e-Sign facility in the FIR (IIF-1) system on November 29, 2024, and in the Final Form (IIF-5) system on December 20, 2024, is expected to bring greater efficiency to the documentation and processing of police records.

The Haryana Police has also seen a notable rise in the number of e-Sakshya users, which grew from 14,872 users on August 30, 2024, to 17,655 users by December 27, 2024. In line with its efforts to improve operational efficiency, the State Crime Records Bureau (SCRB) has developed a CCTNS Mobile App for iOS. The app will soon be made available to further enhance the mobility and accessibility of CCTNS services for officers on the ground. Additionally, Haryana Police is working on installing Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) to facilitate secure access on mobile devices, with support from HARTRON and NIC being sought for the installation process.

BJP has transformed system in favour of people: Jagmohan Anand

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DEC 30



Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand said that the Bharatiya Janata Party transformed system in its 10-year tenure. Today common people are taking advantage of the government schemes while sitting at home. Work is being done with the spirit of Antyodaya across the state. The benefits of government schemes are reaching the last person standing in the queue. He said that when the BJP government first took the responsibility of public service at the Center and then in the state, then the work started in the true sense with the spirit of Antyodaya. A system was created through the family identity card. Now the real needy people sitting at home get their BPL cards made. PPP is a progressive, transparent and authentic system for every citizen of Haryana. Development is taking place rapidly under the leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and Karnal MP and Union Minister Manohar Lal. MLA Jagmohan Anand said that the people of Karnal have elected him to the Haryana Vidhan Sabha. It is my responsibility to get the issues and problems related to Karnal resolved quickly. Efforts are being made rapidly in this direction. He said that anyone can bring his complaint to his camp office. The complaint should be in writing and the name, address and mobile number should be recorded on it. Whatever legitimate work is there, it will be completed on a priority basis.

Royal family distributes sweaters, shoes, socks to students

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, DEC 30



The royal family distributed jerseys, shoes and socks to all the small children of Government Primary School Thanesar-1 to protect them from the increasing cold. Municipal Council President Uma Sudha was the special guest in this noble programme.

She praised the selfless social service being done by the said organization. The dignified presence of Block Education Officer Thanesar Indu Kaushik further enhanced the beauty of the program. The stage of the programme organised during this time was conducted by Amit Malik. On this occasion, Jagmohan Kawatra, Dinesh Verma, Vineet Wadhwa, Twinkle Gupta, Manish Bajaj, Naveen Dhamija, Diwakar Handa, Pawan Kamra, Amit Arora, Tanuj Kathpal, Gurdev Sidhu and school staff members gave their selfless services.

Crime Branch-1 police team arrests snatcher



YAMUNANAGAR (RAHUL KOHLI): A police spokesperson said that the Crime Branch-1 police team has succeeded in arresting a snatcher. The accused was produced in the court and sent to judicial custody. In the above case, three snatchers have already been arrested. Crime Branch-1 in-charge Kewal Singh informed that Kukku, son of Mamachand, resident of Deha Basti Shivpuri-B, had lodged a complaint that his son Vishal had gone to Sassoli Road crematorium for his work on June 05. When he was going on foot, two-three boys stopped him on the way and forcibly snatched a gold earring from his ear. Then these boys ran away from the spot. On this information, a team was formed under the leadership of ASI Parveen. The team took action and arrested the fourth accused as well. He was identified as Kuldeep Singh, son of Kulwant Singh, resident of Tilak Nagar Farakpur. The accused was produced in the court and sent to judicial custody. Three snatchers have already been arrested in the above case.

Rana distributes cheques under Kisan and Khetihar Mazdoor Jeevan Suraksha Yojana

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
ASSANDH, DEC 30



Under the "Mukhyamantri Kisan and Khetihar Mazdoor Jeevan Suraksha Yojana 2013" at the Market Committee office, Assandh MLA Yogendra Rana today distributed cheques of special financial assistance of Rs. 5 lakhs to Sonia, wife of late Anil Kumar of village Jaisinghpura and Rs. 37500 to Bhupendra of village Jalmana! Giving information on this occasion, Rana said that as per the government scheme, these cheques were given to the dependents of those farmers and labourers who had suffered physical disability or death due to an accident while doing farming work.

He said that the benefit of this government scheme is available to those people who die in an accident or suffer physical disability while working with agriculture, machinery, implements, tools, equipment, machinery, digging wells, installing tube wells, working on poisonous gas, crane, crusher, oil mill, fodder cutting machine, thresher.

Giving further information, Yogender Rana said that apart from this, death of farmer or labourer due to electric current while operating any agricultural equipment and due to accident with any animal cart, truck or any other vehicle while transporting any agricultural produce by vehicle and due to electric current or fire crisis due to use of any insecticide, pesticide, weed killer during agricultural work. Financial assistance is given by the government in case of death due to accident while unloading, shifting or weighing agricultural produce in the market yard and due to snake or other poisonous creature bite during agricultural work and to avail the benefit of this scheme, it is necessary to fill the application form within two months of the accident and submit it to the concerned market committee office. Asandh Mandal President Ram Avtar, Mandi Supervisor Dharambir, Mohan Lal, Market Committee Secretary Krishna Dhankhar were present.

Will spread Ratan Tata's teachings of honesty in business to youth: SP Chauhan



KARNAL (SHIV KUMAR SHARMA): SP Chauhan, the real hero of `The Struggling Man' and the convener of Navchetna Manch, who appealed for a concrete policy by writing a letter to Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Saini to stop the misuse of mobile phones in the temples of education in the year 2024 and to run a strong campaign against the increasing drug addiction in schools and colleges, has said on the eve of New Year that both these campaigns will continue in the year 2025 as well. In the year 2025, the Haryana Government and Navchetna Manch will take concrete steps together to make both these campaigns successful in collaboration with the government. In this regard, he has had a positive conversation with Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini.

Apart from this, we will make students of schools and colleges aware about the practical life of late Ratan Tata, who is considered a source of inspiration for honesty in business, so that new light can be shed on employment aspects in their lives and they can achieve the desired position in their lives. From January 2025, during the prayer time, we will say something new every day on the life of late Ratan Tata in all our schools, our teachers and managers will manage this arrangement. Late Ratan Tata is such an example in the business world that will be cited for ages. SP Chauhan told the media that he has been presenting the ideals of life of great men like Swami Vivekanand, Swami Dayanand, Guru Nanak Dev Ji, Guru Gobind Singh Ji, Kabir Saheb, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, Baba Ambedkar Saheb, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, Shaheed Azam Bhagat Singh, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose etc. to the new generation through Navchetna Manch.

Fed up of harrassment by in-laws, woman commits suicide

RAJIV KUMAR
PANIPAT, DEC 30

A case has come to light in Kurana village of the police station area where a woman consumed sulphas after being fed up with her in-laws. She died during treatment.

The woman's son informed his aunt about his mother consuming sulphas. Dilbagh, a resident of Shiv Nagar, Karnal, in a complaint to the Matalouda police station, said that he has two sons and two daughters.

He married his third daughter Savita Devi to Mahendra, a resident of Kurana, in the year 2005.

After the marriage, his daughter had a son who is 15- years -old now. Everything was fine earlier after the marriage, but for some years, his son-in-law Mahendra, his brother Rajendra and Rajendra's wife were harassing his daughter physically and mentally. My family tried to convince all of them, but they did not give up their habits.

On Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, his daughter Savita Devi's son Ankit called his aunt Sushil and informed that his mother had consumed sulphas tablets and was being taken to Panipat hospital for treatment.

On receiving the information, he also reached Panipat private hospital with other members of his family where his daughter Savita was being treated.

Later, during the treatment she died. While making allegations, Dilbagh said that his daughter had consumed sulphas tablets after being fed up with his son-in-law Mahendra, his brother Rajendra and his wife.

Matlauda police has registered a case on the basis of complaint and started investigation.

DLSA Chairman Chandrashekhar visits Nari Niketan



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DEC 30

District and Sessions Judge and Chairman of District Legal Services Authority, Chandrashekhar visited Nari Niketan on Monday where he talked to the women living there and inspected the facilities being provided to them. Apart from this, he visited Shraddhanand Bal Ashram and MDD Bal Bhavan and took stock of the facilities being provided to the children there.

There he talked to the children and provided them novels to read. He also reached Place of Safety, where he talked to the juveniles living there and inspected the facilities being provided to them and provided them novel books to read.

Govt under Nayab Saini committed to corruption free governance

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, DEC 30



Haryana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shyam Singh Rana said that the BJP government of the state formed under the leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini is committed to corruption-free and transparent good governance.

During its tenure, the BJP has given a new direction to the state by eliminating corruption and nepotism spread in the administration. Today Haryana stands at the forefront in the category of leading states of the country. Impressed by the development and governance system, other states of the country are also following the policies and public welfare schemes of Haryana. It is because of the excellent thinking of the BJP government that the government has brought the benefits of all the schemes to the last person standing on the last rung of the society by connecting online through Saral Portal to eradicate corruption from the state. Impressed by this thinking and policies, the people of the state have handed over the reins of the state to the BJP for the third time due to the policies and schemes of the BJP.

Rana said that he also belongs to a farmer family and is well aware of the problems related to agriculture of the farmers. He said that Haryana is the only state in the country which has taken the decision to purchase all the 24 notified crops at the minimum support price fixed by the Central Government. He said that the policy and thinking of the BJP has been how to increase the income of the farmer and to double the income of the farmers. Our government has launched many public welfare schemes in the interest of the farmers. The government is providing subsidies to the farmers on seeds, fertilisers as well as agricultural equipment. The subsidy amount is deposited directly into the farmers' account through the Meri Fasal-Mera Byora portal. Haryana is the first state in the country where the maximum crops of the farmers are being purchased at MSP.

Advocate Vasu Shandilya pays tribute to late CM Chautala

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
AMBALA, DEC 30



Council of Lawyers Chairman and Haryana High Court Advocate Vasu Ranjan Shandilya reached Tejakhera and paid tribute to former Chief Minister Om Prakash Chautala by offering flowers on his picture and he also met former MLA and Om Prakash Chautala's son Abhay Singh Chautala to expressed his condolences. He also consoled his son of Abhay Chautala, Karan Chautala and MLA Arjun Chautala and discussed Om Prakash Chautala's biography with Arjun for about two hours in Rajakhera.

Vasu Ranjan Shandilya said that he got the opportunity to meet former Chief Minister Om Prakash Chautala many times with his father Viresh Shandilya and the last time he met Om Prakash Chautala was at the wedding ceremony of former Chief Minister Bhajan Lal's grandson Bhavya Bishnoi and took his blessings and even when he was going through a bad time, he got the opportunity to meet former Chief Minister Om Prakash Chautala at Medanta Hospital. Advocate Vasu Ranjan said that Om Prakash Chautala was a fearless, brave person who was the heritage of Haryana who called all his loved ones by name till his last breath and he always fought for the farmers, laborers and workers and he said that Om Prakash Chautala was eloquent and even at the age of 92, his memory was like that of a 20-year-old youth. He said that the qualities that former Deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal had, the same qualities which were present in Om Prakash Chautala and his younger son Abhay Singh Chautala and his grandson MLA Arjun Chautala.

Transparency is priority in pension process: Sudesh Dhiman

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL, DEC 30



District Social Welfare Officer Sudesh Dhiman provided information to people regarding pension process. He told that after age of 60 years, pension of eligible persons is automatically generated and for this there is no need to get caught in clutches of any broker or middleman. Sudesh Dhiman said that Social Welfare Department is committed to making pension process simple and transparent.

Government has implemented online process so that eligible persons do not face any kind of problem. He appealed to people to avoid getting pension by giving false information or in wrong way. If they do so, strict action will be taken as per instructions of government. Departmental employee Madan Saini gave information on technical aspects of pension related application process. He told that benefit of pension will be given only to those persons who fulfil criteria set by government. District Social Welfare Officer urged residents of district to contact Social Welfare Department directly for any kind of problem or help. He assured that department is fully prepared to provide pension benefits to eligible persons on time.

He said that benefits of government schemes will reach all eligible persons with transparency and honesty.

Polls of booth President, booth committee to be conducted under BJP organisation polls: Kanwar Pal Gurjar



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNA NAGAR, DEC 30

Former Cabinet Minister Kanwarpal Gurjar said that process of organizational elections of BJP has started, under this today he held a meeting with main officials and workers of BJP of Jagadhari Mandal of Jagadhari Assembly constituency and guided them.

Former Cabinet Minister Kanwarpal Gurjar said that in BJP Organization Parv Mandal level workshop, he prepared a framework for formation of working committee of every booth by discussing in detail with the party officials present about the Tridev, Booth President, Booth Committee elections. Gurjar after consultation with BJP officials assigned duty of senior party officials at each Shakti Kendra level to assist in election process and said that these workshops will be organized at Shakti Kendra level in next two days and first of all elections of Booth President, Booth Palak, BLA 2, Booth Committee will be conducted. After a few days, first Mandal level organization elections will be held and after a few days, District level organization elections will be conducted. Those workers will participate in BJP Election Organization Festival who are active members of party.

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Nabha markets remain closed during 'Bandh'

RAKESH JINDAL

NABHA: Nabha city remained completely closed due to the call of United Farmers Morcha Non-Political Punjab Bandh and a dharna was organized by farmers and organizations at Main Bora Gate. A large number of women also participated in this dharna by blocking the road against the Punjab government and the central government. Farmer leaders raised slogans on this occasionWhile speaking, the Modi government and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann were also attacked. Even after 35 days have passed, the government is not getting rid of the tax. On this occasion, the farmers' leaders said that from 7 am to 4 pm.



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Animal Husbandry Department organises camp in Handiaya

KULDEEP SOOD

BARNALA: Animal Husbandry Department Punjab organised a district level camp in Civil Animal Hospital Handiaya under the SCAD scheme in the town of Handiaya. In this camp, Dr. Rupinder Singh Assistant Director A.P. Animal Husbandry Department Barnala and A.H. Dr. Rajesh Malik Assistant Director gave information about various schemes of the department. On this occasion, Veterinary Officer Dr. Harmandeep Kaur gave information to the cattle rearers about the maintenance of animals. Veterinary Officer Tapa Dr. Abhineet Kaur Bhatti told the cattle rearers about genetic diseases. Free medicines were also distributed to the cattle rearers during this camp. On this occasion, Surinder Singh V.I. Handiaya, Surinder Pal Singh V.I. Khuddi Kalan, Gurpreet Singh V.I. Rudeke Kalan, Amardeep Singh Rank four, Kewal Singh Rank four and a large number of cattle rearers were present.

SDM Amit takes charge of Barara Subdivision



JAIBEER RANA THAMBER

BARARA: Amit, a 2020 batch Haryana Civil Services officer, has officially assumed charge as the new S.D.M. of Barara subdivision. Prior to this, he served as the S.D.M. of Samalkha subdivision. In his address, S.D.M. Amit emphasized the importance of teamwork among officials and employees, stating that collaborative efforts yield positive results. He highlighted that the public holds high expectations from the administration and urged all officials and staff to work with honesty, dedication, and diligence to ensure that citizens face no difficulties. Amit further stressed that officials and employees should ensure a seamless process for citizens seeking services. He added that the government expects its representatives to efficiently deliver developmental schemes to the people.

Kashmir tourist places witness dip in temp, Gulmarg records -10.0°C

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Ahead of New Year celebrations, the night temperatures have plummeted across famed tourist destinations. Gulmarg recorded a freezing low of -10.0°C, Pahalgam -9.2°C, and Sonamarg registered -9.9°C on Monday, officials reported. The Meteorological Centre in Srinagar said that two Western Disturbances (WD) are expected to impact Jammu and Kashmir in quick succession. These disturbances are likely to bring light snowfall to scattered areas during the evening of January 1 and into the morning of January 2.

It said a moderate WD will strike during January 3 to 6 and can bring light to moderate snow at many places of Kashmir division and scattered places of Jammu division. "The cold wave conditions will continue to prevail over the Kashmir valley till end of the year", the MeT office said.

The MeT office has also issued an advisory stating that in view of snowfall, sub-freezing temperature and icy conditions over roads including plains/ higher reaches of Jammu and Kashmir, Tourists/ travellers/ Transporters are advised to follow Admin/ Traffic advisory. There is no let-up in icy cold weather conditions in Srinagar and other parts of Kashmir valley that have frozen major water bodies disrupting normal life.

The minimum temperature recorded during the intervening night of Sunday and Monday at Gulmarg significantly dropped to -10.0°C against the -8.5°C a day ago. This was 4.1°C below the average for the ski resort in north Kashmir during this period of the season. The day temperature at Gulmarg recorded on Sunday at -2.0°C which was 5.3°C below normal. Tourist spot of Pahalgam had a low of -9.2°C against the -8.0°C the previous night and this was 6.0°C below normal for the valley of shepherds in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on Monday.

Punjab govt repeatedly failing to act despite SC's orders: Anil Vij

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
AMBALA, DEC 30



Haryana's Energy, Transport and Labour, Sh. Anil Vij said that "The Punjab Aam Aadmi Party government is repeatedly failing to act despite the honorable Supreme Court's orders. I believe they are deliberately refraining from taking action for political reasons, and they (AAP government) are merely waiting for something unfortunate to occur."

Vij made this statement while responding to questions asked by the media persons today. Meanwhile, a farmer leader made a late-night appeal yesterday for farmers to gather in large numbers at the Khanauri border, claiming that the Punjab government could launch an attack at any moment. Responding to this, Haryana's Energy Minister Sh. Anil Vij said that "The farmers are protesting and perhaps they made such remarks to sustain their movement."

When asked about the Congress party's upcoming "Jai Bapu, Jai Bhim, Jai Samvidhan" campaign starting from January 3, Haryana's Cabinet Minister Anil Vij sarcastically remarked that "The Congress party has always disrespected the Constitution.

District Language Office continues efforts for flourishing of Punjabi language, literature and book culture

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, DEC 30



Under the guidance of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, under the leadership of Minister for Education and Languages S. Harjot Singh Bains and as per the instructions of Director of Language Department S. Jaswant Singh Zafar, District Language Office Barnala continued its efforts for the flourishing of Punjabi language, literature and book culture during the year 2024. Binder Singh Khudi Kalan District Language Officer said that under the directions of Deputy Commissioner Mrs. Punamdeep Kaur IAS, the District Language Office organized a whole year of events, public launch of books of writers, seminars and discussions for the prosperity of Punjabi language, literature and book culture. The Language Officer said that as per the schedule issued by the head office, Tri-Bhashi Kavi Darbar, International Mother Language Day, Punjabi Kavi Darbar, Punjabi Mini Kahani Darbar and discussion, essay, poetry and story writing competitions were organized with the aim of developing the creative interests of school students.

The winning students of the competitions were honored with cash and certificates. Along with this, quiz competitions based on literature, history and general knowledge were organized with the aim of preparing the students of schools and colleges for competitive examinations. Among the literary creation and poetry singing and quiz competitions, Students who secured first position participated in state level competitions. Students who secured first position in district level competitions participated in state level competitions. Scholars, writers, readers and students from across the district participated in the functions of the Language Office. Madam Sandeep Kaur, in-charge of the book sales center of the office, said that for the flourishing of book culture, departmental books were made available at the book sales center of the District Language Office, and book exhibitions were also organized at various places.

Fire breaks out in house

KULDEEP SOOD

BARNALA: A terrible fire has broken out in a house in Handiaya Bazar, Barnala. There is no information about the extent of the damage and the cause of the fire at this time. A large number of people have reached the spot. Fire brigade vehicles are controlling the fire. It is being said that this fire broke out in a corner building near Sunyara Market in Handiaya Bazar. It is being said that this fire broke out in the Chhatri Wale Mora on the corner of Handiaya Bazar. The name of the owner of this house is being said to be Bhana Pashmina Wala. Relief work is continuously going on. According to the people standing around the spot, this fire broke out on the third floor. It exploded immediately. This fire is said to have started due to the explosion of a geyser. The people present in the house saved their lives by going from their house to the roof of another house. If the fire had not been controlled quickly, this fire could have spread to the surrounding houses as well. The family whose house caught fire works in the woolen clothes industry and some of their stock was burnt in the fire. The extent of the damage is not yet known. However, Iqbal Singh, a fire brigade employee, said that the fire has been brought under control.



Unanimous election of District President and Committee members of Khatri Sabha Barnala

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, DEC 30

Bhagat Mohanlal Seva Samiti Barnala, under the leadership of Khatri Sabha's State Vice President Ram Kumar Sobti and senior leader Narinder Chopra, unanimously elected the District President and Committee members of Khatri Sabha Barnala, which was specially attended by the leaders of Khatri community from various areas of District Barnala. Pawan Kumar Dhir, who is actively serving in Khatri Sabha, was elected as the District President. President Pawan Dhir thanked the group leaders for his appointment and said that in the coming time, efforts will be made to strengthen the Khatri community and connect the young generation with it. At the same time, with the unanimous consent of the leaders of the Sabha, the responsibility of forming Sabha committees at the city, town and village level will be taken. On this occasion, he also strongly requested the leaders and members of the Sabha to participate in the joys and sorrows of the community. In the election, Sukhminder Pal Jethi was appointed as General Secretary, Vinod Kumar Kalsi as Treasurer, Nikka Ghai Tapa, Pawan Kumar Pasi Mahal Kalan and Bharat Bhushan as Vice Presidents, Paramjit Talwar and Surinder Kumar as Deputy Secretaries, Rajinder Kumar Bata as Press Secretary. Prem Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Tarsem Lal and Praveen Kumar were elected as members of the Sabha. Khatri Sabha Barnala President Rajiv Verma, Shiv Kumar Batta, State Vice President Youth Wing Varun Batta etc. were present on this occasion.

Monthly meeting of ENCORD at district level organised



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh said that drug addiction was a serious problem for the society. To stop the trend of drug addiction in the district, awareness campaigns were being run in schools and colleges. Along with this, the administration was also conducting raids at drug chemist shops. Apart from this, teachers and professors of educational institutions will identify students suffering from drug addiction and will ensure counseling to such students and the identity of the children will be kept confidential. He was presiding over the meeting of the district level ENCORD in the auditorium of the Mini Secretariat on Monday. He said that coordination of all was necessary to get rid of social evils like drug addiction. Therefore, all departments should take concrete steps to prevent drug addiction and those youths who were addicted to drugs should be made aware to get rid of the addiction so that a drug-free society can be created. He clarified that the results of the awareness program should be visible on the ground.

No encroachment will be tolerated in district: Uttam Singh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DEC 30



Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh said that no kind of encroachment would be tolerated in the district. If any person was found involved in encroachment strict action would be taken against him. Apart from this, if any animal of any milk dairy was found on the road and stray animal was found roaming around then a challan would be issued against the diary holder and his animal will not be handed over to him.

Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh was addressing the meeting of the Road Safety Committee in the auditorium of the Mini Secretariat on Monday. He asked the Executive Engineer of the Municipal Corporation to launch a campaign to catch stray animals and sent them safely to cow shelters. He said that in the month of October 218 animals sent to Gaushalas and told the concerned Gaushalas to keep getting the animals checked regularly. The NH officials were told to close all illegal cuts on the National Highway with immediate effect and make a list of them and send the report to the office also.

The DC told the police department officials to form mobile teams in the district which should visit various places during the day and issued challans to drivers who drive without seat belts and at high speed.

He also told the officer to install traffic lights wherever they were installed in the district. All the lights should have timers which should work properly. There should be no negligence in this matter. He also raised the issue of road accidents under IRADO portal, closing illegal cuts, repairing roads, school vehicles.

Spread the achievements of BJP to people: Sahil Madan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DEC 30



A meeting of the workers of Karna Mandal was held on Monday in the Karnal BJP District Office under the chairmanship of Karna Mandal President Sahil Madan regarding the strengthening of the party from the organizational point of view and organizational elections. In this organizational meeting of Karna Mandal, apart from former senior deputy mayor of Municipal Corporation Karnal and Karna Mandal election in-charge Krishna Garg, former industry minister of Haryana and senior BJP leader Shashi Pal Mehta, BJP district general secretary Sunil Goyal, district vice president were present as chief guests. The former councilor Rajni Procha, BJP district media in-charge Dr. Ashok Kumar, senior BJP leader Nirmala Sadar, Karna Mandal general secretary Mudit Aryan, Ajay Kashyap and Sunil Grover, Ramesh Middha, Sunil Madan, Amit Khurana and divisional secretary Akash Arora also participated in the meeting..

Krishna Garg, present as the chief guest on this occasion, said that BJP was the largest political party in the world. He described the role of workers as particularly important in making the party supreme and said that the success of BJP has been possible only due to the dedication and hard work of its workers. On this occasion, he urged the workers to spread the importance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP's policies to the people, so that more and more people joined the party. He also said that in the last ten years, BJP has taken many important steps in public interest and in the times to come, the party will touch new heights of development in Haryana.

Immense joy and happiness by serving the Paduka Sevas in religious ceremonies: Anil Saluja

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL, DEC 30



In the various religious ceremonies held throughout the year in the city, when devotees went to the temple or religious function pandal to listen to discourses, Anil Saluja, a tireless Sai devotee who took care of the shoes and slippers of these devotees, considered this Paduka Seva as the true worship of God. While Sai Bhakt Anil Saluja said that he was a businessman of Kaithal and he did his business with full dedication and honesty throughout the day and at night he went to Sai Mandir, Hari Mandir in Kaithal city. He felt immense joy and happiness by doing paduka seva in religious programs held at other places. He said that due to his service many youths of the city have also been inspired to do this paduka seva. Anil Saluja said that since last one week, Sai Katha and Bhajan programs were going on in Sai temple of Kaithal city, in which a large number of devotees from Kaithal district and far off places came to enjoy Sai Baba's Katha and Bhajans and to worshiped Sai Baba. People are reaching to take blessings of the Sai Baba. In this religious function, he along with his Sai devotee friends Sushil Raheja, Mukesh Dhiman and Mahender Kamra kept the shoes of the devotees in a polythene bag in a tent cabin built outside the temple and gave tokens to the devotees.

Nishwarth Janseva Manch distributes warm clothes to children

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA, DEC 30



On Monday, the social service organization Nishwarth Janseva Manch distributed warm clothes to the children shivering in the cold in Barara. The organization's president Jarnail Singh said that the aim of the organization was human service. The organization distributed warm clothes to the children living in slums under the over bridge of Barara and at the brick kiln on Sewan Majra Road. Dr. Birbal Singh, ASMO of Barara Community Health Center, who arrived specially on this occasion, praised the work of the organization and said that service to humanity was the real social service. Helping the needy should be the duty of every person. He said that the cold has increased a lot since many days. The children of the labourers living in slums and huts are shivering in the cold in such a situation the organization has done a commendable job by giving them warm clothes.

The legal advisor of the organization, Advocate Sarita Jarora, said that this program of distribution of warm clothes would continue in future as well. Under which slum areas, brick kilns and other places across the district will be covered. Secretary Nirmal Kesari said that the organization has already been working in the field of education and health, which included organizing free medical camps, free eye operations and providing stationery and books to needy children.

Department temporarily fills potholes caused by sinking of road in from of crematorium



PREETI SAINI

SADHAURA: The department has temporarily filled the potholes caused by the road sinking in front of the crematorium at Sadhaura bypass road Ramabagh Chowk so that people who were facing problems can be saved from it. It should be noted that for the last few days, potholes have been there. Near the speed breaker in front of the crematorium near Rambagh Chowk on Sadhaura bypass road, a deep pit was formed in the middle of the road due to the road sinking which was filled with water due to the recent rains. It came to the notice of the department and after this the department swung into action and the very next day, even though it was just a formality, the department temporarily filled the pothole by putting gravel in it and made the road fit for movement.

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Bankers also play politics.

Manmohan Singh

Editorial

The Midas touch

Madath Thekkepaattu Vasudevan Nair (1933-2024), Vasu to his friends and MT to all, who passed away on this Christmas night was the Midas of Malayalam. At 20, his short story won a prestigious prize instituted jointly by the New York Herald Tribune and two Indian newspapers. By 25, his first significant novel, Naalukettu (1958), earned him the Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award, the state's highest literary honour. His cinematic journey debuted with Murappennu (1965), which was based on his story and screenplay and won a National Film Award. Nirmalyam (1973), MT's first directorial venture, was adjudged the Best Film of the Year at the annual National Film Awards.

MT won seven National Film Awards, including a record four times for Best Screenplay, and 21 Kerala State Film Awards. His Jnanpith came in 1995, and the Padma Bhushan a decade later. A legend in his lifetime, MT was perhaps Malayalam's most translated writer.

Be it literature, cinema, journalism, or institution building, everything he touched turned to gold. Critical acclaim and commercial success seemed his for the taking. Publishers competed for his works; writers longed to publish in the Mathrubhumi weekly that he edited; producers and directors queued up for his screenplays; superstars vied for roles in his films; and political leaders yearned to associate themselves with him. No other writer from Kerala's rich literary tradition has cast such an enduring spell on so many generations across every divide. His village, Kudallur, its hillock, Thannikunnu, its river, Nila, the Kodikkunnath temple, and the ways and words of his characters are etched in the Malayali collective consciousness.

In a prolific career spanning over seven decades, MT's pen gave life to nine novels, hundreds of short stories, and 54 screenplays; he also directed seven films. His oeuvre, marked by versatility, remained deeply rooted in the Malayali social milieu and identity. While chronicling the sweeping changes in Malayali life over the last century, his works delved deeply into the struggles and inner turmoil of individuals caught on the cusp of these transformative shifts.

Manorathangal, an anthology television series featuring MT's nine iconic short stories, was streamed last August on ZEE5, commemorating his 90th birthday. The series, curated by MT's daughter, Aswathy Nair, a classical dancer, and presented by the actor, Kamal Haasan, had an ensemble cast including Mammootty, Mohanlal and Fahad Faazil.

US homelessness increases by 18 pc in 2024

The rate of homelessness in the US has risen by 18 per cent over the past year, Al Jazeera reported, citing a new report from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released on Friday.

According to Al Jazeera, the annual count, conducted in January 2024, found that more than 771,000 individuals were experiencing homelessness, marking the highest number ever recorded. This includes people staying in emergency shelters, transitional housing, safe havens, or living in unsheltered conditions.

However, the report does not account for those in other unstable housing situations, such as individuals staying with friends or family due to a lack of permanent shelter, Al Jazeera reported.

The HUD report attributes the increase in homelessness to the growing affordable housing crisis, rising inflation, stagnant wages for middle- and lower-income households, and the ongoing impact of systemic racism, which has strained homelessness services across the country.

"Our worsening national affordable housing crisis, rising inflation, stagnating wages among middle- and lower-income households, and the persisting effects of systemic racism have stretched homelessness services systems to their limits," the report read as quoted by Al Jazeera.



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Homelessness has been on the rise for years, largely driven by the shortage of affordable housing in many US cities. In 2023, HUD reported a 12 per cent increase in homelessness compared to the previous year. Amid rising homelessness rates in the United States, sprawling tent cities and encampments have emerged in numerous cities. While some areas have expanded programs to help people transition from the streets to shelters or temporary housing, others have implemented strict measures that critics argue penalise or even criminalise homelessness.

One of the most concerning findings from the HUD report was the notable rise in the number of children experiencing homelessness. Nearly 150,000 children were homeless in 2024, marking a 33 percent increase from the previous year, and children under the age of 18 were identified as the group most affected by the rise in homelessness between 2023 and 2024, as reported by Al Jazeera.

The HUD report attributed the increase in homelessness primarily to the lack of affordable housing but also noted other contributing factors, including natural disasters like the wildfire, which had displaced many families.

Additionally, the surge in migrants seeking shelter in major cities such as New York, Denver, and Chicago, and the expiration of pandemic-era benefits and protections, further exacerbated the situation.

Literature & Health

New cases of Avian flu reported

H5N1 bird flu was detected in a turkey fattening coop in Moshav Kfar Vitkin, near Netanya. The disease was detected in six coops, including approximately 19,000 12-week-old turkeys.

In order to prevent the spread of the disease, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security is acting in accordance with the procedures recommended by the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) regarding the treatment of bird flu. Among other things, a quarantine zone has been defined within a range of up to 10 km from the infected coop, in which poultry movements and coop population are restricted, and strict biosafety measures are required from those involved in the industry. The veterinary services at the Ministry of Agriculture continue to conduct active monitoring of all coops in the area.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security calls on breeders of ornamental birds and backyard poultry, as well as free-range coops, to keep the birds they own inside buildings, prevent them from roaming in open areas, and thus reduce



the risk of infection from wild birds during the migration season. The Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security has identified six foci of avian influenza so far.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security emphasizes that meat, poultry, and eggs purchased only at organized points of sale and marketing should be consumed. Eggs must be labeled and packaged in a carton or plastic on each side. In addition, eggs and poultry should only be consumed after they have been thoroughly cooked, baked, or fried to prevent health hazards.

2024, one of the worst years for child casualties

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in a recent study stated that an estimated 473 million children, more than one in six, are living in conflict zones worldwide.

In a study released on Saturday, UNICEF highlighted the ongoing conflicts in regions like Palestine, Myanmar, Haiti, and Sudan and stated that the world is experiencing the highest number of conflicts since the Second World War.

In their report, the UN organisation stated that 19 per cent of the world's children live in conflict zones, with 47.2 million having been displaced by conflict and violence. The UN further verified that there were more child casualties during the first nine months of 2024



than during all of 2023, as thousands of children were killed and injured in conflicts in Gaza and in Ukraine.

Notably, according to many reports, the conflict between Israel and Palestine has led to the deaths of at least 17,492 children over the past 15 months in Gaza. Meanwhile, UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell stated that 2024 has been one of the worst years on record for children in conflict, both in terms of the number affected and the severity of the impact on their lives.

She stated that children in conflict zones are far more likely to experience disruptions such as being out of school, facing malnutrition, or being displaced compared to those in peaceful areas.

POEM

An aspiring Dawn

The threshold of tomorrow holds new awakening, new horizons, Where your aspirations meet new possibilities, new dimensions. The old year fades ringing in the new,

With uplifting joy and cheerful morning dew.

Echoes of the past, dreams of the future,

Rejuvenates novel souls with golden treasure.

A vibrant sunshine with resolutions made and hopes of glory,

Hunts hidden talents by transforming vision to victory.

Illuminates your path by unleashing fire within,

To chase excellence.....

To reach for the stars...

To rise above the noise...

Let your spirit voice.

(Harpreet Kaur, GSSS Karamgarh Barnala)

The scourge of drug addiction: A global threat

BY MUKESH VERMA

Drug trafficking has emerged as one of the gravest internal threats to nations worldwide, undermining societies in ways even external attacks cannot.

The rise in drug addiction, particularly among the youth, is alarming and calls for immediate action. While the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (June 26th) reminds us of the urgency of the problem, it alone is insufficient to tackle this global crisis.

The illicit drug trade, a multi-billion-dollar industry, ranks as the third-largest global enterprise after oil and arms. Shockingly, over 35 million people worldwide suffer from drug use dis-



orders, but only a small percentage receive the treatment they desperately need. The consequences of drug addiction are devastating, driving increased violence, criminality, and social decay.In India, the situation is dire, with a significant number of addicts under the age of 20.

This highlights the pressing need for community intervention and preventive measures, especially among adolescents. Substances like cannabis (commonly consumed as charas, bhang, and ganja), often associated with religious rituals, are widely abused, exacerbating the crisis.

Alarmingly, even household items like cough syrups, Iodex, and lizard blood are being misused for intoxication, posing severe health risks.Globally, cannabis remains the most commonly used drug, with the United Nations reporting a concerning rise in its use. Heroin, while initially offering temporary relief from pain and sleeplessness, ultimately ravages the human body. In India, synthetic drugs have severely impacted northeastern states, where addiction fuels crime, including theft, assault, and even murder, as addicts resort to illegal activities to sustain their habits.Several factors contribute to the growing menace of drug addiction, including the breakdown of family structures, lack of parental guidance, erosion of traditional values, and the mounting pressures of modern life. Women often bear the brunt, facing domestic strife, economic hardships, and disproportionate vulnerability to the health and social consequences of addiction.

Beyond personal and societal costs, drug addiction aggravates public health issues, increasing the prevalence of AIDS, Hepatitis B and C, and Tuberculosis. It also contributes to a surge in violence, sexual abuse, and impaired judgment, which erode the fabric of society.While the Indian government has enacted stringent laws, such as the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act of 1985, which imposes severe penalties for drug trafficking, enforcement challenges persist. Corruption within law enforcement, political interference, and the easy availability of certain pharmaceuticals continue to undermine these efforts.Addressing this crisis requires a multi-pronged approach.

Stricter regulations on drug distribution, robust law enforcement, and corruption-free policing are crucial. Public awareness campaigns need to be expanded to educate citizens, especially youth, about the dangers of drug use. Rehabilitation programs must be strengthened to offer effective treatment and long-term recovery support.While some nations have achieved notable successes—such as Afghanistan's significant reduction in opium production following a Taliban-imposed ban—the global drug crisis remains deeply entrenched. Only a collaborative, sustained effort across governments, civil society, and communities can address this epidemic effectively.

India, like the world, must prioritize the fight against drug addiction to protect its youth, safeguard its future, and restore the health of its society. Let this fight be relentless, comprehensive, and enduring.

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J.J. Singh appointed Chairman of AAP Chandigarh Grievance Committee



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CHANDIGARH: Chandigarh unit of AAM AADMI PARTY (AAP) has appointed J J SINGH, as chairman, Grievance Committee of the party at Chandigarh. Sh J J Singh who is the President of Residents Welfare Association (RWA) and actively associated with the residents of ward no 35 for resolution of their day to day issues apart from various burning issues of the societies in coordination with Voice of Housing Societies (VOHS). He is confident to get resolved few important issues confronting the members as he is constantly following up with the administration in this regard.

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Protect yourself from winter illnesses, advises Dr. Sandhu



CHETRAM RATTAN
NAWANSHAHR: Dr. G.S. Sandhu emphasized the importance of taking precautions to avoid illnesses common during winter, especially for children and the elderly. Speaking to the media, he highlighted the need to keep the body warm by wearing appropriate clothing such as sweaters, hats, and socks. He also recommended moisturizing the skin regularly, avoiding cold water, and drinking warm water to stay hydrated. Dr. Sandhu advised consuming high-calorie foods to maintain energy levels and taking measures to avoid bacterial infections. Maintaining hygiene, ensuring adequate rest, and drinking plenty of fluids are crucial for staying healthy in winter. Additionally, Dr. Sandhu urged people to maintain distance from individuals suffering from colds and flu to prevent the spread of infection.

Sector 17 Market organizes Bhandara, UT Official praises efforts



BUREAU
CHANDIGARH: Members of Sector 17 Chandigarh market organised a Bhandara today Monday 30th December at New Bridge near TDI Mall opposite Hotel Taj sector 17 Chandigarh. The Bhanda was served to the general public from 1 pm to 3.30 pm. Rajiv Tiwari Assistant Estate Officer 3 UT Chandigarh was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Tiwari praised the members of the market for their efforts. On the occasion prominent among were present Kamaljit Singh Panchhi, JD Gupta, Naresh Bansal, RK Sharma, Ravinder Nath, Navdeep Sharma, Vikas Batta, and others, Anil Vohra from Chandigarh Beopar Mandal.

Anil Vij directs installation of traffic lights at Tangri Dam crossing on Jagadhri road

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
AMBALA, DEC 30



Haryana's Energy, Transport, and Labor Minister, Sh. Anil Vij today instructed officials to install traffic lights at Tangri Dam Crossing Road on Jagadhri Road to facilitate smooth vehicle movement in the area.

Vij gave these instructions during a meeting with Municipal Council officers/officials at his residence.

Cabinet Minister Anil Vij stated that due to the improved condition of Tangri Dam Road, traffic on Jagadhri Road in this area has significantly increased. Vehicles travel at high speeds here, and considering the safety and convenience of drivers, the installation of traffic lights is now essential. He further directed that, like other intersections on Jagadhri Road, traffic lights should be installed at Tangri Dam Crossing as soon as possible.

During the meeting, Energy and Transport Minister Anil Vij reviewed various development projects in Ambala Cantt. with Municipal Council officers/officials and discussed other ongoing works. He emphasized the prompt completion of repairs and other development projects, keeping public convenience in mind.

Municipal Council Administrator Satender Siwach, EO Ravindra Kuhar, XEN Mandeep Singh and other officials and staff were present at the meeting.

During the meeting, Anil Vij instructed Municipal Council officials to expedite the development projects in Ambala Cantt. He directed the timely completion of the Kabari Bazaar culvert construction. He also stressed maintaining proper cleanliness in drainage systems and colonies in various areas of the cantonment, ensuring the upkeep of public toilets, inspecting and repairing streetlights, and other necessary measures.

Municipal Council officials informed that approximately 13,500 streetlights in the cantonment are connected to the CCMS system. Minister Anil Vij instructed that the remaining streetlights should also be integrated into this system. He also directed the officials to expedite the sewer line installation work in the cantonment.

Lathi charge on BPSC aspirants wrong; protest will not stop: Prashant Kishore

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NEW DELHI, DEC 30



Jan Suraj Party Chief Prashant Kishore on Monday criticised the use of lathi-charge and water cannon to disperse protesting BPSC aspirants at Gandhi Maidan, calling it "wrong" and said the "protest will not stop."

He further said that the students can neither be intimidated by force nor can they be stopped by resorting to lathicharge.

Addressing a press conference "This (lathi-charge on BPSC aspirants) is wrong, completely wrong, and whoever has done this mistake will not be forgiven. As long as we are here, with all our might, those who lathi-charged students will be forgiven, and the protest will not stop..."Today, we will file an FIR against the police, and we will take them to human rights... Students cannot be intimidated by force, nor can they be deterred by filing FIRs or resorting to lathi charges." Prashant Kishore further attacked the state government saying, "The administration was informed...the government says they did not give permission, but this is completely wrong. There is no question of permission. Gandhi Maidan is a public place." On Sunday, Bihar police lathi-charged and used water cannon to disperse the protesting BPSC aspirants in Gandhi Maidan.

Following the incident, Bihar Police registered an FIR against 600-700 individuals, including Jan Suraaj Chief Prashant Kishore, for unauthorized gatherings, instigating people and creating law and order issues in Gandhi Maidan. In an official statement, Patna Administration said, "Jan Suraaj Party was denied permission to organize Chhatra Sansad in front of the Gandhi statue.

Defence Ministry inks Rs 1,990 cr contract with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders for DRDO-AIP system

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The Ministry of Defence has signed two contracts, worth approximately Rs 2,867 crore, for the construction of an Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) Plug for the DRDO-AIP system and its integration onboard Indian Submarines, and the integration of Electronic Heavy Weight Torpedo (EHWT) onboard the Kalvari-Class submarines, a press release said

Both the contracts were signed in the presence of Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh in New Delhi on Monday. According to the Ministry of Defence, the contract for the construction of AIP Plug and its integration was inked with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai worth around Rs 1,990 crore, while the contract for integration of EHWT, being developed by DRDO, was signed with Naval Group, France at an approximate cost of Rs 877 crore.

The AIP technology is being indigenously developed by DRDO. The project about the construction of AIP-Plug and its integration will enhance the endurance of conventional submarines and significantly contribute towards the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative.

It would generate employment of nearly three lakh man days. The integration of EHWT will be a collaborative effort by the Indian Navy, DRDO and Naval Group, France. It would greatly augment the firepower capabilities of Kalvari Class submarines of the Indian Navy.

Delhi LG Saxena slams Arvind Kejriwal for calling Atishi 'temporary CM'

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Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena on Monday wrote a letter to Chief Minister Atishi and expressed his disapproval of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convenor Arvind Kejriwal referring her as a "temporary Chief Minister."

"I found this very objectionable and I was hurt by it. It was not only an insult to you, but also to your appointee, the President of India and to me as her representative... As a Lieutenant Governor, I am concerned about this level of public discourse and at the same time, I am hurt by the conversation of presenting the full-time Chief Minister of my government as a temporary Chief Minister," the letter read. In the letter he criticised Kejriwal's remark as an affront to "constitutional values and the dignity of the office." "The public definition of temporary or caretaker Chief Minister given by Kejriwal has no constitutional provision and it is also a reprehensible disregard of the democratic spirit and values enshrined in the Constitution drafted by Baba Saheb Ambedkar," it added. He further said that it is well known under what "circumstances" you were made the Chief Minister.

"Whether it is the deteriorating condition of Yamuna in the last ten years or the acute shortage of drinking water, the issue of mountains of garbage or the lack of basic facilities in industrial areas, the plight of roads and sewer lines or the crumbling health system, the lack of facilities in unauthorized colonies or the hellish life in slums, everyone knows how possible it is for a Chief Minister, who has been declared temporary and makeshift, to do anything in three-four months. Your leader has also publicly accepted his failures in these areas, but as the Chief Minister, the responsibility for the failures in all these areas will now be yours," the LG further said.

Kharge, Priyanka condemn lathicharge on BPSC aspirants

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Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Monday termed the lathicharge on BPSC aspirants as "shameful and inhuman" and said the "double engine has become a symbol of double atrocities on the youth.'

On his social media handle, X Kharge said, "The brutal lathicharge and inhuman atrocities on BPSC candidates have been done by the NDA government of Bihar to hide paper leak and rigging." He said that this was "An attempt to break the morale of the youth by using dictatorship against them is extremely shameful and condemnable."

He also accused the BJP of spreading a "web of paper leak mafia across the country," which is ruining the future of the youth.

He said that in the last seven years, more than 70 paper leak incidents have taken place. "When rigging is detected, the BJP shamelessly denies or tries to silence the youth by lathi-charging them. The future of 3.28 lakh youth in the BPSC exam is hanging in the balance," Kharge said.

Meanwhile, Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra slammed the Bihar government and condemned the lathicharge on BPSC aspirants. In a post on X, Vadra said, "BJP's double engine has become a symbol of double atrocities on the youth.

SP delegation visits Sambhal, hands over cheque of Rs 5 lakh to families of violence victims

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A delegation of Samajwadi Party visited Sambhal on Monday and handed over a cheque of Rs 5 lakh each to the kin of those killed during the violence that took place in Sambhal, on November 24. The delegation included Samajwadi Party MP from Sambhal, Zia Ur Rehman Barq and Uttar Pradesh Assembly LoP and Samajwadi Party leader Mata Prasad Pandey. Barq also slammed the state government and claimed that five people were killed and cases were filed against a specific community.

"Not only Sambhal but the entire state and country is ashamed. There had been some disputes between Hindus and Muslims but it was a gone case now. People were living in peace here but it was disturbed. Our five people have been killed... We raised the voice of the people of Sambhal. What kind of justice is that, that our people were killed and cases were filed against us only? We believe in the Constitution and we hope that justice will be done...," said Zia Ur Rehman Barq. Notably, the SP chief Yadav earlier at the end of November announced that his party would provide compensation worth Rs five lakhs to the kin of the deceased in the Sambhal violence. Meanwhile, Uttar Pradesh police have arrested 50 people in connection with the violence near the Jama Masjid area in Sambhal district on November 24, officials said. Sambhal Superintendent (SP) Krishnan Kumar Bishnoi said that 50 people have been arrested and the search is on for 91 people connected with the violence.

Roads in city blocked following Farmer Unions' call for shutdown

AVTAR JATANA
BAHADURGARH: Today, roads leading to Patiala city remained blocked following a shutdown call by the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha and Sanyukt Kisan Morcha (Non-Political). Leaders of various unions, including the Bhartiya Kisan Union Krantikari, Bhartiya Kisan Union Ekta Azad, Bhartiya Kisan Mazdoor Union, Bhartiya Kisan Union Sidhupur, Bhartiya Kisan Union Dakonda, and Krantikari Pendu Mazdoor Union, addressed protests held at different locations. In their speeches, they criticized the government for failing to address the farmers' and workers' 12 demands. Instead of accepting these demands, the government used water cannons, tear gas shells, and rubber bullets against the protesters, injuring many. Sukhkaran Singh was martyred after being shot, and several farmers have lost their lives during protests. Initially, the central government claimed that farmers with large tractors were causing disruptions and suggested they march on foot. However, even when 101 farmers marched on foot from the Shambhu border, they were met with tear gas and water cannons. Now, farmer leader Sardar Jagjit Singh Dallewal has been on a hunger strike at the Khanauri border since November 26. Despite this, the government has not responded to the demands but is instead spreading false propaganda that Dallewal has been held captive by other farmer leaders. Dallewal clarified in a press briefing that his hunger strike is voluntary and will continue until the demands are met or he is martyred. This has been communicated to the Prime Minister and the Supreme Court in writing.

Chirag Paswan appeals for dialogue with BPSC Protesters, condemns use of force by Bihar police

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Union Minister Chirag Paswan, a key supporter of the NDA government, on Monday, urged Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar for immediate intervention in the ongoing BPSC candidates' protest. The protesting students in Patna are demanding the cancellation of the Integrated Combined (Preliminary) Competitive Examination (CCE) 2024 conducted by the Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC) on December 13.

In a post on X, Chirag Pawan wrote "Being a key supporter of the NDA government on the issues of the youth and BPSC candidates of Bihar, I have appealed to the Bihar government and the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar ji for immediate intervention, as a result of which the Chief Secretary (who is the highest official of the government) on behalf of the government has started the process of dialogue with the candidates and students. Soon the fruitful results of this initiative will be seen. This is the result of our government's positive thinking and sensitivity towards the students."

Paswan praised the state government's efforts to initiate dialogue with the students, stressing that the issue should be resolved peacefully and without political interference.

In his X post, he further condemned the lathi charge and use of water cannons by Bihar Police on Sunday to disperse protesting students in Patna. He called for restraint from the police and emphasized the need for a peaceful resolution to the students' demands. Additionally, Paswan urged legal action against any officers responsible for excessive force. "I have never been a supporter of the lathi charge and the use of water cannons on students in Patna yesterday. The police should exercise restraint. If students have come out on the streets with their demands, efforts should be made to solve their problems by explaining them in a peaceful manner, and not by using lathi-charge and water cannons. I have also told the Chief Minister that legal action should also be taken against those police officers who are found involved in such activities," he added in the post. On Sunday, Bihar police lathi-charged and used water cannon to disperse the protesting BPSC aspirants in Gandhi Maidan.

Dev Samaj College of Education holds Faculty Exchange program



BUREAU
CHANDIGARH: Dev Samaj College of Education, Sector 36-B, Chandigarh, organized a Faculty Exchange program designed to facilitate cultural exchange, professional development and collaborative learning among educators across the nation. Delegates from different institutions joined the Faculty Exchange program. This innovative program brought together teachers from different states of the nation to share best practice and innovative ideas in education. The exchange program aimed to enhance educational quality, promote global understanding, and foster long-term partnerships between participating institutions. A meditation session was also organised by Mr.Sanchit Jain, incharge of - Art of Living team, on this occasion. The program aimed to bridge the gap between educators from diverse backgrounds and create a platform for meaningful exchange and growth. Representatives of various DevSamaj institutions joined for conducting the program and explored the opportunities for future collaborations. Prof. Richa Sharma, Officiating Principal appreciated the efforts of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell(IQAC) of the college for taking such an innovative initiative.



Langar was organized in Sector 45 on the occasion of Martyrdom Day and New Year. On this occasion, social workers Rajiv Mittal, Sanjeev Dhawan, Mickey, Lucky, Mana, Mayank, Aman and Shashi served the people.



Haryana Revenue and Disaster Management Minister, Vipul Goel presiding over a meeting to review the working of the department with senior officers in Chandigarh on Monday.

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Tata Motors flags off electric buses for workforce transportation in Pantnagar



CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, today flagged-off a fleet of electric buses dedicated for workforce transportation at its Pantnagar plant in Uttarakhand. These indigenously built, zero-emission buses are equipped with latest features, and powered by advanced battery systems. TML Smart City Mobility Solutions Limited (TSCMSL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Motors, will facilitate this workforce commute with a modern fleet of Tata Ultra 9m electric buses. Announcing the launch, Mr. Vishal Badshah, Vice President and Head – Operations, Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles, said, "The introduction of electric buses for workforce commuting marks a significant step forward towards fulfilling Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles' aspiration of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2045. We are committed to making all our manufacturing facilities green by integrating sustainability across their entire value chain – from sourcing to development and engineering to operations.

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AGI Infra Limited's Two-Day Exhibition Kicks Off with Enthusiasm



Jalandhar (BUNNY SODHI) The much-anticipated two-day exhibition by AGI Infra Limited commenced today at Jalandhar Heights 1 on 66 Feet Road, bringing vibrancy and cheer to the residential society. Mrs. Salwinderjit Kaur from AGI Infra Limited inaugurated the event with a warm welcome to participants from the art, artisan, and cottage industry sectors. She visited the beautifully arranged stalls, encouraging exhibitors as they showcased their unique products. The lively event saw enthusiastic participation from residents of nearby societies, including Jalandhar Heights 1 and 2, Smart Homes, and Maxima, who braved the cold weather to explore and shop. A grand stage in the exhibition arena hosted captivating activities, music, and artistic performances. Talented children from AGI Global School impressed with energetic games and dances, while AGI Welfare School students charmed the audience with creative acts and patriotic messages. Play areas delighted the youngest visitors, and a spacious, hygienic restaurant offered delicious food, adding to the event's charm.

Sonata Introduces All-New Sleek Collection

CHANDIGARH: Sonata, India's leading watch brand, has unveiled the sixth edition of its iconic Sleek series – the Sleek Collection in the price range from Rs 1895 to Rs 1995. This latest launch is a testament to Sonata's commitment to redefining elegance and innovation, introducing the slimmest men's watch case in its history. With its bold new identity and meticulously crafted lineup, the collection embodies minimalist sophistication, perfectly tailored for the discerning tastes of contemporary young professionals. Designed to resonate with urban and suburban trendsetters at the cusp of their professional aspirations, the Sleek Collection marries timeless design with modern sensibilities. Industry reports reveal a growing preference among Indians for mid-priced watches that deliver both style and value. Sonata's new Sleek Collection is designed to meet this demand, offering a blend of chic aesthetics and affordability.

Redmi 14C 5G Colourways, Display Details Teased Ahead of January 6 Launch

Redmi 14C 5G will be launched in India in January. As we wait for the official reveal, the Chinese smartphone brand has released new teasers via its social media handles, showing off the colour options and display details of the phone. The upcoming smartphone will be launched in three shades with a 6.88-inch display. The Redmi 14 C 5G will go on sale in the country through Amazon. The 4G variant of Redmi 14C is available in India since August. Through new teasers on X, Redmi has confirmed that the Redmi 14C 5G will be available in India in Starlight Blue, Stardust Purple and Stargaze Black colour options. The images show the rear design of the phones with glossy panels and centrally placed circular-shaped camera module housing multiple sensors and LED flash. The engraved text in the rear camera module confirms that it will ship with an AI-backed 50-megapixel main sensor.

Redmi 14C 5G Display Details

Further, the microsites of the Redmi 14C 5G on Mi India and Amazon India websites reveal that it will have a 6.88-inch display with HD+ resolution and 120Hz display. The display has TÜV Rheinland certification for blue light emissions, TÜV Rheinland Flicker Free certification and Circadian certification. The phone will come with dual SIM connectivity.

Tether Backs Arcanum Capital's Web3 Fund With $2 Million Investment

Tether, the blockchain firm which issues the USDT stablecoin, has forayed into a new branch of Web3 before 2024 ends. The company has poured in $2 million (roughly Rs. 17 crore) into Arcanum Capital's Emerging Technologies Fund II. Arcanum is a Web3-focussed asset management company that provides funding to emerging projects related to blockchain, cryptocurrency, and other Web3 sectors. As per a report by CoinTelegraph, this is Tether's first step into the arena of Web3 investments since it launched in 2014.

Through the investment, Tether is looking to contribute to projects that are working on Holepunch technology, a release announcing the development said. The technology, created by a company called the Holepunch platform, eliminates the need for any servers for the operations of certain apps. Interestingly, both Tether and Holepunch have the same parent company – iFinex.

"One example of this is Keet, a messaging app that allows users to call, text, or video-call directly without relying on a central server. Unlike other common messaging apps, Keet remains operational without a single point of failure, ensuring continuous, secure communication," the release said.

iQOO Z9 Turbo Long Battery Life Version Launch Date Set For January 3

IQOO Z9 Turbo Long Battery Life Version is confirmed to launch in China in January. The company has announced the launch date of the new variant of the iQOO Z9 Turbo, which was initially unveiled in the country in April alongside the iQOO Z9 and iQOO Z9x. The design and key features of the upcoming edition of the handset will be similar to the existing model, except for the battery size. iQOO has confirmed that the phone will get a 6,400mAh battery.

The iQOO Z9 Turbo Long Battery Life Version will launch in China and be available for a special sale in the country starting at 10am local time (7:30am IST) on January 3, according to a Weibo post by the company. It is currently open for pre-reservations via the Vivo China e-store and other e-commerce sites. The Weibo post revealed that the iQOO Z9 Turbo Long Battery Life Version will support dual-frequency GPS. It has been confirmed to carry a 6,400mAh battery, which is larger than the 6,000mAh battery on the existing iQOO Z9 Turbo.

Are you a vegetarian? Here are 10 alternative protein sources for you!



Protein is the building block of tissue and source of energy. Egg, chicken, meat, beef, fish, crabs etc are rich sources of protein. But they cannot be consumed by vegetarians/ vegans. Does that mean their body lacks protein? "Actually, there are many vegetables, seeds, pulses and nuts that are rich sources of protein and are healthy to consume," says Dr Rohini Patil, MBBS, and director at Nutracy Lifestyle. "Since it as an important nutrient for muscle-building and to help the wear and tear of the body, its only fitting that even vegetarian reap the benefits of plant-based, vegan alternatives. so vegetarian, listen up! Here are, according to her top protein sources that you need yo add to your daily diet, right away!

Chia Seeds Just one spoon of chia seeds provides you with almost 2g of protein. Chia seeds can be used in breakfasts, as a protein-rich healthy dessert or you can simply sprinkle it over soups or over salads. They also work as a super substitute to eggs in a vegetarian diet as they are hydrophilic and will extend when soaked in water for a few minutes.

Quinoa A popular fad, made famous by celebrity diets, quinoa is an excellent substitute for carb-rich grains such as rice. It is a seed that you can find red, white, black or mixed varieties. 100g of quinoa (cooked) will provide almost 4g protein. Q It is also known as a complete protein that means it includes all 22 amino acids, which makes it a great substitute to carbohydrates like couscous and rice. You will often find dieticians recommending women suffering from PCOS to alternate rice with this superfood instead.

Pulses A common Indian household staple, pulses are edible seeds that grow in a pod, and this includes all peas, beans and lentils. These make a nutritious, low-fat and economical source of plant protein and give an abundance of variety. You can either eat them by itself for a healthy breakfast meal or use it in different Indian preparations. Different pulses include:

-Lentils including red and green gives around 8-9g of protein per 100g

-Chickpeas including hummus gives 7g of protein per 100g

-Garden peas include around 7g per 100g

-Beans including butter, black-eyed, cannellini, pinto, edamame, soy and kidney provides between 7-10g protein per 100g

Tofu Tofu is derived from soy. 100g of tofu gives 8g protein. Again, made popular by the West, it is very versatile and can be cooked in many ways- stir-frying and baking, as well as mixing it into soups to make them creamier and rich in protein.

Nuts and seeds Nuts and seeds are very nutritious and can be used as a snack or with meals to provide adequate energy and protein, and are maintained all day. Some of the nuts and seed proteins include hemp seeds, almonds, walnuts, pumpkin seeds, pistachios, cashew nuts, ground linseed and brazil nuts. Peanuts are also a good source of proteins. You can eat a handful of mixed seeds or nuts once a day for between-meal snacking instead of resorting to unhealthy snacking of biscuits and fried food items.

Buckwheat Buckwheat is high in both fibre and protein, with 100g providing about 5g of protein. It is actually a seed which is also gluten-free. Buckwheat is becoming popular and can be found as groats, flakes, flours and pasta which makes it an amazing addition to a vegan diet. Buckwheat is a whole grain that can be a great alternative to refined grains.

Oats One of the most common breakfast meal, oats are a complex carbohydrate that provides slow energy release, they are an amazing source of protein packing: 10g per 100g. Another great reason to not skip this protein-rich ingredient from your morning breakfast meals!

Brown and wild rice Brown and wild rice contain sufficient levels of protein and are also a great fibre source. Another alternative to regular rice which is high on starch, this is a great alternative when you want a quick protein-pick-me-up.

Other grains There are some grains that are not so popular but rich in protein. It includes spelt, amaranth, teff, sorghum etc.

Vegetables How many times have your parents tried to force-feed vegetables to you as a little kid? While one only realises the importance of leafy greens once you're old enough, it is important to include them in your daily meals irrespective. Vegetables (especially green veggies) also provide an adequate amount of protein. It includes avocado, asparagus, brussels sprouts, broccoli, cauliflower, kale, Jerusalem artichokes, sweetcorn, spinach etc. Toss them in your lunch salad or even dinner meals for your daily protein fix!

Chaya M V of Bengaluru bags the 'Spell Master of India' Title



Chandigarh : SBI Life Spell Bee Season 14, India's most prestigious spelling competition, an initiative by Mirchi, concluded with a thrilling Grand Finale in Kolkata. SBI Life Spell Bee Season 14 has crowned its Champion with Ms. Chaya M V, age 13 years from Presidency School, RT Nagar, Bengluru, studying in class VIII bagging the 'Spell Master of India' National Title. Amidst an atmosphere brimming with enthusiasm and excitement, the event culminated in the announcement and felicitation of the National Champion, whose outstanding performance throughout the competition reflected exceptional skill, dedication, and a deep passion for language. The runners-up of this competition, Mr. Medhansh Vaddadi, age 13 years from Cambridge Court High School, Jaipur and Mr. Yashwin Pachauri, age 14 years from Kennedy High Global School, Hyderabad too demonstrated commendable skills at the SBI Life Spell Bee Grand Finale. These young minds stood out as deserving winners, showcasing their precision and confidence in navigating complex words. The event was graced by Indian Actress, Fashion Designer & Television Presenter, Ms. Mandira Bedi, who enthusiastically hosted the Grand Finale of SBI Life Spell Bee Season 14 and revealed the winners.

Ministers from Center and UP govt lead roadshow for Mahakumbh 2025 in Mohali



Mohali, 30th December: The Uttar Pradesh government, led by Chief Minister Sri Yogi Adityanath, is dedicated to making Mahakumbh 2025 a global symbol of India's cultural unity. As part of this endeavor and vision, Cabinet Minister, Sugarcane Development and Sugar Industry, Shri Laxmi Narayan Chaudhary, Shri Dharmveer Prajapati with Minister of State (Independent Charge), Home Guard and Civil Defence, and Minister of State, Agriculture, Agricultural Education, Agricultural Research, Shri Baldev Singh Aulakh led a grand roadshow in Mohali. They highlighted the Mahakumbh as a unique celebration of unity within India's diversity and extended an invitation to the Hon'ble Governor of Punjab, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann, and the esteemed people of Punjab to participate in the Prayagraj Mahakumbh-2025. Shri Lakshmi Narayan Chaudhary emphasized that the government is taking significant steps to ensure the event is historic, featuring international participation and state-of-the-art facilities. Speaking to the media after the roadshow, he stated that the Mahakumbh embodies the spirit of India's cultural and spiritual consciousness and is a divine and vibrant representation of 'Ek Bharat-Shreshth Bharat-Samaveshi Bharat (One India, Great India, Inclusive India).'During the press conference, the Cabinet Minister reminded, "Many of you may have witnessed the 'divine and grand' experience of the Prayagraj Kumbh in 2019, which became an indelible symbol of India's cultural pride on the global stage. The world widely acknowledged the efficient management of the event." He further emphasized that this year's Mahakumbh will surpass the previous one in both grandeur and divine essence. Prayagraj Mahakumbh-2025 is expected to welcome over 450 million pilgrims, saints, ascetics, and tourists. In preparation, the Uttar Pradesh government has made meticulous and timely arrangements. During his address to the press, the Cabinet Minister Shri Lakshmi Narayan Chaudhary stated, "Under the inspiration and guidance of Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the leadership of Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath, the Mahakumbh will take place in Prayagraj from January 13 to February 26, 2025, on the sacred banks of the confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati rivers. Recognized by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, the Mahakumbh will once again be held on the holy land of Prayag after a gap of 12 years."

Salima Tete, Savita Punia to Lead Soorma Hockey Club

Chandigarh: Soorma Hockey Club, on Saturday announced Indian hockey icons Salima Tete and Savita Punia as co-captains for the inaugural season of the Women's Hockey India League.

Salima Tete, who recently led the Indian Women's Hockey team to gold at the Women's Asian Champions Trophy. expressed her excitement about the role. "Being chosen to lead this team is a tremendous honour, and it fills me with pride to represent a region that breathes hockey. This team has incredible potential, and I'm eager to work with Savita and my teammates to bring out our best this season," she said.

Savita Punia, the veteran goalkeeper with close to 300 caps for India, shared her thoughts on the announcement. "It's a privilege to be named co-captain alongside Salima. With this being the first season of the Hockey India League for women, there's a lot of excitement and anticipation. Punjab and Haryana's hockey legacy is an inspiration, and I'm confident we can channel that into our performances", she remarked.

Head Coach, Jude Menezes lauded the appointment of the co-captains, highlighting their complementary leadership styles. "Salima brings youthful energy and strategic vision, while Savita's experience and calm demeanour are invaluable. Together, they are the perfect combination to guide this team." she said.

Start the year with a home makeover and save big with Amazon.in's Home Shopping Spree

Chandigarh : Celebrate the new year on a high note with the Amazon.in's Home Shopping Spree, which will offer customers attractive offers and cashback across a wide selection of products including water heaters, kitchen appliances, furniture and many more. Customers can enjoy exciting deals on bestsellers from top brands such as Orient, Havells, Bosch, Lifelong, and many more from 3rd to 7th January 2025. Don't miss out on the amazing deals and shop for your favorite home essentials this new year. Orient Electric Areva Portable Room Heater: This room heater offers a versatile two-way placement with advanced safety features for efficient warmth. Its 2300 RPM motor and adjustable heat settings ensure comfort all winter. Get this on Amazon.in for INR 1,499. Havells Adonia Spin 25 Litre Storage Water Heater: Experience the warmth of excellent heating with this heater. Its heavy-duty heating element ensures high performance and quick heating, making it a superior choice for your water heating needs. Get this on Amazon.in for INR 11,499. BOSCH Professional GWS 600 Angle Grinder: Perfect for efficient cutting, grinding, and polishing tasks, this lightweight grinder features a 670W brush motor, 2 position side handle, lock on switch and much more. Get this on Amazon.in for INR 2,199. BOSCH Professional GSB 500 RE Corded-Electric Drill Tool Set: This corded drill set offers a 500W motor, dual-mode functionality with a compact and lightweight design for easy handling. Also, it comes with variable speed control and a 10mm chuck to provide flexibility for different applications. Get this on Amazon.in for INR 3699. Lifelong FitPro (2.5 HP Peak) Manual Incline Motorized Treadmill: This treadmill features 12 pre-set workout programs, 8 rubber pads under deck for shock absorption, and speeds up to 12 km/hr, making it an ideal choice for weight loss and endurance training. Get this on Amazon.in for INR 16,999. Green Soul Jupiter Superb Office Chair: This ergonomic office chair combines style and functionality with a high-back design, breathable mesh, 2D adjustable armrests, lumbar support, and headrest.

Himachali Students Embark on Cultural Exchange Trip to Telangana under Yuva Sangam Phase V



Hamirpur: A group of students from across Himachal Pradesh embarked on an enriching 5-day trip to Telangana as part of the Yuva Sangam Phase V programme.

The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Hamirpur, the nodal institution for this initiative, hosted a warm flag-off ceremony at its campus.

The event was presided over by the esteemed Director of NIT Hamirpur, Dr. H. M. Suryavanshi, who served as the Chief Guest. In his inspiring address, Dr. Suryavanshi emphasized the importance of cultural exchange and learning, urging the participants to make the most of this unique opportunity. He, along with Professor Anoop Kumar, Dean of Faculty Welfare, and associate professors Dr. Pardeep Singh and Dr. Kuldeep Kr. Sharma, officially flagged off the bus, marking the commencement of the youth's journey to Telangana. The nodal officer for the programme, Dr. Param Singh, and the assistant nodal officer, Dr. Sreeram T. S., ensured seamless arrangements for the event. The faculty members extended their best wishes and words of encouragement to the participants, underlining the significance of this cultural exchange initiative.

The Yuva Sangam programme aims to foster cultural integration and mutual understanding among the youth of different states, making this trip a meaningful step toward national unity.

Onion Pizza is Chandigarh's King : How Chandigarh Swiggy'd 2024

Chandigarh : Chandigarh, India's architectural marvel, is a city where every corner reflects careful planning and seamless design. In 2024, Swiggy seamlessly became a part of this beautifully structured city's food culture, delivering from iconic eateries in Sectors 17 and 26 to bustling food joints across its perfectly aligned streets. From the rich flavors of buttery aloo paratha to the magic of lassi, and the quick adoption of global cuisine, Swiggy ensured that every craving was met with convenience and speed, making food an even more delightful experience in Chandigarh. In the meticulously planned city of Chandigarh, pizzas are proving to be the new blueprint for cravings. Onion pizzas, Capsicum Pizzas, and Corn pizzas were some of the city's top orders! A user even expressed their Pizza passion by ordering 70 Capsicum Pizzas in one go. Ordering takeouts for dinner is now becoming a tradition in the city. The city had over 3 million dinner orders! The union territory prefers to start its day with a dollop of butter on their parathas. Aloo paratha, paneer paratha, onion paratha, and gobi paratha are clear crowd favourites!

Rotary Club Chandigarh Central extends gratitude to its partners after creating World Record of distributing more than 6 lakh sanitary pads

Chandigarh: Rotary Club Chandigarh Central convened a special meeting here today in the presence of President Mr. SP Ojha, Mr. RS Cheema and Wing Commander (Dr.) JS Minhas, Project Chairman of World record made by the club on December 29, 2024 to extend gratitude to all the volunteers and the stakeholders especially Mr. Atul Gupta From Niine Private Limited and Shri Guru Gobind Singh Public School, Sector 35, Chandigarh for contributing immensely to ensure the success of the event.



Mr. SP Ojha, President, Rotary Club Chandigarh Central, while conveying heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the stakeholders, especially Mr. RS Cheema who thought of this activity and led the attempt from the front to make it a grand success, said, "This is a great achievement and in addition to India Book of records, I am grateful to Niine Private Limited, Gorakhpur, for sponsoring the pads and Shri Guru Gobind Singh Public School, for providing the infrastructural support besides the staff and children assistance for the event, they made this event historic."

Dr. Minhas, project Chairman, also appreciated the work done by all the members of Rotary Club Chandigarh Central, Rotary members from other Rotary Clubs and Rotaract club members of Chandigarh Clubs for their whole hearted support to make the event success. Dr Minhas has also thanked and appreciated Mr. Atul Gupta from Niine Private Limited Gorakhpur for his presence during the event and efforts put in by him to make the event grand success. The world record of 6 lakh sanitary pads counting and distribution was made by Rotary Club Chandigarh Central under the guidance of Rotary International District 3080 on December 29, 2024. Niine Private Limited, Gorakhpur, sponsored 6 lakh sanitary pads, which were distributed to110 Rotary Clubs of Chandigarh, Punjab, Himachal, Haryana, Uttrakhand, UP and Chandigarh.

How Ludhiana Swiggy'd 2024: One User Spent 17K on a Feast of Palak Paneer and Dal Makhani

LUDHIANA, DEC 30: Ludhiana, the heart of Punjab, is a vibrant mix of industry, culture, and, of course, incredible food. Known for its bustling markets and warm, welcoming people, the city has a rich culinary heritage that never fails to impress. In 2024, Swiggy became a beloved part of Ludhiana's food scene . Punjabi heartland Ludhiana, rules over with its Paneer Gravy and Veg Burger orders . Ordering takeouts for dinner is now becoming a tradition in the city. The city had over 1.2 million dinner orders! While Chocolate Lava Cake, like the rest of the country, rules in Ludhiana too, the city also loves its Black Forest Cake to feel the sugar rush! Sticking true to their roots, citizens start their day with Chole, Poori, Vegetable Kulchas, and Aloo Parathas. Makkhan maar ke is not just an adage! The city, well-placed between the soothing mountains and the hustle-bustle of UP, Haryana, and Punjab likes its snacks as an amalgamation, too! Chicken roll and Veg Sandwich emerge as the clear winners. Showcasing their love for mitti ka khana , a user spent ₹17,890 to order Palak Paneer, Mixed Vegetable, Dal Makhani, Jeera Rice, and its different roti accompaniments. Ludhiana doesn't shy away from indulgence! And that's how Ludhiana Swiggy'd 2024—one bite, one craving, and one unforgettable food story at a time. Reminiscing on the year gone Siddharth Bhakoo, Chief Business Officer, Food Marketplace, Swiggy said, "2024 was a year that India celebrated its incredible culinary diversity through Swiggy. The residents of Ludhiana embraced Swiggy's offerings, making us a part of each of their celebrations. We are proud to be at the heart of this journey, empowering millions across India to savor their favorite culinary delights. From satisfying midnight cravings to sparking joy with the promise of convenience, we remain driven by a vision to make exceptional food experiences accessible to every corner of the country, one meal, one celebration at a time."

Karnal Students Recognised by NASA for Discovering Main Belt Asteroid TD40

A group of 12 students and two teachers from the main branch of Dyal Singh Public School in Karnal have been recognised by NASA's International Astronomical Search Collaboration (IASC) for their efforts in the discovery of a main belt asteroid, designated TD40. The discovery was made using data provided by the Pan-STARRS telescope. The students, under the mentorship of Principal Sushma Devgun and Dr Kaveri Chauhan, identified and registered 11 near-Earth objects during their research.

According to information provided by the school to several media outlets, the asteroid discovered by Diksha, a Class XI student, has been acknowledged as a main belt asteroid. Certificates were awarded by IASC to Diksha and her peers for their contributions. The discovery, made possible through two years of work using specialised online tools, marks a first for schools in Haryana, where an asteroid will be named after a student.

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Jaiswal"s dismissal sparks controversy; Rohit says "in all fairness he did touch the ball"

MELBOURNE: Yashasvi Jaiswal's contentious dismissal on Monday might have sparked an uproar, but Indian skipper Rohit Sharma attempted to douse the fire stating that the left-hander "did touch the ball" while slipping in a terse reminder that his team often falls on the wrong side of such close calls involving technology.

Jaiswal was batting on 84 (208b, 310m, 8x4) when Aussie skipper Pat Cummins' down-the-leg snorter cramped him for the room while attempting a hook, and the home side went up instantaneously in appeal for a caught behind as Alex Carey completed a tumbling take.

On-field umpire Joel Wilson didn't relent as the Aussies resorted to DRS and third umpire Saikat Sharfuddoula ruled Jaiswal out despite no edge being registered on the Snicko, basing his decision on the available visual deflection evidence.

"Gavaskar never walked away when he edged": Surinder Khanna criticizes Team India's performance

New Delhi : Former India cricketer Surinder Khanna shared his views on India's disappointing 184 runs loss to Australia in the 4th test of the Border-Gavaskar series on Monday in Melbourne.

While Khanna praised Yashasvi Jaiswal's batting, he criticized his dismissal and the overall team effort, drawing comparisons to Sunil Gavaskar's approach to controversial dismissals.

"Only Jaiswal batted, the rest were just coming and going," Khanna remarked, emphasizing Jaiswal's standout performance amidst the team's struggles.

Khanna delved into the controversial dismissal of Jaiswal, highlighting the use of technology and the role of player's honesty in the game.

"Umpire first gave him not out. The fielding side took a referral. In the referral, there is a snickometer, and as per Sunil Gavaskar, there is no deflection in it but if you go by the naked eye, there is a difference of 15 to 17 degrees. After hitting the gloves, the ball became slow, and wicketkeeper Alex Carey had to dive forward to take the catch. The square leg umpire was doubting whether the catch was taken cleanly or not. Technically, in snickometer, there was no deflection, but if you go by me, since I was a keeper, I will say it hit his gloves," he said.

Khanna compared this situation to the behaviour of former cricketers, stating, "Earlier, there were players like Gilchrist who used to walk away, but nowadays, youngsters like Jaiswal do not walk away.

I think there was a big deflection: Madan Lal reflects on Yashasvi Jaiswal's dismissal

Noida : Former cricketer Madan Lal on Monday reflected on India batter Yashasvi Jaiswal's dismissal in the second inning at the Melbourne Test and said that there was a "big deflection".

Australia clinched a 184-run victory over India at the Melbourne Test and took a 2-1 lead in the series, also ending India's chances of qualifying for the World Test Championship (WTC) Final at Lord's early next year.

The decision by the third umpire Sharfuddoula on Yashasvi Jaiswal's dismissal on the final day of the fourth Test of the BGT series has left the world of cricket divided.

The controversial moment occurred on the fifth ball of the 71st over when Jaiswal tried to pull the ball away from Australian captain Pat Cummins. Australia appealed for the decision, but the on-field umpired turned them down. Cummins decided to take the decision upstairs, and that's where the controversial moment happened. In the replay, the ball seemingly deflected on its way to wicketkeeper Alex Carey, but the snickometer didn't show any movement when the ball visibly appeared to be deflected off Jaiswal's gloves.

Jasprit Bumrah, Joe Root, Kamindu Mendis, Harry Brook nominated for ICC Men's Test Cricketer of the Year

Dubai: India talisman pacer Jasprit Bumrah along with England batters Joe Root, Harry Brook and Sri Lanka all-rounder Kamindu Mendis were shortlisted for the ICC Men's Test Cricketer of the Year on Monday, a statement from the ICC said.

ICC released the nominees on Monday and said, "Two England batting mainstays, India's pace spearhead, and a new star in Sri Lankan ranks make for a glittering list of nominees for ICC Men's Test Cricketer of The Year."

Bumrah returned to the Test arena following his recovery from a recurring back injury in 2023, Bumrah dominated the bowling charts in 2024. Featuring across 13 Tests in the calendar year, Bumrah delivered his best-ever annual tally - 71 wickets - finishing the year with more Test wickets than any of his counterparts.

India's road to WTC Final fades away as Australia win Melbourne Test



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MELBOURNE : Scott Boland and Pat Cummins led Australia to a massive 184-run victory over India in the Melbourne Test of the ongoing Border-Gavaskar Trophy at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground on Monday.

With the win, Australia took a 2-1 lead in the prestigious BGT series. While India's road to the World Test Championship (WTC) Final at Lord's deem away.

India resumed the third session on Day 05 at 112/3, with still hope of winning the game.

Rishabh Pant 28 and Yashasvi Jaiswal were unbeaten on the crease and started the final session of the match on a good note and faced the Aussie spin attack with confidence.

The 59th over in the third session emerged as the game-changing point for the tourists. Travis Head's spell helped Australia to dismiss Rishabh Pant in the fourth ball of the 59th over. The India wicketkeeper-batter tried to attack the Aussie spinner and sent the ball over the long-on but didn't have enough power to cross the boundary. Mitchell Marsh ran to his left and took a good catch to get rid of Pant.

The Aussie bowling attack rattled the Indian middle-order batters. Ravindra Jadeja who replaced Pant on the crease didn't get enough time to settle in. In the 63rd over, Scott Boland came back into the attack and proved his worth. The Aussie pacer removed Jadeja in the 63rd over for two runs. India were 127/5 in the 63rd over.

First inning's hero Nitish Kumar Reddy came on the crease with lots of pressure on his shoulder. The India all-rounder could not put up a show in the second inning as he became the victim of Nathan Lyon's fiery spell.

The Indian all-rounder came on the crease with a hope of cementing a partnership with Yashasvi but the Aussie spinner got rid of him in the 64th over for just one run. India were 132/6 after the end of the 64th over.

Washington Sundar replaced Nitish on the crease and tried to build a stand with Jaiswal, who tried his best to propel India towards a draw in the match.

In the 71st over, skipper Pat Cummins got rid of Yashasvi Jaiswal in a controversial manner. Jaiswal tried to go for a pull shot against Cummins' short ball delivery but missed it. Aussie wicketkeeper Alex Carey didn't make a mistake to catch. The on field umpire's original decision was not out, however, the Australian skipper didn't waste time to take the DRS.

In the replay. third umpire Sharfuddoula checked the Snickometer where there was no spike but the visuals showed the ball hit Jaiswal's bottom glove and then went to the keeper. The third umpire went with the visual evidence and overturned the original decision. Yashasvi walked back to the pavillion after scoring 84 runs from 208 balls, with India's hope of drawing the match deemed away. The decision drew huge jeers from the Indian fans in the crowd with some of them chanting, "Cheater-Cheater."

Akash Deep and Washington Sundar on the crease kept rotating the strike and slowly added runs. However, the Aussie set an attacking field aiming to clinch a win.

In the 77th over, Scott Boland struck again as he dismissed Akash Deep for seven runs. India were 150/8 after the end of the 77th over.

Australia inch a step closer to victory as Boland removed Jasprit Bumrah for an eight-ball duck in the 79th over. India needed 186 runs to win at that point in time which seemed impossible, while Australia just needed one wicket to clinch a massive victory in the Boxing Day Test of the BGT series. Mohammed Siraj replaced Bumrah and joined Washington Sundar on the crease. However, they couldn't handle the pressure against the Aussie bowlers.

Rohit Sharma rues missed opportunities, identifies moment that cost India Boxing Day Test match



MELBOURNE : Captain Rohit Sharma rued the missed opportunities after India endured a heavy 184-run defeat in the Boxing Day Test in Melbourne against Australia on Monday.

Australia knocked India flat in all facets of the game, even though the game was defined by the finest of margins. After being knocked around the MCG in the first innings, India replied boldly in the second innings.

With a pace attack spearheaded by Jasprit Bumrah, India had Australia on the ropes after reducing the hosts to 91/6. However, a couple of dropped catches and missed chances gave Australia a window of opportunity to make a strong comeback.

The hopes of restricting Australia on a 250-run lead slowly subdued, especially after Nathan Lyon and Scott Boland muscled away a tired Indian bowling unit on Day 4. The 61-run partnership rubbed salt in India's wounds as Australia set a 340-run target for India to chase down.

The target played on India's minds and nerves, especially after the top order misfired. The first session left its mark and eventually left India with a pretty "disappointing" result, allowing Australia to move to a 2-1 lead in the series.

"It is pretty disappointing. It's not that we went in with the intent of giving up the fight. We wanted to fight till the end, and unfortunately, we couldn't do it. It'll be tough to assess just the last two sessions. If you look at the overall Test match, we had our chances, but we didn't take them. We had Australia 90 for 6," Rohit said in the post-match presentation.

Despite India falling short when things mattered most, Rohit was aware that India wasn't good enough despite throwing everything that they had. For the Indian skipper, the partnership between Lyon and Boland cost the visitors the game.

"We know things can get tough, but we want to play tough cricket in hard situations. I don't want to look at one situation. We were not good enough. I went back to my room and thought about what else we could have done as a team. We threw everything we had, but they fought hard, especially that last-wicket partnership, which probably cost us the game there," Rohit said.

For Australia Steven Smith (140) fired a century for Australia and Marnus Labuschagne (70) rode on his luck in the second innings. On the other hand, India lacked moments of individual brilliance on certain occasions which played its part in India's downfall.

"We knew 340 wasn't going to be easy. We tried to set a platform and keep wickets in hand for the last two sessions, but they bowled perfectly as well. We wanted to go for the target, but we didn't set the platform from our side. There are ways to win games, and we fell short in finding ways to win games," he added.

India just have a couple of days to evaluate and regroup before being a part of the final chapter of the five-match series, beginning on Friday.

Ashwin drops cryptic post amid India's struggle at MCG



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NEW DELHI: Former India cricketer Ravichandran Ashwin posted a couple of cryptic posts amid the struggle of the skipper Rohit Sharma and the Indian side on Day 5 of the fourth Test of the Border Gavaskar Trophy in Melbourne.

Rohit, who has been struggling for form, did all the hard work but eventually returned to the dressing room with nothing to show for it.

Instead of going all guns blazing, Rohit adopted a defensive stance and mustered up nine runs after facing 40 deliveries. After effectively dealing with the pace threat, he decided to take on his counterpart Pat Cummins.

His attempt to flick the ball away resulted in a thick outside edge, which carried to Mitchell Marsh at gully. With his head and shoulders slumped, Rohit returned to the dugout and left the floodgates open. In the same over, KL Rahul walked back for a five-ball duck after being caught in two minds. Virat Kohli was next to join them after giving an edge while attempting to drive the ball.

After India found itself in turmoil, Ashwin took to X to drop a cryptic post about "good leaders" which read, "Good leaders emerge when they show resolve for a scrap."

A couple of minutes later, he went on to repost his comment by adding, "This tweet isn't for people who own fan clubs."

Jaiswal breaks calendar year run record of Sehwag

MELBOURNE, DEC 30 (UNI) Yashasvi Jaiswal has etched his name in the history books by scoring the third-most runs for India in a calendar year in Test cricket.

With a remarkable tally of 1,478 runs in 2024, Jaiswal has surpassed the legendary Virender Sehwag's 1,462 runs from 2008, cementing his place among the all-time greats.

However, Jaiswal still trails behind the iconic Sachin Tendulkar, who holds the top spot with 1,562 runs in 2010, and Sunil Gavaskar, who amassed 1,555 runs in 1979.

This remarkable feat includes three centuries,



underscoring his consistency and adaptability in the longest format of the game.

A standout moment in Jaiswal's 2024 season was his back-to-back double centuries against England in January. He became the third Indian batsman, after Vinod Kambli and Virat Kohli, to achieve this feat, and the third youngest cricketer in Test history to have two double centuries to his name, after Sir Don Bradman and Vinod Kambli.

In the same series, Jaiswal equaled the world record held by Wasim Akram for the most number of sixes (12) scored by a cricketer in a Test innings. He also became only the second Indian after Sunil Gavaskar to score 700 runs in a Test series.

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NOTICE

Approval under regulation-86 of CERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations'1999 and CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations'2019 i) Truing up of Transmission tariff for 2019-24 tariff block and ii) Determination of Transmission tariff for 2024-29 tariff block for **Petition no.-1**: 400 kV S/C Singrauli-Vindhyachal Transmission Line along with (2x250 MW) HVDC Back to Back at Vindhyachal between NR and WR

1. The beneficiaries of the above mentioned Transmission system are: (1) MPPMCL, Jabalpur (2) MSEDCL, Mumbai (3) GUVNL, Vadodara (4) Electricity Department, Government of Goa, Panaji, (5) DNHDDPCL, Silvassa (6) CSPDCL, Raipur, (7) Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. (8) Jaipur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. (9) Jodhpur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. (10) Punjab State Electricity Corporation Limited (11) Haryana Power Purchase Centre (12) Jammu & Kashmir Power Corporation Ltd. (13) Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd. (14) BSES Yamuna Power Ltd. (15) BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd. (16) Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd. (17) Chandigarh Electricity Department (18) Uttaranchal Power Corporation Ltd. (19) North Central Railway (20) New Delhi Municipal Council. (21) Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board

2. Tariff details:

a) 2019-24 block

₹ in lakhs

Petition No.	Asset detail	DOCO/ ECOD/	Completion Cost as on 31.03.2024	Revised AFC based on Truing up				
				2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Petition-1	Combined Asset	06.08.1989	12165.59	2765.92	4388.88	6647.05	7452.53	7487.97

b) 2024-29 Block

₹ in lakhs

Petition No.	Asset detail	Completion Cost as on 31.03.2029	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Petition-1	Combined Asset	49205.59	7520.00	7587.64	7548.72	7410.56	7288.53

4. A copy of this notice and of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of the applicant at **www.powergrid.in**

5. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 6th, 7th & 8th floor, Tower B, World Trade Centre, Naoroji Nagar, New Delhi - 110029 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to the applicant at the address of its corporate office within 30 days of publication of this notice.

For Power Grid Corporation of India Limited

Sd/-

Place: Gurgaon
Date : 30.12.2024

Sr. General Manager (Commercial)

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HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Executive Engineer, Jhandutta Division HPPWD., Jhandutta (H.P.) on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites online bids on percentage rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD Department.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of tender	Time Limit
1	Construction of link road Dokru Rohal Nori road Km 0/00 to 2/600 (SH- P/L for Correction layer G-II and 20 mm thick Premix Carpet in Km 0/660 to 1/460) Under SCDP.	996028.00	19900/-	350/-	Two Month
2	C/o link road Balla to Chouki Bhud Dahad i/c one bridge Km. 0/0 to 2/0 (SH-M/T on link road Balla to Chouki Bhud Dahad at RD 0/660 to 1/0)	257350.00	5100/-	350/-	Three Month
3	C/o link road from Kutla to Parahu via Dharar road Km. 0/0 to 2/500 (SH- C/o HPC a/w wing walls at RD 1/410 and C/o R/wall at RD 1/413 to 1/430)	477511.00	9600/-	350/-	Two Month
4	RRD on Samoh to Hirapur road Km. 0/00 to 5/0 (SH- P/L Paver Block at RD 3/862 to 3/945)	471037.00	9400/-	500/-	Three Month

2. **Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:** The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website **https:/hptenders.gov.in.** Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: **https:/hptenders.gov.in.** Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized as can use the same in this tender.

3. **Key Dates:**

1.	Date of Online Publication	30/12/2024 10.00 HRS
2.	Documents Download Start and End date	30/12/2024 10:30 HRS upto 04/01/2025 10.30 HRS
3.	Bid Submission Start and End Date	30/12/2024 10:30 HRS upto 04/01/2025 10.30 HRS
4.	Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of tender Documents	04/01/2025 upto 10.45 HRS
5.	Date of Technical Bid opening	04/01/2025 11.00 HRS

4. **TENDER DETAILS:**
The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover:
Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information".
Cover2: shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

5. **SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS:** The bidders are required to submit receipt of online payment on account of tender form cost and Earnest money and other Technical Documents in O/o Executive Engineer Jhandutta Division, HPPWD., Jhandutta H.P as specified in Key dates Sr. No. 4 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.

6. **BID OPENING DETAILS:** The bids shall be opened on **04/01/2025** at **11:00 HRS** in the office of **Executive Engineer, Jhandutta Division HPPWD., Jhandutta H.P** by the authorised officer. In their interest the tenderer are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than **75** days after the deadline date for bid submission.

8. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Jhandutta Division,
HPPWD., Jhandutta.
on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh.

DPR-HP-4183/2024-2025

Australia skipper Cummins feels pacer Jasprit Bumrah is India's "most influential player"



AGENCY

MELBOURNE: Australia captain Pat Cummins showered praise on the talisman pacer Jasprit Bumrah and said that the 31-year-old has been the "most influential player" for India in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series.

Australia clinched an 184-run victory over India at the Melbourne Test, with the hosts now 2-1 ahead in the series.

Bumrah showed his charm with the ball yet again. In the first innings, when Australia had complete control of the game, he struck thrice in quick succession to pull India back into the mix. Even in the second innings, Bumrah lived to his reputation and ended the match with figures of 9/156.

Bumrah is now the highest wicket-taker at the ongoing Border-Gavaskar Trophy, with 30 scalps at an average of 12.83.

Speaking at the post-match press conference, Cummins said that Bumrah has made it difficult for Australia at different times of the BGT series. "Obviously a really good bowler in great form. You know, he's been their most influential player. He's made it difficult for us at times. I thought all their bowlers bowled really well yesterday. I don't think the pitch was doing too much.

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Manoj Bajpayee wraps up shooting for 'The Family Man 3'

Actor Manoj Bajpayee has concluded the shoot for 'The Family Man 3'. Recently, Manoj took to Instagram and shared the update with his fans and followers. He posted a picture of the clapperboard with the caption, "Shooting wrapped!! For Family Man 3! Aur thoda intezar."

More details regarding the new season have not been disclosed yet.

A picture of Sharib Hashmi and Shreya Dhanwanthary with Manoj Bajpayee from the sets of Family Man 3 also recently surfaced online.

"With our number 1 man," Shreya captioned the post.

In September, the team of Family Man visited Nagaland for the shoot where they met with Nagaland's Tourism and Higher Education Minister, Temjen Imna Along.

In May, the makers officially announced the third season, updating fans that they have commenced the shoot.

In the series created by Raj and DK, Manoj Bajpayee plays Srikant Tiwari, a middle-class man leading a double life as an intelligence officer for the Threat Analysis and Surveillance Cell (TASC), a fictional division of the National Investigation Agency.

Written by Suman Kumar and Raj & DK, the eagerly awaited third season will bring back many of the original cast members, including Priyamani (Suchitra Tiwari), Sharib Hashmi (JK Talpade), Ashlesha Thakur (Dhriti Tiwari), Vedant Sinha (Atharv Tiwari), amongst others. It is produced by Raj & DK's D2R Films banner. Gul Panag is also a part of the new season.

'The Family Man: Season 1' premiered on Amazon Prime Video on September 20, 2019. The second season was released on the streamer on June 4, 2021.

Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Contestant Shradha Mishra bags her first OG song, Dhokebazi



Chandigarh: Zee TV's Sa Re Ga Ma Pa, a legendary singing reality show, continues to enthral audiences with its perfect blend of musical brilliance and entertainment. As the competition gets tougher each week, fans eagerly tune in to watch contestants refine their raw potential into stellar performances, guided by the expertise of mentors- Sachin-Jigar, Sachet-Parampara, and Guru Randhawa.

This weekend, viewers will get to watch the legendary singer Mika Singh gracing the show as a special guest. The icing on the cake is, that this Sunday, viewers will have the incredible opportunity to watch contestant Shradha Mishra's power-packed performance to her first OG song, 'Dhokebazi,' composed by Sachin-Jigar. It was a moment of pride for Shradha as the iconic singer Mika Singh honoured her with the first clapboard click. Impressed by her mesmerizing voice, the mentors also couldn't resist themselves and appreciated her tonal quality for this dance item number.

Mika Singh said, "This is definitely going to be a superhit song since I believe that the song which is stuck in your head after the first time you listen to it, stays forever in your heart. It is a very fantastic composition and is beautifully written by Jigar bhai's wife- Priya. All the best to you, Shradha and many congratulations to your parents as well."

Sachin-Jigar said, "Honestly speaking, this is one of the unique initiatives of Sa Re Ga Ma Pa, because the contestants always sing the songs that are already released, and we have listened to it in a particular singer's voice.

Zee TV actors reveal their good memories of 2024 and what they are looking forward to in the new year- 2025!



Chandigarh: As we welcome 2025, everyone is hoping for a joyful and healthy start. With the dawn of this fresh chapter, it's a time to release old grudges, leave behind painful memories, and embrace new beginnings.

A new sun rises with the new year, and to cherish the same, Zee TV actors Ayushi Khurana from Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile, Rohit Suchanti from Bhagya Lakshmi, Abhishek Malik from Jamai No. 1, Aarya Babbar from Jagriti-Ek Nayi Subah, Rajashree Thakur from Bas Itna Sa Khwaab, Nausheen Ali Sardar from Vasudha and Arjit Taneja from Kaise Mujhe Tum Mil Gaye shared their plans and aspirations for 2025, outlining the goals they hope to achieve in the year ahead.

Ayushi Khurana, who essays the role of Reet in Zee TV's Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile said, "This year has been truly magical, both personally and professionally. From marrying the love of my life to beginning my journey as Reet in Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile, I am filled with gratitude. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has been a part of this journey—your love and support mean everything to me. Here's to embracing new beginnings and welcoming countless blessings in the year ahead. Wishing you all a New Year full of love, laughter, and happiness." Nausheen Ali Sardar, who essays the role of Chandrika in Zee TV's Vasudha, said "2024 has been a fulfilling year for me, as I stepped into yet another strong and impactful role with Chandrika.

Cricket Fever on the Sets of Bas Itna Sa Khwaab! Yogendra Vikram Singh Showcases His Batting Skills

Chandigarh: The magic of storytelling often extends beyond the screen, and Zee TV's latest show Bas Itna Sa Khwaab is no exception. While the show continues to tug at the audience's heartstrings with its relatable narrative of dreams and family ties, the set recently witnessed a refreshing break from intense shoots with an impromptu cricket match led by none other than Yogendra Vikram Singh, who plays Shikhar Trivedi in the show.

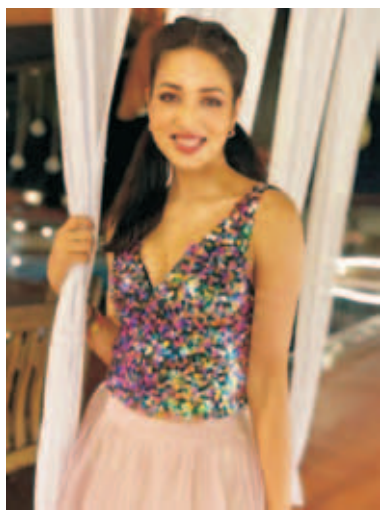


Amidst a packed shooting schedule, Yogendra, a cricket enthusiast, brought his love for the sport to the sets, sparking camaraderie among the cast and crew. The energy was electric as the team took a breather to indulge in the game. Yogendra not only bowled a few perfect deliveries but also impressed everyone with his powerful batting skills, hitting multiple boundaries and lifting the spirits of everyone on set.



Actors share their heartwarming New Year traditions!

Chandigarh: As we welcome 2025, actors from &TV reflect on meaningful traditions that promote positivity, connection, and personal growth. These rituals ranging from strengthening relationships to honouring nature and setting intentions show how these actors including Ravi Mahashabde (Krishan Bihari Vajpayee in Atal), Amit Bharadwaj (Mewa in Bheema), Himani Shivpuri (Katori Amma in Happu Ki Ultan Paltan), and Vidisha Srivastava (Anita Bhabi in Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai) plan to make the first day of the year memorable. Ravi Mahashabde, known for playing Krishan Bihari Vajpayee in Atal, says, "For me, the first day of the year is like a blank canvas. I begin with meditation and think about my goals for the year ahead. Later, I visit a Ganesha temple, a tradition that fills me with a sense of protection and positivity. This ritual sets the tone for a peaceful and purposeful year." Amit Bharadwaj, who portrays Mewa in Bheema, shares, "The first day of the year is always exciting. Ever since my daughter was born, I have dedicated this day to bonding with her. Whether it's a trip to the park or playtime at the mall, the joy of spending time together is unmatched. This year, my wife and I plan to take her to the beach. These small moments strengthen our bond and rejuvenate my spirit."



Himani Shivpuri, who plays Katori Amma in Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, says, "My love for plants inspires my annual tradition of planting a sapling on the first day of the year. Watching it grow throughout the year brings me immense joy and gratitude.

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