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HIPA to be renamed after former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh: CM

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Centre gives nod for extra subsidy of Rs 3,850 cr on DAP fertilizer



UNI NEW DELHI, JAN 1

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved an extra subsidy of Rs 3,850 crore for DAP fertilizer to ensure farmers continue to get DAP at Rs 1,350 per bag of 50 kg.

Briefing media on Cabinet decisions, Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said that the Modi government has ensured that DAP fertilizer is available at affordable price despite the global market price of the fertilizer being volatile due to geo-political tensions.

"Since 2024, PM Modiji has ensured that farmers do not have to bear the brunt of market fluctuations caused by Covid and war related disruptions," Vaishnav said.

He stated that fertilizer subsidy from 2014-24 was Rs 11.9 lakh crore which is more than double the subsidy given from 2004-14 (Rs 5.5 lakh crore).

Vaishnav said that ever since the Modi 3.0 government came to power in June 2024 a series of decisions have been taken by the Cabinet for farmer welfare.

Continuation of PM Fasal Bima Yojana approved

NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday approved the continuation of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme till 2025-26 with an overall outlay of Rs 69,515.71 crore from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

The decision will help in risk coverage of crops from non-preventable natural calamities for farmers across the country till 2025-26.

In addition, for large-scale technology infusion in the implementation of the scheme leading to increasing transparency and claim calculation and settlement, the Union Cabinet has also approved the creation of the Fund for Innovation and Technology (FIAT) with a corpus of Rs 824.77 crore.

The fund will be utilised towards funding technological initiatives under the scheme namely, YES-TECH, WINDS, as well as research and development studies.

Yield Estimation System using Technology (YES-TECH) uses Remote Sensing Technology for yield estimation with minimum 30 per cent weightage to Technology based yield estimates. Nine major states are currently implementing (namely AP, Assam, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, MP, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka).

SKM expresses inability to join discussion by SC constituted committee on farmers' issue

CHANDIGARH: The Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) expressed its inability on Wednesday to attend a January 3 meeting convened by a high-powered committee constituted by the Supreme Court to discuss farmers' issues.

"The High Powered Committee constituted by the Supreme Court has extended an invitation to the SKM to join its meeting scheduled on January 3 (at Panchkula, Haryana) to discuss the farmer's issues," a statement issued by the SKM said.

It added that the court had formed the committee in the context of the blockade at the Shambhu and Khanauri border points between Punjab and Haryana due to a farmers' stir, but the SKM is not part of that agitation.

North India shivers on New Year's day as mercury drops

AGENCY NEW DELHI, JAN 1

North India feels the winter chill as temperatures dip on New Year's Day, with temperatures continuing to plummet across several states. Delhi recorded a minimum temperature of 7 degrees Celsius on Wednesday, with a thin layer of fog covering parts of the national capital. On Tuesday, the city recorded a temperature of 10.2 degrees Celsius at 8:30 am.

The Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB) has set up 235 pagoda tents to provide shelter to homeless people. Night shelters have been set up in several areas of the national capital including AIIMS, Lodhi Road, and Nizamuddin flyover.

In response to the chilly weather, residents of the capital were seen gathering around bonfires, while others took shelter in night homes as temperatures continued to drop. The cold has also intensified in Rajasthan, severely affecting daily life. In Jaipur,



the temperature was recorded at 7.2 degrees Celsius at 8:30 am, while Bikaner and Churu saw temperatures of 7 degrees Celsius and 6 degrees Celsius, respectively as per the IMD.

In Uttar Pradesh's Ayodhya, a layer of fog engulfs the city as the temperature dipped in the city. In Meerut temperature was recorded at 9 degrees Celsius, in Lucknow at 10 degrees Celsius, as per IMD.

In Jammu and Kashmir, the cold conditions persisted, with temperatures plummeting below zero in many areas. The cold weather has caused

the surface of Dal Lake to remain frozen. At 8:30 am Srinagar recorded a temperature of -1.5 degrees Celsius, -2.4 degrees Celsius in Gulmarg, -6 degrees Celsius in Pahalgam, 0.4 degrees Celsius in Banihal and 0.4 degrees Celsius in Kupwara, as per IMD.

Despite the biting cold, people from across the country flocked to temples and churches in large numbers to celebrate the New Year. Whether in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Ayodhya, Haridwar, Mathura, Varanasi, Ajmer, Tirupati, or Guwahati, worshippers gathered at iconic religious sites.

World population reaches 8.09 bln

UNI NEW YORK: The world population increased by more than 71 million people in 2024 and will be 8.09 billion on New Year's Day, according to the U.S. Census Bureau estimates released on Monday. The 0.9 percent increase in 2024 was a slight slowdown from 2023, when the world population grew by 75 million people. In January 2025, 4.2 births and two deaths are expected worldwide every second, according to the estimates. The United States grew by 2.6 million people in 2024, and the U.S. population on New Year's Day will be 341 million people, according to the Census Bureau.

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ATF price cut by 1.5 pc, commercial LPG rates down Rs 14.5 per cylinder

NEW DELHI: The price of Jet fuel, or ATF, on Wednesday was reduced by 1.5 per cent and rates of commercial LPG that is used in hotels and restaurants was cut by Rs 14.5 per 19-kg cylinder in the monthly revision done in line with benchmark international prices.

The aviation turbine fuel (ATF) price was reduced by Rs 1,401.37 per kilolitre, or 1.52 per cent, to Rs 90,455.47 per kl in the national capital - home to one of the busiest airports in the country, according to state-owned fuel retailers. The rate cut follows two rounds of monthly increases. Prices were increased by Rs 2,941.5 per kl (3.3 per cent) on November 1, and by Rs 1,318.12 per kl (1.45 per cent) on December 1, 2024.

Housing prices may see modest growth in 2025, says property experts

NEW DELHI: India's primary housing market may register a modest single-digit price rise in 2025 after appreciating by an average 21 per cent last year as developers are expected to boost new supply to match up demand, according to industry experts.

Real estate developers and property consultants are expecting that the RBI will cut the repo rate this year, enabling banks to lower interest rates on home loans.

Prez, PM wish people on New Year 2025

NEW DELHI: As India rings in the new year 2025, President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday greeted the people and wished them for good "health and prosperity." In a social media post on X, President Murmu said, "Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year! May the year 2025 bring joy, harmony and prosperity to all! On this occasion, let us renew our commitment to work together for creating a brighter, more inclusive and sustainable future for India and the world."

India asks Pakistan to expedite release of Indian prisoners in its custody



AGENCY NEW DELHI, JAN 1

India on Wednesday urged Pakistan to expedite the release and repatriation of 183 Indian fishermen and civilian prisoners in view of completion of their jail terms.

In addition, Pakistan has been asked to provide immediate consular access to the 18 civilian prisoners and fishermen in Pakistan's custody, who are believed to be Indian, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

India made the request in the context of the exchange of lists of civilian prisoners and fishermen by both the countries as part of a practice to do so on January 1 and July 1 every calendar year under the

framework of a 2008 pact.

India has shared names of 381 civilian prisoners and 81 fishermen in its custody, who are Pakistani or are believed-to-be-Pakistani.

Similarly, Pakistan has shared names of 49 civilian prisoners and 217 fishermen in its custody, who are Indian or are believed-to-be-Indian, according to the MEA.

"The government of India has called for early release and repatriation of civilian prisoners, fishermen along with their boats, and missing Indian defence personnel from Pakistan's custody," it said. "Pakistan has been asked to expedite the release and repatriation of 183 Indian fishermen and civilian prisoners, who have completed their sentence," it said.

Haryana notifies Policy for recruitment to Group C and D posts through CET

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, JAN 1

Taking a decisive step to ensure credible and trustworthy recruitments, the Haryana Government has notified the Policy for Recruitment to Group C and D posts through Common Eligibility Test (CET), 2024 to simplify and standardize the recruitment process for government employment to all direct recruitment to Group C and Group D posts. The test will be conducted as and when decided by the govern-

ment from time to time.

According to the notification issued by Chief Secretary Dr. Vivek Joshi, the test shall apply for direct recruitment to Group C posts, including the posts of Police service, Prisons and Home Guards etc., excluding teaching posts, Ex-Agriveer and Group D posts for which minimum educational qualification is below Matriculation in the Haryana Group D Employees (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Act, 2018 (5 of 2018), in the departments of State Government or



any Board, Corporation, statutory body or any other agency owned and controlled by the State Government other than any university established by or under a State Act. The minimum educational qualification for Group C

posts shall be class 10+2/ equivalent or Matric with additional qualification. For Group D posts, the minimum qualification shall be Matric along with Hindi or Sanskrit as one of the subjects in Matric or Hindi as one of the subjects in Higher Standard or as per provision in Haryana Group D Employees (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Act, 2018 (5 of 2018).

The syllabus for Common Eligibility Test shall be divided into two parts comprising—(a) 75% weightage for General Awareness, Reasoning, quantitative ability English, Hindi, and for Group C posts, computer knowledge in addition; and (b) 25% weightage for History, Current Affairs, Literature, Geography, Environment, Culture etc. of Haryana. The question paper shall be of the level of senior secondary education (i.e.10+2 level/equivalent) for Group C posts and of the level of secondary education (Matric level) in case of Group D posts, provided that Hindi and English shall be of Matric Level.

GST collections in December increase 7.1% to Rs 1.76 lakh crore

AGENCY NEW DELHI, JAN 1

Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections in December, in gross terms, were at Rs 1.76 lakh crore, with a yearly jump of 7.3 per cent, according to data from the finance ministry released on Wednesday.

In December 2023, the total collection was to the tune of Rs 1.64 lakh crore.

CGST, SGST, IGST, and cess all increased year-on-year in December 2024, official data made available showed today.

So far in 2024-25, the total GST collection has been 9.1 per cent higher at Rs 16.33 lakh

crore, as against Rs 14.97 lakh crore mopped up in the corresponding period of 2023. In April of 2024, the total GST mop-up surged to a record high of Rs 2.10 lakh crore. During the financial year 2023-24, the total gross GST collection was recorded at Rs 20.18 lakh crore, with an 11.7 per cent increase compared to the previous fiscal year. The recent GST collections reflects a positive trajectory for India's economy, underscoring robust domestic consumption and buoyant import activity. The figures bode well for the country's fiscal health and economic recovery efforts, signalling resilience amidst global uncertainties.

Lucknow horror: Man kills mother, four sisters in hotel

AGENCY LUCKNOW, JAN 1

In a horrific start to the new year, Lucknow Police arrested a 24-year-old man, Arshad, on Wednesday for allegedly murdering his mother and four sisters in a city hotel.

The killings, reportedly carried out with the assistance of his father, have sent shockwaves across the region.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Central Raveena Tyagi told IANS, "We received information from the Thana Naka area that five dead bodies were found in a room at Hotel Sharanjeet. The accused, Arshad, has been taken into custody. He confessed to killing his mother and four sisters - some by slitting their throats and others by cutting their wrists nerves." The victims were identified as Alia (9), Alshia (19), Aksa (16), Rahmeen (18), and their mother, Asma. The brutal killings were discovered when hotel staff alerted the police after finding the bodies in a room. Arshad, a resident of Is-

lam Nagar, Tedi Bagiya, Kuberpur, Agra, reportedly admitted during questioning that the murders were triggered by a family dispute involving neighbours. According to the confession, the family was first taken to Ajmer and then brought to Lucknow a day before the killings.



Kashmir valley bracing for fresh snowfall

UNI SRINAGAR, JAN 1

Kashmir valley is bracing for another spell of snowfall amid freezing temperatures triggering bone chilling cold on Wednesday.

The Meteorological Centre in Srinagar said that two back-to-back Western Disturbances (WD) are expected to affect Jammu and Kashmir starting from today. According to the forecast, a feeble WD is likely to bring light snowfall at scattered areas of Jammu and Kashmir on January 1 and 2, with conditions improving thereafter.



"There is a possibility of a snow spell in higher reaches of Kupwara, Bandipora, Baramulla in north Kash-

mir and in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district today", Faizan Arif, an independent forecaster said.

A moderate WD will strike during January 3 to 6 and can cause light to moderate rain over the plains of Jammu and snow at many places of Jammu and Kashmir with the peak activity between January 4 and 5, the MeT office said adding that there is a possibility of heavy snow at isolated higher reaches during the period.

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 relentless 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 Tuesday and Wednesday at Srinagar slipped to -4.4°C against the -3.5°C the previous night. This was 2.0°C below average for the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir during the period. Gulmarg witnessed a marginal improvement in the minimum temperature but it remained the coldest place of the valley with a low of -8.8°C against the -11.5°C a day ago.

I Rajiv Kumar Nagpal S/o Krishan Lal R/o H.No. 5068, Ward No. 7, Near Samrara Road Guron Colony, Machhiwara Khas, Tehsil Samrara (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Rajiv Kumar.

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I Sonia Nagpal W/o Rajiv Kumar R/o H.No. 5068, Ward No. 7, Near Samrara Road Guron Colony, Machhiwara Khas, Tehsil Samrara (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Sonia Rani.

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I No 15626389A L/NK Mahendra Singh R/o Village Bhajanpur, Tehsil Poornagiri Tanakpur, District Champawat (Uttarakhand). Pin 262310. Declare that in my Army Service Record My Mother Name Mentioned HEMA DHAMI Which is incorrect her Correct Name is HEMA DEVI. Vide Affidavit QE0024303191.

9000A

I,Pooja Jindal W/o Pankaj Jindal, R/o House No.2330,Sector 71,VTC: S . A . S . N a g a r (Mohali),District: S.A.S Nagar(Mohali),160071 have changed my name from Pooja Rani to Pooja Jindal.

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I Vikramjeet Singh S/O Dharam pal VPO Marauri Tehsil Samana Distt Patiala Have Changed My Name From Vikramjeet Singh To Singh Vikramjeet

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I, Sonia Yadav alias Sonia W/O Sukhwinder Singh R/O Village Khourthi Tehsil Guhla District Kaithal Haryana have changed my name to Sonia Yadav.

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I, Parbhjot Kaur W/O Neeraj Sharma R/o Rajaund, Ward 2, sub Tehsil Rajaund, Distt Kaithal, In my husband Neeraj Sharma's passport number

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I, U8030601, my name is mentioned as Parbhjot, but my actual name is Parbhjot Kaur.

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I, Munish Kumar Jain S/o Sh.Suresh Kumar Jain R/o House no. 4748 , street no 3, nai basti Bathinda have changed my name Munish Kumar to Munish Kumar Jain

50008

I, Sukhwinder Singh Son of Harbhajan Singh R/o ward no. 10 Lohian Khas Tehsil Shahkot District Jalandhar (Punjab), declare that my son Komal Preet Singh and his wife's name is Navneet Kaur is out of my control. So I disown with them from my moveable/immovable property. If anybody dealing with them at his/her own risk.

63372

I, Ranjit Kaur W/o Dev Singh R/O Vill: Alisher Kalan (Mansa) declare that my son Nirmal Singh, who was evicted from my moveable/immovable property through Yug Marg newspaper dated 23rd March 2023, due to my disobedience. Now my son in my control therefore, I take back the evict notice of my son.

63372

I, Gulabsha D/O Firoz R/O Village Baraipur, P.O Hobbigan, Bairag Dih, Distt. Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh 223224 Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Gulabsha To Radhika And Also Change My Religion From Muslim To Hindu.

63372

I Jaspal Singh S/o Joginder Singh R/o 12C Krishna Nagar Khanna, Khanna, Distt Ludhiana state that one original sale deed bearing wasiqna no.4075 Dated 22-12-2009 executed by sukhminder singh s/o Raghvir singh R/O Civil line khanna khalan in favour of jaswinder kaur w/o paraminder singh r/o krishna nagar khanna in favour of sukhminder singh s/o Raghvir singh r/o civil line khanna of khanna khurd 3997 dated 01-12-2005 executed by jagdish singh s/o Dalip singh r/o khanna khalan in favour of jaswinder kaur w/o paraminder singh r/o khanna khanna of khanna khurd has been lost on 21-11-2024 at Amloh road khanna.this complaint dated 01-01-2025 no. SR N.553480/2025 community policing wing punjab police station pso2 city khanna. If anyone misuses it, he will be responsible for legal action himself.

63372

I Ravinder s/o Ashok Kumar R/o Ward No.16 VIG Colony Gharaunda, Tehsil Gharaunda District Karnal, Haryana hereby declare that I want to change the name of my minor son from Mohit Kumar to Mohit. I will be solely responsible my self for any illegal activity, If any, is carried out by me after changing name of my minor Son. My wife Ruman has no objection to the changing the name of our son.

900010

I Mahavir S/o Sh.sawrup Singh R/o Basdhara Distt Karnal Haryana 132114 Have Changed My Name From Mahavir To Mahabir Singh. All Concerned Please Note

900010

I, Pooja Bajaj w/o Ravi Bajaj r/o #593/19, Patel Nagar, T h e s i l T h a n e s a r , Kurukshetra have changed my name from Pooja Rani to Pooja Bajaj. In future I should be known as Pooja Bajaj.

52724

I Kamal Kishore Bansal S/o Late Sh. Shyam Sunder Bansal R/O A-21, RajKamal Enclave, Delhi Road, Near Rithani, Meerut have changed my name from Kamal Bansal to Kamal Kishore Bansal. In future I should be known and identified as Kamal Kishore Bansal.

100074

I, Surender Kumar S/o Sh. Om Parkash R/o H.No. 350, Sector-7, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra have changed my name from Surender Kumar to Surender Pasrija. In future I should be known and identified as Surender Pasrija.

100074

I, (Old Name, which is to be changed) Sidharth Son of Suresh Kumar R/O Village Ladana Baba Tehsil and DISTRICT Kaithal (Haryana) have changed my name from Sidharth (Old Name) to Siddharth (New Name).

100039

ਗਰੇਟਰ ਮੁਹਾਲੀ ਏਗੀਆ ਡਿਵੈਲਪਮੈਂਟ ਆਰਡੀਨੈਂਸ, ਮੁਹਾਲੀ ਪੁੱਤਾ ਭਵਨ, ਸੈਕਟਰ 62, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ। ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ

ਮੁਕਤ ਵਾਰਸਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰ: HIG 643-B, ਸੈਕਟਰ-65, ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ ਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਅਲਾਈ Sh. Tejinder Singh Viridi S/o Guru Bachan Singh Viridi ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਮਿਤੀ 01-08-2020 ਨੂੰ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਹੈ। Smt. Manjit Kaur W/o Balbir Singh ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਕੌਲਸਰ ਵਾਰਡ ਨੰ: 25, ਸੈਕਟਰ-67 ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ ਨਗਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮਿਤਰ ਅਲਾਈ ਦੇ ਵਾਰਸਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਹਲਕੀਆ ਬਿਠਾਨ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਜਿਸ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਮਿਤਰ ਅਲਾਈ Sh. Tejinder Singh Viridi S/o Guru Bachan Singh Viridi ਦੇ ਵਾਰਸ ਹੋਣ ਲਿਖੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਤਸਦੀਕ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਹਨ:-

1) Suvinder Kaur Viridi Wife 2)Prabhjot Viridi Daughter Chhabra 3) Navjot Kaur Viridi Daughter 4) Tejeshwar Singh Son Viridi ਉਕਤ ਵਾਰਸਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰ: HIG 643-B, ਸੈਕਟਰ-65, ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ ਨਗਰ ਦੀ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਅਤੇ ਨਾਮ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਚਮਤਕਾਰੀ ਇਸ ਦਵਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਇਹ ਕੇਸ ਮਿਲਖ ਅਦਾਲਤ (ੳ) ਗਾਮਾ ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ ਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਿਖਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਸਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਖਰਚ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਮਿਤਰ ਅਲਾਈ ਦੇ ਕਾਨੂੰਨੀ ਵਾਰਸਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਇਸ ਵਿਗਿਆਪਨ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਮਿਲਖ ਅਦਾਲਤ, ਗਾਮਾ ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ ਨਗਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਪਿੱਠੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੇ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਨਿਸਚਿਤ ਮਿਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਏ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਤੋਂ ਕੋਈ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰ: ਅਰਨ ਨੰ: HIG 643-B, ਸੈਕਟਰ-65, ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ ਨਗਰ ਦੀ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ Smt. Manjit Kaur W/o Balbir Singh ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਕੌਲਸਰ ਵਾਰਡ ਨੰ: 25, ਸੈਕਟਰ-67 ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ ਨਗਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਵਾਰਿਸਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਹਲਕੀਆ ਬਿਠਾਨ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ ਤੇ ਉਕਤ ਵਾਰਸਾਂ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ। ਮਿਲਖ ਅਦਾਲਤ (ੳ) ਗਾਮਾ ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ।

I, Gargi Sharma D/o Ashok Kumar R/o new modle town, shahabad, Shahbad, PO: Shahabad(m), DIST: Kurukshetra, Haryana-136135, declare that name of my mother has been wrongly written as Anita in my 10th & 12th Class educational documents. The actual name of my mother is Anita Devi.

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I, Harsh S/o Nitin Ohri R/o .4833, Guru Arjan Dev Nagar Putlighar Amritsar have Changed my name to Harsh Ohri

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I hitherto known as BALUR SINGH S/o Arjan Singh R/o Vpo Rasulpur Malla, Tehsil Jagraon, Distt Ludhiana-142035, Punjab, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Balvir Singh.

72737

I hitherto known as Balbir Singh S/o Darshan Singh R/o Vpo Sheikh Daulat, Tehsil Jagraon, Distt Ludhiana-142036, Punjab, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Balbir Singh Malhi.

72737

I, Mohinder Singh S/o Rattan Singh Vill.Nanakpura,Post Office Sandhola, Pehowa, Kurukshetra have changed my given name Mohinder Surname Singh

84661

I, Jaswant Singh S/o Late Baldev Singh Vill. Shahpur, Pehowa, Kurukshetra My Brother Kulwant Singh is not willing to listen to what I say, hence I break the relation with him, he himself will be responsible for any transactions and good and bad deeds done by him.

84661

I, Vikramjeet Singh Sandhu S/O Saraj Singh, R/O Village Haste Ke, P.O.Khai PHEME KE, Tehsil & Distt Ferozepur, Have Changed My Name Vikramjeet Singh.

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I Sanjeev Kumar S/O Tilak Raj R/O Lalwan Tehsil Garhshankar Distt Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name To Sanjeev Kumar Gautam.

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I, Parmla Devi W/o Mohan Lal R/o H.No. B-3/438, Navi Abadi, Nawanshahr Distt SBS Nagar, Punjab, have changed my name from Parmala Devi to Parmla Devi.

63372

I Kulwant Singh S/o Jagat Singh R/o Vill-Jalwaha Po Usamampur Teh-Nawanshahr Distt SBS Nagar Pb have changed my name from Kulwant Kumar to Kulwant Singh.

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I Satya W/o Balwinder Gill R/o B-10/63 Luv Kush Nagar Valmiki Mohalla Nawanshahr Distt SBS Nagar Pb, I have changed my name after marriage Satya to Satya Gill.

63372

I, Shamsheer Singh Chumar S/o Phagan Singh R/o Village Baghour (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Shamsheer Singh.

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I, Harwinder Singh S/o Kulwinder Singh R/o Bhagta Bhai Ka, Dist. Bathinda Punjab 151206 having change my name Harvinder Singh S/o Kulwinder Singh.

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I, Charnjeet Kaur W/o Kulwinder Singh R/o Bhagta Bhai Ka, Dist. Bathinda Punjab 151206 having change my name Charanjit Kaur W/o Kulwinder Singh.

63372

I Ravi Kant S/o Jagdish Chander Bakshi R/o #2933-B, W.No.14 Near Patel Colony Rajpura Distt Patiala have changed my name from Ravi Kant to Ravi Kant Bakshi.

63372

I, Kuldip Kaur W/o Manohar Lal R/o H.No. B-6/465 St.No.3 Friends Colony Saloh Road Nawanshahr Teh-Nawanshahr (SBS Nagar) Pb, India, have changed my name from Kuldip Kaur to Kuldeep Kaur.

63372

I, Harmanpreet Kaur D/o Bahadur Singh R/o Vill: Ghunder Teh-Nabha (Patiala) have changed my name to Harmanpreet Kaur Rehal.

63372

I, Pankaj Sharma S/O Surinder Kumar R/O Village Jakhwali Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib Have Changed My Name Pakaj Kumar.

63372

I, Sema Goyal W/o Anand Kumar Bansal R/o W.No.1 Mandi Dabwali (Sirsra) have changed my name from Sema Goyal to Seema Bansal.

63372

I, Janak Raj S/o Faqir Chand R/o Vpo. Ratainda Teh-Banga (SBS Nagar) Pb, India, have changed my name from Janak Raj to Janak Raj Janda.

63372

I Charanjit Singh Sandhu S/O Sawinder Singh R/O V.P.O Marhana Distt. Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name Charanjit Singh Sandhu.

63372

I Gurmeet Kaur W/O Charanjit Singh Sandhu R/O V.P.O Marhana Distt. Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name Gurmeet Kaur Sandhu.

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I Charanjit Singh Sandhu S/O Sawinder Singh R/O V.P.O Marhana Distt. Tarn Taran Have Changed My Minor Daughter Name Ravneet Kaur To Ravneet Kaur Sandhu.

63372

I Sukhwinder Singh S/O Chanan Singh R/O H No 1122 St No 1 Vardhman Nagar Rahon Road Ludhiana Pin Code 141007 have changed my name to first name Sukhwinder surname name Singh.

63372

I, Mohan Kaur Mohni W/O Avtar Singh R/O Vpo Kangna Bet Tehsil Balachaur, Distt. S B S Nagar have changed my name from Mohan Kaur Mohni to Mohan Kaur.

63372

I, Ravinder Singh S/O Dilbag Singh R/O Village Khanour, tehsil and Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my name from Ravinder Singh to given name Ravinder and surname is Singh.

63372

I, Kabul Singh S/o Chet Singh R/o Village Sabhra Tehsil Patli District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Kabul Singh to Kabal Singh.

63372

I Navjot Singh S/O Karamjit Singh Sohi Tehsil Dhuri, Palasaur, Sangrur Have Changed My Name To Navjot Singh Sohi.

63372

I, Ritika D/o Harjinder Kumar R/o Vill: Chandpur Rurki Khurd Po. Chandpur Rurki Teh-Balachaur (SBS Nagar) India, have changed my name from Ritika to Ritika Dhiman.

63372

I, Naresh Kumar Bansal S/o Harbans Lal R/o H.No.2038, Krishnapuri Mohalla, Machhiwara (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Naresh Kumar.

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I, Karan Kumar Bansal S/o Naresh Kumar R/o H.No.2038, Krishnapuri Mohalla, Machhiwara (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Karan Bansal.

63372

I, Simran Kaur W/o Amrit Pal Singh Bajwa R/O Dashmesh Nagar, Machhiwara, Tehsil Samrara (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Simran Kaur Bajwa.

63372

I, Manpreet Kaur Arora W/o Harbhajan Singh R/o H.No. 158 W.No. 31 Mata Wali Street Kumi Ka Agwar Old Moga (Moga) have changed my name from Manpreet Kaur Arora to Manpreet Kaur.

63372

I, Sulakhan Singh alias Sukhdev Singh S/o Sarwan Singh alias Sarban Singh R/o Daulatpura (Moga) have known by both names Sulakhan Singh alias Sukhdev Singh one and the same person.

63372

I Hitherto Known As Kanchan D/O Des Raj R/O Vill. Malla Bedian, Po. Aur, Tehsil Nawanshahr, Sbs Nagar, Punjab (India)-144417, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kanchan Kaur.

63372

I Hitherto Known As Sukhpreet S/O Sukhdev R/O Vill. Cheema Khurd, Po. Apra, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab (India)-144416, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Sukhpreet Duggal.

63372

I, Sham Lal S/O Vas Dev R/O VPO. Lalwan, Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, have changed my minor daughter name Danika to Danika Sharma.

63372

I, Sandip Kaur W/O Rohit Kumar R/o Vill: Nawan Pind Naicha Po. Goraya Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) my given name is Sandip and surname is Kaur.

63372

I, Kajal Kumari D/O Ranjit Singh R/o New Market Vpo. Goraya Teh - P h i l l a u r (Jalandhar) have changed my name to Kajal Dhillon.

63372

I Amritpal Singh S/O Mohinder Singh Vpo Jallupur Khera, Tehsil Baba Bakala Sahib, Distt Amritsar have changed my name from Amritpal Singh to Amritpal Singh and Singh is my surname.

63372

I, Harmail Singh W/o Gurmail Singh R/o Gosalan De Kothe, Shaina, Barnala 148103 have changed my name Harmail Kaur.

63372

I, Amandeep Kaur W/o Pargat Singh Sidhu R/o W.No. 8 Green Avenue Raikot (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Amandeep Kaur Sidhu after marriage.

63372

I, Neetu D/o Balkar Singh R/o Gurudwara Singh Sabha Road Zira (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Neetu Sandhu.

63372

I Janak Lal S/o Mahavir Gupta R/o Kacha Malak Road, Gulabi Bagh, St. No.01 Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Janak La Gupta.

63372

I Sarwan Singh S/O Karnail Singh R/O Vpo Rupana Distt Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Sarwan Das Chela Of Mahant Sarupa Nand R/O Vpo Ghudda Distt Bathinda.

63372

I Am Guralp Singh Alias Guralp Singh Bhullar Son Of Gurdial Singh Resident Of Village Mandi Kalan, Tehsil Maur, District Bathinda, Punjab Shall Be Known As Guralp Singh In Future.

63372

I Jaspreet Singh Markanday S/O Ram Singh R/O Village Gondara District Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Jaspreet Singh.

63372

I Sewak Singh S/O Veer Singh R/O Village Sarawan District Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Sewak Singh Sran.

63372

I, Hitherto Known As Rita Rani W/O Ashok Kumar Residing At House No-202, Ward Number-4, Mall Godown Road, Dhuri Sangrur, Punjab-148024 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Sarita Bansal.

63372

I, Charnjit Singh S/O Labh Singh Vill. Jahangir Tehsil Dhuri Distt. Sangrur Have Change My To Charanjeet Singh.

63372

I, Monica Sharma W/O Shiv Kumar Sharma R/O H.No. 97, Street No. 4, Krishna Nagar, Jalandhar, Punjab-144021, India Have Changed My Name From Monica Sharma To Monika Sharma.

63372

I, Yugraj Singh S/o Gurmial Singh R/o H.No. 7307 St.No. 7 Gobind Nagar New Shimlapuri (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Jugraj Singh.

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COURT NOTICE (U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)

IN THE COURT OF Ms. Divya Sharma Civil Judge Jr. Div., Chandigarh

CANARA BANK Vs. DINESH KUMAR

FOR EXECUTION OF JUDGEMENT

CNR No. CHCH02-002003-2023 Next Date:- 24-01-2025

PUBLICATION ISSUED TO: DINESH KUMAR Son:- NARESH KUMAR HNO 5657 MALOYA CHANDIGARH Mohan Lal S/O Bansal Lal R/O 2332 SECTOR 38 C CHANDIGARH

In above titled case, the defendant(s)/ respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s)/ respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 24-01-2025 at 10.00 a.m. For details logon to https://www.highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=distrcit_notice&district=Chandigarh Civil Judge Jr. Div, Chandigarh Dated, this day of 12-12-2024

ਸੁਲੱਖਣ ਵਿਠੈਲਮੈਂਟ ਅਸਰਵੀ ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ. ਨੰ. 41, ਉਸ਼ਾ ਮਹਿਲਾ, ਲਾਠੀਵਾਲੀ ਭੰਗ, ਲਾਹੌਰ ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ

ਭਾਗ ਅਤੇ ਖਰਚ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਪਲਾਟ ਨੰ: 393-ਐਸ, ਅਦਬ ਅੰਦਰ ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ ਨਗਰ ਦੀ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਅਤੇ ਨਾਮ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਚਮਤਕਾਰੀ ਇਸ ਦਵਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਇਹ ਕੇਸ ਮਿਲਖ ਅਦਾਲਤ (ੳ) ਗਾਮਾ ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ ਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਿਖਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਸਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਖਰਚ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਮਿਤਰ ਅਲਾਈ ਦੇ ਕਾਨੂੰਨੀ ਵਾਰਸਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਇਸ ਵਿਗਿਆਪਨ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ-ਅੰਦਰ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਮਿਲਖ ਅਦਾਲਤ, ਗਾਮਾ ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ ਨਗਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਪਿੱਠੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੇ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਨਿਸਚਿਤ ਮਿਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਏ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਤੋਂ ਕੋਈ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰ: ਅਰਨ ਨੰ: HIG 643-B, ਸੈਕਟਰ-65, ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ ਨਗਰ ਦੀ ਮਲਕੀਅਤ Smt. Manjit Kaur W/o Balbir Singh ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਕੌਲਸਰ ਵਾਰਡ ਨੰ: 25, ਸੈਕਟਰ-67 ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ ਨਗਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਵਾਰਿਸਾਂ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਹਲਕੀਆ ਬਿਠਾਨ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ ਤੇ ਉਕਤ ਵਾਰਸਾਂ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ। ਮਿਲਖ ਅਦਾਲਤ (ੳ) ਗਾਮਾ ਐਸ ਏ ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ।

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DISCLAIMER



JAITU (JS GILL) : Gurnam Singh Virk today assumed the charge of PA of Deputy Commissioner Faridkot. It is noteworthy that before this he was serving as Senior Scale Stenographer with Additional Deputy Commissioner. He said that he will fulfill the responsibility that has been entrusted to him with all his might. The entire staff of the Deputy Commissioner's Office congratulated S. Gurnam Singh Virk. On this occasion, Mr. Mahinderpal former PA, Mr. Satish Bahl, Senior Assistant, Babir Singh Superintendent, S. Sukhdev Raj Senior Assistant, S. Joginder Jira Superintendent (1), S. Kulwant Singh Superintendent, S. Sevak Singh Junior Assistant, S. Ashwinder Singh, Gurpreet Singh, S. Amrik Singh Sandhu, Parminder Singh Steno and other office staff were present.

NEWS BRIEF

Liquor peddler arrested by police, illicit liquor recovered



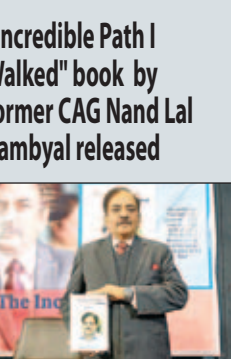
SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON: District Ludhiana rural police arrested 1 liquor peddler with illicit liquor under its campaign against bad elements being carried out under the guidance of SSP Navneet Singh Bains. Giving detailed information about this, SHO Amarjeet Singh said that police team has arrested liquor peddler Sonu Kalyan son of Pappu Kalyan resident of Gandhi Nagar Jagraon with 20 bottles of illicit liquor and filed FIR no. 1 against him under section 61-1-14 of Excise Act. "Police shall obtain the remand of accused and carry out further investigation," he added. SHO Singh issued a stern warning to people involved in illicit business of liquor and drug peddling and said that police shall not tolerate any illicit activity at all.

Sukhmani Eye donation Club Dod starts the new year by planting trees



JS GILL JAITU: All the members of Sukhmani Netradan Club started the new year by planting trees in village Dod with the support of the new Panchayat. On this occasion, Press Secretary Dr. Jarnail Singh Dod informed that this club keeps doing some or the other social orienting activity on special festivals or days. Under which, all the members of the club started the new year by planting ornamental trees with the support of Sarpanch Kuldeep Singh Gill and Panchayat members and congratulated all the villagers. On this occasion, Sarpanch Kuldeep Singh Gill praised the social service work done by the club members and promised to provide all kinds of support to the club and congratulated the villagers, Gram Panchayat and all the club members on the new year. On this occasion, President Jasvir Singh Brar, Chairman Jeet Singh Gill, Shammi Taylors, Dr. Hardev Singh, Malkit Singh, Bachittar Singh JE, Gurbachan Singh Sandhu, Dr. Sarja Singh Panch, Baldev Singh Numberdar, Nirmal Singh, Dilbagh Singh Brar, Member Chamkaur Singh Brar, Member Parminder Singh, Panch Balvir Singh, Panch Ram Singh, Panch Satpal Singh, Numberdar Gurjant Singh, Numberdar Sukhjit Singh Gora, Gurdwara Shiromani Committee President Jaswinder Singh Gill, Balraj Singh, Jeet Singh Khalsa, Harbhajan Singh Khalsa, America Wale, Pappu Singh Gill, Rupa Singh Gill, Bajinder Singh Khatri and Amara Singh etc. were present.

"Incredible Path I Walked" book by former CAG Nand Lal Sambyal released



R N KHERA CHANDIGARH: The first book, 'The Incredible Path I Walked', by Nand Lal Sambyal, former Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, (Retd.), was launched today. The release ceremony was held at the Chandigarh Press Club, where the book was launched by the publisher of Satluj Prakashan, Panchkula, Desh Nirmohi, and renowned announcer, State Awardee, and All India Radio, Chandigarh, personality, Sarv Priya Nirmohi. Nand Lal Sambyal, who served in the civil services for over three decades, including as Assistant Controller of Accounts in Chandigarh, shared that the book was written keeping in mind today's youth, so that they can draw inspiration and reach great heights in life. He explained that the book details his life journey, from childhood struggles to his education, his time in civil services, and other key events and activities. Desh Nirmohi remarked that Nand Lal Sambyal's book is an autobiographical account of his life. He said that the book was written for future generations to understand how people of his era lived without basic facilities, faced struggles, and managed to survive in a remote village in Himachal Pradesh, a place that lacked water supply, electricity, roads, and educated family members. For today's youth, this story might seem like a fairy tale, but it is the truth. He is also the founder and president of the Sarathi Charitable Trust, which works in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, focusing on promoting girls' education and improving financial health in the community. Nand Lal Sambyal is a spiritually inclined person who has undertaken many pilgrimages, including the Char Dham Yatra.

Mayor and Commissioner extend warm wishes to employees & citizens on first day of New Year

SHASHI PAL JAIN CHANDIGARH, JAN 1

City Mayor Kuldeep Kumar and Municipal Commissioner Sh. Amit Kumar, IAS paid obeisance during the Akhand Paath Sahib, organized at Fire & Rescue Services department, Sector 17, here on the very first day of the New Year 2025.

They prayed for the peace, harmony and progress of the Municipal Corporation and prosperity of citizens of city beautiful. Greeting the people on the New Year, the Mayor and Commissioner wished a happy, peaceful and prosperous 2025 to the employees of the Corporation and citizens of Chandigarh. They reiterated the commitment of MCC to ensure that upgradation of the existing basic amenities and addition of the advanced technology in the services to enhance efficiency. The Mayor and Commissioner held separate meetings with the officers and employees of different wings and wished them good health, peace and prosperity ahead.



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Complaint to Chief Minister regarding poor condition of grain and vegetable market

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, JAN 1

Arun Kumar, a trader from Kharar, has sent a complaint to the Chief Minister of Punjab regarding the poor condition of cleanliness and other things at the grain and vegetable market located in Kharar.

Along with his complaint, he has also sent pictures of the dirt in the market. Arun Kumar has written in his complaint that by looking at these pictures, it can be easily guessed what work the department employees are doing here.

He said that the Mandi Board collects user charges from the people who come here to buy grain or vegetables etc. He has written that a shed was to be constructed in the vegetable market but till now no construction has been done there and there are piles of dirt here.



He said that carts are parked on the road to the market and there is always traffic jam. He said that the construction of a shed for beggars will start soon but this has not happened yet.

They have demanded that immediate action be taken in this regard. Meanwhile, the Chief Minister's Office has forwarded this complaint to the concerned department for action.

Gurdwara Guru Nanakpura Mori Gate set to organize Nagar Kirtan



JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): Gurudwara Guru Nanakpura Mori Gate is set to organize a 'Nagar Kirtan' on 4 January dedicated to Gurburab of Guru Gobind Singh Ji. The management committee of Gurudwara Sahib met SSP Ludhiana rural Navneet Singh Bains and invited him to the Nagar Kirtan. SSP Bains assured that the police shall make efficient arrangement for smooth conduct of the entire program.

He also said that a police team shall pay salute to Guru Sahib during the Nagar Kirtan. Giving more information about this, Gurdwara management committee members including principal Charanjeet Singh Bhandari, Hardev Singh Bobby, Inderpal Singh Vacher, Ravinderpal Singh said that the preparations for Nagar Kirtan on 4 January have already been accomplished and Kirtan Darbar shall be conducted on 5th and 6th January. "Prabhat Pheri and Shama Pheri are also being conducted with the service of devotees," they added. They invited the devotees to be a part of the program and seek blessings of almighty.

Meeting of Administrative Advisory Council held under chairmanship of MP Manish Tewari

CHANDIGARH, JAN 1

A meeting of Administrator Advisory Council (On Transport) was held today under the Chairmanship of Sh. Manish Tiwari, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Chandigarh.

The meeting was attended by the Senior Superintendent of Police (Traffic), U.T., Chandigarh, Joint Secretary-cum-Director Transport, U.T., Chandigarh, Chief Engineer, U.T., Chandigarh, Chief Architect, U.T., Chandigarh, Secretary/State Transport Authority, U.T., Chandigarh, and member of Sh. Radhey Shyam Garg and Representative of CREST and MC Department.

Various issues pertaining to Transport Department were discussed during the meeting. Regarding the regulation of Auto rickshaw registration and safety issues the chair was



apprised that the 5000 Auto-rickshaws has been registered in Punjab and Haryana respectively. The Chairperson asked for a detailed appraisal about the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure in the City. He pointed out that most of the EV Charging points had either been vandalised or were non functional. Chairperson further pointed out that without an EV Public infrastructure in place that is sustainable, viable and cost efficient no green transition in the transport Sector is possible. Regarding im-

position of congestion tax on outside city vehicles the Chairperson was of the view that it was an obtuse proposal and not suitable for the Indian Mileau.

A Congestion Tax could work in Central London but Chandigarh was not Central London. The Committee was apprised that the proposal regarding repeal of passenger good tax had been sent to government of India since a motor vehicle Tax and GST constitute a double whammy and tantamount to Dual Taxation.

DC celebrates New Year with students of Bamboo School



PATIALA (RAKESH JINDAL): In a unique initiative to celebrate New Year 2024, Patiala Deputy Commissioner Dr. Preeti Yadav spent time with students of the Bamboo School established at the RNB Brick Kiln in Village Kheri Gaurian. Marking the occasion, she distributed sweets, study materials, blankets, and other essentials to around 60 children, emphasizing the district administration's commitment to ensuring a bright future for the children of migrant workers employed at brick kilns. Dr. Preeti Yadav highlighted that two Bamboo Schools have been set up in the district to provide children of migrant workers access to formal education and life skills. She affirmed that additional steps would be taken to safeguard these children from child labour by ensuring comprehensive support, including health surveys, vaccinations, mid-day meals, and other necessary facilities. Dr. Yadav further said "Many positive changes are already visible among the children attending these schools. We are committed to improving the infrastructure further and preparing them for formal education. We will also support their parents to prevent these children from being pushed into child labour and to improve their quality of life" Said DC.

Students should resolve to give their best in studies to make their dreams come true in the New Year: Principal Madam Preeti

VERMA GURDASPUR, JAN 1

On the occasion of the New Year, Principal Madam Preeti of Air Force School, Pathankot, extended heartfelt wishes and greetings to all students, parents, and local residents. She expressed her hope that the new year brings joy, success, and prosperity for everyone.

She further stated, "May the dreams that are reflected in your eyes and the aspirations hidden in your heart come true in this new year." Encouraging the students, Principal Preeti said that the New Year brings new goals, fresh energy, and renewed hope in life. She urged the students to work hard to turn their dreams into reality and to face any challenges with courage and self-confidence. She also appealed to the parents to actively support their children's correct guidance so



that they can achieve success in life.

Principal Preeti added that the New Year provides not only an opportunity for personal development but also an inspiration to contribute positively to society's welfare. She wished everyone peace, happiness, and progress in the upcoming year. On this auspicious occasion, Principal Preeti shared a message encouraging everyone to embrace this year with a positive outlook and strive for success in all their endeavors.

PU releases its table calendar 2025 on theme, 'Upholding traditions, empowering dreams, fostering excellence'



CHANDIGARH, JAN 1

Panjab University today released its much-awaited table calendar 2025, celebrating the theme 'Upholding Traditions, Empowering Dreams, Fostering Excellence'. The calendar reflects the university's celebrated heritage, dynamic evolution, and unwavering commitment to shaping the future through excellence in research, scholarship and teaching.

The calendar features stunning visuals of Panjab University's iconic landmarks, architectural marvels, natural landscapes and cultural events, each reflecting the institution's heritage. It is a creative vision of Dr.

Jaspreet Kaur, Department of Botany and Dr. Gaurav Gaur, Centre for Social work, who conceptualized and designed this remarkable piece. Their deep understanding of the university's legacy and a flair for artistic expression shines through every page, beautifully capturing the essence of the theme 'Upholding Traditions, Empowering Dreams, Fostering Excellence' and making this calendar a symbol of inspiration for the university community the whole year round. Each image has been captured through the lens of Dr. Gaurav Gaur's mobile phone camera, reflecting his deep appreciation for the university's architectural beauty.

Dr Jyoti Rattan takes over as honorary director of PU coaching centre for IAS

CHANDIGARH, JAN 1

Dr. Jyoti Rattan, Professor of Law, Department of Laws, Panjab University, Chandigarh, has been appointed as Honorary Director, PU Coaching Centre for IAS and other Competitive Examinations for SC/ST and other categories (additional charge). Dr. Madhuri Rishi, Professor & Former Chairperson, Department of Environment Studies, who has a long association with the Academy as a Resource person, has been appointed as Co-ordinator, for a period of two years from today till 31 December 2026.

Besides teaching and research, Dr. Jyoti Rattan is an internationally acclaimed and established author and much sought-after keynote speaker and expert panellist having written 20 books in wide-ranging legal fields including International Law, Cyber laws In-



formation Technology & Artificial Intelligence (Foreword written by The Chief Justice of India, Supreme Court, New Delhi), Intellectual Property Rights, Taxation Laws, Company Law, Right to Information (RTI), Law of Contract, Women and Law.

On 5 December 2024, she gave a Guest Lecture at the Western Sydney University School of Law, Sydney, Australia on Technology, Innovation and the Law. In 2023, for the G20 Presidency of India, as PU G20 Nodal Officer, she had organized International and national seminars in collabo-

ration with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Govt. of India and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Dr. Rattan had delivered public lecture at the Indian Society of International Law (ISIL), New Delhi in 2022 on Right to Be Forgotten. She was an Expert Panelist, at the National Commission for Women's (NCW) final law review consultation on "The Rights of Women under Property Laws." Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, 2024, and in The DST Interactive Dialogue on India's Intellectual Property Ecosystem, 2024.

Brahma Kumaris celebrate New Year with great pomp in Mohali

TILAK RAJ MOHALI, JAN 1

New Year was celebrated with great love, happiness and enthusiasm this morning in Sukh Shanti Bhawan Phase 7 Mohali branch of Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya. On this occasion, hundreds of Brahma Kumaris and Brahma Kumaris practiced Paramatma-Smriti or Rajyoga from 4.00 am to 8.00 am to radiate rays of peace to nature, 5 elements and all the souls of the world and offered bhog to God Shiva.

Many Brahma and Brahma Kumaris presented bouquets and greeting cards to the respected sisters. The atmosphere was made joyful by presenting cultural programs through songs and poems. On this occasion, Rajyogini Brahma kumari Premlata, In-charge Rajyoga Centres of Mohali Circle of Brahma Kumaris, wished everyone a Happy New Year and said that the present time is the end of Ka-



lyuga. In this age itself, God Shiva is establishing the new age i.e. Satyuga, therefore, be devoted to oneness, have faith in God, concentrate your mind. Always have good feelings and good wishes for everyone and behave sweetly with everyone. She further said that considering yourself a peace messenger, spread the rays of peace, goodwill, unity and brotherhood in the world? Thereafter, Rajyogini Brahma kumari Rama Behan Ji, in-charge of Rajyoga Centre Ropar, inspired people to-

wards self-development, social service and the art of living a stress-free life. She further said that in this new year, make such efforts that you become strong and positive internally.

She said that one should make a firm resolve to practice Raja Yoga for half an hour every day and avoid any kind of vices and bad deeds and do rites for one's shortcomings and weaknesses. Brahma kumari Gayatri presented a very beautiful poem of divine regard to God Shiva in New Year.

K-Secure group distributes food and warm clothes to needy sections of society



TILAK RAJ MOHALI, JAN 1

In a heart-warming gesture of compassion and community service, K-Secure Group organized a special drive to distribute food and warm clothing to the underprivileged sections of society.

The event, held on 30.12.2024 aimed to support those in need during the harsh winter season. Over 150 individuals from economically weaker sections, including families, elderly citizens, and children, received freshly pre-

pared meals. Warm clothing like Caps and socks were also distributed to help protect them from the chilling cold. Director of K-Secure Mr Pawan Taneja says "It is our collective responsibility to stand with those in need and ensure no one faces the cold or hunger alone.

Small acts of kindness can make a significant difference in the lives of the less fortunate. I do hope that someone will get motivated seeing this small act of ours and few more 100s might get food for their living.

Journalists are link between government and public: MLA Rai



BIKRAMJEET SAHOTA FATEHGARH SAHIB, JAN 1

District Journalist Union Fatehgarh Sahib celebrated New Year under the leadership of District President Ranbir Kumar Judge.

MLA Advocate Lakhbir Singh Rai specially participated on this occasion. Directory of District Fatehgarh Sahib prepared by Today Info Media was also released. On this occasion, MLA Lakhbir Singh Rai congratulated the journalist community on New Year and said that the journalists of district Fatehgarh Sahib have always supported the truth, we salute their journalism and pray to God that the year

2025 will bring happiness to all. Bring the toys. On this occasion, MLA Lakhbir Singh Rai thanked the journalists of Fatehgarh Sahib for the arrival of lakhs of pilgrims and the journalists gave full support to the government and the administration. He said that journalists are the link between the government and the people. They convey the difficulties to the government. On this occasion, District President Ranbir Kumar Judge said that New Year is celebrated every year by the District Journalists Union.

On this occasion, the entire journalist fraternity joins together and does Gup-ta-gu.

BUREAU PATIALA: State Bank of India, PSPCL Branch celebrated New Year 2025 in a simple but impressive manner. On this occasion, Branch Manager, Varun Kamboj stated that in order to improve customer service, Bank conducts Customer relation programme on monthly basis. The event was held in the Bank premises inside campus of PSPCL Head Office and top



customers of the Branch were invited to the event. The branch caters to approximately 7000 customers and shares a close association with the employees and pensioners of PSPCL. All strata of customers are being served by the branch and were felicitated on this occasion. The customers appreciated the excellent services offered by the branch and spoke highly about the staff.

NEWS BRIEF

St. Andrew's Convent School playing key role in providing quality education



VERMA GURDASPUR: St. Andrew's Convent School, which provides education from Nursery to 12th grade and is operated by the Andrew's Education Society, has become a significant name in the field of education, consistently achieving 100% results. The school is affiliated with the ICSE/ISC board and is dedicated to providing students with quality education. In this regard, the MD Ramesh Saini, Chairman Naresh Saini, and Suresh Saini jointly provided information, stating that the aim of establishing St. Andrew's Convent School was not only to guide students towards academic excellence but also to shape them into responsible and empowered citizens. They mentioned that the school believes in providing holistic education that emphasizes physical, mental, and social development.

JKU All India Inter University Boxing (Boys) Championship 2024-25 begins



ANANTDEEP KAUR BATHINDA: The All India Inter University Boxing Championship (Boys) 2024-25 got off to a grand start at Guru Kashi University campus after being inaugurated by the Chief Guest (Olympian and the Arjuna awardee boxer) Manoj Kumar. The Vice Chancellor Dr. Inderjit Singh & Dr. G.S. Ruhel were present as Special Guests on this occasion. While addressing the sports persons, chief guest called upon the sports persons to spend more time in the Boxing Rings and practice hard if they wish to participate in international events. Dr. Inderjit Singh offered tribute to the four Sahibzadas and all other martyrs.

VB nabs 173 persons red-handed taking bribes in 134 traps during 2024

GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, JAN 1

Aiming to weed out corruption from the society, the Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) adopted a multi-facet approach to corner the bribe seekers and to generate awareness among the public with a resolute stand to curb this social malady. During the period the VB has apprehended 173 persons red handed taking bribes in different cases.

Disclosing this here today, VB Chief Director-cum-Special DGP Varinder Kumar, said the VB has been able to nab 139 officials of different departments and 34 private persons while accepting bribes in 134 trap cases during the year 2024. Adopting a zero



tolerance policy towards all forms of corruption, the Bureau had nabbed 10 gazetted officers (GOs) and 129 non-gazetted officials (NGOs) from January 1 to December 31, 2024. VB Chief revealed that during the year, apart from other departments, 53 personnel of Punjab Police, 33 of Revenue Department, 9 of Power, 3 of Panchayats and Rural Development, 8 of

Health department, 18 of Local Bodies department, 3 of Food & Civil Supply department were nabbed red handed while taking bribes in separate cases. In addition to this, the VB has apprehended two employees each of Forest department, Labour, Finance and Transport department in graft cases.

Giving more details about the performance of the Bureau he added that the VB had registered 124 criminal cases against the accused in which include 29 GOs, 117 NGOs and 117 private persons. Apart from this, 60 Vigilance Enquiries had also been registered to probe corruption complaints against 26 GOs, 27 NGOs and 7 private persons. Besides, 3 cases of disproportionate

assets were also registered against 3 NGOs. In addition, 1 Gazetted officer and 1 Non Gazetted Officer has been dismissed from their services by their respective administrative departments due to conviction by the competent courts while deciding the VB cases. He further revealed that the Bureau had been able to conclude 71 Vigilance Enquiries during the year.

Sharing details, DGP VB said various competent courts have sentenced 50 accused in 41 cases filed and contested by the Bureau under prevention of corruption act which includes 3 GOs, 31 NGOs and 16 private persons and awarded imprisonments ranging from one year to seven years.

Barinder Goyal launches projects worth Rs 26 crore to connect 35 villages to canal water

GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA LEHRAGAGA, JAN 1

Keeping in mind the vision of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the goal of providing canal water to every farm in Punjab will be realized soon. This was revealed today by Punjab Water Resources Minister Advocate Barinder Goyal after laying the foundation stone of projects worth Rs 26 crore under the target of providing canal water to the people of 35 villages under Lehra assembly constituency for irrigation of their fields. Cabinet Minister Shri Barinder Goyal said that for the last 18 years, the people of these villages have been deprived of canal water because the previous governments ignored the interests of the people on a



large scale. He said that according to the details recorded in the papers, 35249 acres of land receives canal water through Dhanuri feeder. Whereas in reality, only 18740 acres are receiving water and 16509 acres of land is deprived of canal water, which will be brought under its purview by 20th February 2025 and people associated with the agricultural profession will feel great relief with the arrival of canal water in the

fields. Cabinet Minister Shri Goyal said that the Water Resources Department Punjab is fully active to complete this goal. He said that earlier only 68% of water was being used through dams in Punjab and 32% of water was left unused due to broken canals and Rajbahe. Due to continuous efforts being made under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, now 84% of canal water is being used in Punjab.

Deputy Commissioner distributes relief material to needy on New Year

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, JAN 1

A special program was organized by District Red Cross Society today on the occasion of New Year, in which Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal distributed relief material to the needy. In this program, Quantum Paper Mill supported Red Cross Society under CSR, which is making a significant contribution in the field of social service.

During the program, sewing machines were distributed to the needy persons, motorized tricycles to the disabled, ration kits, hygiene kits and blankets. These items were distributed to those who are struggling to run their livelihood and become self-reliant in daily life. On this occasion, Deputy



Commissioner Komal Mittal wished the people of the district a Happy New Year and said that the New Year is the time for all of us to take a new resolution. She said that we must ensure that we make every possible effort to help the needy people of our society. Only this collective effort will make the society better and stronger. She appealed to all to contribute to social service as per their capacity and come forward to help the needy.

Komal Mittal, on behalf of Quantum Paper Mill, expressed gratitude to District Red Cross Society for donating 50 motorized tricycles under CSR and assistance for Medical Relief Fund. Appreciating Quantum Paper Mill's commitment towards social service, she said that the contribution of such institutions provides great relief to the needy section of the society. She also praised District Red Cross Society and said that this organization is continuously playing a leading role in helping the needy.

Rupnagar DC conducts inspection of Seva Kendra and various offices on first day of new year



BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR: Rupnagar Deputy Commissioner. Himanshu Jain conduct checking of the offices of various departments including the Seva Kendra located in the district administrative complex on the first day of the new year to ensure that all officers and employees of the District Administrative Complex attend their offices on time in the morning and that the general public does not face any kind of inconvenience. Speaking on this occasion Himanshu Jain said that on the instructions of the Punjab Government headed by Bhagwant Singh Mann, the district administration of Rupnagar is firmly committed to providing administrative services to the people without any hassle. The Deputy Commissioner said that the district administration has instructed the officers and employees of all the government offices to show full respect to the persons coming to work in the offices and to do their work on a priority basis as per the rules. He said that in any case, the harassment of people in the offices will not be tolerated. He also appealed to the general public and said that if any officer or employee does not listen to anyone, then they can directly reach the Deputy Commissioner's office and contact him.

Harjot Singh assumes charge of Nigran Engineer, Pathankot in Public Works Department



VERMA GURDASPUR: Engineer Harjot Singh of the Public Works Department has assumed the position of Nigran Engineer in Pathankot after being promoted from the position of Executive Engineer in the PWD department. A welcome ceremony was organized on this occasion, which was attended by departmental officials and employees. During the ceremony, Sub-Divisional Engineer Engineer Rakhpal Singh Dhillon and his entire staff welcomed Engineer Harjot Singh by presenting him with a bouquet. Rakhpal Singh stated that under Harjot Singh's leadership the department's work would gain new energy, and he would effectively implement the region's developmental projects. Additionally, the District President of the C.P.F Employees Union, Puneet Sagar, Engineer Anil Kumar, Ajay Kumar, Engineer Deepak Kumar, and Contractor Prabh Sharanjeet Singh were also present at the event. All of them extended their best wishes to Engineer Harjot Singh for his new role and wished him success during his tenure. Engineer Harjot Singh has been appointed to this important position due to his efficiency and dedication.

Tejpal Jain's eyes will brighten two lives



DAVINDER SHARMA RUPNAGAR: 90-year-old Tejpal Jain of Rupnagar Punjab, after serving in the social and religious field in his worldly journey, went to other world and became immortal even after dying by donating his eyes. On December 31, Tejpal Jain, a resident of Jain Mohalla from famous Bakhtawar Mal Jain family of the city, died at age of 90, after which his wife Pushpalata Jain, son Rajesh Jain and daughter-in-law Simpi Jain, daughter Rekha Jain and Samta Jain, with consent of the rest of their family members, expressed their desire to donate eyes of Tejpal Jain ji to Naina Jeevan Jyoti Club, an institute working in field of eye donation in Rupnagar. Club called a team of doctors from Punarjot Eye Bank of Ludhiana and got eyes of Tejpal Jain donated. Punarjot Eye Bank Society's head doctor Ramesh said that along with brightening lives of people with double pupil blindness, liquid present in eyeball is used in treatment of many types of eye diseases. All members of Naina Jeevan Jyoti Club thanked Bakhtawar family wholeheartedly for bringing glory to Rupnagar and appreciated social work being done by entire family.

Mann govt to upgrade Verka Plant outlets in Punjab, says Milkfed Chairman

SHASHI PAL JAIN SAS NAGAR, JAN 1

Punjab Milkfed Chairman Narinder Singh Shergill said here today that Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann-led Punjab Government has been working on infrastructural updates of existing Verka Outlets outside the ten major Verka Milk Plants of the state.

Interacting with the media, on the very first day of the New Year after participating in a religious function held at Verka Milk Plant Mohali, Chairman Shergill said that the Finance Minister Punjab, Harpal Singh Cheema has sought the proposals from the ten main plants for face-lifting the existing outlets to transform into modern ones to sell out the verka products. He said that besides the upgrading of verka outlets, the Bhagwant Mann Government has also



been focusing on the modernization and up-gradation of verka milk plants in the state. The Mohali Verka Plant has been getting an expansion for Rs 325 Crore to enhance its capacity, added Chairman Narinder Shergill. Earlier, the Amritsar and Jalandhar plants have also undergone modernization and up-gradation at a cost of over 80 Crore each. Similarly, both the feed plants of Milkfed are also under infrastructural up-

gradation. He said that in the coming days, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann is going to dedicate a 160-crore project completed by Verka.

He said that Milkfed has been working tirelessly to serve milk producers with a better price for their produce. Besides, to hire the staff at Milk Plants, the existing infrastructure of salary is being reversed to the earlier one to secure their jobs.

Chairman Jagroop Singh Sekhwan reviews ongoing development works in district

VERMA GURDASPUR, JAN 1

Chairman of District Planning Committee Gurdaspur Advocate Jagroop Singh Sekhwan today held a special meeting with the officials of Revenue Department, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Food and Civil Supplies Department and Forest Department at his office of District Planning Committee in Gurdaspur to review the ongoing development works in the district. During the meeting, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development) Gurpreet Singh Gill, SDM Gurdaspur Dr. Karanjit Singh, District Food and Civil Supplies Controller Gurdaspur Mr. Sukhjinder Singh, DDPO Gurdaspur S. Gurpreet Singh



Bhullar, officials of Forest Department and Tehsildar and Naib Tehsildar of the district were present.

Presiding over the meeting, Advocate Jagroop Singh Sekhwan, Chairman of District Planning Committee Gurdaspur, directed the officers to complete the various development works going on in the district within the stipulated time. He asked the officers to personally go to the spot and inspect the development works and ensure that the quality of the

development works is as per the norms. Apart from this, he also reviewed the various welfare schemes being run by the Punjab Government. He said that the benefits of the government's welfare schemes should be extended to the needy. He said that the officers and employees should perform their duties with complete honesty, hard work and transparency and give full respect to the people who come to get work done in the offices and their work should be done on merit.

MLA Jimpa inaugurates work of expansion of indoor stadium

DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, JAN 1

MLA Bram Shankar Jimpa today inaugurated the expansion work of the stadium while starting an important project in the indoor stadium. This work is being done in the field of boxing and wrestling, which will provide better facilities to sports lovers and players. This project will cost around Rs 50 lakh. The MLA said that he had discussed this project with Rajya Sabha member Sanjeev Arora and with his cooperation this project has been started. This expansion is being done especially keeping in mind the players of boxing and



wrestling, so that they can get more space for practice. He said that our aim is to encourage sports and provide every possible facility to the players.

This expansion will prove to be a big step for those learning boxing and wrestling. The MLA also said on this occasion that the

Punjab government under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann is making every possible effort to promote sports. He said that the needs of the players are being given priority and continuous efforts are being made to provide them high-level facilities.

Maa Bhagwati Chowki held at Old Durga Temple to welcome New Year with devotional fervor

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL, JAN 1

Maa Vaishno Bhajan Mandali Rampura Phul in collaboration with Jai Shakti Sewa Dal, Sri Radha Krishna Mahila Kirtan Mandal and Sri Shiv Shakti Ka Kawad Sangh organized the local Old Durga Temple (Lala Ram Singh Maa Bhagwati Chowki at Vala) was held on Tuesday night on New Year's Eve. Under the leadership of Mandal Praveen Kumar Happy. The Jyoti Prachanda ceremony was performed by member Rakesh Rinka and his family in this square. Chhuni ceremony was performed by Jagdish Garg.

On this occasion, all the members sang the praises of Maa Bhagwati and prayed for the welfare of all. Mandal president Praveen Kumar Happy said that every year, the new year is welcomed by the congregation by making Mata Chowkan.

Meanwhile, the names of eleven devotees were selected through lucky draw from among the devotees present at Chowki. On this occasion, Mahant Ashok Garg, Chairman Yashpal Dhingra, President Praveen Happy,



General Secretary Rakesh Rinka, Joint Secretary Mukesh Moni, Treasurer Manish Goyal, Stage Secretary Adarsh ??Garg, Dr. Arun Bansal, Dinesh Garg, Keshav Garg, Dr. Raj Kumar Raju, Ashok Mittal, Parshotam Khushdil, Krishna Bansal, Satpal Satti, Vivek Goyal, Balram Goyal, Binny Kansal, Mohit Singla, Jatinder Jindal, Jimmy Goyal, Jitu Bansal, Harish Hattu, Jatinder, Bhushan Garg, Ruby Goyal, Randhir Sharma and Parshotam Baba etc. were present.

Lehragaga Police arrest two in school property grabbing conspiracy

GURMAIL SINGH LEHRAGAGA:

Lehragaga police have registered a case against a dozen people on the charge of conspiring to grab the property of the society in collaboration with family members and relatives and have arrested the nephew of the school director and his wife. According to Inspector Vinod Kumar, SHO of Lehragaga police station, the founder of the school, Praveen Khokhar, had filed an application in the office of the District Police Chief, Sangrur, regarding a conspiracy to grab his property. Taking action in this regard, Lehragaga police have arrested 1. Sukhvinder Kaur, wife of Abhishek Kaushal, 2. Abhishek Kaushal, S/o Darshan Kumar, resident of Khai, Lehragaga, 3. Radhika Sharma, daughter of Darshan Kumar, resident of Shubham Singla, Resident of Lehragaga, District Sangrur, 4. Kulwinder Singh, S/o Sukhdev Singh, resident of village Gaga, District Sangrur, 5. Navneet Sharma, wife of Vijay Kumar (84), resident of Balei Patti Chauke, District Bathinda, 6. Ranjit Singh, S/o Jagdev Singh, Balianwali, District Bathinda, 7. Rahul Sharma, S/o Narinder Kumar, resident of Ward No. 7, near Police Station S, Police Station Sahnewal, District Ludhiana, 8. Manjit Kumar, S/o Shivji Ram, resident of 278, village Dhadde, District Bathinda, 9. Mahinder Pal, S/o Kuldeep Chand, resident of Patti Balei, Village Chauke, District Bathinda, 10. Bharatdeep Garg, S/o Ram, resident of S. Lal Garg, near Old Truck Union, District Sangrur, 11. Khushpreet Kaur, wife of late Rohan. Kumar, Street No. 10, Durgapuri, District Ludhiana, 12 Tarsem Singh S/o Jagjit Singh resident of House No. 7, Village Dhadde, District Bathinda, a case has been registered under Sections 318 (4), 316 (2), 336 (3), 337,338,340 (2), 61 (2), 238 238 BNS-2023 and action has been taken.

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh Gulab Chand Kataria on his three day visit to Himachal Pradesh met Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at Raj Bhavan here today. On the occasion, the Governor welcomed him and felicitated



him by presenting Himachal cap, shawl and memento. Shri Kataria also visited the heritage building of Himachal Pradesh Raj Bhavan and envisaged keen interest in historic Shimla Agreement Table. Secretary to Governor C.P. Verma was also present on the occasion.

NEWS BRIEF

CM expresses grief over demise of MLA's father

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has expressed grief over the demise of Kahan Singh, father of Chandher Shekhar, MLA from Dharampur assembly constituency. He passed away at his native place Bahari, Dharampur, district Mandi today morning after prolonged illness. He was 82. He also served as Superintendent in the Forest Department. The Chief Minister prayed to the Almighty to give peace to the departed soul and strength to the bereaved family members to bear this irreparable loss.

Corporation buses earned 206 crore 3 lakh: Pankaj Chadda



SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA: MD Pankaj Chadda of Himachal Path Parivahan Nigam Dharamshala Division said during a press conference on Wednesday that last year, buses of depots Joginder Nagar, Baijnath Palampur, Jaisinghpur, Nagarota Bangwa, Dharamshala, Chamba and Pathankot under Dharamshala Division travelled 4 crore 98 lakh. 206 crore 3 lakh 38 thousand rupees were earned during this period. Pankaj Chadda said that the fare per kilometer in Dharamshala depot was 39 rupees 95 paise. He said that good drivers and conductors are working in the corporation buses. They are working well on the new technical facilities that are coming in the buses. For the convenience of the passengers, the facility of paying fare through credit and debit cards has been provided and three types of cards have also been issued for them, through which people can travel in the corporation buses. He told that people can book buses by visiting the corporation's website and people are also taking advantage of this facility. He said that employees have been deployed at the bus stand so that people travelling at night do not face any inconvenience. The fuel consumption in buses has also reduced.

HIPA to be renamed after former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh: CM

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, JAN 1

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu while presiding over the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration (HIPA) in Shimla today announced to rename the institute after former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh. He praised Dr. Singh's policies for greatly helping the development of India and Himachal Pradesh and said that his efforts brought many benefits and recognition to the state.

On the occasion the Chief Minister also unveiled the coffee table book published by HIPA. The Chief Minister inaugurated the training programme for special educators at the Institute in which 80 teachers would take part and would continue till 3rd January. He said that this programme would equip teachers with modern technique for educating children with special needs and would offer alternative to traditional Braille



method. As a part of inclusive development the State the Chief Minister announced increase in the monthly pension for visually impaired children rising from Rs. 1500 to Rs. 4000 per month until the age of 27. He said that this change would be incorporated in the upcoming budget. He said that the State Government was taking significant step to make visually impaired individuals self-reliant and insure their rightful share in the resources of the State.

Thakur Sukhvinder Singh

Sukhu said that Himachal Pradesh generates annual income of Rs. 16000 crore while annual expenditure on salaries and pensions amounts to Rs. 27000 crores. He emphasize the need for sustainable financial roadmap and called for collective efforts and support from all sections of the society so as to increase the state's income and secure a prosperous future for the people of the State. He said that over the past two years the present State Government has worked diligently to stabilize the

derailed financial condition of the state for which employees and officials of the States have provided their immense support to the government.

Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that all section of society have rightful share in the resources in the State and the government was making significant changes in the policies which would ensure equitable and overall development of the States. He said that strengthening the rural sector of the State has always been the top most priority for the State Government and many new initiatives would be introduced in the coming months. The Chief Minister highlighted various schemes implemented by the Government including Mukhya Mantri Sukh Ashrya Yojna for the orphaned children, programmes for widows and measures to support single women. He said that these efforts reflect the commitment of state government for the well being of all sections of the society.

Chief Minister greets Governor on New Year



DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, JAN 1

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu called on Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at Raj Bhavan today and greeted him on the occasion of the New Year. The Chief Minister wished him a happy and joyful new year. Public Works Minister Vikramaditya Singh, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Minister Anirudh Singh, Chairman, Human Rights Commission P.S. Rana, President, HP Congress Committee Pratibha Singh, Director General of Police Dr. Atul Verma, Additional Chief Secretary Onkar Chand Sharma, Deputy Commissioner Shimla Anupam

Kashyap, Superintendent of Police Sanjeev Gandhi, State Information Commissioner Dr. S.S. Guleria, Chief Information Commissioner R.D. Dhiman, Mayor Municipal Corporation Shimla Surinder Chauhan, Director Information & Public Relations Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chancellor Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry Nauni Prof. Rajeshwar Chandel, other senior officers of the state government and prominent people of the town greeted the Governor on this occasion. Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla thanked all for their good wishes and hoped that the year, 2025 would bring good luck, prosperity and happiness to everyone.

Industrial visit by BBA students of Atal Bihari Vajpayee Govt College, Bangana

JOGINDER DEV ARYA BANGANA, JAN 1

A group of 35 BBA students from Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government College, Bangana, embarked on a one-day industrial visit to gain practical insights into business operations and industrial processes. The college principal, Dr. Ramesh Thakur, flagged off the group with his best wishes. Professor Rekha Sharma, the coordinator for BBA and BCA, explained that the visit aimed to provide students with practical exposure to the functioning of industries. The students visited two prominent units in the Tahlial industrial area—Mrs. Bector Foods (Cremica) and Jupiter Multifoods Processors (Himpa).



The tour began at 11:00 a.m. with a visit to Mrs. Bector Foods, where students learned about modern food manufacturing processes and quality control measures. At 12:30 p.m., they toured Jupiter Multifoods Processors, where the unit's owner, Rohit Verma, introduced them to techniques related to product packaging and distribution. The visit was led by Professors Ranjana Devi and Rajendra Singh from the

BBA department. Industry experts explained various industrial processes in detail and answered students' queries, providing them with valuable insights into the business world. This industrial visit proved instrumental in enhancing the students' educational and professional understanding, offering them a deeper perspective on key aspects of the corporate and industrial sectors.

CM Sukhu flags off Home-Based Palliative Care vehicle

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, JAN 1

With an aim to deliver home-based palliative care to cancer patients and other terminally ill individuals unable to visit hospitals Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today here flagged off a vehicle carrying a dedicated team of medical professionals. This team includes a doctor trained in palliative care, a sociologist, and a nurse would provide compassionate care as part of the Pain and Palliative Cell established under the Department of Radiotherapy and Oncology at IGMC Shimla. This initiative has



been launched in collaboration with the Cipla Foundation and CanSupport India. The Chief Minister said that the initiative reflects the government's commitment to providing accessible and compassionate healthcare.

He said that the team would work in close consultation with physicians at IGMC Shimla to address the medical needs of patients. Beyond medical care the sociologists in the team would focus on meeting the social and psychological

needs of patients and ensure a holistic approach to their well-being. Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that medicines and dressing kits would be provided to patients free of cost under this initiative. Initially the service would cater to patients residing within a 40-km radius of IGMC Shimla. He said that this initiative was a significant step forward in providing specialized care for terminally ill patients and providing them essential support within the comfort of their homes. Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister Anirudh Singh and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

Bilaspur pioneers educational revolution with State-of-the-Art space labs and green initiatives

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY BILASPUR:

Bilaspur district is charting a new course in educational innovation and sustainable development. Deputy Commissioner Abid Hussain Sadiq today in a press conference said that a benchmark for the entire state was set in Bilaspur to establish v cutting-edge space labs in five schools to inspire future scientists and bridge the educational divide. This visionary initiative, sponsored by HDFC Bank's CSR fund with an investment of Rs12 lakh per lab, will be inaugurated on January 7, 2025, at Government Boys School, Bilaspur, by Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharamani. The space labs, equipped with drones, 3D printers, telescopes, and ISRO mission models, will provide hands-on training in robotics, satellite technology, and aerospace engineering, igniting curiosity and scientific temperament among students. Already, 10 students from the district have visited ISRO's Space Applications Centre in Ahmedabad, with plans to send 50 more students on similar educational excursions. These labs are set to open by the end of January in schools at Dangar, Barthi, Namhol, and Kapahda. Beyond educational advancements, Bilaspur is leading by example in sustainability. The Deputy Commissioner's office is set to become the first green office in the state, with the installation of a 110-kilowatt solar power plant funded by Rs 70 lakh from NTPC, expected to be completed by March.



Tauni Devi residents hope for key developments in 2025, including road, rest house, and administrative upgrades

RAJNISH SHARMA HAMIRPUR, JAN 1

The prominent town of Tauni Devi in the Sujapur Assembly constituency, which already serves as a tehsil and block headquarters, carries high hopes for significant developmental milestones in 2025. Residents are optimistic about new institutions and offices enhancing the town's status this year.

The incomplete work on National Highway No. 3 has been a source of frustration for the past two and a half years. This year, residents hope the stretch from Kot to Awah Devi will finally be completed, bringing much-needed relief to commuters with a safe and modern highway. Delays beyond



2025 may lead to public dissatisfaction, posing challenges for the construction company and administration.

The burned-down rest house in Tauni Devi could see reconstruction this year. Given the 25-kilometer stretch from Hamirpur to Awah Devi, which currently has only one rest house in Samirpur, the establishment of a new rest house in Tauni Devi is both necessary and

anticipated. Tauni Devi residents currently rely on SDM offices in Sujapur, Bhoranj, and Hamirpur. With facilities like tehsil and naib-tehsil offices, a BDO, a BMO, divisions of the Public Works and Electricity Departments, a civil hospital, and a police post already in place, the addition of an SDM office could provide the public with a much-needed administrative boost.

Special children extend new year wishes to DC

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA:

Marking the arrival of the year 2025, students from the special needs school 'Aashray' visited the office of Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal to extend New Year greetings. Accompanied by their caregivers and teachers, the children presented handcrafted greeting cards to the Deputy Commissioner. Expressing his gratitude, the Deputy Commissioner thanked the children for their heartfelt gesture and reaffirmed the administration's commitment to their holistic development. He stated that children are the most valuable asset of society, and those with special needs are a source of inspiration. The administration is dedicated to providing these



children with opportunities to integrate into the mainstream and contribute to society to their fullest potential. After meeting the Deputy Commissioner, the children visited other offices to share New Year greetings with officials.

Sarva Sahayata Sangathan gives gift of free tea, biscuits and bread to patients every day

SHANTI GAUTAM BADDI:

Keeping in mind the winter season, Sarva Sahayata Sangathan started the service of free tea, biscuits and bread for patients from 9 am to 12 pm every day in Government Hospital Baddi. Organization members Kapil Sharma, S



Swaroop said that like every year, this year also free service is being provided to the patients with help of Sarva Sahayata Sangathan and everyone. He appealed that if anyone wants to cooperate for this service, then he can also do so.

Vocational department organises food festival in school



AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB:

A food festival was organized by the Vocational Department in Government Adarsh Senior Secondary School Amb today in which the students of the Retail Department prepared various dishes and sold them in the school. In today's food festival, the students set up stalls of Kachori, Golegappa, Noodles, Tikki, Gajrela, Pakora, Coffee and Maggi. School Principal Vinod Kumar Vaniyal praised the students and teachers of the Retail Department. He said that the purpose of organizing such a food festival is to make the students aware of the profit and loss and to make them know how to make, decorate and sell our goods. Nodal Officer of the program Seema Dhillon said that the students prepared very well in the food festival and they also earned profit by selling their goods.

Former BJP MLA accuses Congress govt of pressuring committee on agricultural university land transfer

SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA:

Former BJP MLA Praveen Kumar has attacked the state Congress government on the issue of transfer of land of Chaudhary Sarwan Kumar Agricultural University to the name of Tourism Village. He said that when this matter is pending in the High Court, then under what pressure has a committee been formed and a meeting has been scheduled on January 3. Praveen Kumar said that according to the information, a committee has been formed under the chairmanship of a Dean of the Agricultural University. This committee will discuss on January 3 about the transfer of land of the Agricultural University to the name of Tourism Village and transfer of land elsewhere in exchange of the land of this university. The former MLA has expressed apprehension that just as in the past, the then Executive Vice Chancellor, under pressure from the government, sent a no objection proposal to the government for transfer of land of the Agricultural University to the name of Tourism Village without taking the Board of Management into confidence. In such a situation, this committee may also pass a similar proposal due to pressure from the government and this process may become a supporting document in the demand for reply from the court recognized by the government.



Dalai Lama to leave for Karnataka's Bylakuppe on January 4

SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, JAN 1

Tibetan spiritual leader 14th Dalai Lama will be on a visit to Bengaluru on January 4. The Dalai Lama will leave from here for Bylakuppe in Mysore district the next day. Confirming the Dalai Lama's visit to Karnataka, Chief Representative Officer (CRO) of the South Region of the Central Tibetan Administration, Jigme Tsultrim, said that the Dalai Lama will reach Bengaluru on January 4 and stay for a day before leaving for Bylakuppe, where he is scheduled to stay for a month. The Dalai Lama last visited Karnataka in 2017. Bylakuppe is the second largest



Tibetan settlement in the world after Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh, which is also the headquarters of the Tibetan government in exile. Winters in Dharamshala are quite harsh. The Dalai Lama is coming to Karnataka for a month-long retreat to rest and recuperate. Tsultrim said depending on his health condition, he may give

some teachings and visit some people at Tashi Lhunpo Monastery in Bylakuppe. The 89-year-old Tibetan spiritual leader underwent a knee transplant in the USA in June 2024 and returned to India in August. There are five Tibetan settlements in Karnataka. Lugsung Samdupling in Bylakuppe, which was built in 1961. Doguling in Mundgod was established in 1966, Diki Larso in Bylakuppe was established in 1969, Hunsur Rabgyeling was established in 1972 and Kollegal Dhondenling was established in 1973. Currently, around 15,000 exiled Tibetans are living in Bylakuppe. In the last two decades, the number of Tibetan settlers here has come

down from 25,000 to 15,000. This sharp decline in population is due to strict surveillance along the Indo-Tibet border and tight grip on the movement of Tibetans within Tibet by China. Recently, many young Tibetans have migrated from India to Europe, USA, Canada, Australia and other countries in search of better living standards, education, opportunities, etc. This shift seems to be from Sanskritisation to modernisation," Tsultrim said. He added that the trend of migration abroad is not limited to Bylakuppe alone. "Tibetans from other settlements in Karnataka are also moving abroad," he said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Energy Minister's Personal Assistant Sunil Kumar becomes PS

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA CHANDIGARH: Haryana Government has promoted Sunil Kumar, Personal Assistant to Energy, Transport and Labour Minister to the post of Private Secretary with immediate effect. It is noteworthy that Sunil Kumar has been working with the State Energy Minister Anil Vij since 2019. He joined government service in the year 2013. Vij today congratulated and wished him on his promotion and also wished him a bright future. Along with this, all the staff members of the Energy Minister also congratulated and wished Sunil Kumar for his promotion. Along with Sunil Kumar, Ritu Rani and Arun Ashri have also been promoted from Personal Assistant to Private.



He added that significant progress has already been made in implementing many of these promises, and the remaining ones will also be completed soon. Sh Nayab Singh Saini mentioned that upon forming the government, the first step was to provide jobs to 24,000 youth without kharchi-parchi. In addition, the government has introduced free dialysis facilities in all civil hospitals and medical colleges, benefiting lakhs of kidney patients across the state. He also highlighted the government's initiative in granting ownership rights to tenant farmers in Haryana.

New schemes of crop diversification to be introduced soon, says CM

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, JAN 1

Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini, accompanied by his wife Smt. Suman Saini, today offered prayers at the Mata Mansa Devi Temple in Panchkula on the occasion of the New Year. He also interacted with the devotees present at the temple.

Speaking to media persons on this occasion, the Chief Minister extended New Year greetings to the people of the state, expressing his hope that the year would bring economic and social prosperity to all citizens. He said that prosperity would touch every individual's life, and wished for the fulfillment of this aspiration.

The Chief Minister further stated that in 2025, Haryana will reach new heights of development. Reflecting on the progress made in 2024, he mentioned that significant work has been done to advance the state in various sectors. In line with the vision of Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi's Development India-2047, he assured

that work will proceed rapidly in the coming year to make India a developed nation. Following this vision, development efforts in Haryana will also accelerate, with the goal of making the state fully developed.



The government is committed to this objective.

The Chief Minister said that the BJP government has made several commitments in its Sankalp Patra during the elections, and work is being done gradually to fulfill them.

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Addressing the issue of farmers, Sh Nayab Singh Saini informed that the Supreme Court has set up a committee to engage with the farmers, and this committee is in constant communication with them. He assured that the Haryana government is purchasing all crops from the state's farmers at the Minimum Support Price (MSP). A resolution has been passed in the Vidhan Sabha to ensure the procurement of all

crops at MSP.

The Chief Minister said that the government is working diligently under the leadership of Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi. However, he pointed out that many political parties have exploited the issue of farmers for political gain without making any real decisions in their favour. He specifically mentioned the Aam Aadmi Party and Congress Party governments in states like Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Telangana, and Karnataka, accusing them of grinding their own axe in the name of farmers rather than ensuring their welfare.

Regarding the recent rains and hailstorms, the Chief Minister said that it has been decided to get the farmers registered on the kshatipurti portal immediately so that proper compensation for the loss suffered by the farmers can be given on time. He added that over the past decade, the government has directly deposited Rs 13500 crores in farmers' accounts as compensation for various losses.

Role of workers important in strengthening organisation: Yogendra Rana

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JANUARY 1

The Bharatiya Janata Party has now started preparing for the organisational elections along with the membership campaign. District election officers have been appointed to set up the organization in all 22 districts, who will complete the process of organizational elections. Assandh MLA Yogendra Rana held an organizational meeting with all the workers of the four divisions of Assandh Assembly Assandh, Balla, Jalamana, Jundla regarding strengthening the party organizationally and the party's organizational elections. Former chairperson in Haryana government Nirmala Bairagi, District Vice President Sanjay Rana, District Secretary Gurbakhsh Singh, BJP senior workers Brij Takkar, Suresh Jalmana, Assandh Mandal President Ram Avtar



Jindal, Balla Mandal President Amit Rana, Jundla Mandal President Narendra Narwal, Jalamana Mandal President Balkar Singh, along with all the senior and best workers of the party were present.

On this occasion, MLA Yogendra Rana while addressing the workers said that BJP has become the world's largest party from an organizational point of view due to the workers. He said that the party has seen many ups and downs, but on the strength of committed workers, today it is not only the

world's largest party, but BJP, which was once limited to two MPs, today has the highest number of elected public representatives in the country.

On this occasion, he described the role of workers as especially important and said that the success of BJP has been possible only due to their dedication and hard work. He urged the workers to convey the importance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP's policies to the people, so that more and more people join the party.

BJP democratic political party in which workers are given full respect: Kanwar Pal

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, JANUARY 1

Former Cabinet Minister in Haryana Government Kanwar Pal Gurjar reached Chhachhrauli Mandal, Pratapnagar Mandal of Jagadhri Assembly Constituency and reviewed the progress of BJP organization election process. At most of the booths, the workers who were active members were taken forward by organizing booth level meetings there. Former Cabinet Minister



least 3 women BJP workers in each booth committee.

Meeting of numberdars held in PWD Rest Office, Ladwa

VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA, JANUARY 1

The meeting of Haryana Numberdar Association Tehsil Ladwa was held in PWD Rest House, Ladwa. Block Pradhan Chaudhary Jang Sher Singh Ban presided over the meeting. District President of Numberdar Association Kurukshetra Ranveer Singh Kheri specially arrived as the chief guest. President of Tehsil Indri, Nirmal Singh ji also arrived in this meeting along with numberdar colleagues.



On behalf of Numberdar Association Ladwa, the office bearers honored District President Ranveer Singh Kheri and Indri Tehsil Block Pradhan Nirmal Singh by draping a shawl and giving a memento. In today's meeting, District President Ranveer Singh Kheri wished all the numberdar colleagues present in the meeting as well as the people of the country and state a Happy New Year and bright future. He appointed Haryana

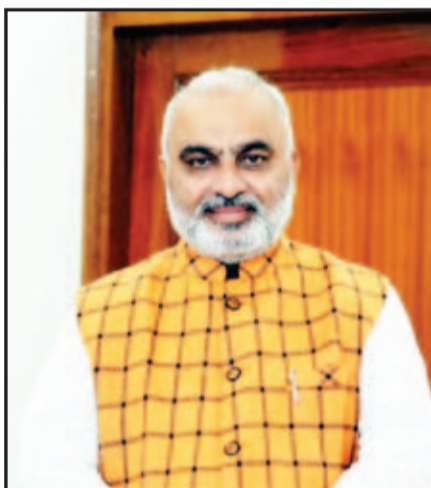
Government Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and his wife Suman Saini as Vice President of Haryana State Child Welfare Council and wished them Happy New Year. He has said that the numberdar companions are engaged in taking the welfare schemes of the government to the people and will continue to take the government schemes to the people with more energy in the future. Before the elections, the Chief Minister had called a conference for the numberdar companions, the venue for which was fixed in Panchkula and due to the announcement of elections on the spot, the numberdar conference could not be held, for which the numberdar companions are trying to get it done.

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Modi took first decision of New Year in interest of farmers: Jagmohan Anand

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JANUARY 1

MLA Jagmohan Anand has thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for taking the first decision on the New Year in the interest of farmers. He said that the Prime Minister has approved increasing the allocation for crop insurance. This will provide more security to the crops of the farmers. At the same time, the worry of loss will also be reduced. Along with this, to ensure continuous availability of DAP to farmers at affordable rates, the proposal of the Fertilizer Department to increase the one-time special package on DAP beyond the NBS subsidy at the rate of Rs 3,500 per metric ton has been approved. Anand said that this will ensure the availability of DAP to farmers at a discounted, affordable and reasonable price. Keeping the welfare of farmers firmly in mind and continuing to give



them top priority, the government has given a big relief to the farmers by not changing the price of Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) fertiliser. Despite geopolitical constraints and volatility of global market conditions, the government kept its

commitment to a farmer-friendly approach by ensuring availability of DAP to farmers at affordable prices for Kharif and Rabi 2024-25.

Jagmohan Anand said that the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme till 2025-26. This decision will help farmers across the country in risk coverage of crops from unavoidable natural disasters till 2025-26. Apart from this, for large-scale inclusion of technology in the implementation of this scheme, which ensures better transparency and ease of calculation and settlement of claims, the Union Cabinet has also approved the creation of Fund for Innovation and Technology (FIAT) with a fund of Rs 824.77 crore. Farmers will also benefit from this. He thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for taking this decision.

Sanjay Gandhi Memorial School students excel in shooting



VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA:

Three students of Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Senior Secondary Public School, Dhanaura-Ladwa, Harman, Sujal and Shanvi have brought laurels to the school by qualifying for the National Level Shooting Championship 2024-25 being organized by the School Games Federation of India and the 67th Open National Shooting Championship 2024-25 to be held in Bhopal. Harman and Sujal of class 12th will participate in the Air Rifle Open Sight Competition in the Under-19 Girls category in the first week of January 2025 and Shanvi of class 12th will participate in the Young Women Air Rifle Peep Sight Competition on 30 December 2024 under the guidance of renowned shooting coach Balbir Singh. School Principal Pawan Garg, Vice President Ranjana Goyal, Secretary Ravinder Bansal, Joint Secretary Narendra Singhal, Treasurer Sardar Jitender Singh Gill, Principal Dharmendra Kheda, Vice Principal Narendra Sharma and teachers congratulated the budding shooters and wished them all the best for the national level competitions. Pawan Garg appreciated the efforts of the shooters and their Guru Balbir Singh and said that the school is providing all possible support, infrastructure and guidance to the students to ensure their all-round development.

Apply for player cash award on departmental portal Haryana Sports Cash Award till January 10: DC

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:

Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh said that Sports Department has invited applications for providing scholarships from players who have participated and won medals in national and international sports competitions. These achievements should be from period between January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024. He said that every year scholarships are given to medal winning players by the Sports Department. This time also applications were sought for scholarship till July 30, 2024. Many players were deprived of applying due to which Sports Department has now provided another opportunity to the players to apply from January 1, 2025 to January 10, 2025 for which medal winners and participating players in national and international games can apply. He informed that scholarship application form can be downloaded from website haryanasports.gov.in. Players can submit application form in District Sports Officer's office till January 10. After this, they will not be given any more chance.



Applications invited for Dhanpat Singh Sangi Memorial Award

SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL, JANUARY 1

District Information and Public Relations Officer Naseeb Singh said that applications have been invited for Dhanpat Singh Sangi Memorial Award by the Information Public Relations and Language Department Haryana. Eligible persons can apply till January 6, 2025. The amount of the award will be one lakh rupees. Along with this, a citation and a shawl will also be given. Giving detailed information, he said that the applicant should have at least 10 years of experience for stage direction of the compositions of various Sangis for the best direction. The applicant should be a permanent resident of Haryana. The applicant should have directed the song in accordance with the



dignity of Haryana's culture. The best director should be skilled in coordinating with his associate artistic director, music director, costume designer, technical staff like light and sound etc. The minimum age of the applicant should be 35 years and maximum age should be 70 years. The applicant should be well established in stage management of the song.

He said that it is necessary to prepare the script on the basis of the compositions of the songs and to have knowledge of the nuances of acting and music. The applicant should have directed or staged at least 10 songs every year. The person to be selected should have a good social image and no criminal case

should be registered against him. The songs directed and staged should be educational and related to social concern. After sorting out the applications received as per the mandatory qualification, the singers will have to perform in the Song Festival at the place decided by the department along with their full team. From which the jury will select the eligible singer. The selection of Sangi will be done on the basis of transparency and the decision taken by the selection committee will be final. Naseeb Singh said that for more information in this regard, one can contact the Information Public Relations and Language Department Haryana's SCO number 200-201 Sector 17 C, Chandigarh, phone number 0172 5059116, 5059113, email id diprfied@gmail.com.

Consumers wandering for mustard oil at ration depots

JAIBEER RANA THAMER BARARA:

Consumers are wandering for mustard oil at ration depots because not all consumers are able to get oil. Actually this is happening due to less allocation of mustard oil. According to the information received, the department has provided less mustard oil to the depot holders for the month of December, due to which they are not able to get mustard oil. Due to less oil, the consumer who came first got the oil and due to the oil being over, the rest of the consumers did not get oil. Ration depot holders are also facing the brunt of this because consumers are arguing with them due to not getting oil. Barara Ration Depot Association President Manjit Singh said that the department has given less mustard oil to the depot holders for December, due to which they are facing a lot of trouble. Consumers come to them to buy oil, but the oil that came has been distributed to some consumers and in such a situation the remaining consumers are facing problems.



My blessing are with Veeresh and his family: Swami Gyananand

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA, JANUARY 1

International saint Gita scholar Swami Gyananand, who has been playing an important role for years in spreading the Gita to people in India and the world, was given a warm welcome by hundreds of people at the Sector 1 residence of National President of Anti Terrorist Front India and Vishwa Hindu Takht welcomed Veeresh Shandilya at his residence in Sector 1 Jail Land by offering him flower garlands and bouquets.



Rama Sharma, Tanya Sharma, Megha Sharma, Reena Sharma, Neelam Sharma, Mohit Shandilya, Sudhir Sharma, Advocate Mohit Sehgal, Advocate Jagdev Saini, Anti Terrorist Front India National General Secretary Navratan Garg, Anti Terrorist Front India Punjab Incharge Manish Pasi, National Secretary Surendra Pal KK, Vishwa Hindu Parishad's Ashok Kakkar, Ekta

Club's Ravi Sethi, Advocate Anmol Saini, Rajan Dhingra, Satwinder Agarwal, Narendra Narula, BJP leader Sahil Kakkar, Avi Dhiman, KG Gupta, Gaurav, SA Jain College Principal Mukesh Jain, Manjeet Singh, VK Chhibber, Deepak Nataraj, Suresh Sharma, Janak Raj Aggarwal, RC Narang, Mahendra Pal Dhiman, Rajendra Singh Bittu Jatt, Jivo Geeta Chairman Dinesh

Grover, Raju Chawla, Amit and hundreds of people along with the officials of Anti Terrorist Front India and Vishwa Hindu Takht welcomed Veeresh Shandilya at his residence in Sector 1 Jail Land by offering him flower garlands and bouquets.

On the invitation of Veeresh Shandilya, officials of many social, religious organisations including Vishwa Hindu Takht and Anti Terrorist Front India gave a shawl and idols to Gita scholar Swami Gyananand. Veeresh Shandilya and his wife Mrs. Pankaj and Advocate Vasu Ranjan presented a statue of Lord Krishna to Gita scholar Swami Gyananand and Veeresh Shandilya presented a shawl and a pearl garland.

SI Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, 5 administrative officers donate blood for 174th time

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JANUARY 1

President's Police Medal Awardee, National Gold Medal Winner Diamond Blood Donor Century Environment Guard Sub Inspector Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma organised a voluntary blood donation camp on New Year in the premises of Indian Red Cross Society Karnal. Secretary of Indian Red Cross Society Karnal Kulbir Singh Malik was present as the chief guest. 7 officers of Haryana Administrative Service 2024 batch mainly attended this program and they also donated blood. Chief guest Kulbir Singh Malik encouraged the blood donors by putting badges on them. Camp coordinator Sub Inspector of Police and Awareness Program and Rehabilitation Incharge of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma donated blood for the 174th time in the camp and he has donated platelets 85

times.

Along with them, Jitendra Kumar, Ashish Kumar, Yash Malik, Anil Kumar, Chinmai Garg, among the officers of the administrative service, donated blood.



Chief guest Kulbir Singh Malik said that there is no other alternative to blood. Blood donation is a great donation. He pinned badges on the newly appointed administrative officers. While putting a badge on Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, he said that he is a source of inspiration for

the youth. He honored the blood donors by giving them certificates. Blood was collected under the chairmanship of Dr. Sanjay Verma, Regional Blood Transfusion Officer of Civil Hospital Karnal. Pradeep Nanda, Rajpal etc. Gave special cooperation in conducting the camp.

Camp coordinator Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma, while addressing the blood donors, said that every drop of blood is invaluable. Today's youth is going towards drugs and playing with their lives by injecting drugs. They should avoid drug injections and do the important work of saving people's lives by getting injected with blood. These people donated blood in the camp - Deputy Inspector of Police Dr. Ashok Kumar Verma for the 174th time, Abhishek, Jitendra Kumar, Ashish Kumar, Yash Malik, Anil Kumar, Chinmai Garg, Monica, Salim Khan, Ashwani and many other youths donated blood.

NEWS BRIEF

7-day NSS camp held in Govt Senior Secondary School



VIJAY KAUSHIK
LADWA: A seven-day NSS camp was inaugurated today in Government Senior Secondary School Mehra Kurukshetra. On this occasion, the Principal of the school, Shri Arjun Lal ji lit a lamp in front of Maa Saraswati. This camp, which will run from 30 December 2024 to 5 January 2025, was started with the NSS song. NSS officer Rajendra Sharma thanked the Principal for granting permission to NSS and said that such activities instill a sense of sanskar and service in children. Cultural activities were also done during this. During the programme, the entire staff including Surendra Singh, Gulshan, Jagdeep, Satyawar, Amita, Gulshan, Amita, Manju, Anju, Sachin and Nisha were present. 1 Ladwa 4: NSS officer Rajendra Sharma giving information about the NSS camp.

BKU Fateh participates in protest on large scale



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL: Prabhjot Singh Mansahia, state president of Bharatiya Kisan Union Fateh, in a huge protest held at Maur Chowk on Bathinda Jirapur National Highway in Rampura city on the call of Punjab Bandh on December 30. Participated with a large convoy under the leadership, State president Prabhjot Singh Mansahia said that the Modi government at the center is torturing the farmers by ignoring the demands of the farmers and workers, which will not be tolerated at any cost. Rather, these tactics of the government will be given a bitter response. He said that Jagjit Singh Dillewal, state president of Kisan Union and Bharatiya Kisan Union Sidhupur, is on a death fast, but the central government is completely turning a blind eye.

Rajnath Singh calls 2025 a year of reform, says 'A step in modernisation of Armed forces'

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, JAN 1

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has declared 2025 as the 'Year of Reforms.' With this declaration, the MoD aims to transform the Armed Forces into a technologically advanced, combat-ready force capable of integrated multi-domain operations. "Defence Minister Rajnath Singh chaired a meeting with all the Secretaries of the Ministry of Defence (MoD) on the eve of the New Year to review the progress on various schemes, projects, reforms and the way ahead. In order to give impetus to the ongoing and future reforms, it was unanimously decided to observe 2025 as the 'Year of Reforms' in the MoD. This would aim at transforming the Armed Forces into a technologically



advanced combat-ready force capable of multi-domain integrated operations," as per a Ministry of Defence release. During the meeting, it was decided that the MoD would focus that reforms should further bolster Jointness & Integration initiatives, facilitating the establishment of Integrated Theatre Commands. Additionally, it was also emphasised that

understanding of operational requirements and joint operational capabilities through inter-service cooperation & training. It was noted that procedures need to be made simpler and time-sensitive to facilitate swifter and robust capability development. It was also decided that MoD would focus on collaboration across various stakeholders in the defence ecosystem. Breaking silos. Effective civil-military coordination should aim to eliminate inefficiencies and optimise resources. Position India as a credible exporter of defence products, fostering R&D and partnerships between Indian industries and foreign Original Equipment Manufacturers for knowledge sharing & resource integration, as per the release.

Jasvir Singh Garhi joins Aam Aadmi Party

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, JAN 1

Former Punjab BSP President Jasvir Singh Garhi, along with his supporters, joined the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann welcomed him into the party and assured him of AAP's dedication to social justice and inclusive governance.

Along with Jasvir Garhi, Former General Secretary BSP Punjab Dr Jaspreet Singh also joined the AAP. On this occasion MLA Kulwant Singh Pandori and MLA Sukhwinder Sukhi were also present.

Welcoming Garhi, CM Bhagwant Mann said, "The Aam Aadmi Party is dedicated to carrying forward the ideals of Baba Saheb Ambedkar and Kanshi Ram Ji. Together, we will



ensure justice, equality, and opportunities for every section of society." Highlighting AAP's commitment to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Kanshi Ram's ideology, Garhi credited MLA Dr. Sukhwinder Kumar Sukhi for showing him the path. "Dr. Sukhi showed us that only the Aam Aadmi Party can truly carry forward the legacy of Ambedkar into every household. Under Arvind Kejriwal Ji's leadership, AAP printed calendars featuring Ambedkar Ji's image and distributed them to homes in Delhi.

Commissionerate Police arrest 4 in robbery and theft case

PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, JAN 1

In a significant breakthrough against the incidents of theft and robbery, the Jalandhar Commissionerate Police arrested four individuals involved in multiple snatching and robbery cases. Acting on routine patrol near Balton Park, the Crime Branch Team intercepted two unregistered Activa scooters carrying the suspects.

Divulging more, Commissioner of Police Swapn Sharma said that upon investigation, the police have recovered stolen items from these snatchers including four mobile phones, a laptop, and the two scooters. The arrested individuals were identified as Munish Kumar alias Monu, Ajay Kumar, Ravi Kumar alias Ravi, and Nitish Kumar alias Nitish. Preliminary



investigation revealed their involvement in snatching activities targeting the citizens. Notably, Ravi Kumar has a history of criminal activity, with two prior cases registered against him. F.I.R No. 158 was lodged on December 29, 2024, at Police Station Division No. 1, under sections 303(2), 317(2), and 3(5) of the BNS Act. Commissioner of Police Swapn Sharma reaffirmed the department's

CM Sukhu releases calendar 2025 of Giriraj Weekly



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu released Calendar-2025 of Government Weekly Giriraj here today. The Chief Minister said that Giriraj Weekly plays a pivotal role in disseminating the policies and programmes of the State Government to the general masses. He said that the State Government has taken various welfare decisions aimed at ameliorating the vulnerable sections of the society and the role of Giriraj Weekly was vital in publicizing these initiatives in a true perspective so that the needy could take the benefits. MLA Hardeep Singh Bawa, Secretary Information and Public Relations Rakesh Kanwar, Director, Information and Public Relations Rajiv Kumar, Senior Editor Giriraj Dr. Rajesh Sharma, Editor Giriraj Reena Negi and Editor Himprasha Yog Raj Sharma, Assistant Editor Giriraj Lubhit Singh and Vivek Sharma were also present on the occasion.

District Magistrate imposes various prohibitory orders across district

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: District Magistrate Barnala Mrs. Punamdeep Kaur IAS. Exercising the powers vested in her under Section 163 of the Civil Security Act, 2023, said that within the limits of district Barnala, a complete ban has been imposed on selling/serving gutka, pan masala and other food and drink items containing tobacco and nicotine or various food and drink items made from intoxicants or in any other way by adding these intoxicants in different flavors etc. to any bar/hookah bar, hotel/restaurant etc. and running hookah bars. Through the following orders, complete ban has been issued on the use of unauthorized noise pollution devices within the limits of District Barnala. Loud speakers, orchestra and noise pollution devices are used in cultural/religious and other programs etc. by marriage palaces/religious places/general public. As a result, there is an adverse effect on the health and education of general public, mentally ill and children. As per the Punjab Instrument (Control of Noises) Act, 1956, no person can use loudspeakers or sound devices without prior approval. Any marriage palace, hotel, restaurant or general public who has to install loudspeakers, they will ensure to take prior approval from the concerned Sub-Divisional Magistrate separately. Under another order, the owners of any hotel, marriage palace and restaurant in Barnala district who are desirous of constructing or whose marriage palaces, hotels and restaurants are already running, should obtain the necessary approvals. A copy of this approval should be placed at a suitable place in their respective hotels, marriage palaces and restaurants. Any magistrate or police officer of the rank of SHO or above can inspect them at any time.

Campaign against Chinese dors: Team confiscates 60 sets of dors during inspection



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: Under the guidelines of Punjab Pollution Control Board, the team of Pollution Control Board and Municipal Council Barnala inspected various shops in the city as part of the campaign against Chinese doors. On this occasion, the team confiscated 60 Chinese doors. On this occasion, team member Junior Engineer Punjab Pollution Prevention Board Gursevak Singh and Sanitary Inspector Ankush Singla said that checking was done at various shops near Mandi Road Barnala, KC Road Barnala, Ancient Temple Barnala. On this occasion, they also made the shopkeepers aware that Chinese doors are very dangerous, which harm humans and animals. He said that the District Magistrate has completely banned the sale/purchase, storage and use of synthetic/plastic string/China string and manjha (thread coated with glass powder) used for flying kites/dolls within the district.

Bhullar orders purchase of new buses in new year

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, JAN 1

Punjab Transport Minister S. Laljit Singh Bhullar today ordered the inclusion of new buses in the Punjab Roadways and PRTC fleet during the new year.

While chairing a meeting to review the functioning of Punjab Roadways/PUNBUS, PRTC and State Transport Commissioner's (STC) office, S. Laljit Singh Bhullar instructed officials to achieve the targets set by the government and increase government revenue in this year, just as they achieved the targets in the previous year. He directed the officials to lease out the state's bus stands to ensure revenue enhancement along with their maintenance and cleanliness. S. Laljit Singh Bhullar said that government



bus service should be started on routes where private buses predominantly operate and government bus service is minimal so that women can benefit from free bus service along with providing convenience to other passengers.

He said that department officials should ensure government bus service on every route in the state to curb the monopoly of private bus operators. The Cabinet Minister also instructed

officials to submit list of all routes where government bus service is not available, within 15 days.

S. Laljit Singh Bhullar asked the officials of State Transport Commissioner's office to adopt effective recovery procedures to crack down on tax defaulters. He said that public services being run by the department should be made more effective and service delivery should be ensured in a time-bound manner.

VB apprehends de-addiction center owner for misappropriating medicines used for rehabilitation of addicts

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, JAN 1

The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) has arrested Dr. Amit Bansal s/o Subhash Bansal, a resident of H.No. 141, Sector 28-A Chandigarh for committing illegal activities at his 22 de-addiction centers being run/owned by him in different parts of the state. In this case, Roopreet Kaur Drug Inspector Ludhiana has also been booked and would be arrested soon. Disclosing this here today an official spokesperson of the state VB said in this regard a case FIR No. 12 dated 31.12.2024 has been registered against the aforementioned accused under section 7, 7-A of Prevention of Corruption Act and 120-B of IPC, at Vigilance Bureau, Flying Squad -1, Punjab at Mohali. Giving more details he revealed that as per the information Dr. Amit Bansal is running 22 de-addiction centers in Punjab



where tablets Addnok-N 0.4 and Addnok-N 2.0 (Buprenorphine & Naloxone) are used for the treatment of addict patients. During interrogations it has come to fore that these tablets were misused in the drug de-addiction centers run and owned by the accused Dr. Amit Bansal and were sold in the market to other persons (addicts) which were not on the rolls of these rehabilitation centers. He further added that a case FIR No. 242 dated 05.10.2022 was earlier registered at Police Station STF, Phase-4, Mohali against the employees of Dr. Amit Bansal namely Vidant and Kamaljit Singh of Simran Hospital/De-

addiction center at Ludhiana. On the disclosure statement of these employees, a recovery of about 23000 tablets were confiscated from these employees and a drug money of Rs. 90000 was also recovered from them. On the same day, the STF Team inspected the above said Simran De-addiction Center in the presence of Drug Inspector Roopreet Kaur and found a shortage of 4610 Tablets. The spokesperson added that after this inspection a report was prepared under the signatures of the inspecting team but the above said Drug Inspector Roopreet Kaur send a separate report to the Director, Health & Family Welfare Punjab in which she mentioned the shortage of only 4000 tablets instead of 4610 tablets in connivance with Dr. Amit Bansal to save him from the legal criminal action of shortage of 610 tablets which clearly shows her official misconduct and corruption.

Residents celebrate New Year in different style

SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, JAN 1

The residents of the city warmly welcomed the New Year 2025 by dancing with drums and setting off fireworks. People flocking to the city's hotels and clubs danced late into the night with couples and families to the tunes of live bands and DJs. The round of congratulations continued in the parties held at different places. People were engaged in New Year celebrations till late night. The residents of the city bid farewell to 2024 and welcomed the new year 2025 by bursting firecrackers. The couples had a lot of fun during the party organized at restaurants and clubs including Hotel Best Western and Papa



Whiskey. In which the best couples were also awarded. The joy and excitement of the new year could be seen on their faces. At 12 o'clock in the night, everyone wished each other a Happy New Year. Apart from this, people celebrated by partying late into the night at Pathankot Club, Mama Rasoi, Brew Master Restaurant, Bar & Restaurant located in Mamoon. However, since it was a Tuesday, many people

worshiped in temples and prayed for the New Year. A Jagran Chowki was held at Mata Ashapumi Temple on the occasion of New Year. In the city, the district police has deployed 5 teams at checkpoints to nab cases of drinking and driving. Along with this, police forces were deployed in every kilometer radius of the city so that no untoward incident could take place in the city.

Youth Services Department invites applications for financial assistance to rural youth clubs

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, JAN 1

Assistant Director, Youth Services Department has extended the date of application for financial assistance to rural youth clubs affiliated to the department. Giving information in this regard, Deputy Commissioner Barnala Ms. Punamdeep Kaur said that this grant will be given only to rural youth clubs affiliated to the Youth Services Department on the basis of activities being carried out at the rural level for the last three years.

She informed that a maximum grant of Rs.50,000 (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) should be released to an active youth club (grassroots activities of last 2



years). Proper record of correct identification/photo ID of the beneficiary (club) receiving the grant. Card/affiliation number will be maintained. After release of grant, the beneficiary (club) will take the receipt of the grant and undertake that within one month from the date of release of the amount, they will use the amount for the

purpose for which the amount has been released.

The date of application by Gramin Yuva Mandal was earlier 10 December 2024, which has now been extended to 17 January 2025. Assistant Director Youth Services Arun Kumar informed that purchases from the grant released to active youth clubs will be made in a transparent manner under the supervision of the District Level Committee.

At least 32 percent of the grant released at the district level will be ensured to the beneficiaries of Scheduled Castes. The benefit of this grant should be given only to those clubs which have not received any benefit under this scheme during the last two years.

Roads in rural areas not being built despite tenders

MEGHRAJ LUTHRA
KACHHWA

Even after three months of calling tender, the work of construction of nine roads in Kachhwa and surrounding rural areas remained pending. The passersby have been facing trouble and farmers, laborers and business class have raised their voice before the administration many times to build these roads. But the department was not building these roads which have been broken for a long time. In July 2024, the state headquarters had approved the construction of roads. Tenders have also been called since three months ago yet the work of building them was not being started. Haryana government has approved Rs 10 crore 59 lakh 51 thousand for these nine roads. Public Works Department officials say that due to the imposition of election code of conduct and objections of the pollution department, the work of building these roads has been delayed. Now winter has started. Tar will not be able to hold on to gravel, so the work of these roads will start in the month of March, so till then people will have to bear the potholes on the roads, said Sandeep Singh, executive officer, Public Works Department, Karnal.



Editorial

Risk proofing

India is experiencing a digital revolution but this transformation comes with its own challenges, such as the surge in cybercrimes. Recent data reveal a troubling trend: between January and April of this year, Indian citizens suffered financial losses exceeding Rs 1,750 crore due to various cyber offenses. During the same period, more than 7,40,000 complaints were filed on the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal. It is thus encouraging that insurance companies are now offering policies to safeguard people against cyber fraud. Cyber insurance, available for both corporates and individuals, essentially provides a financial buffer against the crippling costs associated with data breaches and cyber-attacks and can be customised as per the requirement. Unauthorised transactions involving bank accounts, credit or debit cards — these already have a level of protection from banks — are covered and people can even insure themselves against cyber-bullying too. But what is not insured are cases of fraud where there is active participation of the victim — that is, say, if a person falls prey to a hoax call and sends money or personal details oneself. This is termed as 'gross negligence' by insurance companies and is excluded from coverage. The digitisation of public services is progressing at an explosive pace but people's awareness of the perils of the process remains sketchy. Can the consumer then be blamed for being unable to tell real from fake? This aspect must be taken into consideration by insurance companies and policy regulators.

Prevention though is better than retrieving losses. India boasts the second-largest population of active internet users. Yet most of them remain inadequately informed about online fraud, leaving them vulnerable to scammers. Threats such as privacy violations and sextortion are also becoming increasingly common. In this rapidly evolving digital world, it is crucial to develop a thorough understanding of cyber risks and take steps to counter them. Awareness campaigns are essential, particularly for new and younger internet users. At the same time, legal gaps must be addressed to prevent such crimes — the Digital Personal Data Protection Act passed in 2023 is not enough to protect Indians. There, though, must be a balance between preventing cybercrimes and avoiding excessive regulation. Policy must keep this dimension in mind while framing deterrents.

China's declining productivity

China's economy is facing a slowdown, with growth dropping from 6.5 per cent before the pandemic to just 4.6 per cent now, and there are concerns that even that number is seriously overstated. As the economy continues to stagnate, living standards remain far below those of developed nations, further highlighting the nation's economic struggles, Asia Times reported.

One key issue contributing to this downturn is the country's declining total factor productivity (TFP), a measure of how efficiently inputs like labour and capital are used to generate output. While the official data points to a fall in TFP over the past decade and a half, this claim remains debated. Regardless, there's widespread agreement that productivity growth has slowed significantly compared to earlier years.

Economist Paul Krugman has pointed to a shift toward real estate as a key factor for the slowdown. After the 2008 global financial crisis, China began pouring resources into the real estate sector, a low-productivity industry, which slowed overall productivity. Moreover, a 2022 analysis highlighted broader structural issues in China's economy, including inefficiencies in capital allocation and an overreliance on a growth model driven by resource extraction. These systemic challenges, already present before the pandemic, have been worsened by the fall-out from trade tensions, COVID-19 disruptions, and aggressive industrial policies implemented by the Chinese government.

In hindsight, earlier assessments of China's economic prospects appear overly optimistic. Arthur Kroeber's 2016 book *China's Economy: What Everyone Needs to Know* envisioned China successfully transitioning from a resource-driven model to one powered by productivity and technological innovation. However, in the years since, this optimism has waned as the country has struggled to maintain the productivity growth needed for sustained prosperity. Kroeber ac-



knowledge that China faced economic challenges, but his hopes for a shift to efficiency-driven growth seem less achievable today. Despite the value of Kroeber's insights into fiscal federalism, urbanisation, and real estate, his optimism about China's future no longer aligns with the reality of the country's economic trajectory.

One key reason for the slowdown is that China is reaching the limits of its growth potential. While countries like Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan successfully transitioned to high-income economies by focusing on technological advancements and productivity, China's growth has slowed in a similar manner to other middle-income countries like Thailand. Since 2011, TFP in China has been in decline, with some reports even showing negative growth. As China approaches the technological frontier, acquiring advanced technologies has become more challenging, as companies around the world guard their innovations more tightly.

China's demographics are another factor

contributing to the productivity slowdown. For years, China benefited from a "demographic dividend," a large, young workforce with relatively few dependents. However, that advantage has started to diminish as the country's working-age population began to decline around 2010. Studies have shown that aging populations tend to correlate with lower productivity growth, and China is no exception. With fewer workers entering the labour force and an aging population, the economy faces a significant challenge in maintaining productivity levels.

Urbanisation, which has historically boosted China's productivity by moving workers from low-productivity agricultural jobs to higher-productivity urban manufacturing roles, is also losing steam. While urbanisation helped China achieve rapid economic growth for decades, experts point to 2010 as the "Lewis turning point," when the surplus labour in agriculture began to dwindle. Additionally, China's hukou system, which restricts internal migration, has fur-

ther limited the benefits of urbanisation. These demographic and structural changes have led to a deceleration of productivity growth, and the tailwinds of technology adoption, urbanisation, and demographic growth are no longer strong enough to propel the economy forward at the same pace.

Another significant challenge facing China's productivity is its research and development (R&D) sector. While China has increased its focus on R&D in recent years, studies have found that state-owned enterprises (SOEs) typically show much lower R&D productivity than private or foreign-owned companies. Research by Konig et al. (2021) suggests that although R&D investments have contributed to productivity growth, the impact has been modest due to issues like resource misallocation and the misclassification of expenses as "R&D." Moreover, while China has expanded its university research sector and increased its research expenditures, there are concerns about the quality of Chinese academic research and its global leadership. Plagiarism, data falsification, and nepotism have been reported in the country's scientific community, undermining the effectiveness of research and contributing to its lower productivity.

China's export market is also facing constraints, which have affected the country's productivity. Economic theories suggest that global competition fosters innovation, driving productivity through "export discipline." However, since the 2008 financial crisis, demand for Chinese goods has slowed, compounded by trade wars and market saturation. While exports to the European Union have increased, they haven't made up for declines in other markets. Additionally, China's exports to developing nations have risen, but these countries have much lower purchasing power. As a result, China's share of global exports has been shrinking, reducing the benefits of export-driven growth.

Literature & Health

US imposes sanctions on Russian, Iranian entities

The United States Treasury on Tuesday (local time) imposed new sanctions on Iranian and Russian entities accused of attempting to influence the US 2024 presidential election.

The entities are accused of using artificial intelligence to spread false information in an attempt to influence the US elections. The Washington Post reported.

The US Treasury, in an official statement, announced that it was imposing sanctions on both a subsidiary of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and an affiliate of Russia's military intelligence agency over their efforts to "stoke socio-political tensions and influence the U.S. electorate during the 2024 election."

The Treasury also alleged that the Russian entity used AI tools to "quickly create disinformation that would be distributed across a massive network" of fake news websites and produced "baseless accusations" about a 2024 vice-presidential

candidate. The Washington Post reported. The sanctions targeted minor entities, which are unlikely to have major economic effects on both countries. However,

these sanctions mark another step backward in the already deteriorating relationship between Russia and Iran.

"The Governments of Iran and Russia have targeted our election processes and institutions and sought to divide the American people through targeted disinformation campaigns," Bradley Smith, Treasury's acting undersecretary for terrorism and financial intelligence, said in a statement, while adding, "The United States will remain vigilant against adversaries who would undermine our democracy."

According to The Washington Post, the Treasury imposed sanctions on the Center for Geopolitical Expertise (CGE), a Moscow-based group funded by Aleksandr Dugin.



'Inside the Bottle' art exhibition in Nepal leaves visitors in awe

A fascinating new exhibition in Kathmandu is leaving visitors awestruck as they marvel at miniature artworks inside glass bottles. Hosted by the Nepal Academy of Fine Arts, the one-week exhibition features 45 exhibits showcasing miniatures of famous Nepalese landmarks.

Among the works displayed are replicas of Pashupatinath Temple, the Narayanhiti Royal Palace, Singhadurbar, and other iconic sites, all intricately designed and contained within the narrow neck of glass bottles.

The art collection has captured the attention of many, with visitors expressing astonishment at how



such detailed miniatures could fit inside a bottle.

"The arts kept on display here are mostly of the famous (landmarks) and prioritised places, temples, and architecture.

All the artworks are exceptional and upon taking a look, one can feel the connection as it would resemble the structures that are seen around. These kinds of

intricate-complicated art, which is made inside the glass bottles, has left the impression that it is truly exceptional," Spand Thapa Magar, a visitor at the exhibition, told.

The exhibition has become a topic of intrigue for those who wonder how the artist managed to create such fine details within the limited space of the bottles.

POEM

Sir Galahad

MY GOOD blade carves the casques of men,
My tough lance thrusteth sure, My strength is as the strength of ten, Because my heart is pure.

The shattering trumpet shrilleth high,
The hard brands shiver on the steel,
The splinter'd spear shafts crack and fly,
The horse and rider reel:

They reel, they roll in clanging lists,

And when the tide of combat stands,

Perfume and flowers fall in showers,

That lightly rain from ladies' hands.

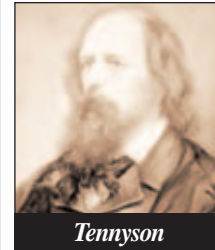
How sweet are looks that ladies bend

On whom their favours fall!

For them I battle till the end,
To save from shame and thrall:

But all my heart is drawn above.
A virgin heart in work and will.

By Alfred, Lord Tennyson



Artificial heart patients can regenerate heart muscles: Study

A research team at the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Tucson's Sarver Heart Center found that a subset of artificial heart patients can regenerate heart muscle, which opens the possibilities of new ways to treat and perhaps someday cure heart failure.

The results of the research which was co-led by a physician-scientist were published in the journal *Circulation*.

Comparing the repair of skeletal muscles to heart muscles, Hesham Sadek, MD, PhD, director of the Sarver Heart Center and chief of the Division of Cardiology at the University of Arizona College of Medicine -- Tucson's Department of Medicine said that when a heart muscle doesn't grow back if it gets



injured, "We have nothing to reverse heart muscle loss."

Sadek led a collaboration between international experts to investigate whether heart muscles can regenerate. The study was funded through a grant by the

Leducq Foundation Transatlantic Networks of Excellence Program.

The project began with tissue from artificial heart patients provided by colleagues at the University of Utah Health and School of Medicine led by Stavros Drakos,

MD, PhD, a pioneer in left ventricular assist device-mediated recovery.

Jonas Frisen, MD, PhD, and Olaf Bergmann, MD, PhD, of the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, led teams in Sweden and Germany and used their innovative method of carbon dating human heart tissue to track whether these samples contained newly generated cells.

The investigators found that patients with artificial hearts regenerated muscle cells at more than six times the rate of healthy hearts.

"This is the strongest evidence we have, so far, that human heart muscle cells can actually regenerate, which really is exciting, because it solidifies the notion that there is an intrinsic capacity of the

human heart to regenerate," Sadek said. Earlier, Sadek published a paper in *Science* showing that while heart muscle cells actively divide in utero, they stop dividing shortly after birth to devote their energy to pumping blood through the body nonstop, with no time for breaks.

In 2014, he published evidence of cell division in patients with artificial hearts, hinting that their heart muscle cells might have been regenerating.

"The pump pushes blood into the aorta, bypassing the heart," he said. "The heart is essentially resting."

Sadek's previous studies indicated that this rest might be beneficial for the heart muscle cells, but he needed to design an experiment to determine whether patients

with artificial hearts were actually regenerating muscles.

"Irrefutable evidence of heart muscle regeneration has never been shown before in humans," he said. "This study provided direct evidence."

However, Sadek wants to figure out why only 25 per cent of patients responded to the regeneration of the muscle.

"It's not clear why some patients respond and some don't, but it's very clear that the ones who respond have the ability to regenerate heart muscle," he wrote.

Sadek believes that in future a mechanical heart will not be a therapy on which people will rely and with this study, he hopes to deliver regeneration of heart muscles in future.

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: Under Seva Hi Sankalp program, Sabha Baddi celebrated arrival of Calendar New Year 2025 with needy. President of Sabha Baddi said that our organization believes that those who are capable should come under banner of

organization and work on empowering deprived and backward classes of society. Our members started this campaign on New Year from January 1, in which we started it from Baddi Hospital. Under this, blankets were given to all the patients admitted in the

hospital as well as their caretakers. He said that this human life is available only once and if we do not use it properly then life will not be meaningful. We had also issued a helpline a few days ago that if there is any needy person in

entire BBN, then call us and our team will go to his house/hut and provide him with a warm blanket. He said that in first phase, our Sabha provided 501 blankets to all needy and this campaign of Seva Hi Sankalp will continue in future as well.

NEWS BRIEF

Learn from the past, don't worry about the future and enjoy present: Shakti Singh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: On the New Year, a Havan-Yagna was performed in the local Kanhaiya City and good wishes were made for the welfare of the world and the upliftment of mankind. The main host of the Havan-Yagna, social worker Advocate Chaudhary Shakti Singh, a member of the Bar Association of India, while wishing the people of the country and Haryana state a Happy New Year, said that learnt a lesson from all the bad events of the past, did not worry about the future at all, lived in the present, enjoyed the life to the fullest and move forward in life. Focus your attention on promoting unity, love and goodwill in your family and society. He said that the biggest truth was that every person has some or the other shortcomings, one should accept people with their shortcomings and believed that patience was greater than every difficulty.

Loans up to Rs 3 lakh provided to make women self-reliant: Neha Singh

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA: Deputy Commissioner Neha Singh said that the Haryana government was providing loans to make women self-reliant. Through the Women Development Corporation, widows, divorced or legally separated women of the state were provided loans up to Rs 3 lakh through banks to start their own business. The Deputy Commissioner said that under the scheme, the interest charged on the bank loan would be reimbursed by Haryana Mahila Mahila Nigam by paying it in the form of grant. The maximum limit of which would be Rs. 50,000 and the period would be three years, whichever was earlier. To avail the benefits of the scheme, the age of the woman should be between 18 and 60 years.

Himachal CM announces waving off his electricity subsidy

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, JAN 1

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has voluntarily waived the subsidy on all five electricity meters registered in his name. He submitted the required form to Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Chairman, Sanjay Gupta and urged well-off individuals to follow suit. Addressing the media, the Chief Minister emphasized that affluent citizens with multiple electricity meters should relinquish subsidies to support the development of the state. He encouraged well-off consumers to voluntarily waive their subsidies through the electricity online portal of the board, by calling helpline numbers 1100 or 1912, or by visiting their nearest electricity sub-division. The Chief Minister said



that all Cabinet members and Congress MLAs in the state have agreed to forgo their subsidies following detailed discussions. He said that the government spends Rs. 2,200 crore annually on electricity subsidies and Rs. 200 crore monthly on salaries and pensions of electricity board employees. He said that subsidies should be reserved for the needy and well-off individuals must contribute towards building a fairer society. He reiterated the vision of the present state government for making Himachal Pradesh self-reliant and making all possible efforts to reform the system which have led to a gradual revival of the state's economy. He said that measures of the state government were proving helpful in preventing investment outflows and have

Speaker Kalyan tells officials to speed up development works

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JAN 1

Speaker Harvinder Kalyan held a meeting of officials at Karnal PWD Rest House on the first day of the new year and also reviewed the overall development works and colonies and other works coming under Gharauraunda Assembly and Karnal Municipal Corporation. He said that the officials should speed up the stalled works and all the concerned departmental officers should work in coordination with each other. Also, Kalyan said in his usual style that there should be no negligence in any work, the work should be completed on time, the officers should work with full attention and sincerity on the works related to public interest, the public should not face any kind of problem, neither from the behavior of any officer nor



from his nature. The public is the biggest critic, yes, if the officers have any problem in funds, they should tell them. Kalyan asked the DC and Municipal Corporation officials about every work related to Gharauraunda Assembly's railway, national highway, upgrading of Madanpur school, community centers, indoor stadium of Kambopura, Sirsi, Daha, Pai and other assembly, what is the status of these works and by when will they be completed. He asked Municipal Corporation Commissioner Vaishali Sharma that why is the pace of the corporation's work slow? Is there a shortage of funds? Work by making a series wise plan for all the pending works. Kalyan discussed every development work of wards 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Gharauraunda Assembly coming under Karnal Municipal Corporation. The Assembly Speaker told the officials that if we plan our work properly and monitor it wisely, then that work is definitely done on time.

Shiv Kanwad Sangh serves prasad to passers-by on New Year



KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI: Sweet yellow rice prasad was served in the temple at Karnali Gate on behalf of Shiv Kanwad Sangh Tarawadi. In the program organized on the occasion of New Year, all the officials gathered and distributed sweet yellow rice prasad. On this occasion, social worker Ranjit Bhardwaj said that distributing sweet yellow rice prasad was an Indian tradition. It was always considered auspicious in good works. He told that sweet yellow rice prasad was distributed on the arrival of New Year. On this occasion, many people including Amar Lal Chawla, Ramesh Narang, Baldev Girdhar, Ranjit Bhardwaj, Sandeep Pasricha, Sudarshan Sardana, Ramesh Chawla, Jaspal Bhatti, Vijay Raheja, Anil Chawla, Omprakash Galhotra and Satish Sachdeva were present.

BJP organisational elections will be held through democratic process: Jial

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JAN 1

The process of Mandal level elections in BJP has also been finalized. Booth committees will be formed from January 1 to January 5. Mandal elections will be held from January 6 to January 12. The date of election of District Presidents will be decided later. At the same time, the party has also appointed district observers for organizational elections. In this connection, an organisational meeting of all the senior workers of the four Mandals of District Karnal Assembly, Urban Mandal, Karna Mandal, and Urban Mandal was held today in the BJP office Karna Kamal under the chairmanship of District



Executive President Brij Gupta. In this organizational meeting, the workers got guidance from BJP Karnal District Incharge Bharat Bhushan Jial. He said that all organizational elections will be conducted through democratic process. Election in-charges were appointed by the organization in all the four divisions of Karnal, in which Urban Division Election In-charge Renu Bala Gupta, Ashok Bhandari Urban Division In-charge Ramesh

DC thanks people for following instructions of police

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA PANCHKULA: Before the new year, Deputy Commissioner of Police Himadri Kaushik had ordered all the supervisory officers, manager police station, in-charge chowki and in-charge traffic Panchkula to block the road in their respective jurisdiction and keep a close watch on all suspicious persons and drivers. Due to which the New Year was celebrated safely. She said that extensive security arrangements were made this year. To ensure a safe environment, about 300 police personnel were put on duty with security equipment. Apart from this, special attention was also given to the safety of women. To ensure a safe environment for women, women police personnel were deployed at important places. The Deputy Commissioner of Police thanked the people for following the instructions issued by the police along with the celebration of the New Year. During the New Year celebrations strict vigil was kept on those who created ruckus on the road after drinking alcohol. Police personnel were deployed in various areas of the district throughout the night so that any unpleasant situation could be dealt with. On the occasion of New Year, 8 special checkpoints were set up for drink and drive, under which the police blocked the road and inspected about 300 drivers through Alco sensor.



Cleanliness drive launched to clean institutions under Swachh Haryana Mission



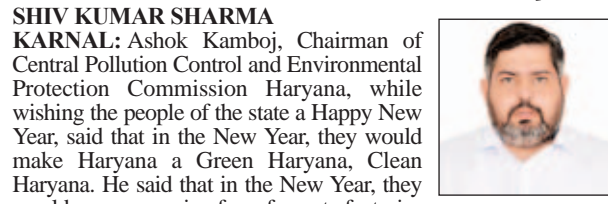
DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA: District Council Chairperson Kanwaljit Kaur said that a cleanliness drive has been launched in Kurukshetra under the Swachh Haryana Mission. Institutions will be kept clean under this campaign. To make this mission successful, every officer and employee will have to perform their duties with full devotion, says she. She was addressing a meeting of officers and employees at the Zila Parishad office on Wednesday. Earlier, Zila Parishad Chief Executive Officer Virendra Chaudhary presented a detailed report about the cleanliness campaign running from January 1 to 31, 2025 and also gave detailed information about the entire schedule. The Zila Parishad Chairman said that Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini has again launched the Swachhata Abhiyan from the land of Kurukshetra and to make this campaign successful, all will have to make tireless efforts. CEO Virendra Singh said that instructions have been given to upload the photos before and after the activities to be done under the Swachhata Abhiyan on the portal.

All Haryana Power Corporation Worker Union protests against privatisation



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: There was anger among the electricity employees regarding the privatization of the electricity department. The employees of Haryana say that by privatization the government was cheating the public and the employees. From the Meerut Road Sub Unit of All Haryana Power Corporation Worker Union employees expressed their protest by raising slogans and stopping work for one hour against privatization. A gate meeting was held on the call of National Coordination Committee of Electricity Employees and Engineers. Meerut Road Subunit head Surendra Kamboj presided over it and Pradeep conducted it. Mainly the state Deputy General Secretary Rajendra Rana, Unit's Deputy Chief Sanjeev and Cashier Joginder Singh addressed the employees. Employee leaders while presenting their views said that if the government did not withdraw this privatization decision, then in the coming days there will be a bigger agitation. On this occasion state deputy general secretary Rajendra Rana, city unit vice chief Sanjeev, cashier Joginder Singh, Ishwar Das Vishal Anuj, Sandeep Sharma, Gaurav Sandeep Kumar, Vandana Anu and Jyoti were present.

Make Haryana green and clean: Ashok Kamboj



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Ashok Kamboj, Chairman of Central Pollution Control and Environmental Protection Commission Haryana, while wishing the people of the state a Happy New Year, said that in the New Year, they would make Haryana a Green Haryana, Clean Haryana. He said that in the New Year, they would run a campaign from farms to factories to make Haryana pollution free. He said that the green cover in Haryana was decreasing. This should be stopped. He said that everyone should plant a tree on their birthday in memory of their elders and contribute to reduce the damage caused to our health and environment by pollution. They should make every possible effort so that every living creature can breathe in open air. Ashok Kamboj has worked for the welfare of the society while being in social organizations. In view of the work done by him, he has been given responsibility today so that like he has fulfilled other responsibilities in the past, he will also fulfill the said responsibility and try to make the campaign of clean environment safe environment successful and will work in public interest by following the guidelines received from the government and the commission from time to time. He said that soon he would run a public awareness campaign against burning of stubble along with the use of organic fertilizer across the state. He said that the way the land was becoming poisonous due to indiscriminate use of pesticides in Haryana and Punjab people were becoming cancer patient. He will run a campaign to save the farmers from this.

BJP wins elections by tampering with EVM and money power: Satpal



SHALU PARMAR KALAYAT: MP Satpal Brahmachari said that in the assembly elections, the BJP party played the game of EVM and money and in order to cut the votes of the Congress candidate. One independent candidate was separately sponsored by the BJP in each assembly constituency. BJP was contesting the elections with 180 candidates instead of 90. The entire state knew that BJP had a hand in those independent candidates who contested the elections with money or pressure. MP Satpal Brahmachari had reached the Congress youth leader Deepak Nirmal on the occasion of New Year on Wednesday. Speaking on the issue of former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh memorial site, MP Satpal Brahmachari said that the last rites of all the big leaders of the country were performed at the same place where their memorials were built. Congress had demanded that the place near Indira Gandhi Samadhi should be allowed for the cremation of Dr. Manmohan Singh. But citing the lack of a trust there, a trust could have been formed anytime.

1 dead, 15 hurt as pickup van collides with parked truck

SHALU PARMAR KALAYAT: On the occasion of New Year, a pickup full of devotees collided with a truck parked on the side of the road on Hisar-Chandigarh National Highway located at village Kailaram. Gurmukh Singh Puri (46) died on the spot in the accident, while 15 people were injured. All these people were returning after paying obeisance at Gogamedi in Rajasthan. People passing by informed the police about the accident. Police took all the injured to the hospital in an ambulance. Due to the critical condition of two people, they were referred to PGI Chandigarh. Krishna, a relative of the injured devotees, told that all 16 devotees had gone to Gogamedi in Rajasthan two days ago in a pickup from Boda village of Kurukshetra district. They were returning on Wednesday after paying obeisance there. At around 7 am, due to the negligence of the truck driver, the vehicle suddenly collided with the truck near the village Kailaram bus stand. Gurmukh Singh Puri (46) died on the spot, while 15 other people including the driver were injured. Krishna Kumar said that the condition of two injured Suresh Kumar and Paramjit Puri was more serious, so they were referred to PGI Chandigarh.



Sri Sai Kitchen Service Committee welcomes New Year in Sai temple



RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL: On the occasion of New Year, Shri Sai Rasoi Seva Samiti Regd. Kaithal organized a special Bhajan-Kirtan in the Sai temple built at their home. In this grand program, devotees praised Sai Baba with devotion and dedication and welcomed the New Year. The program started at 4 pm with the lighting of lamps and Sai Baba's Aarti under the leadership of the committee's head Priya Thakral. In the Bhajan-Kirtan, the famous singer Darpan Sharma ji immersed everyone in devotion by presenting bhajans like "Sai Teri Mahima Nyari" and "Om Sai Ram". Committee head Priya Thakral said that this was an effort to spread their unwavering faith in Sai Baba and his teachings in the society. They have got this opportunity by the grace of Sai Baba and they thanked all the devotees who attended the kirtan and made it a success. At the end of the program, homemade prasad was distributed to all the devotees present. The devotees started the new year auspiciously by taking blessings of Sai Baba in the temple.

BJP should resolve to fulfill promises made to public in new Year: Kumari Selja

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA CHANDIGARH: The General Secretary of the All India Congress Committee, former Union Minister, and MP from Sirsa, Kumari Selja, extended her greetings and best wishes for the New Year to the people of the state and the country. Kumari Selja said that in the New Year, the BJP government of the state should resolve to fulfill the promises made to the public. The condition of traffic, drinking water, sewer systems, waste management, and roads in most of the districts of the state was deplorable. The government should first focus on resolving these issues in the new year. In a statement released to the media, Kumari Selja said that the BJP government, often referred to as a government of false promises. The BJP made many promises but forgot these after coming to power. Kumari Selja said that farmers in the state were still protesting for MSP and other demands. The BJP, which claimed to be farmer-friendly, had made promises to the farmers to end their protests but has failed to fulfill those promises. Farmers have been agitated and continue their protests since long. She said that the central government should grant legal status to MSP. By fulfilling this promise, the government can give farmers a New Year's gift. Over 700 farmers have lost their lives during these protests. Kumari Selja said that in most cities of the state, waste, traffic, sewerage, drinking water, and waste management still were major problems. In big cities like Gurugram and Faridabad, even the local MPs have expressed concerns about cleanliness and waste management, but the government has turned a blind eye.



Jai Bharat Yuva Mandal organises mega show on occasion of New Year



KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI: Jai Bharat Yuva Mandal Tarawadi organized a mega talent show on the occasion of New Year at Gurudwara Road in Tarawadi city on Wednesday. MLA of the constituency Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi, CMD of Shri Hans Rice Mill Pradeep Gupta, CMD of Raghav Industries Rakesh Garg, President of Punjabi Sabha Tarawadi Rajiv Narang, CMD of GV Rice Export Pvt. Ltd. Tarawadi Vineet Bansal participated as chief guests. CMD of New Cam Oil Pvt. Ltd. Tarawadi Rajkumar Tayal, CMD of Data Ram Furniture House Ravi Chawla, Anuj Gupta from RL Food, Director of Saraswati Public School Pakhana Dr. Munish Parvez Rana, social worker Bhupendra Rana also participated as special guests. The program was presided over by Jai Bharat Yuva Mandal Tarawadi's president and state media in-charge Rohit Lamsar, vice president Sandeep Kataria and general secretary Pankaj Thakur. In the mega talent show, on one hand, the lyricist enthralled the audience with his wonderful and melodious voice. On the other hand, beautiful plays and tableaux also enthralled the audience.

NEWS BRIEFS

Unimech Aerospace makes stellar debut

NEW DELHI: Shares of Unimech Aerospace and Manufacturing Ltd on Tuesday ended with a huge premium of over 75 per cent against the issue price of Rs 785. The stock made its market debut at Rs 1,491, reflecting a sharp jump of 89.93 per cent from the issue price on the BSE. It finally ended at Rs 1,373.20, rallying 74.92 per cent. On the NSE, it got listed with a premium of 85.98 per cent at Rs 1,460 apiece. The stock ended at Rs 1,376.25, up 75.31 per cent. The company's market valuation stood at Rs 6,983.67 crore. In volume terms, 6.97 lakh shares of the firm were traded on the BSE and 84.21 lakh shares exchanged hands on the NSE during the day. The initial public offer of Unimech Aerospace and Manufacturing Ltd received a whopping 174.93 times subscription on the last day of bidding on Thursday.

Adani shares tank over 6%

NEW DELHI: Shares of Adani Wilmar tumbled over 6 per cent on Tuesday after billionaire Gautam Adani's group announced its exit from the FMCG joint venture by selling its entire stake to the Singaporean partner in the open market for over USD 2 billion. The stock ended 6.45 per cent lower at Rs 308.25 apiece on the BSE. During the day, it tanked 7.95 per cent to Rs 303.30. On the NSE, shares of the firm ended at Rs 308.05, a decline of 6.29 per cent. Intra-day, it tumbled 7.80 per cent to Rs 303.10. In a statement on Monday, Adani Enterprises Ltd, which held 43.94 per cent stake in Fortune brand cooking oil, wheat flour and other food product maker Adani Wilmar Ltd, said it will sell 31.06 per cent stake to Wilmar International. The remaining nearly 13 per cent holding will be sold in the open market to meet minimum public shareholding requirements.

WhatsApp Pay's UPI services to cover all Indian user

NEW DELHI: WhatsApp Pay, the payment feature of the popular messaging platform, has been given the green light to extend its Unified Payments Interface (UPI) services to all its users in India. This major development comes as the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has lifted the cap on user onboarding for WhatsApp Pay. In a press release, NPCI announced, "National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has removed the UPI user onboarding limit for WhatsApp Pay (Third Party App Provider), with immediate effect. With this development, WhatsApp Pay can now extend UPI services to its entire user base in India." This decision allows WhatsApp Pay to serve over 500 million WhatsApp users in the country, a huge leap from earlier restrictions. When WhatsApp Pay was introduced, NPCI imposed strict limits on the number of users it could onboard. This cautious approach was designed to ensure the payment service could handle the large-scale demands of India's digital payments ecosystem while maintaining security and performance standards. Initially, WhatsApp Pay was allowed to onboard only a small percentage of UPI users. The cap was gradually raised as NPCI monitored its performance and ensured compliance with the UPI framework.

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The Centre's fiscal deficit amounted to 52.5% of the full-year target between April and November 2024 with capital expenditure amounting to 46.2% of the Budget estimate of Rs 11.1 lakh crore. While the data released on Tuesday gives expectation to an improvement in the Centre's fiscal per-

formance, there remain concerns that the capex target for FY25 may be missed.

As per official data, the Centre's fiscal deficit amounted to Rs 8.5 lakh crore or 52.5% of the Budget target of Rs 16.13 lakh crore by November end 2024. This was 6.6% lower than the Rs 9.1 lakh crore fiscal deficit recorded in November 2023.

The Centre's total receipts amounted to Rs 18.94 lakh crore between April and November 2024, which was 59.1% of the Budget estimates for the fiscal. Of this tax revenue (net to Centre) stood at Rs 14.43 lakh crore and non tax revenue was

Rs 4.27 lakh crore in the period. Non debt capital receipts amounted to Rs 23,953 crore between April and November this fiscal.

The total expenditure incurred by the Centre was Rs 27.41 lakh crore, amounting to 56.9% of the BE. Of this, Rs 22.27 lakh crore was revenue expenditure while Rs 5.13 lakh capital expenditure.

Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist and Head - Research & Outreach, ICRA noted that capital expenditure displayed a healthy 21% expansion, albeit on a modest base. However, the Centre's capex needs to expand by 65% year on year in December 2024 to

March 2025 or record a monthly run rate of Rs. 1.5 lakh crore, to meet the FY2025 BE, which appears increasingly daunting, she said. "We are apprehensive that the capex target of Rs. 11.1 lakh crore for FY2025 will be missed by a margin of at least Rs 1 lakh crore to Rs 1.5 lakh crore," she further said. The anticipated miss in the capex target is expected to offset any shortfall on account of disinvestment and taxes, as well as the impact of the recent supplementary demand for grants. Accordingly, ICRA expects the fiscal deficit to mildly trail the FY2025 BE of Rs. 16.1 lakh crore or 4.9% of GDP.

Chandigarh Premier League (CPL) to be organized on the lines of IPL



CHANDIGARH: In order to make cricket more popular in all age groups, UT Cricket Association (UTCA) is organizing Chandigarh Premier League (CPL) in the month of February. In a meeting chaired by UTCA's President Sanjay Tandon, the core committee has also prepared its blueprint. The league will be played between six teams from February 7 - 23. Only registered players of UTCA are eligible to participate in this league. Due to renovation in 16 cricket stadium, all the matches of the league will be held at Tau Devi Lal Stadium, Panchkula. Corporates or industrialists can bid for the ownership of the team for each franchise. Tandon said that this league will not only promote cricket at the grassroots level but will also create bench strength for the teams in various formats. Other features of the league will be released soon.

HDFC ERGO Implements Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana for farmers In Haryana for Rabi Season 2024-25

SONIPAT: HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company, India's leading private sector general insurer, has been authorised by the Government of Haryana to implement the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) for loanee and non-loanee farmers in the districts of Hisar, Sonapat, Gurgaon, Karnal, Ambala, Jind and Mahendragarh for the Rabi, 24-25 season. PMFBY scheme insures farmers against any losses in crop yield arising out of a wide range of external risks such as drought, floods, dry spells, landslides, cyclones, hurricanes, hailstorms, inundations, pests, diseases and others. To determine the loss in the yield, the state government will plan and conduct Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs) on the notified crops in areas notified for the scheme. In case the yield data, based on CCEs conducted, concludes to be low then the farmers will be considered to have suffered a shortfall in their yield for which the claims will be payable to the farmers.

Credit growth to NBFCs declines to 7.8% in November, shows RBI data

NEW DELHI: Credit growth to the non-banking financial companies (NBFC) sector fell to 7.8 per cent year-on-year (Y-o-Y) in the fortnight ending November 29, 2024, compared to a 19 per cent increase during the same period last year. This slowdown contributed to a decline in credit growth to the services sector, which fell to 14.4 per cent Y-o-Y from 22.2 per cent in the corresponding period last year, according to sectoral deployment data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The decline in credit growth to the NBFC sector is largely attributed to the RBI's decision in November 2023 to increase risk weights on bank funding to NBFCs. This move prompted NBFCs to diversify their funding sources, turning to domestic capital markets to raise funds through bonds and accessing overseas markets via dollar bonds and syndicated loans.

According to RBI data, credit to the NBFC sector as of November 29, 2024, stood at Rs 15.75 trillion, up from Rs 15.48 trillion as of March 22, 2024. In its recently released 'Trend and Progress of Banking in India' report, the RBI emphasised that NBFCs need to further diversify their funding sources as a risk mitigation strategy. The report highlighted that NBFCs' reliance on bank borrowings remains high despite some moderation in recent times.



Zee Punjabi Stars Ring in 2025 with Heartfelt New Year Wishes

As the calendar flips to 2025, the beloved stars of Zee Punjabi's popular shows, "Nava Mod" and "Mannat - Ik Sanjha Parivar," extend their warmest New Year greetings to fans and viewers.

Navdeep Singh Bajwa and Jagriti Thakur, who portray the cherished characters Angad and Ridhi in "Nava Mod," shared an inspiring message: "The New Year is a time to embrace change and strive for better opportunities. Let's take this moment to reflect on our achievements and set new goals. Wishing everyone a year filled with joy, love, and success."

Meanwhile, Maninder Gill and Ra-

hul Bassi, the talented duo bringing Mannat and Reehan to life in "Mannat - Ik Sanjha Parivar," expressed their heartfelt sentiments: "New beginnings bring fresh hope and endless possibilities. We are so grateful for the love and support of our audience. Here's to a prosperous 2025 for all!"

Zee Punjabi, a channel that resonates deeply with audiences through its engaging storytelling and relatable characters, is thrilled to bring these heartfelt wishes to its viewers. As the stars of these hit shows look forward to another year of memorable performances and fan interactions, the channel promises to continue delivering exceptional entertainment in 2025.



Ballerina Institute and UN to Honor Haryana Mother Empowering Differently-Abled Daughter

CHANDIGARH: Harsh Sharma from Haryana has exemplified the true essence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for women empowerment by transforming her 90% differently-abled daughter, Tejaswini Sharma, into a celebrated devotional singer. Recognizing this extraordinary journey of resilience, love, and determination, the United Nations NGO Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), in collaboration with the Ballerina Management Institute (BMI), has invited Harsh Sharma to be honored on International Women's Day in New York.

This recognition not only highlights the strength of a mother's unwavering dedication but also marks a proud moment for India, showcasing its commitment to empowering women and differently-abled individuals.

The 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be



held from March 10 to 21, 2025, at the United Nations headquarters in New York. Active participation by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) is a cornerstone of the event, with the Ballerina Management In-

stitute playing a pivotal role in sharing inspiring stories like that of Harsh Sharma.

BMI Trust Founder and Chairperson Ratna Joshi has been instrumental in bringing Harsh Sharma's

story to global attention. Harsh expressed her gratitude for the opportunity and acknowledged BMI's efforts in supporting women's empowerment. Additionally, Tejaswini has been invited to perform devotional songs at the Indian Consulate in New York, further showcasing her incredible talent on an international stage.

Tejaswini Sharma, a 37-year-old devotional singer from Panchkula, Haryana, has received numerous accolades, including the prestigious President's Award. Her journey, however, is a testament to the relentless efforts of her mother, Harsh Sharma, who nurtured her talent against all odds.

Tejaswini was born in July 1986, but due to medical complications, she became 90% differently-abled, spending the first nine years of her life confined to bed. During this challenging period, Harsh introduced her daughter to devotional music,

igniting a passion that would change their lives. Despite being unable to read, write, or see, Tejaswini learned to sing bhajans by listening to her mother.

Harsh's dedication was supported by her husband, Sunil Sharma, who worked alongside her to bring Tejaswini's talent to national and international platforms. Today, Tejaswini's voice resonates on prestigious stages, earning her widespread recognition and admiration.

Harsh Sharma's inspiring story aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiatives, such as Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao, which focus on empowering women and girls. Haryana, too, has played a significant role in promoting women's empowerment through progressive schemes like the Bima Sakhi initiative.

Harsh Sharma's journey is a beacon of hope for families with differently-abled children, proving that love, perseverance, and determina-

tion can overcome any challenge. It calls for collective efforts to create opportunities and integrate differently-abled individuals into mainstream society.

The United Nations' recognition of Harsh Sharma, supported by the Ballerina Management Institute and the Commission on the Status of Women, celebrates the extraordinary power of a mother's dedication and resilience. Tejaswini's journey from adversity to success is a shining example of the transformative impact of nurturing talent and providing opportunities. This honor is not just a tribute to Harsh Sharma's efforts but also places India on the global stage as a leader in empowering women and differently-abled individuals. Their story is an inspiration, urging society and governments to take proactive measures to uplift and support such families, ensuring a brighter and more inclusive future.



NEW YORK: Indian Grandmaster R Vaishali surprised herself with a stellar performance to enter the quarterfinals of the World Blitz Championship here, even as recently-crowned rapid champion Koneru Humpy made an early exit. Following Humpy's stellar performance in rapid, which earned her the gold medal and a prize of \$60,000, it was Vaishali's turn to impress her fans. She scored 9.5 points out of a possible 11 to top the qualifying round. "I'm very happy with today's performance. Tomorrow will be a big day. Honestly, it (performance) was completely unexpected. I was not expecting the result like how it went today."

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NEWS BRIEF

Djokovic has a plan, with new coach Andy Murray, to take on newcomers



AUSTRALIA: After winning just one tournament in 2024 — a Paris Olympics gold medal — former No. 1 Novak Djokovic says he, with new coach Andy Murray's input, has a plan to take tennis newcomers. Nothing radical, he says, but enough to give him a chance against the likes of 23-year-old World No.1 Jannik Sinner, who won the Australian Open and U.S. Open last year, and No. 3 Carlos Alcaraz, who is 21 and who won the other two Grand Slam tournaments, Wimbledon and the French Open. The 37-year-old Djokovic said, after his first-round win at the Brisbane International, he will spend the days ahead of the Australian Open, which begins Jan. 12, with Murray viewing match videos of his younger rivals. The seventh-ranked Djokovic began his quest for a 100th ATP title with a 6-3, 6-3 defeat of Australian wild-card entry Rinky Hijikata. A win in Brisbane would be an ideal set-up for a record 25th Grand Slam singles title in Melbourne for the already 10-time Australian Open champion. Djokovic said he would use a second meeting with rival-turned-coach Murray to make small tweaks in his game. "I'm not looking to transform my game completely... I'm not going to be Giovanni (fusing 21-year-old French star Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard) serving two first serves and coming in to the net," Djokovic told Australian Associated Press. "But I definitely am looking to improve, even if it's the slightest percentage, every single shot that I have in my game, and maybe something that people don't necessarily see is this court positioning, the transition play, the tactics." "Physically, mentally, as well and ready to compete, whatever it takes, however many hours it takes with the youngsters," he said. "The week before Australian Open (we will) do a lot of video analysis of my main opponents, top guys, trying to understand how my game matches up." Djokovic, speaking after his win in Brisbane, poked fun at Murray's current family skiing trip. He said he hoped Murray, who sustained a number of hip and other injuries during his career, didn't suffer any skiing-related incidents. He's actually skiing at the moment," Djokovic said. "He's on a family skiing trip. Sending my love to all the Murray family. I hope he doesn't get injured skiing before he comes to Melbourne."

Bumrah goes past all-time record of Ashwin in Test rankings

DUBAI: Fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah has recorded the highest ever rating points tally achieved by an Indian bowler as he consolidated his position at the top of the ICC Men's Test Bowling Rankings, after another successful Test in Melbourne that saw him finish with a nine-wicket match haul.

Bumrah, who is shortlisted for the ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year award for the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy, has moved up from his previous tied high of 904 with Ravichandran Ashwin. His tally of 907 rating points now places him joint-17th in the all-time list with yesteryear spinner Derek Underwood of England.

The list is led by England seamer's Sydney Barnes (932) and George Lohmann (931) who played more than a century ago while Imran Khan (922) and Muttiah Muralidaran (920) are third and fourth.

Cummins advances in all three lists: Australia captain Pat Cummins, who is joint-fifth with Glenn McGrath in that list with 914 rating points, is another one to gain in the latest rankings update after helping win the fourth match of their ICC World Test Championship series against India in Melbourne.

The first weekly update of 2025 that also considers performances in the first Test between South Africa and Pakistan in Centurion and the first Test between Zimbabwe and Afghanistan in Bulawayo, sees Cummins achieve a career-best third position in the all-rounders' list, bettering the fifth position he attained in August 2019.

His scores of 49 and 41 have also lifted him 10 places to 97th among batters and his three wickets in each innings have helped him inch up one place to third position among bowlers with 837 rating points.

South Africa's Marco Jansen has attained a career-best fifth position after his second innings haul of six for 52 helped him past 800 rating points for the first time while Pakistan



seamer Mohammad Abbas has re-entered the rankings in 23rd position after taking seven wickets in the match.

Naseem Shah (up six places to 33rd) and Dane Paterson (up eight places to 46th) have progressed because of their performances in Centurion while Scott Boland of Australia (up seven places to 38th) and Brian Bennett of Zimbabwe (up 48 places to 94th) have also moved up the bowling rankings. In the Test Batting Rankings, Pakistan's left-hander Saud Shakeel is up to a career-best sixth position after scoring 84 in the second innings. Steve Smith has advanced three places to seventh after

scoring 140 while India opener Yashasvi Jaiswal's scores of 84 and 82 have helped him reach fourth position with a career-best 854 rating points.

South Africa opener Aiden Markram's Player of the Match effort of 89 and 37 in Centurion places him in 16th position after gaining eight places while India's Nitish Kumar Reddy is up 20 places to 53rd after his valiant century at number eight.

Sean Williams' innings of 154 has taken him up to 19th place with 653 points — the highest by a batter from Zimbabwe since Brendan Taylor reached 684 back in 2014.

The Afghanistan pair of Rahmat Shah (234) and Hashmatullah Shahidi (246) both surpassed their country's previous highest individual score and were rewarded with gains to 52nd and 57th positions, respectively.

In the ICC Men's T20I Player Rankings, Pathun Nissanka of Sri Lanka is up three places to sixth among batters while Mitchell Santner of New Zealand (up five places to ninth) and Matheesha Pathirana (up eight places to 26th) have moved up the bowling rankings after the first two matches of their T20I series which hosts New Zealand lead 2-0.

Alex Carey believes pacer Mitchell Starc "will be ready" for Sydney Test against India



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Australia wicketkeeper-batter Alex Carey on Wednesday gave a fitness update on pacer Mitchell Starc and said that the 34-year-old will be ready for the upcoming Sydney Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy against India.

Australia clinched an 184-run victory over India in 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. Currently, Australia lead 2-1 over India in the ongoing Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

The star Aussie pacer struggled to keep up with his fitness at the Melbourne Test of the BGT series against India. Starc struggled with his upper body during the long-format match. His discomfort was noticed when Starc was seen clutching his back during spells on Day 03 at the Melbourne Test.

In order to help Australia defend the target of 330 runs on Day 05 and win the Boxing

Day Test, Starc bowled at full pace despite struggling with his fitness.

Speaking at the pre-match press conference, Carey said that Starc will be fine and push through it to take part in the Sydney Test.

"He'll be fine. Yeah, he'll push through. I've played with Starc for a long time now and one of the toughest cricketers I've played with. So, he'll grimace, he'll grab his rib no doubt throughout times, but he'll be ready for the contest," Carey said.

Australia gave a target of 340 runs to India at the start of Day 05 of the Melbourne Test. The visitors had the whole day in hand but couldn't make the best out of it. The fiery spells from the Aussie bowling attack bundled out India at 155 in the 80th over.

Pat Cummins was named the 'Player of the Match' following a stupendous performance with both bat and ball. India will take on Australia in the final match of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy (BGT) at the Sydney Cricket Ground from January 3.

Chebete smashes own women's 5km world record

BARCELONA: Double Olympic champion Beatrice Chebet crowned a golden year as she smashed the women's 5,000m world record at the Cursa dels Nassos road race in Barcelona. The 24-year-old Kenyan finished the race in 13

minutes and 54 seconds to become the first woman to break the 14-minute barrier in the event, according to a BBC report. Chebet, who won 5,000m and 10,000m gold at the Paris Olympics earlier this year, beat her previous mark

set a year ago to the day in the same race - by 19 seconds. "I'm super happy as everything went according to plan," she said. "I felt capable of running under 14 minutes and I managed to do so. Two races in Barcelona and two world

records, can I ask for more?" My focus for next year is to win gold medals over 5,000m and 10,000m at the World Championships in Tokyo." Chebet was all on her own as she sprinted through the race and embraced friends at the finish

line after adding yet another accolade to her name. Alongside her Olympic success in 2024, she also broke the 10,000m world record in Eugene in May, before claiming her second Diamond League title in the 5,000m in September.

McGrath feels this BGT "might have been more one-sided" without India's star pacer Bumrah



SYDNEY: Former Australia cricketer Glenn McGrath on Wednesday reflected on the talisman India pacer Jasprit Bumrah's performance and said that without him the ongoing Border-Gavaskar Trophy might have been "more one-sided" in Australia's favour.

Australia clinched an 184-run victory over India in 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. Currently, Australia lead 2-1 over India in the ongoing Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

despite ending on the losing side, 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 press conference on Wednesday, McGrath called Bumrah a 'class and unique' player. "Bumrah to me is class, there's no doubt about it. He's unique. He has an action you wouldn't teach a young guy, but he's found a way to adapt it, and he's just absolutely incredible. The way he powers in those last few steps, powers through the crease. You know, he's got a little bit of hyper-extension, which I used to have as well, and, you know, he's copying with that. And he's just got incredible control both ways," McGrath said.

The former Australia pacer added that the India seamer's stats are unbelievable.

DIRECTORATE OF PUNJAB STATE LOTTERIES									
DRAW TIME: 06:00 PM ONWARDS					DRAW DATE: 01/01/2025				
RESULT OF PUNJAB STATE DEAR 10 SILVER WEDNESDAY WEEKLY LOTTERY									
MRP Rs 10/- Per Ticket									
1st Prize Amount (10)Rs.10,000/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits) (Seller Prize Amount Rs.500/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.10500/- each)									
2540									
2nd Prize Amount (10)Rs.2000/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits) (Seller Prize Amount Rs.200/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.2200/- each)									
7249									
3rd Prize Amount (100)Rs.500/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits) (Seller Prize Amount Rs.50/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.550/- each)									
1100	1193	3511	3984	4450	4646	4880	5237	6057	8394
4th Prize Amount (100)Rs.200/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits) (Seller Prize Amount Rs.20/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.220/- each)									
0254	1159	1217	3009	3276	3712	4294	5574	5807	6538
5th Prize Amount (2000)Rs.100/-, Common to all series (On last 4 digits) (Seller Prize Amount Rs.10/-, Total Prize Amount Rs.110/- each)									
0004	0019	0029	0031	0107	0260	0336	0339	0352	0355
0358	0362	0428	0500	0533	0590	0613	0623	0652	0687
0691	0737	0827	0890	1153	1162	1182	1303	1398	1401
1461	1471	1643	1726	1750	1792	1826	1862	1874	1901
1904	2221	2308	2316	2365	2384	2400	2412	2488	2557
2573	2614	2636	2674	2725	2759	2773	2781	2841	2920
2991	2997	3018	3111	3176	3273	3281	3304	3408	3422
3491	3555	3563	3643	3847	3895	3912	3950	3998	4005
4011	4086	4121	4154	4292	4305	4336	4355	4373	4382
4384	4426	4455	4504	4597	4605	4636	4676	4706	4719
4800	4912	4918	4919	4977	4998	5113	5116	5137	5283
5297	5318	5322	5336	5376	5409	5433	5448	5449	5498
5523	5568	5833	5880	5893	6028	6071	6114	6121	6170
6224	6307	6334	6378	6475	6487	6536	6580	6615	6622
6624	6627	6697	6710	6810	6906	7003	7026	7042	7153
7187	7240	7266	7338	7352	7413	7414	7434	7439	7476
7509	7595	7604	7691	7968	7985	8002	8025	8129	8172
8199	8300	8314	8356	8512	8543	8568	8570	8684	8705
8722	8756	8932	8956	9186	9243	9318	9348	9364	9368
9406	9441	9442	9527	9539	9606	9728	9929	9942	9950

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-Tendering					
Open tenders through e-tendering are invited on & behalf of president of India by Sr. Divisional Engineer/Coordination, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto 15.00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.					
Sr. No.	Name of Work	Approx. Cost (Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Date of closing & opening
1	Provision of RCC Box Channel for water supply at K.M. 21/16-17 adjoining Canal Bridge No. 19-A between Station JPS-UKN on JHL-HSR section by Box Pushing Technique under running track in the section of SSE/Works /SAG under ADEN/PTA.	1,56,56,788	2,28,300	06 Months	23.01.2025
2	Replacement of 1 deep tube well from Koti Tunnel to KLK, construction of Pump House, UG Water tank and laying of DI pipe for water demand at KLK particularly in summer in the section of SSE/W/KLK.	2,16,67,052	2,58,300	12 Months	23.01.2025
3	Improvement of Rain Water Harvesting System in RPSF 9th Battalion, JUDW under ADEN/JUDW.	5,61,005	11,200	04 Months	23.01.2025
4	Balance work of CTR(S) of 1.470TKm and TRR (S) of 12.234 TKm of the existing 52Kg 90UTS rails LWR laid on ST/Wooden/CST-9 Sleepers to M-7 density with 52Kg/60Kg rail on PSC sleeper with Elastic fastenings including increasing the ballast cushion with deep screening & recouping of ballast from the existing standard in the section of ADEN/PTA under Sr.DEN-ILUMB.	93,12,567	1,86,300	04 Months	23.01.2025
5	Provision of covered shed on existing LHS/Subway in lieu of L-xing no. 134-A/C & 139 on UMB - LDH section in the section of ADEN/RPJ under jurisdiction of Sr. DEN-IV/UMB.	1,73,26,830	2,36,600	04 Months	23.01.2025
6	Annual Repair, white washing and painting of staff quarters & service buildings alongwith hiring of skilled and unskilled labour under Zone RPAR (incl) to DLPC (incl) section for the 2024-25 in the section of SSE/Works/NLDM under ADEN/SIR.	99,99,999	2,00,000	06 Months	23.01.2025

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

E-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer HP PWD Kasauli Dist. Solan HP on behalf of Governor of HP invites the online bids on item 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	Tentative Cost	Earnest Money	Time Allowed	Cost of Form
1	C/O link road Jhamara Kanyyara to Johary road in Km. 0/00 to 6/00 (SH- P/L WBGM-G-I in Km. 0/00 to 2/00) Under SCDP	14,22,477/-	28,400/-	Two Month	500/-
2	C/O link road from Kimmughat to Sai Mandir near Mohan Meiken Factory in Km. 0/00 to 0/550 (SH- P/L Hume Pipe Culvert at Rds. 0/075, P/L GSB, WBM-G/II, Open Graded Premix Carpet 20mm thick with seal coat at Rds. 0/00 to 0/33, C/O V-Shape drain in Km. 0/00 to 0/550, C/O R/Wall 0/480 to 0/510) Under MNP.	19,47,381/-	38,900/-	Two Month	500/-
3	Construction of Additional Three nos. Classroom at G.S.S. School building at Dhayela Distt solan H.P. (SH- Construction of building Portion) Deposit.	23,12,609/-	46,200/-	Six Month	500/-
4	C/O Pucca Path from main road to Bhabhauri (SH- P/L Kharanja stone 0/00 to 0/410 and C/O Hume Pipe Culvert at Rds. 0/150) Deposit Work.	4,97,935/-	10,000/-	Two Month	350/-
5	R/O damages due to laying of Pipe line on Barotiwala Gunari road in Km. 0/00 to 16/900 (SH- C/O Hume pipe culvert 900mm dia at Rds. 5/425, 6/085, 6/785, 8/075, 8/465, 9/065, 9/885, 10/875, 12/765 and 13/715)	13,05,172/-	26,100/-	Two Month	500/-
6	C/O link road from Rakhog to Village Paprol in Km. 0/00 to 4/540 (SH- C/O 900mm dia HPC alongwith wing wall at Rd. 1/030, 1/165, 1/375, 1/510, 1/615 & 1/960) Under SCDP	12,32,950/-	24,700/-	Two Month	500/-
7	M/T of link road Ghyvan to Paplog (SH- C/O unlined drain, P/L WBGM Grade-I, G-III and 20mm thick open graded premix carpet with seal coat in Km. 0/200 to 0/430) Under MMGSY.	4,98,869/-	10,000/-	Two Month	350/-
8	C/O link road Serlaghat to Serla School in Km. 0/00 to 3/400 (SH- C/O Hume Pipe Culvert 900mm dia with wing wall at Rds. 1/515, 2/075, 2/200, 2/600, 2/780 and 3/300 and B/Wall 1/882 to 1/990) Under SCDP	14,63,725/-	29,300/-	Two Month	500/-

2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website <http://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: <http://hptenders.gov.in> Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

3. Key Dates

1. Date of Online Publication	31.12.2024
2. Documents Download Start Date	04.01.2025
3. Bid Submission Start and End Date	04.01.2025 11:00 AM to 13.01.2025 at 10:30AM
4. Date of Opening of Bid	13.01.2025 11:30 AM

2. TENDER DETAILS:

(i) The Tender Document shall be uploaded online in 2 cover: Cover 1: shall contain Scanned copies of all Technical Document/Eligibility information".

(ii) Cover 2: shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

3. Bid Opening Details:- The bid shall be opened on dated 13.01.2025 at 11.30 AM in the office Executive Engineer, HPPWD Division Kasauli HP, 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.

(i) The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 90/120 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

(ii) 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,
Kasauli Division,
HPPWD Kasauli
On behalf of the Governor of HP

DPR-HP-4236/2024-2025

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ਜਨਵਰੀ ਪੋਹ - ਮਾਘ JANUARY

ਐਤ	5	12	19	26
ਸੋਮ	6	13	20	27
ਮੰਗਲ	7	14	21	28
ਬੁੱਧ	1	8	15	22
ਵੀਰ	2	9	16	23
ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰ	3	10	17	24
ਸ਼ਨੀ	4	11	18	25

ਫਰਵਰੀ ਮਾਘ - ਫੱਗਣ FEBRUARY

ਐਤ	2	9	16	23
ਸੋਮ	3	10	17	24
ਮੰਗਲ	4	11	18	25
ਬੁੱਧ	5	12	19	26
ਵੀਰ	6	13	20	27
ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰ	7	14	21	28
ਸ਼ਨੀ	1	8	15	22

ਮਾਰਚ ਫੱਗਣ - ਚੇਤ MARCH

ਐਤ	30	2	9	16	23
ਸੋਮ	31	3	10	17	24
ਮੰਗਲ		4	11	18	25
ਬੁੱਧ		5	12	19	26
ਵੀਰ		6	13	20	27
ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰ		7	14	21	28
ਸ਼ਨੀ	1	8	15	22	29

ਅਪ੍ਰੈਲ ਚੇਤ - ਵੈਸਾਖ APRIL

ਐਤ	6	13	20	27
ਸੋਮ	7	14	21	28
ਮੰਗਲ	1	8	15	22
ਬੁੱਧ	2	9	16	23
ਵੀਰ	3	10	17	24
ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰ	4	11	18	25
ਸ਼ਨੀ	5	12	19	26

ਮਈ ਵੈਸਾਖ - ਜੇਠ MAY

ਐਤ	4	11	18	25
ਸੋਮ	5	12	19	26
ਮੰਗਲ	6	13	20	27
ਬੁੱਧ	7	14	21	28
ਵੀਰ	1	8	15	22
ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰ	2	9	16	23
ਸ਼ਨੀ	3	10	17	24

ਜੂਨ ਜੇਠ - ਹਾੜ JUNE

ਐਤ	1	8	15	22	29
ਸੋਮ	2	9	16	23	30
ਮੰਗਲ	3	10	17	24	
ਬੁੱਧ	4	11	18	25	
ਵੀਰ	5	12	19	26	
ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰ	6	13	20	27	
ਸ਼ਨੀ	7	14	21	28	

ਜੁਲਾਈ ਹਾੜ - ਸਾਵਣ JULY

ਐਤ	6	13	20	27
ਸੋਮ	7	14	21	28
ਮੰਗਲ	1	8	15	22
ਬੁੱਧ	2	9	16	23
ਵੀਰ	3	10	17	24
ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰ	4	11	18	25
ਸ਼ਨੀ	5	12	19	26

ਅਗਸਤ ਸਾਵਣ - ਭਾਦੋਂ AUGUST

ਐਤ	31	3	10	17	24
ਸੋਮ	4	11	18	25	
ਮੰਗਲ	5	12	19	26	
ਬੁੱਧ	6	13	20	27	
ਵੀਰ	7	14	21	28	
ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰ	1	8	15	22	29
ਸ਼ਨੀ	2	9	16	23	30

ਸਤੰਬਰ ਭਾਦੋਂ - ਅੱਸੂ SEPTEMBER

ਐਤ	7	14	21	28
ਸੋਮ	1	8	15	22
ਮੰਗਲ	2	9	16	23
ਬੁੱਧ	3	10	17	24
ਵੀਰ	4	11	18	25
ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰ	5	12	19	26
ਸ਼ਨੀ	6	13	20	27

ਅਕਤੂਬਰ ਅੱਸੂ - ਕੱਤਕ OCTOBER

ਐਤ	5	12	19	26
ਸੋਮ	6	13	20	27
ਮੰਗਲ	7	14	21	28
ਬੁੱਧ	1	8	15	22
ਵੀਰ	2	9	16	23
ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰ	3	10	17	24
ਸ਼ਨੀ	4	11	18	25

ਨਵੰਬਰ ਕੱਤਕ - ਮੱਘਰ NOVEMBER

ਐਤ	30	2	9	16	23
ਸੋਮ	3	10	17	24	
ਮੰਗਲ	4	11	18	25	
ਬੁੱਧ	5	12	19	26	
ਵੀਰ	6	13	20	27	
ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰ	7	14	21	28	
ਸ਼ਨੀ	1	8	15	22	29

ਦਸੰਬਰ ਮੱਘਰ - ਪੋਹ DECEMBER

ਐਤ	7	14	21	28
ਸੋਮ	1	8	15	22
ਮੰਗਲ	2	9	16	23
ਬੁੱਧ	3	10	17	24
ਵੀਰ	4	11	18	25
ਸ਼ੁੱਕਰ	5	12	19	26
ਸ਼ਨੀ	6	13	20	27

2025 ਦੀਆਂ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਛੁੱਟੀਆਂ

- ਪਰਸੋਨਲ ਵਿਭਾਗ (ਪਰਸੋਨਲ ਪਾਲਿਸੀ-3 ਸ਼ਾਖਾ)
- ਜਨਵਰੀ 6 ਜਨਮ ਦਿਹਾੜਾ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਗੋਬਿੰਦ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਗਣਤੰਤਰ ਦਿਵਸ
 - ਫਰਵਰੀ 12 ਜਨਮ ਦਿਵਸ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਰਵੀਦਾਸ ਜੀ ਮਹਾਂ ਸ਼ਿਵਰਾਤਰੀ
 - ਮਾਰਚ 14 ਹੋਲੀ 23 ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀ ਦਿਵਸ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਭਗਤ ਸਿੰਘ, ਸੁਖਦੇਵ ਅਤੇ ਰਾਜਗੁਰੂ
 - ਅਪ੍ਰੈਲ 6 ਈਦ-ਉਲ ਫਿਤਰ ਰਾਮ ਨੌਮੀ 8 ਜਨਮ ਦਿਵਸ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਭਾ ਦਾਸ ਜੀ ਮਹਾਂਵੀਰ ਜੈਯੰਤੀ 10 ਵਿਸਾਖੀ 13 ਜਨਮ ਦਿਨ ਡਾ. ਬੀ.ਆਰ. ਅੰਬੇਡਕਰ 18 ਗੁੱਡ ਫਰਾਈਡੇ 29 ਭਗਵਾਨ ਪਰਸ਼ੁਰਾਮ ਜਨਮ ਉਤਸਵ
 - ਮਈ 1 ਮਈ ਦਿਵਸ 30 ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀ ਦਿਵਸ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਅਰਜਨ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ
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 - ਨਵੰਬਰ 5 ਗੁਰਪੁਰਬ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ 25 ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀ ਦਿਵਸ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਤੇਗ ਬਹਾਦਰ ਜੀ
 - ਦਸੰਬਰ 25 ਕ੍ਰਿਸਮਿਸ ਦਿਵਸ 27 ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀ ਸਭਾ, ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਫਤਿਹਗੜ੍ਹ ਸਾਹਿਬ

ਨੋਟ:-

- ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਛੁੱਟੀਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਹਰੇਕ ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀ ਸਾਲ 2024 ਦੇ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਕਲੰਡਰ ਵਿਚ ਦਰਸਾਈਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ ਰਾਖਵੀਆਂ ਛੁੱਟੀਆਂ ਵਿਚੋਂ 2 ਛੁੱਟੀਆਂ ਲੈ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ।
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