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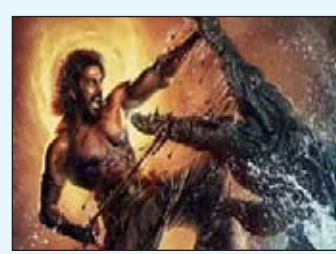
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111 farmers begin fast-unto-death in support of Dallewal

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, JAN 15

A group of 111 farmers from different parts of Punjab and Haryana on Wednesday announced to sit on fast unto death to support their leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal. The farmers while sitting on fast criticized Modi led Union Government for ignoring farming community. They said that they will not eat even a single grain until their demands are met.

The protesting farmers have expressed concern over Dallewal's "deteriorating" health, saying the 70-year-old risks "multiple organ failure" because of the prolonged fasting.

Dallewal, who is the convener of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political), has been on the indefinite hunger strike at the Khanauri border point between Punjab and Haryana since November 26 last year.

The farmers have been protesting over various demands including a legally guaranteed minimum support price (MSP) for their crops.

Dallewal has refused any medical aid during his fasting, which has caused his health to worsen.

Farmers, under the banner of the SKM (Non-Political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha, have been camping at the Shambhu and Khanauri border points between Punjab and Haryana since February 13 last year, after security forces did not allow them to march to Delhi.

Farmer leader Abhimanyu Kohar, who has been associated with Dallewal for a long time, lashed out at the Union government on Wednesday for not "paying a heed" to farmers' demands.

"Today, Dallewal's fast-unto-death



entered day 51. The Centre is neither ready to listen to anything nor it is initiating talks nor fulfilling our demands," Kohar said.

The protesting farmers had earlier said if anything untoward happens to Dallewal, the Centre might not be able to handle what comes afterwards. When asked about holding talks with the protesting farmers to end the logjam, Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan recently said the government would act in accordance with the Supreme Court's instructions.

On January 4, Punjab Cabinet Minister Gurmeet Singh Khuddian had sought Chouhan's personal intervention urging the Centre hold a dialogue with the protesting farmers at the earliest to break the impasse.

On the status of Dallewal's health, Kohar said it is "critical" because of the indefinite fast.

Doctors have said his body is not

even accepting water and whenever he takes water, he throws up, according to Kohar.

Doctors attending to Dallewal have already said his health is "deteriorating" every day. His ketone level is on a higher side and muscle mass has decreased, they have said.

The farmers earlier said Dallewal had not been eating anything since November 26 last year and was just surviving on water. The protesting farmers have now decided that a group of 111 farmers would start a fast-unto-death in solidarity with Dallewal from Wednesday.

"Farmers are emotional and they have said that they will also follow Dallewal and start an indefinite fast in a peaceful manner," said Kohar. On December 20 last year, the apex court put the onus on Punjab government officials and doctors to decide on Dallewal's hospitalisation.

CM Mann dedicates first boutique and heritage hotel of Pb to people



RAWEL BHINDER PATIALA, JAN 15

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Wednesday dedicated the first of its kind boutique and heritage hotel Ran Baas- Palace constructed at Quilla Mubarak here in the royal city to the people.

The Chief Minister said that this aesthetically designed hotel has been built on PPP mode and will set a new benchmark in comfort, hospitality and elegance. He envisioned that magnificent hotel will be a favourite place for destination weddings and others. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that this Hotel will give a big boost to the tourism sector in the state in general and the royal city of Patiala in particular.

The Chief Minister expressed hope that the tourists will have a comfortable stay in the Hotel and they will enjoy the warm hospitality of the state during their visit. He said that this hotel will give further impetus to tourism in the royal city by providing a comprehensive and holistic wedding destination, in addition to its current status as a hub for religious tourism. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that besides grandeur this hotel is a reflection of the glorious cultural heritage of the state.

The Chief Minister expressed the state government's unwavering commitment to making Punjab a leading tourist destination in the country through such projects. He said



that day one after assuming charge of office it is his dream to showcase hidden aspects of vibrant and blessed Punjab to people across the globe. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that from day one his government is working tirelessly to enhance the income of the state exchequer adding that this is a step in this direction only.

The Chief Minister said that geographically Punjab is blessed land adding that the state government intends to take the tourism sector to a new zenith. He said that areas around Chohal Dam, Ranjit Sagar Dam, Shahpur Kandi Dam and Kandi areas of the state are being developed as ideal tourist destinations for attracting the tourists from across the globe. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that there is a huge potential for developing these areas as a tourist destination for which all out efforts are being made. The Chief Minister said that the state government has land even in other states like Goa, Jaipur (Rajasthan), Mcleodganj (Himachal Pradesh) and others which will be developed in coming days. He said that earlier the previous state governments used to sell the prime properties of the state to their close friends but now a reverse trend is being witnessed as the state government is developing these sites. Citing an example, Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the state has created history by purchasing Goindwal power plant owned by a private company GVK Power adding that for the first time this reverse trend has started that the government has purchased any private power plant.

Kejriwal files nomination from New Delhi seat, appeals people to vote on work



AGENCY NEW DELHI, JAN 15

Aam Aadmi Party Chief and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday filed his nomination from the New Delhi seat for the Delhi Assembly Polls, scheduled on February 5.

Kejriwal is in the electoral fray against BJP candidate Parvesh Verma and Congress' Sandeep Dikshit. After filing his nomination, Kejriwal asserted that a lot of work still left to be done in the national capital.

"I have filed the nomination. I would like to tell the people of Delhi that please vote for work, on one side there is a party that works and on the other side, there is

a party that abuses... So vote for work, education, health, electricity, water, roads, vote for these things. A lot of work has been done.

There is still a lot of work left to be done, so I hope that people will vote for hard work. They (BJP) have neither a CM nor vision and narrative," he said.

The AAP Chief has been holding the New Delhi Assembly seat since the 2015 elections. In the 2015 Assembly polls, Arvind Kejriwal defeated BJP candidate Nupur Sharma by a margin of more than 35 per cent. In the 2020 polls, Kejriwal got 46,758 votes, defeating BJP's Sunil Kumar Yadav by a vote margin of more than 30 per cent.

Cong not just fighting RSS-BJP, but Indian state itself: Rahul BJP hits back, slams Cong leader

UNI NEW DELHI, JAN 15

Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday accused the BJP-RSS of "capturing the institutions of the country" including the Election Commission and said the "Congress was not just fighting a political organisation but Indian state itself".

Addressing party workers after the inauguration of the new AICC headquarters—Indira Bhawan—at Kotla Road here,



Gandhi also accused the Election Commission of lacking transparency.

The former Congress President said, "Do not think we are fighting a fair fight. If you believe we are fighting against a political organisation called BJP and RSS, they have captured almost every institution in our country. We are now fighting not just the BJP and RSS, but the Indian state itself". Meanwhile BJP today launched a sharp attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi after he said the Opposi-

tion was fighting not just the BJP, but the Indian State. Union Health Minister and BJP president JP Nadda said the Congress's "ugly truth now stands exposed". Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman asked why Mr Gandhi carried a copy of the Constitution if he thought the Opposition was fighting the State. Claiming that something wrong had happened in the Maharashtra elections, Rahul said "We are uncomfortable with the way the Election Commission is holding elections.

Hry CM to visit Maha Kumbh on Feb 7th

BUREAU CHANDIGARH:

The Haryana government will also participate in the ongoing Maha Kumbh in Uttar Pradesh. CM Naib Saini and his cabinet members will go to Prayagraj. Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini said that on February 7, the Haryana government will participate in the Maha Kumbh in Prayagraj and during this time a dip of faith will be taken in the Sangam. It is worth noting that people from many districts of the state and the saint community have also gone to the Maha Kumbh. The Haryana government has made arrangements for accommodation for about 30 thousand



people there. It is being told that the Haryana government has made arrangements for food and drink for the people here in Sector-18 at the Maha Kumbh site. On the other hand, the Environment Activity Organization of Gurugram's RSS is also making arrangements.

To make the Maha Kumbh Mela single plastic free and green Kumbh, the Environment Activity Organization of the RSS has sent 30 thousand plates, 30 thousand bags and 6 thousand glasses. 60 thousand plates, 40 thousand bags and 10 glasses have been sent from all over the state so that the dirt does not spread.

Delhi Court rejects bail plea of AAP MLA Naresh Balyan in MCOCA case

AGENCY NEW DELHI, JAN 15

The Rouse Avenue Court on Wednesday dismissed the bail application of AAP MLA Naresh Balyan in the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA) case.



Balyan is in judicial custody after his arrest on December 4 in the MCOCA case linked to Gangster Kapila Sangwan alias Nandu.

Special judge Kaveri Baweja dismissed the bail application.

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In a strategic move, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has nominated Pooja Balyan, wife of current MLA Naresh Balyan, as their candidate for the Uttam Nagar Assembly seat. Notably, Naresh Balyan will file nomination as a proxy candidate. The court on January 9 reserved an order on the bail plea. Special Judge Kaveri Baweja after hearing the arguments by the counsel for the accused and Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) for Delhi police had reserved the order. SPP Akhand Pratap Singh filed judgment on the point of fulfilment of ingredients for invoking MCOCA. Delhi police on January 8 had opposed the bail of AAP MLA Naresh Balyan and said that in his disclosure statement has disclosed his nexus.

PM Modi dedicates three frontline naval combatants to nation

UNI MUMBAI, JAN 15

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday dedicated three frontline naval combatants INS Surat, INS Nilgiri and INS Vaghsheer to the nation on their commissioning at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and senior officials were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said today was a big day for India's maritime heritage, the glorious history of the Navy and the mission of self-reliant India.



Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj had given new strength and new vision to the Navy, he said, today the Government had taken a major step towards empowering the 21st century Navy of India in the land of Shivaji Maharaj.

Modi said that submarines including both warships are manufactured in India.

The Prime Minister said that we want to make the sea safe, let us work towards that. Indian Navy is becoming powerful. India gave the mantra of ocean to the world, he added.

We were lucky enough to dedicate the 6th submarine Vaghsheer to the nation.

Rajnath said that the launch of warships is certainly historic. There is certainly an evidence of India's growing power in the Indian Ocean region, not just the Indian Navy.

The Defence Minister also said, though the Indian Ocean region has always been important geographically and economically, it has certainly become more important in today's rapidly changing environment.

Modi later held a meeting with Mahayuti MLAs and Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis. Both Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar and Eknath Shinde were also present.





Chamkaur Sahib DSP Manjit Singh Aulakh bereaved

KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN): DSP Manjit Singh Aulakh of Sri Chamkaur Sahib was bereaved when his mother Sardarni Kulwant Kaur Aulakh passed away. For her eternal peace, the Bhog of Sri Akhand Path will be held on 19 January from 12 noon to 1 pm at Gurdwara Gur Kirpa Sahib Shivalik City Kharar.

NEWS BRIEF

Gypsum should be used to make up for deficiency of sulphur in wheat crop: CAO



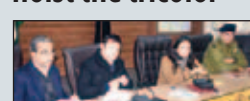
SURINDER DAMDAMI KOTKAPURA: December 15, Due to continuous standing of rainwater in the wheat crop, there may be a shortage of sulfur, which can be met by using gypsum. This idea was expressed by Dr. Amrik Singh while interacting with the farmers after inspecting the wheat crop cultivated by farmer Sarabjit Singh in village Mehmana using MB plow, mulcher and super seeder. Dr. Amrik Singh, Chief Agriculture Officer, said that during the inspection conducted in various villages, it has been observed that the condition of wheat cultivated without burning or beating the paddy stubble is very good and it is hoped that the yield will also be good. He said that due to continuous standing of rainwater in the wheat crop, especially in sandy soils, there is a deficiency of sulphur in the crop. He said that due to the deficiency of sulphur, the color of the leaves of the wheat plants turns yellow except the tips of the new leaves, while the lower leaves remain green. He said that if such a problem arises, then 100 kg of gypsum should be given per acre. He said that the agriculture department is giving 205/- per 50 kg to the farmers on gypsum subsidy. He said that farmers who are interested in getting gypsum can contact the agricultural officers of their constituency.

Chandigarh gets its first waterless steam carwash at Indian oil sector 21 petrol pump



R N KHERA CHANDIGARH: A revolutionary solution to save water while washing cars has arrived in the heart of the city. The Sector 21 petrol pump, one of Chandigarh's oldest, has undergone a major transformation. The newly revamped Kapoor Petrol Pump, now illuminated with modern facade and liner lighting, is also home to the city's first Waterless Steam Car Spa, inaugurated by Indian Oil's State Head, Jitendra Sharma. This initiative aims to conserve water and promote women empowerment. Each car wash at this spa saves around 100 liters of water, utilizing just 1 liter of steam to keep vehicles spotless and shiny. Women customers can now comfortably and safely get their cars cleaned while enjoying their wait at the adjacent Yankee's Modern Café, ensuring a complete experience of convenience and leisure. This initiative stands as a model for others to follow, combining eco-friendliness, customer convenience, and a modern touch in the bustling city of Chandigarh.

R-Day: Harjot Singh Bains will hoist the tricolor



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR: Punjab School Education, Higher Education, Technical Education and Public Relations Minister Harjot Singh Bains will hoist the national flag on the occasion of 76th Republic Day to be celebrated on January 26 at the Police Line. In view of the district level Republic Day, Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal today took stock of the arrangements and preparations of the program during a meeting with officials of various departments at the District Administrative Complex here and said that all arrangements should be completed within the stipulated time. He said that rehearsals have been started by school students and employees of other departments, for which all kinds of solid arrangements should be made.

National Youth Day observed in RR Bawa DAV College for Girls Batala



VERMA BATALA: Under the patronage of Dr.EktaKhosla, Principal, RR Bawa DAV College for Girls, Batala, 'National Youth Day' was observed in the college campus to commemorate the birth anniversary of a towering and spiritual philosopher Swami Vivekananda. The birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda is celebrated across India as National Youth Day to honour the Vedantic Scholar. To pay the homage to the great saint, a flowery tribute was paid by the NCC cadets along with whole RR Bawa family to the staunch philosopher and spiritual leader on his birth anniversary. On this occasion, Principal Dr.EktaKhoslaadvised to follow the philosophy of Swami Ji and emphasized that the ideals for which he lived and worked could be the greatest source of inspiration for the Indian youth.

Union govt taking steps to preserve ancient heritage institutions in country: Satnam Singh Sandhu

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, JAN 15

Chandigarh University Chancellor and Rajya Sabha member Satnam Singh Sandhu today visited the Maharaja Aji Sarovar of Kharar, related to the ancestors of Lord Ram Chandra, and obtained complete information in this regard.

Sandhu participated in the Parkarma of the Sarovar and saw the stone installed on its banks during the British era through which hunting was banned here at that time.

On this occasion, he obtained information about the construction going on in the Sarovar. He visited the Ram temple being built along the Sarovar and contributed to the construction of the temple by



pouring a layer of concrete in the pillar being constructed there. After this, while talking to the journalists, he said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Central Government has already decided to preserve ancient heritage and historical institutions and Prime Minister Narendra Modi has decided to

make India a developed country by 2047. He said that how can we preserve our heritage, new policies are being formulated by the Central Government so that the heritages which are the center of faith can be developed according to the feelings of the people. He said that a concerted effort should be made for the construction of Shri Ram Tem-

ple Kharar because it is a center of great faith. He said that he would like to thank the residents of Kharar who have saved the country's property from the land mafia with so many efforts. Sandhu said that he will take Shri Ram Temple of Kharar to the national and international level. He has said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's aim is that along with development, heritage should also be preserved. Due to the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Sanatan is being praised all over the world. He assured the Ram Mandir Committee of Maharaja Aji Sarovar that he stands shoulder to shoulder with them and whatever duty is assigned by the committee for the construction of the temple, he will work on it.

MP Sanjeev Arora meets Chairman NHAI on various issues



LUDHIANA (SHARMA): MP Sanjeev Arora held a productive meeting with the Chairman of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) Santosh Kumar Yadav in New Delhi to address several critical issues related to NHAI projects in Punjab more relevant to Ludhiana. During the meeting, MP Arora emphasized the importance of linking the Ludhiana-Roopnagar highway with Bahadur Ke Road till Dana Mandi. He highlighted that this 5-kilometer spur would not only alleviate logistics-related challenges faced by existing industries but also provide a new lifeline to the industrial zone of Bahadur Ke Road. Chairman has promised for immediate feasibility & technical report on this issue. MP Arora also urged the Chairman to expedite the construction of Vehicular Under Passes (VUPs) at Kailash Nagar, Jassian Road, and Jalandhar Bypass. In response, the Chairman immediately contacted RO Punjab Vipnesh Sharma and instructed him to expedite the process. Additionally, MP Arora requested the construction of VUPs from Dhandari Railway Station crossing NH 44 in Ludhiana. This initiative aims to manage the massive volume of goods traffic from the nearby industrial zone and ease the movement of pedestrians.

Bathinda military station celebrates Indian Army Day



ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, JAN 15

On the occasion of Army Day, a Wreath Laying Ceremony was organised at Bathinda to honour the valour and supreme sacrifice of the soldiers of Indian Army. Lieutenant General Nagendra Singh, General Officer Commanding, Chetak Corps, laid the wreath in a solemn Ceremony at the 'Yodha Yaadgar' War Memorial, in venerated remembrance of the Bravehearts who dedicated their lives to safeguarding the sovereignty of our Nation. The ceremony was marked by a sense of patriotism and reverence, reflective of the respect

and gratitude of the nation to its heroes. Adding to the celebrations, a special 'Know Your Army' event was organised to foster awareness and pride among youth, about Indian Army's rich legacy and advance warfighting capabilities. The event showcased state-of-the-art weaponry, military vehicles and technological advancements through interactive exhibitions and live demonstrations. Enthusiastic citizens engaged with soldiers, gaining insights into their challenging roles and extraordinary commitment. The Army Day celebrations were a resounding tribute to the indomitable spirit of the Indian Armed Forces.

Akal Group of institutions organizes educational workshop



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA DEHATI, JAN 15

Akal Group of Institutions organized an educational workshop at Gursagar Mastuana Sahib. The main speaker of this program was Dr. Dalbir Singh Kathuria, Chairman, Atam Pragas Samaj Bhalai Sabha and former leading soil scientist and founder of Vishwa Punjabi Sabha from Canada. The guests were welcomed by Mr. Jaswant Singh Khaira and the entire staff of Akal Group of Institutions with a bouquet of flowers.

At the beginning of the program, Mr. Jaswant Singh Khaira, Secretary, Akal College Council, warmly welcomed Dr. Varinderpal Singh, Dr. Dalbir Kathuria and the

guests. The main speaker of this program, Dr. Varinderpal Singh, presented his deep experiences about the heritage educational system of Punjab, how our educational system was during the time of Maharaja Ranjit Singh. He said that in the old days, punctuality, staying connected with Gurnat, practicing Bani and studying Shastra were important in the educational system. At that time, the educational system was not a means of earning. He said that during his teaching, he visited foreign countries and the system there impressed him a lot.

The white man he met in England gave valuable information related to Maharaja Ranjit Singh.

Blood donation camp organised by PGI Employees Union

CHANDIGARH, JAN 15

The PGI Employees Union (Non Faculty) organized its 6th Mega Blood Donation Camp with the support and cooperation of its associate Unions / Associations namely; PGI Engineers Association, PGI Ministerial Staff Union (Group B&C), PGI Nurses Welfare Association, OT Technical Staff Association, PGI Electrical Welfare Association, PGI Medical Technologist Union, PGI Medical Laboratory Assistant Association, PGI Group-B Jr. AO Association, PGI Drivers Welfare Association, PGI Security Guard Welfare Union, PGI Hospital Attendant Association, PGI Safai Karamchari Union, PGI Contract Workers Union, PGI H.A. Contract Workers Union, PGI S.A. Contract Workers Union,



Mahila Contract Workers Union, Stores Cadre Employees Welfare association and PGI Dietetics Welfare association also participated. 96 volunteers were declared unfit for various reasons.

Prof. Vivek Lal, Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh inaugurated the camp at Zakir Hall, PGI, Chandigarh by cutting ribbon and lighting lamp in kind presence of Dr. Ashok Kumar(D.M.S), Dr. Suchet Sachdev, Dr. Sangeeta, De-

partment of Transfusion Medicine, Lt.Col. Sardar Gurwinder Singh Bhatti (S.H.E) & Sh. Gursharan Singh, Chief Security Officer, Plant head Sh. Mukesh Bansal & Sh. Balwinder Singh Swaraj Engines Ltd. Mohali graced the occasion. 662 volunteers were registered at the Blood Donation Camp today but 566 have donated blood at the camp from 08:30 am to 03:20 pm and 96 volunteers were declared unfit for various reasons. In

Month-long exhibition celebrating Le Corbusier & Architect SD Sharma opens at Government Museum and Art Gallery

RAJIV JAIN
CHANDIGARH, JAN 15

A unique exhibition showcasing models of buildings designed by Le Corbusier and the works of Architect SD Sharma opened today at the Government Museum and Art Gallery in Sector 10, Chandigarh. Architect SD Sharma, 94, a close collaborator of both Le Corbusier and Pierre Jeanneret, is the highlight of this exhibition, which will run until February 12.

This initiative is a collaboration between the Museum and the A3 Foundation, an organization dedicated to promoting art, architecture, and aesthetics, founded by Architect Sangeet Sharma. The event also celebrates three key milestones: Architect SD Sharma's 94th birthday, the A3 Foundation's 75th event, and the Museum's 50th anniversary, further enhancing the significance of this partnership.

Awareness of traffic rules is must in life : SSP Toora

KAPURTHALA (ASHISHPUR): A special seminar towards road safety and awareness of traffic rules was conducted on



wednesday at a private school located on Mall Road, Kapurthala, under the leadership of SSP Kapurthala, Gaurav Toora. This seminar was attended by large number of students from various schools and colleges of the district.

During the seminar, addressing the gathering of students, SSP Gaurav Toora stated that the increasing number of road accidents and the hundreds of fatalities are a cause for concern so traffic awareness is must in today's life. He emphasized the importance of following traffic rules with wisdom to protect our precious lives.

He further added that Kapurthala Police is carrying out various activities to raise awareness about traffic rules at the grassroots level to prevent accidents by educating the public.

Seminar was also addressed by district transport officer dr Irwin Kaur, Dsp traffic Jasbir Singh and traffic member Gurbachan Singh Bangar and traffic incharge sub inspector darshan Singh.



ship. The exhibition was inaugurated by Brigitte Bouvier, Director of the Fondation Le Corbusier in Paris, along with other dignitaries who travelled to Chandigarh specifically for this occasion. The display chronicles Architect SD Sharma's illustrious six-decade career across nearly 70 panels. "Many dignitaries like chief architect of UT, ex chief architects of UT, Punjab and Haryana, chairman of IIA and IIID, Manmohan Khanna, along with architectural students from the region were present. Renowned Singaporean architect Rene Tan,

along with other prominent architects, attended the event. Tan, the creator of the models, delivered a talk on the importance of documenting Le Corbusier's work and the process of curating such an exhibit. A one-day conference was also held, featuring discussions led by Architect Rene Tan, Malaysian Architect Lillian Tay, Architect SD Sharma, and several other Indian architects. The focus was on Chandigarh Modernism and its global influence. Sourabh Gupta, a Delhi based prominent architect, was one of the speakers.

2 mobile snatchers arrested by police, FIR filed



JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): Under its campaign against bad elements being carried out under the guidance of SSP Navneet Singh Bains in district Ludhiana rural, Jagraon city police arrested two snatchers.

Giving more information this, SHO Amarjeet Singh said that as per the supervision of DSP Jasvyot Singh, SI Harpreet Singh and his team received a complaint in which the complainant had alleged that 2 persons snatched his smartphone by threatening him with an iron rod. "Police filed FIR 15 under section 304(2) of BNS in this case and arrested accused Akasheep Singh alias Akash son of Kuldeep Singh and Rakesh Kumar alias Rakesh son of Suraj Kumar and recovered the robbed mobile phone," he added. More investigation is underway in this case.



Inner Wheel Club celebrates Makar SankrantiChandigarh. Inner Wheel Club Patiala's vice president Simmi Mohindra organized a bhandara and prasad distribution in High School Sarangpur on Makar Sankranti. On this occasion, peanuts, Revdi, Gajak and other food items were distributed to children and the general public.

NEWS BRIEF

Exhibition of students' works at Rampura Mandi School



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: As per the instructions of the department, under the leadership of District Education Officer Secondary Shiv Pal Goyal, a winter camp was organized at PM Government Senior Secondary School Rampura Mandi during winter vacations. In this winter camp various activities were done by the students like different types of decorative items, flowers, series, hanging, stand etc. were prepared and study related assignments, worksheets, scrap books, maps were prepared. An exhibition of products made by the students was held in the school campus today. Giving information, school principal Sunil Kumar Gupta said that the students prepared the goods with great enthusiasm and joy. Today, an exhibition was held and the same was shown to the rest of the students. All the equipment for these activities was provided by the school management.

Free preparation for written exam and physical training to be provided to youth in C-Pyte camp

ABHISHEK NANDA FEROZEPUR : Camp Training Officer of C-Pite Camp, Hakumat Singh (Ferozepur) Captain Gurdarshan Singh has informed that the computer-based written paper of the recruitment rally of Agniveer Army is being held on April 2025. The preparation of the written paper, similar to the written paper to be held in April 2025, will be done on computer at C-Pite Camp, Hakumat Singh Wala from date: 16 January 2025. Online registration of the written paper can be done from date: 06.02.2025 at www.joinindianarmy.nic.in. Youth of Ferozepur, Fazilka, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Faridkot and Moga districts who want to join Agniveer Army can come to C-Pite Camp, Hakumat Singh Wala from 16 January 2025 and prepare for their written paper. Preparation for the written paper is starting from January 16, 2025 at C-Pyte Camp, Hakumat Singh Wala. While coming to the camp, bring a copy of the online application, original certificate of 10th, photocopy of 10th certificate, photocopy of Punjab residence, photocopy of caste certificate, photocopy of Aadhar card, photocopy of bank account and account should be in active status and two passport size photographs, one copy, a pen, utensils for eating, bed for sleeping etc. The time to come to the camp is 09:00 in the morning.

Free check-up camp organized by Gauri Shankar Seva Samiti benefited many people



VERMA GURDASPUR: Today, a free check-up camp was organized by the Gauri Shankar Seva Samiti under the chairmanship of Sanjeev Malhan, in memory of the late Nathu Ram Goyal, at the Panjori Colony, Chhotepur. The camp was held in collaboration with Alka Skin Care Hospital, where Dr. Bharti Sharma, Kuldeep Thakur, and Shikha Davaera examined 150 patients and provided free medicines to all. The chief guest, Jyoti Member Panchayat, praised the efforts of Gauri Shankar Seva Samiti and said that the way they are serving the community is exemplary. She also acknowledged that public servants like Sanjeev Malhan are rare and urged everyone to support him in his endeavors. She mentioned that due to his dedication to public service, his name is becoming famous not only in the district, but across Punjab, the country, and even abroad.

Despite admon warnings, China dor used rampantly during Lohri Festival: Surinder Manhas

VERMA GURDASPUR: Despite repeated warnings from the administration, kite enthusiasts used China thread string (Gattu thread) extensively during the Lohri festival, thereby disregarding the efforts of the authorities. Expressing deep concern and anger over this issue, Surinder Manhas, Provincial Chairman of the Hindu Suraksha Samiti, stated that prior to the Lohri festival, the administration had been actively encouraging people not to use China thread string. However, sellers of this string were repeatedly warned that if anyone was caught selling or buying Gattu thread, strict action would be taken against them. Surinder Manhas explained that despite these warnings, many youths had already secretly arranged for China thread string. As soon as Lohri arrived, these youths climbed rooftops and flew kites using China string, blatantly defying the administrative regulations.

Arora chairs 5th Governing Council meeting of C-PYTE

SUMER GARG
CHANDIGARH, JAN 15

In a path-breaking move to empower the state's young women, Punjab Government has trained as many as 265 girls for Army, CAPF and Punjab Police for the first time through Centre for Training and Employment of Punjab Youth (C-PYTE) camps across the state, informed Punjab employment generation, skill development and training minister, Mr. Aman Arora, who was chairing the 5th Governing Council meeting of the C-PYTE, here at his office, on Wednesday. While highlighting another major decision, he said that the state would soon open a C-PYTE camp exclusively for girls aspiring to join the armed forces at village Theh Kanjla in Kapurthala district and the camp will be run entirely by the women staff. An additional C-PYTE camp will also be established in Pathankot district to enable the state's youth for employment into the Police, Armed



Forces and CAPF. Currently, Punjab has 14 C-PYTE camps across the state. Aman Arora directed the concerned officials to complete the work of under-construction three new camps situated at village Asal Uttar (Tarn Taran), village Kheri (Sangrur) and Borewal (Mansa) within stipulated time. Principal Secretary Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training

Ms. Jaspreet Talwar apprised the Cabinet Minister that as many as 2,58,760 youth have been trained totally free of cost through these C-PYTE camps, of which, 1,15,649 have been employed. Apart from training for uniformed forces, the youth are also being trained for alternative employment to enhance their employability. She informed that at least 150 youth will be trained as Drone Pilot, 300 youth as Security Guard and

150 as JCB/Crane Operators this year. Director General of C-PYTE Major General Rambir Singh Mann informed that the staff of C-PYTE camps have been working assiduously to instil values including national integration, discipline, social concern in the youth to make them better citizens, besides training and guiding them to find job in the armed forces, police, para-military forces and other industries.

Tri Services Veterans' Day and Army Day celebrated by Vajra corps



JALANDHAR: Vajra Corps commemorated the 9th Tri-Services Veterans' Day and the 77th Army Day with a poignant display of respect, gratitude and camaraderie. The momentous occasion honoured the selfless sacrifices and invaluable contributions of veterans who dedicated their lives to the Nation. While Veterans' Day is observed annually on 14 January to mark the retirement of India's first Army Commander-in-Chief, late Field Marshal Kodandera Madappa Cariappa, Army Day celebrated on 15 January, commemorates his historic appointment as the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army in 1949. The celebrations began with a solemn wreath-laying ceremony at the Vajra War Memorial, where Lieutenant General Ajay Chandpuria, AVSM, VSM, General Officer Commanding (GOC) Vajra Corps, paid tribute to the fallen heroes; Veterans representing the three Services also laid wreaths, paying homage to the Bravehearts who made the supreme sacrifice for the Nation. An interaction and felicitation program held at the Vajra Sainik Institute was attended by over 200 Veterans, Veer Naris and their families.

ADC Viraj reviews revenue officer's progress

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, JAN 15

Additional Deputy Commissioner (G) Viraj S. Tidke today directed the Revenue Officers of the district to resolve all pending partitions of land and Khasra Girdwari cases that have been outstanding for over a year within the next two months. During a review of the progress made by the revenue officers of Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar, in the presence of Sub Divisional Magistrates and District Revenue Officers, he emphasized the need to launch a special campaign to assist citizens visiting their offices regarding these cases. He insisted that this campaign should be time-bound, prioritizing cases that have been pending for more than a year.



ADC Tidke also directed the revenue officers to reduce the backlog of mutation cases in the coming days. He cautioned that delay in these mutation cases, particularly those concerning the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for acquired lands, could lead to complications in the future by adding that Maintaining a clean revenue record for affected landowners is essential for their future needs. While reviewing the recoveries made by the revenue officers, he stressed the importance of increasing

JALANDHAR, JAN 15

Further tightening noose around the gangsters the Jalandhar Commissionerate Police led by Commissioner of Police Mr Swapan Sharma has arrested two dreaded gangsters of Goldy Brar gang after a fierce encounter in which one of them was injured. Divulging the details, the Commissioner of Police said that Police had got a tip off that two notorious gangsters Balraj Singh @ Ballu and Pawan Kumar, who were involved in heinous crimes such as snatching, attempted murder and others were roaming in the city. He said that these key members of the Lawrence Bishnoi-Goldy Brar gang, were planning to commit a major crime after which the police party set up a naka-bandi with barricades. Mr Swapan Sharma said that During the checking, the police attempted to stop the suspicious car but Balraj Singh suddenly opened fire on the police. The Commissioner of Police after the police retali-

Police cracks down on Lawrence Bishnoi-Goldy Brar Gang, two held



ated Balraj Singh sustained bullet injuries and was later admitted to the hospital. He said that the second accused, Pawan Kumar, tried to escape the scene but was arrested shortly afterward. Mr Swapan Sharma said that Police had recovered the Pistols .32 bore along with 12 cartridges, one Pistol 9mm along with one cartridge and Hyundai i20 car from them. The Commissioner of Po-

lice said that FIR 08 dated 15-01-2025 u/s 221,132,109 BNS, 25/27-54-59 Arms Act PS Bhargo Camp Jalandhar has been registered against both the accused. He said that three cases were already pending against Balraj whereas Pawan was already booked in two cases. Mr Swapan Sharma said that further investigation into the case is going on and details if any will be shared later.

AAP's dist VP Manju Jindal honoured at 'lohri mela' in villages



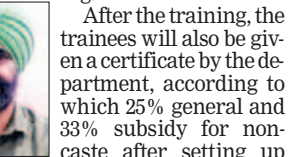
MANSA (NARESH GOYAL): Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) dist Mansa vice president Manju Rani Jindal was honoured at 'Lohri mela' in village Bhopal Kalan, 15 kilometre from here. The honour was extended to Manju in recognition of her services to the party as well as to the society. Lauding her services, swami Shanta Anand, a renowned saint of the area, stated that Manju, has done excellent work in managing the affairs of AAP on district level. He added that Manju has also done pioneering job in uplifting downtrodden and underprivileged people by making available much needed products of daily use. It is, however, worth mentioning here that Manju is also dist Mansa's convener of 'Slum foundation', an NGO and works under Rupinder Kaur Bawa, state president of the NGO. This organisation visits localities of the city which are inhabited by poor and downtrodden persons of the society.

Dairy entrepreneurship training course for rural unemployed youth from Jan 20

SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, JAN 15

A 30-day Dairy Enterprise Training Course is being conducted at Dairy Training and Extension Center Verka (Amritsar) from January 20 to February 18 to train dairy farmers belonging to district Pathankot as efficient dairy managers. Information in this regard was given by Kashmir Singh, Joint Director Dairy Vikas Mohali, who said that in the dairy enterprise training, training should be given with modern technology related to milk production, dairy farm management, dairy cattle breed improvement, internal management of dairy cattle and balanced animal feeding. In this training course, rural unemployed youth boys / girls

belonging to district Pathankot who have passed at least 10th, age between 12 to 55 years, belonging to rural area can participate in this training.



After the training, the trainees will also be given a certificate by the department, according to which 25% general and 33% subsidy for non-caste after setting up dairy units of 2, 5, 10 and 20 milch animals through dairy loan facility from various banks, will be provided. In this regard, boys/girls desirous of taking training at the office of Deputy Director Dairy Development, Pathankot should submit their original eligibility certificate, passport size photograph, photocopy of Aadhaar card, PAN card, copy of bank account at District Administrative Complex.

Ravinder Nikka, executive president of Municipal Council takes over post



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, JAN 15

Strict steps are being taken to fix the sewage system of the city and MPS. The defective pumps will soon be replaced with new pumps. Ravinder Singh Nikka, the newly appointed Executive Chairman of Municipal Council Rampura Phul, expressed these things while talking to the journalists after assuming his post. Nikka said that a new machine will be ordered for cleaning the sewage of the city. The two motors of the MPS installed 12

years ago to solve the problem of sem in the city are working properly, but due to malfunctioning of the two pumps installed by the MPS, there is a problem in water drainage. He said that until the arrival of new pumps and jet machines, guidelines are being issued to the concerned authorities for cleaning the sewage. In response to a question regarding the traffic arrangement, Executive President Nika said that positive steps will be taken to improve the traffic arrangement by meeting with the traffic officials of the city.

Search operation to thwart anti-social elements in border areas: Saurabh Behal

VERMA
GURDASPUR, JAN 15

In preparation for Republic Day, the district police carried out an extensive search operation in the border areas, focusing on enhancing security and preempting any threats posed by anti-social elements. The operation included inspections of Gujjar settlements and verification of identification documents of residents in the region, with the aim of maintaining peace and order. The police highlighted the significance of this operation, emphasizing its role in safeguarding the border areas and deterring malicious activities. Residents expressed a sense of increased security following the initiative. Saurabh Behal, State



Joint Secretary of the Youth Wing of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), commended the district police for their diligence and thoroughness. He stated that this operation aligns with the Punjab government's overarching security strategy, aimed at ensuring public safety and law enforcement. Behal praised the AAP government for its dual focus on providing services to the people while prior-

itizing their security. He remarked that many governments have come and gone, but the AAP has earned a unique place in the hearts of the people through its commitment to genuine public service. Expressing his gratitude, Behal lauded the police for their efforts in fostering an environment of peace and safety, reaffirming the government's dedication to preventing security lapses and protecting its citizens.

Meeting held regarding Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya selection exam arrangements



ABHISHEK NANDA
FEROZEPUR, JAN 15

A meeting was held today under the leadership of District Education Officer (DEO) Ferozepur, Mrs. Munila Arora, Deputy District Education Officer Ferozepur, Dr. Satinder Singh (National Awardee) regarding the PM Shri Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Selection Examination. On this occasion, Mrs. Munila Arora said that preparations have been completed for the entrance examination

being conducted on 18th January 2025 at various centers in Ferozepur district. During this meeting, the Center Superintendents were informed about the necessary instructions related to the examination and were ordered to make prior preparations to conduct the examination smoothly. The District Education Officer said that all the arrangements for the examination related to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Selection Examination have been completed.

Punjab PR department organises third religious congregation and Guru Ka Langar to mark birth anniversary of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, JAN 15

Punjab Information and Public Relations Department today organized third religious congregation and Guru Ka Langar dedicated to the birth anniversary of the Tenth Guru, Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji and for the universal welfare, on the advent of the new year.

During the event, which was held with profound devotion and religious fervour at Gurdwara Sahib, Punjab Civil Secretariat-1 here, Gurdwara Sahib Sector-11's Granthi Bhai Kashmir Singh recited path of Sri Sukhmani Sahib. Subsequently, the renowned preacher Bhai Gurmeet Singh Shant performed soul-stirring Gur-



bani Kirtan in the Basant ragas. The event was attended by Cabinet Minister and AAP State President Mr. Aman Arora, Lok Sabha Member

Mr. Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer, Chief Minister's OSD (Media) Mr. Adil Azmi, Financial Commissioner (Revenue) Mr. Anurag Verma, Secretary

General Administration Mrs. Gurpreet Kaur Sapra, PUN-SUP MD Mrs. Sonali Giri, Director IPR Mr. Vimal Kumar Setia, ADGP (Traffic) Mr.

Amardeep Singh Rai, IG (Hqrs) Mr. Sukhchain Singh Gill, Additional Director PR Mr. Sandeep Singh Garha, Chief Minister's Deputy Principal Secretary Mr. Jagnoor Singh Grewal along with staff from the Information and Public Relations Department and Punjab Civil Secretariat-1. Following the spiritual activities, the sangat partook langar. The event saw extensive participation from the journalist community, staff from various departments of Punjab Civil Secretariat-1, Punjab Civil Secretariat-2 and Punjab Legislative Assembly as well as retired DIPR officers. Gurdwara Sahib Shahrpur Sector-38, Kamal Soudh and CISF also paid their contribution in the successful conduct of the event.

NEWS BRIEF

CM attends inauguration ceremony of Congress Headquarters at New Delhi



DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu attended the inauguration ceremony of new Congress headquarters "Indira Bhawan" at New Delhi today. Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and CPP Chairperson Sonia Gandhi inaugurated the new AICC headquarters located at 9A Kotla road. Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, Congress General Secretaries Priyanka Gandhi and K C Venugopal, other senior Congress leaders, Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri were present on the occasion.

State level Koli Samaj Community Bhawan to be build in Rajhana: Dr. Shandil



DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: Health, Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr. (Col.) Dhani Ram Shandil said here today that a state level Koli Samaj Community Center will be constructed in Rajhana Panchayat of Mashobra development block in Shimla district. He directed the officers to complete the necessary formalities related to the construction of this center within two months. He added that the center would cater to all sections of the society. The Minister made the statement while presiding over a meeting organized with Himachal Pradesh Koli Samaj Registered. Secretary of Social Justice and Empowerment Ashish Singhmar, Director of Empowerment of Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes, Minorities and Specially Aabled Kiran Bhadana, Chairman of Building Construction Committee under Himachal Pradesh Koli Samaj Registered Uttam Kashyap, General Secretary Gopal Jhilla, Chief Advisor Baldev Shandil, Office Secretary Layak Ram Kaushal, members Chet Ram Chauhan and Onkar Chander were also present.

State to set up Special Task Force to combat drug abuse and organized crime: CM Sukhu

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, JAN 15

The Himachal Pradesh Government has taken a significant decision towards combating drug abuse and dismantling organized crime networks by establishing a Special Task Force (STF) under the leadership of Additional Director General of Police or Inspector General of Police. This initiative aims to make the state drug-free and foster a healthy and civilized society. Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said that drug abuse has become a global challenge requiring stringent measures. He said "The state government has enacted laws to curb this menace including provisions for confiscating the properties of offenders involved in drug trafficking." The STF will be equipped with a dedicated commando force, with personnel undergoing specialized training on anti-narcotics and organized crime in collaboration with the Narcotics Control Bureau. Half of the STF



personnel will be recruited specifically for this purpose, while the remaining staff will be drawn from the existing Police Department. The primary objectives of the STF include disrupting and dismantling drug trafficking networks, taking action against drug kingpins and organized gangs, and strengthening intelligence gathering through faster forensic protocols. The task force will conduct coordinated raids, seize illicit assets linked to the drug trade, and implement preventive detention of habitual offenders. Additionally, the Government aims to promote rehabilitation over punitive measures by expanding access to addiction treatment and compassionate rehabilitation programmes. "Community engagement will be enhanced through initiatives like the "Him Veer" program and "Him Dost," along with statewide awareness campaigns in schools and colleges. To ensure swift justice, the

Government plans to establish special courts for NDPS (Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances) cases and focus on fast-track investigations and prosecutions," the Chief Minister said. The STF will independently register and investigate cases through STF Police Stations or in collaboration with local police and special units at the range, district, or subdivision level. It will also monitor the activities of de-addiction centers to prevent their misuse. To strengthen its operations, the STF will operate across three zones headed by Superintendents of Police in Dharamshala, Parwanoo and Mandi, with its headquarters in Shimla. The task force will submit fortnightly progress reports to the Government, which will review its actions and strategies as needed. This comprehensive approach underscores the Government's commitment to eradicating drug abuse and creating a safer and healthier Himachal Pradesh, said the Chief Minister.

Committed for welfare of ex-servicemen, soldiers and their families: Dr. (Col.) Dhani Ram Shandil



DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, JAN 15

Health and Sainik Welfare Minister Dr. (Col.) Dhani Ram Shandil said that the youth of the state were playing a crucial role in the country's Armed Forces and the government was committed to providing every possible support to our war veterans, disabled soldiers, ex-servicemen (ESM), their families and also the serving soldiers. He made the statement while chairing a meeting with the officers of Sainik Welfare Department and Himachal Pradesh Ex-servicemen Corporation, here today. Special emphasis was on providing employment opportunities to the ESM and their family members, stressed the

Minister, adding that construction, maintenance and beautification of war memorials and Sainik rest houses was also the government's priority. The Minister praised the policies, programmes and development activities being undertaken by the department and the corporation for the welfare, rehabilitation and to financially aid the war veterans, soldiers, the ESM and their families. While reviewing the works of the Sainik Welfare Department, the Minister said that it was a matter of pride that in a small hilly state of Himachal Pradesh, there were 1,191 gallantry/ distinguished award winners and the governments has allotted 250 lakh in the current fiscal for their welfare under Gallantry Award Winners scheme.

Govt proposes to spend Rs 1000 crore in Bhattiyat

BALKRISHAN PRASHAR DALHOUSIE, JAN 15

The state government has proposed to spend Rs 1000 crore on various development projects in Bhattiyat assembly constituency of Chamba district during its current tenure. While during the last two years, development works worth about Rs 300 crore had already been started. Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania stated this recently while laying the foundation stone of a building of government college Sihunta in Bhattiyat constituency to be constructed at a cost of Rs 8.68 crore and also performed Bhoomi Pujan of the link



road to be constructed from Dehra Khad to Kalyana at a cost of Rs 68.22 lakh. He said that the building of Sihunta college would be completed by September 2026. Apart from this, new PG courses would also be started in Sihunta College in the near future. He directed the Public Works Department officials to ensure that the construction

Governor advocates for collective efforts to achieve drug-free Himachal

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, JAN 15

While presiding over the concluding ceremony of the month-long 'Khel Khilao – Nasha Bhagao' campaign (Mha Abhiyan) organized by Arki Welfare Society at Arki in Solan District, today, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla emphasized the importance of combating drug addiction through community efforts. "Inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision, I initiated an anti-drug campaign in Himachal Pradesh a year ago. While progress has been gradual, the successful execution of this sports-based awareness program reflects positive momentum," said the Governor. He stressed that



such initiatives could only succeed if kept free from political influences. Recognizing the pivotal role of women in this movement, he called them the strongest force to lead the fight against drug addiction. Reflecting on the rich legacy of Himachal as a land of valor, he expressed concern that drug addiction

among the youth could compromise national security by weakening future generations. The Governor urged Panchayati Raj representatives to actively contribute to the cause, including seeking police support against drug abuse. He emphasized the need for a collective approach, involving

government efforts, societal awareness and cultural connection, to safeguard and enhance the rich traditions and values of the State. He expressed heartfelt appreciation for this unique and impactful initiative that combines the power of sports with a strong message to combat the social evil of substance abuse. He commended the Arki Welfare Society for their dedication in making the campaign a success. He highlighted the importance of sports not just as a means to encourage athletic talents but also as an effective tool to steer the youth away from the menace of drugs. He pointed out that drug addiction poses a significant threat to the youth of the nation, who are future of our society.

HPCA to conduct men's under-14 cricket team selection trials on January 18

SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA: Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association HPCA will conduct trials for the selection of players for the men's under-14 team for the season 2024-25. Giving information, HPCA Secretary Avnish Parmar said that it has been decided to conduct trials for the selection of the men's under-14 team on January 18 at 10 am at HPCA Cricket Stadium Dharamshala. It is mandatory for the players to be considered for selection to participate in these trials. He said that the eligibility criteria for the players for the trials include that the player should be born on or after 01.09.2010. Must be a genuine Himachali. If the player is born outside the jurisdiction of Himachal Pradesh, he must have studied in a recognized school in Himachal Pradesh before 1 September 2024. During the selection process, it is mandatory to have a date of birth certificate issued by the municipal authority of the Gram Panchayat or the district office. School certificate A certificate on the school letterhead certifying the player's date of birth and Himachali certificate will have to be brought. He said that apart from this, Aadhar card, passport, this document should be issued before 01 September 2024 in the jurisdiction of Himachal Pradesh and it is necessary to bring it for those born outside the jurisdiction of Himachal Pradesh. He said that players registered with HPCA will be allowed to participate in the trials. No allowance will be given to any player for participating in the trials. No trial fee will be applicable. It is mandatory to come in white cricket dress.



CM Sukhu to visit Kangra winter tour from 16 to 25 January

SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, JAN 15

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu will be on a winter tour of Kangra district from 16 January to 25 January. During this time, he will participate in various programs along with inauguration and foundation stone laying. The Chief Minister will stay overnight at Circuit House Dharamshala. According to information received from the government spokesperson, the Chief Minister will participate in the following programs. The Chief Minister will reach Sai Ground by helicopter at 3 pm on 16 January and after that will hold a meeting at Mini Secretariat Dharamshala at 3 pm. On 17 January at 11:10 am, after inaugurating the District Council building and meeting hall and parking built at a cost

of Rs 3 crore, 16 lakh, 18 thousand in Dharamshala, the inauguration of the Women Police Station building in the Police Line at 11:35. Along with this, the Chief Minister will lay the foundation stone of the Food Street Market to be built at a cost of Rs 3 crore 40 lakh on Stadium Road at 12 noon. At 12:50, inauguration of hostel building at Regional Monitoring Center at McLeodganj worth Rs. 3 crore 42 lakh, 71 thousand. At 1:45, inauguration of solar plant worth Rs. 4 crore 74 lakh at Apar Dadhi Kand. Chief Minister will sit in Mini Secretariat from 3:50 pm to 6 pm. Chief Minister will leave for Haripur on January 18 at 11:15 am and will inaugurate Wildlife Information Center at Basa in Nagarota Surian. Chief Minister will perform Bhoomi Pujan of Jarot High Level Bridge at 12:25 pm, on which

Rs. 86.34 crore will be spent. Chief Minister will lay the foundation stone of Thangar Rajiv Gandhi Day Boarding School to be built at a cost of Rs. 5 crore in Jwali at 1:50 pm. Inauguration of Jwali Urban Water Supply Scheme at 3 pm. And at 5 pm, foundation stone of Nagarota Surianru Sewerage Scheme and Urban Water Supply Scheme will be laid. On January 19, the Chief Minister will inaugurate the Nurpur District Forensic Unit at 11:45 am and will be on tour of this Vidhan Sabha. On January 20, the Chief Minister will hold a public meeting in Manali at 8:10 am, perform pooja at Hadimba Temple and lay the foundation stone and inaugurate several schemes. The Chief Minister will return to Dharamshala at 3:45 pm and will meet people at Dharamshala Circuit House at 4 pm.

Family Symposium held in Maharana Pratap Nagar on Makar Sankranti

SHANTI GAUTAM BADDI, JAN 15

On the occasion of Makar Sankranti, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) organized a social harmony symposium at Maharana Pratap Nagar in Baddi. The event saw participation from local volunteers, families, and representatives from various sections of society. Jatin Kumar, the regional pracharak of the North Zone, was the keynote speaker and shared insights on Makar Sankranti and other significant Indian festivals. The symposium focused on unifying and empowering Hindu society while addressing social issues. Jatin Kumar emphasized the importance of eliminating outdated social practices, stating that many such customs were introduced



during foreign invasions and no longer hold relevance in modern times. He highlighted the scientific rationale behind Indian festivals, which align with seasonal changes and were thoughtfully designed by ancestors. Calling for a caste-free society, Jatin Kumar stated that one's identity should be defined by actions, qualities, and behavior, not by caste or lineage. He encouraged the Hindu community to celebrate festivals together and contribute toward

making India a global leader. Following Jatin Kumar's impactful address, a communal khichdi meal was organized for the participants. Volunteers and attendees dined together, promoting unity and harmony. Prominent attendees included Provincial Pracharak Sanjay Kumar, District Sanghchalak Mahesh Kumar, District Karyavah Shrawan Kumar, Nagar Karyavah Rahul Kumar, and several others, including volunteers and key organizers.

Farmers should adopt natural farming and do poison free farming: Sudarshan Bablu

AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB, JAN 15

Under the Aatma Yojana, Kisan Goshthi was organized by the Agriculture Department. Chintpurni MLA Sudarshan Singh Bablu attended the program organized in Dhandhari on Wednesday as the chief guest. During this, farmers were given detailed information about natural farming. Bablu said that farmers can improve their farm land and their own health only through natural farming. Due to continuous crop cycle and indiscriminate use of fertilizers and medicines, the fertility of the land has diminished. The organic matter of the land is on the verge of ending, underground water has become polluted. While inspiring to do



natural farming, he said that protecting land and water is the first duty of the farmers. So that our future generation can get a healthy life and clean water. Bablu said that farmers can take advantage under the Natural Farming Khushal Kisan Yojana. This scheme is strengthening the economy of farmers and gardeners. By adopting this technique of farming, along with increase in agricultural production, the cost price is also decreasing. In the program,

Agriculture Department officials informed the farmers about various schemes run by the government. On this occasion, Agriculture Department Project Director Virendra Kumar Bagga, Assistant Project Director Shamli Gupta, ATM Project Block Amb Chairman Swarn Singh Dhillon, ATM Amb Block Amb Sonu Sanghu, SMS Amb Ramesh Lal, ATM Gagret Gurmeet Singh, Dr. Rakesh Sharma.

BJP expands Assembly Mandals in Nurpur, announces new Mandal Heads

SANJEEV MAHAJAN NURPUR, JAN 15

The BJP has expanded its assembly mandals across the country and state, leading to a meeting at the BJP office in Jasur to finalize the expansion in the Nurpur Assembly constituency. The meeting was attended by BJP state vice-president Pawan Kajal, Kangra-Chamba MP Dr. Rajeev Bhardwaj, and Nurpur MLA Ranveer Singh Nikka, during which the names of the three new mandals in the Nurpur Assembly constituency were announced. State BJP Vice-President Pawan Kajal highlighted that over the past three months, the party had been engaged in an



organizational election drive across the country. He announced that the Nurpur Assembly constituency, which previously had only one mandal president, now has three mandal presidents: Sushil Chaudhary for Jasur Mandal, Anup Rana for Bhadwar Mandal, and Rahul Kalia for Sadwan Mandal. Kajal noted that this reorganization was conducted under the supervision of state

BJP election officer Dr. Rajeev Bhardwaj and as per the party's guidelines. He also emphasized the significant growth in the BJP's membership in the region, increasing from 8 lakh to approximately 18 lakh. The expansion marks a strategic effort by the BJP to strengthen its organizational structure and mobilize its growing cadre for future electoral challenges.

Kavi Sammelan organized on Makar Sankranti by Language Department Una



KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA: Kavi Sammelan organized in Lata Mangeshkar Kender Conference Hall Samoor Kalan Unaon Makar Sankranti by Language and Cultural Department Unaon Tuesday today. This Kavi Sammelan was attended by well known poets of district Una. And they delivered their message through their self created poems for the Society. Neelam Chandel District Language Officer Una welcomed the poets in her address who participated in this Kavi Sammelan. Neelam Chandel DLO Una while addressing to the poets said that they should create the postvelitratue for the Society. About to Thirty Poetshave taken part in this Kavi Sammelan. The Following poets have taken part in this Kavi Sammelan : Parkash Chand Mehram, Kundan Lal Sharma, Kishori Lal Bains, Zahid Abrol, Om Devi Saini, Madam Deepak Sharma, Isha Gautam, Charanjit Singh Channi, Dr Bal Krishan Soni, Rajinder Kaushal, O P Dang, Sikander Kumar, Breham Dass Musafiri, Rajpal Kuterlia, Ashok Kalia, Kuldeep Sharma, Reshav Verma, R P Sharma, Bishaw Swoorp, Rajnish Kumari, Swapna Jaswal, Ram Parkash, Pushpa Devi, Suram Singh, Anil Kumar Jaswal, Raj Kumar Thakur and Ram Krishan Bhatti.

NEWS BRIEFS

Hry SC Finance and Development Corporation is providing loans to BPL families through banks to establish self-employment: DC

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Haryana Government provides loans through banks to BPL families of Scheduled Castes, who are living below the poverty line on behalf of Haryana Scheduled Caste Finance and Development Corporation to establish their own employment. Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh said that benefit of scheme will be given to those eligible families whose family annual income does not exceed Rs 1.80 lakh (as per family identity card) in rural and urban areas. Such families are being provided loans up to Rs 1.50 lakh through banks for animal husbandry, grocery shop, cosmetic shop, beauty parlor, e-rickshaw, pig rearing or any other beneficial scheme. He informed that the corporation provides 50% of total cost (grants up to a maximum of Rs. 10,000 and 10% margin money at 4% annual interest rate).

Research Chair in the name of the Pandit Shriram Sharma to be established at MDU Rohtak : CM



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA ROHTAK, JAN 15

Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini today announced the establishment of a Research Chair in the name of the great freedom fighter and member of Constituent Assembly Pandit Shriram Sharma at Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak. In addition, the Chief Minister said that a University/Institution would be named after Pandit Shriram Sharma to honor his immense contribution to the nation.

He announced that the state government will also observe his birth anniversary, on October 1 every year. On this occasion, essay, poem writing, and speech competitions will be held in schools and colleges across the state, encouraging students to learn about and reflect on his life and legacy.

Furthermore, the Chief Minister announced the installation of a 30-feet tall national flag at the site of Pandit Shriram Sharma's statue, along with a beautification project for the location. Regarding the two other demands made by the Pandit Shriram Sharma Vichar Manch—writing his saga of valor at the Pandit Shriram Sharma Metro Station in Bahadurgarh and including



his biography in the school curriculum—the Chief Minister said that these requests would be forwarded to the relevant departments for fulfillment. He also announced a discretionary grant of Rs 21 lakh for the Pandit Shriram Sharma Vichar Manch Samiti, further supporting the continued promotion of his ideals and values.

The Chief Minister made these announcements while unveiling the statue of Pandit Shriram Sharma at a function organized at Pandit Shriram Sharma Park site in Rohtak today. He paid rich tributes to the great freedom fighter, highlighting

his significant role in India's freedom struggle, making of constitution and his contributions to nation-building post-independence.

Describing Pandit Shriram Sharma as a true patriot, respected politician, social reformer and Gandhian, the Chief Minister said that as a Member of the Constituent Assembly, he played an important part in strengthening the democratic framework of the country.

The Chief Minister said that on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Constitution, the Prime Minister has called for remembering and honouring the great personalities who played pivotal roles in its creation. Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar gave the Constitution to the country and Pandit Shriram Sharma also made a notable contribution to this monumental work.

Deeply influenced by the ideology of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation, Pandit Shriram Sharma participated in all five Satyagraha movements during India's struggle for independence and was imprisoned multiple times for his efforts, he added.

Homage paid to martyrs by National Ex-Serviceman

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JANUARY 15

Under the leadership of National Ex-Serviceman Chief Rajbir Singh Chauhan, Headquarters Branch officials Subedar Balraj Singh, Naik Chandrabhan, Naik Satbir Singh Narwal, Petty Officer R.K. Singh, A.D. Captain Mahipal Singh, Naib Subedar Jai Bhagwan, Naib Subedar Rishipal, Havildar Bhagat Singh Bisht, Havildar Joginder Pal, J.W.O. Ramesh Narwal and A.D. Flight Lieutenant Dharamvir Singh Sandhu reached the Shaheed Smarak located in the local Karna Park and paid tribute to the warriors who were martyred in the Indo-China war, Indo-Pak wars and other military operations. The Sangh chief and the present officials congratulated and wished the soldiers, officers and ex-servicemen of the Army. Rajbir Singh Chauhan said in his address that today is the day to salute the bravery, sacrifice and martyrdom of our brave soldiers. He said that when patriotic soldiers stay awake at night in the extreme cold on the borders of the country, then the country sleeps peacefully. Today our country is safe in the

hands of the brave soldiers and military officers of the armed forces of India.

Chouhan thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his goodwill towards the



armed forces, implementing one-rank-one pension for ex-servicemen and the Agniveer Sainik Bharti Yojana started to provide employment to the maximum number of youth of the country. In this context, he called upon the youth of the country to adopt Agniveer recruitment as their first choice for their bright future, due to which they will get huge financial benefits and many opportunities to get re-employment after serving for four years.

Earlier also a 47- years-old rape case was registered against Jitendra which HC cancelled

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA: National President of Anti Terrorist Front India and Brahmin Mahapanchayat Veeresh Shandilya, while talking to journalists about the rape case registered against Mohan Lal Bardoli, termed the case as a deep conspiracy and demanded a fair investigation of this case from the Himachal government. Shandilya insisted that the Himachal and Haryana governments should immediately provide security to the woman who accused Mohan Lal Bardoli. He said that the image of

Baroli can be damaged under the guise of harming the woman. Shandilya appealed to Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Saini to form a SIT to investigate this case or get it investigated by a sitting judge. Shandilya said that if the rape allegation is proved to be false, then the complainant should also be given the same punishment as the guilty person gets. He appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah to amend the new law and bring a provision for strict action against women filing false complaints.

Solve problems of common man on priority: DC to officers

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, JAN 15

As per instructions of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, Deputy Commissioner Captain Manoj Kumar held meeting of officers in DC's office. He instructed officers that eligible people should get benefit of government's development and welfare schemes. He said that general public should not have to run around to resolve complaints for which district administration is organizing Samadhan camps for 2 hours every working day at district, sub-division level and municipal corporation offices. He instructed to resolve complaint of every complainant coming to Samadhan camps on spot. DC instructed all SDMs to listen to problems of people by organizing night stay in villages of their respective sub-divisions. He said that all officers should listen to complaints of people with sensitivity and ensure that they get benefits by paying special attention to works related

to general public. He instructed officers to monitor development works going on in district and get works completed within stipulated time by holding meetings with officials of concerned departments. He also gave instructions to complete



the pending development works, especially the works incomplete in the villages, as soon as possible. Superintendent of Police Rajiv Deshwal told Deputy Commissioner that so far 188 villages in district have become drug-free. He informed that police department is visiting all villages, schools and colleges of the district and making people aware about drug abuse.

Administration will take strict action against dairy operators: DC

RAJIV SHARMA PANIPAT, JANUARY 15

Way problems are being resolved by administrative officials in Janta Samadhan Camp being organized with successful efforts of Government, has further strengthened trust of complainants towards administration. Complainants who reach camp are satisfied that administration is resolving their problems immediately. DC appealed to complainants who reach Janta Samadhan Camp with complaints to behave cordially with officials keeping in mind dignity of Samadhan Camp. Problems have to be resolved by officials only. DC while hearing public problems in Janta Samadhan Camp at District Secretariat today said that if income of any complainant in family ID is more than application given by him and he wants to reduce income, then an FIR will be registered against him under charge of misleading. Taking cognizance of application given by Om Prakash resident Dadhaura regarding reducing income in family ID, the Deputy Commissioner directed the officers



to go to applicant's house and investigate. DC said that dairy operators who are flouting the cleanliness rules will first be sent a notice by the department, after that they will be fined and in rural areas, especially Panchayat will also register an FIR. All this will be done to speed up Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. On a complaint, DC directed to take action against dairy operators of Rana Mazra for discharging filth of dairy. Complainant Yashpal, who reached Janta Samadhan Camp, demanded administration to mark mosque built by occupying land of the General Hospital. Administration was instructed to get marking

done. Complainant Anil resident Gandhi Colony requested the Deputy Commissioner to get ration card made. DC directed Food and Supply Controller Neetu to take immediate action. Complainant Saloncha Devi resident Naultha requested DC that her husband has passed away. Their Aadhar Card registered in department under BOCW should be removed. DC directed Deputy Director Safety and Health to investigate. Ex Army Welfare Association requested DC that there is no provision of water in the Shahid Sthal and Sainik Bhawan being constructed on land of Balana.

Complete all development works by Feb 15 and submit report: ADC



RAJIV KUMAR PANIPAT, JAN 15: Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. Pankaj Yadav held meeting of various concerned officers regarding D Plan in his office at District Secretariat today and instructed everyone to complete all development works by February 15 and submit its report to him. He said that all development works being done under D Plan are especially related to Municipal Corporation, Municipal Council Samalkha and Panchayati Raj Department. Officers of all these should expedite their work and complete these works by February 15 and give its report. He said that 217 development works have been allotted under financial year 2024-25. Out of which 100 works have been completed and 88 works are in progress. At same time, 14 new development works will start, 9 works have been found to be non-physical. He stressed that all officers should take full care of quality of development works and no laxity will be tolerated in this.

Bharat Vikas Parishad, Kalayat Branch celebrates Makar Sankranti with enthusiasm



SHALU PARMAR KALAYAT: Under the aegis of Bharat Vikas Parishad's Kalayat branch, Makar Sankranti was celebrated with great fervor. The event, held in Model Town, commenced with the lighting of a bonfire by Kalayat branch president Praveen Kumar Rana, secretary Advocate Amit Rana, and Advocate Satish Vishwakarma. They emphasized the importance of seeking inspiration and guidance in life, rooted in values and ethics. On the occasion, Mandi Supervisor Om Prakash, Advocate Rajesh Khatkar, and Dr. Madan Singh Parmar highlighted the significance of Lohri and Makar Sankranti. Women participants worshipped, danced, and took ceremonial rounds around the bonfire to mark the celebration. Roasted seeds and peanuts were distributed as prasad among those present. The gathering was graced by Khajanchi Garg, Kamal Garg, Ishwar Maun, Professor Manjeet Bhatt, Sahil, Chhotu Garg, and many others, adding to the festive spirit.

Women wing of the Agrawal Sabha offered food items at Baba Bansiwala old age home



VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA: The women's wing of Shri Agarwal Sabha Ladwa fed the elderly at Baba Bansi Wala Old Age Home in Ladwa and took their blessings. The newly appointed head of the women's wing, Veena Bansal, said that like every year, this year too her organization started its new tenure by feeding the elderly people living in Baba Bansi Wala Vridha Ashram on the occasion of Makar Sankranti festival and gifting them food items. She told that the women of her wing prayed for everyone's well being by singing bhajans with the elders. On this occasion, Pradhan Veena Bansal, Usha Goyal, Nirmal Garg, Rakesh Garg, Poonam Singhal, Ranjan Goyal, Rekha Garg, Monika were present. Neela Garg, Ashwani Goyal, Shashi Goyal, Kanta Bansal, Urmil, Rajdulari, Shweta, Shashi, Ruchi, Sonia, Sakshi, Anjana, Monica, Suman, Deepti, Nisha and Shashi were present.

Bharat Ratna Gulzari Lal Nanda had prepared a blueprint for development of Gita Sthal Kurukshetra

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, JAN 15

On 27th death anniversary of Bharat Ratna Gulzari Lal Nanda, creator of idea of laying foundation stone for development of Kurukshetra and developing it as a tourist destination, a resolution was taken to connect every person and institution of the society. Along with this resolution, thoughts and brainstorming were done on making Kurukshetra of Bharat Ratna Gulzari Lal Nanda. Important aspect is that along with converting library of Nanda Memorial Site into e-library, a decision has also been taken by Kurukshetra University to make a special room based on his life. On 27th death anniversary of Bharat Ratna and former Prime Minister Gulzari Lal Nanda, a program was organized at Sadchar Sthal



under joint aegis of Kurukshetra Development Board and Kurukshetra University. In this program, former Minister of State Subhash Sudha, Vice Chancellor of University Dr. Somnath Sachdeva, Deputy Commissioner Neha Singh, Honorary Secretary of KDB Upendra Singhal, Chairman of 48 Kos Tirtha Surveillance Committee Madan Mohan Chhabra, Authority member Saurabh Chaudhary, DYCA Director Dr. Vivek Chawla, Professor Shuchi Smita, social worker Vijay Sabharwal,

paintings. Earlier, MLA Ashok Arora, former Minister of State Subhash Sudha, Vice Chancellor of University Dr. Somnath Sachdeva, Deputy Commissioner Neha Singh, Honorary Secretary of KDB Upendra Singhal, Chairman of 48 Kos Tirtha Surveillance Committee Madan Mohan Chhabra, Authority member Saurabh Chaudhary, DYCA Director Dr. Vivek Chawla, Professor Shuchi Smita, social worker Vijay Sabharwal,

social worker Krishna Dhaniya, KDB member Dr. Rishipal Mathana, Captain Amarjit Singh, Vijay Narula, Ashok Roshia, Dr. MK Modgil, Kharati Lal Singla, social worker Pradeep Jhamb, Rajendra Rana, Dr. AC Nagpal, DPR KUK Dr. Maha Singh Punia, social worker Vinod Garg and other dignitaries paid tribute by offering flowers at Nanda's Samadhi. Everyone offered floral garlands to Nanda's statue at Nanda Memorial site. Bhajans were presented by Music Department of Kurukshetra University. Former Minister Subhash Sudha said that contribution of former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Gulzari Lal Nanda in development of Kurukshetra can never be forgotten. It is because of his efforts that development of Kurukshetra has got a new direction.

Employees found absent in Sadhaura Block Development and Panchayat office

PRITI SAINI SADHAURA: On Wednesday, once again, no officer or employee was found present in the Sadhaura Block Development and Panchayat Office till 10:30 am, due to which people had to face a lot of problems. The clerk arrived after 10:30 am. Sukhwinder Singh and Manjit Singh said that they had gone to the block development office for some work at around 9:30 am on Wednesday morning, but no employee or officer was present on his seat even till 10:30 am. They said that at 10:30 am the clerk came after 10 o'clock but the other officers did not come even then. The clerk also said that the reason for being late was a puncture in the bike. Manjit Singh said that one has to reach the office by 9 o'clock but no officer or employee was present here even till 10:30 am. Due to their absence, people who reached the Block Development Office to get Panchayat work done or to get other work done have to face a lot of trouble. During this, he went to all the rooms and also made a video in which he was showing that there were no locks in all the rooms. Chairs were seen lying vacant. Meanwhile, he has also appealed to Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Saini to take strict action against such people. Recently, when they talked to Block Development Officer Kartik Chauhan in this regard he told us that he has additional charge of two places, so it was not appropriate to reach every place on time.

Those tampering with nature facing serious consequences: Swami Kailashpuri

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, JANUARY 15

Swami Kailashpuri Ji Maharaj, head of Mahakal Bhairav Akhara, said that America itself is suffering the consequences of its actions. He said that America has pushed many countries into the fire of war to sell its weapons. US President Joe Biden also disturbed the balance of nature by giving permission to Ukraine to launch a major attack against Russia before leaving. Swami Kailashpuri Ji Maharaj said that America has always worked to harm the sky, earth and underworld. America first tampered with the moon in space and then for the first time on earth attacked Japan with nuclear weapons. America itself hid the nuclear bombs for the first time. America has always sold weapons to make other countries fight. Now America, which has brought other countries on the path of destruction, is not only facing its serious consequences but will also suffer in the future. Swami



Kailashpuri Ji Maharaj said that the fire in the forests of Los Angeles, California has caused massive destruction. Thousands of families have had to migrate to save their lives. The fire has turned hundreds of houses into ashes. It has become difficult for insurance companies as well, as they will have to pay claims worth billions of dollars. The fire has spared no one. Houses of film stars and celebrities have also been burnt due to the fire. But during this time, one house is in the news the most. A mansion worth 90 lakh dollars

(77.8 crores) has survived this destruction. While everything around it has been burnt to ashes. The fire started in California, USA on January 7. But even after a week today, the fire has not been completely controlled. So far 24 people have lost their lives in the fire. Thousands of houses have been burnt to ashes. Almost lakhs of people have become homeless from their homes. He said that whenever man has tampered with nature, the entire earth has had to suffer its serious consequences.

IGN College organises Sri Sukhmani Paath on its golden jubilee celebrations

VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA, JAN 15

On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of Indira Gandhi National College, Ladwa-Dhanora, Sri Sukhmani Sahib Paath was organized. This month has a special significance for the college because on January 24 of this month this college was set up 50 years ago. On this occasion, wishing peace and happiness for everyone, a recitation of Shri Sukhmani Sahib was organized in the college. In which Sarabjit Singh, Jaswant Singh, Ajit Singh, Narendra Singh from village Kaserla participated as recites. Gurmel Singh, Parvinder Singh and Bhajan Singh were the presenters of the event. First of all Pawan Garg along with the Principal presented a sarapa to Shri Guru Granth Sahib. All the readers recited Shri Sukhmani Sahib in a very beautiful manner. During the recitation the congregation present was engrossed in Guru Simran.

Along with the head of the college management committee Pawan Garg, other members of the management committee were also present in the program. Principal Pawan Garg



said that this college was established 50 years ago. Since then the college has crossed many stages of development and today it was among the few prestigious colleges of Haryana. He said that on the occasion of Golden Jubilee, in January many programs have been organized in the month and more programs will be organized in the future also.

NEWS BRIEF

People suffering due to poor road and drainage condition



VERMA
GURDASPUR: Shopkeepers and pedestrians in Mohalla Krishna Nagar, situated on Butter Road, are facing significant challenges due to the deteriorating condition of the road. Deep potholes are causing frequent accidents involving two-wheelers, while poor drainage leads to stagnant water and unsanitary conditions. Locals, including Gurpreet Singh, Davinder Singh Kahlon, and others, have been raising concerns with officials for over a month, but they cite a lack of funds as a barrier to repairs. The road's dilapidated state, with some sections broken up to 1.5 feet, poses a serious safety risk to motorists. The Nagar Parishad Executive Officer, Bhupinder Singh, stated that the contractor has been instructed to address the drainage issue. However, he clarified that road repairs fall under the jurisdiction of the PWD department.

District Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training Office to hold mega placement camp on Jan 17

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: District Employment and Business Bureau Officer Barnala in collaboration with District Administration is organizing a mega placement camp on January 17, 2025 (Friday) at S.D. College of Education, K.C. Road Barnala from 10.30 am to 2.30 pm. In this regard, Mrs. Navjot Kaur District Employment and Business Bureau Officer said that in this camp, various companies such as Bhandhan Bank, Max Auto, Keshav Enterprises, Raksha Security, Star Health, Sky International, Sant Bachanpuri International School Pakho etc. will interview candidates for more than 300 posts in different fields for various job profiles such as Branch Manager, Computer Operator, Teacher, Skilled Mechanic, Security Guard etc. Candidates with post-graduate qualification from 8th/10th pass can participate in this placement camp.

YS Public School celebrates Lohri festival



KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA: YS Public School, ranked among the top 50 schools in India, celebrated Lohri with immense enthusiasm, bringing together the entire staff and students for a vibrant and lively celebration. The event aimed to embrace the cultural significance of the festival, fostering a sense of unity and joy within the school community while promoting awareness of the importance of preserving cultural heritage. In line with the schools ethos of "Think Locally, Act Globally," the celebration highlighted how understanding and honoring our local traditions can help us connect with a wider global community, fostering mutual respect and cultural exchange. Lohri, a festival marking the end of winter and the beginning of the harvest season, was explained to students as a time to give thanks for the bountiful crops and seek blessings for prosperity in the year ahead.

One-day career seminar at High School Bhaini Jassa

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, JAN 15

A one-day seminar on career counseling was organized by the Employment Office Barnala on the instructions of the Punjab Government Employment Department Punjab to make the students successful in the future and to build their career. District Career Counselor Madam Shuminder Kaur attended the seminar. On this occasion, the school's career guidance teacher Harjit Singh Maluka said that all the students of class 9 and 10 of the school were made a part of this seminar so that efforts could be made to fulfill their dreams in the future. Speaking in the

main address on the occasion of the seminar, Madam Shuminder Kaur said that a student who sets his goal right from class 9-10 is always successful. She shared with the students countless information about the studies of various streams after class 10 and various courses, PCS, LLB, army recruitment,

police recruitment etc. She gave detailed information about the various ways to get a private job. She also explained about the loans available for education from banks and other institutions. On this occasion, she told the students about the registration on the Telegram, WhatsApp and portal of the Department of Employment.

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, JAN 15

The Supreme Court on Wednesday issued notice to the Centre and poll panel on a plea of All India Congress Committee (AICC) Secretary Jairam Ramesh challenging amendments made to the Conduct of Election Rules of 1961.

The amendment prevents public inspection of electronic documents, including CCTV footage, webcasting recordings and video footage of candidates.

A bench of Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna and Justice PV Sanjay Kumar sought responses from the Central government and Election Commission of India and asked them to file it



before the week commencing on March 17.

Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for the Congress leader, questioned the reasoning behind the amendment saying, "One of

the reasons given in the press is, we have taken away CCTV, video because the identity of the voter is revealed."

The Centre recently amended the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, based

We will win election of HSGPC: Sharanjit Singh Sautha

RAJPAL JINDAL
GUHLA CHEEKA, JAN 15

Choose Gurmeet Singh Poonia contesting from Ward 20 Guhla and who followed Sikh religion in the right way and was honest and took the Sangat along with him. The above statement was made by Haryana Sikh Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee. Sharanjit Singh Sautha, a senior leader of Haryana Sikh Panthak Committee stated this during a press conference held at a hotel during the campaign for the upcoming elections. On this occasion, Sautha said that elections were to be held on a total of 40 seats, out of which the Panthak Committee has fielded its candidates on 19 seats including Guhla. While on other seats they have supported each other.

He claimed that Haryana Sikh Panthak Committee



would achieve a one-sided victory in the Sikh Gurudwara Committee elections and will win the elections with a majority. He has called upon the voters to vote only for honest candidates who took the Sangat along with them in the said elections and the Sangat should not vote for those who loot the property of the Gur's houses. He said that some people who used to take care of the gurudwaras in the past had captured the land of the gurudwaras and looted its immense wealth but now their truth was coming out in front of the people and they were not even able to talk to people face to face. He said

that the sole objective of Haryana Sikh Panthak Committee was to propagate and spread religious activities and promote education which people were liking very much. He said that Sikh Panthak Committee has taken this decisive decision. Under which the elected committee will not only handle the services of the historical gurudwaras but will also look after the work of other gurudwaras in cities and villages and religious and development work will be done there equally. Taking his opponents to task, he said that once again his eyes were on the Guru.

BIS conducts workshop and training program on activities

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, JAN 15

The Bureau of Indian Standards today held a workshop & training program here at District Administrative Complex on the BIS activities, Indian Standards and online services, in which more than 50 officials of different departments participated.

The workshop carried out under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal highlighted various objectives of the BIS activities. BIO's Chandigarh Branch Office's Joint Director Abhishek Kumar and Deputy Director Kushagra Jindal after welcoming all the heads of different departmetns also welcomed besides explaining the workshop objectives. Kushagra Jindal emphasized the District Officers and



agencies engaged in procurement of goods & services for purchasing BIS Certified Products and refer Indian Standards in their bid documents. He pointed out that the use of products Conforming to Indian Standards in Govt. programmes & Schemes that will ensure development of quality Infrastructure, reduce overall cost and help in developing quality Eco-System in the State.

Jindal further explained BIS activities, roles and functions and apprised the

SSP Gurdaspur celebrates Lohri with underprivileged children

VERMA
GURDASPUR: Harish Dayama, IPS, Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur, hosted a heartwarming Lohri celebration for underprivileged children from the slum area of Maan Kaur at his residence. As Romesh Mahajan, a National Awardee, aptly stated, "The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention," SSP



Dayama's gesture is truly commendable. The children were overjoyed to be invited to his residence. Their radiant

smiles spoke volumes about the joy and excitement they experienced. SSP Dayama's inspiring speech, filled with love and blessings, deeply touched the children. His words of encouragement will undoubtedly have a profound and positive impact on their lives, motivating them to strive for excellence and become not only good citizens but also aspire to serve society as dedicated officers.

Anil Vij reacts to permission for case against Kejriwal for involvement in money laundering case

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
AMBALA, JAN 15

Haryana's Energy, Transport and Labor Minister, Sh. Anil Vij responded to the Enforcement Directorate's permission to proceed with a case against former Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal in a money laundering case. He said that "When a case is filed against Kejriwal, the truth will also come out before the public."

While interacting with media persons, Sh. Vij remarked that Kejriwal and his Aam Aadmi Party are now taking their last breaths. Their withered and dejected faces are clear indicators of this. He added that just as a wrestler lying on the ground insists he will win, someone who has already fallen continues to fall.

Addressing the controversy over naming the new Congress headquarters in Delhi after former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Cabinet Minister Anil Vij stated that even during his tenure, the Congress did not allow Manmohan Singh to function effectively. Congress restricted his powers, independence, and intellect. Hence, no



expectations can be placed on them.

On the matter of farmers sitting on a hunger strike at the Khanauri border in Haryana, Energy Minister Anil Vij said that the government is closely monitoring the situation. He assured that the Chief Minister is paying attention to the matter, and whatever is necessary will be done.

Trident Group launches Karmayogi recruitment drive to hire 3,000 skilled individuals across India



KARANPREET KARAN

BARNALA: Trident Group has launched a recruitment drive called Karmayogi to hire 3,000 skilled individuals across India. With this recruitment drive, Trident Group reaffirms its commitment to create a positive impact on communities and step towards a developed India. Trident Group, a global conglomerate has announced its workforce recruitment drive, which aims to hire 3,000 skilled individuals across India. This initiative reflects Trident Group's commitment to building an inclusive, empowered community and contributing to the country's socio-economic development. The campaign will focus on Punjab (Dhaura and Sanghera) and Madhya Pradesh (Budhani) with emphasis on women applicants and candidates with sports background.

KU Nanda Centre commemorates Gulzari Lal Nanda Punya Tithi

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, JAN 15

Gulzari Lal Nanda Centre of Ethics, Philosophy, Museum and Library, Kurukshetra University commemorated Nanda ji's Punya Tithi on 15 January 2025 by paying floral tribute at the Nanda Memorial, planting saplings in the centre premises and by garlanding Nanda statue. The Chief Guest of the programme, Vice Chancellor, Kurukshetra University, Prof Som Nath Sachdeva recalled Nanda ji's contribution to Indian society for laying the foundation of many social, religious and cultural institutes. Prof Sachdeva added that Nanda ji was a true inspiration for the society who believed in the simple living and high thinking. Honorary Secretary, Kurukshetra Development



Board (KDB), Upender Singhal said that Nanda ji established KDB for the protection, promotion and development of the pilgrimages of Kurukshetra. Guest of Honour, former state minister, Subash Sudha said that Nanda ji's efforts in the development of the modern form of Kurukshetra are incomparable. Veteran Journalist, Vijay Sabbarwal recalled the time spent in the company of such honest personality who always lived his life according to the moral

and ethical values Peethadhyaksh, Maa Bhadrakali Shaktipeeth, Kurukshetra, Satpal Sharma said that the new generation should follow the ideals of Nanda ji. Incharge, Nanda Centre KUK, Dr Shuchismita gave formal vote of thanks and elucidated on the achievements of the centre. Deputy Director, Public Relations Department, Dr Jimmy Sharma informed that the Deputy Commissioner of Kurukshetra, IAS, Neha Singh, President.

Bilaspur Honors Heroes: Ex-Servicemen celebrate 77th Army Day with pride and tribute to martyrs

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, JAN 15

The 77th Army Day was celebrated with great reverence and enthusiasm across Himachal Pradesh, with a series of programs honoring ex-servicemen and paying tribute to the martyrs. In Bilaspur, the Himachal Pradesh Ex-Serviceman Welfare Committee organized a district-level event at the War Martyr Memorial, attended by retired Brigadier Jagdish Singh Verma, Vishisht Seva Medal awardee, and Additional Superintendent of Police Shiv Kumar Chaudhary. The program commenced with ex-servicemen offering floral tributes to the martyrs, remembering their supreme sacrifice for the nation.



Brigadier Jagdish Singh Verma, addressing the gathering, shared the historical significance of Army Day, recounting the pivotal moment on January 15, 1949, when Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa became the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army, taking over from British General Roy Francis Butcher. This marked a monumental shift in India's military legacy.

Another program honoring ex-servicemen was organized at the Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) office in Bilaspur. The event saw Bilaspur Sadar BJP MLA Trilok Jamwal and Brigadier Verma felicitating former soldiers. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Jamwal emphasized the importance of recognizing the sacrifices of the brave soldiers who have safeguarded the nation's sovereignty.

PML SD College for Women, Gurdaspur distributes warm clothes to underprivileged children



VERMA
GURDASPUR: Pandit Mohan Lal SD College for Women in Gurdaspur continues its commitment to supporting those in need. Professor Mrs. Samita Khajuria, accompanied by NSS Vice President Ms. Ramanpreet Kaur and volunteers Vanshita, Submanpreet, and Pallvi, recently visited the Preliminary Education Study Centre in the impoverished village of Maan Kaur. They distributed warm clothes and fresh fruits to 70 underprivileged children enrolled in the center. The children expressed their gratitude to the college for its ongoing support. Romesh Mahajan, a National Awardee and the founder of the free school, also conveyed his sincere thanks to the college's administration. The college team extended their blessings to the children for their future success and assured them of continued support.

Editorial

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Higher education in India is going through a sea change, not necessarily into something rich but certainly into something strange. The University Grants Commission draft regulations, 2025 aim to amend the minimum qualifications for the post of assistant professor required by the 2018 UGC regulations. According to the latter, a candidate should have completed a Master's degree in the relevant to, or concerned or allied subject with the one to be taught, and would have had to have passed the National Eligibility Test or the State Eligibility Test or received a PhD degree to be considered for the post. The 2025 draft regulations eliminate the need to study for an undergraduate and post-graduate degree in the relevant subject. All the candidate must do is pass the NET or achieve a PhD degree in that subject irrespective of Bachelor's or Master's training. That is, an assistant professor in chemistry may have studied history as a BA and MA student. Since it would be difficult to acquire a doctorate degree in a completely different discipline from the one studied earlier in depth, it can be assumed that passing the NET by answering multiple-choice questions would be adequate qualification for an assistant professor. This will certainly help the coaching industry to burgeon further. Other qualifications, publications and experience, valued in the 2018 regulations, will not matter.

This is a terrifying vision for higher education and suggests that the government is not indifferent to education but is actively engaged in lowering its standards beyond repair. The draft regulations are a major step if not to render specialisation in core disciplines irrelevant then at least to dilute utterly the levels of learning and research. The common courses glorified by the National Education Policy, 2020 may become dominant. The draft regulations openly show a resistance to serious learning and a desire to force students to stick to low standards. That is the best way to prevent independent thinking. The inner logic of the change becomes clearer when accompanied by the proposed change in the criteria for vice-chancellor appointments. Candidates need not be distinguished academics only but persons demonstrating leadership and scholarship in senior positions of industry, public administration and public policy. The suggested breakdown of the sanctity of the university space is truly ominous. The draft, though, need not be final.

US-India tax forum proposes bold reforms

As India gears up for the Union Budget 2025-26, the US-India Tax Forum—a specialized Tax Policy Forum under the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF)—has presented an ambitious set of recommendations aimed at bolstering the nation's global economic standing.

Comprising around 200 member companies, the Forum serves as a platform for dialogue on critical tax policy issues, connecting Government of India policymakers, global tax experts, and the business community to champion innovative and forward-thinking tax reforms.

In response to invitations from the Ministry of Finance, the Tax Forum conducted multiple consultations and presented its recommendations on three occasions. These proposals are designed to attract fresh investments, simplify tax structures, and position India as a global growth leader.

Tarun Bajaj, Chairperson of the US-India Tax Forum and former Revenue Secretary, said, "The Union Budget 2025-26 comes at a critical juncture for India's economic trajectory. As global headwinds persist, it is imperative for India to prioritize reforms that foster investor confidence, simplify the tax regime, and provide targeted incentives for sectors with transformative potential."

He added, "Recommendations like rationalizing TDS structures, extending concessional tax rates for greenfield manufac-



turing, and supporting GIFT City as a global financial hub address systemic challenges while opening avenues for sustainable growth."

One of the central recommendations focuses on revolutionizing direct taxation. The Forum suggests simplifying the Tax Deduction at Source (TDS) structure to just two or three rates, reducing compliance burdens and enabling businesses to prioritize growth. To enhance India's competitiveness, it proposes aligning tax rates for foreign bank branches with domestic banks and introducing a concessional 10

per cent tax rate on dividend income for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) to attract capital inflows.

Furthermore, the Forum advocates for tax exemptions on dividends and financial transactions within GIFT City to transform it into a global financial hub.

The expansion of Safe Harbor Regulations (SHR) and a more efficient Advance Pricing Agreement (APA) process were also highlighted as critical measures for creating a predictable and transparent tax environment. Sectoral growth is another priority area. The recommendations in-

clude extending concessional tax rates for greenfield manufacturing projects beyond March 2024, targeting high-growth sectors like renewable energy, semiconductors, and electric vehicles.

To strengthen the industrial ecosystem, the Forum also proposes introducing a reduced 15 per cent tax rate for Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) firms.

In the healthcare sector, reducing tariffs on critical life-saving drugs and extending exemptions for certain medicines under Patient Assistance Programs (PAP) are emphasized to ensure equitable access to essential treatments.

Additionally, targeted incentives for renewable energy manufacturers and measures to facilitate electric vehicle adoption were recommended to drive sustainability and innovation.

The Forum also suggests overhauling indirect taxation by simplifying the customs tariff structure to a three-tier system with rates of 0 per cent, 5 per cent, and 10 per cent.

This alignment with international standards is expected to attract investments in key sectors such as electronics manufacturing. Recognizing the growing significance of digital economies, the Forum proposes introducing refund mechanisms for the Equalisation Levy (EL) in cases of revised tax liabilities and simplifying tax return forms for foreign companies without permanent establishments.

Literature & Health

World Uyghur Congress welcomes US sanctions on 37 companies linked to forced labour

The World Uyghur Congress welcomed the addition of 37 companies to the US Entity List under the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA), intensifying efforts to curb the import of goods tied to forced labor in China's autonomous region.

In a post on X, the World Uyghur Congress stated that this move includes major players in industries such as solar energy, textiles, and mining, many of which are linked to the exploitation of Uyghur and other ethnic minority groups in East Turkistan.

Among the newly sanctioned companies is Huafu Fashion Co, one of the world's largest textile manufacturers, alongside 25 of its subsidiaries. These companies have been implicated in forced labour practices related to the cotton industry in China's autonomous region. The US has previously accused Chinese authorities of using forced labour in the production of goods, including apparel, solar panels, and electronics, much of which is exported globally.

According to the Voice of America, the UFLPA, enacted in December 2021 under President Joe Biden, seeks to prevent the import of products produced with forced labor, a direct response to reports from human rights organizations and independent investigations documenting widespread abuses. In August 2022, United Nations expert Tamoya Obokata confirmed the existence of clear evidence of forced labour involving Uyghurs and other minorities in the region, particularly in sectors like agriculture and manufacturing.

The US decision marks a significant step in holding Chinese companies accountable for human rights violations and aligns with growing international pressure on China over its treatment of Uyghurs, which the US has described as genocide. By expanding the US Entity List, the Biden administration aims to cut off the flow of products that are believed to be tainted by forced labour, ensuring that US consumers are not indirectly supporting human rights abuses through their purchases.

Elon Musk highlights Trump's affair with diet coke

Tesla CEO Elon Musk on Wednesday called the inventor of Diet Coke a 'genius' as his love for coke is well known.

Musk shared an image of US President-elect Donald Trump with Coca-Cola CEO James Quincey as the latter gifted him a custom commemorative bottle of Diet Coke.

Trump's Deputy Director of Communications Margo Martin also shared a photo of the glass bottle and a note accompanying it. The glass bottle features a unique label showcasing an image of the White House along with the slogan, "The Inauguration of the President of the United States Donald J. Trump."

A note beside the bottle



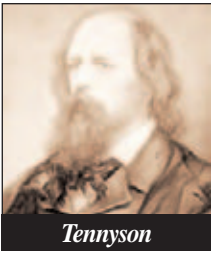
reads, "Founded 126 years ago in Atlanta, Georgia, The Coca-Cola Company takes great pride in producing hundreds of brands that people enjoy. Along with our 60+ independent bottling partners, the Coca-Cola system generates \$58+

billion in U.S. economic activity annually and supports more than 860,000 jobs in the United States. We're proud to continue our decades-long tradition of celebrating the U.S. presidential inauguration with a commemorative [bottle]".

POEM

A Dream of Fair Women

I read, before my eyelids dropt their shade,
'The Legend of Good Women,' long ago Sung
by the morning star of song, who made
His music heard below;
Dan Chaucer, the first warbler, whose
sweet breath Preluded those melodious bursts
that fill



The spacious times of great Elizabeth
With sounds that echo still.
And, for a while, the knowledge of his art
Held me above the subject, as strong gales
Hold swollen clouds from raining, tho' my
heart, Brimful of those wild tales,
Charged both mine eyes with tears. In every
land I saw, wherever light illumineth,
Beauty and anguish walking hand in hand
The downward slope to death.

By Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Criticism vs. Reality: The True Value of Insurance

Insurance—the industry that has safeguarded millions of citizens and many businesses, often faces situations that cast a shadow on its efforts. Recent media reports have once again opened a wave of criticism. This raises a pertinent question: Has sensationalism overtaken reason? While much has been said about these reports, it is time to dwell deeper into the issue and look at the ground reality.

The Unseen Good: A Silent Majority: As per the IRDAI annual report, last year, the General Insurance industry settled crores of claims worth ₹1.72 lakh crore, out of which it paid more than ₹80,000 crore towards health insurance. Yet those who benefit rarely make the news. On the flip side, isolated grievances and odd bad experiences become the face of the industry. Also, the claim settlement ratio in the industry is more than 80%. The 20% of claims that are rejected are on the account of fraud, or non-admissibility and yet there is an uproar about this. After all, insurance is public money, and insurers should be lauded for handling this money responsibly.

The Price of Safety: Let's say it is not making a difference, and we decide to shut down the industry but without it what would happen?

Some argue that individuals can self-insure by saving for medical expenses. However, consider this: out-of-pocket (OOP) health expenses in India currently stand at 60%, as per a report by NITI Aayog. Without insurance, this figure would soar to 100%, leaving households entirely at the mercy of skyrocketing medical costs. For families without significant savings, medical bills would push them below the poverty line. Currently, approximately 7% of India's population—already face this reality annually due to



healthcare costs. Without insurance, this number would worsen, and the government would face increased pressure to subsidise healthcare, diverting resources from other critical sectors. Such a scenario would derail our demographic dividend and exacerbate poverty. Are we ready with an alternate safety net for citizens if insurance shuts down?

The motor industry, thriving thanks to insurance-backed accident protection, will falter as claims payouts—approximately ₹55 thousand crore—cease to exist. The motor industry thrives partly due to insurance-backed accident protection. Without insurance, the financial burden of accidents would fall entirely on vehicle owners, leading to increased economic instability and decreased vehicle sales. Insurers also play a crucial role in covering Motor/Third Party claims, which is a mandatory requirement in our country. As per the recent IRDAI annual report, in FY 23-24, the industry paid claims amounting to over ₹

27,000 crore in Motor TP claims. If the insurance industry were to close, who will bear this cost of compensation? It will further burden the government treasury of a fast developing nation.

Nearly 36 crore beneficiaries have been verified under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) as of November 30, 2024. Further, 8.39 crore hospital admissions worth over ₹1.16 lakh crore have been authorised under the scheme. This scheme of the government provides health coverage of ₹5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation to approximately 55 crore beneficiaries, corresponding to 12.37 crore families constituting economically vulnerable bottom 40 percent of India's population. Without the insurance industry's support, the scheme would not be in place or effective in states adopting an insurance or hybrid model. The government would have to bear all this cost on its own. According to PIB, the health expenditure for 2023-24 is ₹5.85 lakh crores, which is 1.9% of the GDP. This is an increase from ₹2.43 lakh crores in 2017-18. A significant portion of this expenditure supports low-income families. Insurance-backed programs like Ayushman Bharat alleviate this financial strain, covering citizens across states and UTs. Without insurance, this burden will only grow.

Natural disasters like floods, cyclones, and earthquakes wreak havoc on nations, causing immense human and financial losses. Insurance serves as a critical recovery mechanism. The staggering more than 90% protection gap between insured and actual losses underscores the urgent need to bridge the gap; cyclones, floods, and earthquakes are sadly becoming yearly af-

fairs. In 2023 alone, India witnessed 17 natural calamities. Without insurance, economies would struggle to recover. Take the United States as an example: its robust insurance framework ensures that post-disaster regions come back stronger, bigger, and more resilient. The infusion of insured capital post-Hurricane Katrina enabled infrastructure rebuilding and economic recovery. In India, a higher insurance penetration could similarly transform recovery processes, ensuring affected communities rebound swiftly rather than languishing in prolonged despair. Here, it is also worth noticing that the Central Government has allocated ₹13,693 crore for the National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF) and ₹32,000.60 crore for the State Disaster Mitigation Fund (SDMF) for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26. After each natural disaster, the government spends a huge amount as compensation. This money, which eventually goes from taxpayers, could be routed toward developmental projects and infrastructural development if a more robust insurance program is in place.

Agriculture, the backbone of India's economy, is vulnerable to the whims of nature. Thanks to the insurance industry, schemes like the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) have disbursed claims worth ₹1.64 lakh crore over the past eight years.

These pay-outs have offered financial respite to farmers, reducing distress and contributing to a decline in farmer suicides. By mitigating risks associated with droughts, floods, and unseasonal rains, insurance ensures farmers can continue contributing to the nation's food security. Here, without insurance, there seems to be no effective safety net to ensure that the relief

of loss reaches the last mile.

Insurance: An Industry with Remarkably Low Grievance Ratios: Despite common misconceptions, the insurance industry boasts impressively low grievance ratios, underscoring its robust complaint resolution mechanisms. Talking about the recent numbers, with just 94,843 grievances in FY 23-24 against 2.96 billion policies, the industry achieved a mere 0.003% grievance ratio—an achievement few industries can match.

Fighting Fraud: An Unsung Battle: Fraudulent claims cost the industry billions annually but no one speaks much about it. Over the past five years, the insurance industry detected approximately 3.01 lakh potential fraud cases involving a sum assured of ₹1.73 lakh crore. According to research, the Indian general insurance industry loses approximately US\$6 billion to fraud annually, translating to roughly ₹30,000 crore. Yet, the narrative focuses solely on claim rejections, ignoring the root causes. Should fraudulent claims go unchecked? Shouldn't there be stricter penalties for those exploiting the system? Allowing fraud to go unchecked undermines the trust and sustainability of the entire insurance framework.

The Profit Myth: The general perception is that insurers are generating huge profits and only exist to make a profit. First of all, is profit such a bad thing for an insurer? Profit ensures that insurers can honour future claims and remain sustainable. Underwriting profits showcase prudence.

Now, looking at the other side of the coin, the general insurance industry operates at an average claims ratio of more than 80% and a combined ratio of 115%, which means for every INR

100 earned in premiums, the industry pays out INR 115. Simply put, insurers lose money on claims payouts and operational expenses. Yet, every small price hike triggers public outcry. If so, let's shut this "evil" industry! An Industry run by citizens: Employing over a million people directly and 5 million indirectly, insurance supports countless livelihoods. It's not about a profit-mongering evil industry but about citizens working to impact lives positively. Entrepreneurs like brokers, TPAs, and Insurtechs further add value, making it a cornerstone of economic and employment growth.

Moving the Needle: India's insurance penetration remains abysmally low at 1%. The industry works tirelessly to increase awareness and expand coverage. However, criticism without constructive dialogue risks alienating stakeholders, jeopardising future progress and reducing trust. We need to understand that as the insurance penetration increases, the nation will develop faster; without it, we would probably go backwards!

Let's not forget what insurance represents: a safety net, a fallback, and a protector of dreams. Is there a scope for improvement? Yes, but the industry is constantly evolving. The insurance industry welcomes scrutiny but demands fairness. Highlight the good, address the bad, and focus on the way forward. If you still think insurance is evil, let's shut it down, provided we have an alternate safety net for our citizens. Till then, the choice is ours—criticise destructively or engage constructively.

Mr. Tapan Singhel, Chairman, General Insurance Council and MD & CEO, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: On behalf of the Women and Child Development Department, annual sports competitions were organized for the rural women of Nilokheri block in the grounds of Senior Secondary School. According to Women and Child Development Project Officer Rajbala Mor, 100, 300 and 400 meter race, discus throw, cycle race, musical chair competition were organized for women. The



special thing was that deaf and dumb Navdeep got third place in the five km cycle race. The results of various competitions were as

follows In 100 meter race, Kavita stood first, Reena second, Sonia third, in 300 meter race Komal stood first, Sheetal second, Tina third, in 400 meter race Muskaan stood first, Manju second and Swati third. In discus throw, Beta stood first, Paramjit second, Gurmeet third, in musical chair Daljeet stood first, Sunita second and Rajrani third. Thus, in the cycle race, Anju stood first, Ashu stood second and Navdeep stood third.

NEWS BRIEF

Students and staff of BGN School celebrate Lohri Festival



ISHWER GARG
TALWANDI SABO: BGN School Shergarh celebrated the festival of Lohri with great festivity, in which students and teachers participated in the festival together. School Chairman Amit Gupta said that the festival highlighted the cultural richness. He also said that in line with its tradition of promoting cultural values, the BGN school emphasizes the importance of celebrating the festival with students and staff. School Principal Madam Tripta Bajaj said that the event also reflects the school's commitment to excellence as it inspires students to uphold the values and traditions of our culture At the end of the event, he said that BGN School reaffirms its commitment to cultural nurturing with sincere wishes for the continued Growth and success of the school.

Expedite work of Bulk Drug Park in a time bound manner: Chauhan

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JAN 15

While presiding over the fifth meeting of the High Powered Committee of State Implementing Agency (SIA) of Bulk Drug Park (BDP) here today, Industries Minister Harshwardhan Chauhan emphasized to expedite the work of Bulk Drug Park by all departments on priority basis. He said that that an amount of Rs. 50 crore has been released for Bulk Drug Park and the state was committed to execute this park in time bound manner.

Industries Minister said that the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD), steam generation and solid waste management would be clubbed together in single bid on Engineering Procurement and



Construction Model (EPC model). He also directed the Project Management Consultancy firm to prepare Operation and Maintenance parameters of these technical utilities. The solar power projects will be set-up on the land in and around the Bulk Drug Park for meeting the power requirements. He also directed to constitute an advisory panel of Bulk Drug Park experts for getting their

inputs in executing the park.

The Industries Minister directed to constitute a technical committee under the chairmanship of Chief Engineer PWD, Hamirpur Zone for vetting of technical bid of tender document. He also reviewed the actions taken on key decisions in fourth meeting of high powered committee.

The committee allowed floating tender for site

development, boundary wall, internal roads amounting to Rs. 460 crore in phase-I of Bulk Drug Park. Out of 1400 acre land, 800 acre will be developed in phase-I.

Earlier, Director Industries and MD-Cum-CEO of State Implementing Agency of Bulk Drug Park Dr. Yunus made a detailed presentation indicating recent development related to Bulk Drug Park.

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI, JAN 15

MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi said that every village of the constituency will be developed equally. No problem of any kind will be allowed to remain in cities and villages. He said that record-breaking development works will be done in the village. The people of the constituency will not be deprived of basic facilities including electricity, pure drinking water, paved roads and relief from garbage. MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi was talking to journalists after listening to the problems of the villagers at his residence in Taraori. After listening to the problems of the villagers, he instructed the officials of the concerned department to solve the problems. MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi said



that under the leadership of the successful Chief Minister Nayab Saini, development works will reach every street of the city and village. Equal development will be done in all the villages.

He said that where the roads were in bad condition, paved roads will be built there. The state government has given a boost to development in the entire state. There is a government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the centre and Nayab Saini's government in the state. This double engine

government will not leave any region behind in terms of development. Kabirpanthi said that after the BJP government came to power, Chief Minister Naib Saini took the pledge of Haryana Ek-Haryana Ek and ensured equal development in every district. On this occasion, along with MLA Kabirpanthi, many villagers including Rajiv Narang, Devendra Kamra, Ranjit Bhardwaj, Karam Singh Jamba and personal assistant secretary Rakesh Chauhan were present.

Police burns drugs worth Rs 60 crore in Pehowa

YAGYADUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA, JAN 15

In a major action on Wednesday, Haryana Police destroyed narcotics worth Rs 60 crore by burning them at Sensen Paper Industries located in Pehowa. These drugs were seized by the police in 459 cases. The objective of this important action was to send a strong message about the ill effects of drugs in the society and to control crime. During the programme, Inspector General of Police of Ambala Division Shivvas Kaviraj, Superintendent of Police of Kurukshetra Varun Singla, and Superintendent of Police of



Yamunanagar Rajeev Deshwal were especially present. The process was carried out under the supervision of other senior police officers and experts. The process of burning the narcotics was completely transparent and carried out under safety protocols. This included all the narcotics that were seized during various raids and operations.

These substances included heroin, hashish, ganja and other intoxicants. On this occasion, Ambala Division IG Shivvas Kaviraj said, narcotics worth Rs 60 crore seized in 459 cases have been burnt today. "Narcotics not only increase crime but also weaken the roots of the society. The police are committed to eliminating the drug network and protecting the youth from it. This action is an important step in this direction." It is not only the drug Burning of substances is not an action, but an effort to fulfill our responsibility towards the society. He appealed to the public to cooperate with the police against drug trafficking and use.

Online awareness program on jobs vs startups held at DAV Girls college

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, JAN 15

An online awareness program on the theme "Jobs vs. Startups" was organized jointly by the Institutional Innovation Council Cell (IIC), Home Science Department of DAV Girls College, and Saksham Society Jaipur. The event was presided over by Vice Principal Dr. Anita Maudgil, IIC Cell In-Charge Vivek, and Head of the Home Science Department Parul Pundir. The key speakers included Utkarsh Singh, founder of Utkarsh Foundation, Delhi, and Ankit Vijay, founder of Making Spark Business Coach. Dr. Shilpi Chauhan, founder of Saksham Society, introduced the speakers and discussed the event's objectives in detail. Utkarsh Singh



emphasized the growing importance of innovation in today's world, urging the youth to focus on startups rather than chasing jobs.

He highlighted that starting a venture not only provides opportunities for personal growth but also creates employment for others, contributing significantly to the nation's development. He also shed light on various support schemes offered by the central

and state governments to encourage startups. Ankit Vijay educated students about the role of artificial intelligence in modern ventures. He stressed the importance of analyzing the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats before starting any business. Encouraging students to step out of their comfort zones, he highlighted that success is achieved through hard work and a broad vision.

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Arya Mahila College and Collegiate Sr Sec School Barnala jointly celebrate National Youth Day and Nazhi Festival



KARNPREET KARAN

BARNALA: National Youth Day and Nazhi festival were jointly celebrated at Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Arya Mahila College and Collegiate Senior Secondary School Barnala. On this occasion, Principal Madam Dr. Mrs. Neelam Sharma congratulated everyone on Lohri. Vice Principal Madam Dr. Mrs. Sushil Balaji shed light on the history of Maghi. Children participated in various activities, Sholo dance, group dance, folk songs and dialects by NSS department. National Youth Day was celebrated with grandeur at this time Principal Madam Dr. Mrs. Neelam Sharma Vice Principal Madam Dr. Mrs. Sushil Bala NSS Program Officer Madam Archana Madam Aarti ji, NSS Program Officer Madam Ripi and the children of all the staff presented the picture of Shri Vivekanand ji and vowed to follow his teachings.

Blood donation camp organized on occasion of World Volunteer Day



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: A blood donation camp was organized under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner and Head District Red Cross Society Uttam Singh. In which Red Cross Secretary Kulbir Malik said that in view of the shortage of blood, a blood donation camp was organized in the Red Cross Bhawan on Wednesday on the occasion of World Volunteer Day. In the blood donation camp, 27 blood donors registered for blood donation till 1 pm. Not only this, women along with men also donated blood. To encourage the youth to donate blood, two daughters also donated blood and inspired women to donate blood and gave an awareness message. On this occasion, the team collected blood under the leadership of Dr. Sanjay Verma, In charge Blood Bank, Civil Hospital, Karnal.

Morinda hosts Grand Shobha Yatra to mark Shri Ram Mandir anniversary



RADHE SHYAM SHARMA

MORINDA: To celebrate the first anniversary of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple in Ayodhya, Shri Sanatan Dharam Sabha, the women's wing, and city residents collaborated to organize a Shrimad Bhagwat Week at Shri Sanatan Dharam Mandir. As part of the celebrations, a grand Shobha Yatra was taken out in the city. Sharing details, Pawan Kumar Sharma informed that the Shrimad Bhagwat Katha will be conducted by Acharya Shri Lalji Dixit from Mathura. The Katha will take place daily from 2 PM to 5 PM. Prominent attendees at the Shobha Yatra included former District Planning Board Chairman Vijay Tinku Sharma, Municipal Council President Jagdev Singh Bhatoa, Shiv Sena Punjab President Sanjeev Ghanoli, Youth Brahmin Sabha Punjab Vice President Radhe Shyam Sharma, Umesh Sharma, Gaurav Vashisht, Brahmin Sabha President Jatinder Sharma, Neeraj Sharma, Rajinder Joshi, Mangal Sen, Kishan Lal, Satish Kumar Kauda.

DFSC Kurukshetra Surendra Saini inspects rural and urban depots of Pehowa

YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: The depots of Pehowa were inspected under the leadership of DFSC Kurukshetra Surendra Saini and Inspector Pehowa Amit Kumar of Food Supply Department. Officials said that several depots located at rural and urban areas were checked for the convenience of the general public and the quality of ration. During the checking, the quality of the ration wheat, millet, oil and sugar being distributed by the depot holders was checked which was also confirmed by the ration holders present there. The weight of the distributed ration was also rechecked which was found to be absolutely correct. He instructed the depot holders that the quality of the ration to be distributed should be good. Ration should be distributed on time, Depot holders should record the complete details of the ration. The general public should not face any problem regarding ration distribution, if any complaint received against depot holder, strict action will be taken. He told the people standing in the depot that if there was any complaint regarding ration, they should immediately inform the government number written outside the depot. For the convenience of the general public, the department will keep conducting surprise inspections from time to time.



Tribute and prayer meeting on 5th death anniversary of Shamsheer Surjewala



SANJAY SHARMA

KAITHAL: Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee member and senior Congress leader Sudeep Surjewala paid tribute to former minister and former National President of All India Kisan Khet Mazdoor Congress Late Shamsheer Singh Surjewala, who was a friend of farmers, labourers and the poor. All the residents of the district and the people of Haryana were invited to the "Tribute and Prayer Meeting" to be held at Kisan Bhawan, Kaithal on the fifth death anniversary of Shamsheer Singh Surjewala. Sudeep Surjewala said that on Monday, January 20, at 10 am, famous Bhajan singer Shailendra Bharti will present Bhajans in this "Tribute and Prayer Meeting" with his sweet and melodious voice. He said that a feast will also be organized after the tribute meeting. He said that leaders of all parties from all over Haryana, enlightened citizens from social-religious organisations and common people will reach the tribute and prayer meeting, which will be completely non-political.

Illegal colonies demolished in Kachwa

MEGHRAJ LUTHRA
KACHCHWA: The DTP department used JC machines on illegal colonies growing in Kachhwa and Pal Nagar and demolished roads and other buildings being constructed. Colonizers have been developing illegal colonies in the area for



a long time. Houses and shops have also been built in the colonies. The department was receiving a lot of complaints. But the department did not take any action then. This morning, DTP Satish Kumar along with his team first took action on the colony being built near Vijaynagar in front of Mehta Farm House. Here, roads were built in a colony of one and a half to two acres, work of laying sewer was going on. Buildings had also started being built. Today, with the help of JCB, the building was demolished, the roads were dug up. After this, the DTP team reached near Vinayak College behind Kachhwa Bus Stand. A colony was being developed here in 9 acres in the name of Bharat Enclave. Roads were built here with raw bricks from the kiln. Many people had bought plots and the work of filling the foundations had started. Today all the roads were dug up by the department and a warning was given that no colony will be developed here in future. No one should buy or sell plots here. The construction made by the buyer will be demolished and legal action will be taken against the colonizer who sells it.

Free Medical Camp for gallstone patients held at Sandhu Hospital



CHET RAM RATAN

NAWANSHAHR: Sandhu Hospital, located on Chandigarh Road, Nawanshahr, organized a free medical camp for patients suffering from gallstones. During the camp, General and Laparoscopic Surgeon Dr. Sandeep Aggarwal conducted free check-ups for patients, while discounted blood tests were also made available. Over 30 gallstone patients were examined during this four-day camp. Speaking about gallstones, Dr. Sandeep Aggarwal explained that not all cases require surgery. He noted that surgery is typically recommended when gallstones or gallbladder inflammation cause severe pain or discomfort.

State President defends BJP's Mohan Lal Badoli, calls allegations baseless

RAJIV KUMAR

PANIPAT: The state president of Brahmin Samaj, while supporting the BJP state president said that a conspiracy has been hatched by political and antisocial elements of opposition parties in Haryana. Unethical allegations have been levelled against BJP state president Mohan Lal Badoli which was absolutely baseless and unfounded. Just like the government was formed for the third time in Haryana under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and the state presidency of Mohan Lal Badoli. Some people could not digest this that was so they started adopting unethical tactics. The way state president Mohan Lal Badoli was working day and night for the state and party's welfare, his popularity was increasing day by day in the entire society. Huge public support and blessings from the people in the Haryana Vidhan Sabha elections was proof of this. After being rejected by the people of Haryana, the opposition tried to tarnish the image of Mohan Lal Badoli with the help of such conspiracies. He told the incident of July 2023 and filed a false report after one and a half years. The accused did not get a medical test done and filed the report in a state ruled by the opposition party. This was the proof of his statement being false. A man with an impeccable image and clean character such a despicable conspiracy against a person is intolerable for the people of Haryana. Being a Brahmin state president, he requested the people of all communities of Haryana to support and cooperate with Mohan Lal Badoli.



Lohri, Sankranti celebrated by distributing warm clothes to aged



DALBIR MALIK

KURUKSHETRA: Jitendra Bansal, a member of Shri Balaji family, said that Balaji family keeps honoring the parents and elders living in Prerna Vidhi Ashram, Kurukshetra from time to time. In this series, Lohri and Sankranti festival was celebrated by distributing warm dough balls, warm shawls, socks to the elderly in Prerna Vidhi Ashram. Sesame ladoos were made for the elderly and peanut revdiS was also distributed, the family also honored the employees of the ashram. First of all, Sankranti was done at the feet of Shri Balaji Maharaj, Lohri festival was celebrated by lighting fire and dancing and singing, Jai Bhagwan Singla and Renu Khunger honored everyone by making them wear a turban. On this occasion, well-known journalist and social worker of the city Deshraj Bhatnagar, founder of Prerna Vidhi Ashram/industrialist Jai Bhagwan Singla, Honey Singla, head of Vridha Ashram Renu Khunger, Surekha, Naresh Kumar, Kiran, Ramdev, Ritu Bhardwaj, Harikesh Paposa, Darshan Saini and social worker/industrialist Naresh Kumar Jain from Balaji family, Ramniwas Bansal, Mithlesh, Kiran Sharma, Daya Sharma, Keshav, Riddhi, Rishika, etc. were present.

NEWS BRIEF

Kalyan Jewellers' inaugurates its 10th showroom in Punjab by foraying in Pathankot

PATHANKOT: Kalyan Jewellers, one of India's most trusted and leading jewellery companies, today launched its all-new showroom near I love Pathankot Gate, Dhalhouse road in Pathankot. The showroom features an extensive range of designs from various collections of Kalyan Jewellers. Patrons can expect state-of-the-art facilities with world-class ambience, providing an unparalleled experience. Commenting on the new showroom, Mr. Ramesh Kalyanaram, Executive Director of Kalyan Jewellers, said, "With the launch of our all-new Kalyan Jewellers' showroom in Pathankot, the aim is to create a holistic ecosystem and cater to the distinct needs of our customers, enhancing their shopping experience."

Hero MotoCorp Advances Urban Mobility with The New Destini 125

CHANDIGARH: "Hero MotoCorp, the world's largest manufacturer of motorcycles and scooters, is set to stimulate the 125cc scooter segment with the launch of the new Destini 125. Engineered to upgrade urban mobility, the New Destini 125 combines cutting-edge technology with unmatched mileage and unwavering reliability. It delivers a powerful fusion of performance and practicality, setting a new standard for everyday city rides, while reimagining rider expectations."

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Launches Toyota Mobility Solutions and Services to Redefine Pre-Owned Car Market in India

CHANDIGARH: Emphasizing its focus on becoming a true mobility company with a commitment to delivering ever-better cars, Toyota Kirloskar Motor today announced the launch of its wholly owned subsidiary, Toyota Mobility Solutions and Services India Pvt. Ltd. (TMSS) with Head Office in Bidadi near Bangalore in Karnataka. Marking a significant stride towards transforming India's pre-owned car market, TMSS further reinforces Toyota's commitment towards the philosophy of—Quality, Durability, and Reliability which ensures the best quality products and services .

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Meesho Tightens Supply Chain Processes for Greater Fairness

CHANDIGARH: Meesho has introduced transformative changes to its claims process, reaffirming its commitment to empowering sellers and delivering a seamless, transparent experience. These enhancements-faster resolutions, advanced checks, and proactive measures-are aimed at building trust within the seller community. Since May 2024, Meesho has significantly improved its claims approval process, reducing the resolution time by 70% for the majority of cases. This progress has enabled faster outcomes for sellers, with 3.4 million genuine claims successfully approved, underscoring Meesho's dedication to creating a more efficient and supportive platform for all stakeholders. Meesho is dedicated to expanding digital tracking across more stages of the shipment journey, enhancing traceability and accountability throughout the supply chain. The company continues to invest in advanced data science tools to accurately identify and resolve issues, enabling timely and effective solutions. A key priority remains safeguarding sellers from fraudulent user claims, with ongoing development of robust systems to protect their interests while ensuring transparency.

Hilton Expands Footprint in North India with the Signing of its First DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Chandigarh

Chandigarh : Hilton (NYSE: HLT) has announced the signing of its first DoubleTree by Hilton hotel in the Greater Chandigarh region with DoubleTree by Hilton Chandigarh Kakrali, further solidifying its presence in North India. The new property promises to bring DoubleTree by Hilton's warm and hospitable service to the key gateway city, catering to both business and leisure travelers. Developed in partnership with Mubarakpur Farming Company, the hotel is set to open in 2025 and will be the first branded hotel in the area to offer extensive banqueting facilities, catering to the region's growing demand for weddings and MICE events. Zubin Saxena, senior vice president and regional head, South Asia, Hilton said, "The signing of DoubleTree by Hilton Chandigarh Kakrali is a pivotal moment in our growth strategy for North India. This marks our entry into the dynamic tri-city region of Chandigarh, Mohali and Panchkula, renowned for its high per-capita income, planned urban development, and strategic importance as a gateway to popular hill stations like Shimla, Kufri, Kasauli, and Chail. With its extensive banqueting facilities, and resort-style design, this property is uniquely positioned to cater to the region's strong demand for weddings, leisure, and corporate travel." The upcoming DoubleTree by Hilton will feature contemporary accommodations including elegantly designed guest rooms, over 7,500 square feet of versatile meeting and event spaces, and a range of dining options that embody the brand's hallmark of warm and welcoming service.

5 things you think are helping you lose weight but are not

Many people want to lose weight, but not all the methods that are widely accepted to support weight loss actually have the intended effects. Let's examine five weight reduction myths and the reasons they might not be as successful as people believe... Changing Your Sleep Habits

Changes in sleep habits are said to have an effect on weight loss. On the other hand, studies indicate that the hormone levels that control hunger and appetite can be upset by both too little and too much sleep, which might result in weight gain. There is scientific evidence to support the importance of sleep routine maintenance for overall health, but it is not sufficient to justify using sleep modifications as the exclusive strategy for weight loss.

Skipping Meals People often think that consuming fewer calories overall, eating less often, or skipping meals completely can help with weight loss. Long periods of time between meals, however, might actually slow down metabolism and make it more difficult to effectively burn



off the calories consumed. Eating more often and in smaller portions throughout the day can help you avoid overeating and maintain weight instead of skipping meals.

Drinking More Water Although drinking more water will help you stay hydrated, doing so on its own won't help you lose weight. Water doesn't directly cause weight loss unless it is accompanied by a balanced diet and regular exercise. It has no calories and can help you feel fuller before meals. According to research, maintaining proper hydration is not the only way to manage weight.

Underestimating The Caloric Content When Dining Out

We often underestimate the caloric content of restaurant meals and might unknowingly consume high-calorie dishes when dining out frequently. While occasional indulgence is acceptable, relying on restaurant meals as a primary source of nutrition can hinder weight loss efforts. Being mindful of food choices and portion sizes is crucial for effective weight management, regardless of where meals are consumed.

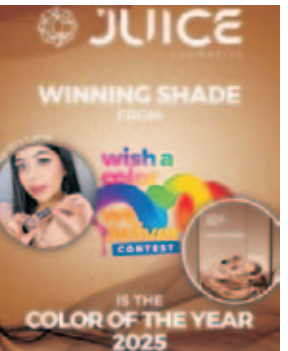
Over-Indulging In High-Calorie Meals After A Workout

It's common to feel hungry after a workout and to want to reward oneself with indulgent foods or beverages. However, over-indulging in high-calorie meals or sugary drinks after exercise can counteract the calorie-burning benefits of physical activity. Instead, opt for nutritious post-workout snacks that combine protein and carbohydrates to support recovery and aid in weight loss without sabotaging your progress.

While these practices might have some impact on overall health, they are not standalone solutions for weight loss. A comprehensive approach that includes a balanced diet, regular physical activity, adequate sleep, and mindful eating habits is essential for sustainable and successful weight management. By debunking these misconceptions and adopting evidence-based strategies, individuals can achieve their weight loss goals effectively and maintain long-term health and wellness.

Juice Cosmetics Sets the Tone with a Color that Reflects Global Trends

Chandigarh,: Latte is a color representing a meticulously handpicked shade of coffee. Juice cosmetics recognized its warm hue that closely mirrors the rich, comforting tones of freshly brewed coffee, offering a sophisticated yet inviting appearance that embodies both elegance and warmth. Interestingly, this color was highlighted long before it aligned with the global color trends, highlighting how Juice Cosmetics' intuitive approach to beauty resonates with the

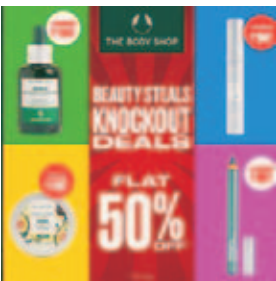


desires of its community. Back in October 2024, 'Wish A Color, We Deliver' was a contest held by Juice Cosmetics to celebrate the milestone of a decade of excellence in the beauty industry and showcase the creativity of participants from across India. Ms. Agniti Khurana was crowned as the Face of Juice for her winning nail polish shade, Agniti's Latte. In a delightful turn of events, the winning shade from our 'Wish A Color, We Deliver' contest, 'Agniti's Latte,' bears a remarkable similarity to the color that has gained prominence for 2025. Agniti wished, Juice Cosmetics delivered, and the world chose! This beautiful alignment underscores their ability to intuitively resonate with global beauty trends, reflecting the desires and aesthetics of our community. Mr. Anrit Kamra, Project Lead at Juice Cosmetics

stated: "Agniti's Latte is a testament to how individual inspiration can resonate universally. It's heartwarming to see this shade, born out of personal passion, gain widespread recognition and align with global trends. This serendipitous connection is a proud moment for Juice Cosmetics and our community." Juice Cosmetics continues to redefine beauty by combining trend-forward designs with a commitment to safety and sustainability. The brand also invites beauty enthusiasts to embrace the Color of the Year as a bold expression of confidence and style. Encasing elegance and quality, Juice calls upon every individual to delve into this journey of re-invention and self-discovery. Stay tuned for more inspiring initiatives and offerings as Juice continues to lead the way in the beauty industry, making every moment a celebration of self-expression.

The Body Shop's Knockout Sale is Here to Elevate Your Beauty Game

CHANDIGARH : For those big on beauty, January brings exciting news, as The Body Shop has announced its Knockout Sale from 1st January until the end of the month. Known for its commitment to ethical and sustainable beauty, The Body Shop is invit-



ing customers to indulge in incredible offers, making it the perfect time to replenish your beauty favourites, explore thoughtful gifts for every occasion. The Knockout Sale features up to 50% off on select products, making it easier than ever to embrace high-quality, vegan beauty without stretching your budget. Whether looking to refresh your skincare

routine or seeking the perfect gift for your loved ones, the sale offers something for everyone. It is also the perfect time to try out Edelweiss Eye Concentrate, that smooths the appearance of fine line around the eyes, helps protect from pol-

lution , or you could opt for the glow-enhancing Vitamin C Liquid as well as Overnight Peel, a must-have for radiant skin those looking to keep blemishes at bay. The Body Shop's iconic Tea Tree collection remains a favourite among customers. For fans of indulgent body care, beloved classics like the British Rose Body Yogurt, the Strawberry Shower Gel, the nourishing Avocado Body Lotion, and the soothing Body Lotion Almond Milk are available at unbeatable price points. The sale extends beyond skincare, with exciting deals on makeup that transform your look effortlessly. From the hydrating Fresh Nude Foundation to the versatile Freestyle Multi-Tasking Colour Flow and the bold hues of the Peptalk Lipstick Collection, this is your chance to elevate your makeup game. Adding to the excitement

Greenlam Industries launches its first exclusive display center for Mikasa Floors in Karnal



Karnal: Greenlam Industries, a leading player in the integrated wood panel industry, providing comprehensive surfacing and substrate solutions to customers in over 120 countries, proudly announces the launch of its first exclusive display center for Mikasa Floors in Karnal, Haryana. Located at Chaudhary Marbles, Near Village Salaru, Indri Road, Karnal, Haryana, the center is a curated space designed to provide an immersive experience of Mikasa's premium range of engineered wood flooring and staircase solutions. The newly launched showroom is a testament to Mikasa Floor's commitment to bringing innovative and sustainable flooring and staircase solutions closer to its discerning customers. The event was graced by Mr. Sanjay Chaudhary, Proprietor of Chaudhary Marbles, who inaugurated the showroom in the presence of Mr. M P Raja Prasad, Country Sales Head, Decorative Wood & Allied at Greenlam Industries Limited. This exclusive showroom offers a comprehensive range of Mikasa Floor's premium engineered wood flooring and staircase solutions. It provides homeowners, architects, and contractors the unique opportunity to explore Mikasa Floor's diverse product offerings, designed to elevate residential and commercial interiors. Over 500 distinguished guests, including leading architects, contractors, OEM partners, and customers, attended the event, underscoring the excitement and significance of this launch in Karnal's design and construction community.

Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India launches New 2025 Dio

KARNAL: Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India (HMSI) today launched the new OBD2B-compliant version of the Dio with advanced features, designed to cater to the evolving needs of today's youth. The prices of the new 2025 Honda Dio start at Rs. 74,900 (ex-showroom Delhi).

Introducing the New Dio, Mr. Tsutsumi Ohtani, Managing Director, President & CEO, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India, said, "The Dio has always been synonymous with youthful energy and innovation. With the launch of the 2025 Dio, we aim to redefine the scooter experience by integrating modern technology, enhanced performance, and eco-friendly compliance keeping the core concept of moto scooter intact. We are confident that the new Dio will continue to lead as the preferred scooter of choice for India's vibrant youth." Commenting on this announcement, Mr. Yogesh Mathur, Director, Sales and

Marketing, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India, said, "At Honda, our aim is to provide mobility solutions that enhance the lives of our customers. The 2025 Dio represents the perfect fusion of innovation, style, and technology. Its OBD2B-compliant engine not only meets the latest emission norms but also ensures exceptional performance and fuel efficiency. True to its tagline, 'Dio Wanna Have Fun', this moto scooter is more than just a ride – it's an expression of energy & styles, one that resonates with the aspirations of India's younger generation." New Dio: Hi-tech Features and New Colours The Dio gets a host of new developments designed to elevate the riding experience of customers. At its heart is a 109.51cc, single-cylinder PGM-FI engine that is now OBD2B-compliant. It develops 5.85 kW of power, 9.03 Nm of torque, and is equipped with an idling stop system to enhance fuel efficiency.



Celebrate Maha Kumbh Mela with PhonePe

Chandigarh : PhonePe, today announced the launch of an extensive campaign around Maha Kumbh Mela scheduled to take place from January 13th to February 26th, 2025 in Prayagraj. The campaign among many exciting things includes - the 'MahaKumba Ka MahaShagun' offer, where first time users attending the gathering in Prayagraj city an avail INR 144 flat cashback on their first transaction. The offer is valid throughout the Mela till February 26th, 2025 and on transaction as low as INR.1. To drive consumer awareness for the campaign, the company is also using a mix of Maha Kumbh themed QR codes, banners, posters and other branding elements at relevant touch points. Further, to make this auspicious gathering even more exciting PhonePe has launched a special message on its SmartSpeaker, wishing attendees "Maha Kumbh ki Shubhkamnayein, Maha Shagun ke Saath". The campaign is aimed to help make the auspicious gathering of the Maha Kumbh Mela convenient and seamless for over 40 crore attendees, expected to attend the event. Allowing them to move about without the stress of carrying cash for paying at stalls or even to pay for shaguns, as PhonePe will be an accepted mode of payment throughout the venue. This will also further enhance the adoption of digital payments in the country, while driving financial inclusion for crores of Indians who are yet to come into the digital payments fold.

Sarsa Shines with Gold at Indo-Nepal Taekwondo Championship

Chandigarh, 9-year-old Deven Sarsa proved his talent by winning a gold medal in the Indo-Nepal International Taekwondo Championship. This championship was organized by Negi Taekwondo Tiger International Academy and Negi Taekwondo India on 11th and 12th January, 2025 at Sports Complex, Sector 56, Chandigarh. Deven Sarsa has already made his mark by winning a medal in the International Taekwondo Championship held in Thailand. His coach Kulbir Singh said that Deven Sarsa displays maturity and skill much beyond his age. He said, "Deven Sarsa's dedication and passion for the game makes him special. With his hard work and discipline, he continues to perform well in the game. Deven Sarsa's father Shiv Sarsa expressed happiness over his achievement. He said, "My dream is that Deven represents India in the Olympics one day. Deven Sarsa, who is studying in Mount View Public School, is even getting full support from his school. His school administration described his achievement as a proud moment for the entire school. At the closing ceremony of the championship, chief guest SP Patiala (Padma Shri Award and Arjuna Award winner), Sunita Rani congratulated Deven Sarsa for his achievement and wished him a bright future. She said, "Young players like Deven Sarsa are the pride of India. Seeing his hard work and dedication, it is clear that he will bring glory to the country on the international stage in future." This success of Deven Sarsa has not only proved his talent but has also given a new direction to Indian Taekwondo. His journey will inspire young players across the country.



PEDA and PUDA jointly organised knowledge sharing session on Urban Development

Mohali, The Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA) in collaboration with The Department of Housing & Urban Development, Punjab and Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), organised a Knowledge Sharing Session on "Energy Efficiency in Buildings" at GMAOA Office, PUDA Bhawan on Wednesday. The event brought together policymakers, industry experts, and stakeholders to deliberate on sustainable building practices and innovative energy efficiency strategies, showcasing PEDA's commitment to reducing carbon emissions and fostering sustainable development. The session commenced with a thematic address delivered by a PEDA representative highlighting the significance of energy conservation in urban planning. The inaugural address by the chief guest Anuj Sehgal, Chief Engineer, PUDA underscored the critical role of energy-efficient designs and technologies in achieving sustainability targets and reducing energy costs. Their address set the tone for the engaging technical sessions that followed. Distinguished speakers presented a range of topics during the technical sessions. Anuj Gupta, from D2O, discussed the core principles of energy efficiency in buildings, while Money Khanna, Project Engineer, PEDA, provided a comprehensive introduction to the Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC). Vishal Kumar, energy expert shared insights into ECBC compliance and its real-world application while Balkar Singh, former Joint Director, PEDA, captivated the audience with his presentation on Net Zero Building concepts and their potential to transform Punjab's construction landscape.



Powersutra Offer Size-Inclusive Collections for All on Amazon

GURUGRAM : It all began when Dr. Pooja Malhotra identified the challenge of finding well-fitting formal wear during her travels to conferences. This personal struggle revealed a larger issue faced by countless women in India, especially those at the extremes of the size spectrum. Recognizing this gap, she turned her passion for fashion into a purposeful mission. On the occasion of National Startup Day, Amazon is celebrating brands like Powersutra that empower women of all shapes and sizes to feel confident and powerful. Founded in 2021, Powersutra offers thoughtfully designed garments that enhance every silhouette, ensuring women of all sizes feel empowered. Over the past three years, Dr. Malhotra has successfully expanded her business through multiple channels. Amazon: A Turning Point in Powersutra's Journey Launching Powersutra came with its share of challenges. Dr. Pooja Malhotra, who wasn't from a fashion background, faced the difficulty of learning a new profession. "Since I am not from this background, learning a completely different profession was a challenge in itself," Dr. Malhotra shares. From supply chain complexities to financial management, the journey was far from easy. However, partnering with Amazon proved to be a turning point. Joining the Amazon Saheli program, which supports women entrepreneurs, provided Powersutra with unmatched visibility and access to a wider audience. "Amazon gave us a wider reach and visibility, helping us connect with our target audience," says Dr. Malhotra. The platform not only facilitated growth within India but also opened doors to international markets like the USA, UK, and Australia. A Commitment to Sustainability and Social Impact Powersutra is more than just a clothing brand—it's a movement. Through sustainable practices like using recyclable cardboard packaging and partnering with organizations, the brand focuses on reducing waste while empowering women in rural areas.



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The Dream Diamond Sale campaign celebrates the deep, timeless connection between women and diamonds, emphasizing the profound emotions attached to these gems. Campaign link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgJUmsLwHuE> Diamonds are universally recognized as a symbol of love and appreciation.

Raising awareness on the difference between heart attack and Sudden Cardiac Arrest is crucial

Delhi,: Heart disease remains the leading cause of mortality worldwide, affecting millions of individuals each year. Of particular concern is coronary artery disease, accountable for up to 80% of cardiac incidents, wherein sudden cardiac arrest contributes to over 50% of CAD-associated deaths. In light of these concerning statistics, it is crucial to distinguish between the two most common heart manifestations: heart attack and sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). Although these terms are sometimes used interchangeably, it is essential to understand their distinct differences and implications as medical emergencies.

According to Dr. Ashwani Mehta, Senior Consultant Cardiologist & Director, Heart Failure Program Cardiology – Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Rajendra Nagar, Delhi, "While both heart attacks and SCA are related to heart health, their causes and immediate responses differ. Heart attacks are often the result of a gradual build-up of plaque in the arteries, leading to blockage and disrupted blood flow. Conversely, SCA typically occurs due to an electrical problem in the heart, resulting in irregular heartbeats or arrhythmias and an abrupt loss of cardiac function."



When it comes to symptoms and risk factors, heart attacks commonly manifest as chest pain or discomfort, shortness of breath, nausea, lightheadedness, and pain that may radiate to the arm, jaw, or back. Risk factors include high blood pressure, high cholesterol levels, smoking, diabetes, obesity, and a family history of heart disease. On the other hand, SCA is characterized by a sudden loss of consciousness and breathing, often affecting individuals with a history of heart attacks, a family history of SCA, specific genetic conditions, or a history of drug abuse.

Naomi Osaka rallies past Muchova to reach Australian Open third round

AGENCY
MELBOURNE : Two-time Australian Open champion Naomi Osaka staged an impressive comeback to defeat 20th seed Karolina Muchova 1-6, 6-1, 6-3 in the second round on Wednesday. After a thrilling opening-round victory over Caroline Garcia, Osaka overcame a sluggish start to topple last year's US Open semifinalist, advancing to the third round of a Grand Slam for the first time since her return from maternity leave. "It means a lot," Osaka said on court, as per the official website of WTA. "She's an incredibly difficult opponent for me to play. She crushed me at the US Open when I had my best outfit ever. I was so disappointed. I was so mad," she added. "I'm glad I got my revenge. It's not a bad thing, revenge is competitive. She's one of the toughest opponents out there," she said. Osaka began her 2025 WTA season at the ASB Classic in Auckland, where she reached her first tournament final since Miami 2022. Reflecting on her journey, she emphasized the importance of understanding her game better to produce consistent results in major tournaments. So far, her performance in Melbourne is living up to her determination.

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Mandhana shatters records as India post highest ODI total

AGENCY
RAJKOT: Indian batter and stand-in captain Smriti Mandhana made history on Wednesday, smashing the fastest ODI century by an Indian women's batter and becoming the first-ever Asian to smash 10 ODI centuries. Mandhana reached these milestones during the third and final ODI against Ireland at Rajkot. She scored an explosive 135 runs in 80 deliveries with 12 fours and seven sixes. Her runs came at a strike rate of 168.75. Her century in 70 balls is the fastest by an Indian women's batter in ODIs, outdoing her regular skipper Harmanpreet Kaur's 87-ball



century against South Africa at Bengaluru last year. In men's cricket, the fastest ODI ton by an Indian is in the hands of star batter Virat Kohli, who reached there in just 52 balls against Australia in 2013. Also, this is Smriti's 10th ton, making her first-ever

7 sixes hit by Smriti Mandhana today is the joint-most by an India Women batter in an ODI innings, alongside Harmanpreet Kaur, who had hit as many during her 171* off 115 against Australia Women in the 2017 World Cup semi-final. Mandhana has also equalled Harmanpreet for most sixes for India in the format (52). Since 2024, Mandhana has smashed 996 runs in 16 ODIs at an average of 62.25, with a strike rate of above 105.06, with four centuries and five fifties. His best score is 136. No other batter has aggregated 700 runs in this timeframe in the format. Overall in ODIs, Smriti

has made 4,209 runs in 97 matches and 97 innings at an average of 46.25, with 10 centuries and 30 fifties. Her best score is 136. Coming to the match, India won the toss and opted to bat first.

CGA to kick-start celebrations of 25 years of its inception with golf tournament



CHANDIGARH: The Chandigarh Golf Association (CGA) will kick-start its 25 years of inception by holding the Silver Jubilee Golf Cup. Notably CGA has become a beacon for nurturing talent and promoting golf in the region with its 6-acre, all-weather, flood-lit driving range with a 9-hole pitch and putt course and Golf Academy. S K Sharma, IPS (Retd.) President CGA addressed a media conference to share greater details of the Silver Jubilee celebrations. The General Secretary, CGA, Er. Harpuneet Singh Sandhu, who is also the Member of the Governing Council of the Indian Golf Union (IGU), the National Sports Federation for Golf in India and Chairman of the National Golf Squad for the State of India, responsible for choosing, training, managing the National Golf team of India accompanied Sharma in the Press Conference along with Sanjiv DP Azad, IRS, Vice President, CGA and Monish DP Azad, Treasurer, CGA.

**CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD**
(A Chandigarh Administration Undertaking)
8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9-D, CHANDIGARH

PUBLIC NOTICE
Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh

Subject: Mutation /Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 5165/3 (Third floor) of Category-HIG-1 in MODERN HOUSING COMPLEX, MANIMJARA-Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of **SH.HARIT KUMAR S/O SH.ANIL KUMAR** from the names of allottee/transferee **SH.SUJEET KUMAR S/O SH.KAMAL PRASAD SINGH**.

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that the Dwelling Unit No. 5165-3 (Third floor) of Category-HIG-1 in MODERN HOUSING COMPLEX, MANIMJARA-Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee **SH.SUJEET KUMAR S/O SH.KAMAL PRASAD SINGH**. Now, **SH.SUJEET KUMAR S/O SH.KAMAL PRASAD SINGH** has sold the above said dwelling unit to **SH.HARIT KUMAR S/O SH.ANIL KUMAR** vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh on 23.12.2024. **SH.HARIT KUMAR S/O SH.ANIL KUMAR** has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in his name on the basis of sale deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicants, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s)

Secretary
Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of Tender	Time period	Eligible class of Contractor
1	Construction of Thatta to Katwanoo road (Portion Bhedithach to Katwanu) Km 0/0 to 2/0 (SH-Formation cutting 5/7 mtrs. Wide at RD 0/850 to 1/400).	Rs. 29,60,825/-	Rs. 59,300/-	Rs. 1500/-	Two Months	Class "C to D"

Starting date of downloading bid: - 17.01.2025 at 5.00 PM
Deadline for submission of Bid: 24.01.2025 at 10.00 AM
Date of opening of Bid at 24.01.2025 at 11.30 AM

1. The rates beyond the limit over +5% will be rejected besides this the Additional Performance security will have to borne @ 20 % & 30 % for unbalanced bid in case the rates is lower than 10 % but upto 20 % & lower than 20 % upto 30 % respectively. The tender will be accepted beyond the limit of -30 % also.

2. Only scanned copy of original documents as uploaded on the tender website are required for technical & financial elevation. The original documents shall be required only from the successful bidder before issue of letter of award.

3. The participants should have the work done of similar nature & sufficient machinery as required in bid document

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Thalout, Division HPPWD, Thalout Distt. Mandi.
On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh
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Subject: Mutation /Transfer of 33.33% share of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 5627 of Category-HIG (IND) in Sector 38(W), Chandigarh on the basis of TRANSFER DEED in the name of **MR.MAHENDRA KUMAR S/O SH.SHER SINGH** from the name of allottee/transferee **SH.TANMAY SINGHANIA S/O SH.MAHENDRA KUMAR & SH.DEV RISHI S/O SH.MAHENDRA KUMAR**.

(FROM SONS TO FATHER)

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that the Dwelling Unit No. 5627 of Category-HIG (IND) in Sector 38(W) Chandigarh stands in the name of **MR.MAHENDRA KUMAR S/O SH.SHER SINGH, SH.TANMAY SINGHANIA S/O SH.MAHENDRA KUMAR & SH.DEV RISHI S/O SH.MAHENDRA KUMAR**. It has been reported **MR MAHENDRA KUMAR S/O SH.SHER SINGH** who have applied for 33.33% SHARE OF Transfer of ownership right in respect of said Dwelling Unit on the basis of TRANSFER DEED in his name of which was Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh on 04.12.2024.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary
Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh


**CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD**
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8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9-D, CHANDIGARH

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is hereby notified for the General Public that the following person(s) have applied for the transfer of allotment of the below said Dwelling Unit under the **Blood Relation Transfer Policy** in her/his/their name under Regulation 16 of the Chandigarh Housing Board (Allotment, Management and Sale of Tenements) Regulations 1979:-

Sr. No.	NAME OF THE APPLICANT (PROPOSED TRANSFeree) SH/SMT/MS	NAME OF THE ALLOTTEE/ TRANSFeree (PROPOSED TRANSFEROR) SH/SMT/MS	D.U. NO.	Cat.	SECTOR
1	(I) SH. DHANI RAM S/O SH. MANGAT RAM & (II) SH. AVTAR CHAND S/O SH. MANGAT RAM	SH. MANGAT RAM S/O SH. TOTA RAM	2287/2	EWS	45-C CHANDIGARH

In case anybody has any objection in respect of the allotment of the above said Dwelling Units, he/she may submit the objection, if any, in writing within 21 days of the publication of this notice before the undersigned alongwith documentary evidence, if any Clearance.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh

Subject: Mutation /Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 291-1 (First Floor) of Category -II in Sector 45-A, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of **SH. RAM PIARA S/O SH. PURAN CHAND**, from the name of allottee/transferee **SMT. SUMAN W/O SH. NARESH MITTAL**.

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that the Dwelling Unit No. 291-1 (First Floor) of Category -II in Sector 45-A, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee **SMT. SUMAN W/O SH. NARESH MITTAL**. Now, **SMT. SUMAN W/O SH. NARESH MITTAL**, has sold the above said dwelling unit to **SH. RAM PIARA S/O SH. PURAN CHAND**, vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh on dated 29/07/2024. **SH. RAM PIARA S/O SH. PURAN CHAND**, has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in his name on the basis of sale deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicants, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s)

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh



Subject: Mutation /Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 1461-B (Second Floor) of MIG-Flat Category in Sector-61, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the names of (I) **SH. BABBAN KUMAR S/O SH. RAMRAJ AND (II) SMT. VINEETA PAL W/O SH. BABBAN KUMAR**, from the name of allottee/transferee **SMT. NARINDER KAUR W/O SH. JASWINDER SINGH SIDHU**.

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned the Dwelling Unit No. 1461-B (Second Floor) of MIG-Flat Category in Sector-61, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee **SMT. NARINDER KAUR W/O SH. JASWINDER SINGH SIDHU**. Now, **SMT. NARINDER KAUR W/O SH. JASWINDER SINGH SIDHU**, has sold the above said dwelling unit to (I) **SH. BABBAN KUMAR S/O SH. RAMRAJ AND (II) SMT. VINEETA PAL W/O SH. BABBAN KUMAR** vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh on 13/12/2024. (I) **SH. BABBAN KUMAR S/O SH. RAMRAJ AND (II) SMT. VINEETA PAL W/O SH. BABBAN KUMAR**, have requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in their name on the basis of sale deed

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicants, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

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PUBLIC NOTICE




Subject: Transfer/Mutation of Allotment/ Registration D.U.No. 373/1 of Category-EWS in Sector 40-A, Chandigarh in the name of **SH. ASHOK KUMAR S/O LATE SH. PARKASH CHAND**, on the intestate Demise of allottee/transferee **SH. RATTAN CHAND S/O SH. PARKASH CHAND**.

It is hereby notified for the information of the General Public and all concerned that **SH. RATTAN CHAND S/O SH. PARKASH CHAND** owner of Dwelling Unit No. 373/1 of Category EWS in Sector 40-A, Chandigarh expired on 15/09/2021 at Chandigarh, as informed by his legal heirs. **SH. ASHOK KUMAR S/O LATE SH. PARKASH CHAND**, has requested for transfer of ownership of Dwelling Unit No. 373/1 of Category EWS in Sector 40-A, Chandigarh in their names on the basis of intestate demise of **SH. RATTAN CHAND S/O SH. PARKASH CHAND**. They have further stated that no other legal heir has been left out and they are the only legal heirs of deceased owner of the above said Dwelling Unit.

In case anybody has any objection regarding the claim/right/interest in the dwelling unit which is proposed to be transferred by the Chandigarh Housing Board in favour of **SH. ASHOK KUMAR (BROTHER)**, he/she may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of the above claimant's.

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PUBLIC NOTICE






Subject: Transfer/Mutation of Allotment/ Registration D.U. No. 330 of Category III (MIG) in Sector 45-A, Chandigarh in the names of **MRS.BHAVNA CHHIBBER D/O LATE SH.SHAM PAL SHARMA,W/O SH.VIKAS CHHIBBER FOR SELF GPA OF HER SISTER MRS.MEENAKSHI SHARMA D/O LATE SH.SHYAM PAL SHARMA, W/O SH.ARVIND SHARMA** on the intestate Demise of allottee/transferee **SH.SHYAM PAL SHARMA S/O LATE SH.HARI KRISHAN SHARMA**.

It is hereby notified for the information of the General Public and all concerned that **SH.SHYAM PAL SHARMA S/O LATE SH.HARI KRISHAN SHARMA** was the owner of Dwelling Unit No. 330 of Category -III (MIG) in Sector 45-A, Chandigarh expired on 13.10.2024 at MC.AMBALA CITY (HR) as informed by his legal heirs. **MRS.BHAVNA CHHIBBER D/O LATE SH.SHAM PAL SHARMA, W/O SH.VIKAS CHHIBBER FOR SELF GPA OF HER SISTER MRS.MEENAKSHI SHARMA D/O LATE SH.SHYAM PAL SHARMA, W/O SH.ARVIND SHARMA** have requested for transfer of ownership of Dwelling Unit No.330 of Category III (MIG) in Sector 45-A, Chandigarh in their names on the basis of intestate demise of **SH.SHYAM PAL SHARMA S/O LATE SH.HARI KRISHAN SHARMA**. They have further stated that no other legal heir has been left out.

In case anybody has any objection regarding the claim/right/interest in the dwelling unit which is proposed to be transferred by the Chandigarh Housing Board in favour of **MRS.BHAVNA CHHIBBER (DAUGHTER) MRS.MEENAKSHI SHARMA (DAUGHTER)** he/she may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of the above claimant's.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Transfer/Mutation of Allotment/ Registration D.U.No.1059 of Category HIG-I in Sector 39-B, Chandigarh in the name of (I) **MRS.SARJO DEVI W/O SH.BHARAT SINGH**, (2) **MRS.SHAKUNTALA DEVI W/O LATE SH.ANAND PARKASH**, (3)**MS.KUSUM D/O LATE SH.ANAND PARKASH**, (4)**SH.AMIT KUMAR NEHRA S/O LATE SH.ANAND PARKASH** on the intestate Demise of allottee/transferee **SH.ANAND PARKASH S/O LATE SH.BHARAT SINGH**.

It is hereby notified for the information of the **SH.ANAND PARKASH S/O LATE SH.BHARAT SINGH** owners of Dwelling Unit No 1059 of Category HIG-I in Sector 39-B Chandigarh expired on 10.10.2022 at CHANDIGARH as informed by his legal heirs. (I) **MRS.SARJO DEVI W/O SH.BHARAT SINGH**, (2) **MRS.SHAKUNTALA DEVI W/O LATE SH.ANAND PARKASH**, (3) **MS.KUSUM D/O LATE SH.ANAND PARKASH**, (4) **SH.AMIT KUMAR NEHRA S/O LATE SH.ANAND PARKASH** have requested for transfer of ownership of Dwelling Unit No 1059 of Category HIG-I in Sector 39-B Chandigarh in their names on the basis of intestate demise of **SH.ANAND PARKASH S/O LATE SH.BHARAT SINGH**. They have further stated that no other legal heir has been left out.

In case anybody has any objection regarding the claim/right/interest in the dwelling unit which is proposed to be transferred by the Chandigarh Housing Board in favour of (I) **MRS.SARJO DEVI (mother)**(2) **MRS.SHAKUNTALA DEVI (wife)**, (3)**MS.KUSUM (daughter)** (4) **SH.AMIT KUMAR NEHRA (son)** he/she may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of the above claimant's.

Secretary
Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Materials Manager, Northern Railways, Ambala Cantt-133001 for and behalf of the President of India, invites Tender through E-Procurement System (www.ireps.gov.in) for the supply of the below item.

S. N. No.	E-Tender No.	Description	Qty.	Tender Closing date & Time	EMD (Rs.)
1	98245725	Single piece, spring inserted, reusable self locking steel nuts (M-27) of material conforming to JIS.S45C, ISO (45M2) or equivalent ensuring the performance requirements, including one box wrench with arm shall be supplied with every lot of 50 nuts. The pitch of threads is to match with isometric coarse pitch screw thread of 28 mm nominal dia hook bolts as given in RDSO drawing no. RDS/B-1636/5 including third party inspection & all other technical specifications mentioned as per RDSO specification letter no. CB5/self locking nuts dated 16.03.2023. (Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery) (Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0) UVAM Linking, Item type: Goods	2936 Nos.	13.02.2025 एच 11:00 hrs	126360.00
2		Spring inserted reusable Nut for size 25 lock specifications sp 25 pitch 3 Hn: 22Bn.38.oCn.43.SL.n:38 Material STS. S45C.SCM.Plating Electro Zinc Plating Melted Ainc, Nickel, Chrome, Zinc powder plating tender should attach NAS3350 Vibration test certificate and OEM certificate alongwith tender. (Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery) (Inspection Agency: TPI,Stage Insp.:No. Stages:0) UVAM Linking Item type: Goods	456 Nos.		

Note: -1) Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details. 2) No manual offer will be entertained. E-Tender Notice No. 98245725 Dated: 15.01.2025

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SOCIAL Elevates India's
First Co-Working Space



CHANDIGARH: SOCIAL, India's favourite neighborhood café announces the expansion of its co-working model – SOCIAL Works to 50+ locations in 10 cities. Introduced 10 years ago as the country's first co-working space, SOCIAL Works was designed to cater to freelancers and professionals seeking an alternative to traditional offices. Now, with SOCIAL Works, SOCIAL is extending its reach to new neighborhoods and pincodes, offering dynamic workspaces where professionals can collaborate, create, and thrive in cities like Mumbai, Delhi NCR, Bangalore, Pune, Hyderabad, Indore, Lucknow, Chandigarh, Dehradun, and Kolkata. Available from Monday to Friday, 9 AM to 6 PM, the SOCIAL Works seamlessly blends functionality with SOCIAL's signature vibe. Designed to resonate with Millennials and Gen-Z, it creates an environment that fosters productivity, creativity, and community.

“Yash and I make it a point to help her with schoolwork”,
said Titiksha Shrivastava from Jagriti-Ek Nayi Subah

CHANDIGARH: It's a known fact that shooting for a TV show is a 24x7 job but our Jagriti a.k.a. Asmi Deo is handling it all effortlessly. Balancing her stellar performance with studies, she gets constant support from her on-screen parents Titiksha Shrivastava (Geeta) and Yash Gera (Harish), ensuring her education and character portrayal thrive seamlessly. Ever since they have started shooting, Asmi has experienced the warmth and guidance from them, not just as reel parents, but also two remarkable mentors who wholeheartedly step into the role of her real-life guardians. From assisting her with schoolwork during breaks to ensuring she stays well-rested; they both exemplify the care and dedication towards her. Their bond extends far beyond the spotlight, creating a beautiful off-screen relationship which is clearly visible on-screen. Titiksha Shrivastava said, “Asmi, being the youngest member of our Jagriti-Ek Nayi Subah family, is adored by ev-



eryone on set. At just seven years old, she amazes us with her talent and her constant eagerness to learn something new from each one of us. Not only is she incredibly gifted, but she's also

exceptionally bright and intelligent for her age when it comes to her studies. During our breaks, Yash and I make it a point to sit with her and support her with schoolwork, even if it's just by

keeping her company. She's such a hardworking and dedicated girl, and we genuinely enjoy spending time with her, both on-screen and off. I'm so proud of how beautifully she's balancing

‘Sweet Dreams’ to be out on January 24



Actors Mithila Palkar and Amol Parashar will be seen sharing screen space in a film titled ‘Sweet Dreams’. Directed by Victor Mukherjee, the project also features Meiyang Chang, and Sauraseni Maitra. An official synopsis of the film read, “A tale that blurs the line between fantasy and reality,

Sweet Dreams captures the magic of serendipity and the intensity of love that transcends the ordinary. It's a film that asks: do we find love by chance, or does love find us? The answer might just lie in the dreams we dare to dream.” On Monday, the makers shared that ‘Sweet Dreams’ will;

be released on Disney+ Hotstar on January 24, 2025. They also shared the film's poster. The film's soundtrack is created by the team of Mukund Suryawanshi, Shubham Shirule, Dev Arijit, and Akashdeep Sengupta. Jyoti Deshpande, Neha Anand, and Pranjal Khandhaya have produced it. Mithila is best

known for her role in the web series Little Things (2016), where she starred opposite Dhruv Sehgal. She also shared screen space with Kajol in Tribhanga. On the other hand, Amol gained fame with his role in TVF Tripling. He was also seen in Sardar Udham, which features Vicky Kaushal in the lead role.

Rana Daggubati unveils Virat Karna's fierce
look as Rudhra from ‘Nagabandham’

Actor Rana Daggubati revealed the first look of Virat Karna as Rudhra from the much-awaited pan-Indian film ‘Nagabandham’. Taking to his Instagram Story, the actor shared the poster of the film, which shows Karna in a fierce and rugged avatar. With curly hair, a beard, and a well-toned physique, he is seen shirtless, displaying his six-pack abs. The highlight of the poster is a dramatic scene where the actor



takes on a menacing crocodile in the ocean. He is shown holding the creature's mouth open with his hands and a rope, showcasing his fearless and powerful nature.

Meanwhile, Rana Daggubati is also making headlines due to legal troubles. A complaint has been filed against him, producer D Venkatesh, and their family members in connection with the demolition of a property in Filmnagar, Hyderabad. The complainant, K Nandukumar, has alleged that the accused conspired to illegally take over a leased property. He said that he had taken the property on lease from the accused and had invested around Rs 20 crores in renovations. The case has been registered under sections 448, 452, and 458, read with section 120(B) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

“If there is action, there's drama” Surbhi
Jyoti's hard hitting revelation on the most
challenging part of Gunaah Season

CHANDIGARH: The much-awaited second season of Disney+ Hotstar's Gunaah is now streaming, bringing back its gripping tale of revenge, betrayal, and love that captivated audiences in its first outing. This season raises the stakes with more twists, heightened emotional drama, and shocking revelations that promise to keep viewers on the edge of their seats. Starring a stellar cast including Abhimanyu (Gashmeer Mahajani), Tara (Surbhi Jyoti), JK (Darshan Pandya), and Michael (Shashank Ketkar), Gunaah Season 2 is a rollercoaster ride of emotions and intense storytelling, making it a must-watch for fans of the genre. Playing a highly conflicted character like Tara in Gunaah comes with its own set of challenges because for an actor, it is not always as easy as it seems from the outside as they have the onus of convincing the viewers with their acts. In a recent conversation, Actor Surbhi Jyoti



spoke about the challenges of shooting for Gunaah Season 2. Elaborating on the same, Surbhi Jyoti said, “The most challenging part of a story is ensuring you're convinced that the character's actions are justified. If you lack conviction, the audience will question the actions and emotions on screen. Acting often involves balancing personal beliefs with the character's mindset, but it's essential to understand why the character feels their actions are right. Emotional scenes can be draining, and as Surabhi, I might not always agree with what the character does. Yet, that's the beauty of acting—living many lives and experiencing them fully.” ~ Catch all the twists, drama, and undeniable chemistry in Gunaah Season 2 on Disney+ Hotstar ~

Aarav goes missing,
found locked in almira
in today's episode



CHANDIGARH : The previous episode saw Angad discovering that Ridhi was planning to take Aarav's transfer certificate (TC) from school, signaling her intent to move to another city but Aarav goes missing, leaving everyone frantic and searching for him. In today's episode, the search comes to a surprising end as Deepa finds Aarav hiding inside an almira. Aarav had locked himself inside in a desperate attempt to avoid being taken away by Ridhi and separated from Angad. Will Angad and Ridhi separate? Watch the intriguing “Nava Mod” story on Zee Punjabi at 8:30 p.m.

Gurmukh: The Eye Witness” -
A KableOne Original to
Premiere on January 16



PATIALA : KableOne: Home of Punjabi OTT platform, is excited to announce the premiere screening of its latest original film, “Gurmukh: The Eye Witness,” at Omaxe Mall Patiala. This highly-anticipated premiere event is scheduled for January 16, 2025, ahead of the film's digital release. The movie will be available in nine languages for streaming exclusively on KableOne starting January 24, 2025. About the Film : “Gurmukh: The Eye Witness” is a riveting thriller that delves into themes of justice, morality, and the power of an individual's testimony. The film promises to captivate audiences with its gripping narrative, powerful performances, and a storyline that keeps viewers on the edge of their seats. Directed by Pali Bhupinder Singh and featuring an ensemble cast led by Kuljinder Singh Sidhu and Sara Gural, the film marks another milestone in KableOne's commitment to delivering high-quality, original content. Premiere Event Highlights : The premiere at Omaxe Mall Patiala will feature a red-carpet event attended by the film's cast, crew, and special guests from the entertainment industry. Media will get an exclusive first look at the movie and an engaging interaction with the creators and stars. CEO's Comment : Sharing his thoughts on the film and its premiere, Mr. Simranjit Singh Manchanda, CEO of KableOne, said, “Gurmukh: The Eye Witness is a testament to the impactful and meaningful stories we aim to bring to our audience. We are incredibly proud of this project and can't wait for viewers to experience it.”

Udit Narayan turns Sa Re Ga Ma Pa
Grand Finale into Subhasree's sangeet
with a heartwarming surprise!



CHANDIGARH: After four months of intense competition on Sa Re Ga Ma Pa, the show has reached its final leg, with fans eagerly awaiting exceptional performances as contestants refine their raw talent under the expert guidance of mentors Sachin-Jigar, Sachet-Parampara, and Guru Randhawa. This weekend's highly anticipated Grand Finale promises a musical extravaganza, showcasing the incredible talent of the top 6 contestants – Shradha Mishra, Ujwal Motiram Gajbhar, Subhasree Deb Nath, Bidisha Hatimuria, and Maharshi Sanat Pandya and Parvathi Meenakshi. In this captivating episode, contestant Subhasree Deb Nath stole the show with her soulful medley of Tu Shayar Hai, Mere Mehboob Mere Sanam, and Ek Do Teen songs. Her stellar performance not only won the hearts of the audience but also earned high praise from the mentors and special guests—legendary singers Udit Narayan and Kavita Krishnamurthy, along with former cricket icon Harbhajan Singh. Adding to the excitement, Udit Narayan surprised everyone by inviting Subhasree's fiancé onto the stage, turning the moment into a grand Sangeet ceremony. The joyous atmosphere transformed the evening into an unforgettable musical celebration.

Bhabhi Ji Ghar Par Hai
Celebrates 2500 Episodes!

CHANDIGARH: &TV's cult comedy Bhabhi Ji Ghar Par Hai, produced by Sanjay and Binaifer Kohli under the banner Edit 2, has reached a phenomenal milestone by completing 2500 episodes and will be soon celebrating 10 glorious years. First aired in 2015, this comedy show has become one of the most iconic shows in Indian television history. Centred on the hilarious escapades of two neighbouring couples, the Mishras and the Tiwaris, the show masterfully captures the attention of the audience with its witty storylines. The lead actors Aasif Sheikh (Vibhuti Narayan Mishra), Rohitashv Gour (Manmohan Tiwari), Shubhangi Atre (Angoori Bhabhi), and Vidisha Srivastava (Anita Bhabhi) have delivered stellar performances that have kept audiences entertained for nearly a decade. To celebrate this incredible milestone, the team held a grand cake-cutting ceremony on set, in the presence of the entire cast and crew. The atmosphere was filled with joy, nostalgia, and heartfelt speeches as everyone reflected on their decade-long journey. Producer Binaifer Kohli highlighted the collective effort behind the show's success, “This milestone is a result of the audience's love and the dedication of our cast and crew.



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