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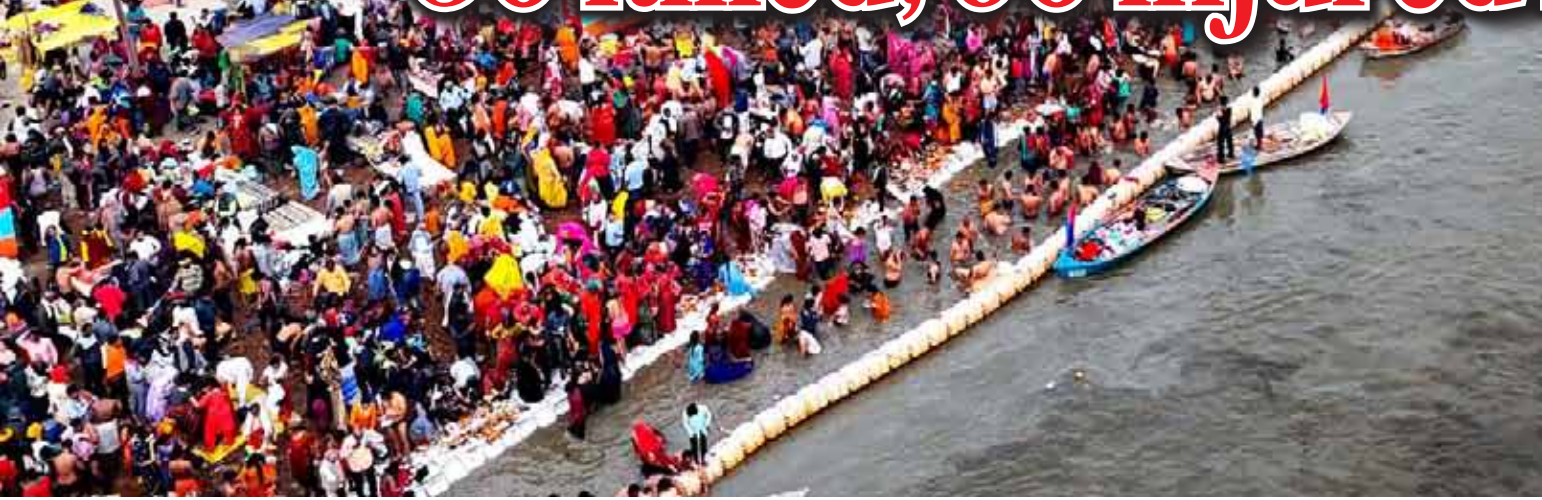
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Maha Kumbh: Despite stampede near 6 crore devotees take dip at Sangam

30 killed, 60 injured in mishap

AGENCY
PRAYAGRAJ, JAN 29

On the occasion of Mauni Amavasya, more than 57.1 million devotees took a holy dip in the Triveni waters today, said an official statement from Uttar Pradesh Information Department.

The ongoing religious event has witnessed an overwhelming show of faith, with millions gathering at the Triveni Sangam to mark this auspicious day of spiritual cleansing and devotion.

The number of Kalpwas, who observe month-long spiritual austerities, exceeded 1 million, add-

ing to the spiritual fervor. Meanwhile Thirty people were killed in the stampede that happened just before dawn at the Maha Kumbh venue in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj, the police chief that oversees security at the massive religious gathering told reporters.

Twenty-five bodies have been identified, police officer Vaibhav Krishna told reporters, adding 60 were injured. Many have been hospitalised.

The announcement of casualties came hours after local reports and Prayagraj residents posted on social media about deaths at the stampede. The reports were, however, not consistent with the

number of dead.

The total footfall for the ongoing Magh Mela has now surpassed 199.4 million, even as a stampede-like situation briefly occurred due to the overwhelming rush at key bathing ghats. Earlier in the day, Members of Akhara's gathered in small numbers at Triveni Sangam to take an 'Amrit Snan' on the occasion of 'Mauni Amavasya. Digambar Naga Baba Chidanand Puri of Panchayati Niranjani Akhara speaking to ANI after taking 'Amrit snan' said that after today's stampede-like situation in Maha Kumbh people from Niranjani Akhara are coming in small numbers to take a holy dip.

PM Modi expresses grief over incident

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is in constant touch with the state government, has condoled the loss of lives in the incident. Taking to X, the PM wrote, "The accident that happened in Prayagraj Maha Kumbh is extremely sad. My deepest condolences to the devotees who have lost their loved ones in this. Along with this, I wish for the speedy recovery of all the injured. The local administration is engaged in helping the victims in every possible way. I have spoken to Chief Minister Yogi ji in this regard and I am constantly in touch with the state government."

Hry CM drinks Yamuna water, slams AAP

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, JAN 29

The 'poison in the Yamuna water' controversy rumbled on Wednesday evening after Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Saini took a sip of water "without hesitation" and directly from the river as it flows past Delhi's Palla village. "... I drank the water of the holy Yamuna on the Haryana border. (Delhi Chief Minister) Atishiji did not come. She must be making up a new lie (but) lies have no legs. That is why the lies of AAP-da (the BJP's new pejorative for the Aam Aadmi Party) are not working," he said on X.

"The god-like people of Delhi have recognised these deceivers. The end of AAP's

Case filed against Kejriwal

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Revenue and Disaster Management Minister, Sh.Vipul Goel said that the Haryana government has taken a strong cognizance of the statement of former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal regarding Delhi's water supply. The Haryana government has filed a case against Kejriwal in the Sonapat court under the Disaster Management Act.

era of deceit is certain on February 5 (when Delhi votes). People of Delhi will punish Haryana's ungrateful son, Arvind Kejriwal, because our brotherhood has been strong for centuries..." Mr Saini declared.

In the video shared widely online, Mr Saini is seen at the bank with an aide crouching unsteadily by his side. The BJP leader bends over, splashes the water about for a few seconds and then takes a sip.

Stock market closes on a higher note; Sensex surges 631 points

MUMBAI: The Indian stock market closed Wednesday's trading session on a positive note with benchmark indices rallying ahead of the monthly expiry and the upcoming Union Budget session. The stock market had seen a positive movement on Tuesday also.

The Sensex jumped 631.55 points to close at 76,532.96, while the Nifty surged 205.85 points, settling at 23,163.10. Among Nifty 50 companies, 42 stocks advanced, while nine declined. The top gainers includ-

ed Shriram Finance, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Tata Motors, SBI Life, and Trent while the top losers were ITC Hotels, Maruti Suzuki, Asian Paints, Bharti Airtel, and Britannia. Commenting on the market trends, VLA Ambala, Co-Founder of Stock Market Today, said that investors are increasingly focusing on stock-specific movements ahead of the budget. She noted that value buying is being explored in the current dip, as market sentiment remains influenced by high expectations.

ISRO scores a 100, PSLV takes the cake with most trips into the space

AGENCY
SRIHARIKOTA, JAN 29

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Wednesday achieved a historic milestone with its 100th mission and revealed an ambitious future plan of crossing the next 100 launches in five years.

Starting off with the SLV in 1979, the space agency crossed the 100-mission mark after 46 years, but what stands out is the PSLV's dominance through the years with 62 missions.

The Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) has turned out to be ISRO's most trusted rocket, thanks to its unmatched reliability.

While PSLV has been used for 62 missions, GSVL with indigenous cryogenic upper stage comes next with 17.



LVM3 (Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle MkIII-the heaviest rocket) with 7 and SSLV (Small Satellite Launch Vehicle) 3, follow suit.

The others are Reusable Launch Vehicle, TV (Test Vehicle) and PAT (Pad Abort Test).

PSLV, often dubbed as the "trusted workhorse of ISRO" by scien-

tists, has been used consistently to inject various satellites into precise Low Earth Orbits. The vehicle which is 44.4 metre tall is equipped to take payloads of up to 1,750 kg to Sun-Synchronous Polar Orbits of 600 km altitude.

However, on account of its unmatched reliability, ISRO said PSLV was also used to launch various satellites into Geosynchronous and Geostationary orbits, like satellites from the IRNSS constellation. The PSLV comes in four variants - PSLV-CA, PSLV-DL, PSLV-QL, PSLV-XL. The first launch of PSLV was PSLV-D1 launched on September 20, 1993. It was an unsuccessful attempt.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I. am Gurwinder Singh S/o Bhola Singh resident of Harraipur (Bathinda) declare that in my Aadhaar card number ++++ +++++ 6904 my name has been mistakenly printed as Harwinder Singh and date of birth 15-11-2000 whereas my All the documents like my 10th,12th certificate, voter card and my correct name on birth certificate is Gurwinder Singh S/o Bhola Singh and my correct date of birth which is 2-1-1994, please my correct name on my Aadhaar card and correct Date of birth should be done.

90004

I,Balwinder Singh S/o Balhar Singh R/o House no 296/9, Deep nagar jalandhar cantt 144005 declare that my brother Jasbir Singh has no connection and Relation with me and my family. Anybody deal with him at their own responsibility, me and my family not responsible for any act. All concerned please note.

989753

We, Naresh Kumar S/o Sh. Ram lal and Meenu Rani W/o Sh. Naresh Kumar R/o H. No. 999/1, Kaith Majri, Ambala City, District Ambala declare that our son Varun Arora is out of our control. We disown our son Varun Arora from all our movable and immovable properties. Anyone deals with him will do so at their own risk. We are not responsible for any types of acts done by him.

78645

It is for general information that I BALKAR SINGH S/o SH. JAGAN NATH R/o Ratgal,VTC Thanesar, PO Kurukshetra, Sub District Thanesar, District Kurukshetra State Haryana Pin Code 136118 declare that name of my wife has been Wrongly written as PARAMJOT KAUR in my Passport No V6561640. The actual name of my wife is PARAMJEET KAUR respectively which may be amended accordingly.

50008

I, Sushma Rani W/o Gian Chand R/o H.No. 106 W.No. 2 Mundi Kharar (SAS Nagar, Mohali) declare that my daughter Komal Rani is out of my control. So i disown with her from my moveable/Immoveable property. If anybody deals with her at his/her own risk.

63372

I Kulwant Singh S/o Joginder Singh R/o Village Sirsari, Tehsil Kotkapura District Faridkot declare that my son Sandeep Singh out of my control. So, I disown and debar them from my all moveable/Immoveable properties. If anybody deals with these, shall do at their own risk in future.

63372

I, Amandeep Kaur W/o Harwinder Singh R/o Alohaara Khurd Teh-Nabha (Patiala) have changed my DOB from 05-05-1994 to 30-04-1994.

63372

I, hitherto known as Harblas S/o Sohan Lal R/o Vpo. Bharta Kalan Distt. SBS Nagar (Punjab)-144518 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Harbilas. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

63372

I, hitherto known as Malkiat Ram S/o Swarna Ram R/o Vill: Dharmkot Po. Sahlon Distt. SBS Nagar (Punjab)-144421 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Malkit Singh. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

63372

I, Kalerbangter Singh S/o Mehman Singh R/o H.No. 62 Taman Seri Mawar, 2/7 Taman Seri Mawar 2, 32000, Kg. Cina, Sitiawan, Perak Malaysia now Vill: Abhepur Teh-Kharar (SAS Nagar) have known by both names Kalerbangter Singh alias Kulwant Singh one and the same person.

63372

I Lavkush Kumar Pandey son of Vasdev Pandey resident of Dhanaula Road opposite New Cinema Barnala, Tehsil. District Barnala, state that my daughter Pushpa Devi is beyond my control, aged 21 years, who is a victim of bad company. I evict her from all my movable and immovable property. The person dealing with this will be responsible. I and my family members will not be held responsible in any way.

78521

I, Mehar Chand S/o Sh. Telu Ram R/o Village Chhaloundi Tehsil Ladwa Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my name from Mehar Chand to Mehar Singh

100046

I Shalu Gupta wife of Sanjay Kumar resident of House No. 21, Ward No. 09, Maya Ram Colony, Tarawadi, Tehsil Nilokheri, District Karnal hereby declare that I have changed my name from Shalu Gupta to Shalu I would like to be known as Shalu in future

100046

I , Sarla W/o Ashok Kumar R/o Vpo Teek Distt. Kaithal (haryana) Have Changed My Name From Sarla To Sarla Rani. Concerned Please Note.

84451

I Kartar Singh S/o Sajjan Singh R/o Village Har Kishanpura,Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Kartar Singh Mann

666554

I, VARSHA BANSAL W/o SUSHIL KUMAR R/o H.NO.382, MODEL TOWN, JIND ROAD, KAITHAL (Haryana) India have changed my name from VARSHA BANSAL to VARSHA GUPTA. Concerned Please Note.

84451

PUBLIC NOTICE

ਮੈਂ ਸਤਨਾਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਅਮਰ ਨਾਥ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ: ਟੱਪਰੀਆਂ ਰਾਣੇਵਾਲ ਤਹਿ: ਬਲਾਚੌਰ (ਸ.ਭ.ਸ. ਨਗਰ) ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਕੁਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਾਂ। ਮੈਂ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਅੱਜ ਤੋਂ ਮੇਰਾ ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਕੋਈ ਰਿਸ਼ਤਾ/ਤੁਅੱਲਕ ਨਹੀਂ ਰਿਹਾ। ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

63372

ਮੈਂ, ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਰਾਏ ਪਤਨੀ ਸਵ. ਕੁਲਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਮੰਜਾਲੀ ਖੁਦਰ, ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਸਮਰਾਲਾ, ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਸਤਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਰਾਏ (ਵਿਆਹੁਤਾ) ਅਤੇ ਨੂੰ ਨਵਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਦੇਣੇ ਜਾਣੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਨ। ਜਿਸ ਕਾਰਨ ਮੈਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲੋਂ ਆਪਣਾ ਹਰ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਰ ਦਾ ਰਿਸ਼ਤਾ ਖਤਮ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਆਪਣੀ ਹਰ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕਿਸਮ ਦਾ ਲੈਣ-ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਮੇਰਾ ਜਾਂ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਤਾਲੁਕ ਵਾਤਸਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

63372

ਅਸੀਂ ਗਿਆਨ ਚੰਦ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਪ੍ਰੀਤਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਤੇ ਮਨਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਗਿਆਨ ਚੰਦ ਵਾਸੀ ਸੈਦਪੁਰ ਤਿੰਨੀ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਸ਼ਾਹਕੋਟ ਆਪਣੇ ਲੜਕੇ ਹਰਦੀਪ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਉਹ ਸਾਡਾ ਕਹਿਣੇਕਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਸਬੰਧਤ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ।

63372

ਮੈਂ ਸੁਖਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸੇਵਾ ਸਿੰਘ,ਵਾਸੀ ਬਲਾਕ -ਸੀ ,ਮੁਹਾਲਾ ਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਨਗਰ ,ਕਪੂਰਥਲਾ ਇਹ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਦਵਨੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਉਸਦੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਇੰਦਰਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਨ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਮੈਂ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚਲ ਅਚਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਮੇਰਾ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰਿਕ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਦਾ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਕੋਈ ਸੰਬੰਧ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਸਬੰਧਤ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ।

900026

ਮੈਂ ਰਾਜ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਮਹਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ, ਵਾਸੀ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰਬਰ 407/ਏ, ਗਲੀ ਨੰਬਰ- ੭,ਅਵਤਾਰ ਨਗਰ, ਜਲੰਧਰ ਇਹ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੀ ਲੜਕੀ ਰੋਸ਼ਨੀ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ। ਉਸ ਲਈ ਮੈਂ ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚਲ ਅਚਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਉਸ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਸਬੰਧਤ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ।

900026

I, SUSHIL BANSAL / SUSHIL GUPTA S/o RAMESHWAR DASS R/o H.NO.382, MODEL TOWN, JIND ROAD, KAITHAL (Haryana) India have changed my name from SUSHIL BANSAL / SUSHIL GUPTA to SUSHIL KUMAR. Concerned Please Note.

84451

I, ANSHUL BANSAL S/o SUSHIL KUMAR R/o H.NO.382, MODEL TOWN, JIND ROAD, KAITHAL (Haryana) India have changed my name from ANSHUL BANSAL to ANSHUL. Concerned Please Note.

84451

I Ashwani Kumar Sharma s/o Karam Chand r/o H.No. 1798, Sector - 45, Burail, Chandigarh have changed my name from Ashwani Kumar Sharma to Ashwani Sharma

60013

I, JC-769439W Sub Ram Sukh of Unit 7010 EME BN (191 Fd Wksp Coy), C/o 56 APO R/o VPO Gular, Distt Nagaur, State Rajasthan, Pin 341512 have changed my son Manoj Kumar's DOB from 18.12.2008 to 18.12.2007 vide affidavit dt. 29/01/2025 before Notary Public Bathinda

100078

I Paramjeet Singh S/o Hardev Singh R/o village Bari,post office sherpur Tehsil Dhuri District Sangrur I have Changed My Name Paramjeet Singh to Paramjit Singh

100071

I hitherto known as Dishant Sharma S/O Sukhbir Singh Residing at Rani Majra, SAS Nagar(Mohali), Punjab, 140501, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Dushant Kumar

666554

I , Guddi W/o Radhe Sham R/o Village Bandrana Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) Declares Roshni & Guddi both are my names. Please known me as Guddi in Future. Concerned Please Note.

84451

I , Sahil S/o Om Prakash R/o Hno. 853 , Siwan Distt. Kaithal (haryana) Have Changed My Name From Sahil To Sahil Kumar. Concerned Please Note.

84451

I , Gurminder S/o Miya Singh R/o Vpo Chandana Distt. Kaithal (haryana) Have Changed My Name From Gurminder To Gumunder Singh. Concerned Please Note.

84451

I,Joginder Singh S/o Ajit Singh R/o Vill. Bhet, PO. Ahmedpur, Distt. Kapurthala have changed my minor Son's Name from Balraj Singh to Singh Balraj.

98748

Public Notice

Original Sale Deed No. 3115 Dated 20-11-2002 executed by Shivrao Singh in favour of Mannohan Singh S/o Raghibr Singh, regarding property (1-5) being 25/222 Share (11-2) 132/11/3/13-6) 12/1 (7-16) Khewat No. 2400 Khatuni No. 2666 situated at Dharamkot Shamli Tehsil Dharamkot Distt. Moga currently owned by Mannohan Singh is lost and not mortgaged with any Bank or Financial Institution. In this regard DDR No. LR 563322/2025 Date 29-01-2025 has been got registered. anybody having objection regarding mortgage of property with ICICI Bank Bathinda, may respond or raise objection within 14 days, to Sh. R.P. Singh, Advocate, Mob. No. 75080-11581.

63372

Public Notice

I, Dr. Parminder Singh S/o Darshan Singh R/o H.No. 109, Urban Estate Phase-I, Jalandhar presently R/o H.No. 654-B, Near Kendriya Sadan, Surya Enclave, Jalandhar declare that I have lost my Original Sale Deed Bearing No. 7959, Dated 13-12-1991 Sub Registrar Jalandhar in the name of Kanwarjit Singh Dhillon and Original Sale Deed Bearing No. 2625, Dated 22-06-1989 and original Transfer Letter bearing no. 2106, dated 19-03-2004 That I tried a lot to find the said documents but I could not find it. That If anyone finds my documents then contact me at above address.

524473

ਮੋਟਰ ਕੁਨੋਕਸ਼ਨ

ਬਿਜਲੀ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਬੱਸੋਆਂ (ਲੁਧਿ:) ਅਧੀਨ ਜੰਗ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਰੂੜ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਿੰਡ ਰਾਮਚੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘੀਆਂ (ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ) ਨਾਮ ਚੱਲਦਾ ਟਿਊਬਵੇਲ ਬਿਜਲੀ ਕੁਨੋਕਸ਼ਨ ਖਾਤਾ ਨੰਬਰ-ਏ.ਪੀ.23/45 ਹੁਦ ਜਗਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਹਰਚਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਿੰਡ ਲਲਤੋਂ ਕਲਾਂ (ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ) ਨਾਮ ਤਬਦੀਲ ਹੋਣਾ। ਇਤਯਕ ਵਾਲਾ 15 ਦਿਨ ਅੰਦਰ ਬਿਜਲੀ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਅਫਸਰ ਬੱਸੋਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕਰੇ।

I.Satendra partap Singh S/o vijendra pal singh, post narau, Akbarpur satha, etah, uttar pardesh declare that in my P P F account my name has been intered wrongly Satendra pal Singh, my correct name is Satendra partap Singh S/o vijendra pal singh.

90004

I Chahat D/o Rakesh Kumar R/o House no 2380, near Singh Sabha Gurudwara Ward no. 16, Rajpura Patiala Punjab, have changed my name from Chahat to ChahatWadhwa.

50008

I Gurpreet Kaur D/o Harbans Singh R/o H.no 434, Ward no. 7, Kurali Tehsil Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar Mohali Punjab (140103), have changed my name to Harpreet Kaur.

50008

I Navdeep Kaur Wife of Lovepreet Singh Vpo Gharyala Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran Have Changed my name Navdeep Kaur to Surname as Kaur and my Givenname is Navdeep pl note it.

50008

I, Arvind Sharma S/o Sh. Mohan Lal R/o H. No. 220 W. no 6 Vikas Nagar Ladwa Tehsil Ladwa Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my name from Arvind Sharma to Arvind

989666

I, Anju Devi/Garg/Gupta W/o Shyam Lal Garg R/o House No. 398, Sector 20, HUDA, Kaithal, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I have changed my name from Anju Devi/Garg/Gupta to Anjana Gupta. In future, I will be known by the name of Anjana Gupta. All concerned please note.

100047

I, Ranjana Devi W/o Vineet Sharma R/O H.No. 324, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Colony, Jalandhar -144008, Punjab ,have changed my name from Ranjana Devi to Ranjana Sharma, in which given name is Ranjana is my Surname. All concerned note please.

900026

I, Kulvinder Kaur W/o Balwinder Singh R/o H.No. 12 , Golden Avenue, Maqsudan, Jalandhar-144008, have changed my name from Kulvinder Kaur to Kulwinder Kaur. All concerned note please.

900026

I, Sunita Devi W/o Kamail Singh R/O H.No. E.S. 525, Gali No. 6 , Abadpura, Jalandhar-144001, Punjab , have changed my name from Sunita Devi to Kushma Devi . (Both name belongs to one and same person having eqaul and authentic value). All concerned note please.

900026

I, Marvir Kaur W/o Surjit Singh R/O H.No. 67-B, Janta Colony, Maqsudan, Jalandhar -144008, certified that both names Marvir Kaur as well as Mann Kaur belongs to one and same person having eqaul and authentic value. All concerned note please.

900026

I Kiran Bala Mehta W/o. Arun Mehta R/o. H.no.289, Adarsh Nagar, Jalandhar-144001, Punjab, India Have Changed My Name From Kiran Bala Mehta To Kiran Bala.

461257

I, Pritam Chand S/o Karnail Ram R/o V.Singha, Po.Kang Sahbu, Distt.Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Pritam Ram to Pritam Chand. All please note.

461257

I Salinder Kaur Alias Shinder Kaur W/o Major Singh R/o Vill. Sukhia Nangal Po. Khallu Kapurthala Punjab India, Have Changed My Name From Salinder Kaur Alias Shinder Kaur To Salinder Kaur.

461257

I, Amarjit alias Gokal S/o Ram Parkash R/o.2231, Gali No.3, New Nehru Colony Colony Majitha Road Amritsar have Changed my name to Amarjit

72737

I, Hira Singh Son Of Sulakhan Singh, Resident Of Raipur Khurd, Tehsil Baba Bakala, District Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Hira Singh To Heera Singh

72737

I, Boota Singh Son Of Gian Singh, Resident Of Village Khalhera, PO Gehri Mandi, Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Boota Singh To Buta Singh

72737

I, Abhishek Nanda S/o Yashpal Nanda R/o H.No.450, Kartar Nagar Gali No.2, Partap Bazar Chheharta Amritsar Have Changed my name to ABHISHAKE NANDA

72737

I hitherto known as PARAMJIT W/o SATBIR SINGH R/o HNO.24, ADARSH NAGAR, RAM TIRATH ROAD, DISTT AMRITSAR-143001, PUNJAB have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as PARAMJIT KAUR.

72737

I, Majar Singh son of Balwant Singh resident of VPO - Gillwali, Tehsil - Amritsar, Dist - Amritsar, Punjab - 143022 has changed the name of my mother in Army Record Office from SUKHWINDER KAUR to SWINDER KAUR vide affidavit at Amritsar on 29/01/2025.

72737

I, Kuldeep S/o Ramdiya R/o Vpo Dhanauri Tehsil & Distt. Kaithal (haryana) Have Changed My Minor Son's Name From Jasmeen To Jassi Dhandha. Concerned Please Note.

84451

I, Vijay Kumar S/o Piyare Lal R/o Jaito (Faridkot) have changed my name to Vijay Kumar Sharma.

63372

I, Gurjeet Kaur W/o Rupinder Singh R/o Samrala (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Gurjit Kaur.

63372

I Dharminderjeet Singh S/O Tasvir Singh R/O Village Lehra Muhabbat Distt Bathinda Has Changed My Name To Dharminderjeet Singh Sidhu.

63372

I Rupinder Kaur W/O Bajinder Singh Deol Village Bhatton PO Nurpur, Tehsil Amloha Dist. Fatehgarh Sahib Have Changed My Name Rupinder Kaur Deol.

63372

I, Jagtar Kaur W/o Zora Singh Khandal R/o Vpo. Sheikhpura Teh-Jagraon (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Jagtar Kaur Khandal.

63372

I, Zora Singh S/o Dalip Singh R/o Vpo. Sheikhpura Teh-Jagraon (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Zora Singh Khandal.

63372

I, Subash Kumar S/o Mohal Lal R/o W.No. 10 Mohalla Mallian Zira (Ferozepur) have changed my name to Subhash Kumar.

63372

I, Simer Kaur W/o Jhalmal Singh R/o Vill: Bijapur Teh-Dharamkot (Moga) have changed my name to Simar Kaur W/o Jhalmal Singh.

63372

I, Kamalreet Kaur W/o Gurjant Singh R/o Vill: Jandali Po. Nizampur Teh - Payal (Ludhiana) have changed my minor daughter name from Sukhreet Kaur to Sukhreet Kaur Gill.

63372

I, Kulwant S/o Ajaib Singh R/o Vpo. Jandiala Manjki Patti Barri Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my name from Kulwant to Kulwant Singh.

63372

I Manpreet Kaur D/o Karnail Singh R/o Mand Jodhewal, Tehsil Samrala (Ludhiana) have changed my name as Manpreet Kaur Rathour.

63372

I Sonu S/O Kashmiri Lal, Vpo. Jainpur Tehsil Nawanshahr Distt SBS Nagar Have Changed My Name Sonu To Sonu Maan.

63372

I Vikas S/O Lakhvir Chand R/O Vill. Dugg (Duggan) Po Bhabiana Teh. Phagwara Distt. Kapurthala, Punjab Have Changed My Name From Vikas To Vikas Mammam.

63372

I, Amrit Racchpal Kour W/o Lakhvir Singh R/o W.No. 02 Satnam Nagar Near FCI Gudam Doraha Teh-Payal (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Amrit Racchpal Kour to Amrit Racchpal Kaur.

63372

I, Parmjeet Kour W/o Amar Singh R/o W.No. 02 Satnam Nagar Near FCI Gudam Doraha Teh-Payal (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Parmjeet Kour to Paramjit Kaur.

63372

I Amarpreet Kaur W/O Inder Pal Singh R/O Vpo Naura Distt Sbs Nagar Punjab India. That From Today My First Name Will Be Amarpreet and Will Use Kaur as My Surname.

63372

I, Mohit S/o Balwinder Ram R/o Vpo. Bheen Nawanshahr (SBS Nagar) have changed my name from Mohitto Mohit Bhatoy.

63372

I, Deepak S/o Sh. Chain Singh R/o Vpo: Satnaur Teh-Garshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab India, I have change my name from Deepak to Deepak Panesar.

63372

I, Shiv Kumar S/o Roshan Lal R/o H.No. 130 Hargobind Nagat Durgapur (Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar-144514, Punjab, India, have changed the name of my minor son Tanush (age 17 year 10 months) and he shall hereafter be known as Tanushdeep Singh.

63372

I, Gagandeep Singh Toor S/o Rajinder Singh R/o Patti Romana Vill: Sheikhpura Teh-Talwandi Sabo (Bathinda) have changed my name to Gagandeep Singh.

63372

I, Sukhwinder Kaur Toor W/o Gagandeep Singh R/o Patti Romana Vill: Sheikhpura Teh-Talwandi Sabo (Bathinda) have changed my name to Sukhwinder Kaur.

63372

I, Amar Singh S/o Mangal Singh R/o Vill: Janian Chahal (Jalandhar) have changed my name from Amar Singh to Singh Amar.

63372

I Ramandeep Kaur Mann W/o Narinderpal Singh Pannu.Village Naushehra Pannuan Tehsil and District Tarn Taran, Certificate No-IN-PB 98795760311280X, have changed my name Ramandeep Kaur Pannu.

63372

I Narinder pal Singh S/o Harbhajan Singh Village Naushehra Pannuan Tehsil and District Tarn Taran Certificate No-IN-PB 98793294802093X, have changed my name to Narinder pal Singh Pannu.

63372

I Bechint Raj S/o Ram Parkash R/o Mamdot Uttar Distt Ferozepur Have Changed my Name Bechint Raj To Bachint Raj.

63372

I, Silky Juneja W/o Sunny Juneja R/o H.No.1257 St.No.1 Bajwa Nagar Ludhiana Changed Name Silky.

63372

I, Amit Kumar Garg S/o Krishan Kumar R/o H.No. 1105 Phase-4 Green City (Bathinda) have changed my name to Amit Kumar.

63372

I, Harshdeep S/o Makhan Ram R/o VPO Ratainda, Tehsil Banga, Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name Harshdeep to Harshdeep Nigah.

63372

I Naranjan S/O Gaina R/O Village Buraj Tehal Dass Tehsil Nawanshahr Distt S.B.S Nagar Pb 144417 Have Changed My Name From Naranjan To Naranjan Dass.

63372

I, Geeta Rani W/o Sanjeev Kumar R/o Ahmedgarh District Malerkotla (Punjab) Have Changed My Name To Geeta Rani Sharma.

63372

I, Gurjeet Singh Dhaliwal S/o Sher Singh R/o Gali No. 08 Chand Chahal Street W.No. 06 Mansa (Mansa) have changed my name to Gurjeet Singh.

63372

I am Manjit Kaur W/o Manjit Singh R/o Jagatpur Teh. Banga Distt SBS Nagar - 144507 Punjab. Changed My name Manjit Kaur to Kaur Manjit.

63372

I, Sarabjot Singh S/o Sarabpreet Singh R/o Vpo. Minian (Moga) have changed my name to Sarabjot Singh Dhaliwal.

63372

I, Nitish S/o Roshan Lal R/o Vill: Sofi Pind (Jalandhar) have changed my name to Nitish Kumar.

63372

I, Heena Saggar W/o Jimmy Arora R/o Moh. Chaudarian Near Shiv Mandir Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my name to Heena Arora after marriage.

63372

I, Manjit Kaur W/o Prem Lal R/o Vpo. Apra Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my minor daughter name from Prerna to Prerna Bains.

63372

I, Paramjit Singh Pawar S/o Lember Ram Pawar R/o Vpo. Nagar Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) have changed my minor daughter name from Navdeep Kaur to Seerat Kaur.

63372

I, Jaspreet Singh Khaira S/o Mohinder Singh R/o Village Khaira (Ludhiana) have changed name my minor daughter from Jasnoor Kaur Khaira to Jasnoor Kaur.

63372

I, Harpreet Singh S/o Harjinder Singh, R/O VPO. Khanpur, District Malerkotla changed his minor son name from Bipandeep Singh Cheema to Bipandeep Singh.

63372

I, Sewak Singh S/o Ujaggar Singh R/o H.No. 1698 Sector 66 B, IT City SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name to Gursewak Singh.

63372

I Harjot Kaur D/O Jaspal Singh R/O Vill Machhrai Kalan, Teh Amloh Distt Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab Have Changed My Name To Ranjot Kaur.

63372

I Chander Bhan S/o Sugreev Giri R/o New Shanti Nagar, Near Shiv Mandir, Mandi Gobindgarh, (Fatehgarh Sahib) have changed my name Chander Bhan to Chander Bhan Giri.

63372

I Ranjit Kaur Sekhon W/o Gurbant Singh Sekhon R/o Vpo Kaunke Kalan Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Ranjeet Kaur Sekhon.

63372

I Gurwant Singh Sekhon S/o Rajinder Singh R/o Vpo Kaunke Kalan Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Gurbant Singh Sekhon.

63372

I Rajiv Kumar Dhir C/o Vijay Kumar, St: No : 1 Agwar Khawaja Bajw, Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Rajiv Dhir.

63372

I kamaljit Kaur Mahe W/o Jagdeep Singh R/o Village Tungaheri Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to kamaljit Kaur.

63372

I Karandeep Singh Lambu S/o Ram Singh R/o Village Talwandi Khurd Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Karandeep Singh.

63372

I, Shivrانجani D/O Dharminder Kathak R/O H.No.15, S.P. Prime School, New Deol Nagar, Jalandhar, Punjab,144003 Changed My Name To Shivrانجani Shivrانجani.

63372

I, Babalpreet Singh S/o Gurmeet Singh R/o Vill-Dulowa. Po. Khiranwali Kapurthala 144601 Punjab India have changed my name Babalpreet Singh to Singh Babalpreet. Babalpreet is a given name and Singh is a surname.

63372

I, Rajinder Singh S/o Gurbachan Singh R/o Vill: Dhadrian (Sangrur) have changed my name to Harjinder Singh.

63372

I, Rajinder Singh & Rajinder Singh Sidhu S/o Labh Singh R/o Kular Khurd Po. Kular Khurd (Sangrur) both names are mine one and the same person.

63372

I, Ashok Kumar S/o Balbir Singh R/o Vpo. Brahmur Teh-Nangal (Rupnagar) have changed my daughter name from Simran to Simran Sehjal.

63372

I Charnjit Kaur W/o Jagdev Singh R/o #37, Sunder Patti, Gill Kalan, Distt. Bathinda have changed my name to Charanjeet Kaur.

63372

I, Neelam Rani D/o Jit Ram R/o Bharta Teh-Garhshankar (Hoshiarpur) have changed my name to Neelam Kaur Grewal.

63372

I, Shivani W/O Ajay Kumar R/O H.No. 72, Mohalla Kamoj Phagwara (Kapurthala) Have Changed My Name To Shivani Sikri.

63372

I, Nasir Ali S/O Abdul Haq, R/O H.No. W 2 A86, Wellington Estate, Dif Phase 5, Galleria DLF-IV, Gurgaon, Haryana- 122009, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Nasir Abdul Ali.

63372

I, Sompal Duhan S/O Om Prakash Duhan, R/O H.No. 1247 GF Huda Plot, Sector 52, Wazirabad (75), Gurgaon, Haryana- 122003, I Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Daughter Anishka Aged About 6 Years And She Shall Hereafter Be Known As Anishkaa Duhan.

63372

I, Shakuntala Devi, W/O Manoj Shah R/O Depur, Hosharpur, Punjab-144222 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Radhika Devi.

63372

I, Vasava Elishaben Rajeshbhai W/O Jatinder Kumar R/O Vill Dohar, Talwara Township, Hoshiarpur, Punjab- 144216 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Alisha Devi.

63372

I Gurpreet Kaur W/O Karamjit Singh Ldhrohia R/O Selbrah Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Gurpreet Kaur Ldhrohia.

63372

I Karamjit Singh S/O Darshan Singh R/O Selbrah Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Karamjit Singh Ldhrohia.

63372

I, Aman Deep S/o Sh. Balwinder Singh R/o VPO. Dahar, Distt. Panipat Haryana have changed my name from Aman Deep to Aman Deep Singh.

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NEWS BRIEF

District language officer appeals shopkeepers to display main boards in Punjabi

SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON: Dr. Sandeep Sharma, District Language Officer, Ludhiana, made a strong appeal to the residents of the district and all the shopkeepers in the district to understand their moral responsibility and ensure that the main boards of shops are written in Punjabi Language/Gurmukhi to promote the Punjabi language. He urged that full cooperation should be given for this task and special attention should be paid to the use of Punjabi word combinations while writing any information and on the main boards.

Team from Mahindra HZPC Ltd visits PAU



SHASHI PAL JAIN LUDHIANA: A team from Mahindra HZPC Private Limited (an arm of Mahindra Agri Solution Ltd.), dealing in seed potato business, visited PAU campus and interacted with the officials and the students for exploring the collaboration opportunities leading to industry exposure to the students and providing final placement opportunities. A team consisting of Mr Ramesh Mathiagalagan, Manager-Human Resources; Mr Dharmendra Jaswara, DGM Logistics, and Mr Bhavneesh Kumar, Manager-Logistics, interacted with Dr Khushdeep Dhani, Associate Director, University Counseling and Placement Guidance Cell, PAU for exploring the possibilities of collaboration.

Cleaning done around plants on R-Day



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: Shaheed Bhagat Singh Green City planned the local Bhagat Singh Colony by planting plants around the main road on Sunday morning on the occasion of Republic Day. Rajesh Shakti, Ravi Goyal, Nitin Goyal, Mandep Dhingra, Sayam Dhingra and Inderpal Khurmi of the organization said that the organization has been taking care of trees in the city colony and other places for a long time to protect the environment. Apart from planting them from time to time, they are cared for. He appealed to the people to be a part of this campaign and said that every human being should participate in the purification of the environment by planting plants and must plant a tree of his own share so that the environment can be saved in the future and humans live longer. can live life. All members of the society were present on this occasion.

MCM marks National Voters' Day with series of events



CHANDIGARH: The Electoral Literacy Club (ELC) of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, celebrated National Voters' Day with a series of engaging events. The celebration commenced with the playing of the Election Commission of India's official song titled 'Main Bharat Hoon-Hum Bharat Ke Matdata Hain'. The Club in collaboration with the Department of Political Science organised the screening of the documentary 'Samvidhaan- The Making of the Constitution'.

Pathfinder Global School Rampura celebrates Republic Day



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA RAMPURA PHUL: Pathfinder Global School celebrated India's Republic Day with great enthusiasm. In this, the students showed their talent and sense of patriotism and captivated everyone through various cultural presentations. The school students made everyone aware of the importance of Indian Constitution and Republic Day through emotional poems and speeches. In the play presented by the children, the Indian Constitution, rights, equality, education, freedom and duty were highlighted. Students participated in the function on January 26. In which different types of activities were represented by the students and they presented Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Pathanatak and the participating students were felicitated. Addressing the children, the school teachers said that we should use our rights properly.

BSF holds investiture ceremony

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, JAN 29

On 29 Jan 2025, the Western Command of Border Security Force organized Investiture Ceremony at National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education & Research (NIPEER), Mohali to felicitate serving and retired BSF personnel with Police Medals for Meritorious Service.

The occasion was graced by Sh Gulab Chand Kataria, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & Administrator of Chandigarh as Chief Guest and other distinguished dignitaries from civil and Police administration functioning in Tricity of Mohali, Chandigarh and Panchkula. During the event, a total of 37 Officers, Subordinate Officers and Other Ranks including retired BSF personnel were bestowed with Police Medals for Meritorious Service. Sh Satish S Khandare, IPS, ADG BSF Western Command welcomed the Chief



Guest & other esteemed dignitaries present in the function. He reminded the audience about glorious past of BSF and paid tribute to the martyrs who laid down their life in the line of duty.

It is pertinent to mention here that Police Medal for Meritorious Service is awarded to those Central Armed Police

Force and State Police personnel who have devoted more than 18 years of outstanding and unblemished service to the nation. This is the third time when this ceremony was organized in the city beautiful 'Chandigarh' under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & Administrator of Chandigarh. While addressing

The incident of desecration of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar's statue in Amritsar is highly condemnable: Bibi Balian



BARNALA DEHATI (BALVINDER AZAD): The more respect is given to Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar, the architect of the country's constitution, the less it is, but the kind of incident that has happened with his statue in Amritsar is very condemnable and shameful, the more it is condemned, the less it is. These words were expressed by Bibi Surinder Kaur Balian, senior woman leader of the Congress party from Bhadour constituency, while talking to the press. She said that due to this extremely heinous incident, the sentiments of millions of Indians all over the world have been hurt, now the big question has arisen that such an incident happening on the occasion of Republic Day in Amritsar raises many doubts. She said that this also raises a question mark as to what kind of security system is there in Punjab, even though the Punjab government has given Dr. B. R. They make their political bread by making statements about Ambedkar's pro-Ambedkar but why is the security of his statue kept in God's hands?

District to have first plastic waste segregation plant for the rural area at Madanherri Village Soon, ADC Sonam Chuadhary



SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, JAN 29

Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rural Development), Sonam Chaudhary said that in the first, to segregate plastic waste in rural areas, a plastic waste segregation plant will soon come up at Madanherri village of Kharar block that will cater Mohali villages also.

Taking a review meeting of the rural development works, today, at the meeting hall of District Administrative Complex, ADC said that solid and rural waste has become the major issue in the rural area and we have been roping in various methods to dispose of the solid and wet waste with the help of Department of Water Supply and Sanitation. The plastic waste plant that is being

set up at Madanherdi by Water Supply and Sanitation Department will pave the way for compressing the plastic material in bales, thereby, for sale in the open market. She said that besides it, 78 villages would get the ODF Plus tag under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) by resolving dry and wet waste issues properly to make them model villages by March end.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mrs. Chaudhary asked the Block Development and Panchayat Officers of the Mohali and Derabassi blocks to complete the construction and finishing of rural libraries in their respective blocks by the mid of February to make these functional by February end. Both blocks have six libraries each.

76th Republic Day celebrated at Swami Shivananda School Morinda



MORINDA (RADHE SHYAM SHARMA): 76th Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Swami Shivananda Senior Secondary School Morinda, which was inaugurated by the members of the School Committee and the Principal by hoisting the flag and singing the national anthem. After lighting the lamp and Saraswati Vandana, the cultural programme was started. First of all, the Principal of the school, Mr. Rajesh Kumar introduced the Chief Guests present and gave information about Republic Day. Principal Sir, Teachers, students, parents and members of the school committee were present on this auspicious occasion.

This national festival reminds us of those patriots who sacrificed their lives for the country and got us independence. On this occasion, the children of the school filled everyone's hearts with the spirit of patriotism and enthusiasm by presenting patriotic songs, speech, dances and poems etc. Everyone watched this colourful presentation with fascination. On this occasion, the Hindi teacher of the school, Sanjana Kakkar presented a beautiful patriotic song. On this occasion, the Head of the School committee, Raman Bhola, Jatinder Gumber, Radhe shyam. Sanjeev Sood, M Jagdish Verma, Hakim Singh and Harsh Kohli were mainly present.

PAU student shines at international conference

SHASHI PAL JAIN
LUDHIANA, JAN 29

Ms Prabhnoor Kaur, a M.Sc. student, Department of Food and Nutrition, College of Community Science, Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), has won the second "Best Poster Presentation Award" for presenting her work on "Comparative Study of Mineral Composition and Anti-Nutritional Factors of Barnyard Millet (Echinochloa esculenta) Varieties in Comparison With Wheat and Rice".

She received the award during the International Conference on "Millets: Cultivating Sustainability and Nourishing Nations," held at Amity University, Uttar Pradesh, Noida. Ms Prabhnoor Kaur is pursuing her Master's under the guidance of Dr Renuka Agarwal, Scientist, Department of Food and Nutrition. She informed that Barnyard millet varieties had higher amount of minerals like calcium (25.74 mg/100 g), iron (19.26 mg/100 g) and zinc (7.44 mg/100 g).



The in vitro iron bioavailability (17.22%) was also observed higher in barnyard millet than the traditional cereals, she added. The study suggested that cultivation of Barnyard millet should be promoted in Punjab and developing its value-added products could provide healthier food options, addressing nutritional deficiencies in the population, she said.

Dr Satbir Singh Gosal, Vice-Chancellor, PAU; Dr MIS Gill, Dean, Post Graduate Studies; Dr Kiran Bains, Dean, College of Community Science; and Dr Kiran Grover, Head, Department of Food and Nutrition, congratulated the student.

Door-to-door legal aid awareness camp held by Legal Aid Cell School of Law DBU

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, JAN 29

Legal Aid Cell, University School of Law Desh Bhagat University in collaboration with District Legal Service Authority Fatehgarh Sahib and NSS has organized Door-to-Door Legal Aid Awareness Campaign at Sounti Village today.

The team of Dr. Divya S. Khurana, Dr. Anu Mutneja, Dr. Prabhjot Kaur, Dr. Arti, Ms. Manpreet Kaur, Ms. Manpreet Hayer and Ms. Swati Sharma were delivered guidance and purpose of the Door-to-Door Legal Aid Awareness Campaign. The initiative aimed to reach marginalized communities and create awareness about accessing justice through legal aid services. In the camp 37 students were participated from BALLB (H) 2nd Sem., 8th Sem. 10th Sem., 4th Sem. and 6th Sem., LLB 4th Sem and 2nd



Sem. The Students were conducted to highlight schemes like free legal aid for women, children and the economically disadvantaged.

The Objectives of the Door-to-Door Legal Aid Awareness Camp was to educate and aware people about their legal rights. This camp was organized to inform about the availability of free legal aid services provided by government and non-government organizations and to assist individuals in identifying legal solutions to their problems through the ADR Center es-

tablished by Desh Bhagat University. The Door-to-Door Legal Aid Awareness Camp Use digital tools for awareness campaigns to supplement door-to-door efforts.

The Door-to-Door Legal Aid Awareness Camp was a successful initiative that highlighted the importance of making legal services accessible to all. University School of Law Continuous efforts are required to build on the foundation laid by this camp and to ensure that justice is not a privilege but a right for everyone.

Road safety month: Nabha traffic police promotes awareness on traffic rules

RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, JAN 29

The Road Safety Month, observed by the Nabha Traffic Police from January 1 to 31, aims to raise awareness about traffic rules and promote safety. Under the leadership of Baljit Singh, the in-charge of Nabha Traffic Police, efforts were made to educate the public, including railway station staff, school children, and general commuters, on the importance of adhering to traffic regulations to ensure their safety.

Baljit Singh emphasized that following traffic rules not only protects one's own life but also the lives of others. He stated, "Life is valuable, and a few minutes can make all the difference. By adhering to traffic rules, we can ensure our safety and that of others." The awareness campaign highlighted several key rules:

Avoid driving under the influence of alcohol



Wear helmets while riding two-wheelers
Always wear seat belts while driving
Avoid speeding
He also urged parents to educate their children about traffic rules and prevent them from driving underage. Singh stressed that strict action would be taken against those who violate traffic regulations.
On the occasion, the auto-rickshaw drivers expressed their commitment to following traffic rules, ensuring they would drive more cautiously and avoid rushing.

Governor launches Red Cross "Doctor Aapke Duar" scheme

RN KHERA
CHANDIGARH, JAN 29

The Governor, Punjab, Administrator, UT Chandigarh and President of Punjab Red Cross Society, Sh. Gulab Chand Kataria today launched the scheme "DOCTOR AAPKE DUAR" under the aegis of Punjab Red Cross Society.

In the first Phase, Four fully equipped Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) were flagged off from Punjab Raj Bhawan. These MMUs are fully equipped with all required instruments and have requisite staff viz. Doctor, Pharmacist, Nurse and Driver for each MMU.

In the first Phase, the districts of Patiala, Gurdaspur, Barnala and Jalandhar have been allotted these MMUs, in order to provide free Medical Services to the needy at their doorstep. While dedicating these



MMUs to the people of Punjab, the Governor appreciated the efforts of Punjab Red Cross for starting this initiative in Punjab, as well as the REC Foundation for their gesture in the cause of humanity for the purpose of funding this novel project for Punjab Red Cross.

The Governor, Punjab said this will be hugely beneficial for the underprivileged sections of the society, especially the pregnant women, who are suffering from various deficiencies during the pregnancy and

cannot come to health centres. These MMUs are given to Punjab State Red Cross Branch under CSR funding by the Rural Electrification Corporation Limited, (REC) a Maharatna Govt. of India Company.

On this occasion, Additional Chief Secretary to Governor - K. Siva Prasad, Principal Secretary to Governor - Vivek Pratap Singh, Secretary Punjab Red Cross Mr. Shivdular Singh Dhillion, Sh. Pradeep Fellows, Executive Director, REC were also present.

Huge quantity of poppy husk recovered by Ludhiana rural police

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, JAN 29

District Ludhiana Rural police under its anti-drug campaign being carried out under the guidance of SSP Navneet Singh Bains, recovered huge quantity poppy husk.

Giving more information about this, inspector Kikkar Singh said that police team including SI Gursevak Singh received information about drug peddlers Harjinder Singh alias Rindi son of Karnail Singh who carries out an illicit business of a huge amount of drug peddling.

His other workers, accused Sukhwinder Singh son of Gurnam Singh and Sukhwinder Singh son of Jangeer Singh supply the drugs into other areas. As per the information, the accused were on their way to supply drugs on a truck in the area in huge quantity," he added. Singh further added that as



the information was trustworthy, police filed FIR 16 under section 15/25/61/85 of NDPS act and carried out further investigation.

"The accused noticed police and managed to flee away while police team, in the

presence of DSP Dharminder Singh inspected the truck and recovered 84 bags (20 kgs each) of poppy husk and other commodities," he further said. Further investigation has been commenced to arrest the accused.

Sikh arts and film festival 2025 India chapter returns to Chandigarh bridging



MOHALI (TILAK RAJ): Cultures and Promoting Interfaith Dialogue through Films and Art Saka Sirhind: Martyrdom of Younger Sahibzadey (India)

Pardeep Singh Matharu will be highlight of the festival Distinguished Guests to include Iqbal singh lalpura, Chairperson Minority commission; Caroline Rowett, British Deputy High Commissioner Chandigarh; Dharmgurus of All sects Chandigarh | January 28, 2025 Sikhlens, celebrating 26 years globally, returns to Chandigarh for its 6th consecutive year. The festival will be held on February 15, 2025, at Tagore Theatre. Originating in 2020, Sikhlens now hosts festivals across 16 cities worldwide, including the United States, Canada, and India, revealed Ojaswwee Sharma, Award-winning Director & India Head of the Sikhlens Festival.

Speaking about the festival's growth, Ojaswwee Sharma added, "Sikhlens is not just a platform for storytelling; it is a movement that bridges cultures and creates meaningful conversations through the universal language of art and cinema. Each year, we aim to push boundaries and present films that inspire, educate, and unite audiences."

Guru Nanak Khalsa School Sector 30 celebrates R-Day with enthusiasm

CHANDIGARH (R N KHERA): Guru Nanak Khalsa Senior Secondary School, Sector 30-B, Chandigarh, celebrated the 76th Republic Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit. The event was graced by the presence of Chairman Charanjit Singh, Manager Amritpal Singh Julka, Assistant Manager Damandeep Singh, School Educationist Dr. J S Dargan and other esteemed members of the school management and gurdwara management sector 19 D Chandigarh.

The celebrations began with the unfurling of the national flag by Chairman Charanjit Singh, followed by the national anthem, which instilled a sense of pride among all attendees. The program featured vibrant cultural performances by students, including patriotic songs, dances, and skits that highlighted the importance of the day and the values enshrined in the Constitution of India.

The manager and the principal addressed the gathering, emphasizing the significance of Republic Day and urging students to contribute towards the nation's progress. Their inspiring words motivated everyone present. Staff, students, and guests from the community participated wholeheartedly, making the event a grand success. The celebration concluded with the distribution of refreshments to all students, leaving them with joyous memories of the day.



NEWS BRIEF

Shining Star of Swami Shivananda School Morinda Ishan Sood

RADHE SHYAM SHARMA MORINDA: In the Vijay Merchant Trophy under 16 group organized by BCCI, Ishan Sood, a class 10th student of Swami Shivananda Sarvhitkari Sr. Sec. School, Morinda, brought laurel to the School and the city.A total of 36 teams participated in this trophy. The Punjab team was runner up in this tournament. Ishan Sood has got highest wickets among fast bowlers in 7 matches. He took 28 wickets in 7 matches. Now Ishan Sood will be going for training at National Cricket Academy (NCA) Bangalore. On this success of Ishan Sood, the Principal of the School Mr. Rajesh Kumar Ji congratulated the entire School Staff and Ishan Sood's family. He wished him a very successful career ahead.

Head constable of intelligence dept Mukhjit Singh honored with Chief Minister's Medal NARESH GOYAL
MANSA: A head constable (HC) of the Intelligence dept Mukhjit Singh has been awarded chief minister's medal on the Republic day.He has been serving in Mansa office of the Intelligence Department for a long time. Mukhjit was awarded the medal by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Republic Day at a function in Patiala. The honour was extended to him for his distinguished services and good behaviour. Mukhjit hails from village Sadda Singh Wala of the district.His boss, DSP Kuldeep Singh Bhullar, while congratulating him, stated that Mukhjit is a dedicated and loyal worker and is always punctual to his duty.

Patiala admn cracks down on chinese kite strings
RAKESH JINDAL
PATIALA: Acting on the directives of Deputy Commissioner Dr. Preeti Yadav, a joint team from the Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) and the Municipal Corporation Patiala conducted inspections across multiple markets, including Achar Bazaar, Tripuri Market, Raghomajra, Main market Rajpura, Bhadson, Sanour, and Nabha, to check for the sale and storage of banned Chinese kite strings (China Dor). PPCB SDO Mohit Singla stated that a coordinated campaign is underway in collaboration with the Municipal Corporation and SDMs to eliminate the trade of Chinese kite strings. Efforts are also being made to identify individuals involved in their supply, sale, or use. During the inspections, no Chinese kite strings (Gattu) were found at any of the checked shops. The team also educated shopkeepers and local residents about the hazards associated with these strings and urged them to refrain from their use and sale.

VB nabs retired Head Constable, accomplice of SHO, for accepting Rs 10,000 bribe
CHANDIGARH: The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) during its ongoing drive against corruption, has arrested a retired Head Constable (HC) Balwinder Singh, an accomplice of the Station House Officer (SHO) of police station Machhiwara in Ludhiana district while he was accepting a bribe of Rs 10,000. The accused had been performing duties at the police station without any official orders from the police department. Disclosing this, an official spokesperson of the VB stated that the arrest was made following a complaint lodged by Sukhvir Singh, a resident of Mohan Majra village in Machhiwara sub-division of Khanna police district. The spokesperson further added that the complainant had approached the VB Range office in Ludhiana, reporting that his car had been impounded by the Machhiwara police. According to the complaint, said Balwinder Singh informed him that his car was in the custody of Mohanir Head Constable (MHC) Karan and demanded Rs 25,000 for its release. However, after negotiation, the bribe amount was settled at Rs 15,000. On January 28, 2025, the complainant again spoke to HC Balwinder Singh over the phone, requesting to reduce the bribe amount. The accused agreed to accept Rs 10,000 and the complainant has recorded the conversation as evidence and submitted it to the VB Range office in Ludhiana. The spokesperson added that after conducting a preliminary inquiry, a VB team from Ludhiana range laid a trap during which the accused was caught red-handed while accepting the Rs 10,000 bribe from the complainant outside the Machhiwara police station in the presence of two official witnesses. Subsequently, the VB team has

CM Mann leads massive roadshows in Delhi; urges voters to re-elect AAP

NEW DELHI/CHANDIGARH, JAN 29

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann spearheaded vibrant roadshows on Wednesday in Delhi's Rajouri Garden, Tilak Nagar, and Vikaspuri constituencies, campaigning for Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidates Dhanwanti Chandela, Jarnail Singh, and Mahinder Yadav, respectively. Drawing massive crowds, Mann urged voters to strengthen Delhi's legacy of good governance by re-electing Arvind Kejriwal as the Chief Minister for the fourth time. The roadshows witnessed enthusiastic participation from the people of Delhi, who cheered on AAP's candidates and shared their appreciation for the party's pro-people initiatives. Speaking during the roadshows, Mann said that AAP remains committed to addressing the needs of the people, including education, healthcare, employment, and infrastructure development.



"We talk about real issues, and we fulfill our guarantees. In Punjab, 90% of households receive zero electricity bills, we provided 50,000 government jobs without favoritism or bribes, and revolutionized public sectors. Call your relatives in Punjab and ask them how the AAP government has kept its promises," said Mann. He highlighted AAP's transformative policies in Delhi under Arvind Kejriwal's leadership. "Delhi has wit-

nessed free electricity, world-class education and healthcare, and free travel for women in government buses. This is governance that works for the people, and it's time to extend this legacy further," Mann added, urging voters to choose candidates committed to progress and transparency. Mann said that Arvind Kejriwal left his job to serve the people, and they (Mann and Kejriwal) are not in politics for money. He said that

Kejriwal's guarantee is not a 'jumla' like the BJP. We deliver what we promise. Mann ridiculed the opposition's empty promises, citing the example of the BJP's claim to provide Rs 2,500 to women. "Did they fulfill their earlier promise of depositing Rs 15 lakh into everyone's bank account?" he asked. He added the people of Punjab also didn't get 15 lacs in their accounts because for the BJP elections are 'jumla' time.

Phagwara Bar Association members observe 'No Work Day'

PHAGWARA : Lawyers belonging to the Bar Association, Phagwara, on Wednesday observed "No Work Day" in solidarity with a statewide protest against the brutal attack on Adv. Hasan Singh, a member of the Samrala and Khanna Bar Association. The decision was taken during an emergency meeting of the Association's executive members. The attack on Adv. Hasan Singh has sparked outrage among legal professionals across Punjab, with multiple Bar Associations, including those of Samrala, Khanna, Fatehgarh Sahib, Amlah, Ludhiana, Jagraon, and Khamano, demanding swift action. Despite widespread protests, the police have yet to register an FIR against the perpetrators, raising concerns over law enforcement's handling of the case. In a statement, Dhandeep Kaur, General Secretary of the Bar Association, Phagwara, condemned the assault and criticized the police for their inaction. "The Bar Association, Phagwara, stands firmly with the legal fraternity in demanding justice. The failure to register an FIR despite statewide protests is unacceptable," she said. To amplify the call for justice and express solidarity with their fellow advocates, the members of Bar Association, headed by its President Karanjot Jhikka abstained from work today. The legal community across Punjab continues to press for accountability, urging authorities to take immediate action against those responsible for the attack on Adv. Hasan Singh.

Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University organises One Day workshop on Women Entrepreneurship

AJAY MALHOTRA FATEHGARH SAHIB, JAN 29

Centre for Scientific Research and Innovation at Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib (CSRI-SGGSWU) organized one day workshop on 'Tech Startup Connect & Grow' in collaboration with Punjab State Council for Science and Technology (PSCST) on Jan 28, 2025. The aim of the workshop was to motivate and inspire girl students, female researchers and women entrepreneurs in Punjab and to make them aware of the funding schemes in this direction. Dr. Tejbir Singh, Chairman, CSRI-SGGSWU welcomed the dignitaries and participants. Dr. Dapinder Kaur Bakshi, Joint Director, Research Innovation and Startup Facilita-

tion Division, PSCST, Chandigarh was the guest of honour for the workshop. She discussed the importance and success of previous Women Entrepreneurship Program under SHE (Startups' Handholding and Empowerment) initiatives. She also told that this is the first workshop under SHE cohort 3.0 of PSCST in the region. Dr. Prit Pal Singh, Vice Chancellor of University presented presidential address during the workshop and emphasized that Women Entrepreneurship is the need of the time. Eminent speakers including Mr. Paramjit Singh, Director, Regional Centre for Entrepreneurship Development (RCED), Dr. Balbir Singh, Ex-Vice President, NITCON, Dr. Supreet Bindra, Founder, Samrat Physiocare and Ms. Rhythm Gandhi,

SUMER GARG CHANDIGARH, JAN 29

The PRO defence wing Chandigarh in a Press note said, "A collegiate review of the Ex-servicemen contributory health scheme (ECHS) was chaired by Army Commander Lt Gen Manoj Kumar Katiyar, GOC-in-C at Headquarters Western Command. The meeting aimed to upgrade healthcare facilities for defence services veterans and their dependents.

Key initiatives discussed include revising the common drug list, IT automation in polyclinics, mobile units for remote areas, and a pilot project for home delivery of medicines. The Army Commander emphasized the need to infuse Artificial Intelligence in medicine management and oversight mechanisms. To enhance facilities, five new polyclinics have been sanctioned in Western Command (WC), and 12 high-pressure polyclinics have been upgraded with additional manpower and equipment. An additional Rs 5.2 crores in welfare funds have been allocated for augmenting ECHS facilities. The Army Commander directed special attention to the healthcare needs of senior veterans above 80 years, veer naris, and widows. These initiatives demonstrate the Western Command's commitment to providing quality healthcare services to veterans and their families.

NCC cadets felicitated at the battalion headquarters



JALANDHAR: A contingent of 35 senior division cadets of 2 Punjab NCC Battalion performed brilliantly in the Republic Day parade in Jalandhar district. The NCC contingent was commanded by Under Officer Kargildeep Mandal of Doaba College. All the senior division cadets who participated in the parade were felicitated with NCC tracksuits and Commanding Officer Commendation certificate. Colonel Vinod Joshi and Subedar Major Gulzar Singh distributed tracksuits and certificates to all the cadets at the battalion headquarters. Colonel Joshi said that the chief guest of the Republic Day, Cabinet Minister of the Punjab Government, Sh. Aman Arora took the salute from the stage from all the military and student contingents. Dr. Himanshu Agarwal IAS, Deputy Commissioner was present on the stage. The NCC contingent consisted of cadets from seven colleges and one school. Twenty days training had been given to cadets to participate in the Republic Day parade.

Seven-day NSS camp inaugurated at Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadour

BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA DEHATI, JAN 29

A seven-day NSS camp was inaugurated today at Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadour, a leading institution of the area running under the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee. In which the chief guest Mr. Manish Kumar, President Municipal Council Bhadaur, special guest S. Jasvir Singh Dhami, former president, special speaker Master Ram Kumar Ji attended. Apart from this, Labh Singh and other personalities also attended the inaugural ceremony. During this ceremony, the chief guest Mr. Manish Kumar President, Municipal Council Bhadour introduced the students to NSS. Explaining the importance of the camp, he shared



his personal experiences and also informed the students about the purpose of NSS. Along with this, Jasvir Singh Dhami, who arrived as a special guest, told the students that parents are a precious gift to us. Therefore, we should obey our parents and take care of them and he also em-

phasized on respecting and obeying our teachers. During this event, Master Ram Kumar Ji, who arrived as a special speaker, told the students about the importance of NSS camp and said that such camps inspire us to have a sense of cooperation and value time. He said that no work is small or big, your perspective towards any work makes it small/big and the students were also made aware about the bad effects of vulgar singing going on in today's era. During this event, the Principal of the college, Prof. Malvinder Singh warmly welcomed the chief guests and welcomed them.

Cambridge celebrates 76th R-Day with patriotic fervour



RADHE SHYAM SHARMA MORINDA, JAN 29

The celebrations continued with a series of cultural performances that showcased the diverse heritage of India. Students presented traditional dances, patriotic songs, and skits that depicted the country's rich history and the sacrifices made by its freedom fighters. Motivational speeches and impactful quotes

were shared, emphasizing the importance of the day and the responsibilities of citizens in upholding the values enshrined in the Constitution. These messages inspired both students and staff, leaving them with a renewed sense of commitment to the nation. The highlight of the event was the vibrant songs and dance performances by various grades, reflecting the spirit of unity in diversity.

Debt-ridden youth commits suicide

GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA LEHRAGAGA JAN 29

A young farmer in Bhaini Gandhuan village near here ended his life by committing suicide to get rid of his debt. The deceased youth has left behind his widowed mother, wife and two innocent children. As soon as the information about this incident was received, the police of Dharamgarh police station took possession of the body, conducted post-mortem and handed over the body to his relatives, who have been cremated in the crematorium of Bhaini village. Assistant Sub-Inspector of Dharamgarh police station Darshan Singh Bhattal said that the Dharamgarh police station had received information from GM Hospital Sunam regarding the deceased Gursewak Singh (26), son of late Balvir Singh. According to



which, the police took possession of the deceased body and handed it over to his heirs after conducting a postmortem under section 194 of the new Indian law BSN. He said that the mother of the deceased, Karamjit Kaur, widow of Balvir Singh of village Bhaini Gandhuan, has recorded a statement with the police that her family had a loan of Rs 5-6 lakh from SBI (State Bank of India), but they do not have any cultivable land, due to which my son Gursewak Singh was mentally disturbed for a few days.

Punjab State food commission Chetan Prakash Dhaliwal makes surprise visit to schools, Anganwadi centers



JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA MOGA, JAN 29

Punjab State Food Commission Member Mr. Chetan Prakash Dhaliwal today made a surprise visit to District Moga and inspected various schemes running under the National Food Security Act-2013. During this visit, Government Primary and Middle School Fatehgarh Korotana, Government Primary and Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Dharamkot, Govern-

ment Primary School, Agwar Kalu and along with this, Anganwadi Center, Fatehgarh Korotana, Dharamkot, Agwar Kalu were visited. The mid-day meal scheme running in the above government schools was checked, during which the mid-day meal and food store were inspected. During the inspection, the mid-day meal arrangement in these schools was found to be proper, but at Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Dharamkot, the cauldron (kadah).

Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadaur Seven-day NSS camp second day commencement

BALWINDER AZAD BARNALA DEHATI, JAN 29

Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadaur, which is functioning under the management of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Shri Amritsar Sahib. Which is recognized by Punjabi University Patiala. According to the directions of NSS Coordinator of Punjabi University Patiala, Mr. Anhad Singh Gill, the seven-day NSS camp was inaugurated. Today, the second day of the camp was started, in which the volunteers first recited 'Japji Sahib'. After reciting, the volunteers took out an awareness rally against drugs in village Saidoke. In which the volunteers participated with great enthusiasm with slogans like 'Quit drugs, leprosy is in-



creasing, let's run an abhiyan together, make a drug-free Punjab' etc. In the village hall, volunteers also presented a street play on drugs and youth. Which was enjoyed by the villagers. The Vice Principal of the college, Dr. Vandana Sukhija, thanked the village Sarpanch, the entire Panchayat and the villagers. After this, the volunteers were served lunch in the college. Apart from this, Mr. Sikander Singh Dhudike,

Dr. Vipan Gupta, Dr. Charandeep Singh, Mr. Hardeep Singh and eminent social worker Mr. Sukhdev Singh Sukhi Nainewalia etc. specially participated. Mr. Sikander Singh Dhudike shared his views with the volunteers during his lecture and said that 'Some people say, some listen and some do.' But I am the person who has learned by doing. He said that drug addiction does not require any position.

Golden Sr Secondary School celebrates 76th Republic Day



VERMA GURDASPUR, JAN 29

The 76th Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Golden Senior Secondary School, Hanuman Chowk, Gurdaspur. Dr. Mohit Mahajan, Chairman of Golden Group of Institutions, hoisted the national flag, joined by MD Anu Mahajan, Director Vinayak Mahajan, Principal Jatinder Gupta, and students of the school. After the flag hoisting, everyone sang the national anthem, "Jana

Gana Mana," and saluted the flag. Students presented patriotic cultural programs, including dances, songs, and plays, showcasing India's rich history, the sacrifices of freedom fighters, and the significance of the Constitution. Their performances highlighted the unity, integrity, and diversity of the nation. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Mohit Mahajan spoke about the historical importance of Republic Day, marking the adoption of the Indian Constitution on January 26, 1950.

NEWS BRIEF

CM expresses grief over stampede incident

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has expressed grief over the stampede incident in Mahakumbh at Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh in the wee hours today morning. The Chief Minister prayed to the Almighty to give peace to the departed souls and strength to the bereaved family members to bear this irreparable loss. Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu also wished speedy recovery to the injured devotees.

NSS volunteer Arun Kumar honored



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: NSS volunteer Arun Kumar, who returned after participating in the Republic Day parade at Government Adarsh Senior Secondary School Amb, was felicitated by the school principal and staff members. School principal Vinod Vanyal praised NSS programme officer Banwari Lal Bhogal and Naresh Kumari for the achievement of Arun Kumar. He asked the students of the school to take inspiration from Arun Kumar and say that you too should always try to bring glory to the school in any field; the school will provide you all possible help. The principal, on behalf of the school family, presented a cash prize of Rs. 2100 to volunteer Arun Kumar. The entire school family was present at this felicitation ceremony.

Chamiana Shaheed Gate to be renovated: MLA Ranjit Singh



RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: The entrance gate of Chamiana village in Sujanpur Assembly constituency, dedicated to the martyrs, will soon be renovated. Announcing the project, MLA Ranjit Singh said that 81 villagers had participated in World War II, out of which 13 were martyred, and their sacrifices cannot be forgotten.

Jal Shakti Department’s neglect turns Kotla Kalan borewell into ruins



KISHORI LAL BAINS
KOTLA KALAN: A building constructed under the Jal Shakti Department’s scheme in Kotla Kalan has been left abandoned, overtaken by wild weeds and neglect. Despite lakhs of rupees being spent on its construction, the facility remains unused, turning into little more than a white elephant. Local Pradhan Sarjivan Kumar revealed that a borewell was built in 2012, but even after 13 years, the department has failed to install a motor, rendering it completely ineffective. He said repeated appeals to operationalize the borewell have fallen on deaf ears. “We have requested the department multiple times, but nothing has been done. This borewell and building must be put to use so that the residents here can get much-needed water supply,” said Kumar. Frustration runs high among local residents, who are struggling with water shortages. They believe the borewell could have significantly alleviated their problems, but administrative apathy has left it useless. The question now is whether the department will act to make good use of the money already spent or allow the infrastructure to continue to decay. The villagers have urged the state government to take immediate action to rectify the situation and provide the community with the water supply they desperately need.

My aim is to solve problems of people of Chintapurni area: Sudarshan Singh Bablu

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB, JAN 29

The Temple Trust has approved a budget of Rs. 20.50 lakh for development works in the Panchayats adjoining Chintapurni. On Wednesday, MLA Sudarshan Singh Bablu distributed cheques of the first installment of about Rs. 16 lakh 87 thousand to the representatives of these various Panchayats. He said that the Temple Trust has released Rs. 1 lakh 50 thousand for painting the Dhalbadi School, Rs. 3.75 lakh for construction of roads in Badhamana Panchayat, Rs. 2 lakh 62 thousand 500 for construction of road in Nari Panchayat and Rs. 9 lakh for

Governor launches Anti-Drug campaign in Chail

DINESH AGARWAL
CHAIL, JAN 29

Governor Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla expressed deep concern over the growing drug menace in the State, emphasizing his commitment to ensuring that every household remains free from substance abuse. He stated that a drug-free home leads to a safer and healthier state.

He was speaking as the Chief Guest at an anti-drug awareness event in Chail, Solan district, today. He highlighted the alarming spread of drug addiction, particularly among the youth, and stressed the need for collective efforts to curb it. He praised the efforts of Solan and Shimla police in tackling the issue and acknowledged their dedication. Shri Shukla mentioned that the Raj Bhavan initiated awareness programs for Panchayat



representatives, leading to three impactful events in Solan district. He underscored the importance of reducing drug demand and ensuring proper rehabilitation for addicts. The Governor also raised concerns regarding the operations of certain private de-addiction centers.

Inspired by the Prime Minister, he launched the anti-drug campaign in Himachal Pradesh and noted positive

changes within a year of his tenure. He urged women to take an active role in this campaign, given their crucial influence in family and society. Highlighting the severe consequences of drug abuse, including road accidents, he instructed university administrations to mandate an anti-drug pledge from students during admissions, with the provision of expulsion for violators.

Former Convener of the Drug Prevention Board, Shri O.P. Sharma, stressed the importance of parental involvement and society in addressing drug abuse, advocating for increased social awareness. Maharishi Markandeshwar Medical College’s Principal, Prof. Ravi Sharma, highlighted the fatal impact of synthetic drugs and the role of society in early detection and intervention. SDPO, Parwanoo Ms. Mehar Panwar, acknowledged the rising challenge of synthetic drugs and reported that Solan police had registered 139 cases, arresting 321 individuals and seizing large quantities of narcotics since July 2023. Chail Gram Panchayat Pradhan, Smt. Usha Sharma, assured full support for the de-addiction initiative, while Chail Hotel Association President, Shri Devinder Verma, welcomed the

Governor and pledged the association’s commitment to the campaign. Earlier, the Governor inaugurated the Jeep Club’s annual Winter Spiti Expedition 2025, themed “Anti-Drug Rally.” He lauded this initiative for not only promoting the winter beauty of Himachal Pradesh but also supporting tourism and social reform. He congratulated the Jeep Club and Chail Hotel Association for their efforts in driving social awareness through this rally. C.P. Verma, Secretary to the Governor, Shri Manmohan Sharma, Deputy Commissioner Solan, Shri Gaurav Singh, SP, Shri P.C. Kashyap, founder, Jeep Club, social activist Shri Tarsem Bharti, Shri V.K. Gangwal, Principal, Sainik School Chail and Administrative Officer Major Kapil, and other prominent people were also present on the occasion.

Rs. 9.29 crore will be spent under crop diversification project: Pathania

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, JAN 29

Deputy Chief Whip Kewal Singh Pathania said that 7 sub-projects are being implemented under Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project-2 (JICA Agriculture) under Shahpur Assembly and about 9.29 crore rupees will be spent on this. This information was given by Deputy Chief Whip Kewal Pathania while addressing the gathering after the inauguration of Wahab Irrigation Scheme Triambla under Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project-2 (JICA Agriculture) in Ketlu today. He said that on completion of



these seven sub-projects, about 9820 kanal land of hundreds of farmer families here will get smooth irrigation facility. He said that 17.59 hectares of land of 86 farmer families will be irrigated from this kuhl, about 1900 meters long, built at a cost of 42 lakhs.

He informed that the construction work of Wahab irrigation scheme Salli-

Bhaled, Nai Kuhl and Bhedi Kuhl is in progress and Rs. 5 crore will be spent on these.

He informed that 98 sub-projects will be constructed under JICA-2 project in various development blocks in district Kangra and 3678 hectares of land of thousands of farmer families will get smooth irrigation facility.

He said that the Sukhu government of the state has

started various welfare schemes to improve the economy of gardeners and farmers.

He informed that to improve the power system, a new transformer will be installed in Ambari for Rs. 10 lakh and the 63 KVA transformer will be upgraded to 100 KVA. He announced to build a new toilet in Government High School Ketlu. JICA District Project Manager Dr. Yogendra Pal welcomed the Deputy Chief Whip and gave detailed information about various activities being run in the district. He appealed to the general public to adopt cash crops along with traditional farming so that their economy is strengthened.

Bharmour MLA seeks Rs 7 lakh relief to fire-affected families

BALKRISHAN PRASHAR
CHAMBA, JAN 29

A delegation headed by BJP MLA Dr Janak Raj met District Magistrate of Chamba Mukesh Repaswal here today and handed over a memorandum pertaining to the families affected by the recent fire incidents in Bharmour assembly constituency and sought a relief amounting of Rs 7 lakh each, on the lines of Tandi village in Kullu. Dr Janak Raj informed that the Himachal Government provided a relief amount of Rs 7 lakh each to the families affected by the recent massive fire in Tandi village of Kullu district.

“This step reflects the sensitivity of the government and its deep sympathy towards the victims, for



which I heartily congratulate the Himachal government. In this context, I would like to draw your attention to the recent fire incident in Pangi and Holi tehsils of Bharmour assembly constituency in which many families have lost their livelihood, homes and property”, he contended.

MLA requested the DM to raise this issue on priority before the government to provide relief of Rs 7 lakh

each to the fire affected families. He said that this step would strengthen the feeling of equality, justice and inclusiveness in the state and would prevent any kind of regionalism and discrimination because despite having the same government in the state, there should not be different criteria for distribution of relief funds in different regions.

Free eye check-up and operation medical camp organized



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB, JAN 29

In the village Panchayat Medi of sub-division Amb, the Gurudwara Naya Dehra Managing Committee once again organized a free eye checkup and operation camp in the memory of late Mehar Singh. The camp was inaugurated by Jagdev Singh and Shadi Lal Goswami. In this camp, eyes of about 250

patients were checked by Dr Devashish Seth and his team from Seth Hospital, Banga, Nawanshahr and free medicines and spectacles were distributed to the patients. In this camp, free eye operation of about 35 patients will be done in Seth Hospital, Banga, Nawanshahr.

The camp was organized with the cooperation of committee chairman

Sukhdev Singh, secretary Tarsem Singh, treasurer Ravinder Singh Australia, Kulwinder Singh, Raghuveer Singh and the group of sadh sangat and sevadars. On this occasion, Pradhan of Gram Panchayat Medi, Reena Kumari, Vice Pradhan Surendra Kumar, Kaka Panjuram, Sanjeev Kumar, Jagdev Singh and a large number of villagers were present.

e-clinic launched to improve health services

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, JAN 29

Kangra Central Cooperative Bank (KCCB) Chairman Kuldeep Singh Pathania while launching the e-clinic near Centre Point Hotel in Dharamshala in collaboration with m-Health and KCCB said that this initiative is an important step taken to improve health services and make them accessible in rural and urban areas. He said that this collaboration of m-Health and KCCB has been started with the aim of providing affordable and accessible medical consultation, diagnostic services and health education through technology-enabled e-clinics. Through this collaboration with m-Health, we are working towards



providing advanced medical services to the people of Himachal Pradesh by overcoming the challenges of health services. He said that e-clinics will reduce the burden of traditional health facilities and inspire people to take charge of their health. He said that today seven e-clinics have been inaugurated at various places in the state, in

which e-clinics have been started in Kullu, Hamirpur, Naidun, Una, Dehra, Nurpur and Dharamshala. Before this, representatives of M-Health Debal Rishi Banerjee and Anoop Parashar welcomed the chief guest and provided detailed information about the e-clinic. GM Rakesh Sharma was specially present on this occasion.

Beware of consequences from mega-dam project: Penpa Tsering

SANAJY AGGARWAL

DHARAMSHALA: Penpa Tsering, President of the Tibetan Government in Exile, also briefly discussed the PRC’s proposed mega-dam project on the Brahmaputra River, emphasizing the geopolitical and strategic importance of the Tibetan Plateau, warning of severe ecological and strategic consequences for riparian communities. Highlighting the seismic vulnerability of the region, he warned that such large-scale construction would further increase the risks. He said the recent devastating earthquake in the Dingri region of Tibet is a stark reminder of the natural disasters that can follow. Beyond this regional concern, he provided an update on completed and ongoing initiatives under the 16th Kashag, while acknowledging the visionary leadership of the Dalai Lama. He also expressed deep appreciation for the older generations of Tibetans whose efforts helped establish the thriving Tibetan exile community, which has built a strong democratic system and continues to advocate for the restoration of Tibetan independence through the Middle Way Policy. Sikyong took the occasion to thank the Indian government and people, especially the leadership of Arunachal Pradesh, for their unwavering support. He urged Tibetan residents to maintain cordial relations with the local population and abide by local laws.

NEWS BRIEFS

SDM checks school buses in view of safe vehicle policy

PARDEEP MEHTA
NILOKHERI:SDM Ashok Kumar conducted a surprise inspection at the Nilokheri bus stand and thoroughly checked about 15 school buses. Some were found to be in disarray and were let off with a warning for the first time. Giving information, Nilokheri SDM Ashok Kumar said that today checking has been done in view of the safe vehicle policy which includes camera, GPS governor, fire control adjuster, whether there is a female conductor or not. After checking all these things, an instruction has also been issued to all these bus drivers from the BEO office, that all school buses should run according to the government rules and vehicle policy. The SDM said that from now on, school buses will be checked twice a month. Despite this, if any deficiency is found, then that bus will be challaned.

Benefits of welfare scheme must reach the poor : CS

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, JAN 29

The Haryana Government has taken a big step towards providing affordable housing to urban poor and middle-class families with the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0). In order to realize the dream of Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi to provide a roof to every urban poor and middle-class family this ambitious scheme of the Central Government aims to provide financial assistance for affordable housing to urban poor and middle class families across the country in the next five years. In accordance with the vision of Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini, Haryana has taken decisive steps to ensure the smooth implementation of PMAY-U 2.0. Haryana Chief Secretary Dr. Vivek Joshi today chaired the 17th meeting of the State Level Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (SLSMC) for Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) and the first meeting

of the SLSMC for Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0). Dr. Joshi emphasized the need to eliminate loopholes in fund distribution and directed officials to implement an OTP-based verification system to prevent financial mismanagement. He also called for a detailed sample survey to assess the genuineness of beneficiaries and ensure that banks should disburse loans in a hassle-free manner. "The benefits of this scheme must reach the poor without leakage," the Chief Secretary asserted, underscoring the importance of strict monitoring and accountability in the implementation process. The Chief Secretary stressed the need for a wide public awareness campaign through print and electronic media, display of flex banners/hoardings at prominent places, distribution of leaflets/handbills in major slums and colonies, and advertisements on YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, X, etc. The meeting was informed that 15,256 applicants have been

allotted one marla plots for constructing pucca houses under the Mukhya Mantri Shehri Awas Yojana and financial assistance under Beneficiary Led Construction (BLC) vertical of PMAY-U 2.0 will be provided to these 15,256 beneficiaries. PMAY-U 2.0 offers a multi-pronged approach to addressing the housing deficit, encompassing construction and purchase options. The scheme caters to Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), Lower Income Groups (LIG), and Middle Income Groups (MIG) residing in urban areas. A beneficiary family, defined as husband, wife, unmarried sons, and/or unmarried daughters, must not own a pucca house (a permanent dwelling unit) anywhere in India to be eligible under the scheme. PMAY-U 2.0 offers affordable housing opportunities to EWS families (annual income up to 3 lakh), LIG families (3 lakh to 6 lakh) and MIG families (6 lakh to 9 lakh). The scheme prioritizes vulnerable groups, including widows, single women, persons with disabilities, senior citizens,

transgenders, individuals from Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, and other vulnerable sections such as street vendors and construction workers. The scheme's scope extends to all statutory towns as per the 2011 Census and subsequently notified towns, including designated planning areas. PMAY-U 2.0 supports the construction of houses with a minimum carpet area of 30 square meters, offering flexibility to States/UTs to increase this up to 45 square meters, while maintaining the central government's financial assistance levels. The scheme will be delivered through four distinct verticals: Beneficiary Led Construction (BLC), Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP), Affordable Rental Housing (ARH), and the Interest Subsidy Scheme (ISS). The Department of Housing For All has been designated as the State Level Nodal Agency, streamlining the administrative process. Crucially, the state has established the State Level Appraisal Committee (SLAC).

Master trainers honoured by Principal of institute

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA,
JANUARY 29

In a programme organised on January 28 on the premises of District Education and Training Institute, Palwal Kurukshetra, master trainers of various subjects who trained nine thousand teachers of the district in 2024-25 were honoured by DIET Principal Santosh Sharma by giving them certificates. Apart from this, important works like tiling of the institute, construction of block parking, beautification of the garden, renovation of Madhav Hall, tiling of the verandah and science museum, renovation of the main gate of the institute etc. were inaugurated by Kanwaljit Kaur, Chairperson, District Council, Kurukshetra. This work was completed during the tenure of Mrs. Santosh Sharma H.E.S-1.



On this occasion, District Education Officer Rohtas Verma, District Elementary Education Officer Vinod Kaushik, Satyabhushan Account Officer and all the professors of the institute were present.

4 Crèche centres opened to take care of children up to 6 years

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI, JANUARY 29

The state government has taken an important step for working women and started 4 Anganwadi crèche centres in Taraori city. These centres were started in ward number 2, ward number 6, ward number 7 and ward 14 of Taraori city. CDPO Nilokheri Dr. Rajbala Mor and Municipal Councillor Omprakash Malhotra, Councillor Vikram Chaudhary inaugurated them. He said that this is a good start. These centres will have the facility to keep children up to 6 years for 8-10 hours. Special attention will be given to the overall development of children in the centres started on the initiative of the Women and Child Development Department. The centres will provide basic facilities like supplementary nutrition,



pre-school education, health check-up and vaccination to the children. Anganwadi workers Anita, Reena, Rani, Renu and supervisor Poonam Sharma were also present on this occasion. CDPO Rajbala Mor said that this is a very good step taken by the Women and Child Development Department with the support of the government.

CJM inspects Judicial Complex Indri and legal aid center Badson

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JANUARY 29

Chief Judicial Magistrate and Secretary of District Legal Services Authority Iram Hasan visited the Judicial Complex Indri on Wednesday. Where he met the panel advocates. After this, the Chief Judicial Magistrate inspected the Legal Aid Clinic Badson and heard the problems of the people of the village. Chief Judicial Magistrate and Secretary of District Legal Services Authority Iram Hasan said that National Lok Adalat will be organised in the District Court Karnal on



March 8. He said that in the National Lok Adalat, any person can get the pending cases decided by keeping them in the court. In this, cases of pre-litigation stage can be kept and settled. For more information about this, you can contact Helpline No. 0184-2266138 and NALSA Helpline No. 15100.

Karasan School students explore ITI Bharanpur's path to skill and self-reliance

PRITI SAINI
SADHAURA, JANUARY 29

In a visionary step to inspire ambition and unlock potential, students of Classes 6 and 8 from Government Senior Secondary School, Karasan, embarked on a transformative visit to the Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Bharanpur. Organised under the Haryana School Education Project Council's Vocational Education (NSQF) programme, the initiative offered students an opportunity to delve into the world of technical trades, empowering them to envision a future rooted in self-reliance and prosperity. Led by dedicated educators Vijay Kumar (PGT Political Science) and Renu Bala (VT-IT/ITES), the students explored ITI Bharanpur's state-of-the-art facilities, gaining insights into essential trades like Electrician, Plumber, and Dress Making—Critical skills fueling India's industrial growth. "Experiences like these bridge the gap be-

tween academic concepts and career aspirations," remarked Vijay Kumar and Renu Bala. "They equip students with clarity, confidence, and a sense of direction for their futures."

Welcoming the students, ITI Bharanpur's in-charge, Vinod Singh Shekhawat, emphasized the institute's pivotal role in fostering



a skilled and self-reliant workforce. "Our programs prepare students for rewarding careers in sectors such as Railways, Defence, and government services while nurturing innovation and entrepreneurship," Shekhawat explained. He also highlighted a unique opportunity for students to gain equiva-

lence to the 12th standard by passing Hindi or English through the Board of School Education Haryana, broadening their educational prospects. In addition to its skill training programmes, Shekhawat outlined key initiatives aimed at supporting trainees:

There will be free tool kits for Scheduled Castes trainees and girls from all other castes and passport fee reimbursement for all trainees besides a one-time incentive of 2,500 for all girl trainees to encourage enrolment besides free transportation services for girls, ensuring accessibility and safety. He also emphasised the availability of the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for eligible students, providing financial aid to help them achieve their aspirations.

The visit included interactive sessions with seasoned Group instructors Ashok Kumar, Mahesh Chandra, and Instructors Anju Bala, Vishnu Dutt, Deepak Dhaka, and Gaurav Saini.

Nagar Palika administration launches cleanliness drive



SHALU PARMAR KALAYAT: The Nagar Palika administration launched a cleanliness drive in front of the women's college on Wednesday morning. The drive was started by Nagar Palika Secretary Pawan Sharma. Apart from the sanitation workers, JE Sanjeev Dhiman and sanitation inspector Som Prakash Sharma were present on the spot. Pawan Sharma said that keeping in view the survey under Swachh Bharat Mission, complete cleaning of nearby barren areas, empty plots, drains and sewers etc. will be done in all 16 wards as per the parameters of the survey and the cleaning of the wards which is being done every day will continue. The aim of the cleanliness drive is to make the city garbage free. There should not be any garbage or solid waste lying anywhere in the nearby empty plots, barren areas etc. A team of employees has been formed for the special cleanliness drive. He has appealed to the city residents to cooperate in making the city clean and beautiful by not throwing garbage here and there and putting the garbage in the garbage vehicle being run by the body and not using single-use plastic.

Police to campaign against drivers who do not pay traffic challan: Rajiv Deswal

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: As per the orders of Director General of Police Haryana Shatruijeet Kapoor, Superintendent of Police Rajiv Deswal appealed to such drivers to ensure compliance of Section 167(8) of the Central Motor Vehicle (11th Amendment) Rules, 2020. The Superintendent of Police included all the station in-charges including the police station traffic in-charge to ensure that the outstanding challan is paid otherwise the police should take action against such vehicles as per the rules. The Superintendent of Police appealed to the general public and said that road safety is an important issue. The general public should cooperate in making the roads safe and vehicles should be driven within the prescribed speed limit. Haryana Police is organising various competitions and activities to make the general public aware about traffic rules, people should ensure participation in it. Along with this, the Superintendent of Police also gave guidelines regarding compliance of Section 167(8) of the Central Motor Vehicle (11th Amendment) Rules, 2020. He said that the police have a large number of pending traffic challans and a campaign will soon be launched by the police to reduce their pendency. Those vehicles whose traffic challans are pending should pay them on time, otherwise the police will take action against such vehicles as per rules.



Beneficiaries registered under Grihini Yojana

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER

BARARA: Food and Supply Department, Barara registered the beneficiaries by organising camps under Har Ghar Grihini Yojana in village Thambad and Barara. Giving this information, Assistant Food and Supply Officer of Barara, Rajinder Kumar said that the work of registration of eligible beneficiaries for Har Ghar Har Grihini Yojana is being done on priority basis. He said that special camps are being organized for this in which eligible beneficiaries can be registered and given benefits. Camps are being organized at CSC level. He said that the beneficiaries related to this scheme can register through the portal of BDPO, CSC, Food Supply Department. In this regard, the general public is being informed that the beneficiaries of the concerned BPL family can get this work done by visiting the nearest CSC center for Har Ghar Grihini Yojana for the benefit of subsidy on LPG cylinder. He informed that the state government has launched the Har Ghar Har Grihini Yojana on 12 August 2024. The main objective of this scheme is to provide LPG cylinders to the housewives of Haryana at subsidized rates. Under the Har Ghar Har Grihini Yojana, gas cylinders are being provided to about 50 lakh BPL/AY families of Haryana for Rs 500.



Crackdown on illegal miners and take strict action against them- Deputy Commissioner

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JAN 29

Deputy Commissioner Utam Singh directed the SHO of the enforcement branch to take strict action against those involved in illegal mining and also seize their vehicles. He said that action should be taken against those involved in illegal mining and the mining department should take strict action against them. Notice should be issued to the concerned person on behalf of and a plan for recovery should also be filed. The Deputy Commissioner was presiding over the meeting of the District Task Force Committee at the Mini Secretariat here on Wednesday. He inquired from the Enforcement SHO about the further progress



in the FIR registered regarding illegal mining and directed that further action be taken by preparing a charge sheet against the accused. He directed the DDPO to alert the Gram Panchayats that they should keep an eye on people involved in illegal mining and inform the ad-

ministration about it. In the meeting, Superintendent of Police Gangaram Poonia said that after superdari of the vehicles seized in the case of illegal mining, the remaining vehicles should also be disposed of quickly. He said that wherever complaints of illegal

mining were received, police departments worked together at such places. Also, the officials of the mining department should also keep a close eye on them and take action against them. In the meeting, District Mining Officer Niranjan Lal said that during the month of December, 20 vehicles were seized in the case of illegal mining in the district, out of which one was released on superdari. He said that from April 2024 till last month, 123 vehicles were seized. From which revenue of Rs 44 crore 94 lakh 827 has been received in the form of fine.

On this occasion, Karnal SDM Anubhav Mehta, As-sandh SDM Rahul, DSP Indri Satish Kumar, DDPO Sanjay Tank, Pollution Board SDO Hardik and Enforcement Inspector SHO were present.

CM inaugurates the International Saraswati Mahotsav at Adi Badri

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR- JAN 29

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini inaugurated the International Saraswati Mahotsav-2025 at Adi Badri, Yamunanagar on Wednesday. The Mahotsav will be held from January 29 to February 2, 2025. On this occasion, the Chief Minister also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 29 development projects worth Rs. 54.71 crore. These include the inauguration of 15 projects worth Rs. 26.71 crore and the foundation stone for 14 projects worth approximately Rs. 28 crore. While speaking on the occasion, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that the International Saraswati Mahotsav is being inaugurated at Adi Badri, the original place of the Saraswati River. The Mahotsav aims to draw global attention to India's rich civilization and

preserve our culture and traditions for future generations. He said that according to the Mahabharata, the Saraswati River origi-



nally emerged from Adi Badri, located below the Shivalik Hills. It once flowed through Haryana, Rajasthan, and Gujarat for approximately 1,600 kilometers before merging into the Arabian Sea. However, over time, the river disappeared. The Chief Minister said that

recognising the importance of the Saraswati River, Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi initiated the efforts to revive it by linking it with Narmada and Sabarmati rivers when he was the Chief Minister of Gujarat. Similarly, efforts are being made by the Haryana Government to revive Saraswati river by connecting rivers, constructing Saraswati Sarovars and reservoirs. Out of 633 archaeological sites mentioned along the Saraswati River's path, 444 are in Haryana alone. The Survey of India and Haryana's revenue records provide clear evidence of the river's historical existence. Therefore our government has taken up the task to revive the river. Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that when the BJP government came to power in 2014, they took a major step toward restoring the river by establishing the Haryana Saraswati Heritage Development Board in 2015.

Delegation of HCCI meets CM and raises important issues related to Yamunanagar-Jagadhari and industries

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR- JAN 29

A delegation of Haryana Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HCCI) led by State President Vinod Khandelwal on Wednesday met Haryana Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini at the Chief Minister's residence, Chandigarh. The delegation included HCCI State President, State General Secretary Raj Chawla and Treasurer Chapter Chairmen/their representatives from all districts were present. In this meeting, Yamunanagar Chapter President Rajesh Sondhi presented the major issues related to Yamunanagar-Jagadhari and timber based industries before the Chief Minister. Agriculture Minister Shyam Singh Rana and Chief Minister's Principal Secretary Rajesh Khullar were also present in the meeting. Key points that were presented before the Chief Minister:

1. Impact of BIS standards on farmers growing poplar and eucalyptus – To provide relief to farmers and timber industry, a policy should be made to promote agro forestry and BIS standards should be reviewed again.



2. Regularization of industries which are operating for more than 20 years – Such industries should be regularized by bringing a one-time scheme with proper inspection.

3. Waiver of Market Committee fees – Unnecessary market committee fees levied on timber-based industries should be completely abolished.

4. Simplification of license renewal process – The license renewal period should be

made five years in all departments and unnecessary NOC process should be abolished.

5. Improvement in connectivity of Yamunanagar – Yamunanagar should be connected to places like Radaur, Paonta Sahib and Saharanpur with better road and transport facilities.

Rajesh Sondhi said that Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, who was known for his efficient leadership and deep understanding of the development of the state, gave time to the delegation and listened to them with keen interest. During this, the state body raised major state-level issues. While each chapter submitted memorandums related to their local issues and requirements, State General Secretary Raj Chawla said that the Chief Minister listened to all the suggestions patiently and immediately forwarded these memorandums to Principal Secretary Rajesh Khullar and instructed to keep it under consideration for the upcoming budget session.

NEWS BRIEF

Peacock found dead under mysterious circumstances in Kotla Kalan



JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA: A peacock, India's national bird, was found dead under mysterious circumstances in Kotla Kalan Upper, near the district headquarters. According to local residents, the bird was discovered beneath an electricity transformer, leading to suspicions that electrocution might have been the cause of death. Preliminary investigations suggest that the peacock may have come in contact with the transformer, resulting in fatal injuries. The Forest Department has launched a probe to determine whether this was an accident or if other factors were involved. The incident has sparked concern among wildlife enthusiasts and local residents. Officials have assured a thorough investigation and have pledged to take measures to prevent such incidents in the future. Residents have raised concerns over inadequate safety measures around the transformer, blaming it for the accident. It remains to be seen whether authorities will take concrete steps to address the issue.

Police crackdown on illegal mining in Sulyali



SANJEEV MAHAJAN
NURPUR: Under its ongoing campaign against illegal mining, the Nurpur police conducted a raid in Sulyali under the jurisdiction of the Sadwan police outpost. Acting on a tip-off, a team led by Outpost In-charge Bhajan Jaryal seized a JCB and three tipper engaged in illegal sand and gravel mining near the PWD rest house pond. Confirming the operation, SH Shivpur Vishal Verma stated that legal action is being taken against the seized vehicles under the Illegal Mining Act. The confiscated machinery has been brought to the Sadwan police outpost. The crackdown on illegal mining in Nurpur district has been ongoing for some time, and authorities have assured that such operations will continue in the future.

State-level honor ceremony for Punjabi Language to be held in Saint Warriors School Qadian



VERMA
GURDASPUR: A state-level honor ceremony celebrating the Punjabi language will be held at Saint Warriors School in Qadian on January 31st. This event is a joint initiative of the Gurdaspur District Administration and the Jagat Punjabi Sabha's state unit. Over 60 individuals, including renowned poets, lyricists, actors, and cultural leaders from across Punjab, will be honored for their contributions to the Punjabi language and culture. This includes 12 state awardees recognized by the Punjab government, Said Mr Mukesh Verma State president Jagat Punjabi Sabha. The chief guest at the ceremony will be Bal Mukand Sharma, Chairman of the Punjab State Food Commission. Dignitaries and Distinguished guests attending include Assistant District Magistrate Harjinder Singh Bedi IAS and District Magistrate Gurdaspur Umashankar Gupta IAS. The event aims to recognize and appreciate those who actively promote the Punjabi language and its rich cultural heritage. The district administration has made necessary arrangements to ensure a smooth and comfortable experience for all attendees.

Workshop organized by Skill Hartron at Govt Sr Secondary School Khedi Ghulam Ali

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL, JAN 29

Keynote speaker, Rajkumar addressing children said that we should be cautious to avoid cyber fraud. A cyber fraud person cheats people's money by luring them. Rajkumar said that after doing 10th or 12th, you can do computer courses from Hartron. Students can get employment by doing diploma from Hartron to gain efficiency in computer.

Share market expert Muskan gave children a detailed information about stock market and AI Artificial Intelligence. Muskan also shared technical information about various computer courses ADCA, PGDCA, linguistic courses. Rajkumar



explained about increasing digital marketing, in today's technological era, it was said that all children are required to connect with technology and go to field of IT and banking. Software expert Rajesh informed children about creating software. Feedback was also taken from children who gave feedback with great interest. They were also asked questions from main speaker Rajkumar by the children. Principal Harpal

Singh appreciated statements of all hartron theme experts. Principal gave souvenirs to school children after giving important information about skill program by team of center manager Madam Sunaina and director Balwinder Dool. Anju, Ashok, Chinu, Pawan, Jagpal, Navjeet, Manjeet, Rakesh, Bharat, Satbir, Sachin Dhiman, Mahesh, Shamsher were supported in making this workshop a success.

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL, JAN 29

As per order of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Chairman and District and Sessions Judge Smt. Ritu Y. K Behl a workshop was organized in the auditorium of District Legal Services Authority Kaithal in the auditorium of the Vaclapic Dispute Resolution center of the Shakti Abhiyan Bal Marriage. Police officials and doctors of the Health Department participated in this workshop. Panel Advocate Arvind Khurania of District Legal Services Authority, Arvind Khurania, informed the attendees about the Prohibition of Child



Marriage Act 2006 in this workshop. This workshop was also addressed by child marriage prohibition officer Sunita Sharma. The main objective of the workshop is to motivate the common people in the entire district to prevent this evil and take meaningful steps to prevent child marriage. There is a possibility of good results through this workshop in the near future. Smt. Ritu

YK Behl said that different classes were providing information about different laws so that the legal rights of common citizens can be protected and the provisions given in the law. Such information can protect the interests many families. One can also talk about any legal or social problem of the District Legal Services Authority's Helpline No.01746-235759.



KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA: As per the instructions of the Punjab Government, under the quality control campaign, block level teams formed under the supervision of Dr. Jagdish Singh, Chief Agriculture Officer, Barnala, checked the stock of fertilizers, bills and samples of pesticides during the checking of fertilizer and pesticide firms/dealers. The dealers were instructed not to tag any inputs with DAP and urea fertilizers. If any dealer does tagging, legal action will be taken against him under FCO 1985. Apart from this, strict instructions were given to all the dealers and said that it should be ensured to put up a stock board showing the stock and rate of fertilizers. Chief Agriculture Officer Barnala also appealed to the farmers and said that if any issue of tagging any item with fertilizer comes to light, then a complaint should be made to the office of the Chief Agriculture Officer so that appropriate action can be taken as per the act.

Centre approves National Critical Mineral Mission with an expenditure of Rs 16,300 cr

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, JAN 29

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday approved the launch of the National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM) with an expenditure of Rs 16,300 crore and expected investment of Rs 18,000 crore by state-owned companies among others.

The Mission will encompass all stages of the value chain, including mineral exploration, mining, beneficiation, processing, and recovery from end-of-life products. It will intensify the exploration of critical minerals within the country and in its offshore areas. It aims to create a fast track regulatory approval process



for critical mineral mining projects. Additionally, the mission will offer financial incentives for critical mineral exploration and promote the recovery of these minerals from overburden and tailings. "The mission aims to encourage Indian PSUs and private sector companies to acquire critical mineral assets abroad and enhance trade

with resource-rich countries. It also proposes development of stockpile of critical minerals within the country," an official statement said. The mission includes provisions for setting up of mineral processing parks and supporting the recycling of critical minerals. It will also promote research in critical mineral technologies and

proposes setting up Centre of Excellence on Critical Minerals. "Adopting a whole-of-government approach, the Mission will work closely with relevant ministries, PSUs, private companies, and research institutions to achieve its objectives," the statement said. The statement noted that there is a need to establish an effective framework for India's self-reliance in the critical mineral sector. "As part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, and recognizing the indispensable role of critical minerals in high-tech industries, clean energy, and defense, the Government of India has undertaken several initiatives over the past two years to address challenges in the critical minerals sector," it said.

MLA Kabirpanthi lays foundation stone of sewerage line to be built at Rs 3 crores

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAOARI, JAN 29

MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi laid the foundation stone of the sewerage line to be built at a cost of Rs 3 crores near Tarawari Radha Swami Satsang Bhawan by breaking a coconut. On reaching, MLA was welcomed by garlanding him. He said that his goal is to bring about holistic development of assembly constituency. Basic facilities of residents of constituency are being taken care of. People living nearby will get a lot of benefit from laying of sewerage line. Proper arrangements for drainage of water will be made by laying sewerage pipelines in the streets. He said that BJP government of Haryana is doing development work in every field. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, the foundation stone and



inauguration of different projects are being done continuously in the constituency, the benefits of which are directly reaching common people. Haryana is moving ahead with the non-stop vision of Haryana CM Naib Singh Saini and Union Minister Manohar Lal. Development work is being done in every field including agriculture, industry, education, health, panchayat. Development is taking place in every field without any discrimination. He said that as soon as BJP government was

formed in state, emphasis has been laid on promoting all-round development and we are moving forward with spirit of Antyodaya. He said that effort of the present government has been that no area of state should be left untouched in terms of development. He said that promises made by BJP will definitely be fulfilled. His constant effort has also been that maximum development work should be completed in constituency and he will always remain dedicated to development of the area in future as well.

Take care of your hips and knees in winter, 150 people's knees examined

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JAN 29

Nowadays knee and hip pain has become a problem not only for elderly but also for youth. This problem can arise due to working for long hours by sitting, sleeping in wrong posture or doing excessive exercise. If not treated on time, this problem can take a serious form and it can become difficult to get up and sit. Therefore, by taking some precautions, they can be taken care of.

This was said by the doctors while examining the patients in the free hip and knee pain checkup camp organized in Park Hospital, Karnal. About 150 patients were examined in the camp in which Chandigarh's famous ortho surgeon Dr. Bhanu Pratap Singh Saluja examined patients. Dr. Sachin Sood (CEO, Park Hospital, Karnal) and Dr.



Sharad Chaudhary were also present in this camp. Dr. Bhanu Pratap Singh Saluja informed the patients about robotic joint replacement solutions, which will now be available at Park Hospital Karnal.

He said that this technology is state-of-the-art and advanced, due to which patients will get the benefit of less pain and quick recovery. Dr. Sachin Sood said that the problem of stiffness and pain in bones and joints becomes common in winter. Due to cold, blood vessels shrink, which reduces

blood flow and pain is felt more. In this season, problem of pain also increases due to less physical activity and mood swings.

Winters can be especially difficult for people suffering from arthritis. Latest robotic joint replacement technology is available in hospital, so that patients can get accurate and effective treatment. He said that people should not ignore their joint pain and seek right medical advice on time. Hospital will continue to organize free medical camps so that more and more people can benefit from it.

DC instructs to form a team and run a campaign against drug abuse



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh has instructed concerned officials to form a team and run a special campaign to make people aware in villages where drug abuse cases are increasing. He also instructed District Drug Controller to take action against operators of those drug shops where other people sell medicines instead of licensed chemists. He was chairing the meeting of Narco Coordination Center (NCORD) at District Secretariat here today. He instructed to pay special attention to more than a dozen villages of district where drug abuse cases are increasing. He instructed to form committees in such villages and run a special campaign to make people aware about drug abuse. He said that a complete description of activities to be done during the campaign should be prepared. He instructed District Drug Controller that complaints are being received about non-license holders selling medicines at chemist shops. If such a case comes to notice during investigation, strict action should be taken and license of that shopkeeper should also be cancelled. DC directed Deputy Director of Agriculture to coordinate with Panchayats, Village Secretaries and Canal Department and immediately destroy cannabis and other such plants which are used for intoxication.

Press Club Rampura Phul discusses important issues during meeting



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL: An important meeting of Press Club (Reg.) Rampura Phul was held at the local Mehfil Hotel under the leadership of President Kuljit Singh Dhingra. Various issues were discussed during the meeting. On this occasion, after the response received from the journalists, it was decided that a new membership has been opened in the club. If a journalist wants to become a new member, he can join by contacting the press club. Patron of the club Gheechar Singh Sidhu and senior vice president Makhan Singh Buttar said that a medical camp will be organized by the press club soon and a function will be organized by the press club in the coming days. All the members of the club appealed to the children and parents that the festival of Basant Panchami is approaching. On this occasion, everyone should unite and boycott China Door and celebrate Basant Panchami with normal door, because in the past few days many big accidents have happened due to China Door and many people had to lose their lives are Because of this, the pleasure of kite flying should be taken up with common sense so that no incident of any kind can happen.

Three-day International Conference on Saraswati river begins at KU

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, JAN 29

A three-day international conference on the topic 'Saraswati River - The Cradle of Sanatan Civilization and Culture - Vision and Horizon for Viksit Bharat 2047' will be organized from January 30 and February 1 2025 in the Senate Hall of Kurukshetra University under the joint aegis of Kurukshetra University's Saraswati Research Excellence Center and Haryana Saraswati Heritage Development Board, Panchkula. Kurukshetra MP Hon'ble Naveen Jindal will be the chief guest of the inaugural session of this conference and OSD to Chief Minister, Haryana Bharat Bhushan Bharti will be the Guest of Honour. During a conversation, Kurukshetra University Vice Chancellor



Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva expressed his views that it is a matter of honour for the university to organise such an academic event which will be another attempt for the rejuvenation of Saraswati river. Director of the Conference and KU Saraswati Research Excellence Centre and Dean of Students' Welfare, Prof. AR Chaudhri said that Vice Chairman of Haryana Saraswati Heritage Board Dhumman Singh Kirmach, CEO of the Board, Kumar Supravin, Vice Chairman of Haryana Higher Education Council, Prof. SK

Gakkhar and Convener of ICSR 2025 Arvind Kaushik will grace the occasion.

Deputy Director, Public Relations Department, Dr Jimmy Sharma informed that this international conference will comprise 4 technical sessions and 1 plenary session in hybrid mode. Prof. AB Shukla, Head, Bharatiya Vidya Project, Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, New Delhi, Dr Braj Kishore Shukla, Founder of Mata Saraswati Dham Trust Gandhinagar, Gujarat, Prof. RC Bhardwaj of Maharishi Valmiki Sanskrit University, Kaithal.

Road Accidents: Punjab Government Schemes are helping in saving the lives of the injured

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, JAN 29

The 'Angel Scheme' and 'Road Safety Force' launched by the Punjab Government under the leadership of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann are proving to be helpful in saving precious lives by providing immediate first aid and medical assistance to the injured in road accidents. Giving information about the Angel Scheme, Deputy Commissioner Barnala Madam Punamdeep Kaur said that under the Angel Scheme, the Punjab Government gives a certificate of appreciation along with a reward of Rs. 2,000 to the person who takes the injured in road accidents to the hospital. She said that under this scheme, the injured are treated free of cost in government hospitals as well as in listed private hospitals. Giving more information,



Civil Surgeon (In-charge) Dr. Jyoti Kaushal said that under this scheme, apart from 6 government hospitals in the district, 5 private hospitals are listed. Government hospitals include Civil Hospital Barnala, Sub Divisional Hospital Tapa, CHC Dhanaula, CHC Mahal Kalan, CHC Channanwal and CHC Bhadaur, while private hospitals include BMC Super Specialty Hospital Barnala, Dr. Pardeep Sharma Hospital, Hari Om Hospital, Bhim Nursing Home, Dr. Naresh

Hospital. He said that the list of all the listed hospitals in Punjab under the Ferishte Scheme is available on the department's website sha.punjab.gov.in. Giving information about the Road Safety Force, District Police Chief Barnala Mr. Sandeep Malik said that under the leadership of Honorable Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab government has established a 'Road Safety Force' to prevent road accidents, under which 7 vehicles have been put on 24x7 duty in Barnala district.

DLSA organises workshop on prohibition of child marriage Act 2006

Agriculture Department officials check fertilizer and pesticide firms/dealers

Editorial

Get ready

In 2024, one in seven children around the world had to miss school for prolonged periods owing to climate change-induced extreme weather events like heavy rain, floods, heat waves and so on, according to a UNICEF report. About 54.7 million of these children were from India alone. Worse, in countries like Pakistan and Afghanistan, flooding des-troyed hundreds of schools, leading to long-term learning losses and school drop-outs. Missing school has the potential of starting a vicious cycle: research by Stanford University shows that learning losses as children are directly proportional to scepticism about climate change in adulthood. Education is not the only phenomenon that is affected by climate change. A report by the United Nations Population Fund revealed a similar link between worsening weather and child marriages — financial loss caused by extreme weather prompts people to marry off girls earlier, which, in turn, causes an uptick in maternal and neonatal mortality. Climate change can also significantly impact language by causing the endangerment and potential loss of indigenous languages primarily due to forced migration as people are displaced from areas rendered uninhabitable by extreme climate events. These findings highlight the little-known but wide-ranging impacts of climate change. This is exactly why the sustainable development goals that were set as part of the Paris Agreement included parameters on education, gender equality, and mental health, among others. Yet, what gets a disproportionate amount of attention in the policy and public discourse on climate change are emission cuts, transition to green energy and so on. While these are undoubtedly urgent and indispensable objectives, other areas that bear the brunt of climate change need to be factored into the global discourse on this phenomenon. Hearteningly, interventions are emerging in India — through education. UNICEF has found successful models in India that can stem learning losses due to extreme weather. In Bihar, the 'Safe Saturday' programme has reached over 8.4 million children to teach disaster preparedness while keeping them on track academically; climate change and disaster management are part of the curriculum in Kerala, with digital content reaching even remote areas; and Gujarat's self-paced school safety course has been adopted by tens of thousands of schools. These are best practices that need to be replicated all over the country and improved upon.

Industrialists optimistic about India's growth

Ahead of Union Budget on February 1, about 64 per cent of industrialists expressed optimism regarding India's growth in a "quick survey" conducted by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). According to the survey results, nearly 60 per cent of participants projected a GDP growth rate between 6.5 and 6.9 per cent for 2025-26. Though the numbers mark a moderation from the high growth of over 8.0 per cent witnessed in 2023-24 - it is in sync with persistent headwinds on account of external factors, the survey added. "The Government's commitment to fiscal consolidation has put us in a good state and the survey participants expected the government to remain on that course," the survey said. According to the survey, about 47 per cent of participants expected the government to meet the fiscal deficit target of 4.9 per cent for FY 2024-25 and another 24 per cent reported that the government could improve and report a lower fiscal deficit number for the current year. The current round of FICCI's Pre-budget 2025-26 Survey was conducted between late December 2024 and mid-January 2025. The survey drew responses from over 150 companies spanning diverse sectors, offering a comprehensive insight into India Inc's sentiments amidst moderating economic growth. A significant focus of the survey was on macroeconomic policy interventions. The majority of respondents highlighted the need for sustaining public capital expenditure, with 68 per cent calling for a thrust on capex



to sustain the growth momentum. At least a 15 per cent increase in capex allocation for FY 2025-26 is being looked forward to by members of the Indian industry. Additionally, over half of the respondents emphasised the importance of reforms to further enhance the ease of doing business. Reforms pertaining to factors of production - particularly with respect to areas like land acquisition, labour regulations, and power supply - remain important. Last year's Union Budget had indicated a roadmap for the next generation of reforms - the industry members look forward to fur-

ther guidance on the same. Further, concern was expressed regarding the muted demand situation. A significant number of industry members have called for a review of the direct tax structure. A relook at the slabs and the tax rates is warranted as this could leave more money in the hands of people and spur consumption demand in the economy. The respondents also called for a strong policy push on simplifying the tax regime, incentivizing the development of green technologies/renewables and EVs, and easing compliances through digitization. On the taxation front, providing tax cer-

tainty, addressing custom duty inversion, and rationalization of TDS provisions were highlighted as important themes by the participants. The participants also showed support for an amnesty scheme under customs, with 54 per cent favouring its introduction to enable swift resolution of disputes, as per the survey. The sectoral focus for the upcoming budget was clear, with participants identifying infrastructure, manufacturing (particularly Industry 4.0), and agriculture/rural development as critical areas for policy attention. Nearly 40 per cent of the respondents stressed the continued need to support the MSMEs, given the pivotal role of the sector in driving employment creation. Targeted measures for MSMEs ensuring streamlined credit access, and support for adoption of new technology and sustainability measures were called for. Export competitiveness also emerged as a priority, with respondents emphasizing further improvement in the efficiency of logistics and continuation of interest equalization schemes to enhance India's global trade position. The findings reflected the continuation of a balanced approach to growth, with reforms aimed at enhancing productivity across key sectors. Additionally, participants stressed the importance of aligning macroeconomic policies to strengthen India's resilience against global headwinds, including geopolitical uncertainties, inflationary pressures, and supply chain disruptions. The Budget must continue strengthening the foundation for long-term economic expansion while addressing pressing macroeconomic issues.

Literature & Health

Budget 2025: Jayant Sinha suggests tax exemptions for individuals earning Rs 10 lakh

In the run-up to the Budget for 2025-26, former BJP MP and financial market observer Jayant Sinha, suggested that individuals earning up to Rs 10 lakh per annum should enjoy the benefits of tax exemption. "Tax benefits should be extended to those with an annual income of up to Rs 10 lakh. My suggestion is to raise the tax exemption limit to Rs 10 lakh, as per our definition of the middle class, which earns up to Rs 10 lakh per annum," Sinha said, at a pre-budget show titled 'Jayant Sinha ki Class', on TV channel Aaj Tak. He categorically suggested that the "middle class" be exempted from paying taxes. His AajTak pre-Budget series, running for four days through Wednesday, offers further valuable insights in the lead-up to the Union Budget. The budget session of parliament will begin on January 31 and, according to schedule, will end on April 4. The budget will be presented on February 1. According to sources, the government is considering hiking income tax



slabs and enhancing the standard deduction to address the concerns of middle-class taxpayers amid rising inflation. The current tax structure, with a basic exemption limit of Rs 3,00,000 under the new tax regime, has drawn criticism for being outdated in the face of escalating living costs. Experts anticipate an increase in this threshold to provide much-needed relief to small taxpayers, reducing their compliance burden and lowering mandatory tax filing obligations.

Birthright citizenship is unconstitutional ?

In her first-ever briefing, White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt warned that the Trump administration believes children of migrants 'not subject' to laws of the US when asked about Trump's executive order to end birthright citizenship. Karoline Leavitt, the youngest White House press secretary in history, defended Trump's executive order attempting to end birthright citizenship, despite legal challenges from 22 state attorneys general. "This administration believes that birthright citizenship is unconstitutional," Leavitt said, vowing to take the fight to the Supreme Court. In one of his first acts as the 47th president of the United



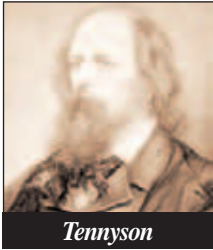
States, Donald Trump signed an executive order aimed at ending "birthright citizenship" - meaning the automatic American citizenship that is granted to anyone born in the country. Trump's order seeks to change the rules to deny the granting of citizenship to the children of migrants who are either in the US ille-

gally or on temporary visas. It applies to children born on 19 February and onwards, and does not apply retroactively. The well prepared and confident Leavitt was taking questions during her first press briefing since Trump returned to the White House last week, when she was also asked about the mass arrests. Leavitt warned those thinking of entering the United States illegally to "think again" as she listed a number ICE arrests of convicted criminals over the last week. She said Trump wants all illegal immigrants removed - including those who have committed violent crimes and undocumented migrants.

POEM

The Princess: Sweet and Low

Sweet and low, sweet and low,
Wind of the western sea, Low, low,
breathe and blow,
Wind of the western sea!
Over the rolling waters go,
Come from the dying moon, and blow,
Blow him again to me;
While my little one,
while my pretty one,
sleeps.
Sleep and rest, sleep and rest,
Father will come to thee soon;
Rest, rest, on mother's breast,
Father will come to thee soon;
Father will come to his babe in the nest,
Silver sails all out of the west
Under the silver moon:
Sleep, my little one, sleep, my pretty one,
sleep.



By Alfred, Lord Tennyson

This protein likely to help retain muscle mass without fat loss: Study

The recent surge in popularity of weight loss drugs like Ozempic, collectively called GLP-1s, has sparked renewed scientific interest in understanding how our bodies regulate muscle growth. In a recent study, scientists have linked the protein BCL6 to the maintenance of muscle mass and further suggested that BCL6-boosting therapeutics could help GLP-1 users retain muscle while losing fat. Similar therapies could also be used to treat other populations prone to muscle loss, such as older adults and patients with systemic diseases like sepsis or cancer. A new study from the Salk Institute has revealed that a protein called BCL6 is key to maintaining healthy muscle mass. The experiments showed that mice with lower levels of BCL6 had significantly



reduced muscle mass and strength, but increasing BCL6 successfully reversed those losses. The results suggest that pairing GLP-1 medications with a BCL6-boosting drug may help counteract

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The findings were published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences on January 22, 2025. "Muscle is the most abundant tissue in the human body, so its

maintenance is critical to our health and quality of life," says Ronald Evans, professor and director of the Gene Expression Laboratory at Salk. "Our study reveals how our

bodies coordinate the upkeep of all this muscle with our nutrition and energy levels, and with this new insight, we can develop therapeutic interventions for patients losing muscle as a side effect of weight loss, age, or illness." Ronald added. Through a series of subsequent experiments, several results were yielded. According to the study by the Salk Institute, fasting promotes the secretion of growth hormone, which reduces BCL6 levels in muscle cells. BCL6 is a regulator of SOCS2, so less BCL6 leads to less SOCS2. At normal levels, BCL6 controls how much SOCS2 is expressed and, therefore, how much IGF1 is produced. In animals without BCL6, the lack of control over SOCS2 slowed IGF1 production so much that muscles became weaker and smaller.

NEWS BRIEF

Samsung Launches BESPOKE AI WindFree™ AC Range

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today launched its 2025 lineup of BESPOKE AI WindFree™ Air conditioners, a fusion of cutting-edge AI technology and premium design. With a focus on intelligent cooling, energy efficiency, and connected living, the new range of 19 models cater to the evolving demands of Indian consumers. These air conditioners are thoughtfully engineered to deliver comfort, convenience, and innovation while tackling the challenges of India's extreme summers. Priced at INR 32990/- onwards, the new range of Bespoke AI air conditioners are available across all leading retail outlets and online platforms, including Flipkart, Amazon, and Samsung.com.

Hyatt India Unveils “PVT LTD” The First Exclusive Speakeasy Bar at Hyatt Centric Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH: Hyatt Hotels Corporation proudly introduces PVT LTD, a sophisticated speakeasy bar hidden within the luxurious confines of Hyatt Centric Chandigarh. This exclusive haven promises a one-of-a-kind experience, where mystery and luxury intertwine to create an intoxicating ambience. Concealed behind an unmarked door in the lobby, PVT LTD is an intimate sanctuary known only to a select few, offering an atmosphere that exudes both opulence and intrigue. “PVT LTD is a groundbreaking concept that redefines luxury and exclusivity,” said Mr. Sohaib Kidwai, General Manager, Hyatt Centric Chandigarh. “We are thrilled to bring this extraordinary experience to the city. This bespoke space embodies Hyatt's commitment to innovation, delivering a level of sophistication and refinement that sets new standards in luxury.”

EEDL prepares to Take Over Chandigarh's Power Distribution

CHANDIGARH: Eminent Electricity Distribution Limited (EEDL), a 100% subsidiary of CESC Limited (RPSG Group), is committed to providing efficient, innovative, and reliable power solutions in Chandigarh. This transformative transition brings significant benefits to consumers while ensuring the well-being, security, and professional growth of EEDL's employees. At the core of this transformation, EEDL is committed to safeguarding the rights, benefits, and career progression of its employees, ensuring that they feel valued, supported, and empowered throughout the privatization process. Key Employee Benefits Under EEDL's New Structure: Job Security and Service Conditions Protected: EEDL guarantees full protection of employees' job security and service conditions following the transition. The company will remain committed to enhancing these conditions, ensuring that there will be no reduction in benefits. Strong safeguards under the Electricity Act, 2003, and tender conditions ensure employees' roles will remain secure, with their rights and welfare fully protected. Retirement and Medical Benefits Assured: EEDL will continue to uphold all retirement benefits—including pensions, gratuity, provident fund, and terminal benefits—ensuring employees' post-retirement security remains unaffected.

Samsung Lets Users Try Out Stable One UI 7.0 on Galaxy S24 FE via Remote Test Lab

Samsung unveiled a stable version of One UI 7 based on Android 15 alongside the Galaxy S25 series during its Galaxy Unpacked event earlier this month. The new software will soon make its way to older models like the Galaxy S24 series and Galaxy S24 FE. Ahead of the public rollout, users can check out the stable One UI 7.0 on Galaxy S24 FE virtually via the Remote Test Lab (RTL). Samsung's RTL facility is meant for developers to test their applications virtually and remotely on Galaxy devices. Users with a Samsung Account can sign up to use the RTL and access the Galaxy S24 FE virtually to check out One UI 7.0.

JSW Infrastructure announces Q3 FY25 results

CHANDIGARH: JSW Infrastructure Limited (the "Company"), a part of the JSW Group and India's second-largest private commercial port operator, today announced its results for the third quarter and period ended 31st December 2024. During the quarter, the Company handled cargo volumes of 29.4 million tonnes, which is higher by 5% over the last year. The volume increase was driven by the increased capacity utilization in the coal terminal at Paradip, contribution from PNP port and Liquid Storage Terminal, UAE. The growth was partially offset by lower cargo volumes in the Iron Ore terminal at Paradip. The increase in the third-party volume was stronger with 31% year-on-year growth and the share of Third Party in the overall volumes stood at 49% vs 39% a year ago. The higher volume and integration of the recently acquired Navkar Corporation translated to 24% year-on-year growth in the total revenue which stood at ₹1,265 Crore. EBITDA increased to ₹670 Crore (+20% yoy) with a robust margin of 52.9%. Consequently, PAT stood at ₹336 Crore, reflecting a growth of 32%.

Jindal Stainless announces financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2024

HISAR: The Board of Directors of Jindal Stainless Limited (JSL) announced the Q3FY25 financial results. The company's Q3FY25 standalone net revenue was recorded at INR 10,066 crores, exhibiting a growth of 10.8% on a year on year (YoY) basis. Standalone EBITDA stood at INR 1,003 crores while standalone profit after tax (PAT) was at INR 619 crores. Net debt (excluding Inter Corporate Deposit) for the quarter was recorded at INR 3,344 crores and the net debt-to-equity ratio was maintained at -0.2. Net debt/EBITDA for the quarter stood at -0.9. Meanwhile, consolidated net revenue was recorded at INR 9,907 crores. Consolidated EBITDA and PAT stood at INR 1,208 crores and INR 654 crores, respectively. The Board of Directors also approved payment of interim dividend @50% i.e. INR 1 per equity share (face value of INR 2 each) for FY25. The record date for determining the entitlement of members for the purpose of payment has been set as February 06, 2025. The dividend shall be paid on or before February 27, 2025. Commenting on the performance of the company, Managing Director, Jindal Stainless, Mr. Abhishek Jindal, said, "Recent times in the Indian steel and stainless steel industry have been witness to the adverse effects of subsidised dumping of inferior quality products by countries having surplus capacities. With India still being the fastest growing major economy globally, the domestic industry needs immediate government measures to stop dumping of surplus quantities into India.

Natural Ways To Get Rid of Hickies

Hickeys can often result in embarrassment, with friends and family constantly asking you where you got those ‘red rashes’ from. So, who wouldn't want to get rid of them asap? However, it's important to adapt skin-friendly ways to get rid of hickeys. Check out these five effective ways.

Apply aloe vera pulp
Squeeze out some aloe vera pulp and apply it over the affected area. Let it sit for at least 10 minutes. The gel reduces the sensitivity of the affected area and provides a soothing sensation, aiding in the removal of the hickey.

Use a cool metal spoon
Keep a metal spoon to cool in the freezer for a good 30 minutes. Take it out and press it over the affected areas. Pressing with a cold spoon regulates blood flow, thereby removing swelling and clotting. You can also place ice packs on the affected areas for immediate results.

Turn up the heat
Take a clean towel and dip it completely in hot water. Gently press the towel over the affected areas. Repeat the process 4-5 times for a relieving effect. This method is useful if your hickey is 3-4 days old.

Try something minty



Apply a layer of peppermint oil or toothpaste generously over the affected areas. Peppermint, being cool in nature, leaves a chilly sensation. Then, clear the toothpaste with a moist warm towel. This method eases the flow of blood in the area and removes the mark quickly.

Try tel maalish
Use your fingers to massage the affected area with some warm almond or olive oil. Massaging separates the blood coagulation and expands

blood? dissemination all through the region, helping get rid of the hickey. Besides, this approach also helps keep pain and swelling at bay.

Butter it up
Cocoa butter works as an effective healing agent for your skin, thanks to its excellent moisturising properties. After applying a warm towel over the hickey, massage some cocoa butter over the area for a few minutes. Do this several times a day to get rid of any blood clots and also to

stimulate circulation.
Vitamin C can be vital
Oranges are loaded with vitamin C, which helps heal and repair the skin. Apart from including orange juice in your daily diet, you could take vitamin C supplements. Applying creams enriched with vitamin C can also help boost collagen and get rid of the hickey.

Pineapple to the rescue
This fruit contains bromelain which works wonders on bruises, thereby ensuring immediate relief from pain and soreness. Simply cut some slices of pineapple and gently rub them over the hickey.

Repeat the process four to five times daily. You could also dip a piece of cloth in pineapple juice and gently dab it on the hickey.

Goodness of banana peels
Banana peels are known to have a cooling effect and can help reduce the appearance of a hickey. Rub a banana peel over the hickey for a few minutes or simply place it over the affected area for 20 to 25 minutes. Do this two to three times a day.

Paste it
Toothpaste can have a

THINK Gas partners with Punjab schools to increase adoption of CNG in their bus fleets

LUDHIANA - THINK Gas has been advocating the utilization of CNG and PNG in their markets in Ludhiana and Jalandhar in the state of Punjab. THINK Gas has now teamed up with Golden Earth Convent School in Mullanpur to help convert its diesel fleet to environmentally friendly CNG in a bid towards a cleaner future. Recognising that children are the future generation, Chairman Baldev Arora, Golden Earth Convent School, ensured that the school acts as a role model for others in the region by adopting clean green natural gas. He urged that schools should now look at converting their bus fleets to CNG as it is more economical and also helps reduce pollution – thereby saving costs and giving a clean green environment to the children. The move will minimize vehicular pollution by reducing emissions, improve the quality of life for students and fuel sustainable development.



Singapore HC grants leave for Zettai to propose its Scheme of Arrangement to creditors

CHANDIGARH: In a significant development, the Singapore High Court has given the decision in favour of Zettai Pte Ltd, allowing the company to convene a scheme meeting with the users of the cryptocurrency exchange, WazirX. This decision is a significant step in Zettai's efforts to distribute assets associated with WazirX to users, and to revive operations of the platform. The Court granted a 16-week moratorium to Zettai, which provides the necessary time and legal protection to carry out the restructuring process. In addition, the Court also granted permission to Zettai to vary the scheme meeting process, which is intended to streamline the process and facilitate the participation of more users in the scheme meeting. The Court found that there was no abuse of process and also observed that there was no proper or sufficient evidence presented before the Court of wrongdoing or misconduct, contrary to suggestions made by certain users of the platform that Zettai had orchestrated the cyberattack. This observation comes at a crucial time, following a joint statement from the governments of the United States, Japan, and South Korea identifying the North Korean Lazarus group as responsible for the cyberattack. The Court also took note that whilst there may be a number of creditors who have voiced objections to Zettai's application, there is also the possibility of a silent majority of users who support the application but have decided to be passive in the process. Zettai wishes to take this opportunity to reiterate its commitment to addressing user concerns and implementing a comprehensive restructuring plan to facilitate recovery for users of the platform in a structured manner.

Welcoming 2025 with the Best Home Essentials: Must-Have Products from Top Brands in India

CHANDIGARH: Embrace the New Year with a home refresh! Discover a curated selection of must-have essentials that combine functionality, convenience, and style. From cozy warmth to effortless cleaning, these top-tier products elevate your everyday living. From luxurious towel warmers to innovative smart home solutions, these home essentials are designed to enhance your living spaces and meet your everyday needs. Start 2025 on the right note with these must-have products: Designed to enhance your well-being, the advanced steam generator by Queo, a Hindware brand offers a range of benefits, including deep cleansing, stress relief, improved circulation, and respiratory relief. This Steam Generator is equipped with a steam light, LED indicators for temperature and time, and a user-friendly control panel. These features allow you to easily monitor and adjust your steam session, ensuring a personalized and comfortable experience. The fly shuttle button with backlighting ensures seamless operation, while the manual drain simplifies maintenance. Additionally, it comes with a 6.5-foot cable that ensures easy installation. The Steam generator caters to various bathroom sizes and usage needs with three power options. Haier's Convection Microwave Ovens are the ultimate kitchen companion, providing speed, efficiency, and versatility. These microwaves are equipped with advanced features like convection cooking and defrosting, combining speed, efficiency, and versatility. Haier's models even come with extended warranties, providing peace of mind for years to come. Whether you're reheating leftovers or preparing a gourmet meal, these microwaves are a must-have for your kitchen, adding both functionality and style to your cooking routine. Vacuum cleaners have evolved over the years, and Xiaomi's X10 Robot Vacuum Cleaner takes cleaning to the next level.



Nayanta University Set to Launch Classes in August 2025

CHANDIGARH— Nayanta University will commence classes in August 2025. The university aspires to be a world-class institution and is supported by prominent industrialists, including Naushad Forbes, Kris Gopalakrishnan, Nadir Godrej, Meher Pudumjee, and Satish Reddy. Nayanta will offer a fully residential undergraduate program that promises a transformative educational experience. During the launch event, Kris Gopalakrishnan highlighted the importance of value-based institutions and the significant role of



founders in cultivating a strong institutional culture. Naushad Forbes stressed the pressing need for higher-quality educational institutions in India. He expressed confidence in Nayanta's commitment to a need-blind, merit-based admission process and underscored the university's intention to reflect India's economic and geographic diversity.

Nayanta University has partnered with the Confederation of Indian Industries, ensuring a highly differentiated education framework that combines theory with practice and deep technical and cultural literacy. Dr Ranjan Banerjee outlined the foundational principles of Nayanta's student experience, focusing on two key areas: personal care and career development. Each student will go through a personal development program to enhance self-awareness, and the university will build a culture where faculty and institute leadership invest time with students in small groups and one-on-one interactions outside the classroom. Furthermore, all students, regardless of their specialisation, will engage in internships, including both a five-month and a one-term-long internship. Three one-month internships will offer students a chance to experience the corporate, social and government sectors before undergoing a five-month internship in the sector of choice.

SOCIAL brings back India's most-loved queer festival, Satrangi Mela!



CHANDIGARH: Satrangi Mela is here and ready to stay! This all-day queer fest is a space where everyone is welcome to embrace diversity and express themselves freely. Dive into lively flea markets and captivating drag performances that will spark pure energy and set the perfect vibe on 2nd February at Social 7 Chandigarh from 2.00 PM Onwards. Satrangi Mela isn't just an event; it's a celebration of love, identity, and belonging. It's where stories come alive through vibrant flea markets, soulful music, and powerful drag performances. A space that welcomes everyone to connect, celebrate, and feel the pulse of a community that stands proud. Whether you're here to shop, dance, or simply embrace the energy around you, Satrangi Mela offers an experience that will leave you inspired and uplifted.

Shakti Pumps (India) Limited announced its financial results

AMRITSAR/ LUDHIANA - Shakti Pumps (India) Limited (SPL), announced the financial results for the quarter and nine months ended 31st December 2024. Shakti Pumps (India) Limited Chairman, Mr. Dinesh Palitkar, commented on the company's performance, "I am pleased to share that our company has earned the prestigious "Great Place to Work" certification, a testament to our strong and motivated team, which has contributed to the company's consistent growth. The company has delivered strong overall financial performance led by increased execution of orders and operational efficiencies, which also resulted in significant margin expansion. The order inflow continued to gain momentum, resulting in a robust outstanding order book position of around Rs. 20,700Mn (inclusive of GST) as on 31st December 2024, which is to be executed within a year. During the quarter, the company received a Letter of Empanelment of 25,000 pumps amounting to Rs. 7,543 Mn (inclusive of GST) under the Magel Tyala Saur Krushi Pump Scheme in Maharashtra; and an order of 3,174 pumps from Haryana Renewable.

Lenovo Opens New Hybrid Store in Faridabad, Strengthening Presence in Northern India

FARIDABAD: Lenovo, the global technology powerhouse, cements its retail presence in North India with the opening of 17 new, hybrid, and refreshed stores further solidifying its position as a market leader in the region. Strategically located across Bhopal, Indore, Gwalior, Chattarpur, Noida, Kanpur, Varanasi, Gorakhpur, Allahabad, Faridabad, Hissar and Panipat will provide an engaging experience to customers. The stores are designed to deliver an engaging shopping experience, featuring interactive displays, innovative product showcases, and knowledgeable staff providing personalized assistance, product demos, and technical support. With this expansion, Lenovo boasts 180+ stores across North India, underscoring its commitment to driving regional growth and enhancing accessibility. One of the highlights of this expansion is a hybrid store in Faridabad, Haryana, which features a dedicated gaming

zone. Designed to provide an immersive experience, this space allows gaming enthusiasts to explore Lenovo's latest innovations in gaming technology firsthand. Shoppers can explore newly launched devices in India, such as the LOQ, Legion, IdeaPad, Yoga, ThinkPad, and ThinkBook series, tailored to meet the needs of students, gamers, and professionals. Raghavendra Araveeti, Sales Head, North and East – Consumer Business, said, "Expanding our retail footprint in India reinforces our commitment to bringing smarter technology closer to consumers. These new stores act as innovation hubs, offering personalized service and enabling customers to explore our diverse product range and experience AI-driven technology firsthand. Our portfolio of devices and services offer students, gamers, professionals, and businesses with features designed to enhance productivity, learning, and creativity"

Symphony Ltd Launches Hair Fall Control Geysers for Healthier Hair & Skin

CHANDIGARH - Symphony Ltd has forayed into the water heating solutions. The company has launched a range of water heaters with a 9-layer PuroPod Technology that converts hard water into soft water, filtering out harmful chemicals and sediments-one of the causes of hair fall. The company has launched 3 models - 9 SKUs in the water heater segment - Symphony Spa, Symphony Sauna, and Symphony Soul in 10-litre, 15-litre, and 25-litre capacities. Aesthetically appealing, the five-star-rated water heater range comes with a heavy-duty heating element, Titanium Pro Coating for enhanced durability, a Magnesium Rod for a longer lifespan, and comprehensive safety features.

Commenting on the development, Mr. Achal Bakeri, Chairman and Managing Director, Symphony Ltd, said, "At Symphony, we think about tomorrow, today. Guided by our 'Thinking of Tomorrow' philosophy, we developed this unique geyser after gathering consumer insights on the impact of hard water on hair and skin, as well as the inconvenience of operating geysers installed at a height. With advanced filtration to reduce water hardness and an AI-enabled, splash-proof wireless controller, our geysers ensure effortless operation-even while showering-making every bath smarter, safer, more luxurious.

Women make up only 30% of the workforce in the Artificial Intelligence (AI) sector

NEW DELHI : The South Asian Chapter of Women for Ethical AI (W4EAI) was officially launched at The 2025 International Conference on Gender and Technology in Kerala. Organized by Amrita University in collaboration with UNESCO and Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers(IEEE), the conference advocated for advancing gender-transformative approaches and developing a multi-stakeholder plan of action to promote gender equality in AI and emerging technologies. To advance gender equality in and through AI, the W4EAI network was established by UNESCO to track progress of implementation on the gender chapter of the Recommendations of the Ethics of AI, which represents the tangible commitment of 194 members states. "From our interactions during this conference, it is established that promoting Gender Equality and Ethical Considerations in AI is simply being human" Dr. Bhavani Rao – Dean, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Director, UNESCO Chair for Gender Equality & Women's Empowerment, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham. The South Asian Chapter of the network is poised to assess the impact of AI on gender equality, support the AI ecosystem in creating inclusive and trustworthy AI systems while ensuring equal representation and building capacity for women across all stages of the AI lifecycle, from design and development to deployment.



Samsung Integrates EMBIBE's AI-Powered Learning Platform into the Samsung Education Hub App



CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, has partnered with EMBIBE, an AI-powered personalised learning outcomes platform, to integrate it into the Samsung Education Hub app, a designed-for-TV education app. The collaboration will help TVs become effective educational tools providing personalised learning experiences

for students. "The Samsung Education Hub app aims to expand the role of TVs in homes, transforming them from mere entertainment hubs to a seamless platform for online learning. This innovative 'designed-for-TV' education app is set to revolutionise the online learning experience, making it engaging and accessible to all.

Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India Champions Road Safety Education to Empower Young Minds

GURUGRAM: Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India (HMSI) continues its commitment to creating a safer road environment by organizing an engaging 'Kids Carnival' focused on road safety education. The event, aimed at empowering young minds with essential traffic safety knowledge, aligns with Honda's global vision of achieving zero traffic collision fatalities by 2050. HMSI has taken significant steps towards fostering road safety awareness, while aligning with the Government of India's goal of reducing road fatalities by half by 2030. The Kids' Carnival was organized at HMSI's all four plants across India - Tapukara (Rajasthan), Vithalapur (Gujarat), Narasapura (Karnata) and its culmination at the company's Global Resource Factory in IMT Manesar, Gurugram, Haryana. It featured interactive and fun-filled activities designed to educate children about the importance of road safety. From traffic rules and road signs to the significance of responsible behaviour on roads, it introduced young participants



to these vital concepts in an engaging manner.

The Kids Carnival activity brought together over 1100 students and teachers from government and primary schools, aiming to promote a culture of road safety among young minds. Students from 5th to 6th standards accompanied by their teachers, actively participated in interactive activities designed to educate and empower them as road safety ambassadors.

HMSI's road safety education program is built upon scientifically devised

learning modules that make learning fun yet informative. The event featured a range of engaging activities, including: Road Safety Skit: Students performed specially curated skits covering various aspects of road safety, making the learning process interactive and relatable. Road Safety Videos: Specially designed movies were showcased to encourage a positive mindset towards safe road usage among children. Interactive Games: Fun-filled activities were organized to reinforce road safety concepts in an enjoyable and memorable manner.

'A Life-Saving Namaste' Fortis Mohali Introduces Unique Stroke Detection Technique



MOHALI: Can a simple Namaste help save lives in the case of an acute stroke? A new technique definitely can. Fortis Hospital, Mohali has launched a groundbreaking initiative to spread awareness about early stroke detection using this traditional greeting. Explaining the technique, Dr. Shriram Varadarajan, an eminent neurologist, said, "A simple Namaste can save lives during an acute stroke. By performing a Namaste, individuals can quickly check for key stroke symptoms. Joining hands can help detect arm weakness or drift, standing straight with a smile can reveal facial droop or asymmetry, and saying 'Namaste' aloud can highlight slurred speech. Additionally, closing your eyes can test for vestibular or sensory issues." Dr. Varadarajan highlighted that current pre-hospital stroke assessment scales focus on facial droop, arm drift, grip weakness, and slurring of speech - all of which can be tested simultaneously through the traditional Namaste. He added, "If someone is alone, self-assessment can be done in front of a mirror. Closing one's eyes while performing the Namaste can also help detect sensory or balance abnormalities, which may indicate posterior circulation strokes." Breaking it down further, Dr. Varadarajan explained, "The Namaste posture involves flexion with abduction at the shoulder, flexion at the elbows, and wrist extension with palms pressed together.

NEWS BRIEF

Placement camp by Employment Bureau today

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA : District Employment and Commerce Bureau Barnala in coordination with Globes Warehouse/Trading Private Limited Company is organizing a placement camp for the posts of Station Manager, Technical Assistant, Gardown Assistant/Garddown Clerk (only for boys) on 30.01.2025 (Thursday) from 10:00 am to 02:00 pm at District Employment and Commerce Bureau, 2nd Floor, District Administrative Complex Barnala. In this regard, District Employment Generation Skill Development and Training Officer Barnala Madam Navjot Kaur said that the qualification for the above posts is at least 12th pass/graduate with computer, post graduation, and B.Sc. Agriculture and the age limit is 18 to 45 years. It is mandatory for the candidates to have a resume during the interview and to be in formal dress during the interview. For more information, contact the District Employment and Business Bureau Barnala helpline number 9417039072.

Bilaspur admin transforms lives by making road access restored for disabled resident

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, JAN 29

In a remarkable display of commitment to inclusivity, the district administration has ensured better accessibility for persons with disabilities by constructing a road for Santosh Kumari, a resident of Chadol village in Bilaspur. Suffering from a 78% locomotor disability, Santosh faced immense hardship due to the lack of a proper road leading to her home. Thanks to the swift intervention of Deputy Commissioner Abid Hussain Sadiq, this long-standing issue has been resolved, allowing her to move freely with dignity.

After learning about Santosh's difficulties through the District-level Committee under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, DC took



immediate action. He approved funding for a 120-meter-long, 8-foot-wide road and directed the Block Development Officer to expedite the construction. The Panchayat efficiently completed the work, granting Santosh the long-awaited ease of access.

Returning to her village for the first time since the road's completion, Santosh was honored at the Deputy Commissioner's office before being safely transported home with the help of the Red Cross Society. Adding further support, Sadiq announced that she would soon receive

an electric scooter to enhance her mobility.

Overwhelmed with gratitude, Santosh praised the district administration, stating that the Deputy Commissioner had kept his word and changed her life. Apart from the road construction, she has also been provided with social security pension benefits and accommodation at the Bilaspur Women's Hostel, where she has completed a diploma in Computer Applications.

Deputy Commissioner Abid Hussain Sadiq reaffirmed his commitment to empowering persons with disabilities, ensuring they receive the necessary resources to live with dignity and independence. This initiative marks another milestone in Bilaspur's efforts toward inclusivity and social justice.

Students of Govt Sr Sec School Fatehpur organize Road Safety awareness rally

SANJEEV MAHAJAN
NURPUR: To raise awareness about road safety, students of Government Senior Secondary School, Fatehpur, organized an awareness rally on Wednesday. The rally, which started from the school and passed through Hada Chowk and Main Bazar, was led



by the school's principal, Madan Lal. As part of the campaign, students held slogans and posters related to road safety, chanting phrases like "Travel safely, stay happy," "Wear a helmet, save your life," and "Follow road rules, reach home safely." Principal Madan Lal mentioned that the

rally was organized following instructions from the District Deputy Director. The event aimed to educate the public about traffic rules, ensuring their safety. Teachers emphasized that students are playing a vital role in spreading awareness, urging everyone to be cautious on the roads.

Jalandhar Commissionerate Police busts drug smuggling racket



PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, JAN 29

Jalandhar Police Commissionerate led by Commissioner of Police Mr Swapn Sharma has busted a gang involved in smuggling of drugs by arresting two smugglers.

Divulging the details, the Commissioner of Police said that on a tip off the Police was patrolling in the e city when they observed two individuals riding a white

Activa (number plate: PB08BY4804) under suspicious circumstances. He said that Police stopped the youth identified as Nitin Gogna, son of Deepak Gogna, resident of H.No. NK242, Mohalla Charanjitpura, Jalandhar and Harpreet Kashyap, son of Heera Lal, resident of H.No. 343/17, Krishna Nagar, Jalandhar. Mr Swapn Sharma said that during the checking the Police recovered 3,200 intoxicant

tablets from the individuals.

The Commissioner of Police said that both the youth were arrested and a FIR 11 dated 25.01.2025 u/s 22-61-85 NDPS ACT Police Station Division No.02, Jalandhar. He said that police is continuing their efforts to gather additional information to dismantle the drug network in the region. Mr Swapn Sharma said that further investigation into the case is going on and details if any will be shared later.

Congress appoints Pankaj Gaba as coordinator for MC elections of Karnal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JAN 29

Congress party appointed Pankaj Gaba as the coordinator of Karnal for municipal elections and assigned Pankaj Gaba a big responsibility for the upcoming mayor and MC elections. On this occasion, Pankaj Gaba said that today he has been appointed the coordinator of Karnal for the elections of Karnal Municipal Corporation 2025, for which he thanked the Congress party high command, Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee's state in-charge Deepak Babaria, elder brother MP Deepender Hooda and the heartbeat of the youth of Karnal Lok Sabha, brother Divyanishun



Buddhiraja from the bottom of my heart.

"I will fulfill the responsibility entrusted to me with full honesty" he said. He told that in Karnal district, MLA Ashok Arora has been appointed in-charge and Priyanka Hooda appointed co-in-charge. In this, in Karnal city, Nishchay

Important decisions for the historic city taken in first meeting of city council

DEEPAK KUMAR
MACHHIWARA, JAN 29

The first meeting of Machhiwara Municipal Council was held on Wednesday under the chairmanship of Pradhan Mohit Kundra. Samrala MLA Jagtar Singh Diyalpur specially attended the meeting. In this first meeting, many important decisions were taken in the interest of the historic city of Machhiwara. While giving information to the MLA Jagtar Singh Diyalpur and Pradhan Mohit Kundra said that during the previous governments, Machhiwara city was given the status of Machhiwara Sahib but it was never implemented.



Considering the historical importance of Machhiwara city and its purity should be maintained. The liquor shops running in the city will be shifted outside the city limits. This important decision has been passed unanimously in the meeting on the basis of initiative. Keeping in mind the traffic problem, yellow strip has been started for shopkeepers from Wednesday and special places were being prepared

for car parking. He said that decorative lights and plants will be installed from Ghani Khan Navi Khan Gate to Gurudwara Shri Charan Kanwal Sahib and the ancient Shivala temple located on Ropar Road which has been passed by the House with unanimous consent. Apart from this, the income of the city council many other important decisions have been taken to increase security.

Republic Day celebrated at Angels World School



RADHE SHYAM SHARMA

MORINDA: Republic Day was celebrated with great pomp in Angels World School. The program started with the Gayatri Mantra, students of the junior wing presented patriotic songs, while the students of the senior wing sang patriotic songs like Bharat Pyara Desh Hamara, Vande Mataram, Mera Desh Rangeela, Sare Jahan Se Achha Hindustan Hamara, Desh Mere Teri Shaan De Sadke, Yeh Desh Veer Jawanon Ka etc. During this, Hindi language related activities and poetry experiments related to the Constitution were conducted. Principal Deepika Sharma said that efforts should be made to connect the students with the country and patriotism, so that the feeling of patriotism can be awakened in the children.

NCC 2 Chandigarh battalion conducts combined annual training camp



SUMER GARG

CHANDIGARH: The PRO defence wing Chandigarh in a Press note said, "The NCC - 2 Chandigarh Battalion successfully conducted its Combined Annual Training Camp -180 at NCC Academy Ropar from January 19 to 28, 2025. On the culmination day, Colonel Paramjit Singh, Commanding Officer, 2 Chandigarh Battalion NCC, Chandigarh congratulated the cadets and advised them to strive for excellence in the future. He informed that during the 10-day camp, cadets underwent rigorous training in physical fitness, drill, weapon handling, firing, map reading, field craft, and battle craft. Additionally, they were sensitized on firefighting, precautions of HIV/AIDS, traffic discipline to prevent road accidents, health & nutrition, organics and fitness, he added. The camp also featured interesting game competitions, including lemon-spoon race, sack race, three-leg race, musical chairs and 100-meter race, which saw enthusiastic participation from the cadets.

Empowering Young Women against addiction: A crucial step in Punjab's fight



VERMA

GURDASPUR: To combat the escalating drug addiction crisis in Punjab, which threatens the health and prosperity of the youth, this center is actively organizing awareness campaigns under the Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan with the generous support of Sh. Shiv Dular Singh Dhillion, Retd. IAS Secretary of the Indian Red Cross Society, Chandigarh. A recent camp held at the ITI for Girls in Fatehgarh Churian saw significant participation from young women who attentively listened to lectures on the dangers of addiction. The primary objective of this initiative is to empower young women with skills and opportunities to earn a livelihood, thus shielding themselves and their families from the devastating impact of drug abuse. Furthermore, the camp aimed to inspire these young women to become active participants in the Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyan. By spreading awareness within their communities, they can play a crucial role in strengthening this vital campaign. Romesh Mahajan, a National Awardee and Project Director of RC-IRCA Gurdaspur, emphasized the importance of perseverance in overcoming addiction.

Students lead road safety awareness rally in Bilaspur



AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY

BILASPUR: As part of National Road Safety Week, an awareness rally was organized by the Road Safety Club at Government Senior Secondary School Kothipura, District Bilaspur. Students enthusiastically participated, marching from the school to the main market, spreading awareness about traffic rules and responsible road behavior. Principal Nirmala Thakur, the flagged off the rally and praised the efforts of the Road Safety Club in promoting awareness among students and the public. She emphasized the importance of following road safety guidelines and lauded the club's ongoing efforts in instilling responsible driving habits. Club in-charge Kamal Singh highlighted that road safety awareness activities are conducted throughout the year, with students playing a key role in educating citizens about traffic regulations, accident prevention, and the importance of assisting accident victims. The event also featured various competitions, including quiz, speech, slogan writing, and poster making, where students showcased their understanding of road safety.

Students receive offer letters from leading companies

NIRMAL SAINI

RADAUR: Final-year students of BCA and Diploma in Mechanical Engineering from Global Research Institute of Management and Technology, Nachraun, have received offer letters from Karvy Solutions, Rohtak, and the German-based Hitachi Astemo, Gurugram. These students will have the opportunity to work in various departments, applying their education and skills in real-world scenarios. Diploma in Mechanical Engineering students Abhishek Kumar, Niranjan Ram, MD Shehnawaz, Safaid Ali, and Amar Kumar have been appointed as Diploma Engineer Trainees at Hitachi Astemo.



Meanwhile, BCA student Payal has been selected as a Business Development Executive at Karvy Solutions. Institute Chairman CA S.K. Jindal congratulated the students, stating that their achievement reflects their hard work, dedication, and excellence. He expressed confidence in their future success. Group Director Dr. R.S. Sharma wished the selected students success in their professional journey, emphasizing that their accomplishments would bring pride to the institution.

Road safety awareness program held at Janata Public School



NIRMAL SAINI

RADAUR: A road safety awareness program was organized at Janata Public School, Alahar, as part of Road Safety Month. The event featured a theatrical performance by students highlighting key road safety rules and regulations. Students from classes six to eight participated in a painting competition, with Shanvi securing the first position, Aishwarya second, and Urvi third. Senior students from classes nine to twelve performed a dance based on road safety, which was highly appreciated by officials from the Regional Transport Office (RTO). The top performers were honored with cash prizes by the RTO department. School President Mukesh Shastri emphasized the importance of such activities in fostering holistic development among students.

BBN to be developed as clean and beautiful model like Chandigarh under 2042 Development Plan

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: Sonalakshi Singh, the Chief Executive Officer of Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh Development Authority and Commissioner of Baddi Municipal Corporation, urged the residents to help eliminate encroachments and completely ban the use of polythene to create an environmentally friendly and clean region. She highlighted the successful implementation of a one-week polythene removal campaign aimed at keeping Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh clean and beautiful. Singh announced that a pilot project will soon be initiated, which will target the removal of encroachments along Sain Road, Chakka, and other areas. She emphasized that the campaign's objective is to make the area polythene-free, encourage eco-friendly alternatives, and ensure a clean and green environment. She further appealed to the residents, traders, and industrial establishments to actively participate in this initiative and contribute to the success of this mission, which will be carried out every two months. Singh also addressed the issue of blocked drains due to polythene and encroachments, which pose a health and environmental threat.



District-Level Youth Parliament organises at Govt Girls Sr Secondary School, Ladwa



VIJAY KAUSHIK

LADWA: A district-level youth parliament was organized at the Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Ladwa, under the guidance of the school's principal, Shri Rampal Saroh. Students from classes 9 to 12 actively participated in the event. The judging panel included senior political science professors Shri Rajender Ji from DIET, Palwal, and Shri Lakhwinder Singh, political science professor at Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Barot. The event commenced with a tribute to Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar and a homage to former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. During the youth parliament, the students enthusiastically assumed their respective roles. Riya from class 11 acted as the President, Raunak as the Prime Minister, and Ramanpreet as the Leader of the Opposition, with Tania serving as the General Secretary.

MLA Jagmohan Anand condoles death of Ramdia's wife



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand reached Kachhwa village on Wednesday. Here, after the death of Ramdia's wife Bhuli Devi, he reached her residence and expressed condolences on behalf of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, Union Minister Manohar Lal and himself. During this, he expressed deep condolences to the bereaved family. After this, MLA Jagmohan Anand reached the residence of Jeevan Ram of Kachhwa village. Here he expressed condolences on the death of Jeevan Ram's wife. He consoled the family and prayed at the feet of God for the peace of the soul of the deceased. Jagmohan Anand also enquired about the well-being of Kachhwa village's numberdar Jitendra and BJP worker Angrez Singh. Recently, news of his being injured in a road accident was received.



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