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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Satyarthi, Baba Ramdev to attend peace summit in Dubai

DUBAI: Nobel laureate Kailash Satyarthi and yoga guru Baba Ramdev are among the prominent Indian personalities scheduled to attend a global peace summit here next month. The summit coincides with the declaration of 2025 as the 'Year of Community' by Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the UAE President.

Announcing the launch of the summit to be held on April 12-13, Dr Huzaifa Khorakiwala, chairman of the 'I am Peacekeeper Movement' said the summit will be held under the patronage of Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Nahayan, cabinet member and Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence, who will also be the chief guest.

### Nearly 864 km of India-Bangladesh border yet to be fenced

NEW DELHI: In response to queries raised by Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP Sajda Ahmed over the fencing of the India-Bangladesh border, Union Minister of State (MoS) for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai said that nearly 864.482 kilometres of the border was yet to be fenced and it includes a length of 174.514 km of non-feasible gap.

### Court dismisses defamation complaint against Tharoor

NEW DELHI: A Delhi Court on Tuesday dismissed a criminal defamation complaint filed by BJP Leader Rajeev Chandrasekhar against Congress MP Dr. Shashi Tharoor. Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (ACJM) Paras Dalal after hearing the complaint said, "This Court having given considerable thought to the facts and circumstances of the present case, finds that there is no imputation which violates the requirement of law so as to initiate trial for criminal defamation against the proposed accused".

### Two private schools receive hoax bomb threat in MP's Indore

INDORE: Two private schools located in Madhya Pradesh's Indore district received a hoax bomb threat through an email on Tuesday, a police official said. Upon receiving information about the threat email, police along with BDDS (Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad) rushed to both the school buildings namely New Digamber Public school (NDPS) and Indore Public School (IPS).

## "Those who do photo sessions in huts will find talk about poor boring" PM Modi's dig at Rahul

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday took a swipe at Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, saying those who entertain themselves by getting photo sessions done in huts of the poor will find the talk about the poor in Parliament boring.

In another swipe at AAP convenor Arvind Kejriwal, Modi said some leaders focus on jacuzzi and stylish showers while his government's focus of providing water to every household.

Replying to the Motion of Thanks to the President's Address in Lok Sabha, Modi asserted that the address strengthened the resolve of Viksit Bharat and inspired people.

Without naming Gandhi, Modi took a swipe at him for his reaction on the President's address, saying those who entertain themselves by getting photo sessions done in huts of the poor will find the talk about the poor in Parliament boring.

Soon after the President delivered her address to a joint sitting of Parliament on January 31, Sonia Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra were seen discussing the speech in the Parliament complex. During the discussion, Rahul Gandhi was heard asking Sonia Gandhi if the President's speech was "boring".

Modi thanked the people for giving him an opportunity to respond to the President's Address in Lok Sabha 14 times. "We did not give false slogans, but



real development to people: PM Narendra Modi replies to Motion of Thanks debate in Lok Sabha," he said.

"Till five decades, slogans of 'garibi hatao' were heard and now 25 crore poor have come out of poverty," he said.

Modi said till now poor people have got 4 crore house. "The one who has

lived that kind of life knows what it means to have a house with a proper roof," he said.

"Pain of poor, troubles of common man, cannot be understood just like that; it requires passion and some just don't have it," he said in a swipe at the opposition.

### "Some parties are AAP-da for youth"

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today underlined that his government has given true development to the poor, not empty slogans, adding that some parties promise many things during elections but this group is an 'AAP-da' on the future of the youth. "For five decades we heard the slogan of Garibi Hatao and now we have pulled out 25 crore people out of poverty," said the Prime Minister replying to the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address. The discussion began on Monday as the ruling National Democratic Alliance or NDA members highlighted the achievements of the government, while opposition MPs sought to corner the government over a host of issues. Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi had spoken on Monday, slamming the government over its "failed" Make in India policy among other issues.

## Police books CM Atishi for MCC 'violation', voting in Delhi today



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Delhi Police registered an FIR on Tuesday against Chief Minister Atishi, the AAP candidate from Kalkaji, for allegedly violating the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) and obstructing public servants on duty, an official said. Meanwhile voting for Delhi Assembly polls will be held on Wednesday.

"We have registered an FIR against Kalkaji AAP candidate at the Govindpuri Police Station under various sections and further investigation is under process," said the police officer.

He further said that action was taken as the AAP candidate was found at Fateh Singh Marg along with 50-70 supporters and 10 vehicles. Police instructed them to vacate the area as per MCC guidelines. But they obstructed an officer from doing his duties, he said.

In a post on X, Atishi hit out at the Election Commission, alleging BJP candidate Ramesh Bidhuri and members of his family

were openly resorting to "hooliganism" but no action was taken, while a case was registered against her.

### ECI denounces "offensive pressure tactics" by AAP

NEW DELHI: The Election Commission of India on Tuesday denounced "offensive pressure tactics" by the Aam Aadmi Party in the Delhi polls. The statement came after the AAP accused the poll body of supporting "hooliganism" against them and protecting the BJP's "wrongdoing." "Collective, consensual and unanimous decision making: Commission which includes CEC and 2 ECs denounces offensive pressure tactics by AAP: Collectively reinforces fair play by over 1.5 lakh election personnel in ongoing Delhi Elections within legal framework and SOPs," the ECI said. The ECI noted repeated deliberate pressure tactics to malign it. "The 3-member Commission collectively noted repeated deliberate pressure tactics to malign ECI in Delhi Elections, as if it is a single member body & decided to have constitutional restraint, absorbing such outbursts with sagacity, stoically & not to be swayed by such insinuations," the ECI posted on X.

## Civic body polls in Haryana to be held on March 2, counting on 12th

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CHANDIGARH, FEB 4

Municipal elections have been announced in Haryana. Voting will be held on March 2, while the results will be declared on March 12. Mayor and all ward elections are to be held in Faridabad, Gurugram, Manesar, Panipat, Rohtak, Yamunanagar, Hisar and Karnal. State Election Commissioner Dhanpat Singh said during a press conference that municipal corporation elections will be held in Faridabad, Manesar, Panipat, Rohtak and Karnal, while only mayor elections will be held in Ambala and Sonapat. Elections will be held in 35 civic bodies in Haryana, which include 8 municipal corporations, 4 municipal councils and 21 municipalities, while



by-elections will be held in two places in Ambala and Sonapat. He said that nominations will start from February 11 and will continue till February 17. Re-polling will be held on March 9 and counting of votes will be held from 8 am on March 12. Meanwhile, transfers will be banned and if it is a necessary transfer, permission will have to be taken first for it. As soon as the elections were announced, the code of conduct has been implemented in all the places where elections are to be held. Dhanpat Singh said that elections will be held for the Mayor and all the wards in Faridabad, Gurugram, Manesar, Panipat, Rohtak, Yamunanagar, Hisar and Karnal. He said that all the people who become candidates in this election will have to give a declaration of clear and correct information about their property, criminal record and any other dispute.

### Police officers to be held accountable for crimes in their jurisdiction: CM Mann

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Reiterating the firm commitment of the state government to check crime in the state, the Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Tuesday said that the Police officers will be held accountable for major crimes taking place in the areas under their jurisdiction.

Interacting with the Commissioners of Police and Senior Superintendent of Police here today, the Chief Minister said that effective and responsive Policing should be ensured to check crime in the state. He said Punjab Police is one of the best forces in the country and the glorious tradition of the Punjab Police to preserve unity, integrity and sovereignty of the country should be



maintained by all means. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that justice should be dispensed to the people and ethos of communal harmony, peace and brotherhood should be cemented.

The Chief Minister said that the state government will embark major Police reforms to ensure that people are benefited from it.

## Sensex soars 1397 point, Nifty above 23,730 as US pauses tariffs

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The Indian stock market soared on Tuesday, closing sharply higher as Sensex surged 1,397.07 points to end at 78,583.81, while Nifty jumped 378.20 points to close at 23,739.25.

Investor sentiment improved significantly, with 39 Nifty stocks advancing and 12 declining. Among the top gainers in the Nifty 50 were Shriram Finance, Larsen & Toubro (LT), Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), IndusInd Bank, and Adani Ports. On the other hand, Trent, ITC Hotels, Bri-

tannia, Hero MotoCorp, and Nestle India were the top laggards.

Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial



Services, attributed the sharp rally to improving

global market sentiment.

He said, "Yesterday, the Indian market struggled to absorb the optimism generated by the good union budget due to heightened geopolitical risks stemming from 'Trump tariff war'. However, India could outperform in a weak global market, and as a rebound has been triggered in the global sentiment, it has fuelled a sharp surge in domestic equities."

"While overall market sentiment remains positive, large-cap stocks are the preferred choice. Meanwhile, banking stocks

are rallying in anticipation of a rate cut in this week's RBI policy, the new governor's first meet," he explained. Despite the stock market's strong performance, concerns remain over macroeconomic factors. The Indian rupee hits a low of 87.15, raising concerns about inflation and economic stability. Meanwhile, foreign institutional investors (FIIs) have been selling heavily, offloading Rs5,285 crore worth of equities in the cash segment over the last three sessions. In contrast, domestic institutional investors (DIIs) bought shares worth Rs3,532 crore.



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**Rajiv Duggal honored for excellent services**  
HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): Sub Inspector Rajiv Duggal posted in PRTC Jahan Khelan was honored with a certificate by Chief Guest Cabinet Minister Harjot Singh Bains on the occasion of Republic Day in view of the excellent services being rendered by him in the department. Former Cabinet Minister Brahm Shankar Jimpa, Deputy Commissioner Madam Komal Mittal and District Police Chief Surender Lamba etc. were present on this occasion

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**PAU college of agriculture to host 60th Alumni meet on Feb 6-7**  
LUDHIANA: The College of Agriculture, Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana, is set to organize its 60th Annual Alumni Meet on February 6 and 7, 2025. Providing details about the event, Dr Prabjodh Singh Sandhu, Secretary of the Alumni Association, shared that this annual meet serves as a special occasion for alumni from across the globe to reconnect with their alma mater. The event witnesses enthusiastic participation, especially from former students settled abroad, who eagerly return each year to celebrate their bond with PAU. Dr Satbir Singh Gosal, Vice-Chancellor, PAU, will be the Chief Guest, while Dr Sardara Singh Johal, the college's senior-most alumnus, will attend as a special invitee. This year, special recognition will be given to the 1970 (five-year programme) and 1971 (four-year programme) batches, who graduated in 1975. The alumni meet will feature a vibrant cultural evening, with students presenting musical performances, traditional folk dances, and poetry recitals. Additionally, students who achieved academic and co-curricular excellence in the past year will be felicitated.

**To avoid cancer, get check-up done immediately if you notice lump or bleeding: CS**



**SURINDER DAMDAMI KOTKAPURA:** The Health Department organized an awareness program at the Civil Hospital on the occasion of World Cancer Day under the directions of Civil Surgeon Faridkot Dr. Chandra Shekhar Kakkar. On this occasion, Civil Surgeon Dr. Chandra Shekhar Kakkar said that to prevent cancer, we should avoid any kind of drugs, tobacco, alcohol consumption, we should change our daily lifestyle and consume nutritious food and increase the amount of fruits and vegetables in the food and do daily physical exercise, yoga etc. He said that girls above 11 years of age should be vaccinated against HPV so that cervical cancer in women can be avoided. He said that it is very important to get newborns fully vaccinated which is helpful in preventing many other diseases including cancer.

**MLA Dev Mann gives appointment letters to Anganwadi helpers**



**RAKESH JINDAL NABHA:** Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann is continuously providing employment to the needy in Punjab. These things were expressed by Aam Aadmi Party MLA from Nabha constituency Gurdev Singh Dev Mann while giving appointment letters to four helpers by the CDPO office Nabha at the MLA office Nabha. He said that today Rajinder Kaur Aloharan Khurd Helper, Maninderjit Kaur Aloharan Khurd Death Case Helper, Surinder Kaur Saholi Death Case Worker, Bhupinder Kaur Death Case Worker have been given appointment letters. Dev Mann said that the Mann government has given jobs to the youth on a large scale and jobs will be given to the youth in the coming time as well. He has said that the promises made during the elections by the government are being fulfilled. He said that by getting the appointment letters, these four will be able to support their families wherever they have got employment. On this occasion, the candidates who received the appointment letters sincerely thanked the Chief Minister of Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann and the constituency MLA Gurdev Singh Dev Mann and said that they will fulfill their responsibility with honesty and dedication.

**PAU concludes Inter College cricket tournament 2024-2025 with Grand Finale**

LUDHIANA: The Directorate of Students' Welfare, Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana, successfully concluded the much-anticipated Inter College Cricket Tournament 2024-2025. Eight teams from various constituent colleges of PAU participated in this prestigious event, which aimed to foster sports talent, discipline, teamwork, and student cooperation. Dr Vishavjeet Singh Hans, Controller of Examinations, PAU, graced the occasion as the chief guest. He greeted the players warmly and emphasized the role of cricket in building essential qualities such as discipline, teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship, which are equally valuable in life beyond the field. He also encouraged students to balance academics with active participation in sports. Dr Nirmal Singh Jaura, Director of Students' Welfare, welcomed the gathering and highlighted the cricket teams' achievements at the university. He reaffirmed the Directorate's commitment to providing the best facilities to nurture students' overall personality through sports participation. The tournament witnessed intense competition. The College of Agriculture emerged as champions, while the College of Agricultural Engineering & Technology secured the runners-up position.

**First meeting of reconstituted administrator's advisory council held**

SHASHI PAL JAIN  
CHANDIGARH, FEB 4

The Administrator's Advisory Council (AAC) Meeting under the chairmanship of Sh. Gulab Chand Kataria, Governor of Punjab and Administrator of UT Chandigarh, was held at Hotel Mountview today. In his welcome remarks, Sh. Rajeev Verma, IAS, Chief Secretary, UT Chandigarh stated that the Administrator's Advisory Council is a platform for discussing policy issues and initiatives to enhance administrative efficiency to accelerate the progress of the city. He asked the members of the AAC to share their views, give suggestions for various issues related to healthcare, education, sports, tourism, and transport to pave the way for the development of city. The Administrator, Sh. Gulab Chand Kataria emphasised the need for a collaborative approach to address



various issues and challenges related to the city. He further stated that our goal is to develop and implement policies that not only enhance governance but also improve the quality of life of our citizens. The members of the AAC gave various suggestions regarding strengthening governance framework for better transparency and accountability, improving sanitation, upgrading and optimally utilizing

existing healthcare facilities and strengthening the education system. Various inputs were given regarding Start Up policy, skilling and industry related issues to boost investment, employment and entrepreneurship. The members also gave valuable suggestions for making Chandigarh 'slum free', 'beggar free' & the need to have a comprehensive policy for the differently abled as also the elderly population residing

in the city. Some suggestions to enhance public safety, advanced traffic management systems and robust cybercrime prevention measures were also given. Further, the issues of need based changes in the dwelling units of CHB, increase in FAR, revision of building Bye Laws, conversion of smaller industrial plots etc. to accommodate the ever-emerging needs of the residents of the city were also raised.

**Lions Club organized eye and teeth check-up camp at Bajakhana**



Jaitu (JS GILL): Lions Club Bajakhana Have Organized Government Primary and Middle School Labhwali organized an eye and teeth check-up camp under the leadership of Club President Lion Rajinder Singh SDO with the help of NRI youth Harpreet Singh Gill Australia. On this occasion, under the leadership of Dr. Kirti Sigla, an eye specialist at Lion Eye Care Center Jait, the eyes of about 150 children of primary and middle school Labhwali were examined and glasses were recommended to the students. Free glasses will be provided to the said students at the Lions Club Bazaar. On this occasion, Dr. Kuldeep Dhir Katkapura examined the children's eyes and made the needy children aware about the problems of eyes and appealed to the teachers to check the eyes of the children one day in a week and to motivate the parents of the children with the problem for proper treatment so that the children do not face any problem with eyes. On this occasion, Dr. Kuldeep Dhir gave detailed information about eye problems and their treatment and care.

**Dr. Vinod Sharma becomes President of Akhil Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad Unit Panchkula**

CHD/ PANCHKULA, FEB 4

During the Kavya Goshti organized by Akhil Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad, the name for the vacant post of President of Panchkula unit was discussed. At that time, after discussion with the audience, members, life members and Haryana State Vice President Santosh Garg, the names of some dedicated litterateurs were listed. Haryana State Vice President of the organization Santosh Garg told that one of them, Dr. Vinod Sharma, participated in the Basantotsav celebration and after getting acquainted with the activities and achievements of the organization, took life membership. Six poetry collections and joint poetry collections of Dr. Vinod Sharma have also been published. Seeing his dedication towards the organization, when the matter of filling the vacant post of President was discussed on phone with other senior officials of Haryana State,



they gave their approval. On this auspicious occasion, Dr. Vinod Sharma, Chief Editor of the State Newspaper was unanimously declared the President of Akhil Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad, Unit Panchkula. Chief guest of Basant Utsav ceremony Suresh Pushpakar, Provincial Vice President Santosh Garg welcomed and congratulated him by putting on Ang Vastra. All the present members accepted Vinod Sharma as the unit president and congratulated and wished him. In the end Dr. Vinod Sharma said that being nominated for the post of President of this organization is a matter of great pride for me. Literature

**City gears up for T20 tournament as team jerseys and captains announced**



R N KHERA  
CHANDIGARH, FEB 4

The team jerseys of Chandra Shekhar T20 tournament were officially unveiled in a grand ceremony at Hotel Shiv-alikview, Sector 17 on Monday. The event was presided over by UTCA President Sanjay Tandon in the presence of all team franchisees. Prerna Puri (IAS), Secretary, UT Sports, graced the occasion as the chief guest. The unveiling marks a significant milestone for the team as they gear up for the much-anticipated tournament which is being introduced for the very first time on the franchisee based model. The jerseys are designed with a vibrant and dynamic look, reflecting the team's energy, commitment, and fighting spirit. This initiative aims to boost the morale of the players and strengthen their unity ahead of the tournament. Speaking at the event, Sanjay Tandon emphasized the importance of professional sports culture in Chandigarh and the role of the league in nurturing young cricketing talent. Prerna Puri also lauded the efforts of UTCA in promoting cricket and fostering a competitive sports environment in the city. The team captains for all franchises have

been officially announced. HIMS Hawk which is owned by Acharya Manish will be led by Shivam Bhambri while Talanoa Tigers owned by Harkiran Singh has named Raj Angad Bawa as its captain. Punjab Panthers under the ownership of Pransh Gilhotra has entrusted leadership to Man-an Vohra. WildWood Warriors owned by Sukhdev Singh, will have Gurinder Singh at the helm. City Challengers led by Mohd Arslan Khan as the team is owned by Sanjeev Vohra and Taran Inder Singh Bunny owned Manohar Mavericks, has appointed Sandeep Sharma as captain.

**DGP honors Pathankot Vapar Mandal President with certificate of appreciation**



PATHANKOT ( SHARANJEET): DGP Gaurav Yadav, who reached Police Station Division No. 1 on the occasion of inauguration of Cyber Crime Police Station Pathankot in District Pathankot, honored Pathankot Vapar Mandal President Maninder Singh Lucky with a certificate of appreciation for his services. Along with him, SSP Pathankot Diljinder Singh Dhillon said that Pathankot vapar mandal is always ready to cooperate with the administration. President Maninder Singh Lucky said that in the meeting of the traders, a demand was made from the SSP that the cyber crime office should be in Police Station Division No. 1, so that in case of cyber crime and online fraud, the traders would have to go 12 kilometers from the city to lodge a complaint. Don't have to worry about going far away. Keeping in mind the demands of the traders, SSP Diljinder Singh Dhillon has done commendable work by setting up a cyber crime police station in the city itself.

**Quest Group of institutions observes World Cancer Day**



TILAK RAJ  
MOHALI, FEB 4

The Department of Civil Engineering, Quest Group of Institutions, organized an outreach activity on "World Cancer Day." Students of 4th & 6th Semester of Civil Engineering Department and few students of Mechanical department visited Jhanjeri village regarding the awareness for Cancer. The students made understood regarding this grave disease and about its causes and how to or identify it. After

that, students went outside for awaking the society. The agenda of holding this procession was to aware the people about this disease and to raise awareness of cancer and to encourage its prevention, detection, and treatment. 69 Students were the part of it. People were made aware by using the rallying cry by the students. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students. This activity was an effort of Quest's commitment towards students and society to prevent this disease.

**Health dept makes people aware about TB at Green Park Ferozepur**



ABHISHEK NANDA  
FEROZEPUR, FEB 4

100 to make society TB free Days T. B. Wake up stoppage Under the campaign, people were informed about TB at Green Park Ferozepur under the chairmanship of Civil Surgeon Dr. Rajwinder Kaur and the leadership of District TB Officer Dr. Satinder Kaur. A wake-up call was held regarding the main MLA Ferozepur Urban S. Ranbir Singh Bhullar, who arrived as a guest, addressed the people. While addressing the gathering, he said that under the TB Free India program, the Health and Family Welfare Department of Punjab has started a 100-day TB awareness campaign in which TB tests, X-rays, etc. of the needy

people are done free of cost in all government health institutions. He said that the Punjab government is fully conscious about the health of the people and is making every effort to provide good health to the people. He said that people will be made aware about TB by organizing maximum number of camps and their screening will also be done. On this occasion, TB Clinic Civil Hospital Ferozepur Raj Kumar Pharmacy Officer, Rajdeep Singh TBHV, Harinder Singh TBHV and Akshay Kumar informed that under this campaign, TB screening camps are being organized in different villages of Ferozepur district and people are being made aware to take special care to avoid this disease and get tested for this disease.

**Chandigarh NCC cadets selected to embark on historic mount everest expedition**

SUMER GARG  
CHANDIGARH, FEB 4

The PRO defence wing, Chandigarh in a Press note said, "The Director General of NCC has selected two exceptional NCC cadets, Jahan Kukkal and Padam Namgail from 2 Chandigarh Battalion NCC, to embark on historic mountaineering expedition to Mount Everest, the world's highest peak. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the cadets' unwavering spirit, dedication and perseverance. Both cadets recently attended a pre-Everest expedition at Mount Abi Gamin (7,335 m) and a winter training camp at the World's Highest Battle Field Ground Siachen (Base Camp). Cadet Jahan Kukkal has successfully completed an expedition to Mount Kang Yatse II (6,250 m) also. These experiences have prepared them for the ultimate challenge.



Colonel Paramjit Singh, Commanding Officer of 2 NCC Chandigarh Battalion while congratulating the cadets on their remarkable achievement said that the selection of Kukkal and Namgail for the forthcoming Mount Everest expedition is a remarkable example of the NCC's commitment to nurturing resilience and leadership among youth. Their journey to Everest will not only be a personal milestone but also a moment of pride for

the entire NCC fraternity and the nation, he added. He further said that this expedition serves as a beacon of inspiration for other young aspirants, demonstrating the NCC's proud history of fostering courage, determination, and teamwork among its cadets. The success of Kukkal and Namgail will pave the way for future generations of NCC cadets to pursue their dreams and push beyond their limits.

**ARCHEX Expo from Feb 7 to 10 at Parade Ground Sector 17, Chandigarh**

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The 4-Day ARCHEX Expo, an architectural exhibition of interiors, exteriors and building materials, is beginning on Feb 7 at Parade Ground of Sector 17, Chandigarh. Organized by Minds Media & Management from February 7 to 10, the exhibition will showcase around 3000 new products through more than 250 stalls. Well-known companies from India and abroad will participate in the expo. Inder Dhingra & Mr. BS Rana Directors, Minds Media & Management Pvt Ltd, said, "This exhibition will prove to be very useful for those who are set to build their dream home and want to be aware of the latest trends and products. Leading entrepreneurs of the tricity and eminent architects from across the country will participate in the exhibition and reflect on the possibilities of architecture in Chandigarh.



Products and categories to be showcased at the exhibition include decorative lighting, bath, sanitary, tiles, safety, security, home, automation, kitchen, furniture, doors, window, elevators, electrical, wires, cable, water manage-

ment, roofing, hardware, building materials, glass, plumbing, pipes, fittings, solar systems, landscape, garden, flooring, etc. On the concluding day, prizes will be given to the innovative stalls of best performing companies.

**Ranjit Singh Jeeti of Congress condemns attack on ex-MLA Kulbir Singh Zira**

KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN): District Congress Committee President Ranjit Singh Jeeti Padiala condemned the attack on former MLA Kulbir Singh Zira and said that law and order has completely failed in Punjab.

He said that an attack on a former MLA in broad daylight shows how worried the common people are for their safety. This incident is not just an attack on an individual, but a major attack on democracy. Ranjit Singh Jeeti Padiala demanded immediate action from the Punjab government and said that strict control should be brought to bear on the criminals so that the peace-loving people of Punjab can feel safe. He also said that if law and order is not restored in Punjab, the Congress party will not hesitate to take a strong stand against it. He demanded that the Punjab Chief Minister and the Home Department immediately bring about reforms in the work and give strict punishment to the culprits.



**Major Gen JS Cheema, honours NCC cadets, who participated in Republic Day Parade**

RUPNAGAR (BAHADURJEET SINGH): To honour the cadets who participated in Republic Day Parade 2025, Major General JS Cheema, Additional Directorate General (ADG) NCC of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh & Chandigarh on Tuesday visited NCC Academy Ropar. On this occasion, felicitation ceremony was organised by Patiala Group. The event marked the successful culmination of the NCC cadets training and the PHHP & C Directorate's exceptional performance on the national stage. Cadets of NCC were took part in prestigious events like Kartavya Path, PM Rally, and Guard of honour and Cultural Program. Giving further details, Major General JS Cheema, (ADG) NCC said that during Republic Day Camp (RDC) 2025, the PHHP & C Directorate secured top honours, reaffirming its reputation as one of the best performing directorates and got the 2nd position in all India RDC 2025 Camp proving their mettle competing with other 17 NCC directorates. He said that the cadets also brought laurels to the directorate by competing with more than 2500 cadets selected from various states of the Country by winning 1st Position in the events of Kartavya Path and Guard of honour. Interacting with the cadets Brigadier Rahul Gupta Group Commander, Patiala Group praised their discipline, leadership qualities and dedication, emphasizing the role of NCC in nation-building.





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Land and property related services to be provided to people under one roof : Dr. Preeti Yadav



**RAKESH JINDAL**  
**PATIALA:** Deputy Commissioner Dr. Preeti Yadav reviewed the ongoing work of the new two-storey Patwar Station being constructed at a cost of Rs 7.65 crore along with the Sub-Registrar's office at the District Administrative Complex, Patiala. On this occasion, she took information about the entire complex from the Executive Engineer of Punjab Mandi Board, Amritpal Singh and other officials, who are constructing this building should be completed by March 15, 2025. Dr. Preeti Yadav said that as per the instructions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, this building is being constructed by Punjab Mandi Board with the funds provided by the Punjab Government to provide all the services of the Revenue Department related to land and properties to the people under one roof. While inspecting the building on this occasion, she instructed the officials that there should be no compromise with the quality of work and every work should be done in full compliance with the prescribed standards.

**BIS organizes sensitization programme for Rural Dev Officials in Jalandhar**



**PARAMJIT SINGH**  
**JALANDHAR:** On the instructions of Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development), Jalandhar, Sh. Budhiraj Singh, the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Jammu and Kashmir Branch Office (JKBO) organized a Sensitization Programme for the Heads of Rural Development departments in Jalandhar district. The event was held at the Meeting Hall of the DC Office, Jalandhar, with the objective of enhancing awareness about standard formulation, the adoption of Indian Standards (IS), and the procurement of ISI-marked products in the Rural Development sector. The programme was chaired by ADC Development, Jalandhar, who emphasized the importance of standardization in developmental projects. He commended BIS initiatives, including the BIS Care App, which facilitates consumers in verifying product authenticity and raising complaints regarding substandard goods. Addressing the gathering, Sh. Ashish Kumar Dwivedi, District Promotion Officer, BIS JKBO, delivered a detailed presentation covering department-specific standards, standard formulation, product certification, hallmarking, and the Compulsory Registration Scheme (CRS).

**Safai Sevak Union conducts crucial meeting at Jagraon**



**SUKH NAHAR**  
**JAGRAON:** Safai Sevak Union Punjab conducted its crucial meeting in the presence of municipal council Jagraon workers including clerical staff, fire brigade, electrician pump operator, sewermen and others in order to discuss about their demands. The members present in the meeting discussed about their demands and negligence of the demands. Giving more information about this, the union district president Arun Gill said that they have written to authorities about these demands several times but fell on deaf ears hence, the meeting was called.

**First project to be in village Bajak: Chairman Jatinder Bhalla**



**KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA**  
**RAMPURA PHUL:** The state government under the able leadership of Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann has taken special efforts and revolutionary initiatives to make Punjab a colorful Punjab again, to provide good employment to youth and especially women. is doing This information was given by Aam Aadmi Party Bathinda Rural District President and Chairman of Urban Improvement Trust, Jatinder Singh Bhalla shared. On this occasion, Chairman Jatinder Bhalla said that the initiative project is being started by the state government and district administration in village Bajak of Vidhan Sabha constituency Bathinda rural. He said that the implementation of this project will provide good employment to common people and especially women. Bhalla said that this is the second initiative project in the district which is being started in Bathinda rural constituency.

# CM reiterates firm commitment of state government to ensure welfare of soldiers

GAURAV GOEL  
CHANDIGARH, FEB 4

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Tuesday said that the state government is laying major thrust for enhancing the share of recruitment of youth from the state in the Indian Armed forces. He said that though this trend has now dipped, the state government is making concerted efforts for giving fillip to the recruitment of youth in Armed forces by encouraging them. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that already the Mai Bhago Armed Forces Preparatory Institute and Maharaja Ranjit Singh Armed Forces Preparatory Institute set up by the state government and C-Pyte centres are doing a commendable job in this direction. The Chief Minister said that besides being the nation's food bowl, Punjab also has a distinct



tion of being the sword arm of the country and its people are well known all over the world for their courage, resilience and spirit of enterprise. He said that every inch of this sacred land has the footprint of great Gurus, saints, seers and martyrs, who have shown us the way to oppose tyranny, injustice and oppression. Bhagwant Mann also said that the state has 532 kilometre of border with Pakistan due to which support of Armed forces is pivotal. The Chief Minister said that Recognising the immense contribution of jawans of Armed forces, Paramilitary forces, Police and even Agnivirs in safeguarding unity and integrity of the country, the state

government gives financial assistance worth Rs 1 crore to the family in case the jawans attain martyrdom in line of duty. He said that this is in consonance with the commitment of the state government to ensure the well being of the soldiers (from Armed forces, paramilitary and Police) and their families. Bhagwant Singh Mann hoped that this humble initiative by the state will go a long way in helping the aggrieved family on one hand and securing their future on the other. The Chief Minister said that the state Government has launched the first of its kind initiative in the country, a dedicated Sadak Surakhya Force to ensure enhanced se

curity and to save precious lives on the State and National Highways. He said that specially trained, freshly recruited 1597 personnel including girls are acting as the backbone to this force, who have been provided with the latest, fully equipped 144 vehicles and since its launch in February last year the state has witnessed a 48% reduction in casualties due to accidents. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that force has been deployed all along 4200 km of the Highways, prone to traffic accidents adding that in addition to patrolling in the assigned areas, they act as a deterrent for traffic violations and more.

**MLA Balkar Sidhu lays foundation stone of bridges number 3 and 4 to be built over Rajwaha**



**RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA):** Senior AAP leader of Punjab and MLA of Rampura Phul Constituency Balkar Sidhu laid the foundation stone of the concrete bridges that will be built above the Rajwaha connecting the city with the national highway. At the time of laying the foundation stone, the chief of the city and senior officials of the canal department were also present with him. MLA Balkar Sidhu said that on one side of the city where there is a large number of urban residents, but connecting the national highway, these bridges were very important for people going to Phool and Mehraj, but unfortunately, the governments of the previous traditional parties only collected votes from the people. While completely ignoring the real issues and demands of the people. Speaking further, he said that both the bridges will be constructed very soon. With which the citizens and passers-by will get great relief.

**Delegation of Inter-Nation students from National Defence College visits SAS Nagar village**

SHASHI PAL JAIN  
MOHALI, FEB 4

As a part of study visit, a delegation of 15 officers including 6 foreign delegates of the rank of Brigadier/Jt Secy equivalent from the Military, Civil Services and Friendly Foreign Countries from National Defence College, visited Singhpura Village in SAS Nagar on Tuesday. Divulging the details, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rural Development) Mrs Sonam Chaudhary said that the visit was aimed at examining the socio-political-economic, cultural and religious aspects, challenges of administration, governance and enforcing law and order at state level and down to village level. She said that the delegation is on a five day state tour, being hosted by the



Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration, Punjab in the above context. The rest of the parts of the state, the delegation have to visit in the coming days including Sri Anandpur Sahib and Amritsar. The delegation included members from Indian Army, Indian Navy, Indian Air Force, Mangolian Army, Sri Lankan Army, Egypt Army,

Republican of Korean Army, Oman Army and Russian Army besides tour coordinator from Indian Tourism Services. The delegation members visited the water supply project and Sewerage treatment project already working in the village. An exhibition based on the products of rural self help groups was also showcased to them.

**Vigilance Bureau arrests 2 accused in multi-crore SB Patiala scam**



**CHANDIGARH:** The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) has arrested Satnam Singh and Sarabjit Singh Numberdar, both residents of Sarupwal village in Sultanpur Lodhi tehsil, for their involvement in a multi-crore scam at the State Bank of Patiala (now State Bank of India), Sultanpur Lodhi branch, district Kapurthala. The accused, in connivance with bank officials, private individuals, and officers/employees of the state Revenue Department, embezzled crores of rupees through fraudulent means. Providing details, a VB spokesperson stated that, based on an investigation into a vigilance enquiry registered seven years ago, an FIR No. 5, dated 09-03-2017 was lodged at the Vigilance Bureau Range Jalandhar police station under Sections 409, 420, 467, 468, 471, and 120-B of the IPC, along with Sections 13(1) and 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act. The investigation revealed that the accused, in collusion with the branch manager and other bank employees, as well as revenue officials, fraudulently obtained loans and credit limits, siphoning money from the treasury. The inquiry established that approximately Rs 3.71 crore had been misappropriated through 14 loan files as of April 30, 2016.

**AAP is going to from govt in Delhi again, only announcement is yet to be made: Barinder Goyal**

GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA  
LEHRAGAGA FEB 4

The people of Delhi have decided to form the Arvind Kejriwal-led AAP government in Delhi for the fourth time in the 2025 Assembly elections, only the formal announcement is yet to be made, which is to be done on February 8. This was expressed by Punjab Cabinet Minister Advocate Barinder Goyal, who was happy with the huge support being received by the people of Delhi during the 2025 Assembly elections, during an informal conversation. He further said that the people of Delhi are extremely happy with the pro-people policies of the Aam Aadmi Party government, due to which they do not like to see the government of any other party in Delhi.



He said that during this election process, I have seen through surveys in many assembly constituencies that although BJP has tried various dirty tricks to defame Arvind Kejriwal Sahib, but the people of Delhi are completely happy with the record-breaking development works done in various sectors, apart from education and healthcare facilities, during the last 3 governments of the Aam Aadmi Party

in Delhi. He said that I can say with certainty that the voters of Delhi will form the AAP government in Delhi again by giving a huge mandate in favor of the Aam Aadmi Party on February 8. At this time, Rakesh Gupta PA Cab. Mantri Barinder Goyal, the in-charge of the Lok Sabha constituency Patparganj, R. K. Chaudhary, Mukesh Thakur, Dr. Kuldeep Bhandari, Sachin Chaudhary etc. were present with him.

**57,75,402 workers registered on e-Shram portal: Sond**

CHANDIGARH, FEB 4

Punjab Labour Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond has revealed that Department of labour has registered 57,75,402 workers on e-Shram portal launched by Govt. of India for registration of unorganized workers. Recently, Sond has proposed that workers registered under e-Shram be provided with medical insurance, stipends for their children, and pension benefits after retirement during a two-day conference of Labour Ministers and Labour Secretaries, which concluded in New Delhi. He said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, The Punjab Building & Other Construction workers welfare board has made various reforms like Simplification of Registration form, Translation of Form no. 27 in Punjabi for convenience of construction workers. He said that



if any objection is imposed on the application of a worker, SMS is sent regarding the same to the construction worker and now Labour Inspectors will have to process the registration/renewal application within 14 days of receiving the application. Sond said that The Punjab Building & Other Construction workers welfare board has also simplified the terms and conditions of the various welfare schemes including Stipend Scheme, LTC Scheme and Shagun Scheme.

**Punjab honored with 'Best State' and 'Best District' Awards under Green Schools programme**



CHANDIGARH, FEB 4

Punjab has achieved a remarkable milestone in environmental education and sustainability by winning the prestigious 'Best State' and 'Best District' awards at the Green Schools Awards 2025, organized by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The awards were presented by renowned environmentalist Sonam Wangchuk and Ms. Sunita Narain, Head of the Centre for Science and Environment to Er. Pritpal

Singh, Executive Director and Dr. Kulbir Singh Bath Joint Director of the Punjab State Council for Science & Technology (PSCST). A unique initiative of CSE the Green Schools Programme (GSP) has been actively implemented in Punjab by PSCST under its Environment Education Programme. The program encourages schools to optimize resource management by conducting rigorous environmental audits across six key domains like air, energy, food, land, water and waste.

**Sit-in protest encroached lands in Jeond village continues**



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA  
RAMPURA PHUL, FEB 4

The Bharatiya Kisan Union Ekta Ekta (Ugrahan) organized a day and night march today to get the ownership rights of lands under ancestral possession in village Jid. Continued on the 16th day as well. Addressing the front, President of Mansa district Ram Singh Bhainibagha said that the Jid land dispute is not only of Jid or District Bathin-

da Muzara farmers but has become a Punjab level solution. Because the imperialist corporates are constantly taking away the land for companies to build large agricultural farms. Sometimes Dunnewala, sometimes Jhanedi with lambs and now a direct attack on Jeond's approximately seven hundred acres of land, under the pretext of court orders, was carried out by the police force of four districts.

**50-bed critical care centre to be set up in Rupnagar at cost of Rs 16.92 cr: DC**



SHASHI PAL JAIN  
RUPNAGAR, FEB 4

To ensure treatment of serious patients, a 50-bedded critical care center will be set up in Rupnagar at a cost of Rs 16.92 crore. These words were expressed by Deputy Commissioner Rupnagar Mr. Himanshu Jain while holding a meeting with media members. Talking to media per-

sons, Deputy Commissioner said that there will be no need to refer patients to other hospitals in case of road accidents or any kind of epidemic after establishment of critical care unit. Besides, existing dialysis machines, 4 new machines will also be installed in the civil hospital and the staff will also be increased to provide this facility in two shifts adding that he said the hospital in Morinde is also being

upgraded as a modernized hospital. Mr. Himanshu Jain further said that in order to beautify the city, a walking track will be made from the Suttlej Headworks to the old bus stand and the Sadabarat Nature Trail Park will also be renovated. Along with this, boating will soon be started permanently in the river Satluj and headworks will be further beautified by installing beautiful lights.

**Raj hospital organizes awareness seminar on World Cancer Day**



VERMA  
GURDASPUR, FEB 4

On the occasion of World Cancer Day, Raj Hospital, located at Simbal Chowk, organized an awareness seminar under the supervision of Administrator Dr. Richa Sharma. During the event, Dr. Vikas Heer from the Oncology Department provided important information about cancer awareness. He explained that World Cancer Day is observed every year on February 4 to raise awareness about various types of cancer

affecting different parts of the body, so that people can detect the disease early and receive timely treatment. Dr. Richa Sharma also shared that the Oncology Department at Raj Hospital treats all types of cancer-related diseases. She mentioned that the hospital's team of doctors conducts regular check-ups and treatments for cancer patients. Additionally, Dr. Richa announced that the hospital will now hold an OPD (Outpatient Department) for cancer patients every day from 4 PM to 6 PM.



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CM Sukhu and Industries Minister to visit Solan district today

**SHANTI GAUTAM BADDI:** Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu will visit Solan district today, 5 February (Wednesday), to inspect and inaugurate key projects. At 2:10 PM, CM Sukhu will visit Manjhoti village in Nalagarh constituency to review the ongoing construction of the Medical Device Park project. Later, at 2:45 PM, he will lay the foundation stone for a 1 MW Green Hydrogen Plant in Dabota village. Following this, the Chief Minister will interact with local residents in Dabota to address public grievances. He will be accompanied by Industries Minister Harshvardhan Chauhan. The visit was confirmed by a government spokesperson.

Himachal's first Green Hydrogen Plant to be established in Nalagarh

**SHANTI GAUTAM BADDI:** The first Green Hydrogen Plant of Himachal Pradesh will be set up in the Dabhotra industrial area of Nalagarh. With an initial investment of around Rs. 9 crore, the plant will be a joint venture between HP Power Corporation Limited and Oil India Limited. HP Power Corporation Limited will provide the land as part of its equity share in the project. This plant will produce high-purity green hydrogen, which will be used as industrial fuel. The state government has set an ambitious target to make Himachal Pradesh a green energy state by 31 March 2026, and this green hydrogen plant is expected to play a pivotal role in achieving this goal. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu will lay the foundation stone for this 1-megawatt capacity plant on 5 February (Wednesday). The plant is expected to begin operations by the end of this year. The demand for green hydrogen is continuously rising across various industries. It provides a clean alternative to fossil fuels in sectors like transportation, manufacturing, and energy storage. The production of green hydrogen with zero carbon emissions will significantly contribute to reducing carbon emissions in the industrial and energy sectors, thereby ensuring environmental protection. Another crucial aspect of the project is that it will help eliminate nitrogen oxides and sulfur oxides.

Strengthening infrastructure in education and healthcare a key priority of Govt: CM

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, FEB 4

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today presided over the second day of MLA priority meetings and held a discussion over the developmental priorities with MLAs from Shimla and Mandi districts. He urged MLAs to provide suggestions aligned with future challenges to ensure that the state become self-reliance. He said that MLAs play a key role in regional development and have strong grassroots representation. He assured that their proposals would be prioritized in the state budget. Sukhu said that education and healthcare remains the core focus areas of the present government. Over the past two years substantial measures have been undertaken to enhance these sectors and the government was working for the further development of these sectors. He said that the previous government only prioritized the opening of new institutions for political gains without providing adequate facilities, which has led to



a decline in service quality. In contrast, the present government was actively modernizing the healthcare sector by integrating advanced technology and addressing staff shortages through ongoing recruitment drives. He said that these initiatives would definitely yield positive outcomes in the near future. The Chief Minister further said that the government was fostering industrial growth while preserving the natural beauty of Himachal Pradesh by implementing progressive policy reforms. The state was actively promoting tourism, dairy farming, IT and data storage, food processing and other environmentally sustainable industries. He also assured improvements to the Rohru-

Chidgaon road and announced the allocation of funds for the Kurpan drinking water scheme, directing the Jal Shakti Department to complete the project by 30th April 2025. He also instructed the Agriculture and Forest Departments to explore the potential for bamboo-based industries in Gagret. During the meeting, Kuldeep Singh Rathore MLA of Theog constituency expressed gratitude for the allocation of Three crore rupees for the ice-skating rink in Narkanda. He advocated for road improvements through the construction of a tunnel to Narkanda and the development of the Narkanda-Hatu ropeway. He further remarked that, despite the lack of assistance from the central

government, Himachal Pradesh continues to progress under the state's leadership. He said that the Union Budget failed to implement the anticipated 100 percent import duty on apples whereas the present state government have taken a revolutionary step of introducing universal cartons for apple which have fulfilled the long pending demand of the orchardists and have immensely benefitted the growers.

MLA Rohru Mohan Lal Brakta commended the developmental efforts of the government and reaffirmed strong support of the Congress MLA's for the Chief Minister. He called for solutions to the persistent traffic congestion on the Kufri-Dhali road and sought increased funding for the development of the remote Rohru constituency. He thanked the Chief Minister for sanctioning Rs. 5 crore for the construction of a bridge at Jakha in Dodra-Kwar and urged the establishment of a Critical Care Centre in Rohru, the construction of bypass roads in Rohru and Chirgaon besides promoting of tourism activities in Chanshal.

Himachal gets Rs 2,716 Cr for Railway expansion in 2025-26 Budget: Minister

AGENCY SHIMLA, FEB 4

To boost railway infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh, the Central Government has allocated Rs 2,716 crore for the state in the 2025-26 Railway Budget.

The announcement was made by Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw during a virtual press conference last evening, where he outlined the key allocations and projects aimed at enhancing connectivity and passenger facilities in the hill state. The budget reflects a marginal increase of Rs 18 crore compared to the previous year's allocation of Rs 2,698 crore.

The funds will be utilised for the expansion and modernisation of railway infrastructure, including the completion of ongoing projects and the upgrading of key railway stations.

Four major railway stations in Himachal Pradesh—Amb-Andaura, Baijnath-Paprola, Palampur, and Shimla—will be upgraded under the Amrit Station



scheme at a cost of Rs 45.5 crore. These upgrades are expected to significantly improve passenger amenities and provide a more comfortable travel experience. The work on these stations is set to commence soon, marking a new phase of development for the state's railway network. Himachal Pradesh, despite its challenging terrain, has seen steady progress in railway infrastructure over the past decade. Since 2014, the state has added 16.5 kilometers of new railway tracks, and four major railway projects are currently underway.

SDM Sonu Goyal emphasises digital literacy and civil services careers at NSS camp

JOGINDER DEV ARYA BANGANA, FEB 4

The fourth day of the seven-day special NSS camp at Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government College, Bangana, began with a drill session led by NSS Program Officer Prof. Sikander Negi. Group leaders then presented their reports, and Lata Thakur shared reflections on the previous day's activities along with the thought for the day. The day's four key sessions covered digital literacy and career opportunities in civil services. SDM Sonu Goyal, the chief guest and resource person for the first session, addressed the importance of digital literacy and opportunities in civil services, encouraging volunteers to pursue careers in administration. In the second



session, the Principal of Government Senior Secondary School, Bangana, spoke about the role of digital literacy in education and strategies for its implementation. He emphasized the need for students to adapt to the digital world. The third session featured District Program Officer Narendra and Supervisor Sapna Sharma from the Women and Child Development Department,

who discussed digital literacy's role in women's empowerment. They provided insights into government initiatives such as 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao', highlighting efforts to uplift women through technology. The fourth session involved a group discussion on the challenges of digital literacy in developing nations, where volunteers shared their perspectives on global digital issues and potential solutions.

Kangra will become stronger with the new responsibilities given by CM: Nishu Mongra

SANAJY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, FEB 4

Chairman of Krishi Upaj Mandi Samiti District Kangra Nishu Mongra said during a press conference in Kangra on Wednesday that it is a matter of pride for the region that Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has appointed Ajay Verma as the Vice President of HRTC. He said that under the system change of the government, people are being given important responsibilities. He said that Ajay Verma does not belong to any political family. He made his identity from the NSUI student organization during college days and played an important role in the Congress party, on the basis of which today he has



been placed on an important post in the government. Nishu Mongra said that on his arrival from Shimla to Kangra on Wednesday, he will be given a warm welcome and a public meeting will be held at Kangra Tehsil Chowk. He said that for the last 15 years, there was a kind of desolation in the Kangra Legislative

Assembly, which has been removed by the Chief Minister. He said that the Chief Minister has initiated all-round development in Kangra in the last two years and the new responsibilities entrusted by the government will give a new lease of life to the Kangra Assembly constituency. He said that Himachal Road Transport

Corporation is such a department with which every person is connected and travels in its buses. He said that now people will be able to get bus facility in such Changar areas where there is no transport facility.

Nishu Mongra said that efforts are being made to provide full benefit to the farmers through the responsibility of Krishi Upaj Mandi Samiti District Kangra given to me by the Chief Minister. He said that now development works are being expedited on priority basis in the Kangra Assembly constituency. He said that the Chief Minister has a special attachment towards Kangra and today the district is being developed as a tourism capital.

Former Chintpurni MLA Balbir Singh praises Union Budget 2025



**AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB:** Former MLA of Chintpurni, Shri Balbir Singh termed the Union Budget 2025 as a historic step for the development of the country and welfare of the citizens. He said that this budget is an important initiative towards the overall vision of the government and reforms in various sectors. He particularly appreciated the proposals made in agriculture, education, health and infrastructure. Balbir Singh said, "The central government has announced several important schemes for rural areas and farmers in this budget. This will help in strengthening the agriculture sector and increasing the income of farmers. Apart from this, the proposals that have come to strengthen education and health services will be beneficial for all sections of the society." He also said that special attention has been given to the development of infrastructure in the budget, which will generate new employment opportunities and strengthen the economic condition of the country.

‘Shri Guru Ravidas Ji’ Bhajan in the voice of Little Angel Purvi Rai released by Neelam Chandel DLO Una

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, FEB 4

"Shri Guru Ravidas Ji" Bhajan in the voice of Little Angel Purvi Rai was released by Neelam Chandel District Language Officer Una on Tuesday today. This Bhajan song is on the based of philosophy of Guru Ravidas Ji Maharaj released in Lata Mangeshkar Auditorium Samoor Kalan Unaon YouTube today. This Bhajan song is fully dedicated to Guru Ravidas Ji Maharaj. Lyrics of this are given by her Grandfather Sikander Kumar. This Bhajan was released under the Banner of Purvi Production. Purvi Rai is a very talented little angel singer. She was won the Bronze Medal in National Pythian games held in Panchkula two months ago. Purvi Rai is the Resident of Jalgravn Tabba District Una.



She is the student of 3rd Class in Mount Carmel School Rakkar Colony Una. After launching her this Bhajan song thousands viewers have been viewed in a few hours. Purvi Rai thanked the people on thumping success of her Bhjan "Shri Guru Ravidas Ji". She told that this success is obtained by the grace of Guru Ravidas Ji Maharaj. She added that her Father Jarnail and her Mother

Sunitaare also motivated me for this track and singing line. Dr Raj Kumar a Member of Bhasha Academy Shimla, Kishori Lal Bains, Dr Jai Anjan and many other Poets and dignitaries were also present on this occasion. A Kavi Sammelan Neelam on Basant Panchami was also organized by the Language and Cultural Department Una in the first session of this event.

‘Him Bhog’ initiative boosts health and self-employment in Himachal

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, FEB 4

The Himachal Pradesh government's Him Natural Farming Products Scheme is creating new self-employment opportunities for youth while promoting organic farming. As part of this initiative, the government has launched its 'Him Bhog' brand, starting with Him Maize Flour, ensuring fair prices for farmers and healthy alternatives for consumers.

The government has set a minimum support price of ₹3,000 per quintal for maize to encourage farmers to adopt natural farming practices. Initially, Him Maize Flour has been made available in 1 kg and 5 kg packaging at fair price shops, with plans to expand the product range



under the Him Bhog brand. Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu launched the Him Natural Farming Products Scheme in December 2024, marking two years of his government. During the event in Bilaspur, select beneficiaries were symbolically given Him Maize Flour to highlight the initiative's potential in connecting youth with traditional farming and

creating employment opportunities. District Food and Supplies Controller Rajeev Sharma confirmed that 322 fair price shops in Una are selling Him Maize Flour. Meanwhile, Civil Supply Corporation Area Manager Sanjeev Kumar stated that 16 farmers in Una have supplied 111 quintals of natural maize under this initiative.

Employees distressed as staff reduction looms under guise of rationalisation: Nanda



**DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA:** A meeting of the BJP Kinnour District was held at the Nogly Rest House, chaired by District President Yashwant Singh Manju. Special attendees included Karn Nanda, State Media In-charge, and Surat Negi, the candidate from Kinnour. Addressing the gathering, Nanda expressed concerns about the ongoing economic downturn under the Congress government, which has led to increasing difficulties for both the public and government employees. He noted the growing uncertainty among employees, with many questioning whether their next month's salary would be paid. Referring to the recent 10 appointments made in the state legislature, Nanda pointed out that there have been significant concerns over how these appointments were made, raising questions about their legitimacy and calling for an investigation into the matter. Nanda emphasized the struggles of employees, especially contractual workers, with opposition to the Service Bill.

Seven-day NSS camp concludes

AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB, FEB 4

The closing ceremony of the seven-day special camp organized by the National Service Scheme unit of Government Excellence College Amb was held with great pomp. On this occasion, Sachin Sharma (IAS Officer) Sub-Divisional Magistrate Amb attended as the chief guest. Principal Prof. Darshan Kumar welcomed and greeted the chief guest. All the volunteers welcomed and greeted the chief guest with great enthusiasm. The chief guest appreciated all the volunteers for their excellent work and honored them with mementos. During the closing ceremony, the chief guest praised the success of



the camp and the active participation of the volunteers of the National Service Scheme unit. He said, through the National Service Scheme, not only the spirit of social service is awakened in the students, but their personality also improves. This camp has been a valuable experience for the students, which will bring positive changes in their lives. He made the volunteers aware of their rights and duties and said that

we should faithfully carry out the rights and duties given to us in the Constitution. He provided the volunteers with very detailed information about the Swayam portal and the legislature, judiciary and executive. Program Officer Prof. Sukh Dev presented a detailed report of the special camp to the chief guest in which he told that during this seven-day special camp, the volunteers participated in various social and awareness

campaigns, such as cleanliness campaign, cleaning of natural water sources, environmental awareness, health awareness programs and awareness rally etc.

The volunteers shared their experiences of workshops and activities and pledged to apply the knowledge and skills gained during the camp in life. Program Officer Prof. Sukh Dev, Dr. Kumari Sujata, Professor, President of Parents' Association Mr. Ravindra Vansal, Superintendent Grade-1 Shirram Lal and all the volunteers were present on the occasion of the closing ceremony. The volunteers welcomed and felicitated the chief guest by giving cultural presentations in this program.

Slogan competition organized in Bhanjal school



**AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB:** Road Safety and Eco Club organised a slogan competition in the Government Senior Secondary School. In this competition, prizes were distributed to the meritorious students who secured first, second and third positions. On this occasion, school principal Rajan Sharma, Road Safety Club in-charge Rajan Kumar, Eco Club in-charge Sushil Kumar, superintendent Rajni Sharma, senior lecturer Anu Sharma, Suresh Thakur, Sandeep Kumar, Ramnik Bansal, Mukesh Kumar, Sunita Kumari, Seema Sohal, Madhu Thakur, Vinod Thakur, Naresh Thakur, Vinay Kumar, Sunil Thakur, Neeraj Bala, Smriti Chaudhary, Ramika Kumari, Arun Kumar, Ashwani Pathania, Ramesh Chandel, Shashi Kumar were present.



NEWS BRIEFS

Sai Darshan Shirdi Yatra in June

**RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL:** The divine opportunity to seek blessings of Sai Baba and bow at His holy feet is now at your doorstep. Organized by Shri Sai Rasoi Seva Samiti (Regd.), Kaithal, grand spiritual journey “Sai Darshan Shirdi Yatra” is set to take devotees to sacred land of Shirdi, abode of Sai Baba. This journey is not just a trip; it is a step towards the true union of the soul with the divine. From Kaithal to Sai Nagar, Shirdi in auspicious month of June. As per railway rules, tickets will be booked 60 days in advance. Kindly secure your seat in time. Through this spiritual journey, devotees will visit the holy temple of Sai Baba in Shirdi, bow at His divine feet, deeply connect with His teachings, and experience His eternal grace. This journey is not only a physical voyage but also a path to inner awakening. Sai Baba's message, “Sabka Malik Ek” (One God for All),

Cabinet approves Haryana Wild Life Protection Rules

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, FEB 4

Haryana Cabinet which met under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini here today approved the Haryana Wild Life (Protection) Rules, 2024. Under the new rules, criteria have been established for obtaining various types of permits related to the Wildlife Department. The Haryana Wildlife (Protection) Rules, 1974 have been repealed under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, and the Haryana Wildlife (Protection) Rules, 2024 were approved by the Haryana Government. Under the Haryana Wildlife (Protection) Rules, 2024, guidelines and procedures have been formulated for the public regarding the process of obtaining permits and approvals from the Department of Wildlife. The rules provide detailed procedures and prescribed formats for granting permits relat-



ed to wildlife education, scientific research, or scientific management. They also outline the procedures and formats for granting permits for the conservation of specified plants for special purposes. Further, under these rules, a detailed procedure and prescribed format has been established for individuals to conduct surveys or investigations on land within the boundaries of sanctuaries. The rules also provide for the registration process of individuals possessing

obtaining permits from the Department of Wildlife more transparent and simplified for the public. Cabinet also approved the amendment in the Haryana Village Common Lands (Regulation) Act, 1961. Through Act No. 19 of 2024, land in Shamlat Deh, which was leased out before the commencement of the Punjab Village Common Lands (Regulation) Rules, 1964 by the Collector under the Haryana Utilization of Lands Act, 1949 for a period of 20 years, has been excluded from the ambit of Shamlat Deh. As a result, the provision related to leasing such lands has been approved for deletion. In addition, under the Act, it was previously stated that the Gram Panchayat could sell land up to 500 square yards occupied by unauthorized constructed houses at not less than the market rate. The Cabinet has now approved that the rate at which such land can be sold will be prescribed in the Rules.

Pottery skill will make children creative and self-reliant: Megha Bhandari

CHAMAN LAL KARNAL, FEB 4

A new initiative was initiated at Mata Prakash Kaur Shraavan and Vani Disabled Welfare Center. Committee Chairperson Megha Bhandari has started the training of pottery skills for children. Under this initiative, children will be trained in the skill of pottery which will enable them to make different types of utensils and decorative items with their own hands. This work will not only promote the creativity of children but will also make them self-reliant. Megha Bhandari said, “Our aim is to train children in various skills so that they can make their future bright. Pottery is one such skill that will make children creative and self-reliant.” Our government has made many policies for children. We have created policies like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Sarva



Shiksha Abhiyan, and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights. Our aim is to make these policies successful and provide a bright future to children,” said she. Megha Bhandari, Chairperson of Mata Prakash Kaur Shraavan and Vani Disabled Welfare Committee said, “We are very happy to see that our children are taking interest in pottery skills. We hope that this work will take the children in a new direction and will go and help them make their future bright.” On this occasion, the children of the centre demonstrated their pottery skills and displayed utensils and decorative items made by their own hands.

Kurukshetra Education Officers’ Association welcomes new District Education Officer

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, FEB 4

The Officers’ Association of the Kurukshetra Education Department extended a warm welcome to the newly appointed District Education Officer (DEO), Santosh Sharma. Upon assuming office, she was greeted with a floral bouquet by association members, led by District President Rampal Saroha. During the meeting at the DEO office, Saroha assured full support from the association in implementing educational policies and enhancing the district’s academic standards. He emphasized that the association would work



closely with the district education office to improve the quality of education in Kurukshetra. Addressing the gathering, DEO Santosh Sharma urged school principals to elevate their institutions and contribute to Kurukshetra’s reputation across Haryana.

Manavta Janshakti Foundation provides vegetables for cows

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEB 4

On the auspicious occasion of Basant Panchami, the team of Manavta Jan Shakti Foundation organized a vegetable distribution for the cows at Gaukarna Gau Chikitsalaya (helpless cow service) Danyalpur near Budha Kheda Karnal on Tuesday. On this occasion, the founder of the foundation Hardeep Rana and his team reached there and served the cows and attained virtue. For this, Hardeep Rana congratulated Dinesh Gaukarna and his entire team and said that the arrangement made by them for the maintenance of cows here was very commendable because while serving cows gives merit. The work of service done by anyone gives peace to the mind. On this occasion, Hardeep Rana appealed to the people working in the field of social ser-

vice also come here and become a part of attaining virtue merit and keep serving the cows. In Sanatan Dharma, serving cows is considered the greatest service. Giving information, Dinesh Gaukar-



na said that children who have their birthdays come here with their parents and celebrated their birthdays by feeding cows green fodder, vegetables, jaggery. Founder Hardeep Rana, Anuradha Kamboj, Sanjay Verma, Sushil Rana, Anil Chauhan, Karna were present on this occasion.

BJP’s State Media incharge highlights govt’s achievements during village tour

PRITI RANI SADHAURA, FEB 4

During his tour of villages such as Bihta, Bijauli, Naivala, Buddhi, and Bahadurpur, Sanjeev Gharoo, State Media Incharge of Bharatiya Janata Party SC Morcha, spoke about the unique initiatives and schemes of the state government on the occasion of the BJP government’s 100-day completion. Gharoo praised Chief Minister Nayab Saini for not only accelerating development in Haryana but also playing a pivotal role in organizational growth. He highlighted several reforms introduced by the Chief Minister in areas like agriculture, health, education, employment, and infrastructure. Gharoo further commended the administration’s focus on administrative reforms and the overall improvement in governance. In the agriculture sector, Gharoo mentioned that sugarcane farmers are being given a token payment

of 400 per quintal, and Haryana is the first state in the country to purchase 24 crops of farmers at the minimum support price. Additionally, a subsidy of around 122 crore has been provided to farmers for parali management.



During his visit to six villages, Gharoo also attended the Basant Panchami festival, organized with great enthusiasm by Rajendra Ashram in Bihta, in collaboration with local social organizations. He participated as the chief guest of the event.

Addressing public meetings in various villages, Gharoo shared the positive outcomes following the Union Budget presented by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, noting that traders, farmers, and the middle class have been greatly energized. The tax waiver of up to 12 lakh has especially pleased the middle class. He also praised the 100-day achievements of the state government, including the employment of over 27,000 youths in government jobs without any corruption or costs. He emphasized the opening of 250 new indoor gyms for youth health, with plans for more gyms to be opened in every village. Moreover, contract workers and teachers have been provided service security, benefiting from the double-engine Haryana government.

BJP flag symbolizes pride, honour, and prestige: Mohan Lal Badoli

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA PANCHKULA:** Haryana BJP President Pandit Mohan Lal Badoli hoisted a 60-foot-high party flag at the BJP office in Panchkula on Tuesday, emphasizing its significance as a symbol of pride, honor, and prestige. He stated that millions of BJP workers are tirelessly serving the nation and society under this flag. Addressing the gathering, Badoli reiterated that the BJP is not just a political party but a movement dedicated to nation-building and public welfare. He highlighted the party’s development-oriented politics, which has led to its widespread acceptance across the country. Badoli expressed confidence that the BJP will secure a full majority in Delhi in the upcoming elections. He urged party workers to spread awareness about the welfare schemes of the Modi government and ensure their benefits reach the people. The event was attended by State Organization Minister Phanindra Nath Sharma, District President Deepak Sharma, State Media Co-Incharge Sanjay Ahuja, Naveen Garg, and hundreds of BJP workers.



Yajna ceremony organized at New Happy Public School for best wishes to students for board examinations

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, FEB 4

A Yajna was organized at New Happy Public School, Yamunanagar, for success of students in the board examinations of classes 10 and 12. Along with the students, the teachers also participated in Yajna. Firstly, worship of Goddess Saraswati was performed, followed by commencement of the Yajna with the recitation of Gayatri Mantra. In sacred fire of Yajna, everyone prayed to Almighty and offered sacrifices, while all students prayed to Supreme God for splendid success. After offering complete sacrifice, Yajna concluded. Following conclusion of Yajna, everyone participated in Aarti. Addressing students, Chairman of School Management Committee, G. S. Sharma, mentioned signifi-



cance of Yajna in Indian culture, stating that performing Yajna purifies environment before initiating any auspicious work. He emphasized that since ancient times, it has been a tradition to perform Yajna before commencing any

task. Referring to this significance, he wished all students success and a bright future. School Principal Dr. Bindu Sharma, addressed students, stating that hard work and practice are keys to success. She encouraged students to continue their constant practice and hard work for their upcoming examinations. By obtaining success, they can brighten their future. She also prayed to God for auspicious future of all students. Teachers were present in Yajna hall, extending best wishes to all the students for their success. After conclusion of Yajna, everyone was distributed sweet offerings.

Shri Shyam annual festival organized by Shri Shyam Seva Samiti

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI, FEB 4

Shri Shyam Annual Festival and Amritmay Bhandara was organized by Shri Shyam Seva Samiti Tarawadi in Tarawadi Grain Market on Tuesday. Thousands of devotees gathered in this event. The beautiful court was decorated grandly. Shyam lovers arrived here in large numbers to receive the blessings of Baba Shyam. Baba Shyam was beautifully decorated with colorful flowers. During the annual festival there was a lot of fireworks in Tarawadi Grain Market. Thousands of devotees from Tarawadi, Nilokheri, Karnal, Ambala, Kurukshetra and nearby ru-

ral areas bowed their heads at Shyam Baba’s court and prayed for happiness and prosperity. Shyam devotees were praying to God while chanting Baba Shyam’s prais-



es. People were taking darshan with slogans like ‘Sheesh ke dani Ki Jai’ ‘Hare ke sahare ki jai’. The enthusiasm of the devotees was worth seeing with the performances of Bhajan singer

Sakshi Agarwal from Jaipur, Shubham Rupam from Calcutta and Pramod Sharma from Padwala along with other famous artists. During the Bhajan Kirtan, the devotees started dancing in joy. This program continued till late night. On the occasion of the annual festival, Chhappan Bhog was also offered to Lord Khatu Shyam. Along with this, the organizers also offered prayers and praise. Beautiful Bhajans of Lord Khatu Shyam were sung by the devotees. The devotees were forced to dance after listening to the bhajans of Khatu Shyam. The artists created a joyous atmosphere through the bhajans.

Felicitation ceremony organized in Shivaji Colony

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEB 4

Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand said that the state government was working on the principle of Sabka Saath- Sabka Vikas- Sabka Vishwas. Non-stop development work was going on under the leadership of Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini. He was speaking as the chief guest at a felicitation ceremony organized by Dr. Sandeep Kait in the local Shivaji Colony on Tuesday. He said that it was the result of the love, trust and support of all of them that he got the opportunity to serve his area. He will try his best to ensure that development, education, health and public welfare work continue in Karnal. MLA Jagmohan Anand



expressed his gratitude to the citizens and said that it was because of the local people that he has been able to reach this position so he will always be indebted to the citizens. He will work as a servant of the citizens of this area and will share the joys and sorrows of the people 24 hours. Not only this, development works will be done as per the expectations of the people. He said that the basic facilities of the people should be provided first. He said that during the 100-day tenure of Chief Minister Naib Singh

Saini, work has been done to implement public welfare policies for every section. The government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Haryana Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, has been working towards developing India’s four pillars - youth, health, education, and employment. The government was continuously working for the welfare of farmers, women and the poor. New schemes were being implemented continuously for the welfare of farmers. Women were being made self-reliant and empowered through self-help groups. Youth were being given transparent merit based jobs. By giving government jobs on the basis of Aadhar without any expenditure, Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini has set an example before the country.







Editorial

Chokehold

Assaults on journalism have corresponded with the rise of authoritarian regimes across the globe. This, of course, is not a coincidence. The infringements take place in many ways. Some include intimidation of and physical assaults on scribes. Indeed, the annual report of the International Federation of Journalists had identified the year, 2024, as particularly deadly for media professionals: 104 journalists perished worldwide as of early December 2024. But media houses and their members also face other kinds of attack, the most common among which are attempts to cut off their source of funding. The denial of government advertisements, a recurrent practice in India, is one example. But that is not the only modus operandi. India's income tax authorities recently cancelled the non-profit status of 'The Reporters' Collective, an outfit specialising in investigative journalism. The reason that was cited is telling — and contentious. Journalism as a profession, it was argued by the income tax authorities, does not serve a public purpose.

What must be pointed out in this context is that the blow to this news organisation coincided with two small news outlets putting out videos that allege that there has been a massive institutional cover-up to fudge the real figure of casualties in the stampede at the Mahakumbh. The rationale proffered by the authorities is twisted; it is also in contravention of judicial observations on the matter. For instance, in Romesh Thapar versus State of Madras, the Supreme Court had underlined the fact that the press plays a critical role in informing the people and securing democratic values. These responsibilities of the media have remained unchanged; in fact, they have assumed greater significance today. This is because the Age of Information, ironically, has also been characterised by a massive influx of disinformation, aided and abetted by the explosion of social media platforms. Traditional media has been left with the onerous task of separating the proverbial wheat — truth — from the chaff. Can this task be described as anything else but public service? An equally crucial task pertains to speaking truth to power, something that the legacy media in India seems to be ignoring. The media's ability to demand accountability from those in power remains contingent upon its financial viability. This explains the State's attempt to choke its access to funds. It also underlines the urgent need for the media, old and new, to reimagine its remunerative model to retain the voice of independence.

China's construction of dams sparks controversy

China recently announced plans to build the largest hydropower dam in the world, with a capacity to generate three times more energy than the Three Gorges Dam, the new dam will be located on the transboundary Brahmaputra River.

However, China's construction and operation of dams has sparked controversy as building river dams and artificial reservoirs causes "irreversible modification of natural landscapes" and "such extensive interference can even increase the risk of earthquakes, according to The Institute for Security and Development Policy Stockholm-paper on these dams.

The paper, "Chinese Water Projects in Tibet: A 'Continental Challenge' written by Antonina Luszczkiewicz-Mendis noted, "In December 2024, Beijing announced plans to build the largest hydropower dam in the world. With a capacity to generate three times more energy than the Three Gorges Dam, the new dam will be located on the transboundary Brahmaputra River (known as the Yarlung Tsangpo River in Tibet). Despite China's assurances regarding safety and ecological protection, the project has already generated significant controversy—particularly in India, where, due to engineering challenges, it has been labeled the "world's riskiest project."

According to the paper, the creation of reservoirs with much larger surface areas than rivers result in excessive water evaporation. Hydropower projects are not always reliable for energy generation, particularly during droughts and recalled the summer of 2022 in China when low water levels in rivers rendered dams unable to produce sufficient energy. Consequently, power cuts impacted the food industry and factory production. In the paper, the institute said, "While hydroelectricity is generally considered a



form of renewable energy, the construction and operation of dams have generated significant controversy. First, building river dams and artificial reservoirs results in an irreversible modification of natural landscapes. Such extensive interference can even increase the risk of earthquakes. Moreover, the creation of reservoirs with much larger surface areas than rivers leads to excessive water evaporation."

According to the paper, local population is often forced to relocate due to the large scale hydrological projects. Relocation schemes combined with the destruction of historical and religiously significant sites have frequently sparked protests in Tibet. Chinese authorities have been accused of arresting Tibetan protesters and enforcing relocations, which have further impoverished "dam migrants."

Despite these concerns, China continues to expand its river dam system, impacting both its local population and downstream countries. Concerns have been raised that China may manipulate water levels on transboundary rivers by either releasing excessive amounts of water, causing floods beyond China's borders or "turning off" the taps to increase water scarcity downstream.

There is also growing concern regarding China's plans and intentions regarding water-sharing practices among nations of both South and Southeast Asia. For South Asian states, the biggest threat, apart from development of a dam system is a potential diversion of water from the Brahmaputra River if the third phase of China's South-North Water Diversion project is implemented.

In the paper, the author noted that the main concern for Southeast Asia seems to be

the normalisation of incidents including lowering of water level on the Mekong River through dam operations and recalled the 2021 incident, when China reduced the water flow on the Mekong River by 50 per cent without prior warning, resulting "in a one-meter drop in water level which significantly disrupted fishing, farming, and transportation across Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam."

On January 3, India urged the Chinese side to ensure that the downstream states of the Brahmaputra river are not harmed by activities in upstream areas. The remarks came close on the heels after reports emerged that the Chinese side is constructing a mega dam upstream of Brahmaputra on Chinese soil.

"The Chinese side has been urged to ensure that the interests of downstream states of the Brahmaputra are not harmed by activities in upstream areas," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal told reporters on January 3, at a weekly presser here in the national capital.

Soon after the reports of the Dam construction emerged in the media, many, including citizens and strategic experts, raised concerns about its impact on the downstream region of India, along with neighbouring Bangladesh. Such concerns were also raised earlier from time to time when China indicated the building of hydropower projects on the upstream.

Jaiswal said the Indian government has seen the information released by Xinhua on December 25, 2024, regarding a hydropower project on the Yarlung Tsangpo River in the Tibet Autonomous Region of China.

Addressing the weekly presser, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said India will continue to monitor and take necessary measures to protect its interests.

Literature & Health

IIT Guwahati develops multi-stage clinical trial method for personalised medical care

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, in partnership with leading institutions around the world, have devised an innovative multi-stage clinical trial method that aims to revolutionise personalised medical care.

This cutting-edge approach customises treatment regimens in real time based on each patient's individual responses during trials, resulting in highly customised and effective healthcare solutions, as per the press release.

The research aims to enhance patient-specific treatment plans, improve outcomes, reduce trial-and-error in medication, and foster a more efficient, personalised healthcare approach

The research, conducted in partnership with Duke-NUS Medical School, the National University of Singapore, Singapore, and the University of Michigan, USA, focuses on Dynamic Treatment Regimes (DTRs) designed through Sequential Multiple Assignment Randomised Trials (SMARTs).



Together, these frameworks tackle the critical challenge of optimising treatment strategies, a sequence of treatments, for patients with varying responses to therapies over time. DTRs are advanced decision rules that adapt treatments dynamically as a patient's condition evolves. For example, if a diabetes patient does not respond well to an initial medication, the DTR might recommend switching drugs or combining therapies. By incorporating intermediate outcomes, such as changes in blood sugar levels, DTRs move beyond the one-size-fits-all model, tailoring care to individual progress and needs.

Russian parliamentary delegation calls on Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla

A Russian Parliamentary delegation led by Vyacheslav Volodin, Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, paid a visit to the Parliament House on Monday, as per the Lok Sabha Secretariat.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said that the robust and time-tested friendship between India and Russia serves as a shining example of cooperation and diplomacy for the world to emulate.

Highlighting the historic and deep-rooted friendship between the two countries, he noted that India-Russia bilateral ties are seen as very special on the global stage. He observed that the relationship be-



tween the two nations is centuries old and that Russia has been India's closest ally since independence, the statement by the Lok Sabha Secretariat announced.

Om Birla said on X that he had a "productive meeting" with the Russian parliamentary delegation and as India marks 75 years of

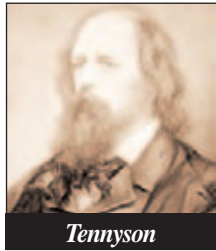
the constitution, he shared strides made by India with them.

Vyacheslav Volodin thanked Shri Birla for the warm welcome extended to his delegation. He said that observing parliamentary proceedings in a multi-party democracy like India was a great learning.

POEM

Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal

Now sleeps the crimson petal, now the white; Nor waves the cypress in the palace walk; Nor winks the gold fin in the porphyry font. The firefly wakens; waken thou with me.



Now droops the milk-white peacock like a ghost, And like a ghost she glimmers on to me. Now lies the Earth all Danaë to the stars,

And all thy heart lies open unto me.

Now slides the silent meteor on, and leaves

A shining furrow, as thy thoughts in me.

By Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Income tax cuts in union budget to boost 2-wheeler and passenger vehicle sales

Union Budget raising the income tax exemption limit to Rs 12 lakh is expected to give a big boost to the demand of 2-wheelers (2Ws) and passenger vehicles (PVs) according to a report by the global brokerage firm Jefferies.

The report highlighted that the proposed tax relief will provide the Indian middle class with a total tax benefit of approximately Rs 1 lakh crore, which could lead to increased discretionary spending, including on automobiles.

It said, "The proposed income tax cuts should help the Indian middle class with a total tax benefit of approx. Rs1.0Trn, which is likely to boost discretionary consumption including demand for two-wheelers (2W) and passenger vehicles (PV), especially in urban areas". Jefferies estimated that the tax benefits will be distributed



among around 3.5 crore taxpayers, translating to an average annual benefit of nearly Rs 30,000 per person.

It stated that given the estimated market size of 4.3 million PVs and 21 million 2Ws in FY25, the additional spending power from tax

cuts could significantly boost sales.

It also noted that upcoming salary hikes for public sector employees in FY27 could provide an additional push to the auto sector.

The Union Government has recently announced the formation of the eighth pay commission to rec-

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The report predicts that two-wheelers and passenger vehicles will be among the biggest beneficiaries of the increased consumer spending.

The report maintains its projection of a 13 per cent compound annual growth rate (CAGR) for the two-wheeler industry from FY25 to FY27, which translates to a modest 3 per cent CAGR from FY19 to FY27.

While the two-wheeler and passenger vehicle segments are expected to grow strongly, the outlook for the truck industry is less optimistic. It believes that slower capital expenditure (capex) growth could hurt truck demand.

It said, "On the flip side, moderating capex growth is likely to be a drag for truck demand; we cut our FY26/FY27 truck industry growth estimates".

As a result, the firm has lowered its growth estimates for the truck industry from 5 per cent per year in FY26 and FY27 to 0 per cent and 5 per cent respectively. Over the FY25-27 period, truck demand is expected to grow at a sluggish 2 per cent CAGR.

"We expect 2Ws and tractors to grow at a strong 13-15 per cent CAGR, PVs to grow at healthy 9 per cent, but trucks to lag at just 2 per cent" says the report.



## Abhi Sharma confident of AAP's record-breaking victory in Kasturba Nagar Constituency

VERMA GURDASPUR: Abhi Sharma, District President of the AAP Youth Wing and the Party's designated observer for the Kasturba Nagar constituency, campaigned vigorously for



AAP candidate Ramesh Pahalwan on the final day of election campaigning. He expressed confidence that, based on the overwhelming support from the public, Ramesh Pahalwan would win

with a significant lead and raise the AAP flag high. During the campaign, Abhi Sharma informed voters about AAP's policies and urged them to vote in large numbers for Ramesh Pahalwan.

### NEWS BRIEF

#### Registration of play-way schools in district is mandatory: District Program Officer

**ABHISHEK NANDA FEROZEPUR:** As per the instructions of Social Security and Women and Child Development Punjab, Chandigarh, it has been made mandatory to register the institutions/private play-way schools and already developed play-way schools working in the field of early care and education of children. Giving information in this regard, District Program Officer Richika Nanda said that it is necessary to register the institutions and private play-way schools working in the field of ECC for children of 3 to 6 years and there will be an annual fee of Rs. 5 thousand for registration. She said that the above institutions and play-way schools of the district must get their registration done within 10 days. In this regard, the application form Annexure-1 is available on the website of District Ferozepur [www.ferozepur.nic.in](http://www.ferozepur.nic.in) and apart from this, the form can be obtained from the concerned office of Child Development Project Officer, District Ferozepur.

## CM Sukhu holds budget priority meeting with MLAs from Hamirpur, Una and Sirmaur districts

**DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, FEB 4**

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today held discussions regarding the development priorities of MLAs from Hamirpur, Una and Sirmaur districts during the second and final session of the second day of MLA priority meetings. He said that MLAs play a pivotal role in the implementation of government schemes and invited their suggestions for the progress of the state. He said that the present state government was committed to making Himachal Pradesh a green energy state by 31st March, 2026 and had made significant strides in this direction. He noted that the 32 MW Pekhubela Solar Power Project in Una district was inaugurated on 15th April



2024. Additionally, a 5 MW solar power project commenced operations in Bhanjal, Una district, on 30th November 2024, while the construction of the 10 MW Aghlaur Solar Power Project is nearing completion. The government is also actively harnessing hydro power, with Himachal Pradesh set to establish the country's first Green Hydrogen plant in Nalagarh. He said that these projects would contribute to the prosperity of the state. The government was also prioritizing tourism

development, with beautification works underway at four major temples Jwalamukhi, Naina Devi, Chintpurni and Baba Balaknathin the first phase, followed by similar initiatives for other temples. Additionally, efforts were being made to promote e-vehicles, with the tender process for the procurement of 327 electric vehicles nearing completion. He also stressed to set up charging stations across the state and directed authorities to expedite the launch of water sports

activities at Gobind Sagar Lake in Kutlehad of Una district. During the meeting, MLA Chintpurni Sudarshan Bablu advocated for the beautification of Chintpurni temple while highlighting its potential to enhance both convenience for devotees and state revenue. He also proposed a plan to supply water to Una district from Pong Dam and to construct check dams for water supply in the region. He expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister for sanctioning Rs. 17 crore for the road named after

martyr Amol Kalia and Rs. 1.15 crore each for the construction of seven Panchayat offices. He also urged for an increase in bed capacity at Amb Hospital from 50 to 100.

MLA from Gagret Assembly constituency Rakesh Kalia lauded the Chief Minister for his initiatives to strengthen MLAs and said that the present state government has increased the MLA fund from Rs. 7 lakh to Rs. 2 crore. He criticized BJP MLA for boycotting the meeting, whereas the Chief Minister had demonstrated exemplary leadership during the 2023 disaster and have earned global recognition. He requested funding for the completion of school, college and Gagret hospital buildings and urged the channelization of Swan river tributaries.

## Residents complain against former councillor of ward 2: Mohit Malhotra



**PARDEEP MEHTA NILOKHERI, FEB 4**

During the Samadhan camp today, about 7 complaints came to Nilokheri Sub-Divisional Officer Ashok Kumar, which were settled on the spot. And the officers were asked to take action on some complaints. Today, a complaint of Nilokheri Nagar was also given by some people against former Ward 2 councillor Mohit Malhotra in which it was given about uprooting the green trees planted in the residential area of the hospital with JCB without taking permission

from the hospital administration.

Taking cognizance of which, SDM assured the people of Ward 2 present for further action and asked for complete information from the officers and issued orders for further action. During this, the SDM in his appeal told the citizens that in Nilokheri sub-division, the complaints of the people are redressed under the public dialogue program (solution camp) from 10 to 12 on working days every day, if anyone has any complaint, he can come to the sub-division office during this time.

## Shalini Sharma inaugurates construction work of main street of market

**PRITI SAINI SADHAURA, FEB 4**

It is known that for the last several days, the main street of the main market of Sadhaura had become rough at many places, due to which the local people were also demanding for the last several days. Because often during the rainy season, due to the lack of drainage system, water used to accumulate here, due to which shopkeepers and passersby had to face a lot of problems. Recently, the opposition people also brought this issue into discussion at their level. And raised the demand for the construction work of this street. Now Nagar Palika Sadhaura Chairperson Shalini Sharma inaugurated the reconstruction work of this



street by breaking a coconut on Tuesday in the presence of Municipal Councillors, officials and other dignitaries. During this, she said that this street will be made of RCC at a total cost of Rs 98 lakh and drains will be made on both sides of it for water drainage. At the same time, he talked about repairing the main drain of the town outside the

electricity office and setting up a market for the street vendors there. The Municipal Chairperson also praised the Central Government for its recent budget and said that the way the government has talked about laying the railway line via Sadhaura in the budget, it will certainly add to the development of Sadhaura.

## Punjab Govt gives jobs to 597 kins of farmers who died during protest

**SUMER GARG CHANDIGARH, FEB 4**

In a significant move, the Punjab government led by Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann has provided government jobs to 597 kins of farmers, who lost their lives during the agitation against the contentious farm laws. This gesture demonstrates the state government's unwavering commitment to supporting the farming community and their families, said Mr Gurmeet Singh Khudian, minister of agriculture and farmers welfare Punjab. Mr Khudian, today, handed over appointment letters to three individuals from families of deceased farmers, who have



been appointed as computers (Stat) in the Statistics wing of the agriculture department. The newly inducted officials, Jasvipan Kamboj from Fazilka district, Ramadeep Kaur from Tarn Taran district and Parwinder Kaur from Jalandhar district, were wished well by the agriculture minister, who also encouraged them to work towards the development of Punjab while ensuring transparent and

efficient delivery of services.

He said that the CM Mann-led Punjab government has been making concerted efforts to create job opportunities for the youth and addressing the concerns of farmers. By fostering a collaborative environment, the state government aims to implement policies that promote agricultural growth and improve the livelihoods of the farming community.

## Illegal colonies come up in the district despite restrictions



**RK KASHYAP CHHACHHRAULI:** Illegal colonies are mushrooming in the district. The illegal colony being developed in front of Dayal Singh College on Budhiya Road even after the District Town Planner Department has issued a notice. This shows that the rules of the District Town Planner Department are being violated. This is happening and the administration and the government are also being duped. In such illegal colonies, the poor man loses his hard earned money when the department takes action against them and the process of demolition is carried out. Colonizers sell plots at cheap rates and by luring people with basic facilities the people spend their hard earned money to have a house. But after that the poor man keeps running around the administration and the government for basic facilities. In such a situation, the administration has to take strict action against such people. Action should be taken against such colonizers.

## Kathakar International Storytellers Festival to take place at Gothic Hall, Gaiety Theatre on 6 Feb

**BUREAU SHIMLA:** The three-day Kathakar International Storytellers Festival which concluded in the national capital Delhi, recently, will now knock the doors for people of Shimla on 6 February at Gothic Hall, Gaiety Theatre. Organized by Nivesh, HHACH and Babaji Music in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and Delhi Tourism, Government of Delhi, this festival has been produced and curated by the Gehlot sisters - Rachna, Prarthana and Shagun. The festival will feature performances by international storytellers Usifu Jahoh (Sierra Leone) and Polina Tserkasova (Estonia). Apart from the storytellers, veteran musician, Shantanu Moitra will be in conversation with singer Mohit Chauhan in the Kisse Kahaniyan and Matargashti session, which will be conducted by Prarthana Gahilote. The festival also features a musical performance by Satpal Wadali and Group from Punjab.

Kathakar is India's first and Asia's largest oral storytelling festival. It has revived the traditional art of oral storytelling in a world where people are glued to gadgets and digital media. The three-day festival brings back the age-old tradition of sitting in the open on a cold winter night where people used to gather to listen to long stories from travellers from far and wide. Mohit Chauhan, Chief Patron of the Festival and Cultural Ambassador of Mongolia to India, says, "Himachal is my home and it is a wonderful experience to bring Kathakar Festival to my home."

## Two-day capacity building program on critical and creative thinking concludes



**VIJAY KAUSHIK**

**LADWA:** Sugni Devi Girls Senior Secondary School hosted a two-day capacity-building program on critical and creative thinking, organized by CBSE COE, Panchkula on 1-2 February. The program, led by resource persons Ranjana Bhardwaj and Pooja Chhabra, saw participation from teachers of Sugni Devi Arya Girls Senior Secondary School and Sunrise High School. The session began with a warm welcome for the resource persons. Ranjana Bhardwaj introduced the importance of critical and creative thinking in the education system, explaining critical thinking as the ability to evaluate and analyze information logically and objectively. Pooja Chhabra focused on fostering creativity among teachers and students through problem-solving scenarios and collaborative projects, using real-life examples to engage participants. In the second session, Ranjana Bhardwaj introduced teachers to evaluation techniques that assess students' critical and creative thinking skills. The teachers gained valuable insights into creating a design-thinking-oriented classroom environment.

## World Cancer Day observed at Community Health Center, Ladwa



**VIJAY KAUSHIK**

**LADWA:** World Cancer Day was observed today at the Community Health Center in Ladwa, under the leadership of Dr. Krishnakant, Senior Medical Officer. During the event, Dr. Jaswinder, Female Medical Officer, and Dr. Kamakant Malhotra, Dentist, extensively discussed cancer related to women and oral health. Dr. Jaswinder explained the symptoms and preventive measures of common cancers in women, such as breast cancer, cervical cancer, ovarian cancer, and endometrial cancer. She emphasized the importance of early detection for better treatment outcomes, advising women to get screened through mammography and maintain a balanced diet, exercise regularly, and avoid smoking and alcohol. Dr. Kamakant Malhotra spoke about oral cancer, a serious disease that can affect various parts of the mouth, including the lips, tongue, gums, inner cheeks, palate, and throat. He highlighted that tobacco, cigarettes, bidis, gutka, and poor lifestyle choices are significant risk factors. He also mentioned that harmful UV rays could contribute to lip cancer, while poor diet and vitamin deficiencies may also play a role.

## Former cricketer Ajay Ratra reaches Pehowa, performs last rites of his father at Saraswati Tirtha



**YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI**

**PEHOWA:** Former wicketkeeper of Indian cricket team and member of BCCI selection committee, Ajay Ratra, reached Saraswati Tirtha in Pehowa, Haryana today. He had come here to perform last rites of his father Om Prakash Ratra who died on January 14. Ajay Ratra's younger brother Sanjay Ratra and uncle Surjan Ratra were also present with him. Tirtha priest Pandit Devdutt Mudgil duly performed tarpan and other religious rituals. Saraswati Tirtha located in Pehowa, Haryana is a major religious place of Hinduism, where people come to perform pinddaan and tarpan for peace of soul of their ancestors. This Tirtha is also mentioned in ancient texts and this holy place is considered especially important for attaining salvation. With Ajay Ratra participating in this religious ritual, this Tirtha has once again come into limelight.

## Panchayat committee meeting, development work worth Rs 1.87 crore discussed



**SHALU PARMAR**

**KALAYAT:** The Panchayat Samiti meeting was held in the Block Development and Panchayat Office under the chairmanship of Deputy Chairperson Somvati. After about five months, a successful meeting was organized on Tuesday. All 22 block committee members of both the groups were present in the meeting. Chairperson Jyoti Dhaniya fell ill after some time. She left the meeting midway. As per the information received, BJP leader Tushar Dhandla played a role in bringing about a compromise between the two groups. In the meeting, suggestions were taken from the committee members regarding the plans for development works. In the meeting, suggestions were taken from the committee members regarding the plans for development works. A blueprint was prepared for the development work of Panchayat Samiti worth Rs 1.87 crore. Panchayat Samiti members raised issues related to construction of drains and streets in their respective villages, toilets in schools, beautification of crematorium welcome gates, electricity and water in the meeting. During this, discussions were held to prepare the Panchayat Samiti development plan. BDPO Jagjit Singh said that all 22 members were present in the meeting.

## 5-day protest against drug abuse in Kalayat postponed on DSP's assurances



**SHALU PARMAR**

**KALAYAT:** The 5-day long protest against drug abuse in front of Gaushal Market in Kalayat has been postponed after the DSP's assurance. DSP Lalit Yadav, who reached the protest site on Tuesday morning, was informed by the youth about the growing drug trade in Kalayat and handed over a written memorandum. During this time, a large number of local women were also present. The DSP assured the protesting youth of strict action against the drug mafia. After that, the youth announced to end the protest. Protesting youth Jassi, Ajay, Sahil, Krishna, Vikram, Rakesh informed DSP Lalit Yadav that in the last two-three years, the drug business has spread so much in Kalayat area that hundreds of youths have fallen prey to drugs. Smack, opium and ganja and liquor were easily available in many streets and neighbourhoods. Drugs like drug injections were being sold openly. But the police administration has not taken any concrete action against the drug mafia till now. So they were forced to stage a sit-in protest. The women present on the spot said that intoxicants were being sold in their neighbourhood too and youngsters kept roaming in the streets intoxicated due to which it has become difficult for them to even leave their house.

## Sterilisation of dogs from Feb 10: Municipal Commissioner

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**

**KARNAL:** City dwellers are going to get relief from the problem of dog bites. For this, sterilisation of street dogs will be done which will start from February 10. The work order has been issued by the Municipal Corporation to Siddhant Society for Animal Care Agency of Gwalior. This information was given by Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dr. Vaishali Sharma on Tuesday.



She said that the work of building an Animal Birth Control Center on Ghoghardi Pur Road is going on by the agency, which is about to be completed. After this, dogs will be caught and sterilised as per the schedule. The area from where the dogs will be caught, the concerned zone in-charge will monitor it. Work will be done as per the rules, anti-rabies vaccination will also be done- The Municipal Commissioner said that the sterilization of dogs will be done under the rules of the Animal Public Control Act 2023 of the Animal Welfare Board of India. Under this, first the dogs will be caught and sterilised by operating them. Anti-rabies vaccination will be done. Postoperative care will be done for about three to four days. During this, the entire arrangement of their food, drink and medicines etc. will be done by the agency. After this, the dogs will be released back to the area from where they have been caught. He said that CCTV cameras will be monitored in the Animal Birth Control Centre. He said that the sterilisation of dogs in the Animal Birth Control Centre will be done by skilled veterinarians.

## BVP has made important contribution in the works of service: Midda

**KAMAL SHARMA**

**TARAORI:** Bharat

Vikas Parishad branch

Taraori gave Kanya

shagun amount to a

needy family in

Taraori. Many officials

including Bharat Vikas

Parishad branch

Taraori president

Yogesh Midda arrived on the occasion. Branch member

Yogesh Midda gave shagun under Kanya Daan Shagun

Yojana in the marriage of a daughter of Taraori city. Giving

information, Bharat Vikas Parishad branch Tarawadi

president Yogesh Midda said that Bharat Vikas Parishad

branch Taraori helps girls from needy families by giving

them Kanya shagun amount in their marriage. He said that

helping such needy families is the first duty of all of us. We

should extend a helping hand by cooperating in such events.

He said that Kanya shagun amount has been given to Neha,

daughter of Khilu Ram who lives near Shani temple in ward

number-6 of the city. While praising the work of Bharat

Vikas Parishad Tarawadi branch, he said that Tarawadi

branch is also continuously doing social welfare work in the

society. Social worker Yogesh Midda, associated with many

religious and social organizations, said that we should help

the poor with a true heart. Because if we do good to a person,

then there can be no more pious work than this. Therefore, it

is everyone's duty to provide some support in the marriage of

daughters. On this occasion, all the officials associated with

Bharat Vikas Parishad Taraori branch were present.





NEWS BRIEF

HMSI sells 4,44,847 units in January 2025

**K**arnal : Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India today announced its sales numbers for the month of January 2025. The company's total sales for January/25 stood at 4,44,847 units, recording a 6% YoY growth. This includes domestic sales of 4,02,977 units and 41,870 units exports. The domestic sales for the month registered 5% YoY growth while exports grew 14% over the same period of last year. It is worth mentioning that HMSI's YTD FY25 (April/24 – Jan/25) total sales stand at 49,81,767 units. This includes domestic sales of 45,41,323 units and 4,40,444 units exports.

Vi launches Number Rakshak initiative at Maha Kumbh to reunite separated pilgrims

**G**URUGRAM / HISAR: At every Kumbh Mela, thousands of individuals are reported lost or separated from their families. In 2013, approximately 70,000 people were reported lost during the Allahabad (now Prayagraj) Kumbh. This year has presented similar challenges, with news reports indicating that over 250 people were reported lost within the first few hours of the first day alone. As millions more are expected to gather on the most auspicious days for 'Shahi Snan' at Triveni Sangam in February, the fear of losing loved ones is a very real concern, given the risk of people becoming lost or separated in large crowd or while taking a sacred plunge. In response, India's leading telecom operator Vi, has launched the 'Vi Number Rakshak' initiative to ensure that no one feels lost, disconnected, or gets left behind.

HDFC Bank Parivartan Start-Up Grants to support over 50 start-ups with Rs 20 crore in FY25

**C**HANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector bank, announced the launch of the eighth edition of its flagship Parivartan Start-up Grants programme. This year, 15+ incubators and accelerators have been selected and onboarded to support 50-60 start-ups working in the social impact space. The programme will award grants of up to ₹50 lakh to selected start-ups, with a total programme budget of ₹20 crore. "Our Parivartan Start-up Grants programme is a testament to our commitment to fostering innovation and addressing critical societal needs. By nurturing social start-ups that are implementing solutions aimed at achieving SDG targets, we aim to support the creation of sustainable, inclusive solutions for communities across India," said Mr. Kaizad Bharucha, DMD, HDFC Bank.

Turn Life's Everyday Wins into Celebrations with Maa's New Campaign

**C**HANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Maa's, India's most-loved mango drink, has been the go-to choice of millions of mango lovers, offering the joy of indulgent mangoes in every sip. Made with the goodness of real juicy Alphonso mangoes, Maa's latest campaign, 'Maa's Ho Jaaye', Coca-Cola India's hometown brand is redefining celebration. Sharing thoughts on the campaign, Ajay Konele, Director - Marketing, Nutrition category, Coca-Cola India and Southwest Asia, said, "Maa's has delivered the most authentic mango experience to Indian consumers for nearly five decades, and remains one of the most loved beverage brands in our country. We are now evolving our brand strategy to strengthen Maa's relevance by bringing its authentic mango experience into the everyday lives of our consumers. We are also enhancing our consumer engagement approach aligning with the evolving digital lifestyles of our consumers."

Fanta Puts Cravings Front and Center with Kartik Aaryan's Spark in 'Fanta Mangta'

**C**HANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Fanta, the flavourful beverage brand of Coca-Cola India, is back with an all-new campaign, 'Fanta Mangta', featuring the ever-charming Brand Ambassador Kartik Aaryan. This campaign celebrates Gen Z's pursuit of what they love—because when you crave something this delicious, nothing else will do. Sumeli Chatterjee, Senior Category Director, Sparkling Flavours, Coca-Cola India and South-West Asia, shared, "A youngster's life is very busy, but they always find time to attend to their daily cravings. The lip-smacking deliciousness of Fanta is a perfect solution to all cravings. The new campaign Fanta-Mangta is a fun and playful twist to urge teens to take some time out to indulge their cravings. With Kartik Aaryan's charisma and the reimagined 1980's music, the campaign lives on the nostalgia trend, blending the nostalgia with a touch of modern interpretation."

Samsung Announces Early Deliveries for Galaxy S25 Series in India

**C**HANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today commenced early deliveries of its flagship Galaxy S25 series smartphones for customers who had pre-ordered the devices. Samsung is committed to bringing utmost delight to its customers by delivering its latest flagship smartphones to early bird customers, ahead of the official sale date of February 07, 2025. Samsung had started accepting pre-orders for Galaxy S25 series on January 23, 2025 on Samsung.com; as well as across leading online and offline retail stores. The starting price for the 12GB/256GB version of Galaxy S25 is INR 80999 while Galaxy S25+ starts at INR 99999 and Galaxy S25 Ultra starts at INR 129999.

Tata Motors Partners Restore 1000 Water Bodies in Over 20 Districts

**C**HANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Reinforcing its commitment to safeguard water resources and uplift rural communities, Tata Motors today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Government of Maharashtra to restore 1000 water bodies in over 20 districts in the water-stressed regions of the state. In 2024, Tata Motors rejuvenated and restored 356 water bodies in Maharashtra by leveraging the Gal Mukti Dharan Gal Yukt Shivar Yojana, a community-based de-siltation programme, in partnership with the Soil and Water Conservation Department of Government of Maharashtra, NAAM Foundation, and local communities. Commenting on the initiative, Vinod Kulkarni, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility at Tata Motors says, "We are immensely proud to have strengthened our partnership with the Government of Maharashtra and NAAM Foundation to address the impact of droughts and water scarcity in the state. The successful rejuvenation and restoration of 356 water bodies in 2024 has encouraged us to scale up the programme to over 20 districts and reach many more villages in Maharashtra. This programme strives to raise the water table, provide access to potable water, make irrigation water available throughout the year, thus improving livelihood for villagers."

# Business

## Cement industry to play key role in Nation Building

**C**handigarh: The Cement Manufacturers' Association (CMA) welcomes the Union Budget 2025-26 presented by the Honourable Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. CMA Member Companies have been at the forefront of nation building by significantly contributing to infrastructure development, employment generation, and economic growth. CMA believes that the Budget presents a commendable vision for India's development through strategic investments in people, economy, and innovation.

Commenting on the Budget, Neeraj Akhoury, President, Cement Manufacturers' Association (CMA) and Managing Director, Shree Cement Limited, stated, "CMA hails the Union Budget, announced under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for its comprehensive focus on holistic and inclusive development. The Budget reinforces a transformative journey towards building a resilient economy for advancing India's development goals. The various initiatives announced by the Government balance people's aspirations with the future requirements for the Country's economic growth. The focus on increased investments on infrastructure across States amplifies opportunities and avenues for the growth of the Cement sector.



We appreciate the sustained core focus on infrastructure and reiterate our commitment to being partners in Nation's progress"

He added, "The increased spending on large scale housing and infrastructure projects will drive demand for construction materials allowing capacity expansion and promotion of innovation in sustainable practices. We are certain that

despite challenges these measures will support the Cement Industry in achieving a consistent CAGR growth rate of more than 6 per cent of installed cement capacity in the present financial year. Policy reforms in Budget 2025-26 signal a reaffirmation of the Government's intent to augment socio economic growth across core sectors."

Parth Jindal, Vice President, Cement Manufacturers' Association (CMA) and Managing Director, JSW Cement Limited, said, "The Budget presented by Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman is a forward-looking roadmap that will play a pivotal role in shaping the

future of India's cement industry, in line with the country's vision for a Viksit Bharat by 2047. It prioritizes growth in key sectors such as infrastructure, manufacturing, and technology. The increased investment in technology will accelerate advancements in green cement solutions, driving both sustainability and innovation within the industry. Notable allocations, including Rs 20,000 crore to foster innovation and Rs 1.5 lakh crore in 50-year interest-free loans to states for capital expenditure on infrastructure development, are expected to significantly bolster growth in the core sectors, including cement sector.

### World Cancer Day: What are the signs to watch out for cervical cancer?

**P**atiala: Cervical cancer is one of the most common cancers affecting women worldwide, with a significant burden in India. The number of cases has been steadily rising due to factors like HPV (Human Papillomavirus) infection, lack of awareness, and limited access to screening. This growing prevalence makes early detection and prevention more important than ever. Dr. Anandita, Consultant - Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Manipal Hospital Patiala highlights signs of cervical cancer that one should watch out for:

1. Abnormal Vaginal Bleeding: Unexpected bleeding outside of the menstrual cycle, including spotting between periods, heavy bleeding after intercourse, or post-menopausal bleeding, which may indicate abnormal cell growth in the cervix.
2. Unusual Vaginal Discharge: A persistent discharge that may be watery, thick, bloody, or have a foul odor, often signaling infection, inflammation, or cancerous changes in cervical tissue.
3. Pelvic Pain: Constant pain or pressure in the lower abdomen or pelvis, which may worsen during sexual activity, suggesting the spread of cancerous cells to surrounding tissues.
4. Painful Urination: A burning sensation, discomfort, or difficulty in urination, potentially

caused by cervical cancer pressing against the bladder or urinary tract.

5. Irregular Menstrual Cycles: Menstrual periods that are significantly heavier, longer, or more painful than usual without an identifiable cause, which may be due to hormonal disruptions or cancerous growths in the cervix. Early intervention is important in preventing and successfully treating cervical cancer. Women experiencing any of the symptoms mentioned above should consult a doctor immediately. The HPV vaccine is an essential preventive measure that significantly reduces the risk of cervical cancer. Routine Pap smears and HPV testing can detect the disease early, making treatment more effective and improving survival rates. Raising awareness and prioritizing screening can help combat the rising burden of cervical cancer among women.

### Spring Edition of CLF Literati 2025 to be held on March 22

**C**handigarh: After the stupendous success of the 12th edition of CLF Literati 2024 in November, the Chandigarh Literary Society (CLS) is thrilled to announce the Spring Edition of CLF Literati 2025 – A Festival of Ideas. Scheduled for March 22, 2025, at the UT Guest House, this much-anticipated event promises to be an inspiring platform for literature, dialogue, creativity, and cultural exchange.

Dr Sumita Misra, IAS, Chairperson of CLS and Festival Director, while announcing the date of the Festival, said: "CLF Literati has always been more than just a festival. It is a confluence of ideas, creativity, and cultural dialogue. With the Spring Edition of Literati 2025, we continue our journey of celebrating literature and the arts, fostering conversations that inspire and perspectives that challenge."

Building on its rich tradition of bringing together distinguished literary and artistic voices, this edition embraces the theme "A Festival of Ideas," underscoring a commitment to diverse

perspectives, intellectual conversations, and a profound appreciation for the arts. The festival will feature renowned authors, poets, and literary critics, engaging in insightful discussions, along with interactive sessions designed to ignite curiosity and inspire creativity. CLS has long been at the forefront of promoting literature, art, and culture in City Beautiful and Literati has established itself as one of the most eagerly awaited literary festivals in the region. "The Spring Edition aspires to set new benchmarks with a dynamic mix of thought-provoking sessions and captivating performances, ensuring an unforgettable experience for all attendees," added Dr. Misra.

### RIP Cravings, Not Romance - BOSS Burger is Here for Valentine's!

**C**HANDIGARH: This Valentine's Day, swipe right on BOSS Burger by SOCIAL—because nothing says love like a burger that's bold, juicy, and unapologetically indulgent. Whether you're sharing bites with your special someone, celebrating with your ride-or-dies, or just romancing a burger solo, our crave-worthy creations are here to make your day extra delicious. Because when it comes to burgers, why settle for anything less than the BOSS?

For the ultimate smash burger experience, try the Tenderloin Smash, Lamb Smash, or Chicken Smash Burger, each featuring a perfectly seared patty with a crispy crust and juicy center. If you're in the mood to spice things up, the Peri-Peri Grilled Chicken Burger delivers just the right kick, while the Korean Fried Chicken Burger brings bold, saucy flavors. If a hearty bite is your love language, the Shams' Signature Steak Burger, topped with steak bits and a sunny-side-up egg, is the one for you. From cheesy and spicy to classic meaty flavors, there's a BOSS Burger to match every craving. For vegetarians, it's all about big, bold flavors too. The Samosaticus Smash Burger is a desi dream with its chatpata aloo patty and tangy chutneys, while the Paneer Cheese Bomb Burger delivers the ultimate crispy-meets-cheesy indulgence. Every burger is built on a soft, toasted brioche bun for the perfect balance of texture and taste.

### Battery Smart hosts Station Partner Sammelan to celebrate partners driving Panipat's EV Revolution



**P**anipat : Battery Smart, India's largest battery-swapping network for electric two and three-wheelers, recently hosted its Station Partner Sammelan in Panipat, bringing together over 30 station partners to celebrate their invaluable contributions to the EV ecosystem and discussed ways to enhance collaboration for a cleaner, greener future. The Sammelan emphasized the vital role that station partners and drivers play in advancing sustainable urban mobility. The event also recognized high-performing partners who are contributing to the growth of the battery-swapping ecosystem by focusing on safety, operations, and service excellence. An industry first, the initiative not only focuses on environmental impact through battery swapping but also emphasizes the socio-economic upliftment of those involved in this ecosystem. By providing a reliable income source and entrepreneurial opportunities, Battery Smart is committed to empowering and uplifting its station partners while also contributing towards Panipat's EV infrastructure. Sumi Jain, Senior Director - Partners Operations, "Battery Smart's station partners in Panipat are accelerating EV adoption, enabling the city's mobility infrastructure and making battery swapping more accessible. Through the 'Swapping Success Sammelan,' we are not just scaling battery swapping, we are recognizing their contributions, strengthening collaboration.

### "From Aahat to Aami Dakini: Horror has a new face!"



**C**handigarh : Sony Entertainment Television, that introduced Indian audiences to the iconic horror show Aahat, is set to redefine the genre with its latest Horror offering: Aami Dakini. This intriguing new show promises to take horror storytelling a notch up with its gripping narrative infused with mystery, drama, and eerie supernatural elements. Set against the perfect mix of beautiful & haunting backdrop of Kolkata, Aami Dakini unravels a dark and mysterious tale of love, loss, and revenge. Bringing this enigmatic and eerie character to life is the talented Sheen Dass, who steps into the role of Dakini. At its core, it unravels the emotional and psychological turmoil of Dakini—a woman whose soul has been trapped between life and death for decades. Burdened with grief, longing, and injustice, she returns in search of the husband she lost, embarking on an unrelenting quest that will send shivers down the spine. Sheen Dass who makes her much-anticipated debut in the horror genre expresses her excitement saying, "What excites me the most about the show is the blend of horror, mystery and human emotion. I'm thrilled to be a part of the show that brings something fresh to the horror genre. Playing Dakini will be a challenge as she's more than just a ghost, but she has a past, a story to tell. To bring this complexity to life, I had to undergo extensive character study and training. She is not just a ghost seeking revenge—her emotions are deeply rooted in trauma and injustice. There is so much emotion packed into this one character, and I can't wait for the audience to experience it" Get ready for a chilling ride as Aami Dakini launches soon, only on Sony Entertainment Television and Sony Liv!

### One Way Foundation organised a blood donation camp



**C**handigarh: Social organisation One Way Foundation organised a blood donation camp at Government Multi Specialist Hospital Blood Centre, Sector 16. Along with the city's social organisation Punjab Red Cross, Chandigarh Police and Hindu Parishad members also participated in the camp. National President of One Way Foundation Madan Yadav said that the camp was organised under the leadership of the organisation's coordinator Sushila Yadav. The blood donation camp was inaugurated by Satish Pathak,

Prakash Yadav Prakash and Meena Meena Tripathi. The blood donors were honoured by Ashish Rajbhar, Diip Bhardwaj, Mata Ji Harbans Kaur Oberoi Ji from Punjab Red Cross, Rabia Ji, Ram Badan Mukhiya Ji by giving them letters. People donating blood during a blood donation camp. Honorable Mr. Ashok Rohilla, Mrs. Renu Rohilla, Vice President Vishwa Hindu Parishad Chandigarh encouraged the blood donors by donating blood. On this occasion, members of Chandigarh Police also participated enthusiastically.

### Amazon India launches #DikhogeTohBikoge campaign to highlight the benefits of e-commerce for Sellers in India

**C**handigarh/Ludhiana : Amazon India has launched #DikhogeTohBikoge (which translates to 'If you're visible, you'll sell'), a new brand campaign to strengthen awareness about how selling on its digital marketplaces is simple and effective for small businesses in India. The campaign features three creative and humorous commercials - each showing a different scenario where sellers take unconventional

routes to promote and sell their products. These videos highlight the benefits of Amazon's marketplaces for sellers, such as wide customer base, access to 100% of India's serviceable pin codes and 18+ global marketplaces. The campaign emphasizes Amazon's commitment to empowering businesses of all sizes by making online selling accessible and impactful. It has been designed, conceptualized and produced by

Enormous Brands LLP. #DikhogeTohBikoge Campaign: - Ad Film 1: Reach crores of customers with Amazon - Ad Film 2: Access 100% serviceable pin codes with Amazon - Ad Film 3: Sell through 18+ Amazon global marketplaces Amit Nanda, Director, Selling Partner Services, Amazon India, said.

### Eugenix Hair Sciences served Cricket Icons & Celebrities

**S**HIMLA : Eugenix Hair Sciences has cemented its position as the gold standard in hair restoration, trusted by an elite circle of cricketing legends, international athletes, and Bollywood luminaries. With state-of-the-art clinics, Eugenix is the go-to destination for cutting-edge hair transplant solutions—seamlessly blending scientific expertise with artistic mastery. Cricketing icons Mohammed Shami, Ravi Shastri, Mohammed Azharuddin, and Michael Bevan have placed their trust in Eugenix, experiencing first hand the transformative power of its advanced hair transplant techniques. Renowned for delivering natural, seamless, and long-lasting results, Eugenix has become the undisputed choice for the who's who of cricket and beyond. Indian cricket star Mohammed Shami, who underwent a hair restoration procedure at Eugenix, shared, "The procedure has reinvigorated my off-field life. Eugenix has exceeded my expectations, and the results have been phenomenal. With 4,500+ grafts transplanted, Shami's success story underscores the clinic's ability to achieve exceptional results with minimal discomfort. Eugenix's stellar reputation extends beyond India, with renowned cricketers and sports personalities worldwide choosing its expertise. Some of the distinguished names include: Rohan Gavaskar - Former Indian Cricketer, Saeed Ahmed - Afghanistan Player, Nikhil Chopra - Former Indian Cricketer, Mome van Wyk - Former South African Cricketer, Nick Compton - Former English Cricketer, R. Sreedhar - Ex-Fielding Coach, Indian Cricket Team Helmed by world-renowned specialists Dr. Pradeep Sethi and Dr. Arika Bansal, Eugenix combines cutting-edge technology with meticulous artistry to deliver results that not only enhance appearance but also restore confidence.



### Patel Engineering Fuels Economic Growth in J&K with Key Infrastructure and Hydropower Projects

**J**ammu, Patel Engineering Ltd., a renowned leader with a 75-year legacy in integrated infrastructure and engineering services, is playing a pivotal role in the development of Jammu & Kashmir. Patel Engineering has been at the forefront of constructing critical infrastructure in Jammu & Kashmir, including key sections of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project. Tunnels like T-2 which was completed over a year back and the Tunnel T-15 and part Tunnel T-15 that was substantially completed a few months ago, constructed by Patel Engineering, are vital links that improve connectivity and significantly reduce travel time in the region. Recently Indian railways also carried out trial runs on the USBRL stretch. Located near Katra, the mammoth tunnels, Tunnel T-2 and Tunnel T-15 and part Tunnel T-14 are truly engineering marvels. Having lengths of ~5.2 km and 13 km respectively they have been constructed by utilizing advanced technologies like the New Austrian Tunneling Method (NATM) and pipe roofing systems, the company has successfully overcome the region's challenging topography, ensuring year-round connectivity and facilitating seamless transportation of goods and services, boosting local trade, economy and tourism. Patel Engineering's expertise in hydropower has been instrumental in advancing Jammu & Kashmir's energy capabilities. Projects like the 624 MW Kiru Hydroelectric Project and the 540 MW Kwar Hydroelectric Project on the Chenab River and the 37.5 MW Parnal Hydroelectric Project on the Suran River aim to meet the region's growing energy demands while promoting sustainability.



### Maa Saraswati Statue unveiled

**C**handigarh: Today, The festival of Basant Panchami was celebrated by unveiling the statue of Maa Saraswati in Sector 30A, Government High School and by worshipping and singing Shlokas.

Former Mayor of Chandigarh Daves Moudgil unveiled the statue of Veena Vadini Vidya Daini Maa Saraswati. On this occasion, President of Society for Divine Reiki Meditation Jasjot Singh Almast, Headmistress Indu Babbar, President Bharat Vikas Parishad East-1 Neelam Gupta, President Prayog Foundation Nitesh Mahajan, and Anu Singla were specially present.

After worship and Shloka Shrawan, former Mayor Daves Moudgil said that the festival of Basant Panchami is dedicated to Maa Saraswati, which is celebrated on the fifth day of Magh Shukla Paksha. On this day, especially in schools, by worshipping in front of the idol of Maa Saraswati, blessings are taken for the attainment of education, knowledge and music.

Daves Moudgil said that according to the mythological story, when Brahma Ji created the whole universe and created humans, animals, plants and water and land, he felt a lack in his creation. Then Brahma Ji took out some water from his kamandal and sprinkled it, due to which a four-armed goddess appeared there. In one hand she had a veena, in the second hand a book, in the third hand a rosary and the fourth hand was in the war posture. Daves Moudgil said that then Brahma Ji requested the goddess to play the veena. As soon as the Goddess played the Veena, knowledge and melody came into everything created by Brahma Ji. Only after this Brahma Ji named this Goddess as the Goddess of Veena, Veena Vadini Maa Saraswati. Since then Maa Saraswati is worshipped as the Goddess of learning, knowledge and melody.



### Contestant Pranusha Thamke shines on KBC junior - Amitabh Bachchan shares childhood tales in a fun filled moment on KBC Juniors

**C**handigarh : This week, Sony Entertainment Television brings to stage the beloved knowledge-based game show – Kaun Banega Crorepati, as KBC Juniors welcomes young geniuses,

nah! ha!". The conversation took an intriguing turn when Big B shared an anecdote about a singer he once knew. "There is a singer who lived in the village, who was very fond of singing. He would get a tractor and sing with the



help of the sound from the tractor". In nostalgia, Mr. Bachchan recalled a rather daring childhood incident. He shared "We used to put blocks of ice in front of our table fan to get cool air. After a few years, we got a fridge in our house, when we opened it, we realized it was cold. We were young and one day we got into the fridge and the door got locked". He then added with a chuckle "we were screaming and then someone came and got us out, we were ready to do anything to escape from the heat", before turning to Pranusha's younger sister with a playful warning "don't do this", leaving the audience laughing. Without skipping a beat, the little one said.

### Hungama OTT Presents Personal Trainer, Riveting Tale of Suspense and Intrigue



**M**umbai Hungama OTT, one of India's leading digital entertainment platform, is all set to enthrall audiences with its latest crime thriller series, Personal Trainer, exclusively on January 28, 2025. Featuring the immensely talented Tinaa Dattaa in the lead role, along with Gulshan Nain and Sahib Tagra, the show promises an electrifying blend of betrayal, desire, and suspense. Set against the backdrop of Mumbai's elite gym culture, Personal Trainer takes viewers on a dark and gripping journey into the dangerous pursuit of physical perfection. At the heart of this compelling narrative lies Neha Dharmanraj, essayed by Tinaa Dattaa, a married woman whose world is turned upside down after an illicit relationship with her personal trainer,

Anish portrayed by Gulshan Nain. What begins as a secret romance quickly spirals into deception, ending in Anish's

Speaking about the show Siddhartha Roy, CEO, Hungama Digital Media said, "Immerse yourself in the gripping world of 'Personal Trainer', our latest crime thriller series. This intense and thought-provoking show explores the complexities of human nature, keeping you engaged, invested, and eager for more."

Reflecting on her role, Tinaa Dattaa expressed her excitement and the challenges she faced while portraying Neha, "Neha is undoubtedly one of the most complex and challenging characters I have ever taken on. Each twist in the storyline kept me alert, and her journey is deeply emotional with many layers. I can't wait for viewers to dive into the powerful world of Personal Trainer and experience the intensity it offers." Gulshan Nain shares his heartfelt connection to the project, revealing, "This endeavor holds immense sentimental value for me.

mysterious death. The series delves deep into a web of secrets and hidden agendas within the gym community, leaving everyone under suspicion.

### Blenders Pride Fashion Tour Gurugram brings Greatest Celebration of Fashion Icon Rohit Bal



**G**URUGRAM: An unparalleled universe of fashion, glamour, glitz and revelry came to life at Blenders Pride Fashion Tour 2025's inaugural edition in Gurugram, with a magnificent celebration of the extraordinary life of Rohit Bal – India's one true fashion icon. A remarkable partnership with Rohit Bal, that saw the Fashion Tour create several stunning showcases, saw an incredible culmination, as it honoured the artistic genius, craftsmanship, and vision, that transformed the very essence of Indian couture. Fashion icon Sonam Kapoor also celebrated the life of Rohit Bal by becoming the showstopper for the special show. In collaboration with Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI), the tour spotlighted Bal's impeccable sense of fashion, his passion for art, his Kashmiri roots, and his epic persona that knew no bounds.




NEWS BRIEF

City gears up for T20 tournament as team jerseys and captains announced

Chandigarh: The team jerseys of Chandra Shekhar T20 tournament were officially unveiled in a grand ceremony at Hotel Shivalkiview, Sector 17 on Monday. The event was presided over by UTCA President Sanjay Tandon in the presence of all team franchisees. Prem Puri (IAS), Secretary, UT Sports, graced the occasion as the chief guest.

The unveiling marks a significant milestone for the team as they gear up for the much-anticipated tournament which is being introduced for the very first time on the franchisee based model. The jerseys are designed with a vibrant and dynamic look, reflecting the team's energy, commitment, and fighting spirit. This initiative aims to boost the morale of the players and strengthen their unity ahead of the tournament.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**BEFORE SH. NAVEEN, DANICS, ASST. ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH.**



Subject:-Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No.2599, Sector 22-C, Chandigarh (RP/7046) to the extent of 8.34% share on the basis of Intestate Death of Late Sh. Om Parkash Walia.

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh. Om Parkash Walia is the owner/lessor of RESIDENTIAL Site No.2599, Sector 22-C, Chandigarh to the extent of 8.34% Share.

It has been informed by Shweta Walia, Surekha Walia that Sh. Om Parkash Walia expired on 05/11/2011 and they have also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner/lessor:- (1) Surekha Walia (Wife) (2) Shweta Walia (Daughter). Now, Shweta Walia, Surekha Walia have applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No.2599, Sector 22-C, Chandigarh to the extent of 8.34% Share held by Late Sh. Om Parkash Walia in their favour, on the basis of Intestate Death. If anybody has any information about any other legal heir(s) of the deceased other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh, immediately. If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicants, he/she/they may furnish the same in writing (supported with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate/Notary) in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiaries and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.

**SH. NAVEEN, DANICS, ASSISTANT ESTATE OFFICER, EXERCISING THE POWERS OF ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**BEFORE SH. NAVEEN, DANICS ASST. ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH.**



Subject:-Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 2209, SECTOR 38-C, Chandigarh (RPL 19748) to the extent of 50.00% share on the basis of Intestate Death of Late SH. SATBIR SINGH.

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh./Smt SH. SATBIR SINGH is the owner/lessor of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 2209, SECTOR 38-C, Chandigarh to the extent of 50.00% Share.

It has been informed by SMT. SAWINDER KAUR RANDHAWA, MRS. NARINDER KAUR, MRS. SAMRATH KAUR SIDHU, MR. SARTAJ SINGH RANDHAWA that Sh./Smt SH. SATBIR SINGH expired on 03/05/2023 and he/she/they has/have also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner/lessor:-

No. Relationship with deceased

1. SAWINDER KAUR WIFE

2. SARTAJ SINGH SON

3. NARINDER KAUR MOTHER




4. SAMRATH KAUR SIDHU DAUGHTER

Now, SMT. SAWINDER KAUR RANDHAWA, MRS. NARINDER KAUR, MRS. SAMRATH KAUR SIDHU, MR. SARTAJ SINGH RANDHAWA has/have applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 2209, SECTOR 38-C, Chandigarh, to the extent of 50.00 % Share held by Late SH. SATBIR SINGH in his/her/their favour, on the basis of Intestate Death. If anybody has any information about any other legal heir(s) of the deceased other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh, immediately.

If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicants, he/she/they may furnish the same in writing (supported with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate/Notary) in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiaries and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.

**Naveen, DANICS, Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the powers of Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh**

**Court Mandeep Singh Sidhu, Deputy Tehsildar and Deputy Assistant Collector Grade II Sidhwa Bet.**



Village: Gorahar Hadabast No. 15  
Kos Anuwan- Upinder Singh vs. Ajab Singh  
Next date of hearing: 11/02/2025

Application for partition and alienation of possession under section 111 of the Land Revenue Act 1887, out of 39 kanals 11 marlas, land 9 kanals 0 marlas, Khavat No. 26222, Khatori No. 26, Musti No. 18, Fort No. 24/1, 26/22, Fort No. 8 and out of 39 kanals 11 marlas, Khatori No. 4945, Khatori No. 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, Musti No. 12, Fort No. 24/2, Musti No. 18, Fort No. 4/2, 2. 3min, Musti No. 12, Fort No. 23 Musti No. 18 Fort No. 3 Min Musti No. 12 Fort No. 17/2, Musti No. 18 Fort No. 3/1, Musti No. 12 Fort No. 24/2 Min, Musti No. 18 Fort No. 4/2 Incident Village Gorahar Hadabast No. 15 Jamabandi Year 2020-21 Tehsil Jagroa District Ludhiana.

**Ishtar Newspaper**

1. Upinder Singh son of Gurmial Singh son of Prem Singh

2. Jagroop Singh son of Harchand Singh son of Prem Singh

3. Karamjit Kaur wife of Gurmial Singh son of Prem Singh

All residents of village Gora Har Tehsil Sidhwa-Bet District Ludhiana.

**Vs.**

**Sayal**

1. Ajab Singh son of Jawahar Singh son of Bhola Singh

2. Amar Singh son of Jawahar Singh son of Bhola Singh 95928-97435

3. Gita Singh son of Jawsant Singh son of Jawahar Singh all residents of village Gora Har Tehsil Sidhwa-Bet District Ludhiana.

4. Amrik Singh son of Harbans Singh son of Sharm Singh 94173-70006 resident of House No. 13-12/97, Mohala Ranank Pura Haibowal Khurd, Ludhiana.

5. Palwinder Singh son of Kartar Singh son of Gurmukh Singh

6. Narinder Kaur widow of Balwinder Singh son of Kartar Singh

7. Jaspreet Kaur daughter of Balwinder Singh son of Kartar Singh

8. Balwinder Singh son of Nachhatar Singh son of Kehar Singh

9. Bhupinderpal Singh son of Nachhatar Singh son of Kehar Singh 84270-84739

10. Sandeep Kaur widow of Harjinder Singh son of Nachhatar Singh 77102-64607

11. Manvir Singh daughter of Harjinder Singh son of Nachhatar Singh

12. Arshdeep Kaur son of Harjinder Singh son of Nachhatar Singh

13. Sukhmandeep Singh son of Harjinder Singh son of Nachhatar Singh

14. Jarnail Singh son of Amar Singh son of Jawahar Singh

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# Sports

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## "If they perform well...": Raina feels Virat, Rohit's form will benefit India at Champions Trophy 2025



AGENCY NEW DELHI: Former cricketer Suresh Raina on Tuesday said that if Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma perform well in the upcoming Champions Trophy 2025 then it will benefit India.

The eight-team tournament will feature 15

2023. He added that Virat and Rohit's strong records in the past will give them confidence.

"Rohit Sharma's strike rate has improved significantly after the ODI World Cup in 2023. Since then, he has scored runs at a strike rate of 119-120, making him one of India's best ODI batsmen. For Rohit and Virat, I would say that when you have a strong record of past performances, it gives you a lot of confidence. They complement each other well, and both have the skill to score big runs. If they perform well, India's ICC Men's Champions Trophy campaign will benefit immensely," Raina was quoted in a release from Star Sports as saying.

The ICC Champions Trophy from February 19 to March 9 will be hosted by Pakistan and UAE, with India playing its matches in UAE under a hybrid model.

The biggest match of the ICC tournament between two arch-rivals India and

Pakistan will be played on February 23. India will start its campaign against Bangladesh on February 20. India's last league match will be against New Zealand on March 2.




India squad for ICC Champions Trophy 2025: Rohit Sharma (C), Shubman Gill (VC), Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul (WK), Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami, Arshdeep Singh, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Rishabh

Pant, Ravindra Jadeja.

Meanwhile, India will square off against England in three ODI series beginning in Nagpur on Thursday. The 50-over action will then move to Cuttack on Sunday and the series will conclude on February 12 in Ahmedabad.

**HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES**

**Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) Of The Sarfaesi Act, 2002**



Regd. Office: "Radhika", 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad-380009  
Branch Office: Sco 70, 1st Floor, Sector 47-D, Chandigarh-160047

You the below mentioned borrower, co-borrowers and guarantors have availed loan(s) financial facility(ies) from HDB Financial Services Limited by mortgaging your immovable properties (securities) and defaulted in repayment of the same. Consequently to your defaults your loan was classified as non-performing asset. Subsequently, the Company has issued demand notice under Section 13(2) of The Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the Act), the contents of which are being published herewith as per section 13(2) of the act read with Rule 3(1) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 as and by way of alternate service upon you. Details of the borrowers, co-borrowers, loan account no., loan amount, demand notice under section 13(2) date, amount claimed in the notice, NPA date and securities are given as under:

**Name of the Borrower & Co-Borrowers :** Swastik Enterprises India 27,2nd Floor Sant Tower Ludhiana-141008 Punjab And Also H.no. 1741 Phase II Urban Estate Dugli Ludhiana-141002

**2. Anuradha Pappaja** 1741 Urban Estate Phase 2 Near Bai Bhatnagar Puri Tower Ludhiana Punjab-141008

**3. Girish Kumar** 27,2nd Floor Sant Tower Ludhiana Punjab-141008

**Loan Account No 26682664: Loan Amount Rs. 57900000/- (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Ninety Thousand Only) Demand Notice Date:14.11.2025 Amount Claimed: Rs.5475844.21/- (Rupees Fifty Four Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Eight Hundred & Forty Four Paise Twenty Only) As Of 10.01.2025 And Future Contractual Interest Till Actual Realization Together With Incidental Expenses, Cost And Charges Etc. Npa Date : 02.01.2025. Details Of Security: All The Piece And Parcel Of Property/properties Bearing No.1741, Measuring 100 Sq. Yds, Situated At Phase-II, Urbans Estate, Dugli, Tehsil And District Ludhiana. Property Standed In The Name Of Ms.anuradha Wo Sh.girish Kumar, Registered As Per Sale Deed Bearing No.2018-19/1011/12693 Dated 03.10.2018. Bounded As East Plot No.1742 Adm 45 Fl West Plot No.1740 Adm 45 Fl North Plot No.1734 Adm 20 Fl South Road Wide 30 Ft Adm 20 Fl.**

You the borrower/co-borrowers and guarantors are therefore called upon to make payment of the above mentioned demanded amount with further interest as mentioned herein above in full within 60 days of this notice failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to take action under the act to enforce the above-mentioned securities. (Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.) Please note that as per section 13(13) of the said Act, you are restrained from transferring the above-referred securities by way of sale, lease or otherwise without our consent and any non compliance of section 13(13) of the Act is punishable under section 29 of the said Act. For Any Query Please Contact Mr. Amardeep Kalia M-8699620254 & Naval Kishore 7696442530

**FOR HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED, AUTHORISED OFFICER**

**Place :** Chandigarh **Date:** 05.02.2025


**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Folio No. 38555, Equity Shares of face value Rs.1/- (Rupees one only) each bearing:

Distinctive No.	Share Certificate Nos.	No. of Shares
17412546 - 17412915	202294	370

of Jindal Steel and Power Ltd., having its registered office at O.P. Jindal Marg, Hisar - 125005 (Haryana), registered in the name of Chhaya K Bobra and Kantilal Deepchanji Bobra have been lost. Chhaya Kantilal Bobra have applied to the company for issue duplicate certificate. Any person who has any claim in respect of the said shares certificate should lodge such claim with the company within 15 days of the publication of this notice.

**IPSE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**



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**Note:- Eligibility, Qualifications, Age Reservation Policy and Pay Scale as per UGC/KUK/NCTE/DGHE & Haryana Govt. norms.**

- Apply within 15 days from the date of publication of advertisement along with self attested photocopies of all testimonials. Send a copy of application to the Dean of Colleges, Kurukshetra University.

**M.C. Kashyap Chairman**

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**HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**



### E-Procurement Notice NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

1. The Executive Engineer, Shimla Rural Division, HPPWD, Dhani on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the percentage rates bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of Contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table as under: -

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)	Cost of tender	Time
1	Construction of link road from Domehar Nalla to Harjan Basti Domehar km. 0/0 to 1/990 (SH-1 F/C 5/7 mtr wide in km. 1/155 to 1/990 & C/o wire crate for dumping site at various Rds).	54,48,298/-	1,09,000/-	2000/-	Three Months
2	Construction of link road from Khaneti to Reog km. 0/00 to 1/725 (SH-1 C/o Formation Cutting & Protection work in km. 1/550 to 1/705).	44,30,840/-	89,000/-	2000/-	Three Months

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

**3. Key Dates:-**

1. Date of Online Publication	06.02.2025 18:30 HRS
2. Document Download Start and End Date	06.02.2025 18:30 to 13.02.2025 18:55 HRS
3. Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by Opening of Financial Bid.	14.02.2025 11:00 HRS

**4. TENDER DETAILS:** The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in two cover.

(i) Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/Eligibility Information".

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

5. The bid shall be opened on 14.02.2025 at 11.00 HRS by the authorized official of Executive Engineer, Shimla Rural Division, HPPWD Dhani H.P. in this office. The intended bidders are advised to be present at the time of opening of tenders if so desired. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

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

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

8. The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the departmental website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in).

**9. Eligibility Criteria:-**

(a) The bidders must have successfully completed one similar nature of work not less than 40 % (i.e. successful completion of Road work) of estimated cost during the last five financial years (without Liquidated damages or compensation) for Job No.1.

(b) The bidders must have uploaded Bidding Capacity/ C.A. Annual Report As Per 26.2a of GCC. for Job No.1

10. All the required material like Cement/Steel/Bitumen/Explosive etc. shall be arranged by contractor at his own level.

11. The competent authority reserves the right to cancel/extend any or all the tender without assigning any reason thereof.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer, Shimla Rural Division H.P.P.W.D. Dhani Tel. 0177-2790534 e-mail: ee-smld-hp@pnid.in**

DPR-HP-4987/2024-2025

On behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh

**HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES**

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REGISTERED OFFICE: RADHIKA, 2 ND FLOOR, LAW GARDEN ROAD, NAVRANGPURA, AHMEDABAD-380009  
BRANCH OFFICE: SCO 277, 1st Floor, Sector 47 D Chandigarh-160047.

THE UNDERSIGNED AS AUTHORIZED OFFICER OF HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED HAS TAKEN OVER PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE NOTICE ISSUED U/S 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 IN THE FOLLOWING LOAN ACCOUNTS WITH A RIGHT TO SELL THE SAME ON "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" AS IS WHAT IS AND "AS IS WHAT EVER THERE IS BASIS" FOR REALIZATION OF COMPANY'S DUES.

1. Borrowers & Guarantor's Name & Address	Description Of The Property	1. Date & Time Of E-auction 2. Last Date Of Submission Of Emd 3. Date & Time Of The Property Inspection	1. Reserve Price 2. Emd Of The Property
1. MOHIT GARMENTS Shop No-20, Arora Market, Gandhi Nagar, Ludhiana-141001 And Also:- One Property Shop No-7, Measuring 30 Sq Yards, Bearing MC No-B-2 1714-5-A/1, Khasra No-729, Khata No-613714-5, Situated at Village-Ludhiana-141001. RITIKA DHINGRA AND MOHIT DHINGRA BOTH R/O H.No-3802, St. No-8, Shivaji Nagar, Ludhiana-141001 (Loan Account No-2872726 and 14310396) 2. Rs.1472787.73/- (Rupees One Crore Forty One Lacs Seventy Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Seven and Paise Sixty Three Only) as of 6.12.2021, and future contractual interest till actual realization together with incidental expenses, cost and charges etc.	All the Piece and Parcel of the Property Shop No-7, measuring 30 Sq yards, bearing MC No-B-2 1714-5-A/1, Comprised in Khasra No-729, Khata No-613714-5, as per jamabandi for the year 2009-2010. Situated at Village-Mahal Bhagat, HB No-164 Abadi Fatehgarh Mohalla, Tehsil and District Ludhiana as per Sale Deed bearing Waskna No-4359 Dated 24-5-2016 recorded in the name of Mohit Dhingra. Property Boundaries:- North-Neighbour Common Wall, South-Neighbour Common Wall, East-Neighbour Common Wall, West-Road	1. E-AUCTION DATE: 24-Feb-2025 10:30 AM TO 11:30 AM WITH FURTHER EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES. 2. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD WITH KYC 22-Feb-2025 TIL 5 PM. 3. DATE OF INSPECTION: 20-Feb-2025 BETWEEN 01:00 PM TO 02:00 PM IST	Reserve Price (IN INR): Rs.882956/- (Rupees Eighty Eight Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Five Only) EMD Amount (IN INR): Rs. 882956/- Rupees Eight Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Six Only)
1. Royal Traders At Shop No.11956-7, Kanak Mandi, Amritsar-143006. And Also - Khana Shumari No.363/8, Katra Karam Singh Market, Takiye Wala, Amritsar-143006. Kapil Arora S/o Vimal Arora Rastmi Arora W/o Kapil Arora, Vimal Arora S/o Gurdial Chand Arora, Parbitha Arora W/o Vimal Arora Al Rio House No.70, New Roop Nagar, Gate Hakima, Amritsar-143001. (Loan Account No. 9324574 & 13989592) 2. Rs. 27,69,714/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fourteen) as of 14th June 2023 and future contractual interest till actual realization together with incidental expenses, cost and charges etc.	All the Piece and parcel of property one House Plot Khana Shumari No. 363/8, Total Measuring 96 Square Yards Situated at Katra karam Singh Market, Takiye Wala, Androon Hadood Municipal Corporation, Tehsil and District Amritsar. Property Owned by Parbitha Arora W/o Vimal Arora and Rastmi Arora W/o Kapil Arora As per the Sale deed No. 7611 dated 27-10-2005 and sale deed duly registered with the concerned Sub-Registrar, Amritsar. Bounded as:- North-Karam Chand, South-Property of Dharamvir, East-Road, West-Ghansham Daud or Bhole Shah	E-AUCTION DATE: 24-Feb-2025 10.30 AM TO 11.30 AM WITH FURTHER EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES. 2. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD WITH KYC 22-Feb-2025 TIL 5 PM. 3. DATE OF INSPECTION: 20-Feb-2025 BETWEEN 01:00 PM TO 02:00 PM IST	Reserve Price (IN INR): Rs.2506091/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty One Only) EMD Amount (IN INR): Rs.250609/- Rupees Two Lakh Fifty Thousand Six Hundred Nine Only)

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# Glamour

## Dramatic Twists Unfold as Reehan and Mannat Finally Tie the Knot!



The latest episodes of 'Mannat- Ik Sanjha Parivar' kept viewers on the edge of their seats with high-voltage drama. Muskan's cunning plan to replace Mannat with Tina as the bride took a shocking turn when she spiked Mannat's drink. Meanwhile, Gulshan Taya Ji, furious over the wedding arrangements, demanded Reehan call off the wedding. In today's episode, emotions ran high as Gulshan Taya Ji dragged Reehan out of the mandap and even attempted to slap his father. But Reehan stood his ground, putting an end to the chaos. Despite all the obstacles, love triumphed as Reehan and Mannat finally got married, leaving fans both relieved and excited for what's next. Will Mannat discover the truth about Muskan's plan? How will Reehan handle his family's discontent? Stay tuned for more twists and turns in 'Mannat- Ik Sanjha Parivar' at 8:00 pm only on Zee Punjabi!

## Hina Khan opens up on cancer battle; thanks govt for Ayushman Bharat

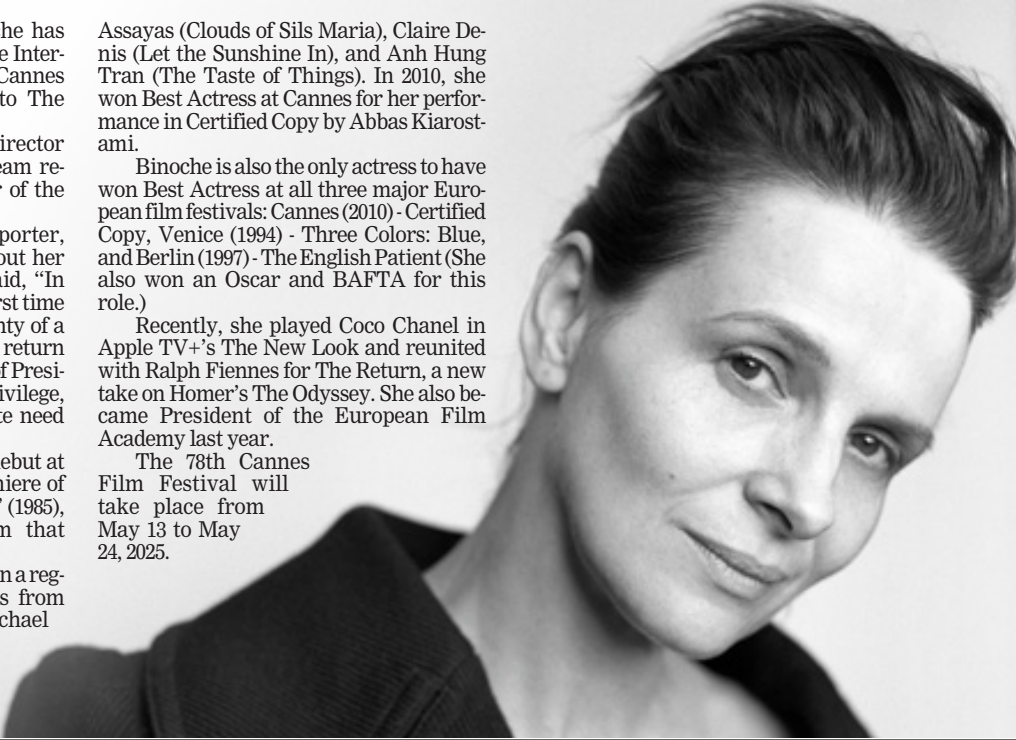


Actor Hina Khan, who has been sharing her breast cancer journey since her diagnosis, opened up about her battle with stage three cancer on 'World Cancer Day.' While speaking to a news agency, the actress shared how important it is to get early treatment and also thanked the government's health initiatives like "Ayushman Bharat" that help people receive timely care. Sharing how quickly she began treatment after her diagnosis, Hina said, "When I was diagnosed with cancer, my treatment started within 2-3 days. I know how important it is not to lose time. I want to thank the government's initiatives like Ayushman Bharat. I have seen it in Tata Memorial Hospital and many other hospitals. People now have the chance for timely treatment, which is very important..."

## Juliette Binoche named President of Cannes 2025 Jury

French actor Juliette Binoche has been named President of the International Jury for the 2025 Cannes Film Festival, according to The Hollywood Reporter. Binoche succeeds 'Barbie' director Greta Gerwig and will lead the team responsible for selecting the winner of the Palme d'Or. As per The Hollywood Reporter, Binoche, in a statement, spoke about her new role as jury president and said, "In 1985, I walked up the steps for the first time with the enthusiasm and uncertainty of a young actress; I never imagined I'd return 40 years later in the honorary role of President of the Jury. I appreciate the privilege, the responsibility, and the absolute need for humility." The French actress made her debut at Cannes 40 years ago with the premiere of Andre Techine's film 'Rendez-vous' (1985), which was her first major film that launched her career. Over the years, Binoche has been a regular at the festival, with features from some of the top directors like Michael Haneke (Code Unknown, Cache), David Cronenberg (Cosmopolis), Krzysztof Kieslowski (Three Colors: Red), Olivier

Assayas (Clouds of Sils Maria), Claire Denis (Let the Sunshine In), and Anh Hung Tran (The Taste of Things). In 2010, she won Best Actress at Cannes for her performance in Certified Copy by Abbas Kiarostami. Binoche is also the only actress to have won Best Actress at all three major European film festivals: Cannes (2010) - Certified Copy, Venice (1994) - Three Colors: Blue, and Berlin (1997) - The English Patient (She also won an Oscar and BAFTA for this role.) Recently, she played Coco Chanel in Apple TV+'s The New Look and reunited with Ralph Fiennes for The Return, a new take on Homer's The Odyssey. She also became President of the European Film Academy last year. The 78th Cannes Film Festival will take place from May 13 to May 24, 2025.



## Blenders Pride Fashion Tour Gurugram brings the Greatest Celebration of Fashion Icon Rohit Bal



ROHTAK : An unparalleled universe of fashion, glamour, glitz and revelry came to life at Blenders Pride Fashion Tour 2025's inaugural edition in Gurugram, with a magnificent celebration of the extraordinary life of Rohit Bal – India's one true fashion icon. A remarkable partnership with Rohit Bal, that saw the Fashion Tour create several stunning showcases, saw an incredible culmination, as it honoured the artistic genius, craftsmanship, and vision, that transformed the very essence of Indian culture. Fashion icon Sonam Kapoor also celebrated the life of Rohit Bal by becoming the showstopper for the special show. In collaboration with Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI), the tour spotlighted Bal's impeccable sense of fashion, his passion for art, his Kashmiri roots, and his epic persona that knew no bounds. From Sumant Jayakrishnan's tastefully decorated spaces inspired by Bal's signatory motifs, celebrated Chef Suvir Saran's curation of Kashmir's culinary traditions, to soulful music designed by Vibha Saraf and Deveshi Sahgal, the evening was crafted just as Bal would have. Donning the ramp were over a 100 of Bal's closest tribe in Fashion, Bollywood, and Media with illustrious names like Kalyani Chawla, Varun Bahl, Rajiv Makhni, Madhur Bhandarkar, JJ Valaya, Rahul Dev, Mugdha Godse, Esha Gupta, Malini Ramani, Vijender Singh, Sonam Kapoor and many more, as their diverse stories filled up the room with larger-than-life projections of Bal's pictures & videos, bringing raw emotions on one iconic runway. Kartik Mohindra, CMO Pernod Ricard India, said, "This celebration of Rohit Bal's legacy, was one for the ages. It reflected our long-standing commitment to shining the spotlight on the iconic voices shaping Indian fashion. We've had an incredible partnership with Bal over the years, and it was only befitting for the Fashion Tour to celebrate him in a way that truly reflected his impact on the world of fashion. As the tour moves ahead, the upcoming experiences will continue to showcase the evolving face of fashion, as 'The One and Only' platform converging innovation and iconicity like never before."

## Naya saptah aur dugna manoranjn



CHANDIGARH: The latest tracks of &TV shows Bheema, Happu Ki Ultan Paltan and Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai will take the entertainment quotient a notch higher. Talking about Bheema's track, Amit Bhardwaj, who plays Mewa in the show, says, "Kailasha Bua and Kalika Singh cannot accept their failure to send Dhaniya to the asylum, especially as Dhaniya regains her mental stability. In response, Kalika Singh devises a malicious plan and kidnaps Dhaniya's sister, Babita."



About &TV's Happu Ki Ultan Paltan's upcoming track, Yogesh Tripathi, who portrays Happu Singh, shares, "Kids (Zaara Warsi, Somya Azad, Aaryan Prajapati) talk to Happu (Yogesh Tripathi) disrespectfully. To build his reputation, Happu asks Beni to tell the kids about his childhood. Beni (Vishwanath Chatterjee) starts boasting about Happu's past in front of the kids. Realizing their mistake, the kids decide to write an apology letter to Happu, but none of them can draft the letter appropriately. Eventually, they decide to apologize to Happu in person. Rajesh (Geetanjali Mishra) calls Happu home early from work. As soon as he arrives, a postman delivers a letter to him. The letter reveals that Happu has a son from his former lover, something he never knew about. The letter states that his son is coming to live with him. Happu dismisses it, thinking it's a prank, and throws the letter. However, drama unfolds when Happu's daughter Malaika finds and reads the letter."

## Akanksha Chamola Joins 'Kaise Mujhe Tum Mil Gaye' as Manvi – Will She Tear Virat and Amruta Apart?

CHANDIGARH: Zee TV's popular show, Kaise Mujhe Tum Mil Gaye, featuring Sriti Jha as Amruta and Arijit Taneja as Ranveer Arora (Virat Ahuja), recently took a dramatic two-year leap. Known for its gripping storytelling and relatable characters, this leap brings in new conflicts, unexpected twists, and a fresh set of characters that will shake things up.

One of the most intriguing additions to the cast is Akanksha Chamola, who steps into the role of Manvi—a strong-willed and enigmatic woman with hidden motives. While she presents herself as Virat's fiancée and business partner, beneath her composed demeanor lies a dangerous secret. She has been subtly drugging and manipulating Virat, influencing him to turn against Amruta and the Ahuja family. Armed with her cunning strategies and unpredictable moves, Manvi's arrival is set to create turmoil, sparking intense confrontations and betrayals.

Speaking about her role, Akanksha Chamola shared, "Playing Manvi is an exhilarating challenge because she's not your typical antagonist. She's sharp, strategic, and always one step ahead. What makes her truly dangerous is her ability to twist situations and manipulate people without them even realizing it. Her presence will change the dynamics between Virat and Amruta in ways the audience won't see coming. I can't wait for viewers to witness her dark side unravel."

With tensions rising and emotions running high, the upcoming episodes promise nail-biting drama, shocking betrayals, and high-voltage confrontations.

Don't miss the action—tune in to Kaise Mujhe Tum Mil Gaye every day at 7:30 pm, only on Zee TV!



## Zee Kutumb unites to help Neel in Jamai No. 1's high-stake wedding drama!

CHANDIGARH: Zee TV's recently launched show Jamai No. 1 has captivated audiences with its gripping storyline and compelling characters. The on-screen chemistry between Abhishek Malik and Simaran Kaur, who portray Neel and Riddhi, has resonated with viewers, making them a beloved on-screen pair. Their rollercoaster love-hate relationship keeps fans hooked, eagerly anticipating every twist and turn. In the upcoming episodes, the drama intensifies as Neel makes a surprising decision—to become a ghar jamai and marry Riddhi. However, his decision is not driven by love but by a heartfelt promise to Riddhi's nani. Their union, however, faces strong opposition, especially from Riddhi's mother, Kanchan (Papia Sengupta), who goes to extreme lengths to stop the marriage. In a shocking turn of events, Kanchan orchestrates Riddhi's kidnapping, forcing Neel to fight against all odds to rescue his bride-



to-be. But Neel isn't alone in this battle. His friends from Zee Kutumb—Reet (Ayushi Khurana) and Raghav (Bharat Ahlawat) from Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile, along with Ibaadat (Yesha Rughani) stand by his side to support him. As they face challenges and stand by each other, their teamwork and determination add an exciting layer to the storyline. Abhishek said, "Shooting for



Jamai No. 1 is an exciting experience, but this wedding track is truly extra special! Having Reet, Raghav, and Ibaadat join in felt like a mini

Zee Kutumb reunion. It's always fun to work with friends, and our off-screen masti made the intense scenes even more memorable. The

energy on set was amazing, and I can't wait for the audience to see how these friendships unfold on-screen!"



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