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## Over 1.5 crore take holy dip at Sangam on last day of MahaKumbh

AGENCY  
PRAYAGRAJ, FEB 26

Over 1.5 crore devotees have taken holy dip since Wednesday morning on the occasion of Maha Shivratri. The festival will also mark the conclusion of the mega-religious festival in Prayagraj on Wednesday.

Devotees continue to arrive in large numbers at Triveni Sangam in Prayagraj on the last day of Maha Kumbh 2025, coinciding with Maha Shivratri.

The world's largest religious gathering, which began on Paus Purnima (January 13), concludes today.

So far, more than 65 crore devotees have taken a holy dip in the sacred confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati.

To mark the final 'Shahi Snan' today, flower petals were showered on devotees as they performed the ritual bath.

Speaking on the large turnout, SSP Maha Kumbh Rajesh Dwivedi said, "Nobody wants to miss this opportunity. The people of Prayagraj are also attending the last Snaan in huge numbers. Since midnight, there has been a massive inflow of pilgrims. Due to our arrangements, the outflow has been smooth, and everyone is happy to be part of this grand occasion on Maha Shivratri. Many are also visiting the Shiv Mandirs in the Kumbh area. As of today, the 65 crore mark has been reached."

Expressing her emotions, a devotee at the Maha Kumbh said, "I cannot express my sentiments in words. We came here with a lot of excitement because it was the last day of Maha Kumbh 2025. We feel fortunate to receive the blessings of Maa Ganga."

Mahashivaratri, known as the night of Lord Shiva, is observed with great fervour in India and other Hindu populous countries.



### Ayodhya witnesses massive influx of devotees

**AYODHYA (UP):** The holy city of Ayodhya witnessed a massive influx of devotees on Maha Shivratri as thousands gathered to offer prayers at Shiva temples across the city, chanting "Har Har Mahadev" in devotion. Devotees celebrate the wedding of Lord Shiva with Goddess Parvati on Maha Shivratri.

The temple town in Uttar Pradesh was adorned for the occasion, with major Shiva temples illuminated and decorated for the festival.

### IAF conducts air show over Maha Kumbh Mela Kshetra

**PRAYAGRAJ :** The Indian Air Force (IAF) conducted a spectacular air show over the Maha Kumbh Mela Kshetra on the final day of the 45-day-long religious gathering in Prayagraj.

The grand event, which began on Paus Purnima, January 13, witnessed aerial manoeuvres by IAF.

Meanwhile, Prashant Kumar, Uttar Pradesh Director General of Police, on Wednesday said that the police have presented an unprecedented model of crowd management, security, and techniques during the Maha Kumbh.

"On the instructions of CM Yogi Adityanath, we have presented an unprecedented model of crowd management, security, and techniques... We made use of world-class technologies and AI for crowd management and surveillance," Kumar told.

## Govt fulfilled 18 promises of Sankalp Patra in just 100 days: CM Saini

BUREAU  
CHANDIGARH, FEB 26

Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said after the formation of the government on October 8, the first decision was taken to start free dialysis service for kidney patients in the state, fulfilling the promise of the Sankalp Patra. Today, kidney patients are getting the benefit of free dialysis in government hospitals and PGI, Rohtak. The state government has fulfilled 18 promises of its Sankalp Patra in the first 100 days and in future also the government will leave no stone unturned in fulfilling its promises.

The Chief Minister was addressing a programme organized in Bawani Khara of Bhiwani district on Wednesday.

He said the present state government has given government jobs to the youth on merit, which has boosted the morale of the youth. He said Congress leaders, who talk about giving employment to the youth, are the ones who create obstacles in their employment. During the Assembly elections, the Congress leaders went to the Election Commission and tried to stop the recruitment process but he fulfilled his promise and gave joining letters to more than 25,000 youths before taking oath as the Chief Minister.

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini, while targeting the Opposition, said Congress leaders are only sitting in AC rooms and tweeting, they are not aware of the work being done on the ground. The Congress always does the politics of lies and now, there is no hope of a

Congress government being formed in the future.

The Chief Minister said the people living in houses built on panchayat land in the rural areas of the state, who were stuck in litigation for a long time, have been given relief by the government to get them ownership rights.

Apart from this, more than 15 lakh women are being given gas cylinders for Rs 500. He said today, the state is moving towards



development at a rapid pace and after the formation of the third engine government, development work will be done at a faster pace.

He said the Budget session of Haryana will begin from March 7, 2025. Suggestions have been taken from all stakeholders and these suggestions are also being included in the Budget to make an inclusive and balanced. A separate Budget provision will also be made in the Sankalp Patra for the financial assistance to be given to women under the Lado Laxmi Yojana.

MLAs Sh. Kapoor Singh Valmiki, Sh. Ghanshyam Saraf and other dignitaries were present in the programme.

## Nitish Kumar expands Bihar cabinet, seven BJP MLAs take oath

AGENCY  
PATNA, FEB 26

As Bihar gears up for assembly polls later this year, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Wednesday expanded his cabinet with seven Bharatiya Janata Party MLAs taking oath as ministers.

Sanjay Saraogi, Sunil Kumar, Jibesh Mishra, Krishna Kumar Mantoo, Motilal Prasad, Vijay Kumar Mandal and Raju Kumar Singh took oath as ministers.

Bihar Deputy Chief Parliament, Samrat Chaudhary, congratulated the newly-inducted ministers and said they will work for Bihar's development.

"I congratulate all seven ministers who will work for the development of Bihar under the leadership of CM Nitish Kumar," Chaudhary said.

Bihar BJP president Dilip Jaiswal said that both the government and the people will benefit from the experience of new members



of the cabinet. "Those who have been made ministers today have a long experience and both the government and the public will benefit from it," Jaiswal said. Earlier, Dilip Jaiswal, had announced his resignation as minister citing party's 'One Person, One Post' norm. "I am going to resign from the post of Revenue Minister. 'One person, one post' is the principle on which the party works. I am thankful that the central leadership has given me the responsibility of the party's state unit," Jaiswal told a news agency.

## Security forces recover 48 illegal weapons in Manipur

AGENCY  
ASSAM, FEB 26

In a coordinated effort to curb illegal arms possession, the Indian Army and Assam Rifles, under the aegis of the Spear Corps, along with Manipur Police and the state administration, facilitated the surrender of 48 weapons in Manipur on February 25. The surrendered arms were recovered from various locations across the valley and hill districts, including Imphal West, Kangpokpi, and Churachandpur. According to officials, the surrendered weapons included 12 Carbine Machine Guns (CMG),



eight 7.62 mm SLR, one AK 47 rifle, one INSAS LMG, six .303 rifles, four 12-bore single-barrel Rifles, one Single-Barrel Rifle, two country-made Rifles etc.

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"We were repeatedly saying that this man (Arvind Kejriwal) cannot live without power... If Sanjeev Arora wins the MLA seat, he cannot hold both the posts of MP and MLA. If he loses, they will tell him that you lost the MLA seat, why should we give you the MP seat now,

both heads and tails are Arvind Kejriwal's....," Bittu told a news agency.

"The election has not even been announced yet, yet it is possible that Sanjeev Arora's resignation (from Rajya Sabha) may be taken beforehand so that Arvind Kejriwal becomes an MP....," he added.

Minister of State for Railways Ravneet Singh Bittu said that Kejriwal "can't live without power".

The speculation began after the Aam Aadmi Party's nomination of Rajya Sabha MP Sanjiv Arora as the candidate for the Ludhiana West assembly by-election. It was speculated that the



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## AAP fields Rajya Sabha MP for Ludhiana West bypoll

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CHANDIGARH, FEB 26

AAP on Wednesday named Rajya Sabha member Sanjeev Arora as its candidate for the Ludhiana West assembly bypoll, drawing claims from opposition parties in Punjab that party supremo Arvind Kejriwal would enter the Upper House in his place.

Arora will have to resign from the Rajya Sabha if he wins the bypoll, the date for which is yet to be announced.

The passing of AAP's Gurpreet Bassi Gogi, who died of a gunshot injury after his licensed weapon accidentally discharged last month, led to the Ludhiana West seat falling vacant.

Amid speculations of Aam Admi party national convenor Arvind Kejriwal seeking a Rajya Sabha seat, Union

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# Uttarakhand leading way in industrial growth

"Assam remains key player in India's energy sector": CM Himanta Biswa Sarma

**GUWAHATI** : Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday said that Assam remains a key player in India's energy sector and is witnessing significant infrastructural advancements. Biswa said this while attending a thematic session on 'Unlocking Assam's Energy Potential: Building Future-Ready Oil and Gas Infrastructure, Innovation, and Investment Aligned with Global Energy Transitions' at Advantage Assam 2.0 in Guwahati. Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri was also present on the occasion. This session discussed Assam's strategic initiatives in the oil and gas sector, with a special focus on energy infrastructure development, innovation, and investment opportunities in tandem with global energy shifts.

**AGENCY DEHRADUN:** Uttarakhand is emerging as a rapidly growing economic hub, playing a vital role in India's rise as one of the world's fastest-growing economies.

With thriving industries in automobiles, pharmaceuticals, agriculture, IT, tourism, and education, Uttarakhand is setting new benchmarks for growth.

The state's economic output has surged to Rs. 2.87 lakh crore, while its per capita income stands at Rs. 2.61 lakh—strong indicators of its



remarkable progress and investment potential.

Uttarakhand has implemented investor-friendly and transparent policies, making it a prime investment destination. Its proximity to Delhi-NCR further enhances its appeal. Over the past two decades, the state has witnessed steady industrial growth, significantly expanding employment opportunities in the manufacturing sector.

With over 10,000 acres of industrial land available, Uttarakhand continues to

attract major investments.

The state has secured a prominent position in the automobile industry. Haridwar is home to Hero Motors' world-leading two-wheeler manufacturing plant, a testament to Uttarakhand's industrial achievements. Additionally, the state contributes over 10 per cent to India's total auto parts production.

The pharmaceutical sector is also flourishing, with Uttarakhand accounting for 22 per cent of the country's generic drug production.

## Dhanuka Agritech celebrates 10 years of sempra Game-changer product in Indian agriculture

**NEW DELHI:** For years, farmers struggled with motha (Cyperus rotundus), a persistent weed that made sugarcane and maize cultivation a challenge. Despite repeated manual efforts, motha kept regenerating, reducing crop yields and increasing labour costs. However, Dhanuka Agritech Limited launched Sempra in 2015 in collaboration with Nissan Chemical Japan, a cutting-edge herbicide developed with Japanese technology. In the last 10 years, Sempra has transformed sugarcane weed management practices and changed



Sempra, first introduced in 2015, is a systemic, post-emergence, selective herbicide that effectively kills motha (Cyperus rotundus) from its nuts in sugarcane and maize crops. By inhibiting the synthesis of amino acids, the weed is starved, and control is obtained after a few days of its application. Sempra is a low-dose, high-efficacy solution for farmers combating this nuisance weed.

farmers' lives. To celebrate this significant milestone, Dhanuka Agritech announces 10-year completion celebration to mark the impact of Sempra and its contribution to farmer prosperity. Building on its remarkable legacy,

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Bhag Singh S/o Late: Darshan Singh R/o Vill: Rupana Laher Nurpur Distt. Panchkula Sec-20, Haryana declare that Plot No. 206 Registry No. 1170 dated 01-12-2017 in Darpan Enclave Morinda PB Kevat/Khatuni No. 833/933 Hadbast 254 i have purchased the plot from Smt. Kuldeep Kaur W/o Isher Singh of Mohali on 15-07-2020 has been lost in Panchkula Bus Stand dated 12-01-2025. If anybody found then contact at my above address/Mobile No. 9023250614.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

I Harbans Lal Gulati (Aadhaar No. 451984732772) S/o Sh. Kartar Singh Gulati R/o H.No. 852, Sector 7, Urban Estate Kurukshetra (Haryana) declared that my son Saurabh is out of my control. Therefore, I disown him from my movable and immovable property. Anyone who deals with him in future will be responsible for himself. I and other members of my family will not be responsible for this.

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I, Rukmin Ramkishan Musale is legally wedded spouse of No 15153831F Rank Hav, Name Musale Ramakishan Nilkanth presently residing at Kostagaon, Koshtgaon, Latur, Maharashtra, PIN-413523 declare that, I have changed my Name from Rukmin Ramkishan Musale to Rukmini Ramkishan Musale Vide Affidavit no.E-Stamp Certificate No.IN-PB10562989313294X dates best before notary public Amritsar

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It is for general information that I ,PRVESH KUMAR S/o OM PARKASH , R/o Munak, Munak (28), District Karnal Haryana-132040, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as PRVESH in my 10th and 12th Class Marksheet, The actual name of mine is PRVESH KUMAR respectively , which may be amended accordingly.

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I, Dalwara Singh, son of S. Sunder Singh, son of S. Daleel Singh, resident of village Kishangarh, alias Sangali Tehsil and district Malerkotla, declare on oath that my daughter Hardeep Kaur is beyond my control and does not follow anything I say, therefore I dispossess my daughter Hardeep Kaur from all my movable and immovable property, and whoever deals with or has any connection with her will be responsible for it.

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I, Shubha Kumar Jana Is Son Of Army No. 15200782X, Rank - Hav. (Opr), Resident Of Vill - Chunkha Bari, P.O. Brajalal Chak, Ps - Chandi Pure , Distt. - Purba Medini Pure, State - West Bengal, Pin - 721659, Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Shubha Kumar Jana To Subha Jana, Due To Wrongly Entered In The Service Record Of My Father. Vide Affidavit Attested By Notary (Govt. Of India) Kindly Correct It.

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I, Pramila Devi Is Spouse Of No. 14687615M, Rank - Hav. Sunil Kumar And Resident Of (Address): Sudhiwas (107), Bhiwani, Patwan, Haryana - 127028, Hereby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Pramila Devi To Parmila Devi. Due To Wrongly Entered In The Service Record Of My Husband. Vide Affidavit Attested By Notary (Govt. Of India) Kindly Correct It.

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### Lost and Found

I Shahtaj Singh Sandhu, resident at Sandhu Farm House, Jind Road, Assandh (Karnal), declared that the original document of sale deed of my plot part house number 293-R (eastern part), Model Town, Karnal, whose Vaska number is 90 and dated 07.05.2020, is lost. A police report has also been filed for the same. Its number is 132310512500373. If anyone finds it, please contact on the above mentioned address.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Kuldeep Kumar S/o Kailash Chand R/o H.No. 133-B, Pir Banna Banoi Road, Sunam Teh-Sunan (Sangrur) declare that my son Arun Vasisht and his wife Priyanka Mahajan who were out of my control. So I had evicted them from my movable and immovable property through Pehradar Newspaper and Yugmarg Newspaper dated 5th July 2023, Now my son Arun Vasisht who got divorced from Priyanka Mahajan on 24-04-2024, Now my son is in my control. Therefore I withdraw my son evicted Notice. My son will be equally entitled to my property.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Kuldeep Kaur, wife of Dalwara Singh, resident of village Kishangarh, alias Sangali Tehsil and district Malerkotla, declare on oath that my daughter Hardeep Kaur is beyond my control and does not follow anything I say, therefore I dispossess my daughter Hardeep Kaur from all my movable and immovable property, and whoever deals with or has any connection with her will be responsible for it.

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We, Beant Singh S/o Ram Singh and Sukhwinder Kaur W/o Beant Singh R/o Bareta Distt. Mansa state that our son Yashpal Singh and our daughter-in-law Jyoti wife of Yashpal Singh, who are out of our possession and have become victims of bad company, therefore we evict them from our immovable property. every person who deals with them will be responsible for himself. We or our family will not have any responsibility in this, please note the following.

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I Baldev Singh S/O Harbans Singh R/O Bath Road Mata Sham Kaur Colony Malian Khurd Tehsil & District Tarn Taran Declare That My Son Gurpreet Singh And His Wife Anjali Is Out Of Control. So I Disown Them From All My Movable Or Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Them On Their Own Risk.

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We , Satnam Kumar S/o Sh. Piara Lal & Santosh Rani W/o Satnam Kumar R/o H. No. 196, Dhogri Jalandhar Declare that we have disowned and disinherited our son Aman kumar and his wife Manjit kaur from all our movable and immovable properties with immediate effect due out of our control . Whosoever shall deal with them shall be held responsible for any kind of act, deed & dealings related to them.

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I Taniya D/o Satnam Kumar R/o H. No. 196, Dhogri Jalandhar declare that I have disowned and disinherited my brother Aman kumar and his wife Manjit kaur from all my movable and immovable properties with immediate effect due out of our control . whosoever shall deal with them shall be held responsible for any kind of Act, deed & dealings related to them.

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FORM NO. URC-2  
Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Act (Pursuant to section 374(b) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the Companies (Advised to Register) Rules, 2014)

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 356 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application is proposed to be made after fifteen days hereof but before the expiry of thirty days hereinafter to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC), India Institute of Corporate Affairs (ICA), Plot No. 6, 7, 8, Sector 5, IIT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), Pin Code-122050 that GURBACHAN SINGH CONTRACTOR a partnership firm may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares.

2. The Principal objects of the company are as follows:-  
"To continue and carry on the existing business of M/s. Gurbachan Singh Contractor (a partnership firm) on an ongoing concern basis.  
"To carry on the business of contractors and suppliers, sub-contractors, quasi-contractors, whether for government or for semi government bodies or private bodies and to undertake contracts, works contract and sub contracts relating to construction, modification, repairing, alteration, construction, removal, redecoration, redesigning, enlarging, improving and designing of civil work, building for whatever use, roads, approach roads, streets, circles, squares, parks, gardens, statues, parking places, bridges, dams, water courses and reservoirs, tunnels, earth works, sewers, tanks, drains, sewage, light houses, towers, transmission towers, pipe lines, underground cables, railway tracks, railway sidings, run ways ship yards, stock yards, culverts, channels whether on turnkey basis or on labour contracts or otherwise."

3. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at S. NO. 1, JANITA NAGAR, BATHINDA, PUNJAB-151001.

4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC), India Institute of Corporate Affairs (ICA), Plot No. 6, 7, 8, Sector 5, IIT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), Pin Code-122050, within twenty one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.  
(Name(s) of Applicant(s) for and on behalf of)

M/s Gurbachan Singh Contractor  
Sd/- Gurbachan Singh, Partner  
Gajinder Singh, Partner

### PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE SH. NAVEEN, DANICS, ASSTT. ESTATE OFFICER, U.T., CHANDIGARH.

Subject:-Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No.1542, Sector 34-D, Chandigarh (RP 146814) to the extent of 100% share on the basis of Intestate Death of Late DR Balwinder Kaur.

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office DR Balwinder Kaur is the owner/lessee of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 1542, Sector 34-D, Chandigarh to the extent of 100% Share. It has been informed by Sumeet Singh, Bhavandeep Singh Through GPA/SPA Sumeet Singh, Dilbagh Singh, Kiran Khurana Through GPA/SPA Dilbagh Singh that DR Balwinder Kaur expired on 01/02/2020 and they have also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner/lessee:- (1) Dilbagh Singh (Husband) (2) Sumeet Singh (Daughter) (3) Kiran Khurana (Daughter) (3) Bhavandeep Singh (Daughter). Now, Sumeet Singh, Bhavandeep Singh Through GPA/SPA Sumeet Singh, Dilbagh Singh, Kiran Khurana Through GPA/SPA Dilbagh Singh have applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No.1542, Sector 34-D, Chandigarh to the extent of 100% Share held by Late DR Balwinder Kaur in their favour, on the basis of Intestate Death. If anybody has any information about other legal heirs(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

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ਮੈਂ ਸ਼ਾਸ਼ੁ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ ਅਜੀਤ ਰਾਮ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ: ਮੋਹਿਪੁਰ ਜੱਟਾਂ ਤਹਿ: ਨਵਾਂਸ਼ਹਿਰ (ਸ.ਭ.੩. ਨਗਰ) ਨੇ ਆਪਣਾ ਨਾਮ ਸ਼ਾਸ਼ੁ ਤੋਂ ਬਦਲ ਕੇ ਸ਼ਾਸ਼ੁ ਨਾਵਰੀ ਰੱਖ ਲਿਆ ਹੈ।

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ਮੈਂ ਡਿੱਪਲ ਚਾਵਲਾ ਪਤਨੀ ਲਖਬੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਗਲੀ ਨੰਬਰ 24/3 ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰਬਰ 530 ਨਵੀਂ ਅਬਾਦੀ ਬਜ਼ਾਰੀ ਟੈਂਡਾਂ ਵਾਲੀ ਫਿਰੋਜ਼ਪੁਰ ,152001 ਦੀ ਰਹਿਣ ਵਾਲੀ ਹਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਡਿੱਪਲ ਚਾਵਲਾ ਅਤੇ ਡਿੱਪਲ ਦੋਨੋ ਮੇਰੇ ਹੀ ਨਾਮ ਹੈ ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਦੋਨੋ ਨਾਮਾ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ

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JALANDHAR (PARAMJIT SINGH): Punjab Mines and Geology, Water Resources Minister Barinder Kumar Goyal today inaugurated the third day of Srimad Bhagwat Katha by renowned Katha Vachak Jai Kishori Ji at Sai Dass School Ground.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister expressed his gratitude for being part of the spiritual event, calling it a blessed opportunity. He highlighted Punjab's rich heritage as a land of Gurus and Peers, where such religious gatherings are frequently organized.

NEWS BRIEF

Gurj Division of Indian Army motivated youths to choose healthy path during drug awareness drive



**SHARANJEET PATHANKOT:** Gunners of Gurj Division, Indian Army successfully concluded a powerful drug awareness drive on February 25th and 26th. The initiative reached students at two vital locations viz; Montessori Cambridge School, Defence Road, and Govt Middle School at Bungla Village, leaving a lasting impact on young minds.

The drive focused on equipping adolescents with the knowledge and tools to resist the allure of substance abuse. Renowned psychiatrist and social worker, Dr. Sumeet Singh, led engaging and informative sessions, providing students with a clear and compelling understanding of the devastating physical, psychological, and social consequences of drug use. Dr. Sumeet Singh's expertise, combined with his approachable and empathetic manner, created a safe space for open dialogue, encouraging students to ask questions and explore their concerns.

This interactive approach fostered critical thinking and empowered them to make informed choices about their health and well-being.

Indian Army firmly believes that education and empowerment are crucial weapons in the fight against drug abuse. This drive is a testament to the Indian Army's ongoing commitment to building a drug-free community. By reaching students at a young and impressionable age, Indian Army aims to instill in them the importance of healthy lifestyles.

Safai Sevak Union stages vast protest against government



**SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON:** Safai Sevak Union Punjab 'gherao' CM's residence after conducting a protest rally at Hoshiarpur. Giving more information about this, Safai Sevak Union Punjab district president Arun Gill said that the union led by Ramesh Gechand, Kulwant Saini, Ashok Sarwan, Gopal Thapar, Gurpreet Walia, Naib Singh Brar conducted a protest rally in order to express their disappointment at non fulfillment of their demands.

"Municipal Council employees from various cities participated in the protest. The protest was halted after ADC Nikas Kumar IAS conducted a meeting with the protestors and collected the memorandum," he added. Gill further said that the protestors have demanded that the government should listen to their problems immediately and fulfill their demands calling them 'fair and just'.

Commissionerate police Jalandhar intensifies efforts against eve-teasing



**J S SODHI JALANDHAR :** Jalandhar Commissionerate Police conducted a special drive on February 21 and 25, 2025, targeting eve-teasing and traffic violations near Govt. Girls Senior Secondary School, Ladowal Road, and HMV College. Led by ACP North Rishabh Bhole (IPS) and ACP Central Nirmal Singh (PPS), the operation aimed to ensure public safety, particularly for women and students. 325 vehicles were checked, 45 challans issued, and 6 motorcycles impounded. Violations included modified bullets (4), triple riding (11), riding without helmets (9), vehicles without number plates (7), underage driving (4), and black film violations (4). The drive, conducted with SHO Division No. 2, SHO Division No. 3, the Emergency Response System (ERS), and the Field Media Team (FMT), reflects the police's commitment to maintaining order and deterring offenders. Commissionerate Police Jalandhar remains dedicated to traffic discipline and the safety of schoolchildren, women, and the public through continued vigilance and enforcement measures.

Punjab govt is taking tough stand on illegal mining: Barinder



**DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHARPUR:** Mines and Geology, Land and Water Conservation and Water Resources Minister of Punjab Government Barinder Kumar Goyal visited Pong Dam and Shah Canal Barrage today. On reaching Shah Canal Barrage, he was given a guard of honour by the police contingent. On this occasion, Udmur MLA Jasvir Singh Raja Gill and Dasuya MLA Advocate Karambir Singh Ghuman were also present with him. During the visit, Cabinet Minister Barinder Kumar Goyal held an important meeting with the officials of Mines and Geology, Land and Water Conservation and Water Resources Department.

# Punjabi not just language but cultural symbol too : Bains

SUMER GARG  
CHANDIGARH, FEB 26

In a bold move to counter the "well-planned conspiracy" of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to marginalise regional languages by bringing out the new Exam pattern, Punjab government, today, took a lead by issuing a notification making Punjabi a mandatory main subject in all schools across the state, regardless of their educational board affiliation. The notification states that education certificates will be considered as null and void without Punjabi as a main subject.

Notably, the CBSE was quick to issue a clarification after the Punjab Cabinet Minister, Harjot Singh Bains lashed out the new exam pattern for its marginalisation of the Punjabi language. While addressing a press conference here at Punjab Bhawan, today evening, Mr Bains asserted that Punjabi is spoken and read in multiple states, extending its significance beyond Punjab's borders. "Punjabi is not just a language, but it is a symbol of our rich cultural heritage, spoken and cherished by millions across the country, but



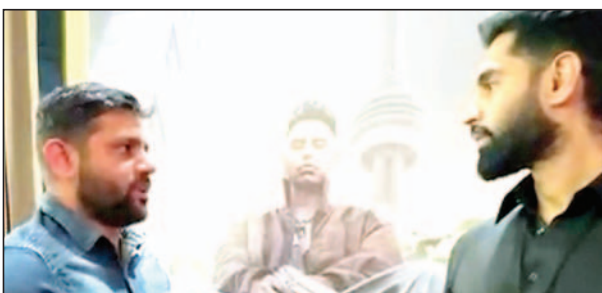
the current situation was an attempt to erase Punjabi from the educational landscape". Demanding the action for ignoring Punjabi in a draft education policy, Bains said that he would write a letter to Union Education Minister, Mr Dharmendra Pradhan to fix a responsibility of concerned officials, who had committed this grave injustice to the state. He said that the CBSE must understand that this

is not a matter of choice, but a matter of national importance. This is a blatant disregard for the rights of states & federal structure, and a direct assault on our nation's linguistic diversity.

"We can't tolerate this blatant attempt to impose a singular narrative on our nation," the Education Minister asserted, while adding, "We demand that the CBSE respect the federal structure of India and ensure that all languages, including Punjabi, are given the prominence they deserve." Underscoring the Punjab government's firm stance of ensuring Punjabi remains an integral part of the state's educational framework, Harjot Singh Bains shared that the Punjab Government imposed a fine of Rs 50,000 on a Mohali-based Private School, Amity International School, for failing to comply with the Punjab Learning of Punjabi and Other Languages Act, 2008.

According to a report of the District Education Officer (Secondary), the school was found to be in violation of the Act, which mandates the teaching of Punjabi as a compulsory subject. Two Jalandhar based schools were also penalised for violating this act.

## JioHotstar released the trailer of hotstar specials " KANNEDA"



**MOHALI (TILAK RAJ):** Music, Money and Mayhem! A deadly combination that drives Nimma into the world of crime. JioHotstar announces the much awaited trailer of their upcoming series 'Kanneda' produced by Jar Pictures and directed by Chandan Arora. Kanneda is a world where nobody is welcomed with open arms, everyone has to fight through to survive and the ruthless streets don't let you survive. Starring Parmish Verma as Nimma, Kanneda is packed with intense action, drama, and unexpected twists. The show also features a stellar cast including Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub, Ranvir Shorey, Arunoday Singh, Aadar Malik, and Jasmin Bajwa.

During Parmish Verma says, "Kanneda is more than just a story—it's a reflection of the struggles, ambitions, and dreams of countless Indians living abroad. Nimma's journey is deeply personal to me because, in many ways, I've felt like an outsider myself in life.

## Morinda police conducts flag march ahead of Mahashivratri



RADHE SHYAM SHARMA  
MORINDA, FEB 26

In preparation for the historic festival of Mahashivratri, Morinda Police, led by DSP Jatinder Pal Singh Malli, conducted a flag march in the city's main markets. The march was accompanied by personnel from the Punjab Police and the Rapid Action

Force (RAF). Speaking to the media, DSP Malli stated that the primary objectives of the flag march were to ensure the safety of devotees attending religious events, manage traffic congestion, deter anti-social elements, and provide a secure environment for the public. He issued a stern warning to miscreants, urging them to cease unlawful ac-

## GA foundation and YFC Rurka Kalan partner to create New opportunities for football players



R N KHERA  
CHANDIGARH, FEB 26

In a major boost to grassroots football development, YFC Rurka Kalan and Generation Amazing Foundation have joined hands to establish a state-of-the-art multi-sports facility. This initiative aims to

nurture young talent and provide aspiring footballers with top-tier training and world-class infrastructure.

The agreement for the Generation Amazing Community Club (GACC) multi-sports facility was signed in Chandigarh today, marking a significant step in advancing

sports culture in Punjab. The signing ceremony saw the presence of Member of Parliament Malwinder Singh Kang, with GA Foundation's Executive Director Jassim Al Ali and Youth Football Club (YFC) Rurka Kalan's President Gurmangal Das officiating the MoU.

## Complaint to CM regarding sewage water problem at Randhawa road



**KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN):** Arun Kumar, a progressive businessman from Kharar, has sent a complaint to the Chief Minister of Punjab, alleging that sewage water has been standing at the Chowk on Randhawa Road, a very popular road in Kharar, for a long time and despite making complaints many times in this regard, no action has been taken in this regard.

He said that due to this water, it is difficult for people to cross here and some disease can also spread there. He has written that the officials of the Punjab Sewerage and Water Supply Board are not taking any action in this regard.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister's office has sent this complaint to the concerned department for immediate and necessary action.

## Balaungi police arrests 4 thieves



SHASHI PAL JAIN  
KHARAR, FEB 26

Balaungi Police has arrested four thieves, including a juvenile and 2 stolen motorcycles, 3 Activas and 1 mobile phone have been recovered from them.

Giving information here, Kharar DSP Karan Singh Sandhu said that these accused have been arrested by the police party under the supervision of Inspector Aman-deep Kamboj, SHO Balaungi

Police Station. He said that one motorcycle is TVS color black, another motorcycle brand Splendor, two Activas brand Honda Mysterio, one Activa color gray, which have been recovered. He said that the police have arrested Yogesh Kohli, Sukhwinder Singh, Dhanveer and a juvenile. He said that a total of 6 cases have been registered against these four. He said that with their arrest, 2 cases registered at Balaungi police station have been resolved.

## Shivratri: Brij Mohan Karwal and others plant saplings on banks of Maharaja Ajj Sarovar



SHASHI PAL JAIN  
KHARAR, FEB 26

Brij Bihari Karwal, a prominent citizen of Kharar, and retired AG Punjab from a high position, his family members and colleagues planted saplings on the banks of Sarovar Maharaja Ajj on the holy day of Shivratri.

He has appealed to all the people on this occasion that whenever there is a festival of ours or there is happiness in the family, we should plant saplings. He has asked all the

people to not only plant saplings but also take care of these saplings.

He said that in Kharar, there is such a historical place related to the ancestors of Lord Ram Chandra Ji, Maharaja Ajj Sarovar, on the banks of which we all should plant trees.

He said that it is a matter of even more pride for us that the construction of Shri Ram Temple is going on continuously here, after the completion of which it will be a very big center of faith for us.

## Commissionerate Jalandhar police nab 3 suspects, confiscate 4 vehicles

PARAMJIT SINGH  
JALANDHAR, FEB 26

In a major crackdown on theft-related activities, the Jalandhar Commissionerate Police has achieved a significant breakthrough with the arrest of three individuals involved in a series of thefts. The police have also successfully recovered four stolen vehicles, marking a crucial step in their ongoing efforts to ensure the safety and security of Jalandhar's residents.

Providing details Commissioner of Police Dhanpreet Kaur said that on 20.02.2025, during a routine patrol near Kot Kalan Chowk, Jalandhar, the police team intercepted a group of suspicious individuals and seized a black Splendor motorcycle without a registered number plate. Upon further interrogation, the suspects were identified as Ajay Chaudhary alias Punny, son of Santosh Chaudhary, resident of Jagi Panch, old house,



Village Kot Kalan, Jalandhar, Hari Singh alias Hari, son of Jagwinder Singh, resident of near Gurudwara Sahib, Village Kot khurad, Jalandhar and Vishal alias Rooh, son of Vipin, resident of Jagat Jin Village Pragpur, Jalandhar. An FIR No. 19, dated 20.02.2025 was registered under Sections 303(2), 3(5), and 111 of the BNS at Police Station Cantt, Jalandhar, against the accused.

She further revealed that during the police remand, the accused confessed to their involvement in a larger theft syndicate. Acting on their statements, the police team successfully recovered additional stolen vehicles, includ-

ing Activa Scooter Registration No. PB08-FD-5191, Pulsar Motorcycle Registration No. PB08-BV-5480 and Honda Liva Motorcycle Registration No. PB08-CU-2023, on dated 22.02.2025. Given the significant recovery, Section 317(2) of the BNS was added to the FIR. CP Jalandhar emphasized that the police are working diligently to extract further information from the suspects to dismantle the broader theft network and prevent future criminal activities. She reiterated the commitment of the Commissionerate Police to take stringent and swift action against criminal elements, ensuring the safety and security of the city's residents.

## 5 arrested with stolen car and motorcycle

VICKY BHABAT  
ZIRAKPUR, FEB 26

After the strict action of the Punjab government, Zirakpur police is in action mode day and night to catch thieves and drug addicts. Under this series, Zirakpur police has succeeded in catching 5 youths with stolen car.

Giving information, DSP, Circle Zirakpur Jaspinder Singh Gill said that under the special campaign launched by the Punjab government against anti-social elements and drugs, a major success was achieved under the leadership of SHO Jaskanwal Singh Sekhon when they arrested Abhishek Yadav alias Mohan son of Puran Mall resident of Maheshwas, Jaipur Rajasthan and Narinder alias Naresh son of Narayan resident of Kheri, district Bhowar Rajasthan in a theft case and recovered the stolen Harrier vehicle from them.



The third accused in this case, Manish Solanki son of Om Prakash resident of Brahmin Wali Street, Jodhpur Rajasthan, is still out of control. Similarly, Aman son of Mewa Ram, resident of Bassi Sekha, district Patiala, Narinder Singh son of Jagdish Singh, resident of village Karala, district Patiala, Irfan son of Jamil, resident of village Baroli, district Mohali and Joginder alias Sonu son of Sucha Singh, resident of village Bhabat, have been arrested along with the stolen motor-

cycle. The DSP said that the police party of Dhakauli police station achieved success when they took action against drug smugglers and arrested Deepak Sharma son of Lakhpat Rai, resident of house number 5C, Surya Home, Peermuchalla, district Mohali and recovered 6 grams of heroin and a Maruti Presso car from him.

He said that cases have already been registered against the accused Narinder in Rajasthan and Kharar and more revelations are expected during the interrogation.

## Brahma Kumaris take out grand procession on occasion of Maha Shivratri



**MOHALI (TILAK RAJ):** Brahma Kumari Premrata hoisted God Shiv Flag Mohali, Feb 26. The holy festival of Shivratri was celebrated by Brahma Kumaris today with great devotion, love and enthusiasm at the Rajyoga Centre located in Sukh Shanti Bhawan Phase 7, in which about 410 people from surrounding places like Mohali, Chandigarh, Ropar, Narpur Bedi, Kurali, Kharar, Morinda etc. participated. The program was presided over by Brahma Kumari Premrata, Incharge Rajyoga Centers of Mohali-Ropar Circle, while Mohali SDM Mrs. Damanjit Kaur was the chief guest and Deputy Mayor of Municipal Corporation Mohali Mr. Kuljit Singh Bedi were special guests and Brahma Kumari Rama Behan was keynote speaker. Brahma Kumari Premrata, SDM Mrs. Damanjit Kaur and Deputy Mayor of Municipal Corporation Mohali Mr. Kuljit Singh Bedi, B.K. Rama, Conservator of Forests Punjab Mr. Vishal Chauhan, IFS, Chairperson of Mohali District Planning Board Mrs. Prabhat Kaur, Spokesperson of Aam Aadmi Party Mr. Babbi Badal, Director of Shyam Petro Infrastructure Private Limited Mr. Rakesh Goyal, General Manager of Verka Milk Plant Mr. Uttam Kumar, Chief Engineer of Punjab Police Housing Corporation Engineer Ranjodh Singh, President Phase 7 Sanatan Dharma Mandir Mr. Kuldeep Sharma, Director of Star Public School Sector 69 Mr. Chaudhary, N.S. Kalsi, and Baljit Kaur Municipal Councillor etc.

## Satya Pal Jain offers prayers to Lord Shiva at Sector 45 temple



**CHANDIGARH :** On the auspicious occasion of Mahashivratri, a bhajan evening 'Ek Shaam Bhole Ji Ke Naam' was organized by Shri Hari Simran Seva Samiti at the ancient Shri Jawala Mata Temple in Sector 45A today. On this occasion, former MP of Chandigarh and Additional Solicitor General of India, Shri Satya Pal Jain attended as the chief guest and offered prayers as per the religious rituals.

On this occasion, Shri Jain said that the message of Lord Shiva is for the entire humanity and He wishes for the welfare of the entire world and the entire humanity. He said that the devotees of Lord Shiva include people of all castes, religions, languages and provinces and there is no discrimination of any kind among them.

He said that people visiting various pilgrimage places including Prayagraj, Kashi are proof of this, where no one asks anyone's caste, but everyone bathes in the same holy water and worships in all temples by standing in line. He said that such a wonderful sight is not seen in any other country of the world.



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**Now eat right mela to be organized at Auditorium Hall of Guru Gobind Singh Medical College**  
**SURINDER DAMDAI**  
**FARIDKOT:** The Eat Right Mela, which was being celebrated in Faridkot on February 28 by the Health Department in collaboration with the District Administration to promote good food and drink among the people, which was to be organized at the Cultural Center

Faridkot, will now be held at the Auditorium Hall of Guru Gobind Singh Medical College from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm in view of the rainy season. This information was given by Deputy Commissioner Poonamdeep Kaur.

**VB arrests civil hospital ward attendant accepting Rs 30,000 bribe**



**VERMA**  
**GURDASPUR:** The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) during its ongoing campaign against corruption, on Tuesday, arrested Ward Attendant Ravinderpal Singh, posted in the office of the Civil Surgeon, Gurdaspur for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 30,000. Disclosing this here today an official spokesperson of the State VB said the above-mentioned accused has been arrested on a complaint lodged by resident of Village Phulke, tehsil Batala, in Gurdaspur district.

**Jagraon Welfare Society welcomes IPS Ankur Gupta in Jagraon**



**SUKH NAHAR**  
**JAGRAON :** Ankur Gupta IPS received a warm welcome from Jagraon welfare society on being deputed as the SSP of district Ludhiana Rural. The society president Gurninder Singh Sidhu and Chairman Rajinder Jain accompanied by other members of the society welcomed the officer in Jagraon and assured that they shall provide every possible support to him for betterment of the city and maintenance of law and order, SSP Gupta thanked the society and said that the police department is able to work more efficiently with the support of public.

**It is our duty to connect youth and coming generations with our culture: Ramesh Arora**



**DALJEET AJNOHA**  
**HOSHARPUR:** On the occasion of Maha Shivratri, Arora Mahasabha Hoshiarpur organised a langar near Gharita Ghar under the chairmanship of President Ramesh Arora and welcomed the procession with a shower of flowers. Provincial President Kamaljit Setia was also present on this occasion, he said that we all should celebrate our festivals together. On this occasion, President Ramesh Arora and prominent social worker Sanjeev Arora said that they are happy to see that our culture is reaching our youth and the coming generations and for this the adults of our society celebrate every festival according to their culture so that the coming generations can also get inspiration from it.

**Darshan Sohi becomes Chairman of Market Committee Rampura Phul**  
**KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA**  
**RAMPURA PHUL:** Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has appointed party volunteers as chairman for various marketing committees of the state. In the list announced by the party, Darshan Sohi has been made the chairman of the market committee of Rampura Phool

in Bathinda district. It is worth mentioning that Sohi has previously held the position of block president and has held other major responsibilities within the party. On this appointment, Municipal Council Rampura Phul President Kirandeep Kaur Brar, Senior Leader Bhola Tahlil, Ravi Singla Kala Bhuchio, Block President Bobby Brar, Vice President Ravinder Singh Nikka, Inderjit Bawa, Council Jaspal Singh Jassu, Ruby Dhillon, Karnail Singh Mann, Ankush Garg Rayla, Meena Rani, Kuldeep Singh, Sarpanch Lakha Pipli, Gurbachan Singh Dhillon, Sher Bahadur Dhillawal, Tarsem Sharma, Jaspreet Bhullar, Manoj Shakra, Nirmal Singh JE, Happy Sarpanch, Seera Kingra, Jassa Bhairupa, Harpreet Sidhu etc.

Supply suspended at two ration depots in Mohindra colony over distribution violations



**PATIALA (RAKESH JINDAL):** Acting swiftly on a complaint received over the phone regarding irregularities by ration depot holders in Mohindra Colony, the office of the District Food and Supplies Controller (DFSC) Patiala conducted a surprise inspection. DFSC Dr. Rooppreet Kaur, accompanied by AFSO Patiala Manish Garg and Inspectors Amrinder Singh, Sumit Sharma, and Inderjot Singh, raided the ration depots of Manu Sharma and Lalit Kumar. During the inspection, it was found that both depot holders had issued prior slips to beneficiaries but had not yet distributed the wheat, violating established norms. Taking immediate action, the supply of both depots has been suspended. To ensure uninterrupted distribution, designated officials have been deployed to distribute wheat directly to the beneficiaries.

Punjab's traders are suffering massive economic losses due to the border blockade; AAP

GAURAV GOEL  
CHANDIGARH, FEB 26

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) raised the significant issue of losses being suffered by Punjab's industry and trade due to the closure of the Haryana-Punjab border highway. The party stated that the BJP government at the center not only wants to destroy Punjab's farmers but is also trying to ruin the state's trade.

Addressing a press conference at the party office in Chandigarh on Tuesday along with AAP leader Pranav Dhawan, party spokesperson Neel Garg said that Punjab's traders and businessmen are facing massive economic losses due to the border closure. Some of their representatives even met Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and requested the reopening of the highway. Neel Garg said that this situation has arisen because Punjab's farmers have been continuously sitting on the border for the past year, but the BJP government at the



center is not listening to their demands at all. The BJP wants Punjabis to turn against each other so that the movement weakens and ends on its own. Neel Garg appealed to all farmer unions and political parties to find a solution to this issue collectively and plan the movement in a way that it remains impactful while minimizing harm to Punjab's traders and businessmen. He said that if Punjab's industry suffers, many people will become unemployed, and the government's revenue will be severely affected as a significant amount of tax comes from the industry, which funds the state's development and public welfare. It is our understanding that if the industry does not survive, Punjab will not survive. Therefore, we must find a way to protect both Punjab's agriculture and trade. The AAP spokesperson urged the Haryana government to remove the barricading from the highway and ensure the free movement of vehicles related to industry and trade. He also appealed to the central government to resolve the farmers' demands at the earliest, adding that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had promised a legal guarantee for MSP when the farm laws were repealed and should now fulfill that promise.

Naib Tehsildar dismissed for involvement in shamlat land scam

CHANDIGARH, FEB 26

Reaffirming the commitment of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab Government on 'Zero Tolerance Against Corruption', Punjab Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) cum Financial Commissioner Revenue (FCR) Anurag Verma has ordered the dismissal of Naib Tehsildar Varinderpal Singh Dhoot for illegally sanctioning the mutation of shamlat (common village land) at village Seonk in Kharar in favour of private individuals.

The action against Naib Tehsildar Dhoot follows a detailed inquiry that found him guilty of violating the Punjab Village Common Lands Act, 1961. The detailed inquiry revealed that Naib Tehsildar Dhoot, while posted as Naib Tehsildar in Majri, SAS Nagar, had sanctioned Mutation No. 1767 on September 28, 2016, transferring ownership of 10,365 kanals and 19 marlas of shamlat land in Village Seonk, Tehsil Kharar, to private individuals.



The inquiry further revealed that this was done despite clear cut instructions issued by Revenue Department of the Punjab Government and a Supreme Court judgment in the Jagpal Singh vs. State of Punjab case (2011), which prohibits the transfer or mutation of shamlat land to private parties.

The inquiry report, submitted by retired Additional District and Sessions Judge BR Bansal, highlighted that Dhoot had not only sanctioned the mutation illegally but also manipulated the

shares of khewatdars/occupants by increasing or decreasing their shares without proper verification. In some cases, individuals with no rightful claim to the land were included as shareholders.

"Government has zero tolerance policy towards such actions. Hence Considering the above facts and situation, I, as the competent authority, hereby decide and order to dismiss Varinderpal Singh Dhoot, Naib Tehsildar (suspended), from government service under Rule 5 of the Punjab Civil Services (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1970," reads the dismissal orders signed by FCR Anurag Verma, while terming Dhoot's actions as "malafide".

The development came close on the heels of ACS cum FCR Anurag Verma issuing a stern warning to all Deputy Commissioners (DCs) in Punjab against corruption and delays in the registration of plots without No Objection Certificates (NOCs) in the state. The warning was

prompted by reports of corruption and delay from various parts of the state in the registration of plots without NOCs, despite the government notification issued in November 2024.

Pertinently, ACS cum FCR Anurag Verma had, earlier, also suspended Tehsildar Ranjit Singh for fraudulently registering property deeds in Jagraon while sitting at Ludhiana East tehsil office. The report showed that Ranjit Singh registered documents in Jagraon at 5.12 PM and, within four minutes, registered another in Ludhiana East at 5.16 PM, which is humanly not possible.

While reiterating the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab Government's commitment to rooting out corruption and ensuring strict adherence to legal and administrative protocols, FCR Anurag Verma categorically said that any officer found involved in corruption or any other malpractices will face stern consequences.

Punjab to host Punjab Arena Polo Challenge Cup during Holla Mohalla celebrations in Sri Anandpur Sahib

CHANDIGARH, FEB 26

Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker S.Kuldar Singh Sandhwan today announced that the much-awaited 6th Edition of Punjab Arena Polo Challenge Cup would take place during Holla Mohalla celebrations in Sri Anandpur Sahib by bringing together top-tier players and enthusiasts from across the country for an exhilarating display of equestrian skill, tradition, and horsemanship. Speaker also launched the Anandpur Sahib Polo T-shirt for this tournament.

Addressing the Press Conference, Speaker Sandhwan said that the tournament is scheduled to kick off on 14th March 2025 from 3.00 to 5.00 P.M. at the Charan Ganga Stadium, Sri Anandpur Sahib. This stadium is renowned for its world-class facilities developed to host the world famous Holla Mohalla festival, displaying Medieval martial arts of the Nihang Singh Jathebandis or "Guru Ki Ladli Fauj"



first established in 1701 by Dashmeh Pita Dhan Dhan, Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji in these picturesque surroundings.

He further informed that this prestigious event will feature elite polo teams competing in a series of high-stakes matches, offering an action-packed experience for spectators and participants alike. The tournament would also highlight Punjab's rich equestrian tradition, sporting heritage and provide an opportunity to showcase the region's growing influence in the polo community. He highlighted that the event would be graced by prominent figures from the world of sports, including industry leaders, sponsors, and dignitaries. In addition to the

high-octane matches, the tournament would also offer a martial arts display and cultural activities, ensuring that spectators and visitors in the mela can enjoy a weekend of sports and celebrations.

Elaborating further the key highlights of the tournament, he added that Elite polo teams from across India would participate in thrilling matches and competitive plays at the Charan Ganga Stadium, Sri Anandpur Sahib. Besides this, equestrian performances and entertainment for all ages with special appearances by renowned polo players and sports personalities will also showcase a family-friendly atmosphere with traditional music, and much more.

Medical check-up camp held at Shiv mandir



CHANDIGARH, FEB 26

Under the dynamic leadership and able guidance of respected Director Ayurveda Punjab Dr Ravi Kumar Doomra ji and DAUO SAS Nagar Dr sarabjit kaur ji an Ayurvedic Medical Checkup Camp held at Shiv mandir jaintimajri in cooperation with Godwin Education Society. In this camp approx 475 patients were examined and

free medicines distributed by the team of Dr Jiwanjot Dhillon.

Dr Rajni Balal..Dr Mohammed Awesh...Upvaid Sh Vipin Kumar jiAwareness created among people about Ayurveda and were motivated to adopt it for better and healthy life.Dated...26.2.2025 whole team was honoured with medicinal plants by members of Godwin education society.

Athletic meet organized at JG College



GURMAIL SINGH SANGHATPURA  
LEHRAGAGA 26 FEB

Athletics meet was organized at Jasmer Singh JG College Gurne Kalan under the leadership of Principal Amandeep Singh. This athletics meet was inaugurated by College Director Madam Harman Jeji and Chairman Inderjit Singh Jeji.

After the formal inauguration of this game by Principal Amandeep Singh, sports activities started. Dharamjot Singh won first place in 800 meters race, Manjit Singh in 400 meters, Rajvir Singh in 200 meters. Soni Rani in high jump, Mamta Kaur in shot put won first place. Along with this,

Jashanpreet Kaur and Dharamjot Singh were declared best athletes on the basis of these sports competitions. Respected personalities from various educational institutions participated to enhance the splendor of this event. Among them, Rakesh Kumar Mittal Government High School Alisher, Punjabi Master Gurvir Singh, Amnish Kumar Government High School Chhajli, Sanjeev Kumar Computer Teacher Lehra, Gagandeep Singh DPE Khanauri Mandi, Principal Gurjant Singh Public School Bhtal Kalan, Principal Kuldeep Singh, Journalist Surjit Singh Bhtal also attended.

Students of Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadaur excel in literary competitions



**BARNALA DEHATI (BALWINDER AZAD):** The leading institution of the area, Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadaur, which is working under the able leadership of the Management and Secretary (Education) of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Sri Amritsar Sahib, Eng. Sukhminder Singh. The students of the institution are excelling in sports, religious education and studies. According to the information, recently, on the invitation of the Central Punjabi Writers' Association (Sekhon) Reg., Punjabi Sahit Sabha, School of Eminence Bhadaur organized a literary competition dedicated to the International Mother Language Day. Which included poetry writing, slogan and beautiful writing, essay and speech competitions. Students from various educational institutions participated in these competitions. Prof. of the college Saroj Bala informed that the students of Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadaur participated in these competitions with great enthusiasm. In these competitions, in the poetry recitation competition, Jagmohan Singh won first place, Mehakdeep Kaur won third place.

Dream zone institute conducts fashion designing workshop at Mrs Rama Chopra College



VERMA  
GURDASPUR, FEB 26

A fashion designing workshop was organized today by Dream Zone Institute at Mrs. Rama Chopra College. The workshop saw the presence of key members from Dream Zone, including Nanda from Chennai, Ashwani Choudhary (Centre Head of Dream Zone Pathankot), and Palak Verma (Fashion Head of Dream Zone Pathankot). The event was conducted under the supervision of the college's principal, Dr. Shobha Prashar, and the HOD, Anamika Choud-

hary. Both of them guided the students on the significance of the workshop and motivated them to pursue a career in fashion designing. The primary aim of the workshop was to provide students with valuable insights into the career opportunities available in fashion designing and to highlight the importance of Fashion CAD (Computer-Aided Design) in the industry. During the workshop, Ashwani Choudhary spoke to the students, emphasizing that there are numerous opportunities in the fashion designing field.

National Periodontist Day celebrated at Desh Bhagat Dental College & Hospital

AJAY MALHOTRA  
FATEHGARH SAHIB, FEB 26

National Periodontist Day was celebrated in collaboration with the Dentistry Club by the Department of Periodontics at Desh Bhagat Dental College & Hospital, an integral part of Desh Bhagat University.

The day marked the foundation of the Indian Society of Periodontology (ISP), which aims to promote and enhance knowledge and science of Periodontology in India. This year's celebration was extra special, as ISP is commemorating its 50th Anniversary, the Golden Jubilee Year of its establishment. The one-day celebration evolved into a full week of events, featuring various activities and competitions for both patients and students.



These included awareness lectures, dental camps, a Rangoli competition, a face painting competition, a Happy Smile contest, and a Reel making contest. Students and staff members actively participated throughout the week, contributing to the success of the celebration. The inaugural ceremony took place at the Department of Periodontics, where the esteemed Chancellor, Dr. Zora Singh, and Pro-Chancellor, Dr. Tajinder Kaur, inaugurated the event by re-

leasing golden-colored balloons into the sky, symbolizing the Golden Jubilee celebration of ISP. The dignitaries were formally welcomed in the Department of Periodontics, followed by a cake-cutting ceremony. Chancellor Dr. Zora Singh and Pro-Chancellor Dr. Tajinder Kaur distributed gifts and certificates to the competition winners, congratulating them on their achievements and sharing inspiring words about the significance of Periodontist Day.

Saurabh Behal responds sharply to Pratap Singh Bajwa's remarks

VERMA  
GURDASPUR, FEB 26

Saurabh Behal, the State Secretary of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), has strongly criticized the repeated statements made by opposition leader S. Pratap Singh Bajwa. Bajwa had been claiming that AAP's legislators were in contact with him, which Behal has firmly denied. In a statement, Behal reiterated that Bajwa's comments are baseless and misleading. Behal remarked that it is unacceptable for a leader of Bajwa's stature to make such groundless allegations. He emphasized that such statements only contribute to creating a negative atmosphere in politics, rather than serving any constructive purpose. He pointed out that Bajwa's claims about AAP's legislators being in contact with him were



not only untrue but also damaging to the political environment. Behal further criticized Bajwa by questioning his credibility, pointing out that Bajwa's own family is divided between the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and yet he lectures others on political ethics. He also highlighted Bajwa's support for the BJP, raising doubts about his intentions and political allegiance. Behal sarcastically remarked that if someone supports the BJP, it's unreasonable to expect unbiased political judgments from them.

Three female peddlers arrested with narcotic pills in Phillaur

BUNNY SODHI  
JALANDHAR, FEB 26

In a major breakthrough against the drug menace, Phillaur Police Station has arrested three female drug peddlers and recovered 160 narcotic pills in two separate operations. The arrests were made from Ganna Village as part of the intensified drive against drug trafficking.

The accused have been identified as Anita Rani alias, wife of Mangat Ram; Rani, wife of Minda son of Jagar Ram; and Preeti, wife of Harjinder son of Rana, all residents of Ganna Village under Phillaur Police Station jurisdiction. Senior superintendent of police, Harkamal Preet Singh Khakh said that that Inspector Sanjeev Kapur, SHO Phillaur, received crucial input about drug movement in the area. Acting swiftly, a special team was constituted under the guidance of SP (Investigation) Jasrup Kaur Bath, IPS and Deputy Superintendent of Police, Phillaur, Sarwan Singh Bal.

The police team intercepted Anita Rani on February 22, leading to the recovery of 70 narcotic pills. Following her interrogation, the team apprehended Rani and Preeti on Febru-



ary 24, recovering 45 pills from each suspect. During questioning, the accused revealed they had been operating a distribution network sourcing drugs from surrounding areas and supplying to neighboring villages for an extended period. SSP Khakh added that all three women are habitual offenders with multiple prior cases. "Anita Rani has three previous NDPS Act cases registered between 2022 and 2024. Similarly, both Rani and Preeti have three prior narcotics cases each, demonstrating their persistent involvement in drug trafficking despite previous arrests," stated the SSP Khakh.

341 children in Punjab treated free of cost for heart ailments

CHANDIGARH, FEB 26

In an initiative aimed at safeguarding the health of its youngest citizens and ensuring a healthier future, Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab Government has successfully provided free heart surgeries to as many as 341 children suffering from congenital heart disease during the financial year 2024-25 so far, said Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Balbir Singh here on Wednesday. As per the information, congenital heart disease is a birth defect that affects the heart or blood vessels near it and often requires costly surgeries that are out of reach for many families. Recognising this challenge, the Punjab government has stepped in to cover the entire cost of treatment, offering

these children a second chance at life. The success of this initiative is part of the broader Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), a national program aimed at early detection and management of health issues in children.

Dr Balbir Singh said that during the fiscal year 2024-25 (up to December 2024), the government spent an amount of Rs 3.52 crore on these life-saving procedures, performed at prestigious empaneled hospitals across the state.

He said that to ensure effective implementation of the RBSK program, the Punjab Health Department has deployed mobile health teams across the state. Each team comprises four members—two doctors (one male and one female), a nurse, and a pharmacist skilled in data management, he added.



**BALKRISHAN PRASHAR CHAMBA:** HP Vidhan Sabha Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania said that the state government is contemplating to open a Skill University in Bhattiyat assembly constituency of Chamba district. He also announced to start BSc Computer Science Faculty in



Government Post-Graduate College Chowari from the next academic session. The Speaker announced this while presiding

over an annual prize distribution function of Government Post Graduate College at Chowari yesterday. Earlier, Kuldeep Singh Pathania also laid the foundation stone of the construction of cultural platform and botanical garden to be built at a cost of Rs 27 lakh in the college campus.

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**Tehsildar Amb played the role of head in Shiv Mandir Mairi**



**AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB:** All the Shiva temples of sub-division Amb resounded with the chants of Lord Bholenath. On Wednesday, on the occasion of Shivratri, Tehsildar Amb Prem Dhiman offered prayers at the Shiva temple Mairi. On this occasion, Panchayat Pradhan Reena Kumari, Kanungo Achhar Ram, former Kanungo Kishori Lal, former teacher Pyara Ram, former Pradhan Rajneesh Sharma, Gurnam etc were present.

**Changes in the college's annual awards program**

**AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB:** The annual prize distribution ceremony at Government Excellence College Amb will now be held on Monday, March 3, 2025 at 10:30 am in the college campus instead of Friday, February 28, 2025. College Principal Prof. Darshan Kumar said that the chief guest of this ceremony will be Shri Sudarshan Singh Bablu, MLA of Chintpurni Assembly constituency. In this ceremony, the students who have performed excellently in various activities in the academic session 2023-24 will be honored by the Honorable MLA with his lotus hands. All the students are requested to contact the concerned committee in the college before March 1, 2025 and attend at the scheduled time and receive their prize themselves or through their guardian.

**Guru Ravidas jayanti Satsang Bhandara to be organized at Kotla Khurd on Mar 2 now postponed**  
**KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA:** Guru Ravidas Jayanti Satsang Bhandara to be organized at Kotla Khurd on March 2 now postponed due to some reasons. This information was given by spokesperson of Guru Ravidas Temple committee Kotla Khurd. He said that this Satsang Bhandara now postponed till further decision. And that next date of Satsang Bhandara will be announced after some days.

# Forest clearance secured for three Heliports in State

DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, FEB 26

A spokesperson of the state government announced today that Stage-One clearance from the Union government has been secured for the construction of three heliports in Himachal Pradesh. These include heliports in Holi and Pangi in Chamba district, as well as a heliport near the Green Tax Barrier in Manali of Kullu district. He said that the Himachal Pradesh government is actively working to accelerate the construction of heliports across the state. Chief Minister Thakur Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu has directed concerned officers to ensure that there is no delay in the construction process and that all necessary formalities,



especially forest clearances, are completed promptly. The spokesperson stated that the Chief Minister has prioritized the development of heliports to enhance air connectivity for tourists visiting the state. The improvement of tourism infrastructure will create employment and self-employment opportunities for local residents. He said that the state government is prioritizing heliport projects to boost tourism and improve connectivity in remote areas. This initiative will not only

enhance transportation facilities but also contribute to the growth of tourism and the local economy.

He further mentioned that, under the Chief Minister's directive, earnest efforts are made to strengthen air connectivity by constructing 16 heliports across all district headquarters and tribal areas. The government is focusing on enhancing tourism infrastructure and improving facilities for visitors. Additionally, the expansion of Kangra Airport is progressing rapidly, and efforts are being made to extend Bhunter Airport as well. These developments will allow both domestic and international tourists to easily access their preferred destinations in Himachal Pradesh, he added.

# ABVP launches statewide campaign to combat drug abuse and protect youth

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY  
BILASPUR, FEB 26

Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) has announced a comprehensive campaign from February 28 to March 20 to curb the rising menace of drug abuse in Himachal Pradesh and safeguard the future of the youth. Addressing the media, ABVP District Coordinator Nikhil Rajput highlighted the alarming surge in drug-related cases since 2015, with the number now exceeding 2,500 cases, 37% of which involve young individua

Determined to counter this growing crisis, ABVP will undertake various awareness activities across the state. From February 28 to March 5, memorandums will be submitted to the administration and government, demanding stricter measures against drug abuse. Between March 3 and March 6,



seminars will be organized to educate students and communities on the dangers of substance addiction. Poster campaigns will run from March 5 to March 10, spreading awareness in public spaces.

The campaign will culminate with street plays organized by Rashtriya Kala Manch between March 10 and March 20, aiming to reach maximum people with a strong anti-drug message. ABVP urged local youth to

engage in sports and fitness activities, which serve as a powerful deterrent against addiction. Emphasizing the urgency of collective action, ABVP called upon the public to support this movement, ensuring a healthier and brighter future for the younger generation. ABVP officials Karish and Kashish Chandel were also present during the announcement, reaffirming the organization's commitment to eradicating drug abuse from society.

# Awareness workshop organised under '100 Days TB Campaign'

SHANTI GAUTAM  
BADDI, FEB 26

As part of the Government of India's '100 Days TB Campaign,' Glenmark Foundation conducted an awareness workshop for ASHA workers, female health workers (MHW), and Community Health Officers (CHO) to strengthen tuberculosis (TB) eradication efforts. The workshop was attended by Block Medical Officer (BMO) Dr. Raj Kumar as the chief guest, with supervisor Parvesh playing a key role. ASHA workers' head, Daya Thakur, motivated her team to implement the campaign effectively. Health worker Shweta Sharma and Program Officer Baljinder Singh from Glenmark Foundation



provided crucial information on TB symptoms, prevention, detection, and timely treatment. They also discussed the Active Case Finding (ACF) initiative, which aims to identify and provide medical care to potential TB patients.

BMO Dr. Raj Kumar emphasized the national campaign's goal of eliminating TB and urged ASHA workers to focus on

high-risk groups, including malnourished individuals, diabetics, HIV patients, smokers, and alcohol consumers. He instructed them to conduct active community screening and promptly refer suspected cases to nearby health centers. Strategies to reduce the social stigma associated with TB and increase community awareness were also discussed.

# Beauty of Rakchham in Sangla to be enhanced with Rs. 5 cr: Bali

**DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA:** Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (HPTDC) Chairman Raghurib Singh Bali has said that the state government is set to invest Rs. 5 crore to enhance tourism facilities in Rakchham village of Sangla Valley. He stated that a large number of tourists visit Kinnaur's Sangla Valley to experience its natural beauty, and to further enhance the tourism infrastructure, the state government has prepared a Rs. 5 crore development project. Under this project, paths in Rakchham, as well as Batsari and Kharogla, will be repaired. Additionally, public amenities such as toilets, watchman huts, wooden huts, and watch towers will be constructed in the region. A trolley-based trail will also be developed from Sangla via Debar Kanda to Sangla Kanda. Efforts will also be made to promote adventure activities in the area, he said. Raghurib Singh Bali emphasized that the state government is making dedicated efforts to boost tourism in Himachal Pradesh and is ensuring that there is no shortage of funds for this purpose. He further stated that the government is working on developing essential tourism infrastructure across the state to attract more visitors. In the coming times, several key projects will be executed in various locations, contributing to the growth of the tourism industry in Himachal Pradesh.



# Himachal Print and Pack Association honours KU printing expert



**SHANTI GAUTAM BADDI:** Himachal Pradesh Print and Pack Association Baddi celebrated 'World Printing Day' through 'Industry-Academia Meet' under the joint aegis of Institute of Mass Communication & Media Technology of Kurukshetra University. A delegation of 15 printing and packaging industries from Baddi, Brotwala, Nalagarh and other parts of Himachal reached Kurukshetra University to participate in this program. The organization honoured the coordinator of this program, Dr Kanwardeep Sharma, considering his pivotal role in organizing printing & packaging industrial-academic collaborations. While honouring Dr Kanwardeep Sharma, the dignitaries of Association like President, Ajay Kumar, Advisor, Surender Kumar, President (North Zone) NUJI, Dr.Ranesh Rana, Riddhi Packaging's Director Mukesh Jain, Operation & Legal, Indian Printing Packaging and Allied Missionary organization's Prashant Vats, Rashi Khanna, Director Spectra Ambala, Packwell Container's director Rajiv Gulati, Tanuj Sharma CEO Sharma Printers Baddi, organization's general secretary Kishor Thakur, Kurukshetra University Institute's Director Prof. MahaSingh Poonia were present.

# Two accused arrested in Petrol Pump robbery case of Tahliwal by prompt action of Himachal Police: SP Una



**KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA:** Two accused were arrested in Petrol Pump robbery case of Tahliwal under Harolicstituency by the prompt action of Tahliwal police. These two accused Manpreet Singh Resident of Garshankarand Dalvinder Singh Resident of Nawanshahr District Hoshiarpur Punjab were arrested by Tahliwal police on Tuesday yesterday. While addressing to media persons during Press Conference on Wednesday today Rakesh Singh SP Una said that incident of robbery occurred in Jio Petrol Pump Tahliwalon February 22 night. Firstly these two accused had done Reki at 12 AM on that night and after three hours of Rekiby a Swift Car at 3 AM on that night they both had done the robbery at Tahliwal Petrol Pump atDrat point after reaching by Motorcycle without Number. Rakesh Singh SP said that these both accused are addicted of Chitta Heroin. He said that DSP Haroli and SHO Tahliwal have done good job in this case by taking prompt action.

# Govt is moving forward by focusing on quality: Rajesh Dharmani

SANAJY AGGARWAL  
DHARAMSHALA, FEB 26

The 5-day state level Shivratri festival started with a grand procession. The procession taken out from the Rest House to Indira Gandhi Ground was attended by the State's Urban Planning, Housing and Technical Education, Vocational and Industrial Training Minister Rajesh Dharmani and MLA Kishori Lal. hundreds of people including deities and gods and goddesses. The State Level Shivratri Festival to be held at Indira Gandhi Ground in Baijnath was inaugurated by Urban Planning Minister Rajesh Dharmani by hoisting the flag. The minister wished the people of the state on the great festival of Shivratri. He said that on this special



occasion, special worship of Mahadev is done in Shiv temples across the country and Mahabbhishek is also done. It is also a matter of pride for him that he has got the privilege of visiting the historic Shiv temple and receiving blessings on the occasion of Shivratri. Dharmani said that under the able leadership of Chief

Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, the government is taking development forward by focusing on quality in every field. He said that corrective decisions are being taken in the State so that in the coming times Himachal becomes a self reliant and prosperous state and becomes a developed state of the country.

# Bilaspur's innovative farmer Meena Chandel awarded for revolutionizing floriculture

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY  
BILASPUR, FEB 26

Meena Chandel of Bilaspur has been awarded the prestigious Innovative Farmer Award 2025 at the Krishi Vigyan Mela, organized by the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa, New Delhi. This award recognizes farmers who introduce groundbreaking innovations, inspiring others to follow in their footsteps. Meena Chandel, a progressive farmer from Barry Darolan, Bilaspur, is the first in India to successfully cultivate Dainthus (Green Boll), an exotic flower variety, in a greenhouse. She pioneered the cultivation of gypsophila and limonium flowers in 2018, which thousands of farmers in Himachal Pradesh



now grow. In 2020, she introduced Lisanthus flower plants from abroad, followed by successful cultivation of Spray Connection flowers in 2021-22. Her innovations have empowered farmer families, unemployed youth, and women across the state, proving that floriculture is a profitable and sustainable livelihood.

Meena emphasizes that Himachal Pradesh's climate is ideal for floriculture, but market demand must be considered. Despite challenges, she believes in taking risks to

achieve greater success. Having received four national, two regional, and four state awards, this latest honor further cements her legacy in Indian agriculture. The award was presented by Secretary (DARE) & Director General (ICAR), Dr. Himanshu Pathak, alongside other esteemed agricultural scientists. With only 35 farmers nationwide receiving this award, Meena Chandel's contribution to floriculture stands as an inspiration for aspiring agricultural entrepreneurs.

# Former MLA Chaitanya Sharma sends 120 devotees to Prayagraj for holy bath

AVINASH CHAUHAN  
AMB, FEB 26

A group of 120 devotees from Gagret assembly constituency reached Prayagraj with the help of former MLA and BJP leader Chaitanya Sharma, where they experienced faith and spirituality by taking a holy bath in the Triveni Sangam. The devotees earned merit by bathing in the Mahakumbh and received the blessings of various saints by visiting them. During the journey, everyone was also taken to visit the major temples of Vrindavan. Devotees Rahul Thakur, Kamlesh Kumari, Khushi, Meenakshi, Deepak Dutta, Vivek Sharma, Ramesh Sharda and Shama Devi said



that they were eager for the Mahakumbh bath for a long time and this journey was a spiritual experience for them. They expressed their gratitude to former MLA Chaitanya Sharma, due to whose initiative they got this opportunity. The devotees said that MLA Chaitanya Sharma did a holy work selflessly, the reward of which will be given to him by the

Almighty. He said that Mahakumbh is not just a fair, but a grand celebration of Indian culture, spirituality and faith, which preserves our ancient traditions and spiritual heritage. Former MLA Chaitanya Sharma said, Maha Kumbh is not just a religious event, but a great festival of Indian culture and faith. Bathing in it gives spiritual purity and mental peace.

# Raghav Thakur honored by Principal of Amb College



**AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB:** Raghav Thakur, a student of Commerce Faculty of Maharana Pratap Government College Amb, has brought laurels to the college and the region by securing All India Rank-2 in the UGC NET Commerce Examination held in January 2025. The entire college family is proud of his remarkable achievement. This achievement of his hard work and dedication is a proud moment not only for him but also for his parents and teachers. On this occasion, Raghav was felicitated by Principal Prof. Darshan Kumar and other staff members and wished him a bright future.

# Shivratri celebrations at Madhav Basti New Town and Vidhu Vidyapeeth

SHANTI GAUTAM  
BADDI, FEB 26

The festival of Maha Shivratri was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Madhav Basti New Town and Vidhu Vidyapeeth, where local residents and nearly all students of the school actively participated in the festivities. At Vidhu Vidyapeeth, students organized various cultural programs under the guidance of the Jupiter House. Vice Principal Manpreet Kaur shared details of the event, highlighting the role of House Captain Vibha and the teachers in coordinating performances. The celebrations featured Shiv Tandav dance, devotional hymns, group singing, and poetry recitals by young children dedicated to Lord Shiva. Beautiful tableaux of Lord Shiva, Goddess Parvati, and Lord Ganesha were also presented, which captivated the audience. School Principal Aparajita Singh praised the students for their exceptional performances and extended her best wishes to both students and teachers on the



occasion of Maha Shivratri. She also blessed the students, wishing them success in their upcoming annual examinations. Meanwhile, the Shivratri celebrations at Madhav Basti New Town witnessed the participation of prominent attendees, including Kavita, Shaanti Gautam, Sahritik, Menka, Sanjeev, Prabhakar, Dhairya, Niharika, Aanchal, Vikas, Anjali Patial, and Manju, who actively took part in the festivities.



NEWS BRIEF

On occasion of Maha Shivratri, langar organized at Butter Road



**VERMA QADIAN:** Qadian's Butter Road saw a large Maha Shivratri langar on February 26th, fostering community spirit. Outside Durga Store, volunteers served potato puri and kheer, with contributions from individuals like Dr. Ajay Kumar Chhabra and Jagat Punjabi Sabha President Mukesh Verma, besides various servants including Ashok Kumar, Tarsem Kumar Raman Kumar Pawan Kumar Mink Mahajan Ankit Mahajan Abhi Mahajan Gaurav Mahajan Amit Mahajan Girisht Tavis Rishav Divyasu Bhatia Aishwarya etc. were involved in the service.

8th economic census to start from April: Mukesh Repaswal



**BALKRISHAN PRASHAR CHAMBA:** The work of the eighth economic census would be started from April next, in which all types of non-agricultural enterprises (seasonal and perennial) which produce any kind of produce or provide services would be counted. This information was given by Deputy Commissioner Mukesh Repaswal while presiding over a meeting organized in this regard here yesterday. He informed that the work of economic census would be done by Anganwadi workers of the Social Justice and Women Empowerment Department and ASHA workers of the Health Department, who would carry out this work by going door to door using smart phones or tablets. The supervision work related to the economic census would be done by the Patwaris of the Revenue Department and the Panchayat Secretaries and Assistants of the Rural Development Department, while at the district level the Deputy Commissioner would be the District Incharge and the District Statistical Officer would be the nodal officers.

Rs 30 lakh recovered in illegal mining, action to continue: DC

**BALKRISHAN PRASHAR CHAMBA:** Strict action is being taken by the police and mining department against the illegal mining in Chamba district and the police and administration are fully alert to prevent it in future as well. Giving this information here today,



Deputy Commissioner Mukesh Repaswal said that during the raids last year, 860 challans were made in cases related to illegal mining in Chamba district and a fine of more than Rs 30 lakh was collected. Out of this, the police department had issued 703 challans and

recovered a fine of Rs 21.67 lakh while the mining department had issued 74 challans and collected a fine of Rs 8.41 lakh. DC stated that illegal mining was not only a big threat to the environment but was also a punishable crime from the legal point of view.

# SC refuses to quash criminal proceedings against Union Minister Kumaraswamy

AGENCY  
NEW DELHI, FEB 26

The Supreme Court refused to quash criminal proceedings against Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel, HD Kumaraswamy, in a land de-notification case dating back to his tenure as Chief Minister of Karnataka.

A bench comprising Justices Dipankar Datta and Rajesh Bindal on Tuesday dismissed Kumaraswamy's plea seeking immunity under the 2018 amendment to the Prevention of Corruption Act, ruling that the amendment could not be applied retrospectively.

The decision paves the way for the trial to proceed in



connection with the de-notification of 2 acres and 24 guntas of land in Banashankari, which had been acquired by the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) in 1997. The land was later sold to private parties for ₹4.14 crore

in 2010, despite objections from the BDA.

The case originated from a private complaint that led to an investigation by the Lokayukta Police under various provisions of the Indian Penal Code, the Prevention of Corruption

Act, and the Karnataka Land (Restriction of Transfer) Act. The Union Minister had earlier challenged the First Information Report (FIR) in the Karnataka High Court, but his plea was dismissed in 2015. A subsequent appeal to the Supreme Court in 2016 also failed to halt the investigation.

In 2019, while Kumaraswamy was serving his second term as Chief Minister, a closure report was filed in the case. However, the Special Judge (MPs & MLAs) rejected the report and summoned him for trial, citing sufficient grounds for prosecution. The Karnataka High Court later upheld the summoning order, affirming the

seriousness of the allegations. Senior Advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for the former Chief Minister, contended before the Supreme Court that trial proceedings could not continue without prior sanction from the government, citing Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act as amended in 2018. However, Senior Advocate Harin Rawal and Additional Advocate General Aman Panwar, representing the Karnataka government, argued that sanction was unnecessary since Kumaraswamy no longer held public office and that the amendment could not be applied to past offences.

## Delegation of State Association of Medical and Dental Teachers calls CM



DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, FEB 26

A delegation of the State Association of Medical and Dental Teachers, (SAMDCOT), led by President Dr. Balveer Verma and General Secretary Dr. Piyush Kapila, met Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu at his official residence, Oak Over, today. The delegation apprised the Chief Minister of their demands, and he assured them of sympathetic consideration. The Chief Minister discussed the adoption of modern technology in medical colleges and stated that the

state government would provide all possible assistance to strengthen these institutions. He mentioned that the department has been instructed to install advanced medical equipment in all the medical colleges to ensure better healthcare services for patients. He also emphasized the establishment of modern laboratories in all the medical colleges. He said that the present state government was steadfastly committed to offer better healthcare facilities to the people of the state at their doorsteps.

## Minister Piyush Goyal calls for unified electrical industry exposition to strengthen India's global leadership

CHANDIGARH, FEB 26

Building on the momentum, Day 3 of ELECRAMA 2025 featured a pivotal keynote address by Hon'ble Minister Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Government of India setting the stage for critical discussions on India's energy transition, policy direction, and technological advancements. Accompanied by esteemed leaders Sunil Singhvi, President, IEEMA, Vikram Gandotra, President (Elect) and Chairman, and Siddharth Bhutoria, Vice President, IEEMA & Vice Chairman, ELECRAMA 2025, Piyush Goyal emphasized the government's commitment to strengthening domestic manufacturing, fostering clean energy adoption, and ensuring a future-ready power sector



through innovation and collaboration. His address reinforced India's vision to become a global leader in sustainable energy solutions, highlighting the importance of policy support, strategic industry partnerships, and investment in cutting-edge technologies. Minister Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Government of India has urged India's electrical industry to build a unified world-class exposition platform, positioning India as

the go-to global destination for electrical and energy solutions. Speaking at ELECRAMA, he emphasized the need to merge major expos—including ELECRAMA and other industry-led exhibitions—into one showcase, making India the one-stop shop for global players. "India is at the forefront of the global energy transition, and our electrical industry plays a critical role in this transformation. Instead of hosting multiple fragmented expos, we must come together to create a single, large-scale event that showcases our full capabilities to the world. Imagine an exhibition with over 1,500 exhibitors, 100,000+ visitors, and participation from the biggest global investors—this would firmly establish India as the epicentre of the global electrical industry," said Shri Piyush Goyal.

## Rajdev Singh Khalsa releases Teja Singh Tilak's book



KULDEEP SOOD

**BARNALA:** Sahit Sarwar Barnala organized a function to release the religious book 'Sant Bhajan Singh Dangarh' written by famous critic and President of Punjabi Sahit Sabha Barnala Teja Singh Tilak. After performing the book release ceremony, former Member of Parliament Rajdev Singh Khalsa said that Teja Singh Tilak, besides having social, cultural and political insight, is also an expert in Sikh history. He had earlier translated a book written by a Bengali writer about Maharaja Duleep Singh, for which the Language Department of Punjab had also given an award.

Versatile writer and member of the Governing Council of the Indian Sahitya Academy, Delhi, Buta Singh Chauhan said that Tilak is a full-time writer. This is his religious book, which sheds light on the unwavering religious life of Sant Bhajan Singh Dangarh. Story writer Pawan Parinda said that Tilak also has a significant contribution in the field of criticism and editing. Teja Singh Tilak said that nowadays he is writing a book on ten famous Punjabi novels. On this occasion, Punjabi poet Dr. Sampuran Singh Tallewalia, Malvinder Shayar, Tejinder Chandihok, Pal Singh Lahiri, Raghvver Singh Gill Kattu and Hakam Singh Rooreke, S. S. Gill, Dimple Barnala, Lambi Sandhu, Sardara Singh Sandhu Patti and other personalities also participated.

## Tempo put in service to collect garbage from streets and houses



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI

**PEHOWA:** Gram Panchayat Jalbehda has provided tempo facility for collecting garbage from every house of the village. Giving information, Gram Sarpanch Reena Sharma said that with the aim of strengthening Swachh Bharat Mission, Gram Panchayat has purchased a new tempo and used it for cleaning facilities in the village. This tempo will collect garbage by going to every street and house of the village. She also called for cooperation from all the villagers, she said that instead of throwing garbage here and there keep it at one place in the dustbin so that it can be put in the tempo and taken away from the village. On this occasion Sarpanch's husband Rajesh Sharma inaugurated the tempo facility by cutting the ribbon. He said that this initiative of Gram Panchayat would prove to be very helpful in the cleanliness system of the village. He also asked the villagers to keep dry and wet garbage separately. On this occasion, Krishna Chand Sharma, Panchayat member Sushil Sharma, Amit Rana, Vikas Rana, Mohinder Rana, Panna Pal, Rinku Singh, Mahipal, Rajkumar, sanitation worker Bira Ram, Rishipal Valmiki were present.

## DC visits de-addiction center and OAT Clinic

**KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA:** As part of the anti-drug campaign of the Punjab government led by Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, Deputy Commissioner Barnala Mr. T. Benith today visited the De-addiction Center and OAT Clinic of Civil Hospital Barnala. On this occasion, he inspected the functioning of the De-addiction Center and OAT Clinics and checked the records. He also interacted with the patients admitted to the De-addiction Center and those coming to get medicine from the OAT Center. He asked the health department staff to render services with full dedication. He stressed on the health staff to make efforts to improve the services further. He said that any need in this regard should be brought to his attention. The Deputy Commissioner said that the district administration will make every effort to make the district drug free. On this occasion, Dr. Tapinderjot Kaushal Senior Medical Officer, Nodal Officer Dr. Gurminder Aujla Deputy Medical Commissioner, Dr. Parvesh District Family Welfare Officer, Dr. Gagandeep Sekhon and Dr. Lipsi Modi Psychiatrist were present.



## Rotary Club Nabha to organize eye check-up and operation camp in memory of Late Sundar Singh and Late Manas Kaur

RAKESH JINDAL  
NABHA, FEB 26

A meeting of the members was organized under the leadership of Rotary Club Nabha President Charan Singh. In this meeting, the members discussed issues of social welfare. During the meeting, Club President Charan Singh while talking to the journalists said that in the warm memory of the respected father of renowned social worker Daljit Singh Sandhu, Harpal Singh SDO and Karamjit Singh Mehran journalist, an eye check-up and operation camp is being organized. S. Sunder Singh and mother late. Sardarni Manas Kaur Ji. He said that the free eye check-up and operation camp will be organized on Sunday, March



2, from 9 am to 2 pm at Rotary Bhawan Patiala Gate under the supervision of Project-Chairman Ro. Daljit Singh Sandhu.

He said that the chief guest of the camp, the chief guest of the health department, Dr. Balbir Singh, will specially attend. On this occasion, General Secretary, Ro. JP Gupta said that medicines and spectacles will be given free of cost to the patients and their food will also be arranged. The

project chairman Daljit Singh Sandhu and assistant chairman Jeevan Prakash Bansal said that the eye check-up of the patients will be done by the doctors from LJ Eye Institute, Patiala, Dr. Vikas Mittal, Dr. Amanjot Kaur. On this occasion, Darshan Buttar, Darshan Arora, Gurdeep Birdi, Rajkumar Jetwani, Dr. J.P. Narula, Satyavir Jindal, Ashok Kinger, O.P. Banga, Harpreet Singh Dhindsa etc. members were present.

## Riyasat-e-Nabha Press Club organises seminar on issue of drugs at Shri Usha Mata Public School

RAKESH JINDAL  
NABHA, FEB 26

A special seminar on the issue of drugs was organized by the Riyasat-e-Nabha Press Club under the leadership of President Bhupinder Singh Bhupa today at Sri Usha Mata Public School Duladi Gate under the supervision of Chairman Girdhari Lal Bansal. In which the chief guest DSP Nabha Madam Mandeep Kaur attended. She made the school students aware by presenting her views on the serious issue of drugs. She said that the decision to take forward this campaign launched by the Riyasat-e-Nabha Press Club against drugs is a very good initiative. She said that to make the society drug-free, first of all we have to make ourselves drug-free and gradually we should try to make the youth and drug-affected people



around us aware and get them out of this quagmire. She said that the government and the police administration are continuously showing seriousness towards drugs, but still our youth are stuck in the quagmire of drugs, and the support of society and media is necessary to get them out. He assured that he is always ready to provide all possible help to the people of the constituency. On this occasion, School Chairman Girdhari Lal Bansal, Temple Committee

President Pramod Jindal, Mohan Lal Mittal, Shiv Jindal, Prem Sagar and School Principal Dr. Yogita Sharma praised all the members of Riyasat-e-Nabha Press Club for this initiative and said that the media has a duty towards the society which Riyasat-e-Nabha Press Club has fulfilled very well. On this occasion, the committee members of Shri Usha Mata Public School honored Madam DSP Mandeep Kaur with a token of honor.

## Bilaspur police busts drug smuggling attempt, Chandigarh youth caught with chitta

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY  
BILASPUR, FEB 26

In a major crackdown on drug trafficking, the Special Detection Team of Bilaspur Police apprehended a youth from Chandigarh with 10.74 grams of Chitta near the RTO barrier at Gara Bagheri on the Kiratpur-Nerchowk four-lane. The operation took place during a routine naka (checkpoint) inspection on Wednesday. As part of their ongoing anti-narcotics drive, the police team was checking vehicles when a Himachal Path Parivahan Nigam (HRTC) bus (HP 69 A 1588) from Punjab to Kullu-Manali arrived. Upon stopping the bus, officers noticed a suspiciously nervous youth among the passengers. A



thorough search led to the recovery of a cloth pouch containing Chitta, later confirmed to weigh 10.74 grams. The accused was identified as a resident of Sector 28, Chandigarh

Vivek Goyal. Following his arrest, he was handed over to the Swarghat Police, where a case has been registered under the NDPS Act at Swarghat Police Station.

Further investigations are underway. DSP Headquarters Madan Dhiman confirmed the arrest, highlighting that this success is part of the police's relentless efforts to curb drug trafficking in the region. The operation underscores Bilaspur Police's commitment to keeping the state drug-free by intensifying surveillance and taking strict action against offenders.

## Research & Development backbone of Higher Education: VC KUK

DALBIR MALIK  
KURUKSHETRA, FEB 26

While speaking as the chief guest in the inaugural session of "Ten-day Research Methodology Course for PhD/PDF Scholars in Social Sciences" organized by KUK's Centre for Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Studies, Vice Chancellor Kurukshetra University Prof Som Nath Sachdeva said that research is vitally required to solve problems and make life better. Technological developments make countries prosper economically which is possible because of research. To make India a Global knowledge superpower research is imperative. Research and development is



the backbone of higher education. Prof Sachdeva explained the difference between method and methodology. Survey, data collection comprise various types of methods whereas methodology is a philosophy that tells which method is to be used. A research work begins with problem identification and finding gaps. Then the research

scholar needs to address the gaps. Literature review should be covered to explore the gaps in literature. Centre Director Dr. Pritam Singh welcomed the dignitaries and informed that this ten day Research Methodology Course is sponsored by ICSSR which will have resource persons from IITs/ IIMs/ TISS/ NITs/ Central Universities, State Universities.

## Jalandhar Administration identifies 9 places for peaceful protests

**PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR:** The district administration has identified 9 places in the district for peaceful protests by various organisations. Additional District Magistrate-cum-Additional Deputy Commissioner Major Dr Amit Mahajan said that the places have been identified for peaceful protests at PUDA Ground opposite Tehsil Complex, Desh Bhagat Yadgar Hall, Burlton Park, Dussehra Ground Jalandhar Cantonment, Improvement Trust Ground Kartarpur, Dana Mandi Bhogpur, Kapurthala Road, western side of Nakodar, Dana Mandi Village Saifawala (Phillaur) and Nagar Panchayat Complex Shahkot. The orders said that the protestors will have to take prior permission from the Police Commissioner or Sub-Divisional Magistrate (as applicable) before the protest. Similarly, carrying any kind of weapon like knife, lathi etc. will not be allowed during the protest. The organiser will have to give a written statement to ensure peaceful protest. The organisers/protesters will be held responsible for any personal or financial loss caused by any illegal action during the demonstration. These orders will remain in effect for the next two months from their issuance on February 24, 2025.





NEWS BRIEFS

**Naresh Kumar Gymnastics Coach participates in International Judges Examination held in Tokyo Japan**

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA: Naresh Kumar (TGT Physical Education) GMS Ajarana Khurd Kurukshetra has appeared in FIG Artistic Gymnastics International Judges Examination held in Tokyo Japan. During this period all the participants (15 countries 80 judges) also got opportunity to visit Japan Gymnastics Olympic Association and High Performance Sports National Training Center Tokyo Japan. President of Japan Gymnastics Olympic Association welcomed and wished all participants. Three examination experts thoroughly explained necessary changes in new Gymnastics Code of Points and also guided participants about new type of examination pattern. We are only 5 judges representing India. 1 each from Maharashtra, West Bengal, Haryana, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh.

# Haryana State Song will depict state's glorious history, cultural heritage: Harvinder Kalyan

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, FEB 26

The work of the Legislative Assembly Committee constituted for the selection of Haryana State Song is almost complete. Vidhan Sabha Speaker Sh. Harvinder Kalyan attended the 10th meeting of the Haryana State Song Selection Committee held on Tuesday. During this, he listened to the proposed state song with the committee members and officials. After listening to the proposed song, Kalyan praised it and said this song will introduce the state as a whole. The lyrics and music of the song are quite impressive. The committee will soon submit its report in this regard and the release of the state song is likely to be announced in the upcoming Budget session. Sh. Harvinder Kalyan



said the hard work of the members of the Legislative Assembly Committee, officials and artists is clearly visible. He said the emotion and language of the song are very impressive. The subject matter of the song depicts Haryana's glorious history, cultural heritage, geographical structure and the development journey of the state.

An attempt has been made in the state song to point out the basic characteristics of the state like festive culture and simplicity of the people of Haryana. It also has a special description of the mutual brotherhood, education and business of the people of the state. While the song depicts the Haryanvi folk life, it also highlights the contribution of

farmers, brave soldiers and sportspersons who increase the pride of the state. Officials including the committee's chairman Laxman Singh Yadav, members Geeta Bhukkal, Vinod Bhayana, Principal Secretary of Art and Cultural Affairs Department Dr. Amit Agrawal, Director General K.M. Pandurang were present in the meeting.

## Congress support base has ended from state: Dr Arvind Sharma



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA ROHTAK, FEBRUARY 26

Cooperative, Tourism and Prison Minister Dr Arvind Sharma said that Congress MP Deepender Hooda is an expert in presenting false figures. Even during the Lok Sabha elections, Hooda had spread the misconception that Dr Arvind Sharma did not spend the grant from the MP fund, whereas when the figures of the released grant of about 17 crores were put forward, Congress was left speechless. The cabinet minister said that now Hooda should tell how much of the budget of MP fund he has spent. Dr. Sharma said that the support base of Congress has ended in the state and Congress leaders do not have any issue now, that is why they make absurd statements. The father-son duo who claimed to form the government has flopped and there is no mention of them even in the Congress party.

On Wednesday, cabinet minister Dr. Arvind Sharma addressed public meetings in urban and rural wards of Municipal Corporation in support of BJP mayor candidate Ram Avtar Valmiki and councilor candidates. Cooperative Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma wished the common people on Mahashivratri festival in his meetings in Bohar, Balyana, Khedi Sadh, Pahrawar, Sunariya. He said that just like the Sankalp Patra was released in the assembly elections, in the same way, every section has been taken care of in this Sankalp Patra. BJP has taken a pledge to strengthen the youth, farmers, poor families, students, sanitation workers. He said that the development work will accelerate with the triple engine government, due to which the common people will get its benefit. He said that the entire country has faith in the guarantee given by Prime Minister Modi and the people of the country have also proved this. BJP will win the municipal elections in the state.

## Social worker Purushottam Das Garg's last rites to be performed on February 28

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI, FEB 26

Social worker and Tarawari grain market commission agent Mukesh Garg's father Purushottam Das Garg has passed away. The pagri ritual for his soul's peace will be performed on Friday, February 28 at Shiv Shakti Satsang Bhawan near Tarawari Nagar Kheda from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi, former MLA Dharampal Gondar, Municipal Chairman Virendra Bansal, Vice-Chairman Amit Bansal, President of Punjabi Sabha Tarawadi Rajiv Narang, Tarawadi Journalist Unity Forum, Haryana State Vyapar Mandal, Tarawadi Grain Market Arhtiya Association, Shri Sanatan Dharma Sabha, Shiv Shakti Sankirtan Mandal, Jai Bharat Yuva Mandal, Garment Association Tarawadi, Shri Sanatan Dharma Sabha, Shiv Shakti Sankirtan Mandal, Bharat Vikas Parishad, Vyapar Mandal Tarawadi, Vyapari Ekta Manch, Bharat Vikas Parishad



Branch Padwala, Railway Passenger Welfare Association, Clean Environment Service Committee, Shri Bala Sundari Seva Mandal, besides representatives of many social and religious organizations, social workers and dignitaries have expressed grief over his demise.

## Shivaratri celebrated with great pomp in Kachhwa

MEGHRAJ LUTHRA KACHHWA, FEB 26

Shivaratri was celebrated with great pomp in Kachhwa on Wednesday. On this occasion, a procession was taken out which started from the main market Krishna temple of the village at 12 o'clock. In which more than 300 women participated barefoot wearing yellow clothes and carrying urns on their heads. At the front was a group of 250 Kanwariyas who had brought Gangajal from Haridwar. In the middle were tableaux of Lord Shiva, Ram Sita. Sadhvi Vibhanand Saraswati was giving her blessings in one palanquin while in the other, the saint Bhagwat Swaroop of Vrindavan was seated.

The group of Jagadamba Shiva Sankirtan Mandal performed bhajan kirtan. Fruit prasad was distributed in a tempo. Members of the Krishna temple committee and the Shiva temple committee were managing the arrangements together. On the way, some devotee families were distributing water by setting



up a water stall, while some were serving tea. A very religious scene was created in the village. Krishna Temple Committee chief Surendra Bhatia said that Mahant Pritam Giri Ji Maharaj of the Shiv Temple welcomed the procession and bhajan kirtan took place in the courtyard of the Shiv Temple till late evening.

## All BJP candidates contesting in civic polls will win with huge support: Manohar Lal



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, FEBRUARY 26

Union Minister Manohar Lal reached Karnal on the occasion of Maha Shivratri. On this occasion, he extended heartfelt greetings of Maha Shivratri to all the people of Karnal. He said that in the municipal elections, the Bharatiya Janata Party candidates contesting in all 10 municipal corporations, 4 municipal councils and all municipalities will win with huge votes. On this occasion, he released the manifesto of Karnal. He was accompanied by Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand, Nilokheri MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi, BJP District President and Assandh MLA Yashendra Rana, District Incharge Bharat Bhushan Jwal, Executive President Brij Gupta, BJP Mayor candidate Renu Bala Gupta, MP representative Kavinder Rana, District Media Incharge Dr. Ashok Kumar and all councilor candidates. Union Minister Manohar Lal said that the manifesto for the state-level civic elections was released by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini recently. Today, the local manifesto is being released wherever there is an election. He said that this time development will be done at a faster pace in Karnal. Work related to roads, parks, cleanliness will be done. Along with this, the projects of Smart City which are going on will also be completed soon. The work of single pillar flyover has started in the city, which will be completed as soon as possible.

## Shandilya supports BJP, hands over letter of support to Badoli and MP Kartikeya

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA: Veeresh Shandilya announced in Parshuram Bhawan in Ambala city on behalf of Brahmin Mahapanchayat and Vishwa Hindu Takht to support BJP in the civic elections in entire Haryana to Haryana state president of Bharatiya Janata Party Mohan Lal Baroli and Rajya Sabha MP Kartikeya Sharma ji and gave him the statue of Lord Parshuram and the letter of support and also honored him by giving him a turban and shawl. After deep consultation with former Union Minister Pandit Venod Sharma and MP Kartikeya Sharma, Energy and Transport Minister Anil Vij, Local Bodies Minister Vipul Goyal, Food Minister Rajesh Nagar, Viresh Shandilya handed over the letter of support to BJP State President Mohan Lal Badoli. On this occasion, Shandilya also honoured BJP's mayor candidate from Ambala city Shailja Sandeep Sachdeva by giving her a turban and shawl and said that Shailja Sachdeva is winning by a margin of 50 thousand votes.

## Ankurjit Singh takes charge of DC of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, FEB 26

After a major administrative reshuffle by Punjab government, Ankurjit Singh took charge of post of DC of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar. Ankurjit Singh was earlier working as Additional Deputy Commissioner Pathankot and also worked on many other posts. 2018 batch IAS officer Ankurjit Singh is a resident of Sadhaura in Yamunanagar and he completed his schooling from there. His mother Jaswinder Kaur is posted as Women and Child Development Project Officer in the Haryana government. Ankurjit Singh has also passed IIT exam before passing the Indian Administrative Service examination. He achieved success while facing difficult challenges. Even after being visually impaired for a time, he did not lose courage and overcame all the challenges and achieved success in the examination and now he has taken charge as DC for first time in Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar city of Punjab.



## Holland devotees perform Rudrabhishek at Shri Rameshwar Mahadev Temple on Maha Shivaratri

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, FEB 26

Shri Jayaram Vidyapeeth witnessed grand Maha Shivaratri celebrations, with devotees from across the country and abroad participating in Rudrabhishek and special prayers. Under the inspiration of Brahmawarop Brahmachari, the presiding head of Jayaram institutions, the rare Sphatik Mani Shivling at Shri Rameshwar Mahadev Temple was adorned with elaborate decorations.

A group of devotees from Holland, including Gayatri Devi, Kalavati, Kamalavati, Sheela Devi, Amit Kumar, Anav, Ashwani Kumar, Ajay Soni, Maharani, and Sandeep, performed traditional Rudrabhishek with Vedic chants, following Indian Sanatan traditions. They first conducted a Navagraha Puja be-



fore offering prayers at the temple. Following the rituals, around 500 saints and underprivileged individuals were served food as part of the temple's Bhandara.

Media in-charge Rajesh Singla and manager Rohit Kaushik stated that a continuous series of Rudrabhisheks took place throughout the day, with nearly 21 Rudrabhisheks performed. The main Yajna



was conducted by Acharya Pandit Ved Prakash Shastri, Pandit Pankaj, Acharya Pandit Prateek Sharma, Pandit Deepak Shastri, Pandit Surendra Shastri, Pandit Gopal Shastri, and Pandit Dev Shastri in the temple's Yagya Shala. Prominent attendees included Dr. Ranbir Bhargava, Principal of Jayaram Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya, Acharya Pandit Prateek Sharma, Kaushal Gulati,

Naveen Goyal, Vikram Shyokand, and Arun Saini, Principal of DSP International School. Devotees from Delhi, Narwana, Sonapat, Kaithal, Sirsa, and Chandigarh also participated in the grand celebrations. The temple's highlight was the divine Navratna adornment of Lord Shiva, which included Rudraksha, Mrigachala, Nag Devta, Khadga, Damaru, Trishul etc.

## Grand event of Mahashivratri held at Baba Siddhanath International Public School

HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA, FEB 26

Baba Siddhanath International Public School organized a grand event of Mahashivratri. A grand event was organized at Baba Siddhanath International Public School, Salarpur Road, Kurukshetra. Students performed a wonderful dance on song of Lord Shiva. Director of the school, Ishwar Singh said, Mahashivratri is an important festival, which gives us an opportunity to understand glory of Lord Shiva. We are proud of our students, who displayed their art and culture so well. Principal of school said, "Our aim is to teach our students about culture and tradition and help them become good citizens. In this event, all teachers and students of school worshiped Lord Shiva and sang his glory. At end of puja, Prasad was distributed among all teachers and students and it was prayed that blessings of Lord Shiva continue like this.



## Students' get-together held at Rational World School

VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA: As part of the ongoing get-together initiative of the Haryana Government, an educational tour was conducted by the students of Government School Dholra to Rational World School, Radaur on February 24, 2025. All the students from this school visited the new modern method of teaching in Rational World School like digital board, computer lab, science lab, art, sports and music room and studied all the modern teaching material available there

where in the computer lab they got practical experience of operating the computer themselves. In the playground, they enthusiastically participated in various games like volleyball, football and badminton. Going to the music room, the students tried to play various musical instruments along with the joy of dance and singing. School Chairman Rakesh Sharma and Principal Mrs. Parneet Kaur appreciated the initiative of the government and thanked the teachers who accompanied the students.



## Police arrests an accused with 229 grams of Hashish

VIJAY KAUSHIK LADWA: District police Kurukshetra has taken major action against drug smugglers and arrested the accused of possessing drugs. Under the drug-free campaign, the anti-narcotics cell team arrested Ashok Kumar, a resident of Kheda Afghan district Saharanpur, UP on the charge of possessing drugs and succeeded in recovering 229 grams of hashish from his possession. Giving information, the police spokesperson said that on February 25 one receiving a secret information under the guidance of anti-narcotics cell in-charge inspector Surendra Pal, a team of assistant sub-inspector Praveen Kumar, Pawan Kumar, Havaladar Vijay Kumar, Pradeep Kumar, SPO Surendra Kumar and driver head constable Jaswant was present near village Nivarsi. Ashok Kumar resident of Kheda Afghan district Saharanpur UP used to sell hashish. On Tuesday also he went to Pipli via Ladwa on his motorcycle UP-11-AJ-0937. The police put up a blockade in front of village Nivarsi on Ladwa-Pipli road. Based on the information, the police team raided the village Nivarsi on Ladwa-Pipli road. After some time, according to the information received by the police team, the motorcycle driven by a young man was seen coming on UP-11-AJ-0937. The police team stopped the motorcyclist and asked him his name and address. He told his name as Ashok Kumar resident Kheda Afghan district Saharanpur UP. Gazetted officer DSP Ladwa Randhir Singh was called on the spot. When the police searched the accused in front of the gazetted officer, 229 grams of hashish was recovered from his possession. A case was registered against the accused under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act at Ladwa police station and he was arrested.



Editorial

Alarm ringing

First, Donald Trump said that he might invade Greenland and then declared that he would annex Canada (but no threat of physical violence so far, just extreme economic pressure). Then he spoke about turning the devastated Gaza Strip into the “Riviera of the Middle East”, with the United States of America taking a “long-term ownership position.” Once a real-estate shill, always a real-estate shill.

Trump does understand how the media works, and making fantastic and outrageous claims that have to be rebutted is the best way to keep the media from talking about what he’s really doing (such as removing all legal, constitutional and customary restraints on the presidency).

Most journalists know what he’s up to but still feel obliged to bat away each fantasy that he throws out. I was going to write about Trump’s vile and preposterous plans for the Gaza Strip — until I checked the ‘Copernicus’ website (as I have taken to doing at the start of each month) and saw that the ‘anomaly’ is now +1.75°Celsius. ‘Copernicus’ monitors the Earth System for the European Union, and its website is very quick at drawing together observations from all over the planet to estimate each month’s average global temperature. The ‘anomaly’ is how much higher that temperature is than it would have been without the greenhouse gases emitted by humans.

Two years ago, after about a century-and-a-half of industrialisation and carbon dioxide and methane emissions, the anomaly was just reaching +1.2°C higher than the average global temperature. At the current rate of emissions, we would have reached +1.3°C around 2028, and +1.4°C around 2033. Bad, but at least predictable. Then, in June 2023, the whole Earth System took off, and in just one month, the average global temperature was +1.5°C higher. It has never dropped back down since, and the anomaly for the whole of last year was +1.55°C. In the last three months of 2024, it was always above +1.6°C and last month it was +1.75°C. Two years ago, conventional predictions put us at +1.75°C around 2040.

Yet the ‘mainstream’ climate scientists, rather than running through the streets screaming that disaster is nigh, have tried to downplay the seriousness of what is happening. You can’t be sure this is the trend until you have 10 or 20 years of data, they say. (So you think we should wait that long before we declare an emergency?)

The media and most of its customers are ignoring this terrifying trend because the Tangerine Toddler is having a tantrum.

PM Modi likely to visit Russia in May

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to visit Russia for the May 9 parade at Moscow’s Red Square to mark the 80th anniversary of Victory in the Great Patriotic War, Russian news agency TASS reported on Wednesday, citing a source in military circles.

As per the military source cited by TASS, the visit by the PM has a “high probability”.

“Prime Minister Narendra Modi is planning a visit to the May 9 parade in Moscow. It is highly likely that it will take place,” the agency’s source said, TASS reported.

As per the military source cited by TASS, it was noted, “The issue of participation in the parade on Red Square of a ceremonial unit of the Indian armed forces, which should arrive at least a month [before the parade] for rehearsals, is also being worked out.”

Notably, the source mentioned issues concerning delivery of Indian military personnel are currently being discussed.

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Patriotic War.

As per TASS, the press secretary of the Russian President Dmitry Peskov noted that foreign leaders from different countries, not only the CIS, will be invited to Moscow to participate in the celebration of May 9. He indicated that the Russian side will be glad to see all foreign guests who understand the sig-

nificance of Victory Day in Moscow.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had visited Russia last year in October at the invitation of the Russian President Vladimir Putin to attend the 16th BRICS Summit which took place in Kazan under the chairmanship of Russia. This visit assumes greater significance as it will come amidst the talks be-

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tween US and Russian officials towards ending the war in Ukraine. The first round of talks had been held in Riyadh earlier this month.

Prime Minister Modi had made a strong pitch for peace in his meetings with the Russian President and the Ukrainian head of state Vladmir Zenskyy in his earlier visits.

Literature & Health

Australia investing \$16 mn in Australia-India TIAF to boost economic ties with India

To deepen Australia’s economic engagement with India, Albanese Government has unveiled a roadmap according to which Australia is investing USD 16 million in the Australia-India Trade and Investment Accelerator Fund (TIAF).

Anthony Albanese, Prime Minister, Australia, said, “India is an essential partner as we diversify our trade links to boost prosperity for all Australians. This Roadmap is critical to helping us fully realise our potential with India, which will be a boon to Australia’s economy, our businesses and jobs, and our prosperity.”

It is a strategic initiative designed to help Australian businesses expand into the fast-growing Indian market. With India on track to become the world’s third-largest economy by 2030, this roadmap outlines key growth sectors and strengthens bilateral ties, ensuring mutual prosperity and economic resilience.

Furthermore, an additional USD 4 million will be allocated to expand the



Maitri (friendship) Grants program, aimed at strengthening business, cultural, and people-to-people ties between the two nations. Australia’s existing free trade agreement with India has already delivered significant financial benefits, saving Australian businesses hundreds of millions of dollars and projected to reduce exporters’ tariff costs by USD 2 billion by the end of the year.

UN Secretary General to visit Bangladesh amid tensions

The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres is likely to visit Bangladesh in mid-March amid political tensions in the South Asian country, officials said.

UN Special Envoy on Myanmar Julie Bishop had visited Bangladesh ahead of the Secretary General visit. The UN chief will also visit the Rohingya camps in Cox’s Bazar, Bishop said during her meeting with Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna.

“UN Secretary General will visit Bangladesh. We are still working out his final programs”, Md Touhid Hossain, Bangladesh Foreign Affairs Adviser, told the reporters without elab-



orating. “The three-day trip will start from March 13”, a source told ANI.

The upcoming visit of the UN Secretary General is considered very significant amid the political and security tensions in Bangladesh.

Earlier on Tuesday, Bangladesh Army Chief

General Waker-Uz-Zaman said that Bangladesh’s sovereignty will be in jeopardy if people do not set aside their differences and stop slinging mud at each other.

“I am warning you. If you cannot forget your differences and work together, if you engage in mud-slinging and fighting, the independence and sovereignty of this country and nation will be at stake,” he said in an occasion in capital Dhaka.

“I am telling you today, otherwise you would say that I did not warn you. This country belongs to all of us. We all want to live in peace and harmony. We do not want conflicts or fights. We are working towards that goal,” he added.

POEM

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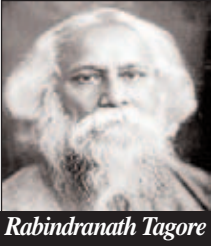
Bless this little heart, this white soul that has won the kiss of heaven for our earth. He loves the light of the sun, he loves the sight of his mother’s face.

He has not learned to despise the dust, and to hanker after gold.

Clasp him to your heart and bless him.

He has come into this land of an hundred cross-roads.

I know not how he chose you from the crowd, came to your door, and grasped you hand to ask his way.



By Rabindranath Tagore

Discovering the genetics of climate adaptation

As climate change accelerates, plants are under increasing pressure to adapt to changing habitats and environmental conditions.

This challenge is especially urgent for crops, as drought and heat-resistant plants are critical to ensuring food security in an unpredictable future. Fortunately, plants can adapt astonishingly well to a variety of settings and temperatures: Arabidopsis thaliana, for example, thrives in climates as disparate as Sweden and Italy.

The study, by the labs of Liam Dolan and Frederic Berger at the Gregor Mendel Institute (GMI) of Molecular Plant Biology, as well as Kelly Swarts, former GMI group leader and now at the Umea Plant Science Centre, and Masaki Shimamura at Hiroshima University.

Understanding how plants naturally adapt to different local conditions is key to predicting their response to climate change, and can



help produce more resilient crops. A recent study provides new insight into the genetic underpinnings of plant climate adaptation. By combining population genetics and global climate data, the researchers identified genetic variants underlying climate adaptation in Marchantia polymorpha. Genetic variants underlying certain traits, like enhanced heat resistance or different seed sizes, are often selected in environments where they provide a survival or reproductive edge. However, which genetic variants are responsible for climate adaptation is mostly unknown.

To uncover these variants, the researchers compared the genetics of different regional subpopulations of Marchantia polymorpha collected across Europe, America and Japan, creating a population genomics database. By integrating this database with a worldwide climate dataset, the scientists correlated each subpopulation’s genetic profile

with its local climate.

“Comparing populations in Europe and Japan, we found genetic variants associated with warmer and colder summer temperatures, as well as with the amount of summer precipitation,” explains Liam Dolan. “These adaptations could be crucial for optimizing reproduction in different conditions.”

The study also revealed that genetic variability differs notably between populations of Marchantia polymorpha. Populations collected from different areas in Europe were similar to each other but presented high genetic variability among their individuals.

In contrast, geographically isolated Japanese populations exhibited more uniform genetic profiles, distinct from those in Europe. These patterns suggest that climate adaptation may favor different reproductive strategies in Europe and Japan, as Marchantia and other bryophytes can famously reproduce



NEWS BRIEF

Strict police vigil during Mahashivratri celebrations



**SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON:** The festival of Mahashivratri was celebrated with great devotion and enthusiasm just like every year. The festival was celebrated while maintaining law and order in the presence of police officers. Giving more information about this, DSP Varinder Singh Khosla said that police officials were deputed outside temples of PS Dakha, Jodhan and Sudhar in order to ensure that devotees do not face any inconvenience. He further said that efficient arrangements of security were made for unhindered celebrations of the festival. "Police Patrolling was carried out and checks were conducted. Suspicious elements were inspected as well," he added. He further said that the prime aim was to make sure that devotees celebrate the festival without any problem and police has been able to achieve the target.

# BJP will register big victory in Assandh MC elections: Krishan Lal Panwar

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
KARNAL, FEB 26

A grand road show was organised for the election campaign of BJP candidate Sunita Ardana in Assandh Municipal Corporation by-election, in which Cabinet Minister Krishan Lal Panwar participated and appealed for votes in favor of BJP candidate Sunita Ardana. He said that the BJP will register a big victory in the Municipal Corporation election. The lotus flower will bloom once again in Assandh Municipal Corporation and BJP will register victory. Today every citizen is satisfied with the policies of BJP and he is confident that BJP will win this election with record votes. He said that there is no difference between the words and deeds of the state government, a double engine



government is running in the state right now and after this municipal corporation election, a triple engine government will work in Assandh. The pace of development work is in progress under the leadership of Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini and Union Minister Manohar Lal. He said that just as the people of Assandh have

address on this occasion that the victory in the Nagar Palika is the result of the tireless efforts of all of you. He said that the BJP has created history by continuously securing a majority in the state. This time, the government that has completed the last two terms has got a chance for the third time. This is a matter of pride for the BJP. The echo of this mandate is far and wide. He said that now the development works in Assandh constituency will be completed soon. No shortage will be allowed in the development of Assandh city. Apart from this, he said that during its tenure, the BJP has provided employment to the youth on the basis of merit without any slip or expenditure. He said that AAP will vote in the highest numbers in this by-election of the Nagar Palika and will make BJP candidate Sunita

Ardana win with a huge number of votes and form a triple engine government so that there will be no dearth of development in Assandh constituency. During this time, District Vice President Sanjay Rana, former Mandal President Ram Avtar Jindal, former Mandal President Amit Rana, former Mandal President Balkar Singh, former Mandal President Narendra Narwal, BJP senior workers Dr. Booti Ram, Brij Takkar, Hari Krishna Arora, Jalmana Mandal President Vijay Rana, Balla Mandal President Jai Bhagwan Jangra, Jundla Mandal President Sulendra Kadian, former Chairman Deepak Chhabra, Harbir Singh, Amarjeet Chhabra, Vinay Sandhu, BJP Kisan Morcha District President Vinod Rana, along with all the senior and best workers of BJP were present.



fruits, emphasizing the importance of caring for and respecting them. During his visit, Dr. Aggarwal also inaugurated a PHACO technology machine for eye surgeries, praising the ashram for enhancing healthcare facilities for its residents. He urged individuals

and organizations to contribute to such noble causes, assuring that the district administration is committed to supporting the elderly, helpless, and disabled. District Program Officer Manjinder Singh and Ashram Chairman Tarsem Kapoor were also present on the occasion.

## Dera Beas chief Baba Gurvinder Singh Dhillon and Jasdeep Singh Gill arrive at Dera Satsang Beas and Hira Mahal Nabha



**RAKESH JINDAL NABHA, FEB 26**

For the first time in Nabha, Dera Beas Chief Gurinder Singh Dhillon and Baba Jasdeep Singh Gill specially reached Dera Beas built in Nabha and Hira Mahal of Nabha. Where they met Rani Preeti Singh and family, descendants of the righteous king of Nabha, Maharaja Hira Singh, and they spent about 2 hours at Hira Mahal and visited Hira Mahal. On this occasion, great enthusiasm was also seen among the Sangat and the Sangat had come from far and wide to have darshan of

Baba Ji. On this occasion, Constituency MLA Gurdev Singh Devman also presented Mahan Shabad Kosh to Baba Gurinder Singh Dhillon. On this occasion, Constituency MLA Gurdev Singh Devman said that today is an auspicious day that Baba Gurinder Singh Dhillon and Baba Jasdeep Singh Gill have specially reached Nabha. First, the Dera chief reached Beas Dera in Nabha and later he reached Hira Mahal. Devman said that there was immense enthusiasm among the devotees and the devotees had come from far and wide to have darshan of Baba Ji.

## 27th Annual langar held at Hazrat 9 Gaje Pir Baba Zalala Shah’s Shrine

VERMA  
GURDASPUR, FEB 26

The 27th annual langar was organized at the shrine of Hazrat 9 Gaje Pir Baba Zalala Shah under the chairmanship of Baba Anil Kumar Rinku Shah. The event was graced by several prominent figures, including Market Committee Chairman Vikas Saini and former Sujampur Municipal Council President Raj Kumar Gupta Bittu Pradhan, who inaugurated the langar. A large number of devotees attended the event and partook in the langar, where they were served prasad and participated in religious rituals. The event was a celebration of religious



unity and brotherhood, bringing together people from various backgrounds. The gathering emphasized the importance of fostering unity and spiritual harmony among community members. At the end of the event, Chairman Vikas Saini was honored with a memento for his support and

contribution. Addressing the gathering, Vikas Saini encouraged everyone to actively participate in such religious programs and promote unity and peace in society. The successful event reinforced the spirit of religious enthusiasm and unity among the residents of the region.

## ISF College and The Learning Field Global School celebrate Shivratri festival at Durga Temple

JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA  
MOGA, FEB 26

The premier educational institution of the state, ISF College of Pharmacy, ISF College and Research (ISFCPR), The Learning Field A Global School jointly celebrated the festival of Lord Shiva, Shivaratri, today at the Durga Temple located at the college. On this occasion, ISF College Chairman Praveen Garg, TLF Sukal Chairman Eng. Janesh Garg, Director Dr. Muskan Garg, Director Dr. G.D. Gupta, ISFCPR Principal Dr. R.K. Narang, TLF School Principal Ranjit Bhatia, Vice Principal Sharad Agarwal, Head Mistress Parminder Toor and students and teachers living in the hostel completed the rituals of



Shivling and Jalabhishek and Rudra Abhishek installed at the temple. On this occasion, College Chairman Praveen Garg and TLF School Chairman Eng. Janesh Garg explained to the students in detail about the festival of Shivaratri and the worship of Shivaji that the wedding of

Shivaji and Mata Parvati is celebrated on this day. On the occasion of Shivaratri, Shivaji is worshipped and a vigil is held at night.

They told how Shivaji saved the universe from destruction by performing Tandav and drinking Kaal Koot poison on this day. Because of drinking Kaal Koot poison, he was called Neel Kanth. He also told about the scientific reason behind Shivaratri that there is a special position of planets and constellations on this night. The northern hemisphere of the earth is situated in such a way that there is a natural rise of energy in humans. To take advantage of this, we should wake up with our spine straight throughout the night.

## Reliance Bio Energy conducts successful campus placement drive at PAU, 15 students secure jobs

**BUREAU LUDHIANA:** Reliance Bio Energy conducted a campus placement drive at Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana, offering promising career opportunities to students. The drive witnessed enthusiastic participation from 50 students across various disciplines, with 15 successfully securing placements. The company offered competitive salary packages, with Rs. 5 lakh per annum for undergraduate students and Rs. 10 lakh per annum for postgraduate students. Among the selected candidates, eight undergraduate students are from B.Sc. Agriculture, and two from B.Tech in Agricultural Engineering. Two students from the postgraduate category are from MBA (Agribusiness), while one student each is from M.Sc. Agronomy, M.Sc. Entomology and a PhD scholar from the Department of Agronomy also secured placements. Dr. Khushdeep Dharni, Associate Director of University Counselling and Placement Guidance Cell, emphasized that placements in prestigious companies boost students' confidence and showcase their dedication and potential. He highlighted that the Placement Cell at PAU is actively enhancing industry collaborations to ensure students can access the best career opportunities. Dr. Nirmal Singh Jaura, Director of Students' Welfare at PAU, congratulated the selected students and encouraged them to continue striving for excellence. He reiterated PAU's commitment to fostering professional growth and ensuring the university remains a launchpad for successful careers.

## MLA Dr. Amandeep Kaur Arora goes to different temples to perform Jalabhishek on Shivlings



**JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA MOGA:** Today, on the occasion of Mahashivratri, the MLA of Moga district Dr. Amandeep Kaur Arora with her husband Dr. Rakesh Arora along with his family went to various temples of the city and performed Jalabhishek and Rudrabhishek of Lord Shiva's Shivling and wished all the residents of the city on Shivaratri festival. First of all, the ritual of worship was completed by the priest. During this time, while inaugurating the langars installed by religious organizations at various places in the city, he distributed langar prasad to the passers-by and wished everyone auspicious Shivaratri festival. He said that those who fast on Mahashivratri get salvation. Mahashivratri is the fast that brings welfare to man while living in the world. By keeping this fast, all the sorrows and sufferings of the seeker end and also all the wishes are fulfilled.

## CIA Team Yamuna Nagar organises Bhandara on Maha Shivratri



**RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR:** In charge Kewal Singh said that on the occasion of Mahashivratri, a havan yagya and a feast were organized on Wednesday. The Superintendent of Police Rajiv Deshwal was also present on this occasion. He said that Mahashivratri was a religious festival of Hindus. According to the Puranas, Lord Shiva and Mother Parvati were married on this day. Mahashivratri is celebrated every year on the Chaturdashi date of Krishna Paksha of Falgun month. Mahashivratri is considered very special to get the grace and blessings of Lord Shiva. On the day of Mahashivratri, Lord Shankar's idol or Shivling bathed with Panchamrit and offered water offered from a pot. Then after applying sandalwood tilak, Belpatra, Bhaang, Dhatura, nutmeg, lotus seeds, fruits, sweets, sweet betel leaf, perfume were offered to the Shivling. DSP Ashish Chaudhary and ASI Rajendra Singh with others were present on the spot.

## Shivaratri celebrated with great pomp in Kachhwa

**MEGHAJ LUTHRA KACHHWA:** Shivaratri was celebrated with great pomp in Kachhwa on Wednesday. On this occasion, a procession was taken out which started from the main market Krishna temple of the village at 12 o'clock. In which more than 300 women participated barefoot wearing yellow clothes and carrying urns on their heads. At the front was a group of 250 Kanwariyas who had brought Gangajal from Haridwar. In the middle were tableaux of Lord Shiva, Ram Sita. Sadhvi Vibhanand Saraswati was giving her blessings in one palanquin while in the other, the saint Bhagwat Swaroop of Vrindavan was seated. The group of Jagadamba Shiva Sankirtan Mandal performed bhajan kirtan. Fruit prasad was distributed in a tempo. Members of the Krishna temple committee and the Shiva temple committee were managing the arrangements together. On the way, some devotee families were distributing water by setting up a water stall, while some were serving tea. A very religious scene was created in the village. Krishna Temple Committee chief Surendra Bhatia said that Mahant Pritam Giri Ji Maharaj of the Shiv Temple welcomed the procession and bhajan kirtan took place in the courtyard of the Shiv Temple till late evening. Before this, women performed Jalabhishek on the Shivling and later Bhandara was served.



## Livasa Hospitals launches weekly multi-specialty OPD in Ajnala



**CHARANJIT ARORA AMRITSAR:** Livasa Hospitals has expanded its healthcare services with the launch of a weekly multi-specialty OPD at Noor Hospital, near the Main Bus Stand in Ajnala. This initiative ensures that residents of Ajnala and nearby areas have access to specialist consultations without the need to travel long distances. Under this program, leading specialists in cardiology, paediatrics, nephrology, oncology, gastroenterology, and neurology will be available for consultations every week, making advanced medical care more accessible to the community. The weekly OPD schedule is as follows: \* Monday – Dr. Anil Sharma (DM Cardiology | Consultant Cardiology) \* Tuesday – Dr. Gautam Puri (DNB Paediatrics | Consultant Paediatrics) \* Wednesday – Dr. Radhika Garg (DNB Nephrology | Consultant Nephrology) \* Thursday – Dr. Amritjot Singh (DM Medical Oncology | Consultant Medical Oncology) \* Friday – Dr. Kanwaljeet Singh (Senior Consultant – Surgical Gastroenterology, Laparoscopic Surgery & GI Endoscopy).

## DIET, Kurukshetra hosts Mathematics Quiz



**DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA:** The District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Kurukshetra, organized and hosted a Mathematics Quiz on February 25, 2025. The quiz was first conducted at the block level across all five blocks of the district between February 21-24. It was held for four different categories: Classes 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-10th, and 11th-12th. The top two teams from each category in each block advanced to the district-level competition, with a total of 19 teams per category participating in the final round. In the Class 11th-12th category, Akshay and Jhenshi from PM Shri Mangoli Jattan secured first place. In the Class 9th-10th category, Daksh Garg from GMSSSS Babain emerged as the winner. The Class 6th-8th category was won by Palak and Amandeep Kaur from PM Shri Dhoogarh Guldehra, while in the Class 3rd-5th category, Rishab and Yashika from GPS Jalaudin Majra claimed first position. Rohtas Verma, Principal, congratulated all the winners and participants, encouraging them to engage in such intellectual endeavors. The event was conducted under the guidance of Smt. Aparna, Sh. Jaswinder Singh (Senior Lecturer), and Sh. Vijay Kaushik (DMS Kurukshetra).

## Fortis Hospital Mohali unveils ‘Stronger than Cancer’ – book celebrating cancer survivors



**LK BANSAL MOHALI:** Renowned Punjabi singer Gurdas Maan today unveiled the second volume of the CanSurvive book, titled “Stronger than Cancer: Unique Stories of Strength and Survival”, at Fortis Hospital Mohali. The book features inspirational stories of eight cancer survivors who were treated at Fortis Mohali. The book launch happened amongst the presence of patients along with their families, who were present at the event to narrate their journeys, along with Senior Leadership from Fortis including Ashish Bhatia, Executive Vice President, Fortis Healthcare; Abhijit Singh, Head-SBU, Fortis Hospital Mohali; Dr. Rajeev Bedi, Director, Medical Oncology, Fortis Hospital Mohali; along with senior doctors and the oncology team. Cancer survivors—Balbir Singh, Vidisha, Amit Pushkarna, Jatinderjit Kaur, Parminder, Vijay Kumar Verma, Sonika Pandey, and Teena Sharma—shared their survival stories against cancer. The book highlights their resilience, the unwavering support of their families, and the innovative treatments provided by Fortis oncologists.

## Mahashivratri celebrated in Guru Gorakh Nath Dham



**YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI PEHOWA:** The festival of Mahashivratri was celebrated with pomp and reverence in the city on Wednesday. From the morning itself, the devotees took bath and went to the Shiva temples and performed Jalabhishek on the Shivling. Similarly, the festival of Mahashivratri was also celebrated with joy in Guru Gorakh Nath Dham. On this occasion, a grand procession was taken out with beautiful tableaux. Mahant Tej Nath of Guru Gorakh Nath Dham sent off the procession by lighting the flame. The procession started from Guru Gorakh Nath Dham and reached Guru Dham again after going around the whole city via bus stand, Roshanpur Road, Jai Gurudev School Road, Katgarh Road. The procession was given a grand welcome by the city residents at various places. Women also participated in the procession with Kalash. On this occasion, a huge feast was also organized in Guru Dham. In which hundreds of devotees took the prasad of the feast and received the blessings of Lord Bhole Nath. A large number of devotees were present on this occasion.



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Shakti Group announces Rs 1700 crore investment in renewable energy sector

CHANDIGARH / LUHIANA - Shakti Pumps (India) Ltd., announced a significant investment of Rs 1700 crore in Madhya Pradesh. The expansion to be done on approximately 64 hectares of industrial land in Pithampur will set up state-of-the-art manufacturing units for solar cells, solar pumping systems and electric vehicle components from renewable energy solar wafers, creating huge employment opportunities in the state. Once production starts in these projects, Shakti Pumps will be the first company in the country to have the capability to manufacture all the needs of the solar pumping industry such as pumps, motors, solar panels, structures, VFDs, inverters etc. Mr. Dinesh Patidar, Chairman, Shakti Pumps (India) Ltd. said, "This significant investment underlines our unwavering commitment to Madhya Pradesh and its growth trajectory."

RTE Act 2009 upholds equality and fraternity and diminish societal disparities: Dr. Raju

CHANDIGARH, In a resounding win for social justice and education reforms, Dr. Jagmohan Singh Raju's relentless advocacy has led to a landmark ruling by the Punjab & Haryana High Court enforcing the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009. The Court has directed all private unaided schools in Punjab to reserve 25% of Class I seats for children from weaker sections, ensuring their fundamental right to free and quality education. Dr. Raju, a former IAS officer and educationist has asserted that this interim order passed by Honourable Chief Justice Sheel Nagu and Justice Harmeet Singh Grewal upholds the constitutional values of social justice, equality and fraternity besides diminishing societal disparities.

AI, Automation & Sustainability Lead Way as 20 Startups Compete at ELECRAMA 2025

SHIMLA: Following an insightful and power-packed address by Shri Piyush Goyal yesterday, Day 4 of ELECRAMA 2025 sustained the energy with the inauguration of highly anticipated 3rd Edition Electraverse Sparks – IEEMAs flagship program for Startups. The platform brought together early-stage and late-stage startups to showcase their breakthrough innovations in energy, electronics, AI, automation, and sustainability solutions. The event served as a competitive stage for 20 of the most promising startups, each presenting cutting-edge solutions with the potential to transform the industry. The World Utility Summit was concluded today in the presence of Vijay Mittal (IOFS), Joint Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries and provided valuable insights into grid modernization, sustainable energy policies, and digital transformation in the power sector. Simultaneously, Elechrx, the industry's premier forum for emerging technologies, concluded with discussions on AI integration, IoT-driven smart grids, and blockchain applications.

New Shapes, More Fun! Alpenliebe Juzt Jelly launches Jungle Land and Fruity Salad, to create more playful moments

AMRITSAR/JALANDHAR, Alpenliebe Juzt Jelly, the iconic brand from the house of Perfetti Van Melle, introduces never seen before playful jelly shapes, Jungle Land and Fruity Salad, crafted for delicious treats - a ticket to an exciting playful adventure. Available in a wide assortment of flavours and colours, the new interactive shapes including monkey, banana, pineapple, strawberry, orange, and green apple, provide a unique way to combine fun with taste. Gunjan Khetan, Marketing Director, Perfetti Van Melle India, said "Consumers are seeking new experiences in every part of their lives, and the launch of Alpenliebe Juzt Jelly Jungle Land and Fruity Salad is an exciting milestone for us as we continue to lead the way in innovation. Priced at INR 10, the exciting new shapes like the monkey are a first for the industry, pushing the boundaries of how consumers engage, transforming each bite into a playful opportunity."

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Pharmazz Chairman and CEO Dr. Anil Gulati delivered lecture on novel drug, Sovateltide



CHANDIGARH: Pharmazz, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company addressing the critical care market, showcased the groundbreaking potential of its lead drug, Sovateltide in a two-day workshop on Drug Discovery and Development in New Millennium - 4 (DSNM-4) organized by the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, NIPER, SAS Nagar, Mohali. The chief guest of the workshop, Prof. Anil Gulati, Founder and CEO of Pharmazz, Inc. USA, delivered the keynote address on "Discovery and development of sovateltide to treat cerebral stroke patients." Dr. Gulati discussed how he discovered this drug after an extensive 25 years of research. He described the journey of the development of Sovateltide by giving examples of preclinical and clinical studies on sovateltide, an endothelin B receptor agonist, and novel progonitor therapeutics. Sovateltide, an endothelin-B agonist and first-in-class drug for acute cerebral ischemic stroke, demonstrated statistically significant improvements in neurological outcomes.

# World Protein Day: Survey Finds Almonds Among Top Protein-Rich Snacks in India

CHANDIGARH/LUHIANA, 26th February, 2025: On the occasion of World Protein Day, a new YouGov survey, conducted in association with the Almond Board of California, found that a majority of Indians recognize protein's essential role in providing energy and supporting a strong immune system. The survey, which polled 4,300 respondents across 17 cities in India, revealed that 2 in 3 Indians (65%) identify almonds as a high-protein snack, with stronger recognition in Tier II cities such as Lucknow (38%), Thiruvananthapuram (37%), Coimbatore (34%), Guwahati (34%), and Indore (31%). Interestingly, acknowledgment levels in these cities surpassed those in metropolitan areas, suggesting a wider acceptance of almonds as a protein-rich snack beyond urban centers.

The survey found almonds ranked among the top five protein choices in India. A natural source of protein, almonds—particularly California Almonds—are rich in 15 essential nutrients, including healthy fats, dietary fiber, magnesium, potassium, and zinc. When consumed daily, they offer a range of health benefits, making them a preferred snacking choice among Indians.

Commenting on the new survey findings, Dr. Rohini Patil, MBBS and Nutritionist, said, "On this World Protein Day, I want to emphasize that protein is a crucial nutrient, and Indian



consumers are becoming increasingly aware of its benefits. Almonds, being one of the most natural sources of protein, support muscle health, provide sustained energy, and contribute to overall well-being. I strongly recommend including a handful of almonds in your daily diet for optimal health. They are incredibly versatile and can be easily added to breakfast bowls, salads, smoothies, or homemade energy bars—making for a simple yet powerful way to boost your daily protein intake."

The survey highlighted that more than 6 in 10 people across all regions recognize almonds as a high source of protein, and over 8 in 10 respondents

report consuming almonds daily, reinforcing almonds' popularity as a nutritious snack. It added that 47% of Indians cite almonds' high protein content as a key reason for consuming them, making it one of the top three motivators for almond consumption. This trend is particularly strong in the South (50%), followed by the West (47%), East (46%), and North (44%). While protein richness is a major factor driving almond consumption across all age groups, Gen-Zs place greater emphasis on almonds' benefits for skin health. In contrast, Millennials and Gen-X prioritize almonds for their protein content, with 56% selecting

protein richness as the primary reason to choose almonds over other snacks.

In addition to highlighting almonds' recognition as a high-protein snack, the findings underscored the following consumption patterns and regional trends:

Regional Preferences: Nearly 1 in 4 people in North India acknowledged muscle recovery as a key benefit of almond consumption, whereas in West India, nearly 1 in 3 people associated almonds with controlling hunger.

Talking about almond's role in muscle recovery, Ritika Samaddar, Regional Head – Dietetics, Max Healthcare, New Delhi, said, "Almonds make for a great addition to a daily diet. An ideal on-the-go snack, they are versatile, convenient, and can be consumed in various forms. Munching on a handful of almonds when hungry is a smart choice because its satiating properties can help keep hunger at bay. For fitness enthusiasts, almonds serve as an excellent pre- and post-workout snack. In fact, a study highlighted that almonds aid muscle recovery, reducing muscle soreness and improving muscle performance during intensive exercise – especially among mildly overweight or occasional exercisers. I always recommend almonds to my clients not only for its rich nutrient profile but also its wholesome benefits as a snack."

## CDSL IPF conducts Investment Awareness Program in Fatehabad educating students to be Atmanirbhar Investor

Fatehabad : CDSL Investor Protection Fund (CDSL IPF) organized an investment awareness program for students in Fatehabad, Haryana. The initiative was organized in GM Gurukul Academy, Thakar Basti Near Jiwan Hospital Fatehabad. The program focused on promoting financial literacy and empowered investors to make informed decisions regarding their investments in capital markets, while also delving into the core principles of investing. To ensure the initiative covered a wide audience, the program was conducted in Hindi and English languages. The speakers simplified investment concepts for the students, covering topics like Basics of Investment & Depository Services. As investor education plays a key role in achieving financial inclusion in the capital markets, CDSL IPF aims to provide investors with the knowledge and skills they need to navigate the complexities of the capital markets with confidence and be an #AtmanirbharInvestor. Committed to spreading financial literacy, CDSL IPF will continue to deliver more investor awareness programs nationwide this year.



## Tata Tea Premium Introduces Tata Tea Premium Care – Delicious Tea with goodness of Natural Ingredients

HARYANA : Tata Consumer Products Limited (TCPL) continues to innovate in the premiumization and wellness category, adapting to the evolving needs of today's consumers. Strengthening its commitment to quality and well-being, Tata Tea Premium, Desh Ki Chai introduces Tata Tea Premium Care—an expertly crafted blend with the natural goodness of Tulsi, Ginger, Brahmi, Elaichi, and Mulethi. Through its commitment to consumer-centric innovations, TCPL is redefining everyday beverages, transforming them into purposeful experiences that resonate with the preferences of modern consumers. Tata Tea Premium Care is a perfect blend of taste and wellness, crafted for India's love for strong chai with the added goodness of natural ingredients. Designed for consumers who seek a strong cup of tea, it seamlessly combines kadak chai with the benefits of natural ingredients. With trust and reliability at its core, this special blend is tailored for today's lifestyle. Speaking about the launch, Puneet Das, President - Packaged Beverages (India & South Asia), Tata Consumer Products, said, "Tata Tea Premium Care is a natural extension of our premiumization strategy. Indians have a strong emotional connect with tea, and with this new offering, we are elevating the everyday tea experience by incorporating the goodness of time-tested natural ingredients known for their wholesome goodness."



## Gautam Adani reflects on Maha Kumbh, recalls “special experience”



CHANDIGARH: Industrialist Gautam Adani shared his reflections on the Maha Kumbh Mela and expressed his gratitude for being able to serve lakhs of devotees at the religious gathering. While recalling his Prayagraj visit on 21 January, he wrote about an experience that was particularly special for him. "I still remember that emotional moment when I was distributing Aarti Sangrah in the camp of Gita Press near Lete Hanuman Temple

in Prayagraj. An old lady, about 80 years of age, came to me through the crowd and blessed me by placing her hand on my head. What I felt at that moment was beyond words – a deep spiritual touch, which I will cherish throughout my life. For me, service is not just an action, but a prayer resonating in my heart - a prayer that always keeps me grounded in humility and dedication," Gautam Adani wrote in the country's largest Hindi daily. During his visit with his family, Gautam Adani distributed Mahaprasad and Aarti Sangrah among the devotees at the Maha Kumbh. The Adani Group had joined hands with the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) to serve meals among devotees at the Maha Kumbh Mela. The Adani Group had also collaborated with Gita Press for the distribution of copies of Aarti Sangrah (a collection of hymns) among the devotees. Apart from this, free golf cart services were organised for the elderly, women and children at the Maha Kumbh.

## HDFC Life Launches Click 2 Achieve Par Advantage to Enable Dreams and Goals for Everyone

HDFC Life, one of India's leading life insurers, has launched its latest product HDFC Life Click 2 Achieve Par Advantage. This participating product has been designed keeping in mind milestones associated with the different life stages of an individual. As one continues to save for their growing aspirations/goals, it is observed that there is a preference for early liquidity (for short term needs), flexibility and financial security for the future. Speaking on the product launch, Aneesh Khanna – Head Products & Segments, HDFC Life, commented, "We, at HDFC Life, believe that life insurance products need to be designed to fit the specific needs of every individual, depending on their age, life stage, current income and future plans. Every individual dreams of a financially secure future for their loved ones and also of achieving goals such as buying a home, sending their children for higher education to a prestigious institute, etc. These dreams need long-term planning with an instrument that offers flexibility, liquidity and financial security. HDFC Life Click 2 Achieve Par Advantage has been designed to offer a solution to individuals who endeavour to create a better future and protect their dreams against uncertainties with a financial safety net."

## City Cost Accountant nominated to National Task force on New Income Tax Act, 2025

CHANDIGARH: Anil Sharma, practicing Cost Accountant from Chandigarh has been nominated to the national

task force constituted by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI) to give suggestions to Government of India (GOI) to make the new Income Tax Act, 2025 a simple and effective. New Income Tax Act, 2025 has been tabled in Parliament during Budget session-2025. Earlier, Sharma was also a member of the national Task Force under GST for 'Mission Karam Yogi' of GOI. Anil Sharma was Chairman of Northern Region,

comprising Nine states of North India, of the Institute during 2019-20 and a well known name in the CMA profession.

Sharma informed that the purpose of this task force is to give suggestions and recommendations to GOI to have a new Income Tax Act, 2025 simple, effective and user friendly. Task force will consult stakeholders across India and suggest to the GOI how an individual or salaried class can file its own return without consulting any tax consultant based on Annual Information Statement (AIS) and TDS details available at

Income Tax Portal. Sharma also mentioned that the task force will also see if TDS/TCS and Advance Tax provisions can be simplified further without impacting revenue collection. As most of the business transactions are digitally tracked nowadays, if provisions regarding tax audits, tax compliances of business and profession, capital Gains, income from other sources, valuation of perquisites etc can be simplified further. Task force will also attempt if provisions and rules to be made there under, can be drafted in simple language so that any businessman, MSME and other stakeholders can understand it without wrong interpretation.



## Taxmann to provide free access to CA Members for all module usage at CA Bhawan

CHANDIGARH: The Chandigarh Branch of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) has partnered with Taxmann, a leading publisher in taxation and corporate laws, to offer free access to its comprehensive resources for CA members at CA Bhawan, Sector 35. This initiative is a dedicated effort by Branch's Chairman CA Abhishek Singh Chauhan to benefit CA members by providing them with seamless access to crucial professional resources, further strengthening their knowledge base and practical application in their respective fields. Under this initiative, ICAI members can now access Taxmann's 'All Nine Modules,' covering key areas such as Direct and Indirect Tax Laws, Company Law, Accounting Standards, Auditing, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), SEBI Regulations, GST, and International Taxation. "By providing access to the latest legal updates, research materials, and practical insights, this facility will enhance the expertise of CA professionals, ensuring they remain well-equipped to navigate the evolving financial and regulatory landscape," said Chauhan



## LPU Hosts International Global Conference MUN 2.0



JALANDHAR (J S SODHI): Lovely Professional University (LPU) successfully hosted the second edition of the International Global Conference Model United Nations (IGC MUN 2.0), bringing together young leaders from South Africa, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Ghana, Kenya, and Tanzania. The three-day event featured five committees—AIPPM, IAEA, UNGA, UNSC, and International Press—where delegates debated critical global issues like the Waqf Amendment Bill 2024, cyber-biological threats, and the weaponization of emerging technologies. The conference concluded with a valedictory ceremony recognizing outstanding delegates, including Kishan Mohan (UNGA), Daniella Esther (UNSC), Rakshit Pathak (AIPPM), and Swastika Shree (IAEA). LPU Pro-Chancellor Dr. Rashmi Mittal emphasized the university's commitment to fostering leadership and global awareness. Delegates hailed the experience for enhancing analytical thinking and diplomatic skills.

## Skyscanner Launches New DROPS Feature, Makes Snagging Flight Deals Easier Than Ever

CHANDIGARH: Leading global travel app, Skyscanner, which scours more than 80 billion prices daily, has announced the launch of a new app-exclusive feature, DROPS, accessible to users in Hindi and English. Designed to inspire and help travellers find the best flight deals for their 2025 trips, travellers can discover flights that have seen price drops of over 20% compared to their lowest point in the last 7 days with this latest feature. According to Skyscanner's Travel Trends 2025 Report, cost remains a key factor for value-conscious Indians, with 62% stating that flight prices play a crucial role in their decision-making process. Skyscanner's new feature offers a smart way to discover and secure the best deals. By logging in to the Skyscanner app, travellers will automatically have access to new DROPS every day – a collection of flights from a nearby airport that have dropped in price by at least 20% or more, compared to the flight's lowest price point in the last 7 days. With Skyscanner relentlessly on the hunt for DROPS across the globe, travellers can feel confident they'll never miss a deal again.

## Salman Khan joins Mountain Dew as its latest brand ambassador

AMBALA / PANIPAT - Mountain Dew, PepsiCo India's bold and fearless beverage brand, is gearing up for summer with an exhilarating new campaign. We are thrilled to announce that Mountain Dew creates history by uniting Indian megastars - Salman Khan and Hrithik Roshan to embrace the spirit of Darr Ke Aage Jeet Hai—which means victory lies beyond fear. The duo features in a never-seen-before TVC that showcases that we can overcome any challenge that life throws our way through courage and camaraderie. Talking about the campaign, Akanksha Dalal, Category Lead, Mountain Dew, PepsiCo India said, "Mountain Dew embodies fearlessness, and this campaign takes that to the next level by showcasing the power of camaraderie. Courage grows when challenges are faced together, and that's something our audience truly connects with. Bringing Hrithik Roshan and Salman Khan together for the first time isn't just about their individual grit—it's about the exciting energy they create as a team."



In the previous episode of Mannat-Ik Sanjha Parivar, Mannat realized that joint family life isn't as perfect as she imagined. When she ordered food from outside and rejected her cooking, Reehan served it under Tina's name, and everyone loved it. Later, he revealed it was Mannat's food, leaving the family embarrassed. In today's episode, tensions rise as Navneet and Gulshan insult Mannat's mother, Teji, for bringing inex-

pensive gifts. They also humiliate Mannat, leaving Teji heartbroken. Unable to bear the mistreatment, Teji decides to take Mannat back home. However, Dadi steps in and apologizes. Will Dadi's apology change Teji's decision? Will Mannat stay or leave her in-laws' house? Don't miss the gripping drama in "Mannat-Ik Sanjha Parivar" every Mon-Sat at 8:00 pm only on Zee Punjab!

## Dabur Amla Celebrates the Strength of Indian Women at Maha Kumbh with 'Mazbooti ki Triveni' Campaign

NEW DELHI – Dabur Amla, the legendary brand synonymous with strong, nourished hair, has honoured the spirit of Indian women and their inspiring strength at the Kumbh Mela 2025. The sacred Triveni Sangam, where three rivers meet, serves as the perfect backdrop for Dabur Amla's new campaign, "Mazbooti ki Triveni," celebrating the powerful bond between tradition, unity, and strength. The "Mazbooti ki Triveni" campaign draws inspiration from the Triveni braid, a traditional three-knotted hairstyle that has become a symbol of resilience and unity. Just as the Triveni Sangam represents the harmonious meeting of three rivers, the Triveni braid is a symbol of strength born from unity. Dabur Amla, known for empowering women with strong, healthy hair, connects the enduring power of the Triveni braid to the inner strength of every Indian woman. "We are thrilled to showcase our campaign at the Kumbh Mela, one of India's largest gatherings that represents not just spirituality but the collective strength and unity of people," said Ankur Kumar, Head of Marketing, Dabur India Ltd. "Through 'Mazbooti ki Triveni,' Dabur Amla salutes the timeless tradition of the Triveni braid, which reflects the strength, beauty, and resilience of Indian women, just as our brand has always stood for nourishing and strengthening hair." The Kumbh Mela, held at the confluence of the sacred rivers, continues to serve as a profound symbol of unity and strength, and Dabur Amla's "Mazbooti ki Triveni" campaign aligns beautifully with the values celebrated at this iconic event. This unique initiative will further elevate Dabur Amla's mission of empowering women to embrace their natural beauty and strength. Pramod Sharma, NCD, Rediffusion: "At Rediffusion, we take immense pride in bringing to life campaigns that resonate with deep-rooted cultural symbols and values. The 'Mazbooti ki Triveni' campaign is a celebration of the strength that lies within every Indian woman. We are honored to have collaborated with Dabur Amla to create this meaningful activation at such a prestigious platform like the Kumbh Mela." Tarun Chaudhry, Executive Vice President, Rediffusion: "The Kumbh Mela is a gathering that brings together millions of people, united by their faith and the strength of their shared culture."



## India's Street-Smart EV just got more stylish: Introducing the MG COMET BLACKSTORM

JSW MG Motor India, the country's leading electric carmaker, has introduced the BLACKSTORM edition to the COMET EV portfolio, enhancing the style and appeal of India's Street-Smart EV. Launched at an ex-showroom price of INR 7.80L + Battery Rental @ INR 2.5/km, the COMET BLACKSTORM will be positioned as the top variant. Customers seeking a stylish and tech savvy city commuter, can now visit their nearest MG dealership and book the new MG COMET BLACKSTORM, by paying a sum of INR 11,000. The COMET BLACKSTORM exudes sophistication and style through its 'Starry Black' exteriors, that enhances the overall appeal of the car. The COMET EV nameplate is carved in dark chrome and INTERNET INSIDE emblem is finished in black, commanding attention from on-lookers. The black theme is carried over in the interiors with the word 'BLACKSTORM' embroidered in red on the leatherette seats, promising a premium experience. For the music aficionados, the company has now equipped the COMET BLACKSTORM with 4 speakers to make traffic congestions a little soothing. Under the hood, this new edition is equipped with a 17.4 kWh battery that supports fast-charging and delivers a certified range of 230 kilometres\*. Customers can further personalise their COMET BLACKSTORM with an exclusive accessory pack, including a unique badge, wheel cover, and optional styling elements like hood branding and skid plates.





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Sachin Tendulkar Foundation Kids share field with cricket greats at DY Patil Stadium for International Masters League

Navi Mumbai: Children of the Sachin Tendulkar Foundation's (STF) Sports for Development programs got an unique opportunity to observe cricket greats in action on the field, as per the release from International Masters League (IML). Their pride was visible as they walked out onto the field at DY Patil Stadium alongside the India Masters and England Masters teams and stood to attention next to Sachin Tendulkar as the National Anthem played. A battle of skill, strategy and cricketing nostalgia unfolded as the yesteryear cricketing stars assembled under the floodlights of a packed DY Patil Stadium here to witness the India Masters riding on an all-round brilliance to convincingly beat England Masters by 9 wickets in another enthralling International Masters League 2025 affair. India's hunt for 133 began with a vintage touch of the little master Sachin Tendulkar, slamming five boundaries and a six for his 34 off 21 deliveries to raise the tempo with a 75-run opening partnership in mere 7 overs with Gurkeerat Singh Mann, who was equally aggressive with an unbeaten 35-ball 63. The electric atmosphere at the stadium came to a brief standstill once Sachin made his way back to the pavilion, after being caught by Tim Ambrose off Chris Schofield, with the crowd, roaring just moments ago, falling into stunned silence. However, the arrival of the dangerous Yuvraj Singh changed the mood as he brought back the cheers, with a gigantic six over midwicket off the second ball he faced from the English leg-spinner. The southpaw seemed to be in a hurry to finish off things, smoking four boundaries to finish off on an unbeaten 14-ball 27, and more importantly stitched a 57-run undefeated stand with Gurkeerat to take India Masters home in just 11.4 overs. Earlier, the third match of the inaugural IML served up a classic as Sachin Tendulkar's India Masters invited Eoin Morgan's England Masters to bat after electing to field in the high-stakes battle.

Ricky Ponting hails Australia's performance in Champions Trophy despite missing pace trio

Melbourne: ICC Hall of famer Ricky Ponting believed that things are falling into place for Australia even without their trio of Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood. Speaking on The ICC Review, the former Australian captain was buoyed by the fact the Aussies' bowling brigade gained valuable tournament experience and were tested in the fashion that they were against England. "That could be really good for a team going forward. I was a little bit worried. But even though they had some injuries, every time Australia puts a team on the park, you know they're going to be very competitive," Ponting said as quoted by the ICC. "Winning a game like that when ... it might've been 75-25 probably in England's favour going into the second innings, to be able to pull off a win like that. That's the sort of thing at the start of a tournament that can do wonders for a team," the former Australian skipper added. Australia kickedstart their ICC Champions Trophy 2025 campaign in the most record-breaking way possible, with a century from Josh Inglis and his partnerships with Alex Carey and Glenn Maxwell powering them to a successful chase of 352 runs with five wickets to spare against England at Lahore on Sunday. This is the highest-ever run-chase in any ICC ODI event, outdining Pakistan's 345 against Sri Lanka at the 2023 Men's Cricket World Cup, and the highest-ever total in ICC Champions Trophy history.

Vidarbha's fightback: Malewar, Nair lead recovery on Day one of Ranji Trophy Final

Nagpur : At different stages of their careers, Danish Malewar and Karun Nair came together to script a remarkable Vidarbha fightback on the opening day of the Ranji Trophy final against first-time finalists Kerala in Nagpur, as per ESPNcricinfo. At just 21, Malewar is in his maiden season, having made a name for himself in his age-group cricket. At 33, Nair, a seasoned campaigner and two-time Ranji Trophy champion with Karnataka, is experiencing a resurgence in form that could even lead to an unexpected Test recall eight years after his last international appearance. On Wednesday, the duo combined for a 215-run fourth-wicket stand, dragging Vidarbha from 24/3 in the first hour to a commanding 254/4 by stumps. However, a moment of miscommunication saw Nair dismissed for 86--run out after Malewar hesitated while attempting to sneak a bye. Despite that setback, Vidarbha finished the day in control on a VCA Stadium pitch that flattened as the play progressed, leaving Kerala struggling to replicate the relentless bowling display they had showcased in the semi-final against Gujarat.



Zadran's record-breaking 177 powers Afghanistan to 325 against England

AGENCY LAHORE: Afghanistan opener Ibrahim Zadran scripted history with a sensational knock of 177 off 146 deliveries, the highest individual score in ICC Champions Trophy history, surpassing

England's Ben Duckett's 165. His record-breaking innings helped Afghanistan post a formidable 325/7 in 50 overs against England in their Group B clash in Lahore on Wednesday. Zadran not only became the first Afghan

player to score a century in the ICC Champions Trophy, but also the first Afghan batter to score a century in any ICC event, marking a monumental moment for his nation in global cricket. Winning the toss and opting to bat first,

Afghanistan faced early setbacks, but a resilient middle-order fightback led by Zadran helped them post a commanding total. England struck early, with Jofra Archer dismissing Rahmanullah Gurbaz (6) at 11/1. Things got worse when

Sediqullah Atal (4) and Rahmat Shah (4) fell cheaply, leaving Afghanistan reeling at 37/3. However, Zadran found an able partner in captain Hashmatullah Shahidi, who contributed 40 off 67 balls in a crucial 103-run stand.

Imran Khan laments Pakistan's early exit from Champions Trophy



ISLAMABAD : Following the team's exit from the ongoing ICC Champions Trophy 2025 campaign, World Cup-winning captain and former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan expressed his disappointment and said that cricket will be "destroyed" if "favourites" are put in decision-making positions. Hosts Pakistan, which got the opportunity to host an ICC tournament after a long gap of 29 years, was knocked out of the tournament in a matter of just 5

days, leaving the fans and supporters of the team massively disappointed. "Imran says cricket will be eventually destroyed when favourites are put in decision-making positions," Aleema Khan, sister of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder, told reporters, as quoted by Geo News. Pakistan's dreadful run in the ICC events continued after the defending champions lost two games on the trot in the group stage against New Zealand and India.

The Men in Green needed a favour from Bangladesh to stage a victory over New Zealand. However, on Monday, the relentless Kiwis took the Tigers down with a five-wicket win in Rawalpindi to seal their trip to the semi-finals with India. Imran Khan also raised questions about the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman, Mohsin Naqvi and said that whenever he comes to power, he makes a "mess" of it. "Imran Khan said that no one in Pakistan has as many positions as Mohsin Naqvi has. When Naqvi was appointed [Punjab] Chief Minister, he committed injustices. He is appointed interior minister, he again committed injustices. Whichever position he is appointed, he makes a mess of it," Aleema Khan said as quoted by The Express Tribune.

Jasprit Bumrah delighted on sweeping ICC honours

AGENCY DUBAI: India's star pacer Jasprit Bumrah expressed his delight after receiving Men's Cricketer Of The Year, Men's Test Player Of The Year and also being named in the Men's Test Team Of The Year and T20I Team Of The Year at the ICC Awards 2024. "It feels really good. As a child, I'd seen some of my childhood heroes win this (Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy) award. Always a privilege when you get such an honour," the 31-year-old pacer said after receiving his ICC Awards.



in my mind. Obviously, a lot of learnings in my mind in the year as well. We played a lot of Test cricket, we got to know a lot of different experiences, so yeah, I'm very happy and hopefully better things will follow." The premium pacer received his ICC honours ahead of India's much-anticipated Champions Trophy fixture against Pakistan.

While Bumrah was ruled out of the India squad owing to a back injury he sustained on the tour of Australia earlier this year, the pacer opened up on the return of his fellow pace compatriot, Mohammed Shami. The 34-year-old marked his return from a long-term injury and was a star in

India's opening win against Bangladesh, claiming a five-wicket haul. "I'm really happy for him (Shami). Obviously he's had an injury struggle for so long. It takes a toll. But he's been very happy and very positive. Looks good, he has the skill obviously, that will never go anywhere. The more he plays, the more confidence will come, and hopefully, he'll help the team go further," Bumrah said. Bumrah also expressed his excitement over the return of the Champions Trophy. "The atmosphere is brilliant. The excitement... this tournament is coming after a long time so the buzz is there. The start has been good. Hopefully, the matches will get even better, and the competition will be even more fierce," he concluded.

Gill consolidates No 1 position, Kohli re-enters top five of ICC ODI Batting Rankings



Dubai, Feb 26 (UNI) India opener Shubman Gill has consolidated his position atop the ICC Men's ODI Batting Rankings after playing a big role in his team qualifying for the semifinals of the ICC Men's Champions Trophy. Gill, who scored a match-winning 101 not out against

Bangladesh and 46 against Pakistan in Group A matches played in Dubai this past week, has gained 21 rating points and moved up to 817 rating points, increasing the gap with second-placed Babar Azam from 23 to 47 points. Virat Kohli's unbeaten 100 against Pakistan has helped

him overtake Daryl Mitchell of New Zealand to fifth position while KL Rahul has moved up two places to 15th position after notching an unbeaten 41 against Bangladesh. New Zealand batters Will Young (up eight places to 14th) and Tom Latham (up 11 places to 30th) have moved up after

scoring centuries against Pakistan while Rachin Ravindra's ton against Bangladesh has lifted him 18 places to 24th. Glenn Phillips is another Kiwi batter to gain, up 12 places to 28th position. Australia duo Alex Carey (up four places to 50th) and Josh Inglis (up 18 places to 81st), plus

Bangladesh's Towhid Hridoy (up 18 places to 64th) and Jaker Ali (up 64 places to 94th) have also

moved up in the latest weekly rankings update that considers performances till Tuesday.



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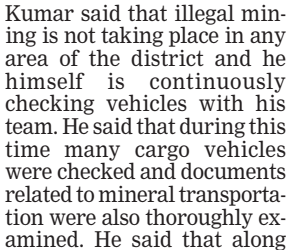


**CHANDIGARH:** Haryana Governor Sh. Bandaru Dattatraya along with his family prayed at the ancient temple of Saketi on the auspicious occasion of Mahashivratri and wished for happiness, prosperity and well-being for the people of the state.

While talking to mediapersons, the Governor said 67 crore people have taken bath in the Mahakumbh. It seems that the spirit of spirituality is increasing at the global level. This is a unique confluence in the world.

The Governor expressed hope that spiritual power will spread all over the world and India will once again emerge as a world leader for peace.

As per the instructions of Deputy Commissioner Parth Gupta, SDM Radour Narendra Kumar did checking at Triveni Chowk and Gumthala Nako. During the checking, officers of the Mining Department and Police Department were present. During this, he checked the staff attendance register, vehicle register and personally inspected many vehicles to check DL, RC, permit, e-Ravana and overload. He said that the Mining Department is fully alert and vigilant to ensure that there is no illegal mining in the district and mineral transportation is carried out following the prescribed rules with valid permits.



with checking all the goods vehicles, investigation was also done to check the amount of goods being carried in them and whether the bills were made according to the goods in the vehicle or not. During the investigation, no vehicle was found without a bill. He said that if anyone illegally mines sand and soil in

Yamuna, then strict action will be taken against him. Apart from this, if any complaint is received by the Mining Department regarding illegal sand and soil mining, then the inspection team of the department and the State Enforcement Bureau will take action against the concerned as per the rules.

As part of its Sheetal Jal Seva Abhiyan, the Bharat Vikas Parishad, Tarawari branch, inaugurated its 30th water cooler at the Shivpriya Crematorium. The ceremony began with prayers by Ragi Jathas from Sheeshganj Gurdwara.

erous benefactor who wished to remain anonymous. Before the inauguration, a Gur Ardas was performed by the priest from Sheeshganj Gurdwara. Midda expressed gratitude to the donor, emphasizing that providing cool drinking water is a noble act of service.

Parishad secretary Rakesh Hans highlighted the organization's various welfare initiatives, including Kanyadaan Shagun, Sheetal Jal Seva, distribution of school

uniforms, books, and warm clothing, food aid for underprivileged families, blood donation camps, tree plantation drives, cultural programs, scholarships for meritorious students, and ambulance services.

Present at the event were P.K. Bharadwaj, Jai Bharadwaj, Mohit Chaudhary, Deepak Goyal, Rakesh Hans, Sunny Booti, and other branch members.

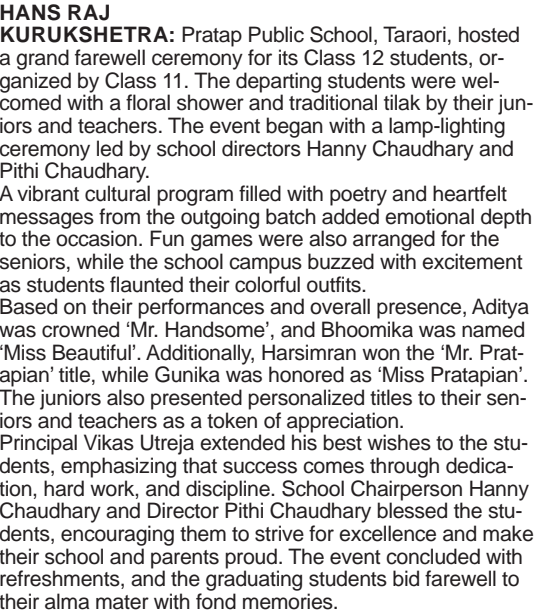
**KAITHAL:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Preeti has taken strict cognizance of the Haryana Roadways bus accident that occurred on February 24 on the Jakhauli-Kichchana Road. Notably, another bus accident had taken place on the same route just 20 days earlier. In response, the DC has directed the Public Works Department (PWD) to take immediate measures to improve road conditions.

A committee, led by the Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil), Kaithal, and including PWD officials, was formed to investigate the incident. The inquiry found that the accident occurred when the bus tire slipped from the paved road onto an unstable roadside berm. To prevent such incidents in the future, the DC has instructed PWD to repair all damaged berms on main roads and link roads in Kaithal district without delay. Additionally, all ongoing road construction projects must be completed promptly. The department has been directed to submit a compliance report to the DC's office within 15 days.

**KAITHAL:** With the upcoming municipal elections, District Election Officer and DC Preeti has urged all political parties and candidates to strictly adhere to the Model Code of Conduct. She emphasized the need for free, fair, and transparent elections and called for cooperation from all stakeholders.

The DC specifically warned against actions that could create divisions or tensions among communities, castes, or religions. She instructed that religious sites—including temples, mosques, churches, and gurdwaras—should not be used for election campaigns. Additionally, all parties and candidates must comply with the Prevention of Defacement of Public Property Act and refrain from placing flags, banners, or posters on private property without the owner's consent.

Campaigning will officially end at 6 PM on February 28. Any attempt to bribe, threaten, or unduly influence voters will result in strict legal action by the district administration and the State Election Commission. The DC also directed that political gatherings be held only at designated locations and urged candidates and their supporters to maintain harmony throughout the election process.



**KAITHAL:** District Election Officer and DC Preeti has reminded voters that they can cast their votes even if they do not have a Voter ID card. She encouraged residents to verify their names on the electoral rolls and participate actively in the municipal elections scheduled for March 2 in Siwan, Kalayat, and Pundri municipalities. Voters can present alternative identification documents, including: • Driving license, • PAN card, • Employee photo ID issued by government etc.



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