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Budget session set for showdown; Waqf bill top priority for govt

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NEW DELHI, MAR 9

Parliament's Budget session resumes on Monday amid indications of an 'EPIC' showdown between the government and the opposition which is planning to raise issues such as the alleged manipulation of electoral rolls, the fresh bout of violence in Manipur and India's handling of the Trump administration.

The focus of the government will be on getting Parliament nod for the demands for grants, completion of the budgetary process, seeking approval for the Manipur budget and passage of the Waqf Amendment Bill.

Home Minister Amit Shah is expected to move a statutory resolution seeking Parliament approval for the proclamation of President's Rule in Manipur.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is also scheduled to table the budget for Manipur on Monday. Manipur has been under President's Rule since February 13 after the resignation of Chief Minister N Biren Singh.

The opposition said it is set to corner the government over the issue of duplicate Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC) numbers.

The Trinamool Congress has taken the lead in flagging the issue, following which the Election Commission declared that it would take corrective measures within the next three months.

The Election Commission had rejected the Trinamool Congress claim that the voter lists were manipulated to allow voters from other states to exercise their franchise in West Bengal.



The poll body also made it clear that while the EPIC numbers of some voters "may be identical", other details such as demographic information, Assembly constituency and polling booth are different.

Trinamool Congress leaders are meeting the Election Commission on Monday and have also rallied other opposition parties, including the Congress, DMK, Shiv Sena-UBT, to raise the issue in both Houses of Parliament during the second part of the Budget session. For the government, the early passage of the Waqf Amendment Bill is a priority. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said at the India Today Conclave last week that the government is keen on the early passage of the Waqf Amendment Bill as it will solve many issues of the Muslim community. A Joint Committee of Parliament submitted its report on the bill in the Lok Sabha amid vociferous protests by the opposition. Issues such as the fresh violence in Manipur, the threat of reciprocal tariffs by US President Donald Trump, the political furore over the delimitation of parliamentary constituencies are also expected to find an echo in Parliament. Congress leader Jairam Ramesh has said the opposition INDIA bloc leaders will hold "extensive consultation" to jointly oppose the Waqf bill. Ramesh also said the Congress will also keep raising the issue of irregularities in the election process, alleging that elections are "no longer free and fair" and are being "masterminded and orchestrated".

NEWS BRIEFS

India strongly condemns vandalism at California Hindu temple

NEW DELHI: India today strongly condemned the vandalism at a Hindu temple in California, and called upon the local law enforcement authorities to take stringent action against those responsible. The Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in a statement: "We have seen reports regarding the vandalism at a Hindu temple in Chino Hills, California. "We condemn such despicable acts in the strongest terms. "We call upon the local law enforcement authorities to take stringent action against those responsible for these acts, and also ensure adequate security to places of worship."

Sheena Bora murder case trial to resume from March 10

MUMBAI: The trial in the sensational Sheena Bora murder case will resume on Monday (March 10) after a brief break of over five months.
As per the directive of the Bombay High Court, the session court in Mumbai will conduct the trial on a day-to-day basis.
So far the prosecution has examined 93 witnesses till November 2024. Thereafter, the special judge was transferred, bringing the trial to a standstill.

Wanted criminal killed in encounter with Mathura police

MATHURA : A wanted criminal carrying a cash reward of Rs 1 lakh on his arrest was killed in an encounter with the police in Highway area of Mathura district here in Uttar Pradesh on Sunday, police sources said here.
Police sources said that the Mathura police, led by Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Shailendra Pandey, had an encounter with Fati alias Kadeem .

India win thriller to clinch third Champions Trophy title



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India has once again made history by winning the ICC Champions Trophy for the third time. In an exciting final against New Zealand, India displayed skill, resilience, and teamwork to claim victory. Chasing 252 runs, India reached 252/6. This triumph further establishes India as a dominant force in world cricket.

Earlier, the mounting pressure from dot balls led to Rohit Sharma's dismissal for 76.

Shubman Gill was dismissed by Mitchell Santner, while Michael Bracewell accounted for Virat Kohli's wicket. Rachin Ravindra took the crucial scalp of Rohit Sharma.

KL Rahul and Axar Patel are at the crease, as India look to navigate this tricky phase of play without further setbacks. Earlier, Indian spinners dominated the game restricting New Zealand to 251 for 7 in 50 overs. Kuldeep Yadav (2/40) and Varun Chakravarthy (2/45) led the attack, while Ravindra Jadeja and Mohammed Shami picked up a wicket each after New Zealand captain Mitchell Santner opted to bat first. Daryl Mitchell (63 off 101) and Michael Bracewell (53 off 40) played crucial knocks, guiding the Blackcaps through a tricky middle phase. Despite a strong start at 69 for 1 in 10 overs, New Zealand struggled to maintain momentum against India's spinners.

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CM honours Padma Shri awardee Dr. Sant Ram Deswal and paralympic gold medalist Harvinder

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MAR 9

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini met Padma Shri awardee and renowned author, Dr. Sant Ram Deswal and Paralympic gold medalist, Sh. Harvinder Singh at his residence, Sant Kabir Kutir, on Sunday. Both awardees were accompanied by their families as well.



On this occasion, the Chief Minister honoured, Dr. Sant Ram Deswal and Sh. Harvinder Singh by presenting them with a shawl and a memento. He congratulated them on receiving the prestigious Padma Shri award and extended his best wishes to them. The Chief Minister's wife, Smt. Suman Saini who was also present on this occasion congratulated them for receiving Padma Shri award.

Notably, Dr. Sant Ram Deswal is a well-known scholar of Haryanvi folk literature as well as Hindi literature. He is recognized as a guardian of Haryana's folk language, culture, and literature. Dr. Deswal 's life has been dedicated to promoting Haryanvi folk culture, literature, Hindi literature, education, journalism, editing, research, guidance, and social service.

Sh. Harvinder Singh is a para-archer and the first Indian para-archer to win historic medals for India in both the Paralympics and the Asian Para Games. In recognition of his outstanding achievements in para-archery, he received the prestigious 'Arjuna Award' in 2021. The Haryana government also honoured him with the 'Bhim Award' in 2022.



Budget session to be challenging for Sukhu, Jairam, and top bureaucrats

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SHIMLA, MAR 9



The Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly's Budget Session, set to commence on Monday, is expected to be personally challenging for certain individuals. Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh, Leader of the Opposition Jairam Thakur, and the top bureaucrats will all have to be accountable for their roles during the session. While the leaders are expected to be aggressive in their approach, the focus will also be on the responses given by the bureaucracy, particularly in light of the government's deteriorating financial condition.

Speaker Kuldeep Pathania, sensing the atmosphere, has strategically kept the session short and slightly delayed. Given his extensive political experience, he will play a key role in managing the government's potentially difficult position.

LOP's Role in the Budget Session – A Key Focus

The role of the Leader of the Opposition (LOP) will be a central theme of the session. Jairam Thakur will have to adopt an aggressive stance, especially since internal discussions within the BJP regarding a leadership change are underway. There have been murmurs within the party that Jairam has not been as aggressive as other BJP leaders, a perception that previously put him in a tough spot.

During BJP National President J.P. Nadda's recent visit to Bilaspur, internal lobbying within the party was evident, with leaders of all levels actively engaging in discussions. Speculation is also rife that Rajeev Bindal's tenure as BJP state president could be extended by another three years. In such a scenario, Jairam will be compelled to go all out against the government during the session. If Bindal continues as party president, Jairam will face internal competition for his position as LOP.

Meanwhile, Rajeev Bindal will have to project himself as a strong party leader outside the Assembly. This explains Jairam Thakur's recent meeting with the Governor. His responsibility now is to push the BJP's agenda both inside and outside the Assembly. Given these dynamics, the session is expected to be highly aggressive.



A crucial aspect to watch is how many BJP MLAs, from a party currently divided into multiple factions, will align with Jairam's approach in the Assembly. Many within the party are eyeing either the LOP or state president positions.

Questions Raised in the Assembly – Lack of Focus on Major Issues

An analysis of the questions submitted for the session reveals that most MLAs have raised concerns specific to their constituencies, with little attention given to broader state-level issues. Some questions appear strategically designed to target political opponents rather than focusing on governance.

Bureaucracy Under the Scanner

This session will also put the spotlight on top bureaucrats. Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena is set to retire this month and has already applied for the position of Chairman in the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA).

During the session, he will appear for an interview before the Chief Justice of the Himachal High Court and his junior officer, Secretary Devesh Kumar Additionally, CIC Chairman and former Chief Secretary R D. Dhiman will also be undergoing interviews, along with several other serving and retired bureaucrats.

The competition for the next Chief Secretary position will also play a role in shaping the session's proceedings. Among the frontrunners are Omkar Sharma, Sanjay Gupta, and K.K. Pant. Whom CM Sukhu ultimately selects could become a significant development during the session. Amid bureaucratic maneuvering, even promotee IAS officers from the HAS (Himachal Administrative Service) cadre are being considered as a possible alternative to run the administration.

Historically, many retiring Chief Secretaries have sought reappointments in new roles. It remains to be seen how they respond to the opposition's likely attack on the government's financial mismanagement while keeping their post-retirement ambitions in mind.

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I Gurmail Kaur D/o Ujagar Singh W/o Saroop Singh R/o Bhajauli, PO. Allahpur, Distt. SAS Nagar (Mohali) have changed my name from Gurmail Kaur to Jaspal Kaur.

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I Sukhvir Singh Billing S/o Bhupinder Singh R/o Bhalwan (sangrur) Pb., Have Changed My Name From Sukhvir Singh Billing To Sukhvir Singh .

900019



LOST & FOUND

I, Kanwaljit Kaur W/o Gurcharan Singh Brar R/o H.No. 780 phase -6 mohali, sector -56 (S.A.S Nagar) Punjab , declare that my conveyance Deed of plot No. 1145 , Block - B sector - 6, 200 sq ya , Ecocity - 1 New Chandigarh has been lost in Panjab University sector -14 market dated 13 - 02 - 2025. If anybody found then contact at my above address/Mobile no 7340975757

63372

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, HARSH S/o Om PARKASH R/o Bharna Kalan, Teh. Chata, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh declare that name of my father and my mother has been wrongly written as Radhamohan and Kamlesh in my CBSE class 10th marksheet The actual name of my father and mother is OM PARKASH and SHRI MATI which may be amended accordingly
It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection

90002

It is general information that I Vedangi Gupta D/O Nitin Gupta residing at H.No. 1369,Sector-4,Krishna niwas, Main Bazar Near Post Office Mubarakpur SAS Nagar (Mohali) Punjab 140201 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Vedangi in my CBSE Class 10thMarksheet. The actual name of mine is Vedangi Gupta Which may be amended accordingly. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection

90002

It is for general information that I, MANISH KHATKAR S/o SATBIR, residing at 237, Khatkar Patti, Badhana (55) jind Haryana 126125, declare that name of mine and my mother has been wrongly written as MANISH and KRISHANA in my CBSE 10th&12th Class mark sheet The actual name of mine and my mother are MANISH KHATKAR and KRISHNA, which may be amended accordingly. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection

90002

It is general information that I VIRENDER SINGH TOMAR S/O JAGDEV SINGH TOMAR Residing at # 24/20,8 Marla colony, Panipat Post Office Panipat DIST.Panipat Haryana 132103 India declare that name of mine, my wife and my daughter has been wrongly written as VIRENDER SINGH , MONIKA and NAVYA in my minor daughter aged 16 years in her CBSE Class 10th marksheet The actual name of mine, my wife and my daughter are VIRENDER SINGH TOMAR, MONIKA TOMAR and NAVYA TOMAR may be amended accordingly . It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection

90002

I Harman Singh son of Bakhshish Singh resident of V.P.O Lakhan ke Padde , Tehsil Dhilwan, District Kapurthala have changed my name from HARMAN SINGH TO SINGH HARMAN. Now I may be known by my new name Singh Harman.

98706

I Anil Malhotra s/o Chaman Lal Malhotra r/o H.No 15, Guru Ram Dass Nagar, Santokhpura, Jalandhar-144004, Certified both names Chaman Lal Malhotra as well as Chaman Lal is one and same. All concerned please note.

900026

I , Chander Mohan S/o Prem Chand Jain R/o Hno. 432/19 , Mohalla Sarogian , Chandana Gate , Kaithal (haryana) Have Changed My Name From Chander Mohan To Chander Mohan Jain. Concerned Please Note.

84451

PUBLIC NOTICE

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



Subject:-Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 3159, Sector 28, Chandigarh (RPL 17265) to the extent of 100% share on the basis of Registered Will of Late Kaushalya Aggarwal.

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Smt. Kaushalya Aggarwal is the Ownerlessee Of RESIDENTIAL Site No. 3159, Sector 28, Chandigarh to the extent of 100% Share. It has been informed by Satinder Garg, Navdeep G Singh that Smt. Kaushalya Aggarwal expired on 16/08/2021 and they have also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner/ lessee:- (1) Satinder Garg (Son) (2) Neelam (Daughter) (3) Navdeep G Singh (Son). Now, Satinder Garg, Navdeep G Singh have applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of RESIDENTIAL Site No.3159, Sector 28, Chandigarh to the extent of 100% Share held by Late Kaushalya Aggarwal in their favour, on the basis of Registered Will dated 28/01/2014. If anybody has any information about any other legal heir(s) of the deceased other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh, immediately. If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property, in favour of the above named applicants, he/she/they may furnish the same in writing (supported with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate/Notary) in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiaries and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Sham Lal S/o Sh. Prem Chand R/o Village Singhpura, Tehsil Kharar and Dissti Mohali,Punjab,Pin-140103,My Son Deena Nath and His Wife Rita is not Under My Control. I Disinherit From My All Movable or Immovable Property. Anybody dealing With Them At Their Own Risk.

100071

I, Janki spouse of No. JC-770821Y, Sub Shiv Datt R/o Vill: Khairola Po. Bhimtal Distt. Nainital Uttarakhand-263136, I declared my true and correct date of birth 20-07-1981 as affidavit before the notary Public Bathinda City, vide affidavit No. IN-PB14302608931673X dated 08 Mar, 2025.

63372

We Dalwinder kumar sharma & Baldev krishan resident of Farid Nagar Rampura phul,Distt. Bathinda & Bal Krishan,Anand Nagar Tirpri Patiala Declared All That Our Father(late) has been known as Kabir Singh till Now. We Clear that Our Father'S Name is Kamir Singh Instead Of Kabir Singh. Be Note.

63372

I, Army No. 7431675W, Rank: Hav. Saneesh KG, Residing at Kambiyil House Mamalakkandom, P.o. Mamalakkandom ERNAKULAM, State- KERALA, Hereby declare That In My Service .Record, My Son Name Wrongly Entered As Vihaan Saneesh Instead of Right Name as Rishith Saneesh, Kindly Correct It.

63372

I, HAV SOMLAL (RETD) son Late Sh. Devi Dayal Resident Of VPO Surajpur Teh Kalka District Panchkula That Mamta Rani Is My Legally Wedded Wife That Her Correct D.O.B 08.10.1956 Where Un Army Record Of My Wife D.O.B Is Mentioned As 30.6.1960 That Her D.O.B Is Mentioned As 08.10.1956 On Her Aadhar Number 30779048-2270 And Her Pan AWUPR9639N

989666

I, SREEJITH son of Service No. 1374266W Rank NK Name PRAKASH KUMAR C S R/O Sreeshylam, Gandhinagar, perumbaikadu, Kottayam, Kerala, PIN 686008 have changed my name from SREEJITH to SREEJITH S P vide affidavit dated 08.03.2025 before Notary Public Distt Courts Bathinda

100078

I, SRUTHI Daughter of Service No. 1374266W Rank NK Name PRAKASH KUMAR C S R/O Sreeshylam, Gandhinagar, perumbaikadu, Kottayam, Kerala, PIN 686008 have changed my name from SRUTHI to SRUTHY PRAKASH vide affidavit dated 08.03.2025 before Notary Public Distt Courts Bathinda

100078

I, SWARNALATHA M S wife of Service No. 1374266W Rank NK Name PRAKASH KUMAR C S R/O Sreeshylam, Gandhinagar, perumbaikadu, Kottayam, Kerala, PIN 686008 have changed my Name from SWARNALATHA M S to SWARNALETHA M S vide affidavit dated 08.03.2025 before Notary Public Distt Courts Bathinda

100078

I Jyoti Kumari W/o Pradyumn Kumar Rai R/o OP 22/4, Khetrapal Enclave, Bathinda Cantt, Bathinda have changed my name to Jyoti Rai

100078

PUBLIC NOTICE

Original sale deed no. 1346 dated 22.05.2013 executed by Paramjit Kaur w/o Gurmail Singh s/o Darbara Singh in favour of Charanjit Kaur w/o Kewal Singh s/o Banarasi Singh and Original sale deed no. 7842 dated 21.08.2008 executed in favour of Paramjit Kaur w/o Gurmail Singh s/o Darbara Singh, regarding Property measuring 71 Sq. Yards i.e. 01,2/5 Biswas, being 1,2/5/66 share of land measuring 03 Bigha 06 Biswas, comprised in Khasra No. 4917 min (3-6), Khewat/Khatuani No. 2371/11112, as per Jamabandi for the year 2017-2018 of Patti Jhutti, Bathinda and situated at Street No. 12/8, Near Baba Balak Nath Mandir, Paras Ram Nagar, Bathinda and having boundaries (As per Title Deed) as under:- East: 43' House of Somnath, West: 43' Vacant Plot of Lachman Singh, North: 14'-6" Street 18' Wide and South: 15'-6" Vacant Plot, currently owned by Harbans Singh s/o Mukhtiar Singh s/o Sham Singh, is lost and not mortgaged with any Bank or Financial Institution, in that regard DDR bearing No. __576627/2025____ dated 09:03.2025 has been got registered. Anybody having objection regarding mortgage of property with Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd., Bathinda, may respond or raise objection within 14 Days, to Sh. Deepak Dass Advocate, Mob. No. 94784-35270.

50008

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Kamala Devi is legally Mother of Army No.3003877P, Rank Hav. Name Mahendra Pratap Singh of (Unit) 21 Rajput, C/o 56 APO, Residing at Vill. Puraihar, Post Gazipur, Distt. Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh 209401, have changed my name from Kamala Devi To Kamla Devi Urf Kamla Kunwar and DOB from 01/07/1952 To 01/01/1952. Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB14098680715282X dated 07/03/2025 before Notary.

63372

I, Sarnam Singh, is legally father of Army No.3003877P, Rank Hav Name Mahendre Pratap Singh of (Unit) 21 Rajput C/O 56 APO, Residing at Vill. Puraihar, Post Gazipur, Distt. Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh 209401, have changed my date of birth from 01/07/1947 ?? 01/01/1946. Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB14104008406582X Dated 07/03/2025 before notary.

63372

I, No. 3003877P, Rank Hav. Name Mahendra Pratap Singh, of 21 Rajput, C/o 56 APO, is legally father of Sharthak Singh, Residing at Vill. Puraihar, Post Gazipur, Distt. Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh 209401, have changed my son's name from Sharthak Singh TO Sarthak Singh. Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB14099982750869X Dated 07/03/2025 before Notary.

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I, Rupinder Kaur Grewal W/o Gurpal Singh Brar R/o Village Arayanwala Kalan, Distt Faridkot Have Changed My Name Rupinder Kaur

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I, Mrs. Suneeta Kashyap, wife of Shri Havaldar Shishupal Singh, resident of H.No. 109/12, Rajiv Enclave Near 100 Fita Road, Bareilly, hereby state that the affiant serves in 311 Medium Regiment, Amritsar. The name of my affiant is recorded as Sunita in the government records, which is wrong. My correct name is Suneeta Kashyap.

72737

I, Gagandeep Bhatti W/o Rajdeep Singh R/o H.No. 333 Kothe Bambihe Wale Fatehgarh (Faridkot) Pb, have changed my name to Gagandeep.

63372

I, Gagandeep S/o Balraj R/o Vpo Kahma, Teh-Nawanshahr Distt.SBS Nagar, 144512 Punjab have change my name Gagandeep to Gagandeep Kumar.

63372

I Gurpal Singh Bangarh S/o Pritam Singh R/o H.No. CW9/764, St.No.1 Mohalla Prince Enclave Nawanshahr Distt SBS Nagar Pb have changed my name from Gurpal Singh Bangarh to Gurpal Singh.

63372

I Mohinderjit Kaur Bangarh W/o Gurpal Singh R/o H.No. CW9/764, St.No.1 Mohalla Prince Enclave Nawanshahr Distt SBS Nagar Pb have changed my name from Mohinderjit Kaur Bangarh to Mohinderjit Kaur.

63372

I Gaurav S/o Satnam Singh R/o Vpo Raipur Dabba Tehsil Aur Distt Sbs Nagar Have Changed My Name From Gaurav to Gaurav Nagi.

63372

I Harpreet Kumar S/O Lamber Singh Vpo Ghataron District SBS Nagar Have Changed My Name Harpreet Kumar To Kumar Harpreet.

63372

I, Kiran Kaur W/O Karnail Singh R/O Village Khanpur Tehsil & Distt. Malerkotla, Have Changed My Name Kiran Kaur To Kiranpal Kaur.

63372

PUBLIC NOTICE

ਮੈ, ਮੋਹਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਗੋਂਦਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਮਕਾਨ ਨੰਬਰ 14233 ਗਲੀ ਨੰ-2 ਗੁਰੂ ਗੋਬਿੰਦ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਗਰ, ਟਿੱਬਾ ਰੋਡ, ਬਸਤੀ ਜੋਧੇਵਾਲ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਜਤਿੰਦਰ ਹੈਪੀ ਤੇ ਇਸਦੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਰੇਖਾ ਤੇ ਉਹਨਾ ਦੇ ਲੜਕੇ ਸਾਹਿਲ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਸਾਰੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਨ। ਮੈਂ ਇਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਇਨਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਮੇਰਾ ਜਾਂ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਤਾਲੁਕ ਵਾ ਵਾਸਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

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ਮੈਂ, ਗੁਰਲਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸੁਰਜਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਮੇਘਾ ਪੰਜ ਗਰਾਈ ਹਿਠਾੜ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਗੁਰੂਹਰਸਹਾਇ ਜਿਲਾ ਫਿਰੋਜ਼ਪੁਰ ਸੂਚਿਤ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਸੁਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੇਰੇ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰਿਕ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ ਇਸ ਲਈ ਮੈਂ ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚਲ-ਅਚਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਭਵਿੱਖ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਸ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਆਪ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ ਮੇਰੀ ਜਾ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਪਰਿਵਾਰਿਕ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਦੀ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ, ਸਬੰਧਿਤ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਨ

98706

I, Sureet W/o Prachet Sahni R/o H.No. 1283 Krishna Nagar St.No.1, Khanna, have changed my name to Sureet Sahni, All Concerned Should Take Note.

63372

I, Gurwinder Singh Sidhu S/o Gurnam Singh R/o Vill: Dola Singhwala Teh-Sunam (Sangrur) have changed my name to Gurwinder Singh.

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I, Kuldeep Kaur Sidhu W/o Gurwinder Singh R/o Vill: Dola Singhwala Teh-Sunam (Sangrur) have changed my name to Kuldeep Kaur.

63372

I, Rafi S/o Yusuf S/o Hasandeep R/o Village Herian (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Muhammad Rafik S/o Yusuf S/o Hasandeep.

63372

I, Inderjit S/o Kharati Ram R/o Mohalla Jangra Teh-Phillaur Nurmahal (Jalandhar) have changed my name to Inder Jeet.

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I, Sonia W/o Inder Jeet R/o Mohalla Jangra Teh-Phillaur Nurmahal (Jalandhar) have changed my name to Sonia Jangra.

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I, Kanwar Rajpal Singh Jakhed S/o Baldev Singh R/o 65-A HBN Sunrise Colony Mansa Road Near Jassi (Bathinda) have changed my name to Kanwar Rajpal Singh Jhakhar.

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I, Daljit Singh S/o Hans Raj Singh R/o Vill. Mandala Chhana, Tehsil Shahkot, Distt. Jalandhar, Have Changed My Name Daljit Singh to Daljeet Singh.

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I Nirbhai Singh Bhullar S/O Labh Singh R/O H.No.185, Kotra Kaura Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Nirbhai Singh.

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I, Gurvinder Singh S/O Gurdev Singh R/O Vill Moron Tehsil Phillaur Distt Jalandhar Have Changed My Name From Gurvinder Singh To Gurwinder Singh.

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I Gaurav S/O Satnam Singh R/O Vpo Raipur Dabba Tehsil Aur Distt SBS Nagar Have Changed My Name From Gaurav to Gaurav Nagi.

63372

I, Tanvir Singh S/o Jagdev Singh R/o Mutton (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Tanvir Singh Chatha.

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I, Manjit Kaur W/o Satinder Singh Kandola R/o Vill: Musapur (SBS Nagar) have changed my name to Manjit Kaur Kandola.

63372

I, Harshpinder Singh Pandher S/o Balwinder Singh R/o Village Jhamat, Tehsil Payal, Distt: Ludhiana (Punjab) Have Changed My Name Harshpinder Singh.

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I Pupinder Kaur D/O Bachan Singh W/O Amarjit Singh Vpo-saharan Majra, Teh.Payal Distt. Ludhiana have Changed my Name Bhupinder Kaur.

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I, Mohammad Sharif S/O Mohd Yousaf R/O Mohalla Maler, Gujran Wala, Malerkotla, Distt. Malerkotla have changed my name to Mohd Sharif.

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I, Balbir Singh S/o Baldev Singh R/o Vpo Lasara, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt Jalandhar, Punjab, has changed my name Balvir Singh to Balbir Singh.

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I, Inderjeet Singh Jassal S/o Harjinder Singh R/o #27678, Street No. 21, Lal Singh Basti, Bathinda Have changed my name to Inderjeet Singh.

63372

I, Kamal Kumar S/o Kewal Krishan R/o Ram Nagar Colony Near Banarsi Cement Achli Gate Batala Teh-Batala (Gurdaspur) have changed my name from Kamal Kumar to Kamal Kishore.

63372

I Gulshan S/o Hans Raj R/o Mohalla Prem Nagar Qadian Teh. Batala, Dist. Gurdaspur Have Changed My Name Gulshan to Gulshan Kumar.

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I, Omvir S/O Kanta Parshad R/O Vpo Sahlon Tehsil Aur Distt Sbs Nagar Have Changed My Name From Omvir To Omvir Verma.

63372

I, Prince S/O Sudhir, R/o Bhadani (94), Jhajjar, Haryana-124104, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Prince Sehrawat.

63372

I, Deepak Chopra S/O Suresh Chopra, R/o 878-A/24,Circular Road, Geeta Colony, Rohtak, Haryana- 124001, I have changed the name of my minor daughter Delisha aged about 16 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Delisha Chopra.

63372

I, Devinder Kumar S/O Swaran Parkash , R/o Udarsi (406), Kusushetra, Haryana- 136119, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Devender Kumar.

63372

I, Rajni Kant, W/O Lovepreet Garg R/o House No. 3147, Street No. 9, New Tagore Nagar, Haibowal Kalan, Ludhiana, Punjab-141001. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Rajni Garg.

63372

I, Biro D/O Mange Ram, R/o Chhainasa (202), Faridabad, Haryana- 121004. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Trishna.

63372

I, Sumit Chhabra S/O Satish Kumar, R/o New Colony Extension Part-2, Palwal, Haryana- 121102, I have changed the name of my minor daughter Sejal aged about 7 years and He shall hereafter be known as Sanvi Chhabra.

63372

I, Ajeet Thakur S/O Vidyanand Thakur, R/o Gali No-1, Rishikunj Colony, Devru Road, Sonipat, Haryana-131001, I have changed the name of my minor Son Venkatesh Ajit aged about 7 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Abhijit Thakur.

63372

I, Sushina, W/O Ramehar R/o 16, Nandnaur (23), Asadpur, Nandnpur, Sonipat, Haryana-131207. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sheela.

63372

I, Amandeep Singh S/O Gurdip Singh, R/o Ward No 7, H. No 419, Dashmesh Nagar, Bhogpur, Jalandhar, Punjab-144201, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Singh Amandeep.

63372

I, Gurpreet Dass S/O Joginder Singh, R/o Sheikhuwas, Ramgarh, Sandhuan, Sangrur, Punjab- 148031, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Gurpreet Singh.

63372

I, Sher Singh S/O Jagdish Yadav, R/o Berli, Kalan (310), Rewari, Haryana- 123401, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sher Singh Khola.

63372

I, Kulvinder Kaur, W/O Ajit Singh R/o 6A, Model Town, Near Batra, Dharamshala, Fatehbad, Haryana- 125050. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Balwinder Kaur.

63372

I, Samina W/o Kiran Pal R/o 32/513, Moh. Kacha Kot, Basti Peer Dad Road, Jalandhar have changed my name to Samina Samina.

63372

I, Suminder Paul S/o Juginder Paul R/o Village Sehjhangi, PO. Basti Guzan, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab, India have changed my name from Suminder Paul to Suminder Singh.

63372

I, Amarjeet s/o Raj Pal resident of Vill. Bhangala, PO Jandiala,Tehsil Phillaur, Distt.Jalandhar (Pb.)-144033, have changed my name from Amarjeet to Amarjit. All concerned note please.

461257

I, Devrat S/O Om Parkash R/O Saheed Babu Labh Singh Nagar, Gulab Devi Road, Jalandhar 144013, Punjab, India have changed my name from Devrat to Devrat Malhotra (Malhotra as surname). All concern may note.

461257

I hitherto known as PRACHI D/O RAVI GARG residing at # 1350 Godia press wali gali muktsar Sri Muktsar Sahib 152026 Punjab Have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as PRACHI GARG. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection

90002

I hitherto known as SHIVANI ARYA D/o S P ARYA and W/o SUNNY ARORA Residing at House No. 97, Time Tower City, Back Side Classic Hotel, Sangrur, District Sangrur, Punjab-148001, India, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SHIVANI ARORA .It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection

90002

I hitherto known as Amarjit Kaur Amarjeet Kaur alias Amarjeet Kaur Malhotra D/O Balwant Singh W/O Gurcharan Singh residing at # 6 J57, Jawahar Nagar Sri Ganganagar Rajasthan 335001 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Amarjeet Kaur Malhotra.It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection

90002

I hitherto known as SARBJIT SINGH S/O JOGINDER SINGH residing at HO. NO. 7622, Namdev Nagar Street No. 4 Sri Muktsar Sahib Punjab 152026 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SARBJIT SINGH PURBA. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection

90002

I, Dawinder kaur W/o Ranjit Singh R/o Puhla road vpo bhikhiwind distt tarn taran Punjab have change my name to Davinder kaur

72737

I, Mohit Kumar S/o Vijay Kumar R/o H.no. 319, Wadala Village, Jalandhar - 144003, Punjab Have Changed My Name From Mohit Kumar To Mohit Kumar Bangar. All Note.

461257

I Harman Singh son of Bakhshish Singh resident of V.P.O Lakhan ke Padde , Tehsil Dhilwan, District Kapurthala have changed my name from HARMAN SINGH TO SINGH HARMAN. Now I may be known by my new name Singh Harman.

98706

I Nathu Ram s/o Sh. Ram Lal Vill. Jundla Distt. Karnal (Haryana) Decalared That I Have Changed My Name from Nathu Ram To Ram Nath So In Future known Me Name By Ram Nath

100046

I, MD AYNAL HOSSAIN KHAN legally father of MD SABIR HOSSAIN KHAN presently residing at Serpur Dhapdhapi Baruipur Serpur Dhapdhapi South 24 Parganas (West Bengal) 743387 have changed my name from MD AYNAL HOSSAIN KHAN to AYNAL KHAN vide affidavit dated 04-03-2025 before Notary Public at Ferozepur.

900023

I, MANIKJUN BIBI legally mother of MD SABIR HOSSAIN KHAN presently residing at Dhapdhapi Serpur Dhapdhapi Baruipur South 24 Parganas (West Bengal) 743387 have changed my name from MANIKJUN BIBI to MANIKJAN BIBI vide affidavit dated 04-03-2025 before Notary Public at Ferozepur.

900023

I, JHARANA BORUAH legally wife of Gakul Chutia presently residing at Vill-NO 1, Gondhakoroi G, P/O-Gohain Gaon, Town-Sarupathar, Dist-Golaghat, (Assam) Pin-785601 have changed my name from JHARANA BORUAH to JARNA BORUAH CHUTIA vide affidavit dated 04-03-2025 before Notary Public at Ferozepur.

900023

I, LEENA legally wedded spouse of Army no JC675867W Rank Sub Name DIPAK CHANGMAI Unit 507 ASC BN C/o 56 APO Ferozepur presently residing at Village-Pelengi Kechuani, Post-Palengi, Sibsagar, Assam, 785640 have changed my name from LEENA to LEENA CHANGMAI vide affidavit dated 08-03-2025 before Notary Public at Ferozepur.

900023

I, Army no JC675867W Rank Sub Name DIPAK CHANGMAI Unit 507 ASC BN C/o 56 APO Ferozepur presently residing at Village-Pelengi Kechuani, Post-Palengi, Sibsagar, Assam, 785640 have change name of my daughter from PRIYA to PRIYA CHANGMAI vide affidavit dated 08-03-2025 before Notary Public at Ferozepur.

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Retail chemists association Pathankot stands with district administration in its war against drugs: Sheela Lamini



PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): Supporting the war waged by the district administration against drugs as per the orders of the Punjab government, District President Retail Chemists Association Pathankot Sunil Kumar Sheela Lamini said that I and my entire union are with the administration in the war waged against drugs. We will do everything possible to end this scourge and I request all the retailer brothers with folded hands that if anyone sells any narcotics in their shop, our union will strongly oppose it. He appealed to the Drug Authority Punjab that if any such retailer is found selling drugs, then his license should be cancelled with immediate effect so that this drug menace can be eradicated from Punjab. He said that the cooperation of every medical store and the general public will prove to be a boon for the administration to eradicate this drug-induced leprosy.

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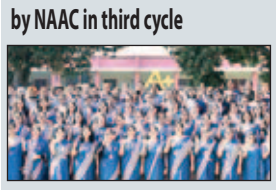
MP, Naveen Jindal's 55th birthday celebrates by people



SUMER GARG

DABWALI: The representatives of various institutions of the city gathered at the Sant Niwas Bhawan of the local Sri Gaushala to celebrate the 55th birthday of Naveen Jindal, who is a great national devotee and a member of Parliament from Kurukshetra. On the occasion, the followers of MP, also distributed laddoo and prayed to Gau Mata for the long life of Naveen Jindal. The program was organized under the chairmanship of Pritam Bansal, local president of the International Vaish federation (IVF). On the occasion, the Punjab State President of IVF, Surinder Singla said that Naveen Jindal always played an active role in the national interest works. He said that Mr Naveen Jindal had played an important role for every Indian, so that every citizen of India would get a right to hoist one's personal tricolor.

RR Bawa DAV College for Girls, Batala accredited with 'A+' Grade by NAAC in third cycle



VERMA

BATALA: RR Bawa DAV College for Girls, Batala embraces a new zenith by securing an A+ grade in the third CycleAccreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The NAAC is an autonomous body established by the University Grants Commission (UGC) to assess and accredit institutions of higher education in India. During the accreditation process the institution was evaluated based on parameters such as Curricular Aspects, Teaching-learning Processes, Research and Innovation, Infrastructure, Student Support and Progression, Governance, Leadership and Management along with Institutional Values and Best Practices.NAAC Peer team comprising of Prof. (Dr.) Rajeev Kumar Shukla (Chairperson), Prof. (Dr.) JayachandranR. (Member Coordinator) and Dr.Bhaben Chandra Neog (Member)from reputed govt. institutions of India visited the campus from 19th to 20thFebruary, 2025.

Fire station to be shifted shortly out of city at suitable location: Dr Ravjot



DALJEET AJNOHA

HOSHIARPUR: Punjab Local Government Minister Dr. Ravjot Singh on Saturday stated that the existing fire station would be shifted to a new suitable site at an open place out of city. He said that the site identification was on and shortly the process is to be finalised. The Minister, who was listening to the public issues in his office, said that public problems and concerns would be addressed on priority. He pointed out that the fire tenders always faced issues in case of emergency as the present station was situated in the congested area and new fire station will be set up at an open space at a cost of about Rs 2.50 crore. Punjab Governemnt under CM Bhagwant Mann Singh's leadership, said Dr Ravjot, constant efforts were being made to ensure holistic development in all areas.

Apart from the education and health sectors, the employment opportunities are being provided to the youngsters especially in Government sector jobs, he added.The Minister said that cleanliness of the cities of the state and sewerage system had made more mechanised as the Chief Minister recently provided ultra modern machinery to seven districts worth Rs. 14.30. He said the State Government had procured 730 machines at an outlay of Rs. 40 crores for cleanliness purposes in different cities of the state. The new machinery also ensure mechanised cleaning instead of manual process as the requisite training was also being imparted to employees. He said various works related with the Local Government department would be initiated in the district in days to come.

Labor Inspector recruitment examination successfully completed: Munila Arora

ABHISHEK NANDA

FEROZEPUR: District Education Officer (DEO) Mrs. Munila Arora informed that the Labor Inspector Recruitment Examination has been successfully completed. She informed that a total of 12 centers were set up for this recruitment in Ferozepur, for which a total of 4358 students had applied, while 2367 students appeared in the examination.

Giving further information, Deputy District Education Officer (DEO) Dr. Satinder Singh informed that out of the total 12 examination centers set up by the district administration, district level officers were appointed as special observers in each center so that this examination could be successfully completed.

He said that the nodal center for this examination was MLM Senior Secondary School Ferozepur. Lovedeep Singh, Sukhchain Singh and Dinesh Kumar were instrumental in making this a success.

PHDCCI's Three-Day renewable energy & EV expo 2025 concludes successfully

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, MAR 9



The 3rd Edition of the Renewable Energy and EV Expo, organized by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), successfully concluded on Sunday, reinforcing its position as a premier platform for advancements in sustainable mobility and renewable energy.

During the Valedictory Session, the Chief Guest, Sh. Sanjeev Chawla, Additional Development Commissioner, Ministry of MSME, Government of India, emphasized that electric vehicles (EVs) and renewable energy represent the future of the country's energy and transportation landscape. He highlighted the critical role of the MSME sector in the production of EV-related components and solar energy solutions, stating that aligning with future demands would significantly strengthen the sector. He further elaborated on various schemes initiated by the Central Government for the MSME sector, particularly referencing the Union Budget 2025-26, which introduced several measures aimed at enhancing credit accessibility. He also noted the launch of a ?10,000 crore fund for startups to foster innovation and growth in both the EV and renewable energy domains. As part of the closing ceremony, representatives from vehicle and renewable energy technology companies participating in the event were specially honored by PHDCCI for their contributions to the industry. Sh. Naveen Seth, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI, highlighted that over 100 companies from across the country were provided a platform to showcase their innovations in electric mobility, battery storage, and solar energy applications during the Expo. He further announced that future editions of the event would be expanded to accommodate a larger audience and a more diverse range of exhibitors, ensuring a broader impact on the industry.

International Women's Day celebration at Post Graduate Government College for Girls, Sector-42, Chandigarh





CHANDIGARH, MAR 9

A special musical evening was organized at Post Graduate Government College for Girls, Sector-42, Chandigarh, on the occasion of International Women's Day 2025.

The event was successfully conducted under the able guidance of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Binu Dogra and with the support of PGGCG-42 Chandigarh College.In the musical evening, renowned flutist Pandit Ajay Shankar Prasanna mesmerized the audience with his performance. He began with Raga Yaman and captivated the atmosphere with devotional songs such as "Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram". The tabla accompaniment was provided by Sabir Hussain.Approximately 300 students from the college attended the event and enjoyed the music. On this occasion, the Principal of the college, Prof. Dr. Binu Dogra, was present. The event was coordinated by the Head of the Department of Instrumental Music, Dr. Ashok Kumar Chimbayal. In addition, Prof. Rajesh Vishwas (Department of Zoology), Vikas Sharma (Department of Science), and Mrs. Sonia Chauhan along with several distinguished guests were present.

Sports an integral part of education: IPL Chairman Arun Singh Dhumal says IPL number 1 Make-In-India brand post independence

CHANDIGARH, MAR 9



Stressing that both in life and sports the success mantra is to adopt, innovate and never take eyes off the ball, IPL Chairman Arun Singh Dhumal said that sports is an integral part of education without which holistic development is not possible.

Dhumal was sharing his thoughts during a discussion at TIECON 2025. The engrossing session was moderated by TiE Chandigarh Vice President Puneet Verma. TiECON Chandigarh is the brainchild of leading entrepreneurs and thinkers to provide a thriving ecosystem to budding and aspiring entrepreneurs through mentoring, networking, education, incubation and funding. The 10th edition of TiECON Chandigarh is taking place in the Hyatt Regency here. "We need to impart our students the importance of taking failures in our stride which Sports teaches so beautifully. In every sport, we fail in one attempt and get up again and win, he said. On being asked to share the circumstances leading to him joining the Cricket administration, Arun Kumar Dhumal said my brother Anurag Thakur was interestingly never interested in politics and he just wanted to play Cricket for the nation. Some things are not in our control, and he joined politics and I ended up taking Cricket Administration, he added.

Sant Baba Lakha Singh Ji dedicates GYAN wellness retreats in Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH, MAR 9



In a divine and transformative announcement at the Mahan Gurmat Samagam organized by Gurudwara Nanaksar Jagraon in Chandigarh, Sant Baba Lakha Singh Ji of Nanaksar Kaleran dedicated the upcoming GYAN Wellness retreats in Chandigarh (adjoining the Botanical Gardens) and Rajpura, Punjab, to the Sangat.

These wellness and healthcare projects, developed in alliance with Gurudwara Nanaksar community, aim to combat the dual challenges of drug addiction and cancer in Punjab while promoting holistic well-being in alignment with the tenets of Sarbat da Bhala (welfare for all).Sant Baba Lakha Singh Ji termed the project as a revolutionary step towards the physical, mental, and spiritual upliftment of the Sangat. He expressed deep concern over the devastation caused by cancer and drug addiction in Punjab, stating, "Punjab has been ruined by the scourge of drugs and cancer. This project is our resolve towards Punjab's revival and a step towards healing our land and people." He praised GYAN Wellness for its commitment to universal well-being and assured the community of accessible Ayurveda, Yoga, and Naturopathy treatments rooted in Guru's teachings.Sardar Inder Preet Singh, Chairman of Global Middas Capital Fund, highlighted the project's significance in empowering the Sangat and addressing their wellness concerns.

He announced free and subsidized treatments for the community, alongside professional holistic care packages for all.Sardar Aman Bandvi, Director of Global Middas Capital Fund, described the initiative as a groundbreaking effort to create an ecosystem of wellness centers, including campus happiness labs, to tackle stress, anxiety, and depression.

International Sarv Sanjha Sahit manch Canada organizes Trilingual poet darbar



CHANDIGARH: International Sarv Sanjha Sahit Manch Canada today organized an International Trilingual Poet Darbar at the auditorium of Government Museum, Art and Gallery, Picture Gallery, Sector 10. The chief guest of the program was Shiromani Sahitkar Manjit Indira, renowned poet Professor Gurdeep Gul, senior writer Prem Vij were present as special guests. The program started with Surjit Singh Dhir's Gurbani singing. The program was conducted by Dr. Harmeet Kaur Meet and Surjit Kaur Bhogpur. Daljit Singh Gaidu, Jarnail Singh Matharu and Kulwant Kaur Gaidu from International Sarv Sanjha Sahit Manch, Canada were present on this occasion. Renowned writer Prem Vij, Dr. Vinod Sharma, Gurdeep 'Gul', Manjit Indira, Prem Vij, Dr. Gurvinder Kaur Sidhu, Deepak Sharma Chanarthal, Rajender Kaur, Paramjit Kaur Param, Dr. Anish Garg, Sukhwinder Ahi, Shayar Bhatti, Rekha Mittal, Jaswinder Kaur Jassi, Deep Ludhianvi, Parminder Kaur and Rajvinder Kaur received great appreciation for their poems.

War on drugs: Major breakthrough in Patiala District



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA MAR 9

In a significant boost to Punjab's 'War on Drugs' (Yudh Nashian Virudh) campaign, the Panchayat and residents of village Sadhoheri in Nabha have vowed to make their village drug-free within a month. Their collective stand against drug smugglers has prompted Patiala Police to temporarily postpone the demolition of an illegal structure built on Panchayat land by a known drug trafficker.

Leading the action, SP (Detective) Yogesh Sharma stated that the village Panchayat had initially approached the police with concerns about individuals involved in drug trafficking from unauthorized settlements on shamlat (common) land. Following investigations, the police identified Nirmal Singh, against whom seven cases are already registered, as a key offender. While legal action remains underway, the Panchayat's strong commitment to self-reform led to a reconsideration of the immediate demolition.

The Panchayat and villagers unanimously decided that if any individual from the village is found engaging in drug smuggling in the future, strict action will be taken by both the community and law enforcement.

8th edition of red saree run celebrates fitness, culture and empowerment



CHANDIGARH, MAR 9

The 8th edition of the Red Saree Run, a unique fitness initiative blending tradition with health, was held successfully today at Chandigarh Club to mark the International Women's Day. Organized by The Run Club and supported by Fortis Hospital Mohali, the event saw enthusiastic participation from more than 300 women across various age categories, reaffirming its status as a much-anticipated annual event.

Flagged off at 6:30 am by Chandigarh Mayor, Harpreet Kaur Babla, Dr Shweta Tahlan, Consultant, Gynae Onco-Surgery; and Deepti Singh, Associate Consultant, Endocrine and Breast Cancer Surgery, the event featured two categories - a 3 km Saree Walk and a 5 km Saree Run. Participants embraced the challenge of running in red sarees, turning the morning into a vibrant celebration of fitness and feminine pride.

The post-run activities included a felicitation ceremony, healthy refreshments and interactive stalls, creating an atmosphere of camaraderie and wellness.

Arora inaugurates resumption of services of 2 Sewa Kendras in SAC

SUMER GARG
SUNAM, MAR 9



Cabinet Minister to the GoP, Mr Aman Arora today inaugurated resumption of services from two Sewa Kendras in villages Nagra and Bahadurpur of Sunam assembly constituency (SAC). While speaking on the occasion, he said that now the residents of these villages wouldn't need to approach the district or tehsil level departmental offices to avail government administrative services, but would get about 438 administrative services through these Sewa Kendras at their doorsteps within the stipulated time.

Mr. Arora said that Punjab has become the first state in the country to launch an online certificate facility under which the applied certificate will be received on your mobile through a QR code. He said that this online certificate would be considered as the original certificate in almost all places.

The minister said that the Punjab government led by Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann is leaving no stone unturned to provide hassle free services to the people in government offices. He said that now the government is also making the work of Sarpanches and Numbardars online, which will help people to get their work done related to government departments in a time-bound manner. He further said that strict actions are being taken by the entire state government to stop corruption and the common people should also extend support to stop it completely. The Cabinet Minister said that similarly, the Punjab government has launched a 'Yudh Nasheyan Virudh' campaign for the complete eradication of drugs, under which drug traffickers were being taken down heavily.

3 robbers arrested by police, weapon recovered



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, MAR 9

District Ludhiana Rural Police arrested under its campaign against bad elements being carried out under the guidance of SSP Dr. Ankur Gupta IPS. Giving detailed information about this, SP (D) Parminder Singh said that police team led by DSP Varinder Singh Khosa uncovered a gang of robbers who used to commit robberies by threatening people with weapons.

"Police received a complaint that on 25 February, he was heading towards his home on his scooty when he came near Baddowal flyover, he received a call so, he parked his scooty to attend the call. According to the complainant, three youngsters on a motorcycle approached him and held him at gunpoint," he added. Singh further mentioned that police took immediate actions and filed FIR 23 under section 304 of BNS in this regard against Armanjot Singh alias Jot son of Jaswant Singh, Simranjot Singh alias Simmi son of Sohan Singh, Navjot Singh alias Kalia son of Joginder Singh.

"Police arrested the accused and recovered country made illicit pistol used by them in committing robberies," he mentioned. Police has obtained remand of accused and commenced further investigation.

CMPA Award 2025' to be held on March 22 at CGC College Jhanjeri



MOHALI (TILAK RAJ): Punjabi Entertainment Industry organising Punjab Film World, Saaj Cine Production and MDN Entertainment will hold CMPA Award 2025' (Cine Media Punjabi Award) on March 22 at CGC College Jhanjeri, Mohali. The program will run from 12 pm to 4 pm. Let us tell you that this will be a golden day for the Punjabi industry where, along with providing ample entertainment to the audience, various personalities dedicated to Punjabi cinema and music will be honored in the form of awards and their honor will be further enhanced.

Talking about this joint effort of the entertainment industry, Punjab Film Directors Kulwant Gill, NS Lehal and Tejinder Kaur said that during this award ceremony, the family of Punjabi industry will be brought together in one place. And various personalities who have contributed to the prosperity and popularity of Punjabi cinema and music along with their entertainment, such as actors and actresses, film producers, production banners, film writers, dialogue writers, musicians, film cameramen, lightmen, makeup artists, dress designers, set designers, art directors, artist casting, editors, spot boys, screenplays, negative roles, action directors, child artists and veteran artists, etc. will be honored with various awards.

Hola Mohalla celebrated with devotion and enthusiasm in Chugawan Sadhpur under the leadership of Satguru Dalip Singh Ji



AMRITSAR (AMRIK SINGH): Hola Mohalla was celebrated with great devotion and enthusiasm under the patronage of Satguru Dalip Singh Ji in Chugawan Sadhpur. Sunday was the second and last day of Hola Mohalla celebrations.

The program started with Aasa Ji's Vaar in the morning, after which the great preacher of the sect and Jathedar Sahibana held a Diwan and informed the Sangat about the history of Hola Mohalla. After this, Jathedar Sarpreet Singh Muhawe Wale, Kavishar Punjab Singh Ji, Jathedar Gurdeep Singh Ji, Jathedar Manmohan Singh Ji Palian Wale delighted the Sangat with Manohar Kirtan. During the program, Satguru Dalip Singh Ji told through his holy teachings that we should participate in politics. And man should strive to attain the state. He said that along with earning good money honestly, one must save it too. You should avoid buying expensive things. Guru ji then encouraged the use of one's mother tongue Punjabi in general conversations and said anyone who believes in Satguru Nanak Dev ji is a Sikh. He also repeated one of his old slogans: We are Sikhs of Guru Nanak, we all are one, dividing sects is a sin, there is glory in unity.

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Retired teachers association monthly meeting dedicates to Women's Day

RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA): Monthly meeting of Retired Teachers Association Rampura Phool was held. The association dedicated this meeting to Women's Day. Which was chaired by Ashok Kumar. Gulab Singh wished everyone on Women's Day while discussing the tenets of women in the past and the problems faced by women today. On this occasion, Raj Kumar, Harinder Singh, Chiman Lal and Asok Kumar also discussed about Women's Day. Janak Raj shared information with the audience members about the notification regarding the dues of pensioners and employees made by the Punjab government. Angrez Singh and Darshan Singh Sidhu sang poems related to stopping infanticide and women's day. Gurcharan Singh Gill played the role of stage secretary. This meeting was held like every month at Government Senior Secondary Eminence School Rampura Phul (Boys). At this time Virinder Singh, Ram Singh, Pawan Kumar, Jawahar Lal, Surinder Kumar etc. retired teachers were present. Finally Ashok Kumar Ji Satpal Goyal from the Presidency thanked all the guests.



NEWS BRIEF

9436 cases disposed off in National Lok Adalat—District Legal Services Authority Ferozepur



ABHISHEK NANDA
FEROZEPUR: Today, as per the directions of the Honorable National Legal Services Authority Delhi, National Lok Adalat was set up all over India. As per these guidelines, following the orders of Hon'ble Executive Chairman, Punjab State Legal Services Authority, Mohali, Shri Virinder Agarwal, Hon'ble District and Sessions Judge Sahib Ferozepur, National Lok Adalat was organized by District Legal Services Authority, Ferozepur in the courts of Ferozepur district under the guidance of Hon'ble District and Sessions Judge Sahib Ferozepur, under which a total of 16 benches were formed in Ferozepur district, out of which 10 benches in the courts of Sessions Division, Ferozepur, 1 bench in the Permanent Lok Adalat, 3 benches in Zira and 2 benches in Guruharsahai. According to the information, a total of 19280 cases were filed in this Lok Adalat, out of which 9436 cases were disposed of. A total of Rs. 34,92,61,533/- were awarded in this National Lok Adalat.

Commendable performance of Ishan Mangala and student Cherika in International Olympiad



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL: CBSE. A large number of school children participated in the examination of different subjects of first phase of Saraf Edubecon Global Discovery School Rampura Phul, recognized by . out of which Ishan Mangala, a student of the eighth standard, SOF. By securing 99.86% marks in the International Computer Science Olympiad and showing her special talent, she obtained School Rank-1, Regional Rank-1, State Rank-5, International Rank-13 and Ch Rika, a student of class IV, has made the name of her school and parents bright by obtaining School Rank-1 and International Rank-43 in the International Hindi Olympiad. On achieving this score, Ishan was awarded SOF. Besides regional and district level gold medal and certificate, cash of Rs.2500 and Cherika was awarded with district level gold medal and regional certificate. Chairman of the school Eng. Kamlesh Saraf and Vice Chairman Amit Saraf congratulated student Ishan Mangala's father Sumit Mangala, mother Neelam Mangala and Cherika's father Sandeep Kumar and mother Rishji on their child's success.

Rajiv Walia tried to promote sports to keep youth away from drugs: Sodhi



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR: A program was organized by the Youth Sports Welfare Board. Retired IG Surinder Singh Sodhi attended the program as the chief guest. In this program, Paramjit Singh was appointed Joint Secretary (Social Welfare Committee Kapurthala Youth Sports Welfare Board). On this occasion, retired IG Surinder Singh Sodhi and Youth Sports Welfare Board Chairman Rajiv Walia honored Paramjit Singh by giving him the appointment letter and wished him all the best. S. Surinder Singh Sodhi said that the campaign launched by Rajiv Walia to encourage the youth to play sports to keep them away from drugs is making today's young generation move ahead in sports and is getting far away from the disease of drug addiction. He requested all the parents to encourage their children to participate in sports along with studies.

Rotary Club organizes free check-up camp for knee and hip pain



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA : Rotary Club Nabha organized a free check-up camp for knee and hip pain at Rotary Bhawan Patiala Gate. In this camp, about 280 patients were checked by Dr. Dilbans Singh Pandher MS, M.Ch. Ortho Joint Replacement and Arthroscopy Specialist from Jalandhar and Dr. Kanwal Saini Consultant. Apart from this, Neuropathy and BMD tests were free and medicines were also given free of cost. On this occasion, Club President Charan Singh, General Secretary J.P Gupta, Ro. Darshan Arora Executive Director Ro. Ved Parkasj Dalla, General Secretary Ro. JP Gupta, Project Chairman Ro. Jeevan Bansal etc.

Assistance of Rs 1042.63 crore provided to widows and destitute women till January : Dr Baljit kaur

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, MAR 9



The Punjab government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, is committed to the welfare of all sections of society, including widows and destitute women. Providing details in this regard, Social Security, Women, and Child Development Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur stated that financial assistance amounting to ?1042.63 crore has been provided to widows and destitute women in the state till January 2025.

Further elaborating on the matter, Dr. Baljit Kaur mentioned that approximately 6.47 lakh widows and destitute women in the state are benefiting from this scheme. She also highlighted that under various schemes, the state government has disbursed a total of ?5555.94 crore till January 2025. Cabinet Minister further informed that during the current financial year, a budgetary provision of ?1086 crore was allocated for widows and destitute women, out of which ?1042.63 crore has already been utilized by January 2025.

Dr. Baljit Kaur urged officials to ensure transparency in the implementation of government schemes meant for widows and destitute women. Additionally, she emphasized that every eligible beneficiary should receive the benefits of these schemes. Cabinet Minister also stated that along with initiatives for women's welfare, the Social Security Department provides financial assistance to persons with disabilities and dependent children.

Strict action to be taken against those found guilty in Sunanda Sharma case: Raj Lali Gill



CHANDIGARH: The Punjab State Women Commission had directed Punjab Police Headquarters to submit an action-taken report by March 9, 2025, regarding the matter concerning renowned singer Sunanda Sharma, following her public plea, "Mennu roti joga taan chhad dio" (If you allow me to earn my livelihood, then let me be). Taking suo moto cognizance of media reports, the Commission had instructed an SP-rank officer to conduct an inquiry into the matter. Exercising its powers under Section 12 of the Punjab State Women Commission Act, 2001, the Commission had sought an urgent response from the police. Chairperson Raj Lali Gill stated that strict action will be taken against those found guilty of harassment or exerting undue pressure on the singer based on the findings of the investigation. She emphasized that the Commission will not tolerate any form of intimidation, harassment, or violation of women's rights.

Yudh Nashian Virudh: Unprecedented results within 12 days of campaign launch

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, MAR 9



The AAP government's resolute "Yudh Nashian Virudh" campaign, launched on February 25, has yielded extraordinary results within just 12 days.

Harpal Singh Cheema, Punjab's Finance Minister and Chairman of the Anti-Drug Campaign Sub-Committee, shared the impressive statistics at a press conference today, underscoring the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government's commitment to eradicating drugs from Punjab.Minister Cheema said that so far 875 FIRs have been registered, 1,188 drug traffickers arrested, ?35 lakh in drug money seized and narcotics, including 68 kg heroin, 873 kg poppy husk, 42 kg opium, 3.5 kg charas, and 6,74,370 intoxicating tablets are confiscated. Additionally, a widespread awareness campaign is actively mobilizing citizens to contribute towards building a drug-free and prosperous Punjab.Minister Harpal Singh Cheema strongly criticized previous governments led by the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD)-BJP alliance and the Congress for creating and fostering the drug epidemic in Punjab.

He accused these parties of pushing Punjab's youth into drugs as part of a deliberate strategy."Before 2007, Punjab had never heard of synthetic drugs like heroin or 'chitta.' It was during the SAD-BJP regime that these drugs entered Punjab and destroyed our youth. Instead of providing jobs and opportunities, they designed a system to trap Punjab's young generation into addiction," said Cheema.He also lambasted the Congress government, "Captain Amarinder Singh took a false oath in 2017, promising to eradicate drugs within four weeks. Instead, his government deepened ties with drug peddlers. Even during the COVID-19 lockdown, while basic necessities were inaccessible, drug trafficking flourished under Congress rule. This is why the people of Punjab rejected them in 2022."Cheema emphasized AAP's historic mandate in 2022 as a rejection of SAD-BJP and Congress' corrupt and anti-people policies. Since assuming office, CM Bhagwant Mann's government has prioritized modernizing the police force and strengthening law enforcement systems to ensure justice.

Union Bank of India organizes mega MSME outreach expo in Ludhiana

LUDHIANA, MAR 8



Union Bank of India organized a Mega MSME (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) Outreach Camp at Blessing Resort, Pakhowal Road, Ludhiana. Branch Heads of Union Bank branches, MSME Entrepreneurs of city, existing customers of bank and proposed beneficiaries came together on a single platform through this Camp.

The initiative aligns with the Government of India's vision to boos the growth and sustainability of the MSME sector by empowering businesses through financial support, knowledge sharing and access to government schemes.

The event aimed to create awareness among MSME entrepreneurs, address business challenges, explore growth opportunities and promote the utilization of various government backed schemes to accelerate business expansion. The outreach camp witnessed the participation of prominent MSME entrepreneurs, Union Bank officials and local MSME representatives. Sh. Pravin Sharma, Chief General Manager from Central office Mumbai and Sh. Manoj Kumar, Zonal Head, Chandigarh Zone addressed the gathering and emphasized the pivotal role of MSMEs in driving India's economic growth.

The event was graced by the presence of Chief Guest, Sh. Honey Sethi, General Secretary of Chamber of Industrial and Commercial Undertakings (CICU), Ludhiana and Special Guest, Sh. K. K. Seth, MD of Seth Industrial Corporation, Ludhiana. A detailed presentation was given by head of bank's MSME Loan Point on Government Supported MSME Schemes by CGTMSE and Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana aimed at providing accessible financial assistance to MSMEs.

In this Mega MSME Outreach Camp, Bank distributed Sanction Letters to 50 Customers amounting Rs. 66.98 Cr. and In principle approvals to 92 customers amounting Rs. 127.03 Cr. and added these new customers to Union Bank of India.

Awards of 11.19 cr passed and 4823 cases disposed off in National Lok Adalat held in Mansa



NARESH GOYAL
MANSA, MAR 9

In all the three sub divisional courts of dist Mansa, national lok adalats were organised and total 4823 cases were disposed off in these adalats.

On these lok adalats, held in Mansa, Budhlada and Sardulgarh awards of more than 11.19 crore were passed. In Mansa, benches of ADJs-Gurmohan Singh and Ravi Inder Singh, Addl CJM Pushpinder Singh, CJM Gurjit Kaur Dhillon and JMIC Ravneet Singh were held. In Budhlada bench of Civil judge-junior division Jasica Vij and in Sardulgarh bench of civil judge- junior division Raminder Kaur were present to hear proceedings of cases transferred in in lok adalats.

Cases of cheques bounch, bank recovery, MACT cases, cases related to bills of telephones, water & electricity, matrimonial discords and labour disputes were resolved through mutual settlements. Hence, in all these three lok adalats of Mansa district, total 4823 cases were settled amicably. Secretary of District Legal Services Authority (DLSA)-cum- CJM, Rajwinder Kaur, however, pointed out that earlier people of the district were educated about the benefits of lok adalats through seminars and meeting organised by volunteers of DLSA Mansa.

Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University organizes convocation for 2024 pass out batch



AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, MAR 9

Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University organized its Convocation and. Hon'ble Governor of Punjab, Sri Gulab Chand Kataria conferred the degrees to the graduates of the University and delivered the Convocation Address. Prof. Prit Pal Sing, Vice-Chancellor of the University presided over the Convocation. The University awarded Governor Medals to three students who scored highest CGPA while 33 Research scholars received their PhD degree. Besides this, more than 700 students of the University received Postgraduate and Graduate degrees and twenty Seven students were awarded the University medals. In his address, Chief Guest Sri Gulab Chand Kataria motivated the students to commit themselves to academics and to work for a bright future.

He asked them to take inspiration from the sacrifice of the younger Sahibzada Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh. He inspired them to follow Sahibzadas's determination and steadfastness in their religion.

He congratulated the University and hoped that it would continue its march towards excellence and produce good, knowledgeable and thinking citizens. He congratulated the students for their academic achievements and added that the University postgraduates and graduates would bring glory and honour not only to themselves but to the University and their parents as well.

Major action taken by police at 8 inter-state checkpoints in Pathankot district under war against drugs



PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): As per the directions of the Punjab Government and the Director General of Police, Punjab, under the war against drugs campaign launched by Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Singh Mann, police action was witnessed at 8 different inter-state checkpoints in district Pathankot today. Pathankot Police launched Special Operation OPS Seal-9 against drug smugglers and to strengthen security in the district. In this operation, strong checkpoints were set up on the main inter-state borders with Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir. Giving information during the Chakki Haryal check point, DSP Sumir Singh Mann said that the primary objective of OPS Seal-9 is to keep an eye on the activities of illegal drug trafficking, arms smuggling, liquor smuggling and anti-social elements and take legal action against them. Apart from this, this action is to check all vehicles entering Punjab and vehicles going to border states through the Vahan app and to root out anti-social elements.

53rd annual athletic meet organized at LRDAV College, Jagraon



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, MAR 9

Department of Physical Education organized 53rd Annual Athletic Meet dedicated to International Women's Day at LRDAV College, Jagraon.The function commenced with floral welcome of Officiating Principal Prof Vikas Mendiratta by Dr PS Bajwa,HOD,and Dr Harpartap Singh.Afterwards , all the female staff members were invited to hoist the flag and declare the Meet open.On this occasion,the department organized 100 Mt race,200 mt,400 Mt race ,Long jump,Hanky race,Tochan competition, back race and Tug of the war for both boys and girls .Students displayed their physical as well as intellectual calibre by participating zealously in all the events.Dr Neeti Jain and Prof Priyanka conducted the stage and kept the students in high spirits througout the Meet. Staff members Dr Bindu Sharma,Dr Shailja,Prof Mandeep Kaur,Prof Rohit Verma,Dr Subhash and Prof Ajay Kumar Pal honoured the winners of different events by awarding cash prizes.

Sanjeev Arora announces mega overhaul of power infrastructure in Ludhiana

LUDHIANA, MAR 9



Ludhiana residents are set to receive significant relief in the upcoming summer season, as announced by Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament (MP) Sanjeev Arora, during a press conference held today.In a major development aimed at addressing the long-standing power supply issues, new power transformers will be installed in various parts of the city within the next 90 days.

This step has been taken following a comprehensive study conducted by Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) to identify areas where new transformers are required. Faulty transformers, which have caused repeated disruptions in the past two years, will also be replaced with new and efficient transformers. This move is expected to provide major relief to consumers during the peak summer season when power consumption increases due to the heavy use of air conditioners and other electrical appliances.

MP Arora informed that on an average, two to three new transformers will be installed daily to ensure an uninterrupted power supply. Additionally, a new Sherpur Grid, costing approximately Rs.65 crore, will also be commissioned shortly to further enhance the power distribution capacity in Ludhiana.In another significant announcement, 37 new power feeders, each spanning 2 to 2.5 km in length, will be set up across different areas to streamline power distribution and reduce load on existing infrastructure.

St. Solder rational public senior Secondary School, Talwandi Sabo 'D3 Dream, Dairy, Day' Podcasts starts



PRINCE GARG
TALWANDI SABO, MAR 9

For the education of the girls, a new flight on March 8, 2025 started St.solder Rationtal Public Senior secondary school Talwandi Sabo, and started the Dream, Du 'Pod Codcaspasted Series. These podcasts have been started with the purpose of promoting their contributions of girls, empowerment, and their contributions in the community. In the first episode, Dr. Dishana (M.S. General Surgery, Retired SMO), Civil Hospital, Talwandi Sabo) invited to the chief guest. They shared the experiences of their lives with students and encouraged them to move confidence. The students in this interview in this interview took part in the interview where he asked their questions, and Dr. Dithana explained to them on the basis of his experience. In this special podcast events, Dr. Jasveer Kaur also joined as the main athlete. He shared their views with the students.

AAP decisions benefit public, strengthening organization: Saurabh Behal

GURDASPUR (VERMA): Saurabh Behal, the State Secretary of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), stated that the party's decisions are benefiting the public, while also ensuring that its workers and leaders receive proper recognition.

This approach has led to the continuous strengthening of the party's organization, leaving opposition parties stunned. He further mentioned that these parties are now concerned about the future of their own organizations. Behal highlighted that since AAP assumed power in Punjab, the state has witnessed significant progress with new milestones of development. Rapid development initiatives have been implemented, and Punjab is now on the path to progress. The public has shown their happiness and satisfaction with these changes. He praised Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, stating that under his leadership, corruption and bribery are being eradicated, bringing about significant reforms. Behal mentioned that the public's decision to give AAP a chance is proving to be the right one. The work that other parties failed to accomplish over the years has been successfully completed by AAP in a short span of time. Saurabh Behal also expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann for his leadership and the crucial work done for the welfare of the state's people. He further emphasized that the people of Punjab are expressing their heartfelt gratitude to both AAP Convenor Arvind Kejriwal and CM Mann.



Bhinderpal Singh alias Bhinder to be arrested soon and presented in court : Ranveer Singh

GURMEL SINGH SANGATPURA
LEHRAGAGA, MAR 9



Under the "Yudh Nashiya Virudh" campaign, the Honorable S. S. P. As per the instructions of Sahib Sangrur, DSP Lehra Deepinderpal Singh Jeji and Inspector Ranbir Singh, Chief Officer of Police Station Lehra, under the leadership of the ongoing operation, on the basis of confidential information, a case was registered against Gurjant Singh alias Leela, son of Labh Singh, and his son Bhinderpal Singh alias Bhinder, resident of Lehal Kalan, at Police Station Lehragaga under Section 22/61/85 of the NDPS Act and Gurjant Singh was arrested as per the code of conduct and 1125 narcotic pills and 51600 drug money were recovered from him in the presence of witnesses. This information was given by Inspector Ranveer Singh, SHO of Police Station Lehragaga that a team of Assistant Police Station Gurdev Singh, in-charge of Police Chowki City Lehra and Assistant Police Station Ranjit Singh, incharge of Police Chowki Chotian raided the house of the accused and arrested the accused Gurjant Singh alias Leela, while the accused Bhinderpal Singh has fled from the spot. In the presence of witnesses, on searching the house of the accused Gurjant Singh as per the protocol, 1125 narcotic pills and Rs 51600 drug money were recovered from the envelope under the clothes placed on the box lying inside the house. He said that in the above case, Gurjant Singh alias Leela has been produced in the honorable court today and has been remanded for 2 days. He said that Bhinderpal Singh alias Bhinder will also be arrested soon.

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Staying away from addiction, dedication towards sports, the mantra of success in life: Sumesh Bittu

AVINASH CHAUHAN

AMB: Kabaddi competition was organized by Yuva Mandal Jol under Chintapurni assembly constituency in which Kabaddi teams of the region participated in the competition. BJP Yuva Morcha Chintapurni Mandal Vice President Sumesh Kumar Bittu attended as the chief guest and met the players and motivated them to participate in this competition with sportsmanship.



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Challans issued for double decker cargo vehicles



AVINASH CHAUHAN

AMB: On the third day of Baba Badbhaag Singh Maidi Mela, the administration has taken a strict stand against double-decker cargo vehicles. Police personnel challaned double-decker cargo vehicles on Amb Gagret Road. It should be remembered that devotees from Punjab, in order to save money, travel in cargo vehicles, risking their lives. Sub-divisional officer Amb Sachin Sharma said that the administration has already warned that if people do not risk their own and others' lives in cargo double-decker vehicles, then the vehicle will be challaned and confiscated.

Himotkarsh invites applications for free ration Scheme for Widows

KISHORI LAL BAINS

UNA: Under the Himotkarsh Amodini Women Empowerment Project, applications have been invited for the selection of eligible working widows for the 2025-26 free ration scheme, Himotkarsh Parishad district president Karnpal Singh Mankotia announced. Eligible women can submit their applications at the Himotkarsh office in Rotary Gali, Una, on any working day between 10 AM and 2 PM until March 20, 2025. The scheme is open to widows aged up to 45 years who are not receiving any pension from the state government and whose annual family income does not exceed Rs. 50,000. Application forms can be collected from the Himotkarsh office and must be submitted along with the husband's death certificate, two passport-sized photographs, an income certificate, Aadhaar card, and a copy of the applicant's bank account details. Selected beneficiaries will receive a monthly ration worth Rs. 750 from April 2025 to March 2026. Mankotia highlighted that since the scheme's inception in 2013-14, Himotkarsh Parishad has supported nearly 700 widows, providing aid worth over Rs. 50 lakh.

CM inspects construction work of underground utility duct



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAR 9

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu inspected the ongoing construction of the underground utility duct from Chhota Shimla to Willy Park last evening. He directed the officers to ensure adherence to world-class quality standards in the construction of the duct. The state government is spending Rs. 146.34 crore on the construction of underground utility ducts in Shimla. This project will strengthen the city's infrastructure and enhance its aesthetic appeal. Essential utilities such as drinking water pipelines, electricity lines, and fiber cables will be laid within the underground ducts. As per the Chief Minister's directions, a comprehensive plan has been formulated to ensure the timely completion of this ambitious project. Every effort is being made to minimize inconvenience to the public during construction work.

Excise Department intensifies crackdown on illicit liquor

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: State Taxes and Excise Commissioner Dr. Yunus said here today that the department is taking stringent action against illicit liquor trade through in the state. He said that during the financial year 2024-25, up to February 2025, a total of 1, 23,940 bulk liters of illicit liquor had been seized, and 4,41,918 bulk liters of lahan (raw material for liquor) had been destroyed. So far, 754 cases related to illicit liquor and lahan have been registered this financial year. Dr. Yunus highlighted a recent operation in Excise District Nurpur, where a department team intercepted a Bolero pickup truck near Bajira during a special checkpoint. Upon inspection, 72 cartons of illicit liquor were found inside the vehicle, with no valid documentation. Legal action was taken under the Himachal Pradesh Excise Act, 2011. In another case, on 24th February, 2025 during a check point near the Excise Barrier at Garamora in Bilaspur district, a vehicle travelling from Kiratpur Sahib, Punjab, to Himachal Pradesh was stopped for a routine inspection.



State level programme organized in Shahpur on International Women's Day

BUREAU
KANGRA, MAR 9

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, while addressing a public gathering at a state level programme organized on International Women's Day at Chambi ground in Shahpur assembly constituency of Kangra district on Saturday, said that the state government is taking many corrective steps, but any change takes time and all the colleagues of the cabinet are playing an important role in this change.

He said that it is very important to keep up with the times. Taking a jibe at Union Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda, the Chief Minister said that what kind of doctor is he who treats but cannot give vision.

The Chief Minister said that if Jagat Prakash Nadda had treated the eyes of the Jairam Thakur government at the right time, he could have saved the wealth of Himachal Pradesh from being looted. He said that the state government will put before the people of the state how the former BJP government looted the wealth of the people of the state, the rights of farmers and women.



Sukhu said that BJP leaders repeatedly come to Himachal and say that if the Centre does not give money, the state government cannot function. He said that this is not the money of the Center, but the money of the people of the state. Himachal Pradesh is a part of the federal structure.

He said that a voice will be raised for the money of Himachal Pradesh which the Centre has withheld.

He said that during the natural disaster in the year 2023, 551 people lost their lives in the state and 23 thousand families were affected but the Center did not provide any help.

Special campaign launched against illegal mining: Dr. Yunus

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, MAR 9

Director of Industries Dr. Yunus, said here today that the department is committed to curbing illegal mining activities and taking swift and effective action against offenders. He said that in January 2025, the department registered 364 cases of illegal mining and Rs. 10,71,520 compounding fees was imposed in 141 cases. In February 2025, up to 21st February, 238 cases were registered and Rs. 6,37,500 compounding fees was imposed in 92 cases.

Dr. Yunus further stated that on 22nd February, 2025, the department launched a special campaign against illegal mining. As part of this initiative, an additional 117 cases were registered across the state by 6th March, 2025. Strict action was taken against offenders, and a penalty of Rs. 4,36,700 was imposed on those involved in illegal mining. He emphasized that the department is closely monitoring illegal mining activities and is making every effort to prevent them. He reaffirmed that strict measures will continue to be implemented to clamp down on illegal mining in the future. Dr. Yunus also highlighted the importance of public cooperation and active participation in making this campaign successful. He urged citizens to remain vigilant and report any illegal mining activities immediately via Whatsapp at 08988500249, phone at 0177-2990575, or email at geologicalwing@gmail.com.



Himachal govt aimed to boost natural and organic farming: Rajesh Dharmani

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, MAR 9

Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani said that the state government is taking concrete steps to promote natural and organic farming, ensuring soil fertility and reduced production costs for farmers. Dharmani was addressing gathering at the district-level Kisan Mela in Dangar in Bilaspur. This Kishan Mela was Organized by the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), to saw the expert insights on modern farming techniques and government schemes aimed at empowering farmers.

Dharmani announced that under the ATMA project, an action plan of Rs 1.27 crore has been set for 2024-25, with Rs 80 lakh already utilized. The government is providing 50% subsidy (up to Rs 25,000) on indigenous breed cows, Rs 5,000 as transport assistance, and Rs 8,000 per family for cowshed flooring. Farmers are also benefiting from subsidies on Jeevamrit production, storage, marketing, and eco-friendly farming tools.



So far, 6,438 farmers in Bilaspur have adopted natural farming across 939.36 hectares, with the goal to expand to 1,800 hectares and engage 4,500 more farmers next year. Under the National Mission for Natural Farming, 36 clusters have been formed, involving 1,850 farmers.

Experts at the event provided insights into Bijamrit, Jeevamrit, Vermi Compost, and natural pesticides, highlighting quality improvement and cost-effectiveness. Farmers also shared success stories of increased yield and sustainability.

Project Director Dr. Tejendra Guleria emphasized the "Natural Farming Happy Farmer Scheme", while specialists from Agriculture, Fisheries, Horticulture, and Animal Husbandry departments guided farmers on maximizing government benefits. The event reinforced the state's commitment to making natural farming the future of sustainable agriculture.

Chinese government trying to erase Tibetan identity: Penpa Tsering

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: The Department of Religion and Culture of the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) held an hour-long prayer service to honour the sacrifices made by peaceful Tibetan protesters who took part in the 1989 demonstrations against the Chinese government. In 1989, thousands of Tibetans took to the streets of Lhasa to raise their voices against the oppressive and unjust policies imposed by the Chinese government and also to mark the 29th anniversary of Tibetan National Uprising Day. In retaliation, the Chinese authorities imposed martial law and fired on the protesters, resulting in the death of hundreds and injuries to many others. Since then, the CTA has been remembering and paying tribute to the Tibetan individuals who sacrificed their lives and suffered for the great cause of Tibet. On this occasion, President of the Tibetan Government in Exile, Sikyong Penpa Tsering, while addressing the media, said that Tibetans living inside Tibet have demonstrated an unwavering dedication to protect their rich cultural and linguistic heritage. Despite this, the Chinese government is constantly trying to erase the Tibetan identity through strict restrictions and surveillance. Similarly, we living in exile, despite our limited population and resources, should continue our work with the same dedication as Tibetans on both sides and draw strength and inspiration from each other.



Congress govt is discriminating against Kangra district in development: Pawan Kajal

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAR 9

BJP state vice-president and MLA Pawan Kajal said that the BJP government in Delhi fulfilled the election promise of giving Rs 2500 per month to women in just one month. Himachal Congress government should also fulfill its promise of giving Rs 1500 per month to women soon. Kajal said that in the budget session of the assembly, BJP will corner the Congress government on the issue of false promises and guarantees. During the annual bhandaar at Shiv Mandir in Gagal Panchayat on Sunday, Kajal said that the Congress government is discriminating against Kangra district in development. History is witness that whoever ignored Kangra district and assembly constituency had to face defeat in elections. Kajal said that during the assembly elections, Congress had promised to give 300 units of free electricity every month. But after coming to power, the Congress government also stopped the 120 units of free electricity being given under BJP rule. Government employees are not getting salary on time. Pensioners are also not being paid their pensions. The educational and health institutions that were opened during the BJP government have been closed by the Congress government, due to which the public is facing problems. Kajal said that the failures of the Congress government are being exposed at the booth level in the Assembly constituency, so that the difference between the words and actions of the Congress government can be explained to the public.



Matrivandana Magazine's special edition and calendar unveiled in Baddi

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI, MAR 9

A grand unveiling ceremony for the special edition of Matrivandana Jagran monthly magazine and its calendar was organized in Maharana Pratap Nagar, Baddi, under the aegis of Matrivandana Sansthan, Shimla. The event saw the presence of distinguished guests, including District Sanghchalak Mahesh Kaushal as the chief guest and advocate Pratindra Nath Bhanot as the special guest. Hari Ram Dhiman, a member of the Sahitya Kala Manch, participated as the keynote speaker. The program commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp before the idol of Bharat Mata. Gajendra highlighted the objectives and significance of the magazine's special edition. The chief guest emphasized the crucial role of such initiatives in societal upliftment, cultural preservation, and ideological stability. Keynote speaker Hari Ram Dhiman elaborated on the Sangh Yatra of Himachal Pradesh featured in the special edition and discussed the RSS's social and cultural contributions. The event witnessed the esteemed presence of personalities from various fields, including district campaigner Saurabh Kumar, Deepak Kumar, Gajendra Kumar, Shastri Yash, Shanti Gautam, Kapil Sharma, Sumit Sharma, Gurmel Chaudhary, Dr. Shrikant, Harbansh Rana, Yashkar Nag, Rahul Kumar, Sudhanshu, Pawan Rawat, and many others. The organizing team of Matrivandana Sansthan, Nalagarh-Baddi, was congratulated for the successful event. The magazine's efforts in spreading awareness and promoting cultural values were widely appreciated.



MLA Vivek Sharma accuses Arogya MLA of corruption, highlights Rs. 613 cr development projects

JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA, MAR 8

Kutlehar MLA Vivek Sharma launched a scathing attack on the Arogya MLA, alleging that he is deeply mired in corruption and has lost the moral right to question government policies. Sharma claimed that the Arogya MLA was involved in an FD scam, where he forged three fake fixed deposits to siphon off crores from the Public Works Department. He further alleged that the MLA is facing regular police questioning and that his son's contractor license was revoked due to corruption.

Defending his government's commitment to development, Sharma announced that under Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's leadership, major projects are underway in Kuthlehar. The tender for the Rs. 613 crore Lathiani-Mandli Bridge has been approved, and construction will begin soon, bringing relief to locals.



Additionally, he highlighted other key projects worth crores in the constituency:

- Bhayavi-Barsar Road – Rs. 33 crore
- Bangana-Chaplah Road – Rs. 6 crore
- Lam-Jhanwar Road – Rs. 15 crore
- Shiva Project Irrigation – Rs. 56 crore
- Drinking Water Schemes – Rs. 46 crore
- Education and School Infrastructure – Rs. 7 crore

Sharma emphasized that his government's "Aapka Vidhayak Aapke Dwar" program is directly benefiting the people, ensuring they receive government aid and services at their doorstep.

Congress leaders launch fierce attack on Nadda, demand answers on Bilaspur's development

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, MAR 9

In a sharp political offensive, senior Congress leaders and former ministers Thakur Ram Lal and Former MLA Bamber Thakur questioned BJP National President and Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda over his contributions to Bilaspur. Addressing a press conference on Sunday, they accused the BJP of misleading the public with false promises and challenged Nadda to disclose the developmental projects he has actually implemented for the region. Duo Thakur who remained odd to each other, joining hand launch sharp attack over BJP National President, leaders asserted that AIIMS Bilaspur, which Nadda claims as his achievement, was in fact sanctioned by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and then Union Health Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad. They recalled that late Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh had announced its establishment in Bilaspur after a deputation led by Congress leaders. Raising concerns over stalled projects, they demanded answers on the Rs 1,400 crore lake temple relocation project and the Rs 150 crore Bilaspur-Bandla ropeway, both of which were promised during BJP's tenure but remain incomplete. The Congress leaders also alleged financial mismanagement in AIIMS recruitments, pointing out that nursing, security, and cleaning staff have been outsourced without transparency.



Cooperative Society registers Rs. 38 lakh profit, calls for filling vacant posts

SANJEEV MAHAJAN
NURPUR: The annual general meeting of the Di Sihal Agricultural Service Cooperative Society, operating under the Fatehpur block of the Assistant Registrar's Office in Kangra district, was held on Sunday. The event saw enthusiastic participation from both youth and women. Presiding over the meeting, Chairman Sarup Singh presented the society's report, revealing a profit of approximately ?38 lakh this year. It was decided that nearly 20% of the profit would be distributed as dividends to shareholders. Attendees, including Surinder Suryavanshi, Hukm Devi, Kamlesh Kumari, Manoj Kumar, Keval Singh, Varinder Singh, Gopal Singh, Anku, Malkiyat Singh, Chhannu, Arjun, Ankush Kumar, Rahul, Vicky, and Vijay, raised concerns over three vacant posts—Secretary, Salesperson, and Peon. They expressed frustration over the delay in filling these positions, emphasizing that many young candidates were becoming overage, losing their opportunity for employment in the society. The attendees urged the society to fill the vacant posts within 15 days through open recruitment, allowing deserving candidates a fair chance.



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BJP state leader strongly reacts to handing over govt hospitals to private hands



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: The Aam Aadmi Party government of Punjab has run away from providing health facilities to the people of Punjab. For this reason, the Punjab government is now going to hand over the management of government hospitals in private hands. This was revealed by BJP state core committee member Kewal Singh Dhillon, former MLA, through a conversation. He said that the Punjab Health Minister has talked about handing over the government hospitals in private hands to run them better. This proves that the Punjab government is no longer able to provide health facilities to the people on behalf of the government. For this reason, the government will now run hospitals through private institutions instead of providing health facilities itself. He said that the Aam Aadmi Party government came to power during the elections by promising to provide health and education facilities to the people of Punjab, but during the three years of the government's rule, there has been no change in these facilities in Punjab.

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Dr. Arvind Sharma pays tribute to former minister Satpal Sangwan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
CHARKHI DADRI: Haryana's Cooperative Tourism Minister Dr GB Arvind Sharma reached Charkhi Dadri on Sunday where he expressed condolences by paying tribute to former minister Satpal Sangwan. He offered flowers on the picture of Satpal Sangwan. Later he met Satpal Sangwan's son and Dadri MLA Sunil Sangwan and other family members and expressed condolences. Dr Arvind Sharma said that the death of former minister Satpal Sangwan has caused a huge loss in the political arena and social field which cannot be compensated. Mr Sharma described Sangwan as a noble leader with a balanced heart and said that Satpal Sangwan has worked for the welfare of farmers, youth, women and the poor.

Legal Literacy Club organises special program on Women's Day at DAV College



YAGYADUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: A special program was organized by the Legal Literacy Club on the occasion of Women's Day at DAV College Pehowa. On the occasion painting competition and debate competition were organized in which college students participated enthusiastically. The chief guest of this program was Dr. Surendra Sharma, who told the students about the importance of Women's Day and made them aware of the rights of women. Speaking on women empowerment, he said that women were necessary for the strength of the society and they should respect them. The event was organized by Dr. Deepika, officer of the Legal Literacy Club. In the painting competition, first Khushi and Isha, second was Nandini, third was Pallavi. In the debate competition, the first Saloni, the second Parv and the third Khushi. The winners were also awarded prizes. Dr. Jyoti, Dr. Neha, Professor Amandeep, Professor Muskan, Professor Monica were also present during the event.

Tripura is moving towards bright future under PM's leadershi: Nadda

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AGARTALA, MAR 9



BJP National President Jagat Prakash Nadda addressed a public meeting on Sunday to mark the Tripura government's second anniversary. He criticised the previous Communist and Congress-led governments, blaming them for violence and lawlessness in the state. The BJP-led coalition government in Tripura celebrated two years in power in the state. Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha and other BJP leaders were also present at the public meeting. Addressing the public meeting, Nadda said, "If you remember bad days, you will enjoy good days even more. Tripura was once a land of crime, where political murders and attacks happened regularly. Women could not go out safely at night. But today, under the BJP rule, Tripura is safe, and development is happening at a fast pace." "The Communist government was a mess with Congress. They acted like enemies outside but were friends inside. These power-hungry people turned Tripura into a land of violence--rapes, murders, and political crimes happened every day."

"The people of Tripura repeatedly bless the 'Lotus' and the leadership of Prime Minister Modi and Manik Saha because we are public servants, we care for the people..., and we work for Antyodaya. Our policies are not just on paper, our policies are not limited to the files of the secretariat, our policies are to benefit the common man in the land of Tripura. Our goal is not power but service," Nadda said. JP Nadda praised the Tripura Government and announced schemes for girls, and said, "Under the Balika Samriddhi Yojna the Tripura governemnt will give Rs 50,000 bonds to BPL families when a girl is born. At 18, she will get Rs 10 lakh. While under the Kanya Atmanirbhar Scheme, 140 top-performing girl students will get a scooty." "These schemes will empower our daughters and secure their future," Nadda said, praising Chief Minister Manik Saha for his leadership. He further added, "Tripura is moving forward at a fast pace, and we must continue this development." He urged people to continue supporting the BJP for Tripura's progress, saying, "When you think of development, remember the corruption, shutdowns, and violence of the past. Under Modi Ji's leadership, Tripura is moving towards a bright future."

BJP strengthens booths and mandals in Moga for 2027 Punjab elections



JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA
MOGA, MAR 9

BJP office bearers should move forward with the idea that if the booths are strong, then the mandals are strong, and if the mandals are strong, then the assembly constituency is strong, so that the path to form the government by giving victory to BJP in Punjab in the upcoming 2027 elections can be clear. These views were expressed by senior BJP state leader and former minister and Moga district in-charge Manoranjan Kalia while addressing a meeting organized by Dr. Seemant Garg of all the mandal presidents and office bearers of Moga district at the BJP district office located at the old grain market in Moga today. On this occasion, BJP District General Secretary Mukhtiar Singh, Vicky Sitara, Rahul Garg, senior leaders Nidharak Singh Brar, Rakesh Bhalla, former president Trilochan Singh Gill, Vinay Sharma, Rakesh Sharma, State Vice President of Vyapar Cell Devpriya Tyagi, District President of Mahila Morcha Shilpa Bansal, Suman Malhotra, Vice President Soni Manla, Mandal President Baghapurana Deepak Talwar, Mandal President Amit Gupta, Mandal President Bhupinder Happy, Mandal President Amandeep Grover, Somnath, Tejveer Singh, Youth Leader Kashis Dhamija, Chaman Lal Samalsar, Rabhvarinder Singh Dharamkot, Shamsher Singh Kaila, Gurcharan Singh, Gagan Lumba Baghapurana, Sanjeev Dharamkot, Sukha Singh, Umakant, Vijay Mishra, Tejveer Singh, Rajinder Gaba, Jatinder Chadha, Hemant Sood etc. were present.

Save the girl child, educate the girl child: Honoring girls who excelled in field of education and sports

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, MAR 9



A district-level health camp for women dedicated to International Women's Day under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao was organized at LBS College Barnala. In which Deputy Commissioner Barnala Mr. T. Benith, IAS arrived as the chief guest. In this regard, District Program Officer Kulwinder Singh said that in this district-level event, free health check-up of women was done by the doctors of the health department. In this event, 3 girls with special achievements in the field of sports were honored by the district administration and 4 girls with special educational achievements were also honored and these girls were issued certificates, badges of honor and an amount of Rs. 5100 by the district administration. On this occasion, stalls were set up by various departments like Health Department, Ayurvedic Department, Agriculture Department, Employment Department, District Child Protection Unit, Sakhi: One Stop Center, Social Justice, Empowerment and Minority Department, Office of District Social Security Officer etc. in which women were made aware about departmental schemes and awareness materials related to the schemes were distributed. He said that stalls were also set up by self-help groups run by women in the event in which various types of goods prepared by them were exhibited. On this occasion, Child Development Project Officer Mrs. Urvashi Goyal, Child Development Project Officer Shehna Mrs. Harmeet Kaur and LBS.

Akshara International School organises program to commemorate Women's Day



YAGYADUT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: The program was held at Akshara International School on Sunday under the chairmanship of Poonam Kahda, a special program chairperson at Akshara International School, to commemorate the International Women's Day and the annual 100 per cent result. She congratulated all the children and parents and school staff on achieving 100 per cent results of the school and wished the children a bright future. In this, the women staff expressed their views.

Chairperson Poonam Kahda said that women have been given the highest position in all religious texts. Guru Nanak Sahib has also given respect to the woman in his speech and said that the woman's womb the kings were born were not weak, but almighty. She said that women have a special contribution in the development of society. Therefore, everyone should give their daughters an opportunity to move forward and take them out of the boundary wall of the house and motivated them to flourish. A woman educated two houses. She showed a new direction to the society as a daughter and daughter -in -law.

SDMN Vidya Mandir organises talent show at junior wing



PRADEEP MEHTA
NILOKHERI: Speaking at a talent show organized at the junior wing of SDMN Vidya Mandir, Nilokheri, the general secretary of the education committee and BJP leader Shiv Nath Kapoor said that although education was divided into three parts; primary, secondary and higher education, secondary education paved the way for higher education whereas primary education was the foundation of secondary and higher education. Describing this school as a reliable school of the area, Shiv Nath Kapoor said that this school worked to inculcate values in children along with education right from primary education. On this occasion, hundreds of small children enthralled the people by presenting their performances. In his presidential address, Haryana Staff Selection Board member Kapil Atreja praised the children's program and said that he was overwhelmed to see discipline among small children. It is noteworthy that for new children taking admission in nursery, the school gives a concession of up to 50 per cent in the admission fees.

Police arrest three accused in case of murder



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Police of Khedi Lakha Singh arrested the three accused in a case of killing a youth in village Toprakala on March 7. Police spokesperson said that Superintendent of Police Rajiv Deswal has given strict instructions to the district police to crack down on crime and criminals. While taking action under these instructions, the police team of police post Khedi Lakkha Singh has succeeded in arresting the three accused in just seven hours in the case of killing 30 -year -old Raman in village Toprakalan on March 7.The accused were produced in court and taken on two days police remand. The police were investigating the case intensively. Chowki in charge Shamsher Rana said that 30 -year -old Raman, resident of village Toprakalan, was called by Paras, Mustakim and Sachin from the village on March 7 and on the day when Raman came to Saini Dharamshala, Sachin pushed Raman and Mustakim caught him. After that, Paras picked up a brick nearby and hit Raman 18 times on his head and escaped. When he did not come home till late night, Raman's brother Malkit went there and saw Raman was lying in a pool of blood.

Blood donation camp organized on occasion of 55th birthday of MP Naveen Jindal

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL, MAR 9



Shining India Foundation for Global Welfare (Regd) organized a big blood donation camp at Hanuman Vatika on Sunday on the occasion of 55th birthday of MP Naveen Jindal. A total of 94 blood units were collected in the camp. Shining India Foundation officials also donated blood in large numbers. Municipal Council Chairperson Surabhi Garg and DSP Kaithal Headquarters Veerbhan were present as chief guests in the blood donation camp while SHO Civil Line Shivkumar Sharma and former IMA President Dr. Vinod Mittal were present as special guests. MP Naveen Jindal's Kaithal office in-charge Shankar Goyal was also present in the camp with his entire team. Blood donors were also honored by giving certificates in the blood donation camp.

The camp was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by the chief guests and other dignitaries of the city. On reaching the camp, the chief guests were welcomed by the officials of Shining India Foundation Sushil Bansal, Gaurav Mittal Advocate, Dr. Vijay Kansal, Pankaj Bansal, Nishant Khurania, Devendra Goyal, Sunil Chugh, Praveen Jain, Praveen Gupta, Rajesh Goyal, Rahul Kharania by giving bouquets. After putting badges on the blood donors, in her address, Chairperson Surabhi Garg said that blood donation was a great donation and it can save the life of any needy person. Praising this social work of Shining India Foundation, she said that the blood donation camp organized by Shining India Foundation today was a very unique effort in itself which will prove helpful for everyone.

Sarbat Da Bhala Trust Barnala elects new office bearers, pledges support for needy

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, MAR 9



A meeting of Sarbat Da Bhala Charitable Trust unit, Barnala district was held at the local Guru Ghar Bibi Pradhan Kaur under the guidance of Dr. SP Singh Ubrao and Mr. Jassa Singh Sandhu, in which Gurjinder Singh Sidhu was unanimously elected as the district president and other office bearers for the next three years. This information was given by Gurjant Singh Sona in a press note to the press. He said that Sarb Sri Sukhdarshan Singh was appointed as the vice president, Basant Singh Ugo as vice president, Gurjant Singh Sona as general secretary and Kulwinder Singh was appointed as the cashier, Mr. Rajesh Bhutani Avtar Singh Sidhu as the treasurer, Mr. Vipan Kumar as the treasurer, Gurmeet Singh Khudi as the treasurer, Yograj Yogi Rajinder Kumar as the treasurer, Pandit Jagdish Kumar as the treasurer, Gurdev Singh Makkar as the treasurer, Gurjant Singh Naiwala as the treasurer, and Lakhwinder Kumar as the treasurer.

Addressing the meeting on this occasion, Sidhu thanked all the members and said that it is the responsibility of every member to help the needy poor widows and the disabled and urged all those members to go to the government schools running in the district and find out whether RO filters are installed or not. If not, then RO filters will be installed in that school free of cost by the organization so that clean drinking water can be provided to children in government schools. This is the dream of the organization's Managing Director Ubrai Sahib. Sidhu said that the person taking help from his organization should be truly needy.

SSD Govt Sr Sec School gets Uttam School Award

DEEPAK KUMAR
MACHHIWARA, MAR 9



SSD Government Senior Secondary School was awarded with Uttam award for its good work. Giving information in this regard, Executive Principal Niranjan Kumar said that this school has received this award of the 1900 schools across Punjab. In all the Senior Secondary schools in Ludhiana district, only one organization Shri Shankar Das Senior Secondary School was selected for the Uttam School Award for the year 2023-2024. Under which the school will also be given an amount of Rs10 lakhs. The award was received by the school's executive Principal Niranjan Kumar during a ceremony held in Chandigarh from the Education Minister Harjot Bains. Education Secretary Anandita Mitra, Special Education Secretary, DPI Paramjit Singh and Education Officer Dimple Madan were also present on the occasion. The Uttam School Award is award on the basis of various parameters of the institution. In which the building of the school is gauged in view of the activities of the school, the results, playing and the other activities. This school has received the best school award only with the help of Mr Niranjan Kumar of this school clubbed with hard work of all staff, cooperation of school manager committee, support of block nodal officer Harneet Bhatiya and cooperation of the area.

MP Naveen Jindal always at forefront to serve needy: Kanwaljit Kaur

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, MAR 9



Zila Parishad Chairperson Kanwaljit Kaur said that serving the needy was the greatest act of charity. MP Naveen Jindal has contributed a lot in awakening the spirit of service and faith in people. Chairperson Kanwaljit Kaur had reached LNJP Hospital to distribute fruits on the occasion of MP Naveen Jindal's 55th birthday. While distributing fruits among the patients, she said that MP Naveen Jindal has been constantly trying to provide health services to the people. He has run three medical vans in his Lok Sabha constituency to provide immediate medical services to the people. In which MBBS doctors along with support staff and lab test facilities have also been provided.

MP Naveen Jindal's effort was that no person should remain ill due to lack of treatment. With this objective, he has started the service of free medicines and checkup here. Apart from this, he was also providing health services to the people by organizing huge mega camps from time to time. She mentioned that whenever the MP met the people during programs, his first effort was to make people aware about cleanliness and good food and exercise while being health conscious. The patients of the hospital also wished MP Naveen Jindal for his bright future on his birthday.

Bharti Kissan Union Ekta, Sidhupur hosts Women's Day seminar in Faridkot



GURMEET SINGH MEETA
KOTKAPURA: Bharti Kissan Union Ekta (Sidhupur) organized a special seminar on the occasion of International Women's Day at Dhilwan Kalan Distt. Faridkot, in which many peoples like women, girls and other educational centres head. There was a detailed discussion about marital women, school going children, college and university going young girls and grandparents aged. Many important points were shared and then the question- answer session was conducted on difficulties, problems, troubles etc. faced by girls, women and the elderly, which were elaborately answered in simple language by the resource person in presence. The guests who came were presented with a token of appreciation by the organization. The entire seminar ended very successfully and showed the constructive role of women in society. A special discussion was discussed about the Women Day celebration at the Khanauri Border. Sisters Veerpal Kaur Brar, Simarjeet Kaur Brar, Prabhjot Kaur Brar, Balvir Kaur Brar, Gurjeet Kaur Dhaliwal.

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CM stops convoy on way to Hisar, interacts with villagers

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini, while going to Hisar district on Sunday, stopped his convoy at Bhaini Maharajpur village, met the villagers and enquired about their well-being. During this, the Chief Minister congratulated the villagers on Holi.
The Chief Minister interacted with farmers on the occasion. He said the Haryana Government is a farmer-friendly government, which is continuously taking decisions for the welfare of farmers. In the interest of the farmers, the government has decided to buy all the crops at MSP and Haryana is the first state in the country to do so. Sh. Nayab Singh Saini also received information about crop damage from the farmers. He said the state government has given instructions for a special girdawari of crops affected due to unseasonal rains and hailstorms in different districts of the state recently.

All political parties must nominate Booth-Level Agents: CEO Pankaj Agarwal

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MAR 9

Haryana Chief Election Officer (CEO) Sh. Pankaj Agarwal has said that as per the guidelines issued by the Election Commission of India, it is mandatory for all political parties to appoint Booth-Level Agents (BLA) of their respective parties. From now on, the records of BLA will have to be maintained by the office of the Chief Election Officer in states and union territories.

Giving information in this regard today, Sh. Pankaj Agarwal said recently, a two-day workshop of Chief Election Officers of all the states was organized at the India International Democracy and Election Management Council in Delhi, in which the Election Commission of India has given instructions to appoint BLAs. He said the number of registered voters in the state is 2,6,32,503 and 20,031 BLO posts have been nominated.



He said Haryana has 6 national-level and two state-level recognized political parties. All parties have to appoint Booth Level Agent 1 and 2. For political parties, Booth Level Agent is an authorized person who takes voting related material from Election Commission for his party.

He said the Booth Level Agent provides necessary information about voters to BLO in preparing error-free voting list.

CM meets the family members of Former Minister Satpal Sangwan

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini visited the residence of Former Minister, Late. Satpal Sangwan in Dadri on Sunday to pay his last respects. He expressed his condolences to the late leader's wife, his son MLA, Sh.Sunil Sangwan, and other family members.
In his condolence message, the Chief Minister said that the sudden demise of Late. Satpal Sangwan is a great loss to his family, friends, and society. He prayed to the almighty to grant peace to the departed soul and give strength to the family to bear this loss.
He further said that Late. Satpal Sangwan lived a simple and social life, always fostering harmony in society. His passing is a great loss, and his contributions will be deeply missed.

MLA Jagmohan Anand holds 'Chai Pe Charcha' with public, resolves issues



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MARCH 9

Following the municipal elections, Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand resumed his public outreach by hosting a 'Chai Pe Charcha' session on Sunday. A large number of people gathered to meet him and share their concerns, many of which were addressed on the spot. He emphasized that the people of Karnal are his family, and it is his duty to prioritize their welfare.

The session began with devotional hymns, after which MLA Anand listened to public grievances and took immediate steps to resolve them. He expressed gratitude for the overwhelming support that brought him to the Haryana Assembly and assured the people that he would continue to raise their concerns in the House. He also highlighted Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini's strong connection with Karnal's residents and reaffirmed his commitment to fulfilling their key demands. Additionally, he noted that Union Minister Manohar Lal frequently visits the city, bringing new development projects, and that rapid progress is underway in Karnal.

Report on Low Voter Turnout to Be Submitted to CM

Anand acknowledged the low voter turnout in the municipal elections and stated that CM Nayab Singh Saini had sought an explanation for the decline. A report analyzing the reasons behind the low participation will soon be submitted to the Chief Minister.

Congress Criticized for Leadership Void

Targeting the Congress party, Anand remarked that it is on the verge of collapse, with no workers remaining. He pointed out that despite the commencement of the Haryana Assembly's budget session, the party has failed to elect a Leader of Opposition for six months. He accused Congress leaders of lacking unity and direction, stating that internal factionalism has reached its peak.

Students will have to return to Indian culture: Sharma



CHAMAN LAL
KARNAL, MAR 9

Various scholars from India and abroad participated in International Seminar organized by English Department at Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Karnal and presented their research papers. Speaking online at closing ceremony of International Seminar organized by courtesy of ICSSR and Higher Education Department, Government of Haryana, Vice Chancellor of Indira Gandhi University, Mirpur, Dr. J.P. Yadav said that we should use social media with utmost caution and avoid its adverse effects. He congratulated Principal Prof. Shashi Madan and coordinator Dr. Devi Bhushan for successful event. Dr. Radhey Shyam Sharma, former Vice Chancellor of Chaudhary Devi Lal University, Sirsa and Guru Jambheshwar University, Sirsa, who came as a special guest, said that today's students will have to return to Indian culture. They should have character and morality. Obscenity in language should be avoided on social media. R.G. Dr. Naresh Sharma Vats from National University Patiala said that social media has taken humans under its control. We have become accustomed to it, although it has also increased our knowledge. Dr. Pramod Mulik from Bhakta Phool Singh Women University Khanpur said that the people of India do not know about patents. We work hard and create and most of benefits are taken by foreign companies. We have to recognize our qualities. Dr. Ashok Chaudhary, Principal of Markanda National College Shahbad said that social media has caused distortion in language.

Students can move forward by setting up their own business: Narendra Kumar

NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR, MARCH 9

A one-day national workshop on subject of Pharma Anveshan-2025 was organized at Global Research Institute of Pharma Pharmacy, Nachron. This workshop organized under patronage of Pt. BD Sharma University of Health Sciences, Rohtak, was concluded in collaboration with Society of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, aim of which was to promote innovation and start-ups in pharmacy sector. SDM Radaur Narendra Kumar was chief guest in program and started program with lighting of lamp. Chairman CA SK Jindal presided over it. He shared his personal experiences with students. Being from a pharmacy background, he explained to students importance of perseverance, innovation and continuous learning in industry and inspired them to explore new opportunities in pharmaceutical industry. He told students that this sector is developing rapidly in which students can not only find better job opportunities but can also move forward by setting up their own business. Vashisht Guest Professor Dr. Kumar Gurve, Dr. Upendra Nagaich, Dr. Rahul Taneja, Ms. Ritu Mehla, Chetan Verma, Gulshan Kumar also emphasized importance of entrepreneurial skills in pharmaceutical sector and the need to promote research based innovation. While Dr. Rajesh Kumar Verma, Rohini Sharma, Dr. Sameer Sapra, Professor Monica Gulati, Subhash Baidya shared their views on Indian herbal industry, its current status and sustainability and provided necessary information to students. In program, poster exhibition and oral exhibition competition were the center of attraction for the students. The first prize in the poster exhibition was given to Diya Arora and Tripti Rana. While second prize was given to Raunak, Pratibha, Bhavishya and Sajjad. While the third prize was won by Jagjit Kaur and Sangeeta Verma. Anchal got the first place in oral presentation. While Abhishek got second place and Faizan got third place. Winners were honored with prizes. More than 500 participants attended. College Chairman CA Sanjay Jindal and Vice Chairperson Indu Jindal appreciated innovative thinking of students and reiterated institute's commitment to research and development. Dr. Ashwani Dhingra, Principal of Global Research Institute of Pharmacy thanked all dignitaries, speakers, experts and organizing committee.



Divyam tops tortoise race



DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: Annual Sports Day Meet was organized at Air Force School. During this, children of the pre-primary wing participated in various sports competitions. In these competitions, the children performed very well and showed their talent. There was a lot of excitement on the field during the sports competition. On one hand, players kept on getting applause, while the ever-changing game kept everyone excited. Many types of fun competitions were also organized for teachers of the school. Divyam, a resident of Mohindra Nagar, secured second place in the tortoise race and won applause. In competitions held last year too, Divyam performed brilliantly and won many prizes in solo dance, calligraphy, doha-shloka and race. Divyam's achievement has brought excitement among his parents and relatives.

Workers of Adoption Agency honored on International Women's Day





BUREAU
KAITHAL, MARCH 9

Mrs. Rakhee Jain, wife of Justice Pankaj Jain of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, honored 15 workers of the Specialized Adoption Agency, Bal Upvan Aashram, in a ceremony held here yesterday. The event was jointly organized by Shri Sanatan Dharma Mandir Sabha, Haryana Adhivakta Parishad (Kaithal Unit), and the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA).

Mrs. Jain was warmly welcomed by Sabha President Ravi Bhushan Garg, DLSA Advocate Arvind Khurania, and Haryana Adhivakta Parishad District President H.S. Ranu. She lauded the efforts of the adoption agency, children's home, and old-age home managed by the Mandir Sabha.

The event featured cultural performances by girl students of Government Senior Secondary School, Shergarh, including Haryanvi and solo dance performances. The women staff, including nurses, cooks, sweepers, and managerial officials, became emotional upon receiving recognition from an esteemed agency.

Chief Judicial Magistrate Dr. Parminder Kaur, DLSA member Reetu, former DBA President R. Parashar, and Advocate H.S. Ranu highlighted the significance of International Women's Day and the government's policies on women's rights.

Bharat Vikas Parishad organises Holi Milan function



TARAORI (KAMAL SHARMA): Bharat Vikas Parishad Tarawadi branch organized Holi Milan function on Sunday. Famous poets enthralled the audience in the program 'Geton Bhari Sham Aapke Naam'. This program was organized by Tarawadi branch of State Bank of India. Singers of Sur Sangeet Kala Manch Karnal entertained the audience by presenting Hindi film songs. Chief Manager Sanjay Kumar participated in the program. The program was presided over by branch president Yogesh Midda. Anil Kumar from SME State Bank Tarawadi participated as a special guest. Eminent citizens were honored by presenting coconut and 'Ang vastra' on behalf of the council. Branch secretary Rakesh Hans gave information about the division projects of the branch.

After Nirmal Khattar's presentation in the worship of Maa Bhagwati, other artists of Sur Sangeet Kala Manch presented very wonderful performances. Chief guest Sanjay Kumar in his speech congratulated all the members of Bharat Vikas Parishad Tarawadi and Sur Sangeet Kala Manch Karnal for the success of the program.

Nawab Khan becomes President of Chhachhrauli Press Club



R K KASHYAP.
CHHACHHRAULI : A meeting of Chhachhrauli Press Club was held in the rest house of sub division Chhachhrauli. In meeting, senior journalist Nawab Khan was unanimously elected as the President of Press Club Chhachhrauli of sub division Chhachhrauli. Executive was also formed. Newly appointed President Nawab Khan said that this is first organization of journalists in Chhachhrauli which has been established today. He said that journalist organization will always raise its voice for interests of journalists and their rights. Organization will always stand shoulder to shoulder with the journalists. He said that the organization is not run by a single person, but for this everyone has to work together for organization. An executive was also formed in which senior vice president Sunil Sharma, general secretary Ramkishan, treasurer Kaushik Khan, secretary Sukhwinder, vice president Rajinder Kumar were made. Ravi Kumar, Dharamveer, Sanjeev Kumar, Sunil Kumar were appointed as members in the executive.

Respect for women is real progress of society: Jugal Bhatla

MEGHRAJ LUTHRA
KACHWA, MAR 9

In the program organized at Seva Samiti located in Kunjpura Road Market on Women's International Day, president of organization Jugal Bhatla said that respect for women is real progress of society. Hard work, struggle and self-confidence of women who are successful today is behind them. It is also mentioned in our scriptures that the society in which women are respected is called an advanced society. A grand program was organized in which girls of Ladies Industrial Home gave one better than other presentation. In program, people present were mesmerized by



giving dance with Haryanvi folk song, drama on martyred soldiers of Pulwama, incredible devotion of Veer Hanuman, fashion show and many other types of presentations. Panel of three judges increased the fun of program by asking questions to the participants. A large number of women and people were present in function. Among them, Sanjay Bhattla, manager of the institute Rama Madan, secretary Vineet Bhatia, cashier Kamal, international player Surendra Bhalla, prominent social worker Pankaj Bharti, Lalit Ahuja, Acharya Vikas Nagpal, Megh Raj Luthra and other dignitaries of city were present. Ladies Industrial Home in Seva Samiti institute has five types of streams, which mainly include computer courses, steno in Hindi and English, sewing embroidery and fashion designing, beauty and care and the fifth one is of various types of courses for disabled children from today. Currently, 215 girls are doing these different courses in the institute, from which nominal fees are charged. In the ceremony, a fashion show program was done by the girls learning here, which received the most appreciation from the audience. Social worker Pankaj Bharti gave detailed information about this to the people present.

Karnal district becomes leader of state in improving sex ratio, CM honours ADC by giving a cheque of Rs 2.5 lakh and citation

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
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Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao campaign has taken the form of a mass movement in the state. Due to which, in improving sex ratio, Karnal district has crossed the figure of 926 in comparison to 1 thousand boys and Karnal district has become the leader of the state. For this achievement, in the state level Mahila Samman Samaroh organized in Panchkula on the occasion of International Women's Day, Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini honored Additional Deputy Commissioner Yash Jaluka and District Program Officer of Women and Child Development Department Seema Prasad on behalf of Karnal District Administration by giving a cheque of Rs 2.50 lakh and a citation for securing first place in improving sex ratio, which is a matter of pride for people of Karnal district. In year 2014, sex ratio in district was 886, in



year 2018 this ratio increased to 934, in year 2023 sex ratio became 908 which was 5 points more than the sex ratio of year 2022. Last year in 2024, sex ratio improved and crossed figure of 926, which is 40 points more than year 2014. To prevent social evils like female foeticide and to improve the sex ratio, the government is running important schemes like Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, Aapki Beti-Hamari Beti on behalf of the Women and Child Development Department and the benefits of these schemes are being made available to women. He said that monitoring is done under PCPNDT Act to prevent foeticide, along with this, awareness programmes are being run continuously to ensure that there is no discrimination between daughters and sons under Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao. Karnal district has succeeded in achieving this feat due to able guidance of Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh and teamwork of the Women and Child Development Department.In a state-level programme organised in Panchkula on occasion of International Women's Day, Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini honoured 81-year-old Shanta Ranga of Karnal district by giving her a cheque of Rs 5 lakh .

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There is a kind of beauty in imperfection.

Conrad Hall

Editorial

Mammoth mistake

When Victor Frankenstein abandoned his monstrous creation after taking one look at it, he actually left a valuable lesson for scientists: just because something can be done does not mean that it should be done. This is a lesson that scientists at Colossal Biosciences would do well to pay heed to. This American private biotechnology company has long made it its mission to bring back the woolly mammoth from extinction. To that end, the company published a non-peer-reviewed paper in which it claims to have genetically engineered a mouse to express a gene that relates to mammoth hair. What this means, in effect, is that it has created some mice with slightly longer hair than normal. The road from hairy mice to woolly mammoths is not only long but also fantastical because there exists no intact mammoth nucleus and no complete mammoth DNA — the most basic requirements for cloning an animal. What the company has is the species's genome from fragments of mammoth DNA unearthed from ice. At best, this will give birth to a genetically modified, hairy elephant, which, much like Frankenstein's monster, may end up being abandoned by its creators once it has served its express commercial purpose.

The mammoth's modern avatar would have to overcome other challenges. For instance, should such a freakish being come into existence, where would it go? Besides the fact that the Arctic tundra and the frozen swathes of the Antarctic are rapidly melting and thus not big enough to support even the species already existing there, the new creature's elephant genes would leave it poorly equipped to deal with those regions and its mammoth wool would make its survival impossible in hotter climates. Moreover, it will also be utterly alone. The best possible outcome of this venture will be a single boutique animal that is profoundly confused but makes a huge amount of money for commercial ventures that think nothing of profiteering from turning species into spectacles. Science's capitulation to corporate greed will do more harm than good. For instance, this could damage science's credibility and reduce State and public support for future research that could have more positive, meaningful impacts.

The mammoth, though, is not the only creature in the midst of such a resurrection exercise — the Tasmanian tiger, an Australian marsupial believed to have gone extinct since the 1930s, and the dodo, a large flightless bird from the island of Mauritius that died out in the 17th century, are also part of de-extinction projects. These projects offer the false hope of undoing the excesses of humanity and bringing back creatures whose extinction humans helped bring about without addressing the causes of their disappearance.

Vandalism at Hindu temple in California

India on Sunday condemned the vandalism at a Hindu temple in California in the United States.

Official Spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs, Randhir Jaiswal termed the attack as "despicable" and urged local authorities to take stringent action against those responsible.

"We have seen reports regarding the vandalism at a Hindu temple in Chino Hills, California. We condemn such despicable acts in the strongest terms. We call upon the local law enforcement authorities to take stringent action against those responsible for these acts, and also ensure adequate security to places of worship," the MEA said.

A BAPS Hindu Temple located in Chino Hills, California was vandalised with desecratory messages, days ahead of a so-called 'Khalistani referendum' in Los Angeles.

The official X page of BAPS for the United States, shared the details of the incident that took place at a BAPS Hindu Temple located in Chino Hills, California.

It also stressed that they will "never let hate take root" and peace and compassion shall prevail.

In a post on X, BAPS Public Affairs wrote, "In the face of another Mandir desecration, this time in Chino Hills, CA, the Hindu community stand steadfast against hate. Together with the community in Chino Hills and Southern California, we will never let hate take root. Our common humanity and faith will ensure that peace and compassion prevail."



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The Coalition of Hindus of North America (CoHNA), also shared details of the incident on X, and said the desecration of the iconic BAPS Temple in California comes ahead of the "so called Khalistan referendum" in Los Angeles.

"Another Hindu Temple vandalized - this time the iconic BAPS temple in Chino Hills, CA. It's just another day in a world where media and academics will insist there is no anti-Hindu hate and that #Hinduphobia is just a construct of our imagination. Not surprising this happens as the day for a so called "Khalistan referendum" in LA draws close."

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The post listed down other recent cases of vandalism of temples from 2022 onwards and gave a call for investigation into the matter. Cases of temple vandalism took place last year too as the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Sacramento, California, was vandalised on the night of September 25. This incident occured less than 10 days after a similar incident at the BAPS Mandir in New York.

The 'anti-Hindu' messages included phrases such as 'Hindus go back,' alarming the local Hindu community. In response, the community expressed its commitment to standing united against.

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Shipping ministry sets goal to complete 150 projects by September 2025

Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal reviewed the ongoing projects of his ministry -- worth Rs 2 trillion -- and drew up a goal of completing at least 150 projects by September 2025.

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways (MoPSW) organised a two-day 'Chintan Shivir, 2025' in Srinagar with a vision to evaluate, reset, discover, and apply solutions to unlock the potential of India's Blue Economy.

The event focused on strengthening India's shipbuilding and repair capabilities, improving financial and digital solutions for maritime infrastructure, and promoting a greener, more sustainable shipping industry.

Emphasis was laid on achieving targets set out in the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision (MAKV) 2047.

Major announcements were made at the Chintan Shivir in this regard, as outlined below:



A total of 150 initiatives/projects were identified for completion within the next six months, with a deadline set for September 6, 2025.

The Union Minister reemphasised India's vision to be among the top 5 shipbuilding nations by 2047, with an additional shipbuilding capacity of 4 million Gross Registered Tonnage (GRT). He directed the formulation of suitable policies and skill development initiatives while encouraging collaboration with the State governments.

The Bharat Container Shipping Line will be established under the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI).

Simple living and high thinking

It is too bad to be too good" 'Simple living and high thinking' is a great saying and is very essential in life. Great men of the world have always preached that 'Simple living and high thinking' should be the golden principle of life. Most of the men in the annals of history have practiced this principle and achieved success in all its glory. All great saints like Mahatma Gandhi, Buddha, Guru Nanak Dev Ji etc. who attained spiritual greatness and shook the world with their intellectual attainments are examples of this principle.An American writer "Thoreau' who influenced Gandhi ji, the most, used to think that if people start to live a simple life, then most of the ills of the society can be removed. But in modern world, this is not possible. These days people believe in artificial and showy things.This thinking, however, is not implemented in practical life. It is well known Mahatma Gandhi was always dressed in dhoti and a simple shawl but he still moved the entire world with his dynamic thinking. Similarly, Jawaharlal Nehru, Abraham Lincon, Albert Einstein and Bertrand Russel have proved that simple living is a better way of achieving greatness by service to society. Moreover, the life around us is so complicated that we can't remain untouched with it.A person leading a simple life is considered a fool these days.He can't progress in life. The circumstances will lag him behind. He can't compete with those who are leading a luxurious life. But it is not essential that only a man leading a simple life can think high. A person leading life in his own way can also think high.There are a lot of examples too and lot of them in human history, to prove the theory of simple living and high thinking. Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Kabir and Vinoba Bhave are other examples of this mode of life. These personalities led unsophisticated lives. Yet they became the ideals of people as philosophers, poets and leaders. They exacted their living and thinking of common people with their strong convictions of truth, love for human beings, good society and led the people to great heights and achievements not only in the spiritual field but also in worldly affairs. It is true that simple living encourages high thinking and man who practices both the things in his life leads a contented life. He is not lured by earthly things.

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Tejinder kaur
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POEM

From a Woman to Another

To every woman who's set us free
To every woman who's let us be
To every woman who handled a freak, Who roared over the world, or couldn't make a creak To every woman who's bought a change, Who's fought her fear and took upon the stage To the women who became our nation's pride, The ones who cried, the ones who tried To every woman who desired to rome, But settled her feelings and made us feel home To every woman from spices to prizes, With all disguises, of all sizes Who lead us the way, and became a ray, May you realize your power, this women's day.

-Varidhi Chhabra

Learning innovation skill from Mahatma Gandhi Ji: The importance of experimenting

The name of autobiography of Mahatma Gandhi ji is quite unique- An Autobiography: The story of My Experiments with Truth. The word from it that we need to focus is on Experiments. Life of Gandhi ji was full of experiments.

Let us look at one story often shared and many of us already know it. One mother was disturbed by the fact that his son was eating too much of sugar. This was not good for his health and she was worried about it. She went to Gandhiji with herson and shared her ordeal to him. She requested him to help her in getting rid of this bad habit of her son. Gandhiji thought for a moment and requested the woman to come in two weeks.



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This is just one such instance. There are lot of such stories whereas Gandhiji run experiments throughout his life. Even his ashrams were a place of great experiment for him.

Gandhji was not successful in all his experiments and many of his experiments resulted in failure at first. But he learned from these failures, improved on the failures and later run more successful experiments. Remember his saying, "My imperfections and failures are as much a blessing from God as my successes and my talents and I lay them both at his feet. But success and failure are of no account. They are God's concern, not mine".

Application for readers:Experimenting is a very important skill for innovation. Look at your habits and do experiment to come up with ways to replace bad habits with good habits.

Not all of these experiments are going to be successful. Take learnings from failed experiments and run more experiments.

Remember as explained above, even many of the experiments of Gandhiji were failure at first but he learned from these failures. Failure is a great teacher and so do not get disheartened when your experiments are not successful.

Takeaway: It is essential to experiment to come up with innovative ideas and to convertthe innovative ideas into solutions. Similar to Gandhi ji, great leaders and businessman, do a lot of experiments to come up with new ideas and to convert innovative ideas into solutions.

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Women's Day Celebrated with enthusiasm at Vishwas Sakshi Bal Kunj



VIJAY KAUSHIK
LADWA: International Women's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Vishwas Sakshi Bal Kunj, Ladwa. The event featured various activities, including painting, slogan writing, and speeches by children and staff members. Addressing the gathering, institution founder Sheeshpal Madhaan emphasized the significant role women play in all spheres of life. He acknowledged the contributions of several women leaders in Kurukshetra district, including Deputy Commissioner Neha Singh, Sessions Judge Aradhana Sahni, District Program Officer Baljeet Kaur, and District Protection Officer Indu. He also praised Jasbir Kaur, a founding member of the institution, who has been working with children since 2008.

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Tech Mahindra SMART Academy and New Woman Empowerment Foundation celebrate Women's Day in Patiala



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA: Tech Mahindra Foundation organized inspiring discussions, awareness sessions, and interactive activities, we were honoured to have Mrs Ruchi Narula (Mrs. India and Mrs. Eurasia), Mrs Meenu Sodhi (Founder and President of New Women Empowerment Foundation), Mrs. Anitapreet Kaur (District programme organizer of Child and Women Department), Dr. Shelly (dentist), Mrs. Rajni Bhargav Malhotra (Sen. English Lecturer Smart Sarkari School Tripuri), Dr.Gurupdesh (Head in Krishi Vigyan Kendra), Dr. Navjinder Sodi (Retd. SMO Sodi) Mr. Harpreet Sandhu (Director of daffodils), Mrs Shardha and other guests at our TMF Patiala. Our commitment to empowering women and fostering a more inclusive society.

Punjab police conducts search operation at 262 bus stands across state

GAURAV GOEL
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In order to ensure peaceful celebrations of forthcoming Holi festival as desired by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Punjab Police on Sunday conducted a cordon and search operation (CASO) at as many as 262 Bus Stands across the state.

The operation was carried out on the directions of Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav in all the 28 Police districts.

Special Director General of Police (Special DGP) Law and Order Arpit Shukla, who was personally monitoring this state-level operation, said that all the CPs/SSPs were asked to ensure heavy deployment of police force under the supervision of Superintendent of Police (SP) rank officers to make this operation successful.

He said that police teams with the assistance of sniffer dogs frisked people arriving and departing at Bus Stands, he said, while adding that teams have also rounded up suspicious people for verification. "We had strictly instructed all the Police Personnel to deal with every person in a friendly and polite manner while frisking them during the course of this operation," he added.

The Special DGP said that as many as 400 police parties, involving over 3000 Police Personnel, were deputed under the supervision of 121 gazetted rank officers across the state to look for suspicious persons at different bus stands in the state while ensuring minimum inconvenience to the general public. Around 3868 people were checked during the operation conducted at around 262 bus stands in the state, he said, while adding that police teams have rounded up 175 persons for questioning. Police teams have also registered two criminal cases during the operation and recovered 100 grams heroin, he added. He said that during the operation, police teams have also conducted checking of vehicles stationed at and around the bus stands. As many as 208 vehicles were challaned and 14 vehicles have been impounded by the teams, he added.

Special DGP Arpit Shukla reiterated that such operations would continue to ensure peace and harmony in the border state.

Politicians and Journalists dance together at Holi Milan celebration



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAR 9

The Haryana Journalists Association hosted its annual Holi Milan celebration, bringing together politicians, social workers, and journalists in a spirited display of camaraderie. Leaders from various political parties set aside their differences, dancing with journalists and playing Holi with flowers and gulal. The event, held at Punjabi Dharamshala, witnessed a vibrant atmosphere where hundreds of journalists and political representatives embraced the festive spirit. Attendees emphasized that such gatherings foster unity, as people from diverse backgrounds celebrate without bias. Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand, the chief guest, extended Holi greetings and congratulated Association President K.B. Pandit, District President Sandeep Sahil, and Program Coordinator Kamal Midda for organizing the grand celebration. Special guests included Nilokheri MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi and senior BJP leader Ashok Khurana, who applied tilak on journalists and exchanged festive greetings. The event saw participation from political figures across party lines, including former Assandh MLA Shamsher Singh Gogi, former Nilokheri MLA Dharmpal Gondar, former Indri Minister Bhimsen Mehta, former MLA Rakesh Kamboj, Gharaunda Municipal Chairman Happy Lak Gupta, District Council Vice President Dheeraj Kharkhali, former Senior Deputy Mayor Krishna Garg, BJP leaders Trilochan Singh, Shamsher Singh Nain, Pravesh Gaba, JJP State President Brij Sharma, and Congress leaders Manoj Wadhwa and Omprakash Saluja. The event was presided over by former Industry Minister Shashipal Mehta.

Green Park Colony Welfare Association urges Election Commission to penalize non-voters

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, MAR 9



The Green Park Colony Welfare Association has written to the Chief Election Commissioner, demanding strict measures against voters who abstain from casting their votes. The association has proposed penalties for non-voters while advocating for incentives to encourage active participation in elections.

Association President Davinder Mehta expressed concern over the declining voter turnout, despite the billions spent on elections nationwide. He emphasized that the funds used for elections come from taxpayers, and failing to vote amounts to a wastage of public money. He also warned that a low voter turnout raises questions about the credibility of the world's largest democracy.

Mehta suggested that the Election Commission must take decisive steps to make voting a civic responsibility. Among the proposed measures, he recommended restrictions on foreign travel for affluent non-voters and suspension of free ration benefits for low-income families who repeatedly abstain from voting. Additionally, he suggested penalties for voters who skip two consecutive elections. bHe also reminded citizens that if they are dissatisfied with candidates, they can still exercise their right to vote by selecting the NOTA (None of the Above) option. Despite such provisions, voter apathy remains a serious issue, he added.

Justice Pankaj Jain visits court premises

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KAITHAL, MAR 9



Kaithal's inspecting judge Justice Pankaj Jain visited the court premises on Sunday. First of all, session judge Ritu YK Bahl welcomed him at the rest house. Other judges also welcomed him on the judicial premises. After this, Justice Pankaj Jain reached the bar room where District Bar Association President Sandeep Sharma, Vice President Hemraj Wadhwa, Secretary Sachin Singhal, Joint Secretary Amit Rohilla and Treasurer Dinesh Bhatia welcomed him. Sandeep Sharma, on behalf of the Bar Association demanded from Justice Pankaj Jain to build new chambers and another court for Section 138 NI Act (cheque bounce) cases. Justice Pankaj Jain assured to consider both these demands seriously. Justice Jain also appealed to the lawyers not to suspend work on the first, third and fifth Saturdays of the month. On this, the association's president Sandeep Sharma said that he would call a house meeting in this regard and take opinion from the lawyers. Women lawyers were honored on Women's Day by the District Bar Association.

Justice Pankaj Jain also planted a sapling on the bar premises. The stage was conducted by Secretary Sachin Singhal.

Karnal International School student shines in UIMO Maths Olympiad



CHAMANLAL
KARNAL: Harsh Vardhan, a Class IX student of Karnal International School, has brought laurels to the school by securing the 1st State Rank and 30th National Rank in the UIMO Maths Olympiad. Additionally, five students from the school secured positions within the top 20 State Ranks, showcasing the institution's academic excellence. On this proud occasion, the Chairman of the school, Colonel Arun Datta, congratulated the students for their exceptional performance and also appreciated the dedicated efforts of the teachers. He encouraged the students to continue striving for excellence and highlighted the school's commitment to nurturing young talent. The achievement of these students is a testament to the high standards of education and guidance provided at Karnal International School.

Bhajan Kirtan and Community Feast held at Shri Mahakali Mahakaleshwar Temple



KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI: A devotional bhajan kirtan and a grand community feast were organized at Shri Mahakali Mahakaleshwar Siddhapeeth Temple, Ward No. 6, on the occasion of International Women's Day. A large number of devotees and residents participated in the event. The program was graced by Taraori Municipal Chairman Virendra Bansal and former councilor Indu Bansal as special guests. Women devotees were seen joyfully singing and dancing to religious hymns. Acharya Shubham Shastri highlighted that the temple regularly hosts religious ceremonies, with Saturdays being particularly significant for worshippers. He mentioned that havan and yajnas have been conducted here for the peace and prosperity of the city. The event concluded with the recitation of Satyanarayan Katha, followed by an aarti. A grand bhandara (community feast) was organized after the prayers, where devotees received prasad. The gathering was attended by Acharya Shubham Shastri, Urmila, Nirmala, Satish Kakkar, Sanjay Kumar, Shivdutt Sharma, Uma Dutt Sharma, and many other devotees.

Free medical camp on muscle strain organized at BR Ambedkar Bhawan



HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: Muscle strain is caused by lifting heavy weights or doing excessive physical labour, running, twisting or bending suddenly, staying in the same posture for a long time, not giving the body enough stretching and warming up, lack of water and lack of nutrition Dr Himanshu Jain of D R Jain Neurocare and Multispeciality Hospital Kurukshetra expresses this view at the BR Ambedkar Bhawan Village Ramgarh Free Medical Camp. He said that the patient would experience some symptoms in strain such as pain and swelling in the affected area, difficulty in moving, weakness and stiffness in the muscles, mild or severe pain, which may increase. How to prevent these: warm up properly, prepare the body before exercise or heavy work, take a balanced diet, consume proteins, minerals and adequate water, maintain correct posture; adopt the correct position of sitting, standing and sleeping, avoid sudden jolts and do any heavy activity slowly. In case of pain, apply cold compress for immediate relief.

Viresh Shandilya honored with Guru Gobind Singh Ji's statue for anti-terror efforts



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
AMBALA: Viresh Shandilya, International Head of Vishwa Hindu Takht and National President of Anti-Terrorist Front India, was honored with a grand statue of Guru Gobind Singh Ji and a siropa in recognition of his fearless campaign against terrorism and anti-national forces. The honor was bestowed upon him during a large gathering organized by Haan Da Naara Chetna Manch Punjab at Sirhind, a sacred land of the Gurus. The event was coordinated by former Cabinet Minister Dr. Harbans Lal. A gathering of hundreds of women and prominent Sikh community members joined Dr. Harbans Lal in felicitating Shandilya for his unwavering fight against terrorist outfits like Babbar Khalsa International and pro-Khalistani elements. For over three decades, Viresh Shandilya has been at the forefront of exposing and opposing terrorism linked to Pakistan-backed groups and separatist forces. He has consistently raised his voice against enemies of the nation and played a key role in countering anti-India narratives.

Women excelling in every field: Satvinder Kaur



CHAMANLAL
KARNAL: On the occasion of International Women's Day, Young Star Football Club, in collaboration with the District Football Association, honored women footballers and encouraged them to strive for excellence. The event was attended by Women Police Station Incharge Satvinder Kaur as the chief guest. A women's football match was also organized at Karan Stadium, Karnal. Addressing the players, Satvinder Kaur emphasized that women are excelling in every domain. She highlighted the transformation from an era when women were confined to their homes to the present, where they are competing shoulder to shoulder with men. "Women today are setting new benchmarks of success and giving society a new direction," she said. She also praised their dedication and perseverance, stating that they are making remarkable contributions in sports as well.

Agarwal Mahila Wing celebrates Holi with devotional songs and flower play



VIJAY KAUSHIK
LADWA: The All India Agarwal Conference Women's Wing organized a Holi Milan celebration at the Athwadia Wale Temple in the main market of Ladwa. The event featured devotional singing, filling the temple premises with a spiritual atmosphere. Women enthusiastically participated, singing bhajans and dancing to "Aaj To Biraj Mein Holi Re Rasiya," while playing Holi with flower petals. Women's Wing President Urmila Agrawal extended greetings on the occasion, emphasizing that Holi is a festival of colors symbolizing the victory of good over evil. She highlighted that India is a land of festivals, and Holi fosters harmony and joy among people. She also mentioned that the Women's Wing actively engages in religious and social activities throughout the year. The event commenced with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony by Urmila Agrawal. The celebrations concluded with the distribution of prasad. Several women, including President Amita Jain, General Secretary Kamlesh Bansal, and members Nisha, Shashi, Shweta, Monika, Neha, Sunita, Usha, Rashmi, Bhavna, and many others, attended the gathering.

International Women's Day celebrated at DAV College, Sadhaura



PREETI SAINI
SADHAURA: The Women's Cell of DAV College, Sadhaura, organized a grand celebration on the occasion of International Women's Day. A total of 80 students from various disciplines actively participated in the event, showcasing their talents across multiple activities. Program convenor and head of the Women's Cell, Dr. Gurmej Singh, shared that, like every year, this event was conducted with the enthusiastic participation of female students. The responsibility of maintaining discipline during the event was handled by NSS student volunteers. Co-coordinator Professor Ritu Chahal highlighted that the program featured competitions such as rangoli, mehendi, poetry recitation, balloon games, and musical chairs. College Principal Professor Tejvir Singh emphasized the importance of increasing awareness among female students regarding their rights and interests. He also encouraged the Women's Cell to continue organizing similar initiatives. The judging panel for the competitions included Dr. S.K. Dubey, Dr. Darshan Lal, Dr. Chhatrapal Singh, and Dr. Yogesh Singh Mohan.

Mrs. Sarika Bhatia becomes an example for women: Rekha Anand



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: How does one keep the memories of his late wife alive? How does one start a campaign through his sacrifice and dedication? A glimpse of Sarika Bhatia was seen in Goonj. The voice of which was heard not only in Karnal but across the state. On International Women's Day, Sarika Bhatia Charitable Trust organized a colorful program Goonj in Shri Mangalsain Auditorium from 6 pm to tweet to the famous women of the country and the state. On this occasion, women self-reliant women who have done remarkable work in their field were honored. Punjabi singer Raman Rumana showed her singing skills in the program. Through a fashion show in the program, the students of Buddha Group showed the changing phase of fashion with time. The program was inaugurated by the chief guest by lighting the lamp. On this occasion, the chief guest, social worker and wife of Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand, Mrs. Rekha Anand said that women should be ahead in every field. She described the life of Mrs. Sarika Bhatia as an example for women.

Dayal Singh College organises Kavi Sammelan on Internation Women Day



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On the occasion of International Women's Day, a grand Kavi Sammelan and Samman ceremony was organized by Dayal Singh College, Karnal in collaboration with Haryana Literature and Culture Academy (Urdu Cell). On this occasion, famous poets from all over the country enchanted the audience with their poems. This event gave new dimensions to the power of poetry, its social relevance and the effectiveness of literature. The program was inaugurated in front of Maa Saraswati with lamp lighting and Vandana. College Principal Dr. Ashima Gakkhad and Professors welcomed the Chief Guest Senior litterateur Reshma Kalyan 'Meera' and other guests. In her address, she highlighted the importance of poetry and said that poetry was not only a means of entertainment, but also a powerful medium to give direction to society express emotions and awaken beauty.

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Birla Opus Paints Launches First-of-its-kind Paint Studio

Chandigarh: Birla Opus Paints, part of Grasim Industries under the Aditya Birla Group, unveiled its first-ever Birla Opus Paint Studio (Company Owned and Company Operated Store) today. Being an industry-first experience centre that will redefine how customers explore and choose colors, this milestone symbolizes the brand's commitment to transforming the paint and décor industry through innovation, premium offerings, and a truly immersive customer experience. The centre, launched today in Gurugram, features 170+ products, with a selection of exclusive options for the consumers and is a significant step in the company's growth strategy, aimed at expanding its retail footprint across India. With a focus on experiential retail, the company plans to open additional experience centres in New Delhi, Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Lucknow, Jaipur, Ahmedabad and Surat, in the coming months, all with an aim to become India's second-largest decorative paints brand. Commenting on the launch, Mr. Rakshit Hargave, CEO of Birla Opus Paints said, "Today, as we unveil our first Birla Opus Paint Studio in Gurugram, we are taking a decisive step to redefine how India experiences colours. Consumers in India are open to explore newer and more profound options while purchasing products or availing services.

Dr. Monica B. Sood Felicitated at Punjab Raj Bhawan

SHASHI PAL JAIN

MOHALI: A prominent socio-economic and geopolitical strategist Dr. Monica B. Sood, who is also an eminent Ayurveda expert overseeing the production of Ayurvedic formulations at Mohali, that are exported to over 40 countries, was honored by Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria at the Punjab Raj Bhawan. Dr. Sood, who leads Navjivan Health Services—a 102-year-old institution dedicated to Ayurveda and holistic health practices—has garnered national and international recognition for her multifaceted contributions to the fields of health, diplomacy, and socio-economic development.

Dr. Sood's true distinction lies in her remarkable ability to bridge the traditional wisdom of Ayurveda with global healthcare, while simultaneously contributing to vital socio-economic and geopolitical conversations.

During the felicitation ceremony, Dr. Sood expressed her heartfelt gratitude, stating, "This recognition not only honors my work in Ayurveda but also acknowledges my contributions to national security, international relations, and socio-economic progress. It fuels my commitment to the vision of a stronger, self-reliant India that plays an active role in global peace and prosperity."



Notably, Dr. Sood as the Chairperson of the National Unity & Security Council (NUSC), has been instrumental in shaping key national policies that focus on economic resilience, security, and socio-political harmony. Her work within NUSC has played a pivotal role in advocating for policies that strengthen India's diplomatic relations globally.

Turban Tying Competition organised by Misl Satluj

Mohali: On the occasion of Hola Mohalla, the Naujawan Ekta Club, with the support of Gurdwara Baba Jorawar Singh Management Committee, Khizrabad village and Misl Satluj, organized the 10th Turban Tying Competition. Around 80 children participated in the competition. The winners were honored with turbans and a cash prize of ₹21,000. Lovepreet Singh and Arshpreet Singh served as judges for the event. On this auspicious occasion, Ajaypal Singh Brar, the president of Misl Satluj, personally attended the event, awarded prizes to the winners, and encouraged the children. The organizers of this turban competition were members of the Naujawan Ekta Club, including Harjeet Singh, Kamalpreet Singh, Harmanpreet Singh, Amritpal Singh, Sahibpreet Singh, Sahib Singh, Anmolpreet Singh, and Simranpreet Singh.



CT Group Hosts Grand Marathon Event

Jalandhar(J S SODHI) : The 16th edition of the CT Half Marathon, themed "Run for the Planet", witnessed participation from over 2000 runners across India. The event started at CT Group of Institutions, Shahpur Campus, and concluded at Maqsudan Campus. This year, a 5 km short run was introduced alongside the 21 km half marathon, encouraging runners of all fitness levels. The top three winners in the half marathon (men's category) were Manjit Singh, Harpreet Singh, and Digamber Singh, while in the women's category, Shreya, Swati, and chest number 2849 secured the top spots. In the 5 km run, Joga Singh, Kuldeep Singh, and Tarlok Bhatia led the men's category, while Sumeena Chauhan, Davinder Kaur, and Narinder Kaur topped the women's category. Legendary marathoner Baba Fauja Singh, Arjuna Awardee Sucha Singh, Gurpreet Ghuggi, Jassie Gill, and IFBB Pro Biki Singh graced the event, motivating participants. CT Group Chairman S. Charanjit Singh Channi lauded the enthusiasm of runners, emphasizing that the marathon promotes fitness, unity, and perseverance.



Ajay Sikka Appointed Chairman of CII Jalandhar Zone

Jalandhar(J S SODHI) : The annual session of CII Jalandhar Zone was held at Hotel Best Western Plus Jalandhar, marking the completion of Dr. Aman Mittal's tenure as Chairman for 2024-25 and the election of new office bearers for 2025-26. During the session, Ajay Sikka, CMD of Sharp Chucks and Machines, was unanimously elected as the new Chairman, while Mukhinder Singh, MD of State Engineering Corporation, took over as Vice Chairman. Outgoing Chairman Dr. Aman Mittal, Vice President of Lovely Professional University, formally handed over responsibilities, receiving appreciation from CII Punjab State Chairman Amit Jain and Vice Chairman Harpreet Nibber for his leadership. Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Aggarwal, the chief guest, engaged with industrialists, addressing their concerns and assuring solutions. In his address, Ajay Sikka pledged to drive industrial growth, create employment, and introduce innovative initiatives for the region's development. The event saw participation from prominent industrialists, including Balram Kapoor (JMP Industries), Kamna Aggarwal (GDPA Fasteners), Tushar Jain (Basant Autotech), Amarinder Dhiman (Dhiman Industries), Sahil Sood (Dharam Trans Belt), and others.



258 Students Awarded Degrees at Khalsa College Mohali

MOHALI (L K BANSAL): At least 258 students were today awarded degrees at Khalsa College (Amritsar) of Technology and Business Studies, Mohali during 2nd annual Convocation of the institution. Rajinder Mohan Singh Chinna Pro Chancellor, Khalsa University and Honorary Secretary, KCGC who was the chief guest at the occasion stressed on impetus to the Skill Development education while coaxing the youth to think futuristic as the world is changing too fast. He said, this is an era of Skill Development education and the studies and syllabus must be in coherence with the Business requirement and prevailing job market. The world is heading for a revolution in every sector as new industries will require newer human resource. He added that youth must prepare itself for innovation, entrepreneurship in the today's world of metaverse and quantum technology.



Delivering his motivating convocational address, Chinna said that students must need to start their own businesses, so they can give jobs to people, instead of taking jobs from others. He cited the journey of glorious history of Khalsa College Governing Council (KCGC) since 1892, which is running now Khalsa University and 20 educational institutions and envisaging mega future projects including Khalsa Medical College too. While congratulating graduate and post-graduated who were bestowed with degrees, he said we need to provide quality education that meet international benchmarks and students should respect their parents. Earlier Principal Dr. Harish Kumari read the College progress report and achievements of the faculty and students in various fields including academics, sports and cultural activities. Others were present. KCGC Members JS Gill and Gurdeep Singh Toor, Amitoz Singh Dhaliwal, Undersecretary DS Rataul, Dean Balvir Kaur, Dr Maninder Pal Singh, Director SKRM Colleges; RN Joshi, Senior Vice President, Raikot College and senior faculty were present.

Rise in gynaecological disorders in India; Women's health experts call for adoption of advanced technologies to alleviate suffering

Chandigarh: On this women's day, leading women's health experts, including the national heads of gynaecologists' associations, are advocating for greater awareness and adoption of advanced surgical technologies to address the growing prevalence of gynaecological diseases in India. This is in response to the drastic rise in incidences of gynaecological disorders such as fibroids, benign tumours, endometriosis ovarian and endometrial cancers etc., among Indian women.

They attribute this surge largely to lifestyle changes, stress, obesity, and hormonal imbalances. These disorders not only affect women's health and quality of life but also elevate the risk of life, if not diagnosed and treated in time.

A pioneer in Gynaecological Robotic Surgery in India, and the Founder and President of Gynaecological Robotic surgeons, Dr. Rooma Sinha, said "Women already suffer a lot due to late menopause, irregular cycles, high-dose hormone therapies for infertility, metabolic disorders etc. Those who go through these are particularly susceptible to ovarian and endometrial tumours too. If is really unfair if they have to go through the complications of surgery after all these. However, with the advent of new age technologies like robotic-assisted surgery, they no longer have to suffer the trauma of traditional surgery. I have been performing surgeries with da Vinci, an advanced robotic surgery technology, for many years and I can clearly say that with this technology, we can have improved precision, minimal scarring, reduced pain, and significantly shorter recovery times. Many patients are discharged within 24 hours, and some even return home within 8-10 hours post-surgery."

Dr. Sinha, who also works as Chief of Gynaecology at Apollo Hospital Jubilee Hills Hyderabad, argues that hesitation to seek medical care is more pronounced as women age, when gynaecological health concerns shift beyond the reproductive years. The risks of hormonal changes, gynaecological malignancies, and various genitourinary conditions increase with menopause and beyond, yet discussions around older women's sexual and reproductive health remain a blind spot in healthcare policies and research. While talking about the cancers in young women, Dr. Swapna Misra, a certified International Robotic Gynaecological Surgeon at Fortis Hospital Mohali, said, "The rising burden of women's cancers, particularly endometrial and ovarian cancers.

Punjab Art Initiative – Amritsar Edition brings Literature Festival & Art Workshops for children this March



AMRITSAR (CHARANJIT ARORA): The Punjab Art Initiative – Amritsar Edition, supported by Yuj Foundation, is offering a vibrant mix of literature and art activities for children throughout March at VR Ambarsar. The ongoing Literature Festival runs until 9th March, featuring an extensive collection of over one million books. It presents a diverse range of genres, catering to readers of all ages—from timeless classics and contemporary bestsellers to children's books, non-fiction, and academic reads—creating a unique space for exploration and literary engagement.

Expanding the cultural experience, a series of interactive workshops will be conducted in collaboration with Artreach India on 9th March at VR Ambarsar. These sessions will introduce participants to Paper Cutting and Print Making, offering an opportunity to explore both traditional and contemporary art forms under expert guidance. Designed to encourage creativity and hands-on learning, these workshops aim to make art more accessible and engaging for all. "Community engagement is at the heart of the Public Art Festivals. By offering a diverse range of literary and artistic activities, it brings us together, creating a sense of unity and shared experience. The interactive workshops provide an inclusive space for creative expression and exploration of artistic potential. We aim to strengthen community connection while making the arts and literature more accessible to everyone," said Sumi Gupta, curator of the Punjab Art Initiative – Amritsar Edition.

Careers May Include Breaks, But Financial Goals Shouldn't

Chandigarh : This Women's Day, Bandhan Mutual Fund is redefining financial planning with the launch of The Equal Calculator, an online tool designed to accommodate real-life career journeys—pauses and all. Unlike traditional investment calculators that assume uninterrupted earnings, The Equal Calculator recognizes that career breaks are a reality, especially for women who step away for family, education, or personal growth. This one-of-its-kind financial tool ensures that taking a break doesn't mean falling behind. By factoring in career gaps, Bandhan Mutual Fund's - The Equal Calculator helps individuals plan their financial future with confidence, providing a more accurate roadmap to long-term wealth creation. The name 'The Equal Calculator' embodies the commitment to fairness in financial planning. It signifies that every projection is precisely balanced to reflect true potential—even when career breaks occur.

Zenplus Pvt. Ltd. Celebrates International Women's Day with Enthusiasm and Joy

Zirakpur: Zenplus Pvt. Ltd. honored International Women's Day with an engaging and lively celebration at its Zirakpur office, recognising the incredible contributions of women in the workplace. The event was filled with fun activities, a spirited game session and a heartwarming cake-cutting ceremony, bringing together female employees in a joyous atmosphere.

The celebration kicked off with an exciting round of Tambola, where Dr. Neha Mandal and Simran emerged victorious, showcasing their enthusiasm and luck. The energy continued to soar as employees participated in the Musical Chair competition, with Santosh claiming the winner's title. The games fostered a spirit of togetherness and camaraderie among the staff, making the day even more special.



The highlight of the event was the Cake Cutting Ceremony, symbolising appreciation and gratitude towards the women of Zenplus Pvt. Ltd. A special moment of togetherness was shared as delicious sweets were distributed, adding a touch of warmth and celebration to the occasion. The event was graced by the presence of female employees, including Manisha, Parneet, Raman, Bhagwant, Anita, Santosh, Preeti, Neha, Simran and Satya, who added to the festive spirit with their enthusiasm and participation. Mr. Manish Batra, Project Head at Zenplus Pvt. Ltd., said, "Today is all about recognizing and appreciating the phenomenal women in our organisation. Their contribution is invaluable, and this celebration is a small token of our gratitude for their hard work."

Zenplus Pvt. Ltd. remains committed to fostering an inclusive and empowering workplace, where the contributions of women are valued and celebrated. This Women's Day event was a testament to the company's dedication to creating a positive and supportive environment for all.

Himalaya House dominates Opening Day of OSS Inter-House Cricket Tournament



Chandigarh, Himalaya House registered two emphatic wins on the opening day of the OSS Inter-House Cricket Tournament, organized by the Old Sanawarian Society (OSS), the alumni body of The Lawrence School, Sanawar. The matches are being played at PCA Stadium, Mullanpur. In their first match, Himalaya House outclassed Vindhya House by 58 runs. Opting to bat, Sangram Singh (51) and Abhay Tipnis (28) powered their team to 137/3 in 15 overs. Vindhya House faltered against Uday Karan's (3/20) disciplined bowling, managing only 79 runs.

Himalaya House secured another victory, defeating Siwalik House by four runs in a close contest. Sangram Singh (52) once again led the charge, helping his team post 125/4. Despite fighting knocks from Navjot Singh (50) and Ishwar Dhillon (45), Siwalik House fell short at 121/4.

Vindhya House suffered their second loss as Nilgiri House triumphed by seven wickets. Karan Malhotra (50) and skipper Revant Gupta (28) took Vindhya House to 122/5 but Mayank Oberoi (43) and Gurtaj Gill (42) steered Nilgiri House to victory in the 14th over.

OSS President (Elect) Brig Adarsh Butail (Retd.) and Justice (Mr.) Rajive Bhalla (OS) felicitated the winners. With three league matches remaining, the final match is set for Sunday.

IRS Commissioner felicitated 37 women achievers



Chandigarh, As many as 37 women who excelled in their field were awarded with the Women's Excellence Awards 2025 to commemorate International Women's Day at Chandigarh Press Club on Sunday. The ceremony was graced by Dr. Rajinder Kaur (IRS), Commissioner, IT, New Delhi who applauded the resilience and achievements of the awardees and stated that women have always been the backbone of a progressive society. Recognizing their contributions is a step toward true empowerment. She also lauded the initiative and said that acknowledging women's achievements has always been crucial as it uplifts individuals and motivates future generations to break barriers." Those who were awarded during the occasion includes Monika Gupta, Dr Ankita Kansal, Assistant Commissioner, SAS Nagar, Dr Mukta Kumar, CMO, Panchkula, Shashi Prabha, Director Technical PSTCL (Retired), Dr. Shallu Garg, Deputy Director Maternal Health, Haryana, Rita Jain, Former Principal, DAV College, Chandigarh, Dr. Meera Modi Former Principal, Dev Samaj College for Women, Dr. Ravinder Kaur, Professor & Former Chairperson, Department of Geography, PU, Chandigarh, Alka Kasra, Retired HoD, Chemistry, MCMDAV College, Chandigarh, Film Producer Shiwani Shokey and others. The awards recognized women from various domains, including education, healthcare, social work, sports, business, and the arts, celebrating their relentless pursuit of excellence. Archana Sanghi, Chairperson, ARUS Foundation while expressing her pride in organizing the awards said.

Galaxy M16 5G and Galaxy M06 5G Go on Sale in India with Exciting Introductory Offers

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today announced the sale of its Monster devices, Galaxy M16 5G and Galaxy M06 5G, the latest additions to the popular Galaxy M series, offering an impressive combination of style and cutting-edge innovation. Featuring segment-leading 6.7" Full HD+ Super AMOLED display, Galaxy M16 5G provides higher quality colour contrast, giving an immersive viewing experience. Galaxy M06 5G features a 6.7" HD+ display, which makes scrolling through social media feeds, even in outdoor settings, a breeze for the tech-savvy Gen Z and millennial customers.

Rajdhani Foods Brings the Ultimate Holi Celebration

KARNAL: Holi isn't just about colors-it's about food, laughter, and traditions that bring families together. Rajdhani Foods, the name synonymous with quality and taste, has taken this Holi celebration up a notch with the most unexpected and delicious collaboration of the year-bringing Bollywood maestro Karan Johar and Gen-Z icon Ananya Panday together for a campaign that's as flavorful as the perfect Pakoda. Whether paired with Thandai after a wild round of color play or enjoyed as a family favorite snack, the right besan makes all the difference. And for generations, Rajdhani Besan has been the secret behind the perfect Pakoda. Chetan Jain, Managing Director at Rajdhani Foods, shares his excitement, "Holi is a time for togetherness, for sharing food and laughter. With Karan Johar and Ananya Panday, we're bringing the essence of Holi to life in a way that's fun, vibrant, and absolutely delicious!

Sun-days Co debuts at Omaxe Chowk

New Delhi: Sun-days Co is thrilled to announce the grand opening of its latest destination at Omaxe Chowk, Chandni Chowk—a perfect blend of luxury and style. Offering a carefully curated selection of over 60 renowned global eyewear brands, Sun-days Co brings together the best in sunglasses, from timeless icons like Ray-Ban, Prada, and Gucci to contemporary trends from Kuboraum and Philipp Plein. It's the ultimate destination for eyewear enthusiasts seeking a balance of elegance and cutting-edge design.



Nestled in the heart of Delhi in Omaxe Chowk, Sun-days Co finds its ideal home in a space that embodies luxury and sophistication. Omaxe Chowk is not just a shopping center—it's an experience, built to offer a world-class ambiance and premium services. The mall's contemporary design, stunning architecture, and exceptional brand selection make it the best place for fashion-forward consumers to explore a curated shopping experience, making it a perfect fit for Sun-days Co's luxurious eyewear offerings.

To celebrate its opening, Sun-days Co is hosting an exclusive event featuring celebrity Garima Jain, known for her remarkable work in television and film. The event promises to offer an unforgettable experience, showcasing the future of fashion-forward eyewear in a chic, vacation-like atmosphere.

The vision behind Sun-days Co comes from Devansh Binani, the dynamic fourth-generation Director of Himalaya Optical, with a legacy spanning 85 years in the eyewear industry.

LIVA Miss Diva 2024 Announces Its Winners

NEW DELHI : The LIVA Miss Diva 2024 Grand Finale was an unforgettable night of fashion, glamour, talent, and empowerment, spotlighting India's most promising stars in beauty, fashion design, and content creation. LIVA, the 100% natural-origin fabric brand from the house of Birla Cellulose, renowned for its unmatched fluidity, softness, and breathability, proudly joined Miss Diva as the title sponsor for the fifth consecutive year. This collaboration has been effortless, as both brands champion independent women who are unrestricted, spontaneous, and versatile.

The showpiece witnessed the crowning Ayushree Malik as LIVA Miss Diva Supranational 2024 and Vipra Mehta as LIVA Miss Diva Cosmo 2024. These exceptional women will proudly represent India on the global stage at Miss Supranational 2025 and Miss Cosmo 2025, respectively, carrying forward the nation's illustrious legacy in international pageantry.

The evening also marked a historic milestone, unveiling the first-ever winners in two brand-new categories. Sudhruti Padhiary from Odisha was declared LIVA Miss Diva Fashion Designer 2024, while Ananya Praveen from Bihar won the title of LIVA Miss Diva Content Creator 2024. Their victories underscore the evolution of LIVA Miss Diva, celebrating not just runway excellence but also creativity, craftsmanship, and digital influence in the ever-expanding fashion industry. The star-studded evening was hosted by the stunning Nehal Chudasama and the charismatic Tanuj Virwani, who kept the audience engaged with their wit and charm. 24 finalists, comprising the Top 8 from each category, took center stage in a breathtaking display of style, confidence, and ingenuity. The show opened with a mesmerizing fashion round, where finalists graced the ramp in an exclusive collection by celebrated designer Mandira Wirk. The showcase, a blend of confidence, elegance, and effortless luxury, set the tone for a night of unparalleled sophistication.



Jindal Stainless Marks International Women's Day with 'Flip the Script' Campaign

HISAR: Jindal Stainless marked International Women's Day with a twofold initiative: the launch of a thought-provoking video campaign titled 'Flip the Script' and a grand celebration at its Hisar facility. Jindal Stainless released a compelling video campaign, 'Flip the Script', challenging gender bias in workplaces. The video creatively reverses roles, placing men in scenarios where they face the same gender-specific stereotypes and questions that women frequently encounter in professional settings. Jindal Stainless Hisar hosted a vibrant celebration to honor women's contributions to the workforce. The event commenced with a handicrafts exhibition by women from JSL's CSR initiative, Asmita, displaying handcrafted textiles and artworks. Mr. Vijay Kumar Bindlish, Senior Vice President and Unit Head, Jindal Stainless Hisar, said that Women's empowerment is not just about rights; it is the foundation of societal progress and prosperity. At JSL, we are committed to ensuring equal opportunities for women to achieve their dreams in every field.



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Kia Carens crosses 200,000-unit sales milestone in just 36 months

Chandigarh :Kia, a leading mass premium carmaker, today announced the 200,000+ units sale milestone of its most lovedproduct Carens within 36 months of its launch. The family mover from Kia India has emerged as one of the fastest-selling vehicles in its category, carving a niche among Indian families seeking a combination of comfort, space, technology, and style. With a strong blend of practicality and premium features, the vehicle continues to resonate with customers seeking a versatile and feature-rich mobility solution. The popularity of the Kia Carens is reflected in the strong demand for its top trims, which account for 24% sales. Features such as sunroof, multi-drive modes, ventilated seats, Kia Connect and more have made these variants particularly appealing to customers. In terms of powertrain preferences, the petrol variant leads with 58% sales, followed by 42% diesel sales. With 32% of customers opting for Automatic and iMT, highlights the ease of driving and the convenience both transmission options offer.

Oxford ELLT: A Flexible, AI-Powered Solution for English Language Assessment

KARNAL : Recognising that accessibility and flexibility are essential for academic success, Oxford ELLT is redefining English language proficiency testing with a digital approach tailored to support students worldwide. Offering a seamless assessment of reading, listening, writing, and speaking skills, Oxford ELLT provides two tailored formats: Oxford ELLT Digital, allowing students to complete the test remotely, and Oxford ELLT Global, an in-person, invigilated test centre experience for those seeking a structured and distraction-free environment. This dual-format model ensures that students can select the test that best fits their needs, making Oxford ELLT a trusted choice for university admissions. At the core of Oxford ELLT's success is its advanced digital platform, which integrates AI-driven evaluation with live examiner-led speaking assessments. This blend of technology and human expertise provides a balanced, efficient, and credible testing experience. Since its launch, Oxford ELLT has rapidly gained traction, with over 97,000 test takers and an impressive 25% year-on-year [RP1] growth. Recognized by more than 200 universities worldwide, including prestigious UK Russell Group institutions such as the University of Bristol, the University of York, and the University of Glasgow, Oxford ELLT continues to be a leading name in English language testing.

Bharti Airtel Launched its 21st Next-Gen Store in Mansa, Punjab

Bharti Airtel, India's leading telecommunications provider, launched its 21st Next-Gen Airtel store in Mansa, Punjab. The new flagship store is designed to provide an immersive and futuristic customer experience, integrating cutting-edge digital technologies to enhance customer interactions and build lasting relationships.

This innovative store marks a significant step in Bharti Airtel's ongoing efforts to modernize its retail network. By using advanced digital solutions, these Next-Gen stores are aimed at transforming the retail experience, making it more interactive, efficient, and customer-centric. On this occasion, key figures from Airtel attended the event, including Mr. Anupam Arora, CEO of Upper North, Mr. Harpreet Bajwa, Punjab Sales Head, Mr. Sameer Sahni, DTC Head, and Ms. Sukhbir Kaur, ZSM, were present to celebrate the launch and further reinforce Bharti Airtel's commitment to customer satisfaction. "We are thrilled to launch our 21st Next-Gen Airtel store in Mansa. This is part of our vision to provide customers with an innovative, engaging, and technology-driven retail experience," said MR. Anupam Arora, CEO of Upper North at Bharti Airtel. "Our Next-Gen stores are designed to connect with customers in new and meaningful ways.

LG Electronics Organizes Mega Blood Donation Drive in Association with Care Today

LG Electronics is making an impactful contribution to the community through its PAN India Mega Blood Donation Drive, "Life's Good When Life's Shared." The initiative, which aims to inspire voluntary blood donation, has already led to the organization of over 50 blood donation camps across India. In February 2025 alone, approximately 5,000 registrations were recorded, resulting in the donation of more than 3,000 units of blood. The drive has garnered widespread support from the youth, with students, NSS members, and even faculty members actively participating in this noble cause.The blood donation camps have taken place across various cities, including Delhi NCR, Rajasthan, Ludhiana, Chandigarh, Ranchi, Sikar, Kolkata, Manipal, Surat, Rajkot, Ahmedabad, and more. The camps will continue to be organized until March 2025, ensuring that the initiative impacts many more communities.

How Aplastic Anemia Differs from Other Anemia Types

GURUGRAM : Aplastic anemia, a rare blood condition in which the bone marrow produces abnormal stem cells, is often passed down in families and is typically diagnosed in childhood or early adulthood. Whereas in anemia, the body fails to produce sufficient quantity of Red Blood Cells (RBCs). Aplastic anemia is not just an "anemia," but instead it is a pancytopenia, a medical condition which causes a significant reduction in all types of blood cells, in which leukopenia (lack of white blood cells), anemia (low RBCs), and thrombocytopenia (low platelet count) are present, caused by a total bone marrow failure. The incidence rate of aplastic anemia in Haryana is around 7% and in Delhi/NCR it is 20%.

Dr Meet Kumar, Clinical Director & HOD - Hemato-Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant, Marengo Asia Hospitals, Gurugram, says "Aplastic anemia significantly impacts a person's life as fatigue, dizziness and a general feeling of tiredness can impede their ability to do regular tasks. They might start experiencing significant bleeding or recurrent infections, necessitating frequent hospital admissions and blood transfusions, that can hamper their everyday life and end up socially isolating them.

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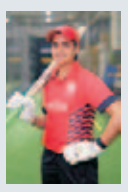
Dubai: The disappointing run of star India batter Virat Kohli in ICC ODI finals continued as he just managed a run during the ICC Champions Trophy final against New Zealand at Dubai on Sunday.
During the final, Virat came to the crease after a 105-run partnership between skipper Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill ended with Gill getting dismissed by Santner for 31 runs in 50 balls against a six, thanks to a brilliant catch from Glenn Phillips. Now, in five ICC ODI finals, Virat has scored 138 runs in five matches at an average of 27.60, with the best score of 54.
This includes useful knocks of 35 and 43 during ICC Cricket World Cup 2011 and ICC Champions Trophy finals, which played a crucial role in the team's title win.
After that, he managed five runs against arch-rivals Pakistan in the ICC Champions Trophy 2017 finals at The Oval, 54 against Australia in the Cricket World Cup 2023 final and now just one against the Kiwis in the ongoing match.

Former cricketer Anjum Chopra on UP Warriorz thrilling win over RCB in WPL match

New Delhi : Anjum Chopra, a trailblazer in Indian women's cricket, praised Royal Challengers Bengaluru's (RCB) fighting spirit after UP Warriorz clinched a thrilling win over RCB in a WPL match.
The UP Warriorz secured a nail-biting 12-run victory over the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) in their Women's Premier League (WPL) match on Friday.
Despite a valiant effort from RCB, they ultimately fell short, scoring 213 runs before being bowled out in 19.3 overs.
"Every time an RCB batter walked in and scored runs, Deepti Sharma and her team must have been thinking, 'One more, one more, we have to pick ourselves up again and make sure we take a wicket.' That was the kind of contest RCB put up, and all credit to them. If you commend UP Warriorz for putting those runs on the board, you must credit RCB for their fight as well.

Former Student of Kler School Becomes Captain of Canada's Cricket Team

Bhagta Bhai, March 8 (Parveen): Amarpal Kaur Dhillon, who received her early education and played cricket at Kler International Public School, Samadh Bhai, has been selected as the captain of Canada's cricket team for the upcoming ICC Women's T20 World Cup tournament in Argentina. Amarpal Kaur Dhillon, a resident of Siriye Wala village, has brought pride to her former school and parents. She had a keen interest in cricket since childhood and nurtured her skills at Mata Baljinder Kaur Memorial Kler International Public School, Samadh Bhai. Chairman of Kler School, Kulwant Singh Maluka, Chairperson Randhir Kaur Kler, Director Kohinoor Sidhu, and Principal Shashi Kant expressed their pride in her achievement. They shared that Amarpal Kaur started her cricket journey at Kler School, where she honed her skills under the guidance of cricket coach Lakhwinder Singh Brar. She continued to progress in the sport and, upon reaching Canada, pursued her cricket career further. For the past two years, she has been playing for Canada's national team. Due to her outstanding performance, she outshone other players and has now been appointed as the captain of the Canadian cricket team for the upcoming ICC Women's T20 World Cup tournament in Argentina.



Army begins title defence in commanding fashion clinching 7 medals on Day 1

Gulmarg : Defending champions Indian Army began their Khelo India Winter Games 2025 campaign in a commanding fashion clinching four out of the 12 medals on offer on Sunday, according to a release from SAI Media & Ministry.
Army won two gold, two silver and three bronze medals followed by Himachal Pradesh taking one gold, one silver and one bronze medal. Hosts UT of Jammu & Kashmir captured one gold and one silver medal to make it a dramatic opening day of the Khelo India Winter Games second leg. The Indian Army dominated the Nordic skiing men's 10km event capturing all the three medals. Sunny Singh won gold, Manjeet took home silver and Raj Din settled for bronze. In Nordic skiing women's 5km event, Karnataka's Bhavani Thekkada clinched the gold with a time of 17:43.47. The 28-year-old certified trainer and mountaineer, Bhavani was the only athlete to win a hattrick of gold medals in Gulmarg in the last Khelo India Winter Games edition. ITBP duo of Selma Soreng and Kusum Rana settled with silver and bronze medals resepectively.



India win thriller to clinch third Champions Trophy title

AGENCY

DUBAI: India has once again made history by winning the ICC Champions Trophy for the third time. In an exciting final against New Zealand, India displayed skill, resilience, and teamwork to claim victory. Chasing 252 runs, India reached 252/6. This triumph further establishes India as a dominant force in world cricket.Earlier, the mounting pressure from dot balls led to Rohit Sharma's dismissal for 76.Shubman Gill was dismissed by Mitchell Santner, while Michael Bracewell accounted for Virat Kohli's wicket. Rachin Ravindra took the crucial scalp of Rohit Sharma.KL Rahul and Axar Patel are at the crease, as India look to navigate this tricky phase of play without further setbacks.Earlier, Indian spinners dominated the game restricting New Zealand to 251 for 7 in 50 overs.Kuldeep Yadav (2/40) and Varun Chakravarthy (2/45) led the attack, while Ravindra Jadeja and Mohammed Shami picked up a wicket each after New Zealand captain Mitchell Santner opted to bat first.Daryl Mitchell (63 off 101) and Michael Bracewell (53 off 40) played crucial knocks, guiding the Blackcaps through a tricky middle phase. Despite a strong start at 69 for 1 in 10 overs, New Zealand struggled to maintain momentum against India's spinners.Chakravarthy removed Will Young early, but the real turning point came in the 11th over when Kuldeep bowled Rachin Ravindra with a deceptive googly, breaking a 57-run opening stand. In the very next over, Kane Williamson chipped a return catch to Kuldeep, reducing New Zealand to 75 for 3.Williamson, who managed only 11 runs, sustained a quadriceps strain while batting and will not take the field in the second innings, the New Zealand Cricket Board confirmed. Mark Chapman has replaced him in the field, but the extent of Williamson's injury and potential lay-off remains uncertain.

IPL 2025: Matthew Wade returns to Gujarat Titans as assistant coach

AGENCY

GUJARAT : Former Australia wicketkeeper batter Matthew Wade has returned to the Gujarat Titans (GT) for the cash-rich Indian Premier League 2025, this time as an assistant coach.

The former southpaw has joined the franchise's support staff, which includes Ashish Nehra (head coach), Parthiv Patel (batting coach), Aashish Kapoor, and Narender Negi (assistant coaches).

As a player, Wade represented GT in 12 matches over two seasons and amassed 161 runs. Wade announced his retirement from international cricket in October last year, bringing the curtain down on his career, which spanned over 13 years and 225.

The 37-year-old featured for his country at three editions of the T20 World Cup, with his most memorable



achievement coming in 2021 when he helped guide Australia to their inaugural 20-over title in Dubai in his role as vice-captain.

Wade starred at that tournament, with his innings of 41* from just 17 deliverers in a thrilling semi-final victory over Pakistan among his many career highlights.

The keeper-batter also made 36 Test appearances for Australia, scoring 1,613 runs with four Test centuries and five fifties at an average of 29.87, with a career-best score of 117 coming in the fifth Ashes Test against England at The Oval in 2019.

He also played 97 ODIs, scoring 1,867 runs in 83 innings at an average of 26.29, with a century and 11 fifties. In 92 T20Is, he scored 1,202 runs at an average of 26.03, with a strike rate of 134.15. He scored three half-centuries in the format, with the best score of 80.

Gujarat Titans IPL 2025 Squad:

Batters: Shubman Gill (retained), Sai Sudharsan (retained), Rahul Tewatia (retained), Sherfane Rutherford

Wicketkeepers: Jos Buttler, Kumar Kushagra, Anuj RawatAll-rounders: Rashid Khan (spin; retained), Washington Sundar (spin), M Shahrukh Khan (spin; retained), Mahipal Lomror (spin), Nishant Sindhu (spin), Arshad Khan (pace), Jayant Yadav (spin), Glenn Phillips (spin), Karim Janat (pace)

Gurjot Thind's All-Round Brilliance Leads Nilgiri House to Victory in OSS Inter-House Cricket Tournament



CHANDIGARH: Nilgiri House emerged victorious in the fifth OSS Inter-House Cricket Tournament organized by the Old Sanawarians Association (OSS), the alumni body of The Lawrence School, Sanawar. The two-day tournament held at PCA Mullanpur witnessed Nilgiri House securing three wins out of their three matches.

On the final day, the team triumphed over Himalaya House by six wickets and defeated Shivalik House by 23 runs to win the title. Himalaya House finished as runners-up with two wins in three matches. The event brought together alumni from across the country, showcasing their passion for cricket and sportsmanship.

In the opening match, Himalaya House won the toss and opted to bat and posted 96/5 in 15 overs with Abhay Tipnis (28) and Japkirat Khurana (27) as top scorers. In response, Nilgiri House chased down the target in the 12th over by losing four wickets. Gurtaj Gill's unbeaten 28 and Gurjot Thind's crucial 21 powered their team to victory. The second match saw Shivalik House electing to field first.

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48388417	Sushil Kumar	23-04-2024	13104	Chandigarh-Sector 21
51123970	Dalbir Singh	28-06-2024	20768	Chandigarh-Sector 21
52710483	Ravi Kumar	01-08-2024	24557	Ludhiana Mall Road-Relationship
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Place : Haryana and Punjab **Authorised Officer**
Date : 10-03-2025 **(HDB Financial Services Ltd)**

India Masters enter IML 2025 semifinals; beat West Indies Masters in last-over thriller in last-over thriller

AGENCY

RAIPUR : India Masters gave final touches to their preparations for the semifinals of the International Masters League (IML) 2025 as they registered a spectacular seven-run win against West Indies Masters to kick off the final leg of the tournament in Raipur on Saturday.

The home side rode Stuart Binny's three-wicket burst and a smart final over from Irfan Pathan to get over the line in the high-scoring thriller.

The stage was set for a nostalgic showdown, rekindling one of cricket's most legendary rivalries--Sachin Tendulkar vs Brian Lara. While the Indian icon was rested, the contest still lived up to its billing, delivering a captivating blend of nostalgia and exhilarating action. India Masters set the tone with a commanding batting display, spearheaded by blistering half-centuries from Ambati Rayudu and Saurabh Tiwary, before Yuvraj Singh's late-order fireworks propelled them to an imposing 253/3.



Under stand-in skipper Yuvraj Singh, the home side took first strike after Lara won the toss, sending them in. And as the new opening pair of Ambati Rayudu (63) and Saurabh Tiwary (60) took their stances against the bustling run-up of Dwayne Smith, the match took on a different hue -- not of old foes reliving their battles, but of a new set of veterans stepping up to continue the legacy in front of a sizeable weekend crowd led by Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai at the Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Stadium here.

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Chhaava' roars at box office, Vicky Kaushal starrer enters Rs 500 crore club



Actor Vicky Kaushal's historical drama 'Chhaava' has crossed the Rs 500 crore mark at the Indian box office as per estimates.

The Laxman Utekar directorial, based on the life of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, reached this remarkable milestone in just 23 days, making it the first film of 2025 to do so.

Reacting to the overwhelming success, Vicky Kaushal expressed his gratitude to fans on social media, writing, "Thank you for your immense love."

Trade analyst Taran Adarsh confirmed the achievement, sharing detailed box office figures on social media.

He wrote, "500 NOT OUT... #Chhaava joins the elite Rs500 cr Club [on Day 22], standing tall among some of the biggest blockbusters in recent times."

He further highlighted how the film's Telugu version, released three weeks after its Hindi debut, also opened to strong numbers, adding to its nationwide appeal.

With this milestone, Chhaava has become Vicky Kaushal's highest-earning film, surpassing his previous blockbusters: 'Uri: The Surgical Strike', 'Raazi', 'Sam Bahadur', 'Zara Hatke Zara Bachke'.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also recognized Chhaava's success, praising the film during the 98th Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan in New Delhi.

PM Modi acknowledged Maharashtra's contribution to cinema, stating, "Aur in dino toh, Chhaava ki dhoom machi hui hai." He also credited Marathi author Shivaji Sawant's novel Chhava for bringing the legacy of Sambhaji Maharaj to the forefront. Responding to this honour, Vicky Kaushal shared PM Modi's remarks on Instagram, writing, "Honoured beyond words! Grateful to Hon. PM Narendra Modi Ji. #Chhaava." His co-star Rashmika Mandanna also expressed her gratitude, writing, "Thank you @narendramodi sir. It's truly an honour." The film features Vicky Kaushal as Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, Akshaye Khanna as Emperor Aurangzeb, and Rashmika Mandanna as Yesubai.

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Riddhima Kapoor Sahni recalls meeting with PM Modi

Riddhima Kapoor recalled her meeting with Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, and said that it was a big day for her as she had waited 10 years to meet him.

The fashion designer had met PM Modi in New Delhi in December last year to invite him to the celebration of legendary actor-filmmaker Raj Kapoor's 100th birth anniversary.

During the ongoing silver jubilee celebrations of IIFA 2025 in Jaipur, Rajasthan, Riddhima said, "It was an amazing experience. He is magnetic. It was nice to meet him. I had waited for 10 years and it was a big day for me."

Riddhima's husband Bharat Sahni also chipped in and shared an interesting detail of the gift presented by his wife to PM Modi. He said, "She made something for him 10 years ago, which she gave as a present. It was touching."

Members of the Kapoor family including Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, Kareena Kapoor Khan, Saif Ali Khan, Karisma Kapoor, Neetu Kapoor, and Riddhima Kapoor Sahni, were present during the interaction. During their brief meeting, PM Modi shared his admiration for Raj Kapoor's lasting influence on Indian cinema and spoke about the power of films in their era. He recalled an incident involving veteran leader LK Advani and former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.



"I remember the impact of films in those days. It was during the Jana Sangh era, and there was an election in Delhi. After the party lost, Advaniji and Atalji said, 'What should we do now?' Then they decided, 'Let's watch a movie.' They went to watch Raj Kapoor's 'Phir Subah Hogi'," the Prime Minister had said.

PM Modi also fondly recounted another memory involving Ranbir Kapoor's father, the late Rishi Kapoor.

"When I was in China, a song by your father was being played. I told my colleagues to record it on their phones, and I sent it to Rishiji. He was so delighted by it," he stated.

The Prime Minister also spoke about Raj Kapoor's role in establishing Indian cinema's global influence long before the term "soft power" became popular.

Kriti Sanon shares excitement for 'Tere Ishq Mein'

Actress Kriti Sanon, who bagged the award for Best Performance in a Leading Role (Female) for her film 'Do Patti' at the 25th International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA), shared her thoughts on her journey, upcoming projects, and aspirations on the global stage.

Expressing her joy over 'Do Patti's warm reception, Kriti said, "IIFA is a celebration. The nervousness about 'Do Patti' is over now because everyone loved the film."

When asked about an international artist she would love to work with, Kriti admitted it was a tough choice. "I would obviously love to work with Meryl Streep. But there are so many! Ryan Gosling as well," she said.

Speaking on the debate over content restrictions on digital platforms, Kriti called for a uniform approach.

"There is censorship in theatres, but digital platforms show international content without any restrictions. So, there should be balance. Either all content should have similar regulations, or none at all, regardless of whether it is from India or abroad."

Reflecting on her National Film Award win for Mimi, Kriti described it as a major validation of her craft.

"It gives you the confidence to take risks. As an artist, it makes you believe in doing something different. People also start looking at you through a different lens," she explained.

Speaking about her current project, she revealed, "I am shooting for 'Tere Ishq Mein' with Anand L. Rai and Dhanush. The team is waiting for me to return to Delhi. It's a beautiful film--something I haven't done before. Love stories are my favorite genre, and Anand sir does them so well and uniquely. Working with Dhanush for the first time is also very exciting."



When asked what she would have pursued if not acting, Kriti, an engineer by degree, said, "I would have done something related to the entertainment industry. I don't know what, but something for sure."

On her wish list for South Indian collaborations, she named Allu Arjun and filmmakers S.S. Rajamouli and Sukumar.

"I debuted with Sukumar sir, and I would love to work with him again," she said, remembering of the 2014 Telugu film 'Nenokkadine'.

Discussing IIFA's 25-year journey, Kriti noted, "IIFA has grown tremendously and continues to showcase Indian cinema internationally. This year, bringing the awards to Rajasthan, with its beauty, dance, music, and palaces, is ideal."

For Kriti, awards are a token of appreciation but not the ultimate reward, as she said, "It means you've done a good job, but the biggest reward is the love of the audience, which stays with me forever."

The Punjabi cinematic explosion begins—Power-Packed Shaunki Sardar Teaser arriving today



For the first time in Punjabi cinema, three powerhouse performers—Babbu Maan, Guru Randhawa, and Guggu Gill—are coming together in a single film! The much-anticipated movie Shaunki Sardar is set to hit theaters on May 16, 2025, promising an electrifying cinematic experience.

Directed by the acclaimed Dheeraj Kedarnath Rattan, Shaunki Sardar brings an epic story of pride, passion, and power, featuring these three legendary Sardars in never-seen-before roles. Adding to the excitement, Bollywood actress Nimrit Kaur Ahluwalia, who rose to fame with her powerful portrayal in Chhoti Sardarni, makes her highly anticipated Punjabi film debut in Shaunki Sardar. Known for her strong screen presence and compelling performances, Nimrit is set to bring a new dimension to the film, making it a must-watch for fans across genres. Known for his deep connection with Punjabi culture, Babbu Maan is set to deliver another unforgettable performance. Guru Randhawa, making waves in both music and acting, brings his dynamic energy to the big screen, while the veteran Guggu Gill, a symbol of strength in Punjabi cinema, adds his signature intensity to the mix.

Producers Ishaan Kapoor, Shah Jandiali, and Dharminder Batouli shared their excitement, stating: "With Shaunki Sardar, we are bringing together three icons of Punjabi cinema in a way never seen before. This film is a grand celebration of Punjabi culture, action, and emotions. We are confident that audiences will experience a thrilling and unforgettable cinematic journey when it hits the big screen on May 16, 2025."

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CHANDIGARH: Annyeonghaseyo! Enter the world of Korean entertainment with thrilling action, romantic comedies and K-Pop from the comfort of your home. Featuring a lineup of titles across a wide variety of genres, Tata Play K-Dramas (previously named Tata Play Videshi Kahaniyan) will bring you all the Korean entertainment you could ask for! A refreshed catalogue will showcase the most popular Korean content under one roof. With romance shows like Summer Strike, I Am Not A Robot and W- Two Worlds Apart, gripping actioners like Unlock My Boss, and crime thrillers like Flower of Evil, 365 - Repeat the year, and scintillating K-Pop performances, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Get ready to explore a rich repository of Korean entertainment, all the way from Seoul only on Tata Play K-Dramas, completely ad-free.

Here's the best part—with Videshi Kahaniyan now turning into Tata Play K-Dramas, existing viewers can enjoy the best of Korean entertainment in Hindi, Telugu, Tamil and Korean, on the same channel #151 at no additional cost, while new viewers can subscribe for a nominal fee of INR 2/day. All the shows are also available on the Tata Play mobile app for on-the-go viewing.

Actors Call to #AccelerateAction for Gender Equality





CHANDIGARH: This International Women's Day, the theme #AccelerateAction serves as a powerful reminder that while progress toward gender equality has been made, the pace must be amplified. It is time to move beyond conversations and take decisive steps toward a world where women and girls have equal opportunities to thrive. &TV's leading ladies Smita Sable (Dhaniya) from Bheema, Geetanjali Mishra (Rajesh) from Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, and Shubhangi Atre (Angoori Bhabi) from Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai share their perspectives on the need for urgent action. Smita Sable aka Dhaniya from Bheema shares, "This year's theme #AccelerateAction, is a crucial call for us to break down barriers faster and more collaboratively. Women's empowerment is not just about equality it is about ensuring every woman has the freedom, resources, and opportunities to succeed. While progress has been made many women still face discrimination, and this must change. We cannot succeed as a society when half of our population is held back. It is time to invest in ourselves and each other to drive real change. On this Women's Day, let's commit to building a world where womanhood is recognized, valued, and celebrated."

Geetanjali Mishra aka Rajesh from Happu Ki Ultan Paltan shares, "Women have continuously proven their strength as leaders, innovators, and changemakers. Yet, many still struggle for basic rights, fair wages, and equal opportunities. Real change requires us to accelerate action by educating girls, supporting women in leadership, and ensuring financial independence. My mother, a single parent, showed me the power of resilience. Because she never let societal norms define her, I stand strong today.

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