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NEWS BRIEFS

Alert Chandigarh! These roads to remain closed from Mar 17, 18

CHANDIGARH: The Municipal Corporation Chandigarh issued an alert regarding repair and construction work due to which some roads will remain closed from March 17 to March 18. "The Municipal Corporation Chandigarh is going to lay of 800mm i/d M.S. Pipeline from Sector 39 to M.E.S. Chandimandir is in progress to connect the pipeline.Due to this work, roads on Chandigarh Panchkula Highway near Peer Baba Dargha within the boundary of UT Chandigarh will be closed on 17.03.2025 (10.00 a.m.) to 18.03.2025 (10.00 p. m.).The general public is requested to take alternate routes and bear with the Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh," issued Municipal Corporation Chandigarh.

Delhi's AQI drops to '85' after three years

NEW DELHI: Delhi on Saturday recorded an average Air Quality Index (AQI) of 85, which is the lowest in the last three years for the period from January 1 to March 15. According to the Commission for Air Quality Management, this is the first day of the year on which the AQI has managed to fall under the ambit of the 'Satisfactory' category, meaning that the index number remains between 50 and 100. "Today, Delhi recorded an average AQI of 85, the lowest in the last three years for the period from 01st January to 15th March. Today's AQI is also the first day of the current year with a 'Satisfactory' AQI (AQI 51-100). Delhi has witnessed a 'Satisfactory' AQI in the month of March, for the first time in five years since 2020," the Commission for Air Quality Management posted on X. As the winters recede, temperatures have started to soar. Ainapur Hobli village in the Kalaburagi district of northern Karnataka recorded the maximum temperature in the last 24 hours.

Tamil a sweet language; PM wants every language to get its due respect: Union Minister Vaishnaw

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CHENNAI, MAR 15



Hailing Tamil as a 'sweet' language, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Saturday said it is one of the assets of the country and the world.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi always ensured that every Indian language gets its due respect, the Union Railways, Information and Broadcasting, Electronics and Information Technology Minister said at an event near here.

Participating at the inauguration of a manufacturing factory of Zetwerk Electronics at Sriperumbudur, Vaishnaw said he was lucky as he got a professor by name Sadagopan while pursuing his academics at IIT Kanpur who taught him about the Tamil language.

Greeting the audience with a traditional 'Vanakkam' (Namaste) in Tamil language at the beginning of his speech, Vaishnaw said, "Tamil is a very very sweet language. All I know is three words -- Vanakkam, Eppadi Irukeenga (How are you) and Nandri (Thanks)."

Referring to his interaction with Sadagopan at IIT Kanpur, the Minister said, "Sadagopan introduced me to Tamil language and in North India, Tamil is generally known as masala dosa, right?. He taught me so many facets of Tamil culture.. It is a very, very deep culture, very ancient culture. We all respect Tamil culture and we all respect the Tamil language."

"This is one of our assets of our country and this is also one of the assets of the world and lets take pride in that. Let's take joy in that and let's enjoy all the Indian languages. And that is the spirit with which our Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) is working today making sure that every Indian language gets its big place under the Sun and make sure they get the respect which is due to them, make sure that they get the exposure," he said.

Citing an example, Vaishnaw said, "I will tell you one small thing. In the Telecom and Data Protection Laws, our Prime Minister inspired us and asked why should the Notice be only in English and why not in all Indian languages. So, taking inspiration from him, in the Law itself we have said all the languages in the Constitution must be available as a choice to the users. That is the thought process of our leader Prime Minister Narendra Modi. So, let's get above this and let's make sure that these things which sometimes come in the way of friendship and relationship between different civilisations, between different people and between our own brothers and sisters, those barriers should not come.

"We should all look at one big goal of making our country very very strong, making sure that we become the third largest economy. Thank you very much, rombha rombha nandri (Many Many thanks)" he said before concluding his address.

Tension in Manali as Punjab youth displays Bhindranwale flag on bike, locals force removal

AGENCY
KULLU, MARCH 15

A biker from Punjab, displaying a Khalistani flag featuring a photo of Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, faced reprimand from locals in Manali on Saturday. The agitated residents removed the flag from the wooden mast attached to the motorcycle.

The incident, captured on video, has sparked widespread criticism, with many condemning it as an anti-national act.

Manali Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) KD Sharma confirmed that action had been taken against the biker under the Motor Vehicles Act.

Group of tourists cause commotion at Kasol barrier

In a separate incident, a group of tourists from Punjab, riding approximately 20 motorcycles, caused a commotion at SADA barrier in Kasol, located in Manikaran Valley of Kullu.

The barrier, which charges a nominal fee for maintenance of the region, became a point of contention as the visitors reportedly refused to pay.

The situation escalated when they broke the barrier and proceeded to Manikaran. Kullu SP Karthikeyan Gokulachandran stated that a case has been registered against the group.

Massive fire at Hydroelectric Project colony in Chamba, one labourer burnt alive

BUREAU
CHAMBA, MARCH 15



A devastating fire broke out in the labour colony of an under-construction hydroelectric project in Chanju, Chamba district, Himachal Pradesh, late Friday night.

The blaze tragically claimed the life of a laborer, identified as Bindu, son of Dharam Chand, a resident of Sanged village.

Chaos erupted as the flames rapidly engulfed the colony, destroying property worth lakhs of rupees. Upon receiving the distress call, police and fire brigade teams rushed to the site to control the fire and assess the damage.

Superintendent of Police Abhishek Yadav confirmed the incident, stating that the victim's body was handed over to the family after a post-mortem under police supervision.The cause of the fire remains unknown, and authorities are investigating the matter.

The tragic incident has raised serious concerns about fire safety measures at construction sites, especially in high-risk areas like labour colonies.

In first attack on religious place' in Punjab, grenade hurled at temple in Amritsar

CHARANJIT ARORA
AMRITSAR, MAR 15



Panic gripped the Khandwala area late Friday night when two motorcycle-borne armed men hurled a hand grenade at a temple here.

CCTV footage of the incident shows the suspects throwing the grenade at midnight.

While the temple's wall was damaged in the explosion, no injuries were reported. A priest and his family, residing on the upper floor, were unharmed.

After the incident, senior police officials arrived at the location, and an investigation has been started.

The attack marks the first time that a religious place has been targeted by miscreants, as previous incidents in the region have primarily involved foreign-based gangsters turned terrorists targeting police establishments. The grenade attack is the 12th such incident in the past four months. Local leader Kiranpreet Singh condemned the attack, calling it an attempt to disrupt the peaceful atmosphere in Punjab.

BJP using delimitation to eliminate its political opponents: Punjab CM Mann

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MAR 15



Posing serious question marks over the manner the delimitation process is being implemented in the country, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Saturday said that unfortunately the Union government led by BJP is trying to eliminate its political opponents through this faulty execution.

Interacting with the journalists on the sidelines of flagging off a batch of 72 teachers to Finland, the Chief Minister said that the undemocratic methodology adopted by the Union government raises suspicions about the intent of the BJP and its coterie.

He said that tactically the seats of states where BJP and its allies are weak are being reduced whereas the seats in those states where BJP's divisive agenda is blooming are being enhanced. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that all the like minded parties will join hands against this repression of the Union government to muzzle democracy.

Replying to another query, the Chief Minister said that being a border state a number of forces inimical to the state have been chalking out nefarious designs to disturb hard earned peace of Punjab. However, he said that the vigilant Punjab Police has always foiled such attempts as the Police force has been updated as per advanced requirements in the field of investigation, science and technology. Bhagwant Singh Mann expressed hope that the Punjab Police will uphold the glorious legacy of serving the people with utmost professional commitment to protect the unity, integrity and sovereignty of the country.

The Chief Minister said that the Amritsar incident is also handiwork of the fissiparous forces that want to destabilize the peace, progress and prosperity of the state. He said that the state government will never allow these forces to succeed in their nefarious designs and all their conspiracies will be foiled. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the law and order situation in Punjab is much better than other states as Punjab Police is keeping an eagle eye over the matter.

283 Indian Citizens rescued from fraud centers in Myanmar



CHANDIGARH : A total of 283 Indian citizens, who were trapped in Myanmar under the pretense of lucrative job offers and forced into cybercrime, have been rescued and brought back to India. These individuals were freed from online fraud centers in Myanmar and repatriated to India via Thailand on Monday.

Officials from the Indian embassies in Myanmar and Thailand, with the help of local security forces, facilitated this evacuation. The rescued individuals, who were flown back to India on an Indian Air Force aircraft from Mae Sot, Thailand, belong to various states, including Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

In a statement, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said, "The Government of India has been making sustained efforts to secure the release and repatriation of Indian nationals lured to various southeast Asian countries, including Myanmar, with fake job offers. These persons were subsequently made to indulge in cybercrime and engage in other fraudulent activities in scam centres operating in regions along the Myanmar-Thailand border."

The Ministry further stated, "The Government of India wishes to reiterate its caution, circulated earlier from time to time through advisories and social media posts, about such rackets. Indian nationals are once again advised to verify credentials of foreign employers through Missions abroad and check the antecedents of recruiting agents and companies before taking up a job offer."

It is worth noting that due to the continued efforts of the Ministry of External Affairs and the Indian Missions abroad, the safe return of hundreds of Indians who have been trapped in similar fraudulent job scams across several Southeast Asian countries has been ensured over the past three months.

Carry out desilting of drains & canals before arrival of monsoon season, CM tells officials

DCs must ensure no polluted effluents fall into the Yamuna: Nayab Singh Saini

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, MAR 15



Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini directed all Deputy Commissioners to ensure desilting of drains and canals in their areas and take concrete steps so that there is no waterlogging anywhere in the state during the upcoming monsoon season.

The Chief Minister was chairing the 56th Meeting of Haryana State Drought Relief and Flood Control Board here today. Irrigation and Water Resources Minister Smt. Shruti Choudhry also remain present during the meeting.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister emphasised that the focus of the Flood Control Board should be on raising structures and setting up robust infrastructure in cities and villages which can stop the flow of water into houses and fields during the monsoon season.

Focus on construction of stone studs & stone steining

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini emphasised the construction of stone studs, stone steining, remodelling of drains, construction of permanent pump houses, laying of pipelines in low lying areas and outfalling the flood water into drains across the state. He ordered the review of large number of stone studs constructed for flood control so that any non-functional studs can be timely repaired. He said an online portal must be created for this and the concerned Deputy Commissioners must carry out a survey of all the studs in their respective districts, and if any negligence is found, strict action should be taken against the erring contractor, including registration of FIR.

Equal focus on every region

The Chief Minister also ordered desilting of all large canals in the state and repair work of old canals. He also asked for a priority list of such projects and completion of all pending works at the earliest, adding that these cleanliness drives must be undertaken on a yearly basis. He also said that such works need to be carried out with equal focus on every region, so that equitable development can take place in the entire state.

352 schemes amounting to Rs 657.99 crore approved for flood control

The Haryana State Drought Relief and Flood Control Board considered and approved 352 schemes amounting to Rs 657.99 crore (State Head + HWRA fund) for flood control in the state. The Chief Minister directed to immediately take up the short term schemes as well as procurement of pumps and ensure their timely completion before June 30. Medium and long term schemes as proposed by Irrigation and Water Resources Department will be taken up after pre-flood review meeting to be held in May this year. The meeting was informed that 619 schemes for flood control have been completed while work is underway on 302 schemes. The procurement of different types of pumps, motors, panels etc. for dewatering and laying of pipelines for dewatering of flood water in permanent waterlogged areas having high Subsurface Water Level (SSWL) was also reviewed in the meeting.

No sewage water to be discharged in Yamuna

Issuing strict instructions, the Chief Minister ordered that no sewage water or polluted drain should fall into the Yamuna river as it was our collective responsibility to clean the Yamuna. He said we need to find alternate arrangements for the outflow of sewage water and especially directed the Deputy Commissioners of Panipat, Sonipat, Palwal and Yamunanagar districts to set up Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) in their districts to prevent polluted water from flowing into the Yamuna.

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GYAN Gaushala launched in Baijnath for rural empowerment and sustainability

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BAIJNATH: In a significant step towards rural empowerment and sustainable development, GYAN Wellness Retreats has inaugurated its state-of-the-art GYAN Gaushala in Baijnath, Himachal Pradesh. This initiative is aimed at preserving indigenous cow breeds, conserving the sacred cow, and creating sustainable



livelihoods for villagers, while fostering economic and social growth in the region. The GYAN Gaushala is not just a sanctuary for cows but a transformative project designed to empower villages, engage women and youth, and promote eco-friendly products. Under the leadership of GYAN Wellness and in collaboration with the Teesri Sarkar Federation, which works tirelessly to strengthen the Gram Sabha movement, the Gaushala has already begun manufacturing a range of products.

NEWS BRIEF

Excellent performance of S.S. Bajwa School student



VERMA

QADIAN: Jaskaran Singh, son of Balkar Singh, resident of village Bharth, a student of S.S. Bajwa Memorial Public School, passed the Royal Sainik School Rajasthan examination with good marks while studying in class VIII and qualified for admission there. He brought laurels to his school and vowed that he would never go abroad, but would stay here and work hard to serve the state and the country. School Management Committee President and Chairman Dr. Rajesh Kumar Sharma, School Director National Award Winning Principal Manohar Lal Sharma and Coordinator Madam Dr. Shalini Sharma and School Principal Komal Agarwal congratulated the child and his parents and wished him a bright future.

Nagar Kirtan will begin for Paonta Sahib on 16 March



RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: Sangat was reaching from far from areas for the Hola Mahalla Samagam being held at Dera Sant Nischal Singh Thada Sahib Jodian. In the ongoing Guruvani Pravah, especially the great saints, famous Ragi groups and preachers were delighting the Sangat with Gurbani Kirtan and Gurmat thoughts. In the organized Diwan, Sant Joga Singh Karnal, Sant Chamkaur Singh, Sant Surinder Singh Meetha Tiwana, Sant Kuldeep Singh, Bhai Harvinderpal Singh, Bhai Amandeep Singh Mata Kaula Ji, Bhai Omkar Singh, Bhai Satnam Singh Kohadka, Bhai Gurkirat Singh Kohadka Huzuri Ragi Sri Darbar Sahib, Bhai Jasbir Singh Paonta Sahib, Bhai Jagteshwar Singh Patiala, Bhai Jaskaran Singh Patiala.

Launch crackdown on encroachment, take strict action against grabbers: CM Yogi

AGENCY
GORAKHPUR, MAR 15

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday directed the officials to take immediate action to reclaim illegally occupied land belonging to the poor and enforce strict measures against encroachers.

While attending the Janata Darshan programme at Gorakhnath Temple after celebrating Holi in Gorakhpur, the CM emphasising zero tolerance for land grabbing warned that those who unlawfully seize land or displace the vulnerable will face severe legal consequences.

Seated outside the Mahant Digvijay Nath Smriti Sabhagar, nearly 200 people shared their concerns with the CM, who assured them that no injustice would be allowed under his leadership. He directed the



officials to resolve issues promptly and effectively, reaffirming the government's commitment to addressing the concerns of every distressed citizen. "Our government is dedicated to ensuring justice for all and fostering prosperity for every individual," he said.

During the Janata Darshan programme, a man raised concerns about land grabbers illegally occupying his property. In response, Yogi promptly directed the police and administrative officials to take swift action and ensure the land was reclaimed. Emphasising a zero-tolerance policy on encroachment, he asserted that no one would be allowed to seize another person's land. Many people approached him seeking financial assistance for medical treatment. He assured them that the government would provide full support for their treatment. Handing over their applications to the officials, he directed them to expedite necessary estimates and forward them for approval.

Addressing issues related to police and revenue departments, the CM stressed transparency and fairness, ensuring that no one faces injustice. He directed the officials to handle each case with sensitivity and provide the necessary help to every victim.

Several attendees brought their children to the event, where Yogi interacted warmly with them, asking their names and inquiring about their schooling.

Admin takes strict action against illegal mining and transportation, regular monitoring continues: DC

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, MAR 15



DC Parth Gupta said that as per the instructions of Director General of Mining and Geology Department KM Pandurang, the Mining Department, Yamunanagar was continuously taking action against illegal mining and transportation. The Deputy Commissioner said that during the checking of 1487 vehicles by the District Administration and Mining Department in the district, 27 vehicles were challaned and a fine of Rs 2.88 lakh was imposed. The Deputy Commissioner told that during the checking of 685 vehicles by the teams of SDM Chhachhrauli, the RTA department challaned seven vehicles and imposed a fine of Rs. 58,500. Similarly, during the checking of 189 vehicles by the teams of SDM Jagadhri, eight vehicles were challaned and a fine of Rs. 1,84lakh was imposed. He told that during the checking of 459 vehicles by the teams of SDM Radaur, six vehicles were challaned and a fine of Rs. 16,500 was imposed. Similarly, during the checking of 154 vehicles by the team of SDM Vyaspur, six vehicles were challaned and a fine of Rs. 29,000 was imposed. He told that continuous checking was being conducted day and night by all the SDMs, police department and mining department officials of the district.

Deputy Commissioner Parth Gupta said that monitoring was being done with full seriousness to stop illegal mining at Yamuna river and other places.

National Science Day based on theme 'Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science & Innovation for Viksit Bharat' celebrated at Modi College

RAWEL BHINDER
PATIALA, MAR 15



Multani Mal Modi College, Patiala, a college with DBT star status, today celebrated National Science Day to remember Nobel Prize winner Indian Physicist Dr. C.V. Raman. This year's theme, "Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science & Innovation for VIKSIT BHARAT," emphasizes the crucial role of young minds in shaping India's future as a global leader in science and technology. The chief guest in this event was Prof. Surindra Lal, member of Management Committee. The event was inaugurated with lighting the lamp and floral felicitation of the dignitaries. College Principal, Dr. Neeraj Goyal welcomed the Chief Guest, dignitaries and the participating students. He said that Science provides innovative solutions, enhances convenience, and drives economic growth. From smartphones to medical advancements the scientific progress ensures a better, more sustainable future. He said that Modi College is committed for development of scientific temperament and observational skills among the students. Chief guest of the programme Prof Surindra Lal, Member, Managing Committee appreciated the faculty of sciences for organizing an innovative and learning platform for the students. Dr. Rajeev Sharma, Dean, Physical Sciences discussed the objectives and thrust areas of the event and informed that more than 170 students of the college from participating in various competitions. Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Dean Research, Dr. Kuldeep Kumar, Dean Life Sciences, Dr. Varun Jain, Head Department of Mathematics motivated the students to participate with enthusiasm and zeal. On this day dedicated to Science, Modi College also felicitated twenty-seven distinguished Principals and educators of science and presented them appreciation awards to mark their achievements in their respective fields and for their contributions to the society.

Seminar on Organ Donation and Transplantation successfully held at Adesh Medical College



GOLDY CHUGH

SHAHABAD: A seminar on organ donation and transplantation was successfully conducted at Adesh Medical College and Hospital, Mohri. The event featured expert discussions led by Dr. Vipin Kaushal from PGI, who emphasized the significance of organ donation and its life-saving potential. Dr. Kaushal explained that organ transplantation is a surgical procedure that replaces a failing organ with a healthy one. He highlighted that many individuals voluntarily pledge to donate their organs before passing away, thereby offering a second chance at life to patients in need. Encouraging more people to come forward, he stressed that organ donation is not only an act of kindness but also a noble deed. Additional insights were provided by Dr. Kajal Jain, Dr. Ashish Sharma, Dr. Parul Gupta, Dr. Navdeep Bansal, and Saryu D. Madra from PGI, who urged society to embrace organ donation as a moral and humanitarian responsibility. Adesh Medical College Principal Dr. N.S. Lamba underscored the necessity of organ donation in modern times, stating that voluntary donors play a crucial role in saving lives within their communities.

Evening dedicated to Holi songs enthralled everyone



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: On the eve of Holi, Maninder Babbu Karaoke Club presented a bouquet of colourful songs at a hotel in the city on this occasion of Holi. Everyone performed memorable songs. The evening full of songs was made lively by the combination of Maninder Singh Babbu and Arvinder Singh. On this occasion, Holi gifts were given to everyone. The program was organized by Vinas Chawra. The program started with the song 'Dil to pagal hai' by Arvinder Singh and Maninder Singh Babbu. After this, Ani Rudh Kalra and Pushpa Kalra sang 'Yeh Parda Haata Do', Kanwal Kumar and Rajni sang 'Aa Mere Humjoli,' Pradeep Tyagi and Sangeeta sang 'Naino Mein Sapna', Harish Badhawan and Kiran Rawal sang 'Aaja Sanam,' Avtaar Singh Tari, Rasneet Makkar, Naresh Dutt and Shikha Dutt, Anil Girdhar and Kiran Rawal, Vijay Sharma and Neha, Avtaar Singh Tari and Urmila sang 'Chhup Gaye Sare Nazare Oye Kya Baat Ho Gayi', Devendra Arora and Usha, Arun Thapar and Rashmi sang 'Holi Khele Radhubira' and Jagmohan Singh presented songs.

Rotaract Club students distribute food to underprivileged children



NIRMAL SAINI

RADAUR: On the occasion of World Rotaract Day, students of the Rotaract Club at Global Research Institute of Pharmacy distributed food items to underprivileged children. College Principal Dr. Ashwani Kumar Dhingra lauded the students' efforts and encouraged them to continue contributing to society through such noble initiatives. Program Coordinator Dr. Smita Narwal thanked all the students and emphasized the importance of community service in holistic development. Rotaract Club President Bhavya Saini reaffirmed the club's commitment to social service and pledged to organize similar initiatives in the future. The institute's faculty and management appreciated the students' philanthropic work, highlighting that such activities not only support the needy but also inspire others to participate in charitable efforts, fostering a spirit of positivity and cooperation in society.

MLA Jimpa takes stock of construction work of Tehsil Complex

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, MAR 15



MLA Bram Shankar Jimpa inspected the renovation work of the Tehsil Complex and directed the Public Works Department officials to complete this work as soon as possible. He said that with the completion of this construction work, there should be no delay in getting facilities to the people and government services can be made available more easily.

MLA Jimpa took detailed information about the progress of construction from the officials and directed to ensure the availability of necessary resources. He said that the government is committed to providing modern and convenient administrative services to the public, so any kind of delay in the construction work will not be tolerated. After inspecting the Tehsil Complex, MLA Bram Shankar Jimpa visited the road from Jalandhar Road to Phagwara Bypass and started the road repair work. He said that this work has been started at a cost of Rs 43 lakh to improve the road from Singdiwala Chowk to Phagwara Bypass Chowk. The repair of this road will provide better traffic facilities to the local residents and passengers.

MLA Jimpa said that this route is one of the important routes of the city, so its repair was very necessary. He directed the Public Works Department to complete the road construction work soon with high quality so that people can get better road facilities for a long time. On this occasion, Hoshiarpur Municipal Corporation Mayor Surinder Kumar, SDM Sanjeev Kumar, Councilor Balwinder Bindi, Kulwinder Singh Hundal, Executive Gurmeet Singh and many other officers and dignitaries were present.

SAD maintained religious traditions of all religions: Sodhi

KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH, MAR 15



There is no doubt that the person who has been assigned a job should do it only then the results will be meaningful, otherwise the old saying "'Jiska kaam, usi ko saaje' (Things are best left to those who are skilled to do them." always proves to be true. These views were expressed by Shiromani Akali Dal District President Jatinder Singh Sodhi during a general press meet, and also said that not all the people living in the country and the world who believe in the Sikh religion are in the Shiromani Akali Dal. Now, on one hand, the so-called multi-faceted leaders, who have been rejected by the people from the political arena, are carrying the burden of false pretense of Sikh principles, honour, history, tradition, pride and respect on their heads and are defaming their mother party, the Shiromani Akali Dal ("which understands Punjab and the needs of Punjabis").

He also said that Shiromani Akali Dal is the only party which has at all times set an example in building and preserving the historical heritage of all religions. It is very unfortunate that under the influence of "anti-Punjab and anti-panth agencies and parties", the so called leaders are trying to regain their lost political image by levelling false allegations against the leaders of such parties. But people have come to know their characters. On the other hand, there are those people who were given the responsibility of propagating the Sikh religion for a long time, but they failed in spreading the religion. While holding responsible positions, they neither stepped out of their homes nor did they create any exemplary milestone in spreading the religion. Now these people who should have unwavering faith in religion, unfortunately, are now dreaming of becoming active in politics and making a name for themselves. Sodhi said that it is noteworthy that the intelligent people of Punjab have come to understand the policies and intentions of these people who change their color like chameleons.

Ancient Siddha Baba Gulab Giri of Helwa becomes Mahant Vijay Giri of Sarbhangi camp

YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA, MAR 15

Mahant Vijay Giri, a disciple of the presiding Srimanta Bhalle Giri Maharaj was appointed to the post of Shrimant in Juna Akhara on the sides of Sri Sri 1008 Siddha Baba Gulab Giri Sarabhangi Maharaj. In a meeting held at Juna Akhara Bada Hanuman Temple Kashi under the chairmanship of Juna Akhara's International Patron and All India Akhara Parishad General Secretary Mahant Hari Giri, Srimanta Vijay Giri was entrusted with the responsibility of Shri Mahant by Saint Mahatmas. He was accompanied by Ashta Kaushal Mahant Ajay Giri, Kothari Yogesh Giri, priest Mahesh Giri, businessman



Mrityunjay Giri, Bhandari Shahenshah Giri, Kotwal Tarun Giri were selected from 13 Mari. Former sarpanch of village Helwa, Karmabir Singh said that under Dera Baba Gulab Giri, the service of village Rindana Sonipat, Helwa, Jaisinghpur Karnal, Pinana and Kasanda Sonipat is operated under the supervision of Sri Sri 1008 Srimanta Bhalle Giri. He informed that on returning after returning to Ramta Panch, Shrimant Vijay Giri village will be greeted in Helwa. Baba is the perfect samadhi of Gulab Giri in Hellwa. On which a fair is held every week. Every Tuesday, hundreds of people come here to offer milk to increase livestock and wish for prosperity and their wishes are fulfilled here. Mahant Vijay Giri is operating the service here as a disciple of Srimanta Bhalle Giri. Please tell that Juna Akhara has its own constitution. Under which it started from below for sage saints and Thanapati, Spokesperson, Law Minister, General Secretary, Kotwal, Bhandari, Business, Business, Kothari, Kutcha Kothari, Ashta Kaushal.

Seminar on Integration of NEP 2020 in technical & professional education, challenges & opportunities held

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, MAR 15



The District Institute of Education & Training (DIET), Hoshiarpur, in collaboration with the Swami Sarvanand Giri Punjab University Regional Centre, organized a highly successful one-day national seminar on the theme "Integration of NEP 2020 in Technical & Professional Education : Challenges & Opportunities." The seminar took place o at Swami Sarvanand Giri Punjab University Regional Centre,and brought together an impressive number of educators, researchers, and professionals from across the country. The seminar, held in both online and offline modes, witnessed an overwhelming participation, with a total of 171 presentations.

These presentations were delivered by academicians, professionals, and students who shared their valuable insights on the integration of professional and technical education under the framework of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The seminar was inaugurated by Mr. Avinash Rai Khanna, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. His presence added significant value to the event, highlighting the importance of aligning technical education with professional needs in the evolving education landscape.

Shiv Sena Hindustan demands action against rising drug menace in Pehowa



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI

PEHOWA: Expressing concern over the increasing drug trade in Pehowa and surrounding areas, Shiv Sena Hindustan district in-charge Surendra Sharma submitted a memorandum to SDM Pehowa, demanding immediate and effective action from the administration. Accusing drug traffickers of operating under the protection of police and influential figures, Sharma alleged that liquor, smack, charas, and other narcotics were being openly sold, even near the world-renowned pilgrimage site. He urged the administration to launch a special campaign to arrest drug peddlers, ensure police accountability, strengthen the Nasha Mukt Haryana Abhiyan, and organize awareness programs for the youth. Warning of mass protests if swift action is not taken, Shiv Sena Hindustan emphasized the urgent need for stringent measures to curb the drug menace in the region.

NEWS BRIEFS

Matrushakti Entrepreneurship Scheme to empower women

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh stated that the state government is implementing various welfare schemes to empower women by providing financial assistance and support for self-employment.
He highlighted that the Haryana government has launched the Matrushakti Entrepreneurship Scheme as part of its efforts toward women's empowerment. To qualify, a woman's family income must be ₹5 lakh or less, her age should be between 18 and 60 years, and she must not be a defaulter in any previous loan case. Additionally, she must be a resident of Haryana. Singh emphasized that the scheme will play a crucial role in making women self-reliant and improving their standard of living. Under this initiative, women can avail loans of up to ₹3 lakh at a subsidized interest rate of 7 percent.

RSS celebrates Holi with enthusiasm, emphasises social harmony

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MARCH 15:



The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Madhav Nagar unit organized a Holi Milan ceremony at the Government Girls Senior Secondary School on Railway Road, celebrating the festival with joy and cultural performances. RSS and its affiliated organizations marked the occasion by promoting social unity and traditional values.

Speaking at the event, Seva Bharti's regional organization minister Jitendra Kumar highlighted the significance of Holi in Indian tradition. He stated that the festival not only symbolizes the triumph of good over evil but also fosters social harmony. He emphasized that Holi reminds individuals of their societal responsibilities and strengthens mutual love and respect.

Jitendra Kumar urged everyone to embrace the five principles of civic duty, social harmony, environmental conservation, family values, and self-reliance to drive positive societal change. He stated that the RSS is dedicated to uniting society and strengthening cultural and religious roots to ensure that future generations remain connected to their heritage. Holi, he noted, is not just a festival of colors but a symbol of Hindu unity and a moment to reinforce collective spirit.

Referring to the recently concluded Maha Kumbh, Kumar remarked that it showcased Hindu society's inclusive and coexistent traditions, transcending caste, class, regional, and linguistic differences. He stressed that the ancient Sanatan culture has upheld these values for centuries, as witnessed in the grand congregation at Prayagraj's Sangam.

He also encouraged people to celebrate Holi with dignity and decorum, ensuring that the festival remains a source of joy for all.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from women, children, and volunteers, who presented songs, poetry, and dances to add vibrancy to the celebration. Various patriotic-themed competitions were also held, with winners receiving awards from distinguished guests.

Prominent attendees included department chief Sudhir Kumar, city chief Subhash Sachdeva, assistant department head Mahendra Kumar, department promoter Sanjay Kumar, district promoter Lakhpat Rai, regional student affairs head Purushottam Kumar, district head Vikas Yadav, city head Bharat Bhushan, and assistant city head Rajiv Popli, among others.

"Jashn-e-Holi" celebrated by JCI Karnal Gold

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KARNAL, MARCH 15:



Social organization JCI Karnal Gold celebrated the festival of Holi with great enthusiasm, fostering a spirit of unity and friendship. The event, titled "Jashn-e-Holi: Festival of Colors, Celebration of Friendship," witnessed members applying gulal to one another, exchanging greetings, and dancing to Bollywood songs and the beats of the dhol.

The women's and junior wings of the organization actively participated in the celebrations. The event commenced with JCI President Pramod Bansal, Secretary Ajit Bansal, JCI Amit Singla, and JCI Vikas Goyal welcoming all members with gulal. Jitendra Mata and his team coordinated the event as project directors, ensuring a vibrant celebration with devotional songs dedicated to Lord Radha-Krishna, to which women joyfully danced.

President Pramod Bansal emphasized that Holi is a festival that strengthens unity and harmony. The celebrations included a pool party, water rain dance, water games, and couple dance performances, adding to the festive spirit. JCI Media Coordinator Anish Gupta highlighted that all JCI members are like a family, and festivals are always celebrated together with the same enthusiasm.

Prominent attendees included JCI Naveen Gupta, JCI Ravinandan Garg, JCI Vishwas Bhutani, JCI Ajay Goyal, JCI Sunny Gupta, JCI Rit Simmi Bansal, Monika Gupta, Surbhi Mata, Tanu Goyal, Meenakshi Singla, Nidhi Gupta, Promila Goyal, Neha Garg, and Nitin Diwan.

Naveen Jindal Friends Club: A Step Towards Youth Fitness

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL, MARCH 15



Member of Parliament Naveen Jindal has launched the Naveen Jindal Friends Club initiative to promote fitness, self-confidence, and discipline among the youth. Under this initiative, state-of-the-art gym equipment is being provided across his parliamentary constituency to encourage a healthier lifestyle.

While inspecting the advanced gym equipment being sent to different locations in Kurukshetra, Jindal highlighted the adverse effects of unhealthy diets, sedentary lifestyles, excessive mobile and internet usage, stress, and lack of physical activity on young people. He also pointed out the growing problem of substance abuse, which has become a serious societal issue. He emphasized that Naveen Jindal Friends Club is an effort to counter these challenges by instilling fitness consciousness among the youth.

Jindal stated that a nation's greatest strength lies in its youth. If they are healthy, disciplined, and energetic, no force can stop the country from progressing. In alignment with this vision, 12 modern gyms are being set up across rural and urban areas in the constituency, making fitness facilities accessible to all.

Under the initiative, modern gym equipment has been delivered to Kaithal district in the villages of Khanpur, Malikpur (Guhla constituency), Sapan Kheri (Kaithal constituency), and Tik, Solu Majra, Gurukul Fatehpur Pundri (Pundri constituency). In Kurukshetra district, equipment has been installed in Buhawa and Shanti Nagar Kurdi (Shahabad constituency), Umri (Ladwa constituency), Saraswati Kheda Colony (Bhat Majra) and Arunai (Pehowa constituency) etc.

"PBPartners has been a valuable partner in my insurance journey": Satender Gulia's Story

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
JHAJJAR, MAR 15

With two decades of experience in the insurance industry, Satender Gulia, an agent partner from Jhajjar, Haryana, has witnessed the evolving landscape of the sector firsthand. Despite his extensive knowledge and expertise, joining PBPartners, the PoSP arm of Policybazaar, proved to be a significant turning point in his career.

Satender's association with PBPartners has| been nothing short of fulfilling. The platform provided him with seamless access to a wide range of insurance products, advanced digital tools, and an efficient support system, making his work more productive and hassle-free.

"PBPartners has made my job not only easier but also more fulfilling. The platform's well-structured approach and seamless processes have removed unnecessary hurdles, making daily operations smooth and efficient. This support has allowed me to grow in my role and continuously improve my performance," said Satender.

One of the key highlights of Satender's journey with PBPartners has been the dedicated support from his Relationship Manager (RM). The guidance and prompt assistance from the Relationship Manager have helped him navigate challenges effortlessly.

"Having a Relationship Manager who is always available for guidance has been invaluable, offering me the support I need to stay on track and manage challenges with ease. Their support has given me clarity and helped me tackle any obstacles that come my way with a more focused approach. Knowing that I have expert assistance whenever needed has strengthened my confidence. This, in turn, has enhanced my efficiency in serving clients and growing my business," he shared.

Reflecting on his experience, Satender believes that PBPartners has provided a strong and reliable platform that supports agent partners in their professional growth. The ease of doing business, coupled with consistent support, has made his journey both rewarding and satisfying.

Understanding Sanatan Dharma is essential for its true protection: Swami Avimukteshwaranand

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI, MAR 15



The Paramadharmaadheesh Jyotishpeethadheeshwar Jagadguru Shankaracharya Swami Avimukteshwaranand Ji was accorded a grand floral welcome at Goyal International, Tarawadi. The CMD of Galaxy Basmati Rice, Vijay and Krishna Goyal, along with numerous rice millers, industrialists, and representatives of various religious and social organizations, greeted him with reverence. As the Shankaracharya of Jyotish Peeth entered the premises with his followers, a magnificent Mangalam Yatra was organized, showcasing the richness of Indian culture. Vijay and Krishna Goyal performed the Aarti with traditional rituals.

Speaking to journalists, Jagadguru Swami Avimukteshwaranand Ji emphasized the importance of truly understanding Sanatan Dharma. He remarked, "Many people believe they are protecting Sanatan Dharma, but without true understanding, they may unknowingly end up defending unrighteousness. The best way to protect Sanatan Dharma is to first comprehend its essence and then integrate it into daily life."

When asked about the plight of cows, he expressed concern over their suffering and exploitation. He stated, "In Sanatan Dharma, the cow is revered for its nurturing nature, providing milk and welfare to all. However, discussions about slaughtering cows are deeply troubling. Protecting cows is not just a duty but a moral obligation for every Hindu, as harming them is considered a great sin in our tradition."

Several prominent industrialists and dignitaries, including Ramesh Gupta, Mohit Gupta, Pradeep Gupta, Sadhuram Singla, Krishna Chand Singla, Mukesh Goyal, Subhash Chand Goyal, Rakesh Hans, Balakrishna Tripathi, Aman Sharma, Rajkumar Toil, Municipal Chairman Virendra Bansal, Rushil Gupta, Rajiv Narang, Naresh Bansal, Pramod Singla, and Vijay Singla, were present at the event.

Saint Soldier International School Celebrates Holi in the Playway Class



CHANDIGARH: The Playway Class at Saint Soldier International School Sector 28 B, Chandigarh was filled with joy and vibrant colours as children celebrated Holi, the festival of colours. Dancing to traditional music and sharing sweets, they embraced the spirit of unity and festivity. Dressed in bright marigold hues, the young learners created colourful Holi cards, showcasing their creativity and enthusiasm. The event not only welcomed the arrival of spring but also fostered joy, friendship, and cultural appreciation among the children, creating lasting memories of togetherness and happiness.

Anil Vij is serving people by becoming an avatar in BJP politics: Viresh Shandilya

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAR 15



Ambala Anil Vij, the cabinet minister of Haryana for the third time in a row, is serving the people as an avatar by staying in the BJP party and he made a place not only in the minds but in the hearts of the public. The above words were said by Viresh Shandilya, head of Anti-Terrorist Front India and Vishwa Hindu Takht, while talking to reporters at Anil Vij's residence. Viresh Shandilya along with hundreds of people from his organization reached Power, Transport and Labor Minister Anil Vij on his 72nd birthday today at his residence in Cantonment. Surendra Pal KK, High Court Advocate Vasu Ranjan, Advocate Ishan Bharadwaj, Manish Pasi, Rajinder Singh Bittu, Shiv Ranjan, Mohan Lal Dhiman, Sanjeev Seth, Mahinder Dhiman, Sudesh Jain Mittha, Bharat Seth were present on this occasion. Viresh Shandilya said that he bows to the mother who gave a son like Anil Vij to Ambala who is immaculate and is serving the people on the principles of Nar Seva Narayan Seva without ego. He said that every politician should be dedicated to the people like Anil Vij. Viresh Shandilya said that Anil Vij is working as an avatar in the BJP party and Anil Vij has a great contribution in giving rise to BJP in Haryana. The whole world remembers Anil Vij's services as Home Minister. Not only this, Viresh Shandilya said that he prays that every politician thinks like Anil Vij who thinks about his people while lying on his death bed in the hospital. Viresh Shandilya said for Anil Vij, "Don't judge Anil Vij's fame by estimation, the rivers are often deep." At the same time, Viresh Shandilya said that his entire organization stands with Anil Vij and he has demanded from the Prime Minister of India that leaders like Anil Vij should get the Home Department in Haryana so that the people of Haryana continue to get justice. At the end, Viresh Shandilya sang a share for Anil Vij that it is a different thing that people stand silent, yet those who are big stay big. Such dervishes are met with many crowns on their shoes.

Teenager stabbed to death

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, MAR 15

A student was stabbed to death on Holi in Sector-12 of Karnal. While, his partner was seriously injured. The assailants had reached the hospital with him and left there and ran away. The deceased Kishore had come to Karnal with his friend. Meanwhile, his friend's friend got into a fight with someone. In the same fight, the young man was intervening. Then the attackers stabbed him with knives. The deceased has been identified as 17-year-old Himanshu of Kheda Chhapra village, who was a student of class 11. After the incident was reported, the police and FSL team reached the spot. The body has been taken into possession and kept in the mortuary house of Kalpana Chawla Medical College in Karnal for postmortem. The police are investigating the case.

According to the police, Ankur's house is in Saini Colony of Sector-12 of Karnal. Ankur considers Dev, who lives in Sheikhpura village, as his brother. Dev had come to Karnal with his friend Himanshu on Friday evening. He came to meet Ankur.

At that time some of his other friends were also sitting in Ankur's house and were enjoying Holi. Meanwhile, Ankur received a call from some youths of Baladi village and asked him to come out of the house.

Ankur told the police that I thought the youth might be coming to play Holi. So, I went out. Dev, Himanshu and other companions also came behind me. As soon as we reached the field of Sector-12, 6-7 youths were present there. It includes Arun, Amit, Aman, Anish, Pradeep, Rajesh. The accused are residents of Baldi village. Among them, one is also from Taprana village. These people started fighting there. After this, my friends also came to the rescue. The accused had big knives. He stabs Himanshu and Dev, injuring both seriously.

Himanshu's condition worsened due to stabbing. Seeing this, the accused got scared and took Himanshu to the government hospital in Karnal on his bike. There they left him and ran away. There the doctors declared Himanshu dead. At the same time, Dev was also taken to the hospital, whose condition is out of danger.

In the Himanshu murder case, a video of 42 seconds has also come out, in which it is seen that a fight is going on between the youths in the field of Sector-12. Two white and one gray color car are also parked there. Between the same cars, the youths are fighting among themselves and are seen defending each other. A young man is seen holding two boys by their sides and beating them. Four boys are fighting on one side. Meanwhile, one youth takes out a knife and another youth tries to snatch the knife from him. After this, the third youth also comes. Then the young man is seen putting the knife in his back pocket. After this, everyone is seen fighting with each other.

The relatives of the deceased said that Himanshu was a student of class 11 in Karnal. Himanshu's father is Sheeshpal.

Elevidys Gene Therapy can slow DMD disease's progression



AMRITSAR - Nine-year-old Ishmeet is battling Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), a severe genetic disorder that is rapidly weakening his muscles. Doctors at AIIMS, Delhi, have recommended Elevidys Gene Therapy, a one-time treatment that can slow the disease's progression and offer him a chance at a better life. The family has been struggling over time to raise the necessary funds through Impact Guru. This groundbreaking therapy introduces a functional version of the dystrophin gene into his muscles, helping to stabilize his condition. However, the cost of this treatment is several crores-an amount far beyond his family's means.
DMD has already taken so much from Ishmeet. He relies on steroids and intensive physiotherapy to slow down muscle degeneration, but without Elevidys Gene Therapy, his condition will continue to deteriorate. His parents dream of a future where he can go to school without struggling to move, where he can play with friends without the fear of falling, and where he can grow up without the shadow of this cruel disease looming over him.

Castrol India relaunches Castrol Activ with a new campaign featuring Shah Rukh Khan

CHANDIGARH : Castrol India Limited, the country's leading lubricant manufacturer, has relaunched Castrol Activ, its flagship two-wheeler engine oil brand. Castrol Activ is the category leader in India's two-wheeler engine oil market. As part of the relaunch, Castrol Activ has seen a product upgrade (API SN) and a packaging refresh with Shah Rukh Khan on the pack label. The campaign takes Castrol Activ's promise of 3X protection to the next level by ensuring protection against engine overheating.
India has nearly 235 million two-wheelers on the road (source: Kline). In 2024 two-wheeler sales in India grew by 14.8% (including EVs) adding nearly 20 million two-wheelers through the year. As urban and rural mobility increases so do challenges like extreme heat and stop-and-go traffic. Engine overheating is a major concern for riders, especially during peak summer months, affecting both bike performance and rider comfort.
Castrol Activ's new Actibond™ Technology provides 50% better wear protection at start-up (vs API SN standard), offering enhanced protection across different riding conditions, including city traffic, highways, and off-road terrains. The 3X protection promise ensures performance across:
1. Start-up: Protects the engine from excessive wear upon start.
2. Running: Fights against oil thickening under tough conditions to help dissipate heat better
3. Shutdown: Protects the engine from corrosion when turned off.
"Overheating is a key biker pain point which is especially relevant for India where summers are harsh and long commutes can put excess stress on the engine." said Rohit Talwar, Vice President & Head of Marketing, Castrol India. "This campaign not only reinforces Castrol Activ's promise of 3X protection but also deepens our connection with bikers across the country by singularly addressing one of their biggest pain points."

Elevating business growth through sound management practices



CHANDIGARH : Elevating Business Growth through Sound Management Practices was the topic of the open house interactive session very recently which was held at the London Stock Exchange Group Mumbai Premises & was presented by V. Singhi & Associates. The discussion veered around the topic and the panelists shared their viewpoints vividly . Sudip Bandyopadhyay MD of Inditrade (JRG) Group of companies stressed that In today's fast paced growth environment focus should be on sustainability and longevity. Manish Panchal, Investment Advisor spoke on "making business strong & valuable for all stakeholders. Romit Barat ED AAFM India focused on " Dynamism required by businesses to drive aggressive business growth." He cited examples of such Dynamism. Manoj Shinde, Founder of Orbo.ai opinionated "Right management is about empowering decisions with data and fostering agile adaptation. Rimjhim Ray Co Founder of Heyo Phone emphasised "Technology has accelerated time to market and growth. But for long term growth it has to be sustainable, rooted in ethics and human capital development. Sundeep Singhi, Managing Partner of V Singhi and Associates, spoke on "Business Ethics being very important for Sound Management Practices " Prakash Agarwal Head AIF of Mahapreit stressed on businesses leading by examples to amplify sound management practices. Aajay Aarora of Amanat Family Office the session moderator summed by pointing - Don't try to do it all on your own, create your business toolbox., be aware of costs, the numbers, and double-check everything.

TECNO's latest smartphone lineup now available on Flipkart

CHANDIGARH : TECNO, an innovative AI-driven technology brand known for blending best signal connectivity with cutting-edge technology and captivating design has officially launched its dynamic range of smartphones on Flipkart today. The exciting lineup includes the TECNO Spark 30C 5G, the power-packed POVA 6 NEO 5G, the flagship masterpiece Camon 30 5G, and the surprisingly versatile TECNO Spark Go 1, each crafted to redefine the mobile experience.
With Flipkart as the go-to destination for TECNO's latest smartphones at unbeatable prices, the brand brings a perfect blend of powerful performance, revolutionary AI-driven camera technology, and long-lasting battery life directly to consumers. This strategic expansion ensures that modern, tech-savvy individuals have seamless access to the best in mobile technology, empowering them to connect, create, and explore with unparalleled ease. Customers can now experience TECNO's commitment to latest innovations with the TECNO Spark 30C 5G, unleashing the power of 5G with its MediaTek Dimensity 6300 processor, complemented by a vibrant 6.67-inch HD+ 120Hz display and a versatile 48MP Sony AI camera. Customers can avail the 4GB+64GB, 4GB+128GB, and 8GB+128GB variants of Spark 30C 5G at a steal deal of INR 8,999, INR 9,499 and INR 11,999 respectively on Flipkart., For those seeking exceptional value, the 6GB+128GB variant of TECNO Pova 6 Neo 5G is priced at INR 10,999 and the 8GB+256GB variant is available at INR 12,999.

Lakshita takes over Mohali with 'The She Show' - A grand opening like no other!

MOHALI : Lakshita is making waves in Punjab yet again! As part of its rapid expansion, the brand unveiled its newest store in Mohali—its seventh in the Tri-City area—just in time for Women's Day. But this was no ordinary launch. Lakshita turned spotlight on 'The She Show', a spectacular celebration of womanhood, inspired by its ethos: Many Roles, One Life.



The event featured powerful verses of renowned poet Priya Malik, setting the tone for an inspiring and immersive experience. Partnering with Radio Mirchi Chandigarh, Lakshita hosted women across the city to join in an exciting lineup of fashion showcases, live performances, and engaging activations that put them at the heart of the celebration.
The store sprawls over 2000 sq ft, designed to feel open, comfortable and stylish. The interiors blend Indian heritage-inspired elements with a modern aesthetic, while specks of green from the plants enhance the ambiance, adding a refreshing and inviting touch.
Mohali's growing support for the brand inspired this expansion in the tricity area. On the occasion, Mr. Sachin Kharbanda, Co-Founder of Lakshita remarked, "Mohali has been an integral part of our journey, and with our latest store, we are deepening our connection with this vibrant city. As we reach 78 stores, this expansion reflects our commitment to bringing fashion closer to you." Strategically located on Airport Road, Mohali, a rapidly growing shopping hub, the store offers greater accessibility for customers in the region.

To keep the body in good health is a duty... otherwise we shall not be able to keep our mind strong and clear.

Buddha

Editorial

India's warm outreach to new Mauritius govt DC

With a promise of India-Mauritius ties advancing across all fronts, on top of bilateral relations rising to a higher degree of trust at various levels, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two-day visit to Port Louis could not have gone better. Apart from the historic and cultural ties, partnerships in various domains are to expand with India's expertise in sectors ranging from space science and satellite technology to primary education and advanced healthcare being made available to the island nation.

The visit reinforces India's diplomatic thrust to build better relations with a host of countries in the Indian Ocean arc from Indonesia through Sri Lanka to Mauritius, the objective being the establishment of a counterbalancing presence for India in the region against China's pervasive moves to buy influence. India and world powers in the West suffer from no illusion that China's sway will cease to exist in countries of strategic importance in the Indo-Pacific though they may have been hurt from the debt trap that comes along China's helping hand.

A greater trust of India's more open and less cluttered offers of aid in terms of money as in the case of Sri Lanka and growing faith in offers of collaboration with India's growing expertise in many strategic areas as offered to Indonesia and Mauritius have been evident in the high-profile visit of Prime Minister Modi to these nations in most recent times. "Strategic partnerships" forms a term the foreign office is seen to use increasingly in describing ties with countries of the Global South that India interacts with. It is true that ties with Mauritius are set to move up substantially with the bilateral partnership in the domains of development, defence and maritime security being hailed by the leaders of both nations — Prime Ministers Narendra Modi and Navinchandra Ramagoolam — as a standard for nation-to-nation ties in the region.

More significantly, India will be contributing to the developmental needs of Mauritius through a series of pacts by which assistance will be provided not only in launching an India-Mauritius satellite but also improving the maritime infrastructure in Wave Rider Buoys and a Multi-hazard Emergency System in Mauritius to help it build disaster preparedness and response system. The system will also help with better weather and climate forecasting with Isro and the ministry of earth sciences to carry out the tasks and provide the data to the host country.

Cybercrime up: Educate Indians to avoid scams

Scam centres in Southeast Asia are back in the news. Nearly 600 Indians flew home through Thailand recently after being rescued from scam compounds in Myanmar. India sent military transport planes to the Thai border town of Mae Sot to repatriate its nationals. This comes in the wake of a dramatic rescue operation jointly coordinated by Thailand, China and Myanmar, the latest attempt to shut down scam centres carrying out online fraud operations that have swindled thousands and thousands of people across the globe, some of their entire life savings.

The highly publicised operation led to the release of 7,000 people from many countries held hostage in terrifying conditions in locked compounds in towns along the Thailand-Myanmar border and other lawless pockets of Southeast Asia. Many were lured by false promises of high-paying IT jobs in Thailand; then trafficked by criminal gangs to these scam compounds where they were held captive and coerced into participating in online fraud schemes, deceiving victims through romance or investment scams.

Refusing to work could bring beatings, starvation, and electric shocks, according to a report by the Associated Press. Over half of the 7,000 who have been rescued from the brutal scam compounds in recent days are Chinese nationals. China has already repatriated more than 2,000 of its nationals. Nationals of many other countries, however, are still waiting to fly home. This is not the first time Indians have been rescued from scam compounds or war zones. We have been down this road before.

Last year, the Indian media reported that according to data compiled by the Bureau of Immigration in the Union home ministry, 29,466 Indians who had travelled on visitor



visas to Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar and Cambodia between January 2022 and May 2024 never returned. This coincided with a sharp spike in cybercrimes originating from Southeast Asia. Many desperate and gullible Indians continued to take insane risks in search of a job overseas. This includes many educated women and men. As in the past, the external affairs ministry has cautioned Indian nationals to verify the credentials of foreign employers before accepting job offers.

Indians are cannon fodder in this unfolding global story. Though the notorious scam compounds are in Southeast Asia, the victims of online scamming are spread across the world. Research from the Global Anti-Scam Alliance (GASA) says victims lost over $1 trillion to scams in 2024. India cannot afford to be reactive. It is time to ask what we are not learning. Countries are banding together to fight the surge in cybercrime. In January this year, law enforcement officials from the six nations of the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation mechanism (China, Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam) -- a multilateral group for cooperation between the riparian states of the Lancang-Mekong River, along with United Nations officials and other regional law enforcement officers -- met at Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan province, to address telecommunications fraud, illicit drugs, and other cross-border crimes. Lancang and Mekong differ in name, but refer to the same river. The Lancang-Mekong river runs through China, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. During the meeting, representatives from the six nations agreed to strengthen information sharing, deepen joint law enforcement, and enhance their ability to crack down on cross-border crime, according to media reports. They also agreed to coordinate the rescue of trapped individuals, apprehend leaders of criminal groups, and dismantle telecom fraud dens. The first phase of the Lancang-Mekong Integrated Law Enforcement and Security Cooperation Centre (LMLECC)'s crackdown, called Operation Seagull, happened between August and December 2024. It led to over 150 telecom fraud operations being busted, arrest of 70,000 criminals and rescue of 160. In recent days, Thailand has arrested some 100 people as part of its crackdown and cut off electricity supply to certain border areas in Myanmar, specifically targeting towns along the border suspected of being hubs for scam call centres and other criminal activities. Going by media reports, criminal networks, primarily originating from China, have been known to operate many of these scam centres, but Chinese nationals have also been targets and China has stepped up efforts to suppress these global scam gangs. How engaged is India in this global conversation about countering cybercrime? How effective are India's public education initiatives to counter scamsters? Despite multiple reports about Southeast Asia's scam compounds in recent years, Indians continue to be tricked.

That is extremely worrying. Misuse of artificial intelligence (AI) adds to the problem. Most urban educated Indians know that AI refers to technology that enables computers and machines to simulate human learning, comprehension, problem solving, decision making, creativity and autonomy. But they have only a hazy idea of how exactly scamsters can use AI to rob the gullible.

Literature & Health

Microplastic may fuel antibiotic resistance: Study

In a startling discovery, a team of Boston University researchers found that bacteria exposed to microplastics became resistant to multiple types of antibiotics commonly used to treat infections. Microplastics -- tiny shards of plastic debris -- are all over the planet. They have made their way up food chains, accumulated in oceans, clustered in clouds and on mountains, and been found inside our bodies at alarming rates.

Scientists have been racing to uncover the unforeseen impacts of so much plastic in and around us. One possible, and surprising, consequence: more drug-resistant bacteria.

They say this is especially concerning for people in high-density, impoverished areas like refugee settlements, where discarded plastic piles up and bacterial infections spread easily.

The study is published in Applied and Environmental Microbiology.

"The fact that there are microplastics all around us, and even more so in impoverished places where sanitation may be limited, is a striking part of this observation," says Muhammad Zaman, a Boston University College of Engineering professor of biomedical engineering who studies antimicrobial resistance and refugee and migrant health.



"There is certainly a concern that this could present a higher risk in communities that are disadvantaged, and only underscores the need for more vigilance and a deeper insight into [microplastic and bacterial] interactions."

Study shows how climate change affects rain and floods

Climate change may lead to more precipitation and more intense floods. A new study shows that to understand the details of this relationship, it is important to distinguish between different types of rainfall and flood events -- namely, between short-term events that occur on a time scale of hours, and longer-term events that last several days. In each case, climate change has a different impact.

An Austrian research team has now shown for the first time that short-term precipitation and flood events on the scale of a few hours are particularly affected by the temperature increase caused by climate change. For events on a longer time scale, the relationship is more complicated. This finding was made using detailed data collected in Austria over more than a century -- but it can also be applied to other regions of the world.



It also allows conclusions to be drawn about which regions will experience changes in the probability of flooding, and how they will be affected. The results have now been published in the journal Nature. Climate change is affecting water cycles all over the world.

A look at Austria is particularly revealing: "We are in the very fortunate situation of having excellent data available," says Prof. Gunter Bloschl of TU Wien (Vienna), who led the research project.

POEMS

Innermost One

He it is, the innermost one, who awakens my being with his deep hidden touches. He it is who puts his enchantment upon these eyes
and joyfully plays on the chords of my heart
in varied cadence of pleasure and pain.
He it is who weaves the web of this maya
in evanescent hues of gold and silver, blue and green,
and lets peep out through the folds his feet,
at whose touch I forget myself.
Days come and ages pass,
and it is ever he who moves my heart in many a name,
in many a guise, in many a rapture of joy and of sorrow.

Rabindranath Tagore

How to balance sustainability, equity and rights of all consumers

A green transition is an imperative -- but will it be fair for all? As economies shift to greener models, the challenge is to ensure that sustainability does not come at the cost of economic security, social justice or equitable opportunities. This year's World Consumer Rights Day, on the theme of "A Just Transition to Sustainable Lifestyles", underscores the need for a transition that prioritises both the planet and people.

Sustainability must not only be encouraged but also made accessible, affordable and fairly regulated to safeguard consumer rights -- ensuring that no one is priced out of a greener future. India's green transition is shaped by both ambition and pragmatism. At the COP29 in Baku, the Global South led by India reiterated the need for climate justice, arguing that developed nations historically responsible for high emissions must take the lead in financing clean transitions. Without addressing historical emissions and global equity, climate policies risk deepening economic divides.



A key challenge is making sustainable choices affordable and accessible. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has stated in no uncertain terms that demand-side strategies could significantly cut emissions, but without affordable green technologies, the Global South will struggle to meet climate targets while maintaining growth. The demand to lift intellectual property conditionalities on clean technologies is not just a diplomatic stance -- it is an economic necessity.

Meanwhile, many countries in the Global South are laying the groundwork for a circular economy. In India, it is projected to reach a $2 trillion market by 2050, creating millions of jobs. Policies like Extended Producer Responsibility are helping to formalise and incentivise recycling. Sustainable Consumption and Consumer Responsibility: A just transition must extend to sustainable consumption. India's Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) adopted at the G-20's New Delhi summit in 2023 promotes eco-friendly habits, recognising that behavioural change requires policy and public participation. However, individual action alone is insufficient -- governments and industries must ensure that green products and services are affordable and widely available.

A major step forward is the strengthening of environmental labelling schemes by the Global South to promote certified green products and curb misleading sustainability claims. Its success depends on three factors: consumer trust, industry participation, and policy enforcement. Transparent criteria, awareness campaigns, and industry incentives like tax rebates can boost adoption. Equally critical is strict enforcement against greenwashing. By aligning such labels with carbon markets and EPR frameworks, the countries of the South can move beyond intent to impact, making sustainability a norm rather than the exception. Global Responsibility, Not One-Sided Burden: India's transition to cleaner energy remains challenging. Coal still dominates electricity production, and phasing it out will require nearly $900 billion over the next three decades. While international finance and private investment are crucial, sustainability must be integrated into economic planning rather than treated as an external cost. The focus should be on building viable green industries rather than prematurely dismantling existing ones. However, a just transition cannot follow a one-size-fits-all model. Rich countries have long benefited from carbon-intensive growth, while developing countries like India are still building critical infrastructure. The principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilites must guide global climate policies. At COP29, the Global South raised concerns over unilateral trade measures, carbon border taxes, and restricted technology transfers, which place an unfair financial burden on the poor and undermine climate justice. Funding remains critical. While many developing countries, including India, are scaling up renewable energy and sustainability initiatives, global support is essential for accelerating clean transition without sacrificing economic development.

The transition to cleaner energy, investment in sustainable infrastructure, and promotion of green jobs require significant capital that should not come at the expense of poverty alleviation and economic growth. The recently-released 2025 Asia-Pacific SDG Partnership Report highlights that while the shift to green and blue economies will create millions of jobs, it will also disrupt livelihoods and pose workforce challenges.

The report emphasises the need to enhance workforce training, stronger social protection, and gender-inclusive policies to ensure a just transition that leaves no one behind. Ultimately, global climate policies must account for economic diversity.

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Jains celebrate Holi without colours in Kangra fort

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KANGRA: Members of the Jain community from all over the country arrived at the Kangra Fort in Himachal Pradesh on Friday to begin their customary three-day Holi festival without colours.

The members of the community took part in a Holi procession where no colours were used. The procession was taken out from the Jain temple in Old Kangra and and reached the Mahavir Temple in Kangra Fort where the flag was hoisted as part of the three-day Holi festival. They conduct pooja at the Kangra Fort temple and worship the 5000-year-old Mahavir idol.

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63 patients' examined in health check-up camp in Kuthiyadi



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: A health camp was organized by the MP's mobile health team in Kuthiyadi village panchayat of Amb for the health and blood test of the people. Dr. Shashank Kaushal and his team conducted health check-up of 63 people and conducted blood test and uric acid test of 17 patients. During the health camp, general health check-up and blood test of the elderly, women and children were done free of cost. Along with treatment advice, medicines were also distributed free of cost to the patients by the team. The team included Neelam Staff Nurse, Varinder Lab Technician, Rahul Thakur. On this occasion, Asha workers Renu, Tanuja, Kamaljeet, Anita, Pramila, Shubham, etc were present.

Tal-Badhar-Bagh Road to be renovated: Dr. Pushpendra Verma



RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: Senior Congress leader Dr. Pushpendra Verma assured residents of Badhar and Bagh that the long-awaited renovation of the Tal-Badhar-Bagh road would begin within a month under the guidance of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. Addressing a public meeting during his outreach campaign, he acknowledged the villagers' concerns about the lack of a paved road despite 70 years of independence. Dr. Verma emphasized that the state government is committed to ensuring that rural areas receive the benefits of infrastructure development. He also urged locals to consider donating land to the Public Works Department (PWD), assuring them that if they do so, roads will be extended to their doorsteps. Encouraging youth to embrace self-employment, he highlighted the potential of agriculture, horticulture, and fish farming as viable income sources.

Governor celebrates 'Holi Milan' at Raj Bhavan





DINESH AGARWAL
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A 'Holi Milan' programme was organized at Raj Bhavan on the auspicious occasion of Holi festival. Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla and Lady Governor Janaki Shukla extended greetings to the people of Himachal Pradesh. They applied Holi 'Tilak' and celebrated the festival with a large number of dignitaries present in the Raj Bhawan. Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, accompanied by his wife and MLA Kamlesh Thakur, Speaker of the HP Vidhan Sabha Kuldeep Pathania visited Raj Bhavan to extend Holi greetings to the Governor.

Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee President Pratibha Singh, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. (Col.) Dhani Ram Shandil and Public Works Minister Vikramaditya Singh also joined the celebrations. Leader of the Opposition Jai Ram Thakur along-with his wife Dr. Sadhna Thakur and other BJP legislators and party office bearers also extended Holi wishes to the Governor. Chief Secretary Prabodh Saxena, DGP Dr. Atul Verma and other officials were also present on the occasion.

On the sideline of the function, the Governor emphasized that Holi was a festival of enthusiasm and unity, where people come together to celebrate by forgetting all differences. "Without even looking at faces, people immerse each other in colours, symbolizing the unity and vibrancy of our country and Himachal Pradesh," he said. He highlighted that Himachal Pradesh, also known as Devbhoomi, had a rich tradition of celebrating Holi, which had evolved over time. The Governor also conveyed a strong message against drug abuse, emphasizing the ongoing campaign, "Himachal Bachao, Nasha Bhagao", which was gaining momentum across the villages. He expressed hope that this campaign would be further strengthened through the spirit of Holi. The event featured a vibrant cultural performance by artists from Pooja Kala Manch. Secretary to the Governor C.P. Verma, officers and other staff members of the Raj Bhavan also participated in the celebrations.

Ex-MLA Bumber Thakur says drug traffickers shot at him, local leaders involved



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Former Congress MLA Bumber Thakur who was hospitalised after being shot at his home in Bilaspur on the day of Holi said that it was the handiwork of "drug traffickers". Thakur, who is recuperating at the IGMC Shimla Hospital, told an news agency, "Drug traffickers shot at me, it is their work." Further, Thakur alleged that local leaders were protecting these drug smugglers. The former MLA claimed that these leaders had even tried to involve his sons in drugs, an attempt from which his son managed to extricate himself from.

"Local leaders and drug smugglers in Bilaspur have become akin to major power brokers. Their properties should be confiscated and they should face the death penalty," Thakur said.

"I feel that my family is under threat from these drug traffickers and leaders. I am once again demanding security from the Chief Minister. Although I have been provided security, my family also needs protection. I have applied for a personal arms license with the Home Department, which is still pending with the Home Secretary. Had I been armed, I might have been able to save myself. I urge the Chief Minister to expedite this clearance," he said. He said, "I have already been attacked six times, and my life is in grave danger. They can kill me at any moment. I will never change my party; I will remain with Congress for life, no matter what happens."

Sukhu govt is breaking traditions: Praveen Kumar

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAR 15



Former BJP MLA Praveen Kumar said that the Chief Minister and His Excellency the Governor should have been present at the state level Holi festival in Palampur. We have followed this tradition very well as MLAs during the rule of Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal. Sukhu government is breaking traditions. He said that today music is being weighed on the scale of artists from Bollywood and other states, whereas Himachal Pradesh itself has many great artists who have created a stir in the world of music. Why were these talented people deprived of this platform. The former MLA said that earlier there used to be a night of artists sponsored by a well-known news group of India and a famous Grameen company. The former MLA reminded the Congress friends that this is the same Holi Kala Manch where earlier when artists used to dance and sway, there was a fear that a brick or stone might fall on any artist from this dilapidated stage. The former MLA said that the first phase of this Holi Kala Manch was constructed within the stipulated time. The construction work of the second phase has not started till date. He said that the Sukhu government is pretending that its financial condition is very bad. In such a situation, the Holi committee should rise above party politics and instead of inviting the two MPs, Dr Rajiv Bhardwaj and Indu Goswami to any cultural evening for Holi celebrations, should have completed the proposed second phase of the Holi Kala Manch. He said that the history of Holi in Palampur is connected to the Kali Badi temple, Dhughar. In such a situation, the Shobha Yatra should be started by offering prayers in the temple and paying obeisance, and not by going to the wrestling arena and offering prayers.

258 crores being spent on drinking water and sewerage: Mukesh Agnihotri

SANAJY AGGARWAL
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Deputy Chief Minister, Mukesh Agnihotri attended the closing ceremony of the state level Holi festival as the chief guest. Palampur MLA Ashish Butail was present as the special guest in the program. On this occasion, the Deputy Chief Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of two schemes worth Rs 2 crore 4 lakh in Palampur. He inaugurated the renovation of the reservoir constructed under Amrit Mission at Aima at a cost of Rs 1 crore 9 lakh and laid the foundation stone of the reservoir to be built in the forest park at a cost of Rs 99 lakh. He said that works worth Rs 258 crore are in progress on drinking water, irrigation, flood control and sewerage through the Jal Shakti Department in Palampur Assembly constituency. The Deputy Chief Minister said that Rs 48 crore is being spent on improvement and expansion of drinking water supply in the Municipal Corporation area. He said that Rs 135 crore will be spent on drinking water improvement and sewerage facility in Palampur city. The Deputy Chief Minister wished the people of the state a happy Holi festival. He said that Holi is a festival of colours, mutual brotherhood, love and the victory of good over evil. He said that Palampur Holi has its own special and mythological significance. The faith of millions of people is associated with this great festival. He congratulated the people of Palampur on the successful organization of the grand Holi festival. He said that Palampur MLA Ashish Butail is a very decent person and the Butail family is working with dedication for the development of Palampur and service to the people. The Deputy Chief Minister also watched cultural programmes.

Holi celebrations bring festive cheer to BBN's New Town



SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: The festival of Holi was celebrated with great enthusiasm in New Town, Baddi, an industrial hub in Nalagarh. Residents smeared colors on each other, exchanged warm greetings, and embraced the joyous spirit of the festival. The vibrant atmosphere was further amplified as people danced to DJ music, marking the occasion with songs and celebrations. In a similar festive spirit, Raksha Hospital in Bhanupali also hosted a lively Holi gathering. The event saw enthusiastic participation from Prince, Channi, Harpreet Kaur, Aditi, Pallavi, Meera, Suhani, Sunita, Neha, Nipakshi, Karishma, Kavita, Shanti Gautam, Swastik, Niharika, Dhairya, Vikas, Menka, Sanjeev Prabhakar, Sunita, Mukesh Bharadwaj, Shivani, Gauri, Veer, Shalu, Alu, Pallu, Suman Mittal, Mayank, Reetu, Neeraj, and Garlin, among others, who applied colors to each other and shared festive greetings. Celebrated on the full moon of the Hindu month of Phalgun, Holi is a festival of colors, joy, and harmony. It is one of India's most prominent festivals, now observed worldwide.

Preparations for PRI, UB poll in HP start: State Election Commissioner



BALKRISHAN PRASHAR
CHAMBA, MAR 15

Himachal Pradesh is gearing up for the much-anticipated general elections of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and Urban Bodies (UBs) this year, with the State Election Commission kicking off preliminary preparations. Anil Kumar Khachi, the State Election Commissioner, announced here recently that vital steps have been taken to ensure smooth and efficient elections, including the repair and enhancement of essential equipment. A key highlight of the preparation is the ongoing work on the ballot boxes, which are being repaired, painted, and equipped with unique QR codes to streamline the election process. Each ballot box will now have its distinct identity, tracked through an innovative 'Inventory Management' application. This tech-driven solution will allow polling parties to receive ballot boxes by simply scanning the QR codes, ensuring greater transparency and accuracy.

In a meeting with district officers here recently, Khachi emphasized the importance of maintaining clear and up-to-date records. He instructed the district administration to begin cleaning election stores and properly dispose of outdated election records.

The Commissioner also urged compliance with important electoral procedures such as ward demarcation, voter list updates, and reservations, ensuring that the public is well-informed about these processes. Further, Khachi set a deadline for the completion of ward reorganization by June 30 and called for the establishment of control rooms at both district and block levels during the elections.

Androli emerging as a hub for adventure sports and tourism



JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA, MAR 15

The picturesque landscapes and rich cultural heritage of Devbhoomi Himachal have long been a magnet for tourists. Now, with the state government's focused efforts, adventure sports and tourism are gaining momentum, opening new avenues for economic and recreational growth. Following the expansion of water sports activities in Govind Sagar at Bilaspur, Androli in Una district is emerging as a key center for adventure sports and tourism. To boost water sports in the area, the state government, with support from the Asian Development Bank, has proposed an investment of Rs. 10 crore. Additionally, the construction of the Mandli-Lathiyani Bridge and Road over Govind Sagar Lake, at an estimated cost of Rs. 871 crore, is expected to enhance connectivity and tourism prospects. The first phase of this project has already received an allocation of Rs. 400 crore.

Surrounded by hills and nestled beside Govind Sagar Lake, Androli offers a perfect blend of scenic beauty and adventure. The administration is introducing boating, kayaking, jet skiing, and houseboat services to make Androli a hub for adventure tourism. Mayfield Adventures has been awarded the contract to operate these activities, promising an exhilarating experience for visitors. The growing popularity of water sports will not only boost tourism but also generate employment and business opportunities for local communities.

Dy CM attends memorial service at Dera Baba Rudranand, pays tribute to Brahmleen Swami Sugrivanand Ji

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, MAR 15

A prayer and memorial service was held on Friday at Dera Baba Rudranand to honor Brahmleen Param Pujya Shri Shri 1008 Swami Sugrivanand Ji Maharaj. Himachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri attended the gathering, offering floral tributes and acknowledging the saint's profound spiritual contributions.

In his tribute, the Deputy CM highlighted that Swami Sugrivanand Ji's life was devoted to Sanatan Dharma, humanitarian service, and the spiritual upliftment of society. He remarked that although the revered saint is no longer physically present, his divine teachings and blessings will continue to guide devotees. The memorial service saw the presence of several prominent figures from the government, administration, and society. Notable attendees included MLAs Satpal Satti, Rakesh Kalia, Vivek Sharma, Sudarshan Bablu, SC Commission Chairman Kuldeep Kumar Dhiman, Commission Member Advocate Vijay Dogra, former MLA Satpal Raizada, DC Jatin Lal, SP Rakesh Singh, and Congress District President Ranjit Rana, among others. A large number of saints, disciples, and devotees participated in the ceremony, offering prayers and devotional songs in tribute to Maharaj Ji.



Swami Sugrivanand Ji Maharaj passed away on March 2, and his last rites were conducted with full state honors by the Himachal Pradesh government. March 3 was declared a local holiday in Una district to mark the occasion.

Sukhu government is lying, did nothing in 2 years: Vishav Chakshu

SANAJY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, MAR 15



Advocate Vishav Chakshu, state media co-incharge of Himachal Pradesh Bharatiya Janata Party, says that the Himachal government has only the schemes sponsored by the central government as well as the work done by the previous government. The government has done nothing in 2 years. The pension given to the elderly in the state has also not come for six months. This has not happened in the state till date. The government has nothing to tell even after two years of tenure. Therefore, it is lying even through the Governor's address. Vishav Chakshu said that such claims were made in this time's budget speech that the people of the state were shocked to hear it. The government says that 69 health institutions in the state have been made model medical institutions and state-of-the-art MRI machines have also been installed in them along with a team of experts, but no such institution was seen in any assembly constituency of the state. The government is telling such a big lie about the health service with which the common man deals every day. What is the condition of IGMC? What is the condition of the rest of the medical colleges and hospitals in the state? The whole state is watching. Even after this, the government is telling lies after lies very openly. Vishav Chakshu says that the government is saying that it has fulfilled the guarantees. This is also another big lie. Only 30 thousand women of the state have been given Samman Nidhi only once, whereas the number of eligible women is more than 23 lakh.

Health Department Una conducts regular inspections at Maidi Holi Fair in Dera Baba Badbhag Singh



KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Health Department Unateam is constantly inspecting Shops, Dhabas and Langars at Maidi Holi Fair from March 7 the first day of commencing this fair. Baba Badbhag Singh Maidiis very famous religious place in northern India. Shops, Dhabas and Langarsare being inspected by the Health Department team Una during this Maidi Fair. And directions were given by Health Department team Unato Shopkeepers, Dhabas and Langars organizers to ensure cleanliness their places. From the first day of this Maidi Fair, from Health Department team MHS Mohan Lal, Mahinder Kumar, Jaswant Singh, Ram Pal, Lakhwinder Singh are visiting every sector of this Maidi Fair. And this Holi Fair will be ended on coming March 17.

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Meeting scheduled regarding upcoming elections of Chandigarh Olympic Association

CHANDIGARH : A meeting regarding upcoming elections of Chandigarh Olympic Association has been fixed on 18.03.2025 at 05:00 PM under the chairmanship of Shri Hari Kallikkat, IAS (Administrator, Chandigarh Olympic Association) in the Conference Hall, U.T., Guest House, Chandigarh.The purpose of the meeting is to listen from all stakeholders about their suggestions about the election, since many of the associations are requsting for meeting time separately.

Therefore, the Administrator,Chandigarh Olympic Association,has requested President and Secretary of all concerned UT Sports Associations to attend the meeting on scheduled date, time and venue, to share their views and suggestions regarding the same.

NEWS BRIEF

Senior citizens suffer as post office fails to issue ATMs to them for withdrawal of funds

NARESH GOYAL

MANSA : There is resentment among the senior citizens as the main post office of Mansa has failed to provide ATMs to them for withdrawal of their funds.

Expressing anguish, a senior citizen Kiran Bala wife of Pawan Kumar Jindal disclosed that she had deposited money with the post office in its five years term deposit scheme which enables depositor to get interest over the deposit on quarterly basis. Today, when she approached the local main branch of post office to get an ATM issued, the sub post master (SPM) replied that the ATMs are out of stock. When she requested that she want to get amount withdrawn from her account by way of withdrawal form, the SPM replied that dealing person is on leave, hence, money can not be withdrawn today. The complainant alleged that it is nothing but a cruel joke with the senior citizens who opt to deposit money in the post office deposit schemes. She questioned what is the use of depositing money in post office if a person is not given money when the depositor needs it. Kiran Bala has demanded that functioning of post office should be improved and adequate staff be posted so that senior citizens like her are not put to any type of unnecessary inconvenience.

S. Rouri provided motors for water supply schemes to eleven villages of constituency



DALJEET AJNOHA

HOSHIARPUR: Fulfilling the long standing demand of the local people for additional motors for water supply schemes, today, Garhshankar MLA and Deputy Speaker of Punjab Assembly, Mr. Jai Krishan Singh Rouri provided motors for water supply schemes to eleven villages of the constituency. Motors were provided today in villages like Tutomajra, Langeri, Haveli, Chak Kataru, Manolia, Gondpur, Nangal Kalan, Paldi, Gajjar etc. of the Assembly Constituency. Mr. Rouri said that in the last summer, the motors of water supply schemes used to break down frequently, due to which it took a lot of time to repair them and the villagers faced a lot of trouble. He said that this problem will be solved by installing additional motors. On this occasion, Mr. Rouri was accompanied by Charanjit Singh Channi, Prince Chaudhary, Harvinder Singh Social Media President, Nachattar Singh Sarpanch Touto Mazara, Pratipal Kaur Bains Sarpanch Langeri, Charanjit Kaur Sarpanch Haveli, Gurbachan Singh Chak Kataru, Gurdev Singh Sarpanch Manolia, NRI Chander Shekhar Menon, Binder Sarpanch Chak Kataru, Khushwant Singh Numberdar, Balwinder Singh Sarpanch Gondpur, Jaspreet Singh Phalora, Numberdar Bara Singh, Parwinder Singh Sarpanch Nangal Kalan, Dayal Singh Block Pradhan, Jaspal Singh Sarpanch Paldi, Ram Kumar Chaudhary Gajjar, Chanchal Singh former Sarpanch, Shammi Sarpanch Gajjar, besides Panchs and dignitaries.

"War against drugs" – Major action by Faridkot police and district Administration



SURINDER DAMDAMI

KOTKAPURA: The Punjab government's campaign "War Against Drugs" is being carried out on a large scale against drug peddlers and the drug trade. The government, with public support, has pledged to continue this battle until drugs are eradicated. As part of this campaign, Faridkot Police and the district administration took significant action in Kotkapura. With the involvement of the police, the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) of Kotkapura, and municipal authorities, illegal properties and encroachments belonging to drug traffickers were demolished. SSP Dr. Pragya Jain provided details about the individuals targeted in this operation. She said that many of them were notorious drug traffickers with a criminal history. SSP Dr. Pragya Jain emphasized that under Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann's leadership, the Punjab government is aggressively cracking down on drug traffickers. Under DGP Gaurav Yadav's directions, Faridkot Police has intensified its actions, resulting in: 189 drug traffickers arrested in the past two weeks, including 21 major smugglers. Property worth Rs 4.33 crores seized in just the past seven months. Demolition of Illegal Encroachments SDM Varinder Singh stated that the demolished structures were illegal encroachments on municipal land. The encroachers had been served two prior notices but refused to vacate, leading to bulldozer action.

Kudian says Punjab to procure 2 lakh doses of sexed semen worth Rs. 5.3 cr

SUMER GARG
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The Gurmeet Singh Khudian, minister of animal husbandry, dairy development and fisheries, Punjab while addressing a seminar on "Role of Animal Husbandry Department in the Upliftment of Socio-economic Status of Livestock Farmers of Punjab" at Kisan Bhawan here today said, "With an aim to uplift socio-economic status of livestock farmers of the state by improving the germ plasm of milch animals, Punjab Govt will procure around 2 lakh doses of sexed semen worth Rs. 5.3 crore",

He further said that 50,000 doses of sexed semen will be procured this month, with an additional 1.50 lakh doses to be acquired by June 2025. So far, the state government has supplied 1.75 lakh doses of sexed semen for cows and buffaloes, of which 1.58 lakh doses have already been utilised during the past two years, he added.

While emphasising the importance of encouraging livestock farmers to avail themselves of this government initiative, the minister said that where private practitioners often sell sexed semen at exorbitant prices, in contrast, the same is available at the Govt institutions for just Rs. 250 per dose.

The use of sexed semen can result in over 90% female progeny, allowing farmers to avoid expenses related to rearing male calves, he said, while adding that additionally, the high genetic merit of the semen will contribute to the improvement of the existing germ-plasm in the state of Punjab. Principal Secretary Animal Husbandry, Mr. Rahul Bhandari apprised the Cabinet Minister that the high genetic merit of female calves of cattle and buffalo have been born using this semen. The long-term utilisation of sexed semen is expected to help address the issue of stray animals.The other issues discussed in the seminar were on animal welfare, regarding magnet feeding in animals and projects in NLM. While sharing success stories of farmers who have opted for sexed semen, Dr. G.S. Bedi, Director of the Animal Husbandry Department, reported impressive results. For instance, in the household of Jagsir Singh from Seerwali village in Sri Muktsar Sahib, a total of eight female calves have been born. Similarly, Baghel Singh, a resident of Lubanianwali, has also welcomed eight female calves. The quality and weight gain of these calves are remarkable. For example, a calf owned by Sant Kumar from Sardarpura village in Fazilka district weighs 80 Kg at just 63 days old.

Holi Milan program organized by Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Kharar



SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, MAR 15

A special Holi Milan program was organized by Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Kharar. On this occasion, the volunteers of the association went to the homes of all the volunteers of Kharar city and wished them Holi and invited them to participate in this special event.

On this occasion, Rohit Mishra informed that Holi is an important part of Indian culture, which gives a message of love, brotherhood and unity in the society. He said that this festival inspires people to forget their differences and celebrate happiness together. On this occasion, Jaspal, Mohan Joshi, Akhil Jindal, Manoj Rawat, Haris, Dr. Shiv Kausal, Munis Goyal, Mohan Lal, Sham Lal Dua, Parvez Bharti, Anil Saini, Rames, Rajes Gupta and many other volunteers of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Kharar were present. The event was filled with joy and enthusiasm in which everyone celebrated Holi together and spread the message of unity, brotherhood and love in the society.

Retail Karyana Merchant's Association to held special meeting at Shri Ram Bhawan Kharar

KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN): Retail Karyana Merchant's Association will hold its annual meeting at Shri Ram Bhawan Kharar on March 16. On this occasion RKMA President Pawan Kumar Mangal and Sangam function chairman Robin Goyal said that many renowned guest speakers with expertise in various aspects of business will be present. Ravi Kant Gupta Vice President said that Smt. Anmol Gagan Mann MLA Kharar will be the Chief guest at the function to be held at Shri Ram Bhawan. RKMA Secretary Amandeep Garg said that this is going to be a mega event and all the grocery traders of Kharar have been invited to participate in it.

Athletics meet 2025 at The Maharaja Bhupinder Singh Punjab Sports Universit



RAKESH JINDAL
PATIALA, MAR 15

The Maharaja Bhupinder Singh Punjab Sports University hosted an exhilarating Athletics Meet at Professor Gursewak Singh Government College of Physical Education, Patiala under the guidance of University Registrar and College Principal Dr. Anubhav Walia. Additional Deputy Commissionor (G) Isha Singal attended the Atheletics Meet as the Chief Guest and Dr.Rajbir Singh Gill Deputy Director of NIS, as the Guest of Honor.

The event commenced with a magnificent March past from the houses of both the university and the college, setting a spirit of unity and competition for the day ahead. Athletes (Male Female) displayed incredible talent across a variety of thrilling events, including, 100m Run, 1500m & 400m Run, Shot Put, Long Jump, High Jump, Tug of War and Relay Races.

The enthusiasm didn't stop at athletics! talented students of the university also showcased vibrant cultural performances, featuring stunning Bhangra, serene yoga demonstrations and captivating sport-themed dances that delighted the audience throughout the day.

ADC Isha Singal congratulated to the outstanding athletes, Best Male Athlete Mohak Manav Dass (BPES 2nd year student), Best Female Athlete Roshni (BPES 1 st Year student), Best Athlete of the Year Harkirat Singh (Prof. Gursewak Singh Govt. College of Physical Education). This event was diligently conducted by the dedicated teams from MPED Final, BPES Final and BSS Final students, showcasing the spirit of teamwork and collaboration.

The meet was diligently conducted by the Director of the Meet, Assistant Professor English Dr. Sunman Kaur and Assistant Professor Physical Education Dr. Loveleen Bala along with the entire staff of both the university and Gursewak College, whose hard work and commitment made this event a tremendous success.

Arora assures deputationists to solve sewage problems



SUMER GARG
SUNAM, MAR 15

A large number of delegates of Maya Garden colony led by President of Maya Gardens colony, Advocate Satnam Singh and Mr Jatinder Jain, media coordinator, met Mr Aman Arora cabinet minister to the GoP in his office here yesterday.

The deputationists apprised the minister regarding their long pending demand of sewerage connection of the colony with the main sewerage of the city also to solve the drainage of rainy water.

The ministers seriously took action immediately and ordered the EO, MC Sunam and the officials of the sewerage department to reach the spot and submit its full report to him. The deputationists while expressing their satisfaction over the gesture of the minister said that they are hopeful that their problems would be solved soon.

MLA Raman Arora stresses on importance of healthy lifestyle and traditional food



PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, MAR 15

MLA Raman Arora on Saturday stressed on the importance of healthy lifestyle and traditional food while inaugurating the 'Eat Right' Mela organized by the Food and Drug Administration and District Administration.

Speaking during the Eat Right Mela organized at the Red Cross Bhawan here, the MLA highlighted the importance of nutritious diet and physical exercise for a healthy life. He said that we can enjoy the comforts of life only when we are healthy. He called upon the people to make traditional food as well as physical exercise a part of their daily life to stay healthy. Additional Deputy Commissioner (J) Aparna MB was also present during this. Urging the youth to stick to traditional diet, Mr Arora said that the young generation should avoid junk food and include traditional food in their diet keeping in mind their health. Apart from this, daily exercise, yoga, walking should be done for physical activity. The MLA said that the state government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann is making people aware to adopt healthy lifestyle through such activities across the state to make the state 'Rangla and Healthy Punjab'.

Preliminary education study centre slum area Maan Kaur is getting prominence day by day from donors, philanthropists: Romesh Mahajan



VERMA
GURDASPUR, MAR 15

Because of unique efforts to divert the rag pickers underprivileged children along with their parents towards education, although it was very difficult task but due to constant efforts Romesh Mahajan has made it possible started with 3 children in year 2014 this institution was set up firstly at Vill Ramnagar and then shifted to Maan Kaur, now its strength has got to 75 children who are getting free education in a newly constructed building with ultra modern furniture. The study is being given by the well qualified and experienced teachers with new technique through projector. These children can now compete with any of the children studying in school of eminence. The number of dignitaries like District and session judge, IAS officers, IPS officers frequently visit this school to inspire them to work hard so that they may also become good citizens even officers. Impressed by the prominence of this school Mr Rajan, Chairman of the Education centre of the USA in India and Mr Romi President of Team Alert Society from Chandigarh paid a surprise visit to this school about 10 days back and provided them with a complete set of school uniforms including shoes, caps, bags etc.

Kayastra shopping store and restaurant inaugurates in Pathankot



SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, MAR 15

India's only fashion cafe brand Kayastra Global is providing its services in more than 20 stores in India, due to which its brand has gained recognition and has opened in Patel Chowk to provide its services in Pathankot.

It was inaugurated by Kayastra MD Pinoy Pandya, where the chief guest Mohan Singh Chauhan (Chauhan Medicity) specially inaugurated the event by cutting the ribbon and cake. Giving information on this occasion, Kayastra Director Charu Yadav said that Kayastra is a fashion cafe brand, where people will get services like fashion clothing store, nail studio, cafe and gaming store under one roof. Where people will enjoy the different colors of life like shopping, coffee and snacks, cool atmosphere, entertainment, phones for kids and frolic etc. at very affordable prices. On this occasion Prominent social workers and senior Congress leaders Rohit Kohli, MD Anand, Ishant Gupta, Sachin Kohli etc. were present.

DC and SSP express gratitude to all associations for peaceful completion of Hola Mohalla

SRI ANANDPUR SAHIB, MAR 15



Deputy Commissioner Mr. Himanshu Jain and Senior Superintendent of Police Mr. Gulneet Singh Khurana extended their gratitude to all sikh associations, managements, devotees and the general public of "Guru Nagri" for their invaluable cooperation in ensuring the smooth and peaceful completion of the Hola Mohalla celebrations.

They said that on the occasion of Hola Mohalla, their collective efforts, discipline, and dedication played a crucial role in maintaining harmony and managing the large gatherings efficiently. The administration sincerely appreciates the support of law enforcement agencies, volunteers, and all stakeholders who contributed to the successful execution of the event.

Mr. Himanshu Jain further said that they look forward to continued cooperation in future events to uphold the spirit of unity and tradition.Lauding the performance of all officers and employees, he said that all were remained on their duty day and night for the convenience of devotees and to ensure basic facilities.

PHDCCI organises 'Business Beyond Borders – Africa calling Panchkula' to explore investment opportunities in Africa

PANCHKULA, MAR 15



Punjab,Chandigarh & Haryana Region of PHDCCI & International Affairs and Trade Fairs Division of PHDCCI in association with ARISE IIP organised an Interactive Session on "Business Beyond Borders – Africa Calling Panchkula," to explore manufacturing opportunities in Africa. Welcoming the delegates Adv. Lokesh Jain, Co-Chair, Haryana State Chapter, PHDCCI highlighted the significance of fostering stronger ties with Africa and the potential for mutual growth through enhanced trade and investment.Delivering a comprehensive presentation, Mr. Vijay Shekhawat, Head, North India, ARISE IIP, offered a thorough overview of Africa's emerging markets, highlighted key sectors for manufacturing investment, and discussed the strategic benefits of entering this rapidly growing continent.

Mr. Amit Kaushik, ARISE-IIP emphasized that Africa is the continent of the future, noting that several countries, particularly in West and Central Africa, are already engaged in significant business with India. Additionally, he outlined the various incentives and services provided by ARISE IIP to Indian investors.The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Saurabh Munjal, Co-Chair, Punjab State Chapter, PHDCCI who reaffirmed PHDCCI's dedication to promoting cross-border business relations and creating opportunities for growth and investment for businesses in both India and Africa.

Attack on devotees at Sri Guru Ramdas Niwas: Police should take strict action against culprits



CHARNJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR, MAR 15

The ShiromaniGurdwara-Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) has strongly condemned the shocking attack on devotees and sewadars (attendants) at Sri Guru RamdasNiwas of Sachkhand Sri Harmandar Sahib. SGPC has urged the police administration to take immediate and stringent action against the culprits and to disclose their identities to the public. SGPC Secretary Partap Singh described the incident as potentially part of a larger conspiracy and called for a thorough police investigation to uncover the truth. Providing details of the attack, he stated that while Sikh devotees from around the world had gathered to pay obeisance at Sachkhand Sri Harmandar Sahib on the occasion of the new Nanakshahi year, an attacker entered Sri Guru RamdasNiwas around 12 noon and suddenly launched an assault on devotees.

Holi festival is symbol of enthusiasm, gaiety and mutual brotherhood : Garg



BUREAU
HISAR, MAR 15

A grand Bhajan Samaroh of grand flowers on the eve of holi festival under the chairmanship of Bajrang Garg-cum-executive chairman of the institution and Provincial President of trade board was organized at local Shri Prayaggiri Shivalaya temple in Haryana In which a large number of representatives of the various institutions of the city participated. On this occasion, Mr Garg, while addressing the gathering said that on the eve of the festival of holi, the people of the country and the state by removing their grievances, celebrate it with flowers and colors. In Holi, color brings sweetness, happiness in relationships and positivity in life. The festival of holi is being celebrated all over the world along with India and is a major sacred colorful festival in India. The festival of Holi is a symbol of enthusiasm, gaiety and mutual brotherhood. Bajrang Garg said that the festival of holi was celebrated grandly with colors and flowers at Agrawal Sangathan, Agroha Dham, Devi Bhawan, Business Mandal, Smile Club, Auto Market, PGSD Senior Secondary School today.

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Government working for all-round development of Haryana: Krishan Kumar Bedi

CHANDIGARH: Haryana's Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Sh. Krishan Kumar Bedi said mutual brotherhood and unity are the core of rural development. Public representatives and rural people should take advantage of the schemes implemented by the government by maintaining mutual coordination and cordial environment so that the development of the village gets momentum.

The minister was addressing meetings in Harnampura and Rewar villages of his Assembly constituency on Saturday. In the felicitation ceremony organized in Harnampura village, the Cabinet Minister also announced several projects for the development of the village. Sh. Bedi inaugurated two lanes constructed by the Panchayat Raj Department at a cost of about Rs. 32 lakh and also laid the foundation stone of Kashyap Chaupal to be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 20 lakh and lane construction work at an estimated cost of Rs. 11.86 lakh. Similarly, during his visit, the Cabinet Minister approved other development works worth crores of rupees worth about Rs. 63.86 lakh. Apart from this, he also announced a grant of Rs. 50 lakh to the Gram Panchayat.

NEWS BRIEF

27 vehicles challaned, Rs 2.88 lakh fine imposed for illegal mining in Yamunanagar

CHANDIGARH: As per the instructions of Director General of Mining and Geology Department Sh. K.M. Pandurang, concrete steps are being taken against illegal mining. The Mining Department and district administration are continuously taking action against illegal mining and transportation.

Giving information in this regard, a spokesperson of the Mining and Geology Department said during the checking of 1487 vehicles by the district administration and Mining Department in Yamunanagar district, 27 vehicles were challaned and a fine of Rs 2.88 lakh was imposed.

He said during the checking of 685 vehicles by the teams of SDM Chhachhrauli, the RTA Department challaned 7 vehicles and imposed a fine of Rs 58,500. Similarly, while checking 189 vehicles by the teams of SDM Jagadhari, 8 vehicles were fined Rs. 1.84 lakh, while checking of 459 vehicles by the teams of SDM Radaur, 6 vehicles were fined Rs. 16,500. Further, on the checking of 154 vehicles by the team of SDM Vyaspur, 6 vehicles were fined Rs. 29,000 by challaning them. He said all the SDMs, Police Department and Mining Department officials of the district are carrying out checks round the clock.

AAP government unveils ambitious project to redesign Punjab's city street; Harpal Cheema announces rs 140 crore project

GAURAV GOEL

CHANDIGARH: In a significant move aimed at revolutionizing urban development in Punjab, the Punjab Finance Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema unveiled an ambitious project to develop world-class streets across the state's cities. This groundbreaking initiative marks a historic first for Punjab, with its initial phase targeting three major cities—Amritsar, Ludhiana, and Jalandhar. Together, these cities will witness the transformation of 42 kilometres of prominent streets into meticulously designed urban spaces by spending more than Rs 140 crore.



Revealing this while addressing a press conference here at Punjab Bhawan, the Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema expressed confidence in the project's potential, stating that based on the outcomes and public feedback, it would be extended to all cities in Punjab. He said that the four core activities have been outlined under this project that would redefine the city's streetscape. He said that the roads will undergo comprehensive redesigns to address traffic bottlenecks, ensure uniform road width, and enhance drainage systems to prevent recurring damage.

"The initiative also includes the construction of universally accessible, resilient, and visually appealing footpaths complemented by landscaping to curb dust pollution. Services such as streetlights, bus stands, and water-supply lines will be realigned to improve aesthetics and functionality. Uniquely, the project includes a robust maintenance plan where the contractors developing the roads will ensure their upkeep for the next ten years, promoting accountability and long-term quality", said the Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema.

Disclosing further, the Finance Minister said this initiative would roll out in three distinct phases. The first phase focuses on design, engaging top urban planners and international experts to draft detailed layouts over a four-month period. The second phase involves an eight-month construction period, during which leading construction agencies will bring these designs to life in accordance with international standards. The final phase ensures a decade-long maintenance commitment from the construction agencies, coupled with regular mechanized cleaning using advanced equipment.

Roads in Amritsar, Ludhiana, and Jalandhar have been carefully selected for this transformation. Amritsar will see upgradation on a total of 17.5 KMs long 7 stretches including Majitha Road (from Four S Chowk to Guru Nanak Hospital) 3km, Court Road (Rialto Chowk to Queens Road) 1km, Shubham Road outside Hall Gate (circular road that connects all gates) 7km, Amritsar cantonment road (Cantt chowk to Kachehri chowk to Rattan Singh chowk) 1.5 km, Race course road (Dasonda Singh road to Lawrence road to cooper road).

MLA Yogendra Rana celebrated Holi with great pomp with people in his village Upalana



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL; Assandh MLA Yogendra Rana celebrated the Mahaparva Holi of colors with his people in Upalan village with great enthusiasm. On this occasion, he along with the public applied Gulal and greeted everyone for Holi festival. A large number of dignitaries of Upalan village, party workers and residents attended the program. MLA Yogendra Rana said, "Holi is a symbol of brotherhood and love.

We should remain united and contribute to the progress of society and country."During this, MLA Yogendra Rana greeted all the workers for the victory in the Assandh Municipality elections and thanked them. He said that this victory was the result of the hard work and support of the public, and they will continue to serve the area with the same dedication in future. On this occasion, Yogendra Rana also appealed to the people to save water. He said that the festival of Holi was a festival of happiness and colors but we should also take care of water conservation. Playing Holi with dried colors and avoiding water wastage was necessary so that the coming generations do not face water crisis. At the end of the program, Yogendra Rana distributed sweets to all the attendees and wished them happiness and prosperity. On this occasion, District Vice President Sanjay Rana, newly elected chairman of Assandh Municipality Sunita Aradana, Chidav Block Committee Chairman Satish Dadupur, former chairman Deepak Chhabra and other dignitaries were present.

Hola Mohalla events organised by Guru Gobind Singh Study Circle



SHARMA

Ludhiana, March 15: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate for the upcoming Ludhiana (West) assembly by election, Rajya Sabha MP Sanjeev Arora attended two functions one each at Saheed-e-Azam Sukhdev Thapar Girls School of Eminence (Bharat Nagar Chowk) and Baba Isher Singh (N) Senior Secondary School (BRS Nagar), organised by Guru Gobind Singh Study Circle, Ludhiana on Friday. Both the events were organised on the occasion of Hola Mohalla.

Addressing both the functions, Arora highly appreciated the organisers for organising sports and other activities for the youth. He said there is a need to inculcate spirit of sportsmanship among the youth, adding that sports activities can play a vital role in eradicating drug menace among the youth. He said the state government led by CM Bhagwant Singh Mann is committed to completely eradicate drug menace from the state. He asked everyone to support the state government in massive drive against drugs.

Arora also appreciated Guru Gobind Singh Study Circle for carrying out services for imparting education and moral values among the youth. He narrated his three years achievements as an MP. He said he is always committed for overall development of his assembly constituency, adding that while many development works have already been completed and several other works are still in progress. He greets everyone on the occasion of Hola Mohalla.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE SH. AVTAR SINGH JANGU, SUB-REGISTRAR, U.T., CHANDIGARH.



Whereas, Sh. Inderjit Singh Baweja S/o Sh. Mehtab Singh R/o #1438, Sector 42-B, Chandigarh has applied for registration of un-registered WILL dated 16/06/2024 of Late Sh. Kanwar Deep Singh Makkar S/o Sh. Sarbjit singh Makkar after his death, who died on 22/06/2024. As per the WILL, Late Sh. Kanwar Deep Singh Makkar S/o Sh. Sarbjit Singh Makkar has bequeath his moveable and immoveable property in favour of his mother Smt. Opinderjit Kaur W/o S. Sarabjit Singh and his wife Smt. Nanki Sood as mentioned in the said WILL.

The General Public is hereby informed through this Notice that if, anyone has any objection or claim regarding the registration of said unregistered WILL, he/she may file objection(s) in the office of the Sub-Registrar, situated at Ground Floor, 30 Bays Building, Sector 17, Chandigarh within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, failing which the same will be registered under Section 40 of the Indian Registration Act, 1908.

Given under my signature and seal of this office.

Sub-Registrar, U.T., Chandigarh

The intellectual cell made three requests to all councilors instead of presenting bouquests



DALBIR MALIK

KURUKSHETRA: The Intellectual Cell, while wishing and congratulating all the councilors also reminded them of the Gita and the BJP's resolution instead of bouquets and requested them to work with transparency in the council. The activists of the Intellectual Cell went to the residence of Thanesar Municipal Council Chairperson Mrs. Maafi Dhandha and 25 newly elected councillors and wished them and congratulated them on their win. State co-convener of Intellectual Cell, Dr Rishipal Mathana said that instead of bouquets, they gave the council chairperson and all councillors a copy of Geeta, a lotus flower sash and a good wishes and congratulatory message. The first request was made by giving the lotus sash that just like the lotus kept themselves clean even while living in the mud, similarly they too have to work for the people with pure intentions and with honesty. In the second request along with the idea and goal of the Bharatiya Janata Party kept their gratitude towards the country, state and the party. They will work on the BJP party's zero tolerance policy against corruption. The third request was made by giving a copy of Mata Geeta that they will always stand firmly in favour of religion, justice and truth.

LPU Drenched in Colors Amidst Holi Celebrations

J S SODHI

JALANDHAR: In a splash of colors, the campus of the Lovely Professional University (LPU) came alive with the vibrant spirit of Holi. Students, staff, and faculty came together to celebrate this joyous festival with boundless enthusiasm.

The air was filled with infectious music, laughter, and the rhythm of lively dances, while cultural performances, such as rangoli competitions, brought out the immense creativity within the LPU community. The participation of international students made this celebration even more special, as they eagerly joined in, enriching the occasion with their diverse backgrounds and perspectives. Holi at LPU was not merely about colors; it was a powerful expression of unity, joy, inclusivity, and the celebration of cultural diversity. On the occasion, Col. Dr. Rashmi Mittal, Pro-Chancellor of LPU, extended warm wishes to the entire LPU fraternity and eloquently shared the deeper significance of Holi, explaining how the festival symbolizes the triumph of good over evil and the promise of new beginnings. Dr. Mittal encouraged everyone, noting that just as the festival marks the renewal of life, education is also a process of constant reinvention, empowering us to pursue knowledge with renewed vigor.

HIMACHAL PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
"NOTICE INVITING TENDER"

Online bids on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Reckong Peo on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh in electronic tendering system in two covers for the under mentioned work from the contractor/firms enlisted with Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Vibhag in appropriate class.

S. N.	Name of Work	Estimated. Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of form	Time
	O/O WSS Mcbar Nallah to Habitation Shudharang & Rang in GP Shudharang Tehsil Kalpa Distt.Kinnaur H.P.(SH:-C/O 3 Nos zinc Aluminium Water Storage Tank of Capacity 50K Ltr. and 1 No Zinc Aluminium Water Storage Tank of Cap. 20K Ltr. at various Nodes)	3505448-	60082	Rs. 1500	12 months

1. Tender documents and other instructions can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal http://hptenders.gov.in by the firms/individual registered on the website which is free of cost.
2. As the bids are to be submitted online are required to be encrypted and digitally signed, the bidders are advised to obtain Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from suitable venders or from any authorized agency at the earliest.
3. **KEY DATES:-**

1	Date of online publication	12.03.2025 upto5.00 PM
2	Downloading of e-tender documents	13.03.2025 at 10.00 AM to 24.03.2025 upto 5.00PM
3	Date of submission of e-tendering	13.03.2025 at 10.00 AM to 24.03.2025 upto 5.00PM
4	submission of earnest money deposit and cost form through online mode(e-payment)	Upto 24.03.2025 5.00 PM
5	Date of opening bid	25.03.2025 at 11.00 AM
	Cover-I eligibility criteria	25.03.2025 at 11.00 AM
	Cover-2 Financial Bid	Shall be intimated Separately.

CONDITIONS:-

4. The e-tender documents shall be uploaded online in 2 (two) covers:-
   i) **Cover-1** shall contain scanned copies of "eligibility information".
   ii) **Cover-2** shall contain "Financial Bid" on the prescribed form.

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1. Eligibility for Ab-initio to Commercial Pilot License course:-

Must have passed English, Mathematics & Physics at 10+2 or equivalent and minimum marks obtained in above individual subjects for candidates in General Category are 50% and for candidates in **SC, ST, EWS and OBC** (belonging to non-creamy layer) category are 45%.

Marital Status - Single, unmarried, **Height -** Minimum 158 cms. **Age:** 28 years for General candidates, 31 years for OBC and 33 years for SC/ST.

Training fee: Rs. 45 Lacs plus Boarding -Lodging and other expenses extra.

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Must have passed 10+2 examination in Physics, Chemistry and Maths or its equivalent (Diploma in engineering recognized by state technical education board where physics, chemistry and maths have been studied as subject shall be considered as equivalent qualification. To prove the equivalence to 10 +2, the applicant is required to submit a certificate from applicable board/University). Minimum marks obtained in above individual subjects for candidates in General Category are 50% and for candidates in **SC, ST, EWS and OBC** (belonging to non-creamy layer) category are 45%.

Training fee: Rs. 4.5 Lacs plus Boarding - Lodging and other expenses extra.

The last date of filling of ONLINE application is 02nd May 2025 (fee payment by online mode). The date of online examination 24th May 2025.

For detailed information and application formats etc. please visit "ENTRANCE" on IGRUA website https://igrua.gov.in or Scan the QR code to apply

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APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(I) POSSESSION NOTICE]

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **AU Small Finance Bank Limited A Scheduled Commercial Bank** under the "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002" and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 read with the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice dated **12-Feb-2024** vide Ref. No.: **CB/SAR/13-2/BB/FEB-2024/02** Loan Account No. **2121211736497379** calling upon the Borrower/Guarantors /Mortgagors **M/S. M S TRADING CO. THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR MR. BHUSHAN LAL (Borrower), MR. BHUSHAN LAL S/O BHAGWAN DASS (Guarantor/Mortgagor), MR. MAYANK KHURANA S/O MR. BHUSHAN LAL (Guarantor), MRS. POONAM KHURANA W/O MR. BHUSHAN LAL (Guarantor/Mortgagor)** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being is **for loan Account No. 2121211736497379 Rs. 57,78,371/- (Rupees Fifty-Seven Lakh Seventy-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-One Only)** as on **12 Feb 2024** aggregating total due (which includes principal, interest, penalties and all other charges) with further interest and charges until payment in full within 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/ mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **13** day of **March** of the year **2025.**

"The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets"

The borrower/Guarantor/mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited for an amount of **for loan Account No. 2121211736497379 Rs. 4,81,810/- (Rupees Four Lakh Eighty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Ten Only)** as on **04 March 2025** and further interest & expenses thereon until full payment.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

All That Part and Parcel of Property, Commercial Shop No. 28, Bearing Part of Property No. C-4-513, Bearing Municipal Permanent Property ID No. 128C298U303P, **measuring 30.6 Sq. Yards**, Situated at Loharan Mohalla, Jagadhri, Tehsil Jagadhri, District-Yamuna Nagar, Within the Limits of Municipal Corporation Yamuna Nagar-Jagadhri, Haryana. Owned By **Mrs. Poonam Khurana.**

Boundaries as follows: -

East: Rasta. West: House of Dhoom singh etc.
North: Shop of Naveena Goel. South: Shop no. 29 & 30.

Date : 13. March-2025
Place : Tehsil Jagadhri, District-Yamuna Nagar, Haryana

-Sd-
Authorised Officer
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Publication of Notice regarding possession of property u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the (NAME OF THE SECURED CREDITOR) for an amount and interest thereon.

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower & Co-borrower	NPA Date Date of Demand Notice Date of Possession Amount in Demand Notice (in Rs.)
1.	1. Mr. Raj Kishore Mehto S/o Bal Saroop Mehto (Borrower & Mortgagor) and 2. Mr. Mukesh Kumar S/o Raj Kishore Mehto (Co-Borrower)	08th-Oct.-2024 30th-Nov.-2024 10th-March-2025 Rs. 10,10,418/- (Rs. Ten Lacs Ten Thousand Four Hundred Eighteen Only)
	Description of Mortgaged Property- All that part and parcel of the Residential Property/ House built upon Land measuring 02 Marle- 156 Sq. Ft. comprised in Khasra No. 22//7/1, 15/1, 21/08/2, 13/1/1, 21//1, 2, 9, 10, 21//3, 22//5, 6, Khewat Khatauni No. 262/278, 263/279, 265-266/ 281-282, 267/283, 268/282, as per Jamabandi for the year 2012-13, Hadbast No. 206, situated at Street No.1 Hargobind Nagar, Village Nurpur Tehsil & District Jalandhar registered in the name of Sh. Raj Kishore Mehto S/o Bal Saroop Mehto vide Sale Deed having Document No. 2021-22/187/1/10434 dated 15-Feb-2022. Boundaries (As per Documents) East: House of Kamail, West: House of Harjeet Singh Virdi, North: House of Sodi, South: Road	
2.	1.Mr. Manpreet Singh S/o Darshan Singh (Borrower/ Mortgagor) and 2.Mr. Darshan Singh S/o Chanan Singh (Co-borrower)	03rd-Oct.-2024 03rd-Dec-2024 11th-March-2025 Rs.15,27,532/- (Rupees Fifteen Lacs Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Two Only)
	Description of Mortgaged Property- All that part and parcel of the Residential Property/ House measuring 0K- 4.1/6 Marle i.e. 125 Sq. Yds. being 1/24 share of total land area 5 Kanal comprised in Khasra No. 231//3/2(1-15), 4/1(3-5), Khata No. 317/527 situated at Surjan Basti, Dirba, District- Sangrur, registered in the name of Manpreet Singh S/o Darshan Singh vide Transfer Deed No. 2019-20/127/1-725 dated 29-July-2019. Boundaries (As per Transfer Deed) East: Surinder@ Sinder SinghWest: Street, North: Street, South: Romi Garg	

Date: 16.03.2025, Place: Jalandhar, Sangrur **SD/- Authorised Officer, Axis Bank Limited**

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APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(I) POSSESSION NOTICE]

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **AU Small Finance Bank Limited A Scheduled Commercial Bank** under the "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002" and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 read with the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice dated **23-Dec-2024** vide Ref. No.: **CB/SAR/13-2/BB/DEC-2024/06** Loan Account Nos. **2221211245098996 & 9001220331426982** calling upon the Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors **M/S. GOYAL FOOD THROUGHT ITS PROPRIETOR MRS. NEERU BALA (Borrower), MRS. NEERU BALA W/O MR. MOHIT GOEL (Guarantor/Mortgagor), MR. MOHIT GOEL S/O MR. RAM RATTAN (Guarantor), MR. RAMRATTAN S/O MR. ATMA RAM (Guarantor/Mortgagor), MRS. ANITA GOEL W/O MR. RAM RATTAN (Guarantor/Mortgagor), MR. ROHIT GOYAL S/O MR. RAM RATTAN (Guarantor), M/S. ATMA RAM RICE AND GENERAL MILLS THROUGHT ITS PROPRIETOR MR. RAM RATTAN (Guarantor), M/S. SHREE OM RICE AND GEN. MILLS THROUGHT ITS PROPRIETOR MR. ROHIT GOYAL (Guarantor)** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being is **for loan Account No. 2221211245098996 Rs. 1,97,26,449/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety-Seven Lakh Twenty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Nine Only) and for loan account No. 9001220331426982 is Rs. 43,53,133/- (Rupees Forty-Three Lakh Fifty-Three Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Three Only) collectively total amount is Rs. 2,40,79,582/- (Rupees Two Crore Forty Lakh Seventy-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Two Only)** as on **21 Dec 2024** aggregating total due (which includes principal, interest, penalties and all other charges) with further interest and charges until payment in full within 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/ mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **15th** day of **March** of the year **2025.**

"The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets"

The borrower/Guarantor/ mortgagors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited for an amount of **for loan Account No. 2221211245098996 Rs. 2,02,00,750/- (Rupees Two Crore Two Lakh Seven Hundred Fifty Only) and for loan account No. 9001220331426982 is Rs. 45,07,622/- (Rupees Forty-Five Lakh Seven Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Two Only) collectively total amount is Rs. 2,47,08,372/- (Rupees Two Crore Forty-Seven Lakh Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Two Only)** as on **10 March 2025** and further interest & expenses thereon until full payment.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

1. All That Part and Parcel of Industrial Property, as mentioned below :-

All that part and parcel of property, Industrial Property/Land measuring 11K-18M

In Which Land Measuring 03K-18M Comprised in Khewat No. 13, Khatoni No. 23, Khasra No. 15//22/2/2 (3-18), and Land Measuring 08K Comprised in Khewat No. 17 Khatoni No. 27, Khasra No. 17//8 (8-0), Situated at Village Hemu Majra, Tehsil Guhla District Kaithal. Haryana. Vide Jamabandi of Village Hemu Majra for The Year 2018-19 Within The Revenue Area of Village Hemu Majra, Owned Vide Regd. Sale Deed No. 2604/1 Dated 14-11-2019 Entered In The Office of Sub Registrar Guhla and Vide Mutation No. 396. Owned by Mrs. Neeru Bala.

All that part and parcel of property, Industrial Property/Land measuring 14K-11M, Comprised in Khewat No. 15, Khatoni No. 25, Khasra Nos. 15//23/2 (6-11), 17//3 (8-0), Gair Mumkin Rice Mill at Village Hemu Majra, Tehsil Guhla, District Kaithal, Haryana. Vide Jamabandi of Village Hemu Majra for the year 2018-19, Within the Revenue Area of Kanghtali, Owned Vide Regd. Sale Deed No. 363/1 Dated 30-04-2019 Entered In The Office Of Sub Registrar Guhla and Vide Mutation No. 391. Owned by Mr. Ramratan.

All that part and parcel of property, Industrial Property/Land measuring 8K-12M

In Which Land Measuring 0K-14M Comprised in Khewat No. 18, Khasra No. 17//12/2 (0-14) and Land measuring 07K-18M Comprised in Khewat No. 18 Khasra No. 17//13 (7-16) 19/1/1 (7-18), Situated at Village Hemu Majra, Tehsil Guhla, District Kaithal, Haryana. Vide Jamabandi of Village Hemu Majra for The Year 2018-19 Within The Revenue Area of Hemu Majra, Owned Vide Regd. Sale Deed No. 364/1 Dated 30-4-2019 Entered In The Office Of Sub Registrar Guhla and Vide Mutation No. 390. Owned by of **Anita Goel.**

Combined Boundaries are given as below: -

East: Others Land West: Others Land
North: Road South: Others Land

2. All That Part and Parcel of Residential Property, Property/Land Measuring 0K-18M Being 1/8 Share In Land Measuring 07K-09M Comprised In Khewat No. 1758, Khatoni No. 2027, Khasra No. 90//22/2 (7-9) Gair Mumkin Colony, Situated at Cheeka Tehsil Guhla, District Kaithal, Haryana. Vide Jamabandi of Cheeka For The Year 2020-21 Within The Municipal Limit of Cheeka, Owned Vide Regd. Sale Deed No. 2681/1 Dated 17-11-2005 Entered In The Office Of Sub Registrar Guhla and Vide Mutation No. 9356. Owned by **Mrs. Anita Goel.**

Boundaries as Follows: -

East: Others Plot West: Street
North: Others Plot South: Others Plot

3. All That Part and Parcel of Commercial Property, Property/Land Measuring 0K-01M Being 2/134 Share in Land Measuring 3K-7M Comprised in Khewat No. 932, Khatoni No. 1117, Khasra No. 90//10/1 (3-7) Gair Mumkin Situated at Shakti Nagar, Cheeka, Tehsil Guhla, District Kaithal, Haryana. Vide Jamabandi of Cheeka for The Year 2020-21 Within The Muncipal Limit of Cheeka, Owned Vide Regd. Sale Deed No. 2176/1 Dated 30-06-2011 Entered In The Office Of Sub Registrar Guhla and Vide Mutation No. 12731. Owned By **Mr. Ram Rattan.**

Boundaries as Follows: -

East: Property of Sidhwani Wale West: Street
North:Shop of Ruchi South: Neetu Beauty Parlour

4. All That Part and Parcel of Commercial Property, Property/Land Measuring 0K-4½M Being 9/98 Share in Land Admeasuring 02K-09M Comprised in Khewat No. 933, Khatoni No. 1118 Khasra No. 90//10/2 (2-9) Gair Mumkin Situated at Cheeka Tehsil Guhla District Kaithal, Haryana. Vide Jamabandi of Cheeka for The Year 2020-21 Within The Municipal Limit of Cheeka, Owned Vide Regd. Sale Deed No. 1919/1 Dated 16-12-1999, Entered In The Office of Sub Registrar Guhla and Vide Mutation No. 7650. Owned by **Mrs. Anita Goel.**

Boundaries as Follows: -

East: Jindal Sugar Factory West: Street
North: Sachin Trading Company South: Street

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Authorised Officer
Au Small Finance Bank Limited

Date : 15.March.2025
Place : Tehsil Guhla, District Kaithal, Haryana



Salman Khan wraps up for 'Sikandar', gets clean-shaven after final scene

Mumbai : Bollywood superstar Salman Khan has officially wrapped up shooting for his much-awaited action thriller Sikandar, and the first thing he did after completing the shoot was get a 'clean-shaven look.' Soon after finishing the last scene, the 'Tiger Zinda Hai ' actor shaved off his beard--something he had kept for Sikandar. According to a press note shared by the film's team, a source close to the production shared details about the final day and said, "It was a patchwork sequence between Salman and Rashmika in Bandra, and the team finished the shoot around 8:30 PM. Right after the shoot, Salman cleaned his beard, which he had been keeping for his look in Sikandar. In real life, Salman always prefers a clean-shaven look." The final leg of the shoot took place in Mumbai, where Khan was joined by co-star Rashmika Mandanna, director A.R. Murugadoss, and producer Sajid Nadiadwala. Meanwhile, the film was shot over 90 days in multiple locations, including Mumbai and Hyderabad. It features four songs, three dance numbers, and five major action sequences. Last month, Salman shared an intriguing teaser for his high-octane film. The one-minute and 21-second-long teaser introduced Salman's character, named Sanjay, who is affectionately called Sikandar by his grandmother. Salman showcased his full, massy avatar in the teaser, packed with high-octane action sequences and punchy, 'paisa-vasool' dialogues. "Kayde mein raho fayde mein rahoge" and "Insaaf nahi hisab karne aaya hun" are some of the one-liners that Salman delivered with his trademark swag. The film is directed by A.R. Murugadoss, renowned for his Tamil and Hindi blockbusters like Ghajini and Thuppakki. Sajid Nadiadwala has produced the project, marking Salman Khan's reunion with him after their 2014 blockbuster, Kick. Sikandar is set to release this Eid. Salman will also appear in Kick 2 in the coming months.

Anup Soni returns to Crime Patrol: 26 Murder Mysteries to Keep You on Edge

Chandigarh : Sony Entertainment Television is set to revive one of its most iconic crime-based shows, Crime Patrol. This new season will keep viewers on the edge of their seats by showcasing 26 most complex and captivating murder mysteries. Anup Soni, whose compelling narration has become synonymous with the show, returns as the host of the show to navigate viewers through each intense case, bringing his signature gravitas and credibility. As each case unfolds layer by layer, the latest season of Crime Patrol prompts the question at every turn — Aakhir khoon kisne kiya? The real-life-inspired cases will delve deep into intricate investigations, uncovering the shocking truths and culprit behind some of the most chilling crimes. Reflecting on the show's return, Anup Soni shares his excitement saying, "Crime Patrol has been audience's favourite for its engaging narrative. The latest season promises to keep the viewers glued as the suspense intensifies. Inspired by real life cases, each episode solves most complex murder mysteries to unveil the real culprit. I am extremely elated to come back as the host who plays a key role in guiding viewers through these gripping investigations. The latest promo is already capturing viewers attention, and I am sure they will enjoy watching the show." Stay tuned to Sony Entertainment Television and Sony Liv as Crime Patrol returns to engage, inform, and captivate audiences with its suspense-filled storytelling.



Bhangra Premier League Season 2 Returns Bigger, Bolder, And More Electrifying - Ikk Vaari Hor!

Chandigarh: India's leading private radio and entertainment network, Red FM proudly announces the return of Bhangra Premier League Season 2, the ultimate celebration of Punjab's most iconic dance form. This season promises high-energy performances, fierce competition, and unmatched passion as participants from across India battle for the coveted title of The Biggest Bhangrachi. The grand finale is set to take place on March 22nd, 2025 at HLP Galleria, Sector-62, Mohali in Chandigarh, with dancers competing in three electrifying categories: Solo Bhangra, Group Folk Live Bhangra, and Group Music Bhangra.

With an age eligibility of 8 years and above, Bhangra Premier League Season 2 invites Bhangra enthusiasts nationwide to showcase their skills on the grandest stage. The competition will see the top five finalists from each category competing in the grand finale. A series of 40 on-ground promotions across Jalandhar, Amritsar, Patiala, Mohali, and Chandigarh will amplify the excitement, leading up to the ultimate showdown. Contestants will vie for total cash prizes worth 3,25,000, with winners and runners-up in each category taking home substantial rewards. The event expands its reach and engagement, with increased participation, larger-scale promotions, and an even more competitive stage, making this year bigger and better than ever. As a digital-first property, Bhangra Premier League season 2 leverages online accessibility, allowing dancers from across India to apply seamlessly from anywhere in the country, uniting Bhangra lovers on a national platform.

Cult classics to thrilling romances, Blockbuster movies on Tata Play Binge

Chandigarh : Bura Na Maano, Holi Hai! It's that time of the year when our homes are filled with laughter, the streets come alive with colours, and every bite of gujiya feels like a sweet hug. As the air fills with festive cheer and friendly mischief, what better way to keep the spirit alive than with a movie marathon that's just as colourful? Tata Play Binge brings you the ultimate Holi Bingelist, packed with romance, comedy, and drama to match the energy of the season. So, after the pichkaris are put away and the snacks are ready, gather your loved ones and dive into a cinematic celebration as vibrant as the festival itself!A vibrant celebration of love, friendship, and self-discovery, Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani is a coming-of-age romance directed by Ayan Mukerji. Starring Ranbir Kapoor, Deepika Padukone, Aditya Roy Kapur, and Kalki Koechlin, the film beautifully captures the essence of youthful dreams and relationships. The iconic film featured fan-favourite songs like Balam Pichkari, a Holi classic. With its colourful visuals, heartwarming friendships, and feel-good vibes, this film is the perfect pick to add a splash of joy to your Holi celebrations!A high-energy mix of love, drama, and stunning visuals, Goliyon Ki Raasleela: Ram-Leela is a Sanjay Leela Bhansali classic. Starring Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone in a sizzling on-screen chemistry, the film follows the passionate but forbidden love story of Ram and Leela, set against the backdrop of warring families. The film's hit song Lahu Munh Lag Gaya and Ishqyaun Dhishqyuan is practically made for Holi celebrations, bursting with colours and passion. With larger-than-life sets, powerful emotions, and unforgettable music, this movie brings all the festive vibes you need for a colourful Holi watch!A poignant love story set against the backdrop of Banaras, Raanjhanaa is a heartwarming tale of devotion and destiny. Directed by Aanand L. Rai, the film stars Dhanush, Sonam Kapoor, and Abhay Deol. With soulful tracks like Tum Tak and Ranjhana Hua Mein Tera and a gripping narrative, the film was lauded for its performances, particularly Dhanush's Bollywood debut. It's an emotional yet entertaining watch, making it an ideal pick for family bonding over Holi.



THE AUDIENCE WILL GET SOON TO SCREENING MY PUNJABI FILM "MEHER": GEETA BASRA



Chandigarh: Former Indian Cricketer Harbhajan Singh's wife and famous actress Geeta Basra celebrated her 41st birthday at Seville-Bar & Lounge in Chandigarh. He celebrated his 41st birthday. Many famous personalities including Raj Kundra from Mumbai, Omjee Group Managing Director Munish Sahni from Punjabi industry, film producer and director Sameep Kang, Baninderjit Singh and former Indian hockey team captain Sardar Singh attended this birthday celebration. Geeta was seen in a beautiful dress on this occasion and celebrated her birthday by cutting the cake.

The party was also attended by several prominent personalities from the Punjabi film industry including Raj Kundra who will be seen in the lead role in Geeta's upcoming film 'Meher'. Punjabi songs were played during the party and everyone danced together.

On this special occasion, Geeta expressed her gratitude to everyone, stating, "I want to thank everyone for making this day memorable for me. Your love and support mean a lot to me." The celebrations were further uplifted by the arrangements of music and dance.

When asked about her upcoming film 'Mehar,' Geeta mentioned that shooting for Rakesh Mehta's film is underway and that she is excited about her character. The film depicts love, relationships, and significant moments in life. "'Meher' is my second Punjabi film. Meher will be available to the audience soon.



Watch Abdullapur Ka Devdas starring Bilal Abbas Khan and Sarah Khan – streaming from 14th March as a movie on Zindagi's YouTube!

Chandigarh : Zindagi, the pioneering force in cross-border content, is thrilled to showcase one of its most popular and audience favourite, Pakistani drama, Abdullahpur Ka Devdas as a movie. This time, the beloved story is reimagined as a feature film titled as Abdullahpur Ka Devdas: The Movie. The original 13-episode series, which premiered on Zindagi's DTH channel followed by the YouTube launch in 2024, captured the hearts of audiences everywhere, receiving widespread acclaim and appreciation. Now, fans can relive the magic of this timeless tale of love, longing, and fate, starring the talented Bilal Abbas Khan and Sarah Khan. Speaking about being a part of Abdullahpur Ka Devdas, lead actress Sarah Khan said, "Being an integral part of one of the most loved dramas; Abdullahpur Ka Devdas, was an incredible and satisfying journey. Seeing it evolve into a full-length movie is truly exciting. This story has resonated with numerous people across countries and the depth of our characters remains just as powerful. I hope the love we received for the series continues to grow in bounds with this film."

Abdullahpur Ka Devdas: The Film will now stream on 14th March, 2025 on Zindagi's YouTube channel, offering an exciting and unforgettable take on the most captivating viewing experience for the audiences all over again.

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