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NEWS BRIEFS

Sitharaman hails regional rural banks for strengthening link between citizens, formal financial system

PM lauds Nitish govt, says 'some trying to steal' Karpoori Thakur's Jan Nayak honour

CM gives bonanza worth Rs. 20.61 Cr to the Lehra assembly segment

NEW DELHI: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday acknowledged the proactive role of regional rural banks, particularly, Gujarat Gramin Bank, and other financial institutions, in the recent KYC and re-KYC campaigns, noting that these efforts have strengthened the link between citizens and the formal financial system.

"Undertaken across villages and towns, such initiatives have ensured that beneficiaries remain connected to their savings and entitlements, laying a strong foundation for the success of the current campaign", the minister said while launching a nationwide financial awareness campaign in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Sitharaman highlighted that the campaign carries a simple but powerful message that every rupee saved by citizens must return to them or their families.

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday blamed the "devastated state of education" during the RJD rule as a major reason for the large-scale migration from Bihar and lauded the Nitish Kumar-led NDA government for improving the situation and setting the state on a path to progress. Speaking at the inauguration of a host of education and skilling initiatives for the youth, including several projects for the poll-bound state, Modi took a veiled swipe at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who is often lauded by his party members as 'Jan Nayak', an honorific associated with respected OBC leader and former Bihar chief minister Karpoori Thakur.

The people of Bihar should be vigilant to attempts by some to "steal" the honour long associated with Thakur, Modi said, without naming Gandhi.

Thakur was not bestowed the title of Jan Nayak by social media trolls, but it is a reflection of people's love for him, he added.

The Modi government had honoured the late OBC leader with Bharat Ratna last year.

Modi also unveiled various youth-

LEHRA (SANGRUR), OCT 4

Punjab Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann on Friday lambasted the opposition for creating hurdles in the state's progress for their vested political interests. The CM, while addressing the gathering after dedicating a slew of development projects here today, said that the leaders of opposition parties have myopic mindset towards Punjab and its people. While targeting the leader of opposition, Partap Singh Bajwa, he said that the Congress leader is making desperate attempts to defame the government but has failed miserably in the dearth of any concrete issue. Mr. Mann said that the opposition leaders are eyeing a return to the Chief Minister's house in Chandigarh, but their fate is sealed because they have consistently ignored the aspirations of the people.

Recalling his earlier days as an artist attending opposition rallies, the Chief Minister said that he is well aware of their misdeeds and is now revealing the truth by exposing their sins of the past. He said that the wise people of the state have already ousted these political leaders for their sins and they will never forgive them. He categorically

Minister announced the setting up of new libraries and colleges in villages to ensure quality education for rural youth. "I am now repaying the debts of people's love," he remarked, countering past claims by former ministers that the state exchequer was empty. Bhagwant Singh Mann further informed about multiple welfare schemes rolled out for SC communities, farm labourers, and other marginalized sections. The CM further said that the state government has embarked on a major project to repair and upgrade 19,491.56 kilometre rural link roads in the state at a cost of Rs 4,150.42 crore. He said that the main motive of the campaign is to facilitate the people as these link roads act as a catalyst in commuting.

Private sector lenders post rise in deposits ahead of Q2 results

'No alliance with Congress': Kejriwal says AAP to go it alone in Goa polls

1st Test: Jadeja, Siraj help India take 1-0 lead after thrashing West Indies by an innings and 140 runs

NEW DELHI: Ahead of the second quarter earnings reports (Q2 FY26), private lender HDFC Bank, IDBI Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank have reported an increase in their net advances based on their provisional estimate.

Disclosing its provisional numbers, Kotak Mahindra Bank said that its net advances rose 15.8 per cent year-on-year (YoY) to Rs 4.62 lakh crore in the July-September quarter. Sequentially, it escalated by 4 per cent to Rs 4.44 lakh crore. Kotak Bank's total deposits stood at Rs 5.28 lakh crore during the period, up by 14.6 per cent from Rs 4.61 lakh crore.

Goa: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) National Convener Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday ruled out any tie-up with the Congress for the 2027 Goa Assembly elections. "There will be no alliance with the Congress under any circumstances," said Kejriwal, denying claims that some of the party's Goa workers were open to joining hands with the grand old party ahead of the Assembly elections.

Talking to media persons after inaugurating a party office in Mayem, 16 km from here, the AAP leader said the people of Goa have been let down and deceived the most by the Congress.

"The Congress has become a wholesale supplier of MLAs to the BJP over the years. Can the Congress give an assurance to Goa voters that no party legislator will switch to the BJP in future," he said.

The former Delhi Chief Minister said, "At least 13 Congress MLAs switched to the BJP between 2017 and 2019. In 2022, 10 Congress legislators switched flanks and joined the BJP."

He said if the AAP entered into an alliance with the Congress, it would amount to supplying legislators to the BJP. "We do not want to be a part of any exercise that facilitates the formation of a BJP government in Goa," he said.

Kejriwal also vowed to offer a new political system by dumping the old one under which 13-14 political families of BJP and Congress leaders have been ruling Goa for years.

"This is a decayed political system involving the BJP and the Congress. The time has come to uproot this system and offer a new option to Goa residents," he said.

AHMEDABAD, OCT 4

Vice-captain Ravindra Jadeja starred with figures of 4-54 as India wrapped up a dominant victory over West Indies by an innings and 140 runs in the first Test at the Narendra Modi Stadium on Saturday. The win came before tea break on day three gives India a 1-0 lead in the two-match series and also marks a successful home Test captaincy debut for Shubman Gill.

India began the day by declaring with a lead of 286 runs, which was enough to secure a comprehensive victory over the West Indies, who were quickly reduced to 46/5. Although Alick Athanaze (38) and Justin Greaves (25) offered brief resistance with a 46-run stand, it was clearly not enough as they were bowled out in 45.1 overs during their second innings.

West Indies' batting, lasting just 89.2 overs across both innings, starkly reflects their long-term struggles in the longest format. With their bowlers struggling to challenge India's top order, West Indies face a tough challenge to regroup and improve their performance in the second and final Test in New Delhi, starting on October 10.

Although Jadeja fell short of a five-wicket haul, he did have a memorable Test through an unbeaten 104. Dhruv Jurel's maiden century and KL Rahul's composed hundred set the foundation for India's substantial first-innings total of 488/5 in a commanding Test for the hosts, especially after experiencing a 3-0 series defeat to New Zealand at home last year.

Following India's declaration, which meant not giving Nitish Kumar Reddy a chance with the bat and instead aiming for a quick finish, Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj laid the groundwork with an incisive new-ball spell. Siraj also produced a snorter to beat Tegenarine Chandernagore's edge before dismissing him with a short ball.

India resumed post-lunch proceedings with Washington Sundar and Jasprit Bumrah operating in tandem, as West Indies looked to steady themselves through the partnership between Greaves and Athanaze. The duo showed blended caution with calculated aggression to temporarily halt India's momentum. Athanaze, in particular, demonstrated composure against spin - early on, he judged the length well and utilised the crease effectively.

There was a brief moment of drama when Washington managed to

grip and turn sharply, trapping Athanaze lbw. The on-field umpire gave him out, but Athanaze managed to overturn the decision as replays showed a significant inside edge. Later, he passed a concussion test after being struck on the helmet by a well-directed bouncer from Bumrah.

Athanaze's resistance, however, ended on 38 when Sundar extracted turn and grip after landing the ball on the edge of the rough, forcing the batter to play against the turn. Upon seeing the leading edge, Sundar moved to his right to complete a simple caught and bowled dismissal.

Siraj struck in the next over when a yorker tailing back in trapped Greaves lbw for 25, before Jomel Warican's ultra-aggression saw him lose control of the bat and flew to square leg, even as he was caught tamely by mid-off. It was a dismissal that summed up the unraveling of the West Indies in this game.

Johann Layne and Khary Pierre offered brief resistance by striking five boundaries between themselves in an effort to delay the inevitable. But their defiance was short-lived as Jadeja had Layne holding out to deep mid-off, while Jayden Seales offered a simple return catch that bounced off Kuldeev's chest and he grabbed it on the second attempt to secure a superb win for India inside three days.

Won't allow AAP to sell govt land on Delhi leaders' direction: Sukhbir

CHANDIGARH: Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) President Sukhbir Badal on Saturday warned the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Punjab that it would not allow it to sell precious government land to make a quick buck on the directions of its Delhi leadership.

The SAD chief, who flagged off 25 trolleys of maize silage for flood-hit villages in the Fazilka constituency, said it was shocking that among the government properties listed for auction was the modern fruit and vegetable market established by former Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal across 12 acres of land in Mohali.

"Vegetable and fruit shops in this market were auctioned off to traders one year back by the Mandi Board. Shops are already running at the site. Now the board has decided to cancel the auction and the livelihood of the shopkeepers. We will not allow this to happen at any cost," Badal said.

Ongoing development works in Gram Panchayats should be completed on time: CM Nayab Singh Saini

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, OCT 4

Haryana Chief Minister, Sh Nayab Singh Saini said that the ongoing development works in the state's Gram Panchayats should be completed in a planned manner within the stipulated timeframe. He said that officials must ensure the benefits of public welfare schemes effectively reach every eligible person at the grassroots level. For this, he directed that the progress of development works be reviewed every 15 days.

The Chief Minister was chairing a review meeting with Additional Deputy Commissioners, Chief Executive Officers of Zila Parishads, District Development and Panchayat Officers and Executive Engineers of the Panchayati Raj Department regarding various schemes of the Development and Panchayat Department and the Rural Development Department here today. Development and Panchayat Minister, Sh Krishan Lal Panwar was also present on the occasion.

Sh Nayab Singh Saini directed that Gram Sabha meetings be convened in Gram Panchayats to expedite the regularization of unauthorized houses constructed on Shamlat land up to 500 square yards. He further instructed that announcements be made in Gram Panchayats to raise awareness among eligible beneficiaries. The Chief Minister added that Gram Sabha meetings should be held within the next three weeks to ensure timely settlement of cases under this scheme, and that registrations for approved cases be completed without delay in districts where approvals have already been granted.

The Chief Minister directed that beneficiaries who have been issued Adhikar Patra under the Mukhyamantri Gramin Awaz Yojana 2.0, but whose registrations remain pending for any reason, must have their registrations completed within the next one month. He further instructed that separate camps be organized under the Swamitva Yojana to rectify errors, ensure the accuracy of maps, and submit a detailed report to the Financial Commissioner, Revenue.

Reviewing the utilization of grants released to Zila Parishads under the State Finance Commission over the past four years, the Chief Minister said that development works should be executed on priority within the prescribed timeframe. He directed officials to ensure 100% utilization of available funds and to strengthen monitoring through Panchayat Samiti meetings, which must be held every two months.

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that officials must work in close coordination with other departments to ensure the timely completion of various development projects and schemes.

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Deputy Commissioner Una, Jatin Lal, on Saturday held a courtesy meeting with a delegation of various district employee unions led by Rajneesh Sharma, president of the Himachal Pradesh Non-Gazetted Employees Federation, Una unit. The delegation urged the DC to convene the Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) meeting at the earliest, highlighting that



several key demands of employees have been pending for a long time and require immediate discussion and resolution. A memorandum listing these demands was also submitted to the Deputy Commissioner. DC Jatin Lal assured the representatives that after consultation with officers of various departments, the JCC meeting would be held soon at the district headquarters.

NEWS BRIEF

Case registered against 3 for cheating in the name of sending abroad

ARVIND PATHAK SULTANPUR LODHI: The Sultanpur Lodhi police have registered a case against 3 on the charge of cheating in the name of sending abroad. Giving information in this regard, DSP Sub Division Hargurdev Singh said that Harvinder Singh son of Charan Singh resident of Channanwindi police station Sultanpur Lodhi had filed an application that he had negotiated with Sahil Arora son of Madan Lal Arora resident of Civil Line Ludhiana, Muskan Sharma Ranjit Avenue Amritsar and Harsimran Kaur resident of Amritsar for 6 lakhs to send his son to Australia. The above three people took 3.97 lakhs from me. Despite the passage of a long time, they did not send my son to Australia. When I demanded money from them, they did not answer. I filed an application in this regard with the police. After an investigation by the police, a case was registered against them.

Protecting animals is our moral responsibility: CM Dhami on 'World Animal Day'

AGENCY DEHRADUN, OCT 4

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, on 'World Animal Day', highlighted the importance of protecting animals and maintaining harmony between humans and wildlife, calling it both a moral duty and a human duty of every individual.

In a post shared on X, CM Dhami said, "World Animal Day" not only helps us understand the importance of animals but also conveys the message that the coexistence of humans and animals is the foundation for maintaining the balance of nature and safeguarding the future of humanity. Protecting animals, showing compassion towards them, and providing them with a safe environment is the moral responsibility and human duty of every individual."

The Chief Minister also



emphasized the state government's commitment to wildlife conservation. "Our government is continuously working in this direction. Through various schemes and programs, concrete steps are being taken to conserve wildlife and maintain ecological

balance," CM Dhami said. October 4 is celebrated as World Animal Day annually. According to its official website, the mission of the day is "to raise the status of animals in order to improve welfare standards around the globe."

World Animal Day is celebrated on October 4 to raise global awareness about improving animal welfare, protecting endangered species, promoting responsible pet ownership, and fostering compassion for all living creatures, honouring the legacy of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.

The day serves as a call to action for individuals and organisations to get involved in animal advocacy, conservation efforts, and fundraising to support animal rights and well-being worldwide. The first World Animal Day was organised on 24 March 1925 in Berlin by Heinrich Zimmermann, the German writer and publisher of the magazine Mensch und Hund/Man and Dog.

However, in 1929, it was celebrated for the first time on October 4, as it is the day of Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology, including animals.

Family blocks highway in protest after murder of youth in Pehowa



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI PEHOWA, OCT 4

Tension prevailed in Pehowa on the Hisar-Chandigarh National Highway-152 when the family members of Rumal, a 32-year-old resident of Malikpur, blocked the road demanding the arrest of his killers. DSP Nirpal Singh along with police personnel reached the spot and tried to pacify them. The family relented and lifted the blockade after half an hour when assured that the case would be handed over to the CIA for investigation and arrests would be made soon. The incident occurred late Friday night when miscreants stopped Rumal on NH-152 and

attacked him with knives, killing him on the spot. The assailants fled on a motorcycle after the assault. According to police, the attack took place around 10 pm between Bhatt Majra and Tikri villages near Sandhu Farm. Rumal, who worked at a commission agent's shop in Pehowa grain market, was returning with food along with his companion Ram Vishwas of Sitamarhi, Bihar, when four youths on a bike intercepted them. Two of them got down, and one assailant stabbed Rumal four times — twice on his arm and twice on his abdomen. The deep abdominal wounds caused his intestines and liver to protrude, leading to his collapse on the road.

Gurukul Kurukshetra celebrates remarkable success in UPSC NDA exam



HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA: The Brahmacharis of Gurukul Kurukshetra brought pride to the institution as 54 of its students cleared the UPSC NDA written examination. To commemorate this achievement, a grand ceremony was held on the Gurukul campus, where students danced to the beat of drums and were congratulated by the management and officials. The institution's patron, His Excellency Acharya Devvrat, Governor of Gujarat and Maharashtra, also extended his best wishes to all the successful students and the entire Gurukul family on this accomplishment.

The ceremony was attended by Principal Rajkumar Garg, Director Brigadier Dr. Praveen Kumar Sharma, Principal Sube Pratap, along with all teachers and patrons. They encouraged the students by garlanding them with flowers and offering sweets. Addressing the students, Director Brigadier Dr. Praveen Kumar Sharma said that this success is not just about passing an exam, but a reflection of their perseverance, discipline, and courage. He motivated the students to continue striving, learning, and overcoming challenges, emphasizing that true success lies in serving the nation with honesty, respect, and compassion.

Successful Science Exhibition organised at New Happy Public School, Sudhail



RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: A Science Exhibition was held today at New Happy Public School, Sudhail, with great enthusiasm and excitement. Students from Classes IV to VII presented various innovative science models, showcasing their creativity, scientific temperament, and inquisitive thinking. From Class IV, Manya presented a model on Chandrayaan, Mishti on Human Eye, Harman on Water Cycle, Divyanshi on Electric Fan, and Vihaan on Skeletal System. From Class V, Bhumi, Dilyas, and Yashvi created a Volcano, Mannat and Samar demonstrated the Water Cycle, Aditi explained the Three States of Matter, while Parv, Yuvaan, and Manjot designed an Electric Boat and Car. From Class VI, Anany presented Seed Germination, Anjali displayed Drip Irrigation, Anvi made a model on the Solar System, Asad demonstrated a Water Dispenser, and Ayushmaan built an Electric Cooler.

Every grain of paddy will be purchased at MSP: Shyam Singh Rana



RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: Haryana Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Minister Shyam Singh Rana inspected the paddy procurement and lifting process at Saraswati grain market. He directed officials to ensure that farmers face no difficulty in selling their produce at the mandis. Officers from government procurement agencies were also present during the visit. The minister assured that every grain of paddy brought by farmers will be procured at the Minimum Support Price (MSP). He said Haryana is the first state in the country where the highest quantity of crops is purchased on MSP. He added that he is visiting all mandis in the state to review the procurement process and has instructed officers to immediately address any bottlenecks in lifting operations. Rana also urged farmers and commission agents to cooperate with the administration to resolve any issues related to lifting of the crop.

Goldy Khungura launches 'Vote Chor Gaddi Chhod' campaign in Dhuri



RAJESHWAR PINTU DHURI: Former MLA Dalvir Singh Goldy Khungura today formally launched the "Vote Chor Gaddi Chhod" (Leave the Chair, Vote Thief) campaign initiated by the All India Congress against the BJP and the Election Commission of India during a gathering held at his residence. The event witnessed the participation of a large number of panchs, sarpanchs, zila parishad members, councillors, and Congress party workers from Dhuri constituency. Goldy Khungura said that Opposition Leader Rahul Gandhi has presented concrete evidence against the BJP and the Election Commission, proving that lakhs of fake votes were cast in the elections. He said that the purpose of this campaign is to create public awareness, and it will be taken door-to-door to make people aware of the truth behind BJP's vote theft. He asserted that the BJP's victory is not a people's verdict, but a result of manipulation in EVMs (Electronic Voting Machines).

BIS organises industry quality connect program & plantation drive



SUMER GARG CHANDIGARH: As part of the World Standards Day 2025 (WSD 2025) celebrations, the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Chandigarh branch office organized an industry quality connect programme (IQCP) and a tree plantation drive at JSW BPSL, here last evening. The aim was to raise awareness about quality standards and promote sustainable practices aligned with the sustainable development goals (SDGs), especially Goal 17, partnerships for the goals. The event began with a welcome address by Anuj Kalra, plant head, JSW BPSL Chandigarh. He appreciated BIS's efforts and stressed the importance of quality and sustainability in industrial operations. Harsh Sonkar, deputy director, BIS Chandigarh while giving a presentation on the WSD 2025 theme and BIS initiatives besides others also highlighted regarding the upgraded BIS Care App for product authentication, Public participation in developing new standards, sharing quality messages/memes on social media, Online quizzes to improve standards awareness, training programmes (online & offline) for capacity building.

Successful conclusion of Career Fair Odyssey 2025 at Partap World School with massive participation

VERMA GURDASPUR, OCT 4

Partap World School successfully organized Career Fair Odyssey 2025, marking a landmark initiative in the region. The event brought together students, parents, educators, and representatives from higher education institutions on a common platform. Over 1,000 enthusiastic students from more than 20 schools across the Pathankot and Kathua regions participated, exploring various career opportunities and educational paths. More than 50 reputed universities and colleges from India and abroad took part in the fair, sharing valuable insights into higher education avenues and emerging career fields. To enrich the students' experience, several expert-led sessions were conducted, focusing on new-age career



options, skill development, higher education opportunities, and evolving job markets. A highlight of the program was the expert session by renowned Chartered Accountants CA Rakesh Malhotra and CA Rahul Khosla, who educated students on GST regulations and the wide-ranging career opportunities in the field of chartered accountancy. Their session provided not only practical knowledge but also inspired students to consider commerce and finance as a viable career path. Adding prestige to the event was the presence of Er. Gagandeep Singh, XEN, RSD Dam Project, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. In his address, he emphasized the importance of such initiatives in guiding the youth towards informed career decisions and appreciated Partap World School for its commendable effort. Mr. Sunny Mahajan, Director, Partap World School, shared his thoughts: "The overwhelming success of Career Fair Odyssey 2025 reflects our vision of providing clarity and direction to students and parents."

Youth-Elders bonding seminar held at Hoshiarpur Old Age Home



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, OCT 4
A three-day seminar to enhance interaction between the youth and the elders was organized by My Bharat Hoshiarpur in collaboration with Bahu Rang Kala Manch Hoshiarpur at the Old Age Home, Ram Colony Camp, Hoshiarpur. On the first day, the Superintendent of the Old Age Home, Prince Sharma, introduced all the senior citizen residents to the representatives of Bahu Rang Kala Manch Hoshiarpur. Following this, in the second phase of the seminar, on the day of Dussehra, Satish Sili Uppal

entertained the seniors with devotional music and conducted a prayer. On this occasion, Bahu Rang Kala Manch and their associates presented gifts to all 20 elderly residents of the Old Age Home. Subsequently, in the second phase of the program, senior citizen Jagan Nath and his companions from the Ram Colony Camp Ashram shared their thoughts and life's truths with the youth. The event also featured Bhajan singing, an Eye Check-up Camp, and an interaction session with the students, and trees were planted on the campus. Participating in the three-day workshop, students Roni, Ashwani, Charu, and Parmeet shared their experiences. At the closing of this Youth and Elderly Interaction Program, Deputy Director Education Ashwani Dutta highlighted the importance of the senior citizen, children, and youth living together in society and the significance of joint families. On this occasion, Retired Deputy Director Education Ashwani Dutta, Old Age Home Superintendent, Prince Sharm a, Ramesh Kumar, Satish Sili Uppal, and students Rohni, Ashwani, Charu, and Parmeet were honored.

NSS Camp at Khalsa School concludes with cultural flair and social message



VERMA GURDASPUR: A successful seven-day National Service Scheme (NSS) camp wrapped up on Friday, at Classwala Khalsa Senior Secondary School, Kadian. The final day featured a vibrant cultural program where volunteers used various arts and theatrical performances to raise awareness about social evils. Program Officers Parminder Kaur and Hardeep Singh presented a detailed report on the camp's activities. Chief Guest Dr. Shalini Dutta addressed the students, using real-world examples to highlight the value of social service and the importance of vigilance against societal problems. Principal S.S. Bajwa and Komal Agarwal also spoke, emphasizing the significance of the NSS.

Yamunanagar begins paddy procurement in all district mandis

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: Deputy Commissioner Parth Gupta informed that the state government has started paddy procurement in all district mandis from 22 September 2025, keeping farmers' interests in mind. He stated that procurement is being carried out by HAFED, warehouses, and the Food and Supply agencies. The DC directed the concerned departments to ensure that farmers face no inconvenience during the process. District Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs Controller Jatin Mittal said the government has fixed the rate for Grade-A paddy at ₹2,389 per quintal and common-grade paddy at ₹2,369 per quintal. He added that by 3 October 2025, all 13 mandis in the district had received 84,409 metric tons of Grade-A paddy. Out of this, the Food & Supply Department procured 33,259 metric tons, HAFED 20,383 metric tons, and Haryana Warehousing Corporation 30,767 metric tons. The procurement details for individual mandis are as follows: Vyaspur – 9,114 MT, Chhachhrauli – 7,895 MT, Gumthala Raw – 2,316 MT, Jagadhri – 13,814 MT, Jathlana – 607 MT, Kharwan – 1,335 MT, Pratappanagar – 3,482 MT, Saraswati Nagar – 21,261 MT, Radaur – 11,320 MT, Ranjitpur – 3,511 MT, Rasoolpur – 3,194 MT, Sadhaura – 6,460 MT, and Yamunanagar – 100 MT.

Hanuman Seva Samiti honours dignitaries and social workers, concludes nine-day Shri Ram Katha at Annapurna Ashram



ROHIT LAMSAR TARAORI: The nine-day Shri Ram Katha organized under the aegis of Shri Hanuman Seva Samiti at Maa Annapurna Ashram concluded with a grand havan-yajna ceremony. On this occasion, revered Ramayani Shri Prahlad Mishra Ji was specially felicitated. The event witnessed the presence of a large number of devotees along with representatives of various social and religious organizations of the town. At the conclusion of the Katha, the committee honoured eminent personalities of the city and social workers who have set an example of service to society by presenting them with mementoes. Among those honoured were Municipal Council Chairman Virender Bansal, Galaxy Basmati Rice CMD Krishan Goyal, Shri Ram Rice Unit CMD Ravinder Singla, Mahesh Rice Mill CMD Mukesh Goyal, B.D. Overseas CMD Praveen Garg, Mahavir Solvent CMD Nand Kishore Khurana, New Chem Oil Pvt. Ltd. CMD Rajkumar Tayal, N.M. Foods CMD Ramesh Goyal, Delhi-based social worker Naresh Arora, Double Chabi Basmati Rice CMDs Usha Goyal and Pushkar Goyal, social worker Yash Saluja, Tarawadi Grain Market President Subhash Gupta.

Hindi grammar exam conducted at Satluj School



GOLDY CHUGH KURUKSHETRA: A state-level Hindi grammar examination was successfully organized in the premises of Satluj Senior Secondary School by the Rashtriya Shiksha Samiti, Tohana, District Fatehabad, for the selection of the Haryana Gaurav Award. Around 107 students of the school enthusiastically participated in the exam. School coordinator Maninder Singh Ghumman said that such events instill a spirit of competition, respect for the language, and confidence among students. He emphasized that Hindi is our mother tongue, and proficiency in it empowers students to express themselves effectively.

Cleanliness not only improves physical health but also mental health: Praveen Lathar

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, OCTOBER 4.

As part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan program in the adopted village, Karnal BJP District President Praveen Lathar today explained the importance of cleanliness to school children at the Senior Secondary School, Pundark.

On this occasion, he was accompanied by Subhash Chandra, Executive Vice President of Swachh Bharat Mission Haryana, District General Secretary Subhash Kashyap, District Office Head Madan Gurjar, Office Co-Head Pramod Nagpal, OBC Morcha President Rajesh Saini, Councillor Sudhir Yadav, and Sarpanch Naresh Kumar, along with other district officials and workers.

On this occasion, the District President gave the children a message about cleanliness, saying that cleanliness is an important habit that everyone should adopt. It not only improves physical health but

also improves mental health and makes you more productive. Cleanliness is the most important habit anyone can adopt, as cleanliness and health are interconnected.

He said a clean environment im-

proves health, prevents disease, and uplifts communities. More importantly, it inspires a sense of civic pride and responsibility.

He urged everyone on this occasion that this campaign is not limited

to sweeping the streets or cleaning drains. It is about creating a culture where cleanliness becomes a part of daily life, where public spaces sparkle, and where sanitation workers receive the respect they deserve.



The Swadeshi Campaign is the foundation of a self-reliant and developed India - Dr. Archana Gupta



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, OCTOBER 4.

A press conference was held today at the BJP office in Karnal, chaired by BJP District President Praveen Lathar, on the topic of self-reliant India.

The press conference was addressed by BJP State General Secretary Dr. Archana Gupta and spokesperson Professor Virendra Chauhan.

On this occasion, Karnal BJP District President Praveen Lathar's additional in-charge, Bharat Bhushan Juwal, co-ordinator of the Self-reliant India Sankalp Abhiyan, Preeti Johar, District General Secretary Subhash Kashyap, District Media In-charge Dr. Ashok Kumar, District IT Head Vikas Rana, Office Head Madan Gurjar, Youth Front President Shub-

ham Gupta, and Pawan Walla were present.

Speaking on this occasion, State General Secretary Dr. Archana Gupta stated that under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan (Self-Reliant India Sankalp Abhiyan), the BJP is organizing workshops across the country, from the national level to the state, district, and mandal levels, focusing on the theme "Swadeshi in every home - Swadeshi in every home."

She stated that the Atmanirbhar Bharat Yojana, also known as the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, is a major initiative by the Government of India to build a self-reliant and resilient economy. Its objective is to empower every Indian sector, especially micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), by

providing financial, regulatory, and infrastructural support. She further stated that the BJP is organizing numerous programs across the country from September 25th to December 25th, 2025, with the primary objective of urging the adoption of Swadeshi for 85 percent of daily use and food items in the country. On this occasion, the State General Secretary stated that Swadeshi is not just a slogan, but the foundation of a self-reliant and developed India. It has been our way of life in Sanatan culture since ancient times. Through a press conference, he appealed to the people of the state to pledge to prioritize Swadeshi during this festive season. Everyone should embrace and internalize Prime Minister Narendra Modi's motto of "Make in India, Make for the World."

Volleyball fever echoes at Shri Brahmurishi Vidya Mandir, Baanbhatt House emerges victorious in thrilling final

ROHIT LAMSAAR
TARAORI, OCT 4

Shri Brahmurishi Vidya Mandir, Tarawadi, hosted its inter-house volleyball competition, showcasing remarkable sports skills and exemplary sportsmanship among students. The event was inaugurated by the school director, Dr. Rakesh Sharma, who administered the oath to participants to follow rules with a spirit of fair play and encouraged them to make sports an integral part of life.

Teams from the school's four houses—Baanbhatt, Aryabhata, J.C. Bose, and C.V. Raman—competed fiercely. After several exciting matches, the final saw Baanbhatt



House face off against J.C. Bose House. Amidst the roaring applause of the audience, Baanbhatt House delivered an outstanding performance and claimed the championship.

The final match was attended by the in-charges of all four houses: Seema Kashyap, Anu Bala Gupta, Shivani

Sharma, and Pooja Sharma. The competition was conducted under the supervision of teachers Ashwani Kumar and PTI Shradha Yadav, who also served as referees. The school management congratulated the winning team and extended best wishes for the bright future of all participants.

Administration conducts flag march in Indri villages to stop crop residue burning

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI, OCT 4

The administration in Karnal district, Haryana, has intensified efforts to curb the burning of crop residues (stubble). Following the orders of Deputy Commissioner Uttam Singh, a flag march was conducted on Saturday across several villages in Indri block. The initiative aimed to raise awareness among farmers about the harmful effects of stubble burning and encourage them to adopt alternative solutions.

Leading the march, Agriculture Deputy Director Dr. Wazir Singh stated that the administration is on full alert and will not tolerate any instance of stubble burning. The march included officials such as Sunil Kumar, Quality Control Inspector of the Agriculture Department, Ashwani Kumar, Block Agriculture Officer, the SHO of Indri,



Agricultural Development Officer Sachin Kumar, Byana Chowki In-Charge, and other staff from the Agriculture Department.

Flag march covers over 20 villages

The march started from Indri and passed through Janesro, Khedi Maan Singh, Bhadaso, Gorgarh, Gumto, Byana, Sarwan Majra, Udana, Badarpur, Phusgarh, Chandraw, Nanheda, Garhpur Khalsa, and approximately two dozen other villages. Farmers were urged to avoid burning stubble and instead

make use of the residue management machinery provided by the Agriculture Department.

Stubble burning - a serious environmental and health threat

Dr. Wazir Singh emphasized that stubble burning is not merely an agricultural issue but a severe environmental crisis.

It causes air pollution, reduces soil fertility, and the toxic smoke leads to respiratory issues, eye irritation, and other health problems.

MLA Satpal Jamba inaugurates multiple development projects in Poondri

RANVIR PARASHAR
PUNDRI, 4 OCTOBER

MLA Satpal Jamba inaugurated several development projects across villages in his constituency on Saturday. The projects include the construction of a community hall in Ravanheda and Jeetgarh at a cost of 8 lakh, a lane in Tik village worth 7 lakh, five classrooms in the government school in Dhand at 45 lakh, and a park-cum-gym in Khedi Raywali costing 68 lakh.

Other projects inaugurated include a lane in Begpur (6 lakh), an iron shed in Barot government school (6 lakh), a hall in Ranga Chauपाल (8.65 lakh), a lane in Chuhadmajra (9 lakh), the boundary wall of Brahmaand Ashram in Dherdu (5 lakh), and a lane in Ahu village (11.52 lakh).

MLA Satpal Jamba stated that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, development work is progressing at triple speed in the state. "With the blessings of CM Saini, Poondri is witnessing a surge of development," he said. He highlighted several major projects un-



derway in Poondri, including the inauguration of Guru Brahmaand Nursing College in Dherdu via video conference by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, marking a significant milestone for the constituency and the district. The MLA emphasized his commit-

ment to ensuring continuous development in Poondri, highlighting the government's focus on education, health, and employment. He urged students to make the best use of these facilities, pursue their studies diligently, achieve their goals, and contribute to building a developed India.

DAV College Pehowa hosts painting competition organized by Legal Literacy Club

YAGYADUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: DAV College Pehowa's Legal Literacy Club organized a painting competition on the theme "Justice for All: Through the Lenses of Legal Aid." The event was presided over by the club convener, Dr. Deepika. A total of 24 students participated, showcasing their creativity through artworks reflecting justice, equality, and the role of legal aid.

Dr. Deepika explained to the students the significance of legal aid and its role in ensuring justice for marginalized sections of society. Dr. Anuj Kumar from the Economics Department was also present on the occasion.

In the results, Mohika from M.Com (Previous) secured first place, Simran Saini from M.Com (Previous) came second, and Atul from B.Com (Second Year) achieved third place. The event was attended by faculty members from the Commerce Department, including Dr. Jyoti Saini, Dr. Neha, Prof. Amandeep, Prof. Muskaan, Prof. Monika, and Prof. Pulkit. The aim of the program was to enhance legal awareness among students and sensitize them to justice.

Market Committee Chairman inspects Ladwa grain market

LADWA (RINKU SAINI): Dr. Ganesh Datt, newly appointed Chairman of the Ladwa Market Committee, conducted a surprise inspection of the grain market on Saturday. He checked paddy moisture and weight and addressed issues raised by farmers, laborers, and commission agents. The chairman assured that paddy procurement would continue smoothly and directed that farmers receive payments within 75 hours of delivery.

Haryana State President Rao Narendra Singh will receive a rousing welcome: Bhupinder Lathar

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: The swearing-in ceremony for the newly appointed Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee President, Rao Narendra Singh, will be held in Chandigarh on October 6th.

On Monday, while traveling from Delhi to Chandigarh, he will stop at Neelkanth Dhaba (Kutel, Kharkali Mor) on GT Road. He will be given a rousing welcome by Congress leaders and workers at 9:15 a.m. This information was provided by senior Congress leader Bhupinder Singh Lathar (Bhuppi). He stated that there is tremendous enthusiasm among the workers to welcome the new president. Rao Narendra Singh's appointment as president has infused positive energy among the workers. Every Congress worker will work to strengthen the party organization under the guidance of the state president. Bhupinder Lathar appealed to leaders and workers from all departments of the Congress to come in large numbers to welcome the state president.



INLD demands an end to unnecessary deductions in paddy procurement



BARARA (JAIBEER RANA THAMBER): INLD district women president Rita Kesri and other party leaders visited the Barara grain market on Saturday and raised concerns over farmers' exploitation during paddy procurement in the state. The leaders said that despite repeated demands by traders and farmers to remove the mandatory moisture clause, the government has ignored their requests, forcing farmers to sell their crop at meager rates.

Currently, the government has fixed the minimum support price (MSP) at Rs 2,369 per quintal for common paddy and Rs 2,389 per quintal for Grade-A paddy. However, even after the procurement process began in all state mandis, government purchases have not been conducted efficiently. Instead, traders and middlemen are deducting Rs 200-300 per quintal, causing heavy losses to farmers.

Rita Kesri highlighted that the provision allowing 17% moisture content in paddy has yet to be implemented, creating further difficulties for farmers, whose harvested crops remain stranded on roads in trolleys. She demanded that all unnecessary deductions in paddy procurement be stopped immediately, government purchases begin at the fixed MSP without delay, and compensation be provided for the losses farmers have already suffered. The visit was attended by INLD leaders and workers, including Vijender Rana Pundir.

Agroha Dham mela arrangements: 1,000 workers deployed to manage the event

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Ahead of the historic and grand national mela at Agroha Dham on 7 October, authorities have deployed 1,000 workers to ensure smooth arrangements for the millions of devotees expected to attend. Rajkumar Goel, the state spokesperson of Agroha Dham and prominent social worker, provided detailed information about the preparations. The workers will manage temple darshan arrangements, parking, food services, pandal setups, free medical camps, traffic management, trade fair arrangements, and accommodation facilities. Goel stated that the event will see blessings from Jagat Guru Maha Brahmurishi Sri Kumar Swami, while renowned devotional singer Kanhaiya Mittal will enthral devotees with his performances. The mela is being organized under the supervision of Agroha Dham's national executive president, Bajrang Das Garg. Prominent dignitaries attending include Subhash Chandra, chairman of the Zee Media Group; state minister Vipul Goel; Hissar MLA Savitri Jindal; Punjab Cabinet Minister Barinder Goel; and other national leaders from the Aagarwal community. On 7 October, the schedule includes a morning Shakti Sarovar bath, a grand Kalash Yatra, and a 56-item bhog ceremony, followed by a massive community feast in the afternoon.



High Court Judge Harsimran Singh Sethi visits district jail, interacts with inmates to

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, OCT 4

Justice Harsimran Singh Sethi of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, who also serves as the Administrator of the Karnal Sessions Division, visited the district jail on Saturday to review the facilities and interact with inmates. During the visit, he also participated in a plantation drive within the jail premises.

Justice Sethi engaged with inmates to understand their concerns and encouraged them to learn new skills or engage in productive activities during their incarceration to enhance their abilities and maintain good conduct, emphasizing that these skills would be useful even after their release. Accompanying him were District and Sessions Judge



and Chairman of the District Legal Services Authority Ajay Kumar Sharda, Chief Judicial Magistrate and Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority Dr. Iram Hasan, and Chief Judicial Magistrate Khushboo Goel. Upon arrival, Jail Superintendent Lakhbir Singh Barad welcomed the dignitaries,

and inmates presented a welcome song along with cultural performances.

Justice Sethi inaugurated the library in the women's ward and interacted with female inmates to understand how frequently women lawyers from the DLSA visit to provide legal assistance. He also inspected

the video conferencing room, the kitchen in the women's ward, the beauty parlor, fashion studio, crèche, and library within the jail premises. Additionally, he visited the industrial workshop to review items made by inmates and toured the library and cosmetology lab in the training section.

Students with outstanding performance honored at skill convocation ceremony



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: A skill convocation ceremony was organized on Saturday at Babu Mulchand Jain Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI). During the event, students of the institute were presented with certificates in recognition of their achievements. Special honors were given to students who performed exceptionally at the state level in various trades.

On this occasion, Dipali, a student of the Catering and Hospitality trade, and Saurabh, from the Footwear trade, were honored for securing first place at the state level. Additionally, two students from Wings Private ITI, Shyam Nagar, also achieved outstanding state-level results. Parikshit Pal from the Food and Beverage Service trade and Jyoti from the Housekeeper trade secured first place in their respective trades. The ceremony was attended by Zonal In-Charge and Principal Dr. Krishna Kumar, Principal Rakesh Bhatia, and Apprentice & Placement Officer Meenakshi. The four students who topped at the state level were each presented with a toolkit worth ₹15,000 related to their respective trades.

EDITORIAL

RBI's cautious approach continues

Global economic uncertainties have prompted the Reserve Bank of India to maintain a neutral stance and keep the repo rate unchanged at 5.5 per cent for the second time in a row. Apart from the United States' whimsical tariff regime, prolonged geopolitical tensions, and volatility in global financial markets pose considerable risks to the growth outlook. The unanimous decision of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) to continue the pause mode suggests that the central bank is cautiously awaiting the global factors to play out, and also the impact of the previous rate cuts — a total of 100 basis points since February. Significantly, the RBI has raised its projection of GDP growth rate to 6.8 per cent for 2025-26, compared with 6.5 per cent projected in August. This estimate is in contrast to the Asian Development Bank's lowered projection of 6.5 per cent for FY26. The optimism is essentially driven by domestic demand and GST reforms. An above-normal monsoon, good progress in kharif sowing, and adequate reservoir levels are expected to further boost agriculture and rural demand. Buoyancy in the services sector, coupled with steady employment conditions, supports domestic consumption. The rationalisation of GST rates is expected to give an additional lift. While the high tariff imposed by the US poses downside risks, it is heartening that the growth forecast is high. The service sector — particularly construction and trade — is expected to shoulder much of the growth load. However, the MPC flagged that the global environment remains uncertain, with trade disputes, volatile commodity prices, and geopolitical tensions still weighing on India's growth outlook. Inflation has remained above respective targets in some advanced economies, posing fresh challenges for central banks as they navigate the shifting growth-inflation dynamics. RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra struck a cautious note when he said that the neutral stance would continue as the uncertainty over tariffs was still evolving and a monetary policy transmission was underway. The pause decision may also be suggestive of the MPC keeping its powder dry, should things worsen on the trade and tariff front. The impact of the 100 basis point rate cut since February this year on the economy is still unfolding. The effects of liquidity injection are trickling in slowly, and the returns, so far, are modest. On balance, the current macroeconomic conditions, outlook, and uncertainties call for continuation of the neutral stance and wait for further transmission of the front-loaded rate cut to the credit markets and the broader economy. The RBI lowered the expected inflation for FY26 to 2.6 per cent from 3.1 per cent. The policy essentially opens the door for potential rate cuts in the future. Lower retail inflation gives comfort to the RBI to reduce the rates in the coming months, and if other factors are also conducive, the central bank can consider a rate cut. Since external headwinds can complicate the path forward, it is appropriate to maintain patience now.

Tackling Obesity and malnutrition head-on: The Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 Strategy



Annpurna Devi

A study by University of Southern California with the University of California Berkeley and McGill University, found that children facing sugar restrictions during their first 1,000 days, including in utero during pregnancy, showed lower risk of developing Type 2 diabetes and lower risk of hypertension as adults. To address this, and to improve the overall quality of Supplementary Nutrition, the Ministry has issued an advisory to the States and UTs, keeping in line with recommendations from the WHO and National Institute of Nutrition (NIN).

In 2018, under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra

Modi, Poshan Abhiyan was launched as a flagship scheme to transform Bharat's nutritional landscape. With its emphasis on inclusive growth and social development, Poshan Abhiyan has laid the foundation for a well-nourished and empowered nation and has emerged as a key pillar in our journey towards Viksit Bharat@2047. In pursuit of this goal, the Ministry of Women and Child Development is resolved to build a New Bharat where every child is well-nourished, every mother is empowered, and every citizen can thrive.

Through Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, we aim to improve nutritional outcomes in children, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers and to develop and promote practices that nurture health, wellness and immunity. The nucleus of the operation is a network of 14 lakh Anganwadi Centres through which the Ministry is supporting around 10 crore beneficiaries.

The Ministry is nourishing the future by supporting the health and nutrition of over 8 crore children across the nation. At the heart of this effort is the Supplementary Nutrition Programme, delivering wholesome Hot

Cooked Meals (HCM) to children and Take-Home Rations (THR) to all beneficiaries, aiming to bridge the crucial gap between Recommended Dietary Allowance and the Average Daily Intake. By embracing diet diversity and championing local and traditional foods like Shri Anna- millets, jowar, bajra, ragi, etc.- we are endeavouring to ensure that every child receives the fuel they need to learn, grow, and thrive.

While we have made headway in creating a programme to address stunting and wasting amongst children, we are aiming to address another major nutrition indicator—overweight incidence and obesity. According to WHO, childhood obesity can have dire consequences for children as they enter adulthood, increasing the risk of non-communicable diseases like Type 2 Diabetes and hypertension.

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According to the WHO, sugar intake should be reduced to 10% of the total daily energy intake for adults as well as children. The WHO also suggests a further reduction of free sugars to 5% of daily energy intake.

The National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) recommends no added sugar for children under the age of 2 years and recommends that sugar should be less than 5% of the daily energy intake for all age and gender groups, including pregnant women as part of a balanced diet.

Our Ministry has advised the States and Union Territories to restrict use of refined sugar, use jaggery where needed and even then, to restrict it to less than 5% of total intake. We have requested that salt usage may be minimized. We are also encouraging the reduction of sweet offerings as part of the Morning Snack and HCM.

We are encouraging the development of THR recipes that exclude added salt and sugar, and restrict use of foods high in fat, salt, and sugar (HFSS). We have

urged that ingredients must comply with Food Safety and Standards Regulations 2011 and Food Safety and Standards (Food for Infant Nutrition) Regulations, 2020. By saying no to excess sugar, India is saying yes to a future free from obesity, and related diseases like hypertension and diabetes.

To promote traditional food, the Ministry offers Pushtahar, nutritious premixes made from seasonal, local ingredients and cereals like ragi, millets, and Bengal gram. Pushtahar is a healthier and more versatile alternative to store-bought mixes, providing local, seasonal flavours and wholesome nutrition.

Our Hon'ble Prime Minister stated, "by making small changes in our food habits, we can make our future stronger, fitter and disease-free." In this Amrit Kaal, our children should have access to nutritious food and adequate calories. More importantly, the food they have should not only be adequate, but wholesome, contributing to their holistic growth and development.

By :- Annpurna Devi, Union Minister of Women and Child Development

NEP 2020 at Five: Between Vision and Reality



The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 was hailed as India's grand design for reshaping its educational architecture for the 21st century. After three decades without a major overhaul, this new

policy promised transformation—reimagining school education, reworking higher education, embedding skills, promoting multilingualism, integrating technology, and strengthening equity. Five years on, it is time to take stock: what has been achieved, where the policy is stumbling, and what must be done to translate vision into reality.

From the start, NEP 2020 set bold goals: ensuring foundational literacy and numeracy by Class 3, restructuring school stages into a 5+3+3+4 model, introducing vocational exposure in schools, boosting Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education to 50% by 2035, creating multidisciplinary institutions, permitting flexible entry and exit in undergraduate programmes, and establishing the Higher Education Commission of India by unbundling regulation, accreditation, funding, and standards. These ambitions signalled a sweeping break from rote learning and rigid systems. Some gains are visible, but progress is uneven. In school education, one of the earliest reforms was NIPUN Bharat, aimed at basic literacy and numeracy by 2026-27. States were given targets, lesson plans, and monitoring tools. Some gains have been reported, but surveys such as ASER continue to show wide deficits, with many rural children still struggling with reading and arithmetic. Learning gaps remain a formidable barrier.

Curriculum changes have started. The National Curriculum Framework for the Foundational Stage has been released, while CBSE and state boards are integrating coding, AI, arts, and vocational electives.

Experiential learning pilots and multilingual, inquiry-based curricula are being drafted for early classes. Some government schools have introduced smart classrooms, digital libraries, and hybrid teaching, but scaling these innovations nationwide is difficult given disparities in resources.

In higher education, the National Digital University, launched in 2023, has created a hub-and-spoke model with partner institutions to deliver courses digitally, extending reach to learners. The National Credit Framework and the National Higher Education Qualification Framework are also in place, enabling credit portability and consistent learning outcomes. Universities are aligning gradually, though adoption remains patchy.

Many institutions are experimenting with NEP reforms: embedding internships, offering courses in Indian Knowledge Systems, enabling multiple entry-exit, integrating SWAYAM, and adopting Academic Bank of Credits. Some are starting dual doctoral programmes with foreign universities. Yet, according to QS I-Gauges, only 36% of higher education institutions have adopted the multiple entry-exit system, and just 14% have created "Professors of Practice" roles. Faculty resistance, infrastructure gaps, and administrative inertia have slowed progress.

One crucial reform—the Higher Education Commission of India—remains pending. While the draft bill is under preparation, regulatory ambiguity continues, as UGC, AICTE, and other bodies retain overlapping roles. Institutions hesitate to overhaul systems until clarity emerges. Equity is another focus. The PM VidyaLakshmi Scheme (2024) offers collateral-free loans up to 7.5 lakh with credit guarantees and interest subvention for weaker families. Over 30,000 applications have been made, with 13,000 sanctioned. Yet, awareness and reach remain limited, especially beyond urban centres.

To mark five years of NEP several universities have organised events. Maharaja Sayajirao University, Baroda, hosted a conclave to showcase its new four-year undergraduate programmes, interdisciplinary curricula, and digital learning initiatives. DDU Gorakhpur University convened a national workshop on challenges and solutions. A two-day Vice Chancellors' Conference is scheduled in Kevadia, Gujarat, in July 2025 to review Central Universities' contributions to NEP and to Viksit Bharat@2047. Such forums create peer learning and accountability but also highlight uneven progress across institutions. Experts caution that NEP's true outcomes will emerge only over a longer horizon. As former UGC secretary Rajnish Jain noted, one must wait at least 15 years to evaluate the policy fully—when an entire generation has progressed from the foundational stage to higher education under NEP's framework. Yet challenges are already clear. States vary widely in pace and ambition. Some like Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, and Odisha are ahead with new textbooks, teacher training, and infrastructure, while others lag with little beyond announcements. This divergence risks widening educational inequalities.

Funding remains the biggest constraint. NEP's 6% of GDP target for education remains aspirational; spending continues around 3%. Without significant increases, critical needs—labs, libraries, ICT infrastructure, teacher recruitment, and research support—cannot be met. Many schools still lack basics like toilets, water, or adequate classrooms, undermining equity. Teachers are the backbone of reform, but capacity gaps persist.

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"Through a partnership with Jaipur Foot Camp, we will establish an artificial limb centre in TT": PM Persad-Bissessar

Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar has announced that an artificial foot centre will soon be established in Trinidad and Tobago, extending benefits not only to the nation but also to the wider Caricom community.

The announcement came during the inauguration of the Artificial Limb Fitting Camp held at the Diplomatic Centre in Port of Spain on October 3.

More than 800 people are expected to receive prosthetic limbs under the initiative, which was promised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Trinidad and Tobago in July this year. In addition to the donations, India is also providing financial assistance for the setting up of a permanent limb centre.

Prime Minister Persad-Bissessar said, "Through a partnership with the Jaipur Foot Camp, we will be establishing an artificial limb centre in TT. It is not just for TT, but we can reach out to our Caricom brothers and sisters in the region. Ministers (Barry) Padarath and (Saddam) Hosein met with the delegation and others before this event and there will be exciting things we will be working with for the development of TT.

"They will set up the camp and they are donating the machinery, which will cost US\$100,000 to set up, and they have pledged US\$75,000 for this project in grant funding. This is tremendous humanity and generosity for which we thank them." She explained that over the course of 50 days, hundreds of citizens would be measured, fitted, and trained to walk again free of cost, fulfilling PM Modi's earlier commitment.

"Just three months later, that promise has taken foot in TT with containers of lightweight limbs shipped from Jaipur, India, guided by High Commissioner (Pradeep Singh) Rajpurohit, partnered with several volunteer groups,



our ministries of Social Development and Health and the renowned Jaipur Foot Organisation to make Prime Minister Modi's vision a reality," she said.

Highlighting the public health challenge, she pointed out that the Ministry of Health records 350-400 lower-limb amputations annually, mainly due to diabetes and traffic accidents. "With one in six adults living with diabetes in TT, the second-highest rate in the Americas, too often, a small foot wound spirals into the loss of a limb. The economic toll is severe, as a single amputation can reduce a household's income by 20-40 per cent, while a prosthetic limb costs \$15,000-\$40,000, far beyond the reach of most families," she noted.

Prime Minister Persad-Bissessar said she was deeply moved after seeing amputees fitted with new limbs at the camp. "Only yesterday they were fitted with new limbs and they were already walking. There is hope, as eight in ten amputees fitted with a quality prosthesis regain basic mobility and one in two returns to work or school within a year," PM Bissessar said.

Dust-Dipped

Like Judith Slaying Holofernes

I know better than to leave the house
without my good dress, my good knife
like Excalibur between my stone breasts.
Mother would have me whipped,

would have me kneeling on rice until
I shrilled so loud I rang the church
bells. Didn't I tell you that elegance is our revenge,
that there are neither victims nor victors

but the bitch we envy in the end? I am that bitch.
I am dogged. I know so damned
not even Death wanted me. He sent me back
after you sacked my body

the way your armies sacked my village, stacked
our headless idols in the river
where our children impaled themselves
on rocks. I exit night and enter your tent

gilded in a bolt of stubborn sunlight. My sleeves
already rolled up. I know so damned
I am a slut for showing this much skin, this
irreverence for what is seen

when I ask to be seen. Look at me now: my thighs
lift from your thighs, my mouth
spits poison into your mouth. You nasty beauty.
I am no beast, but my blade

sliding clean through your thick neck
while my maid keeps your blood off
me and my good dress will be a song
the parish sings for centuries. Tell Mary.

Tell Eve. Tell Salome and David about me.
Watch their faces, like yours, turn green.

By Paul Tran

October of hope: Honoring lives, Inspiring change

Every year, the month of October is marked around the world as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. From 1st to 31st October, people come

together to spread awareness, honor the lives touched by breast cancer, and strengthen the call for better care for everyone. The theme for 2025 is "Every Story is Unique, Every Journey Matters." This message highlights that breast cancer affects each person differently, and every journey deserves care, respect, and support.

Breast cancer is not the same for everyone. For some women, it begins with a routine check-up, while for others it may start with an unexpected symptom like a lump or pain. Some women have access to advanced hospitals and quick treatment, while others struggle to even get a proper diagnosis. This year's theme reminds us that behind every diagnosis there is a personal

story—stories of courage, struggle, resilience, and hope. It also reminds us that no matter who you are or where you live, you deserve timely and quality care.

Breast cancer is now the most common cancer among women worldwide. In 2022, about 2.3 million women were diagnosed, and sadly, around 670,000 women died of the disease. These are not just numbers they represent mothers, sisters, daughters, and friends whose lives matter. The chances of survival also depend on where a woman lives. In many rich countries, more than 90 percent of women survive at least five years after diagnosis. But in countries like India, the survival rate is around 66 percent, and in South Africa, it is only 40 percent. The difference is mainly because of unequal access to early detection, good treatment, and follow-up care. If nothing

changes, experts say that by 2050 the number of cases and deaths could rise by 40 percent. This shows why urgent action is needed.

To address this challenge, the World Health Organization (WHO) started the Global Breast Cancer Initiative (GBCI) in 2021. Its aim is to help countries improve breast cancer care. The initiative focuses on three important goals: more cancers should be found at an early stage, women should get a confirmed diagnosis quickly, and most patients should be able to complete their treatment without interruption. These are realistic targets, but they can only be achieved if governments, health workers, and communities work together.

This October, awareness activities will take place



around the world. Survivors, doctors, nurses, and advocates are being encouraged to share their experiences as part of a global storytelling campaign using the hashtag #EveryStoryIsUnique. Sharing real stories helps break the silence, reduce stigma, and inspire others to go for check-ups. The month will also see outreach camps, screenings, awareness workshops, cultural events, and advocacy meetings. On 8th October, WHO will hold the Third Global Breast Cancer Initiative Partners Meeting, where experts will discuss future steps and launch a training manual to help countries strengthen their breast cancer services.

But awareness is not only about big campaigns- it also starts with us. Each one of us can play a part. Talking openly about breast cancer, encouraging loved ones to go for regular check-ups,

supporting local awareness drives, volunteering, or even donating to cancer organizations can make a difference. Lifestyle changes also matter. Eating healthy, staying active, avoiding smoking and alcohol, and managing stress can help lower the risk of breast cancer.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2025, remember us that awareness we must lead to action. Every woman's life is valuable, and every story of survival or struggle teaches us the importance of compassion and timely care. Together, we can build a world where breast cancer is no longer a death sentence but a condition that can be treated and overcome. "This October, let us stand united in support, love, and hope—because truly, every story is unique, and every journey matters." -WHO

By:-SHIVANGI

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: Puneet Sandal, a student of Shivalik Hill Public Senior Secondary School, Amb, won the gold medal in boxing in the district level under-19 competition. This competition was organized from 1-10-2025 to 3-08-2025 at Government Senior Secondary Thanakala. On reaching the school, Puneet Sandal was given



a grand welcome by Principal Sushma Dadhwal, Manager Anil Parashar, staff members and students and wished him all the best for the state level boxing competition.

NEWS BRIEF

Water to be released from Pong dal in state, alert issued



AGENCY SHIMLA: Ahead of the rain in the mountains from today evening, the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) has issued an alert for water release from Pong Dam. According to the BBMB, 82,000 cusecs of water will be released at 12 noon today and 50,000 cusecs will be released from the powerhouse turbine and 32,000 cusecs from the spillway gates. This will increase the water level of the Beas river. People living along the Beas River in Indora-Fatehpur and Punjab have been asked to remain vigilant. The Meteorological Center, Shimla, says a Western Disturbance will become active from tonight. This is expected to bring rain and snowfall to the mountains for the next four days. A yellow alert has been issued for thunderstorms and storms with winds of 40 to 50 kilometers per hour. The authorities have warned people not to go near the Pong dam for their own safety.

CM launches 'Doodh Protsahan Yojana' and freight subsidy schemes from Arki Assembly Constituency

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, OCT 4

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today launched the 'Doodh Protsahan Yojana' and freight subsidy scheme from Arki Assembly constituency in Solan district. In a function held at Darlaghat, the Chief Minister distributed Rs. 1.45 crore via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to 8,000 livestock farmers associated with two private milk cooperatives- Gau Amrit Samiti, Paplota Samiti and Amrit Dhara Samiti, Darlaghat of Solan district and Kamdhenu Samiti and Kehlor Doodh Samiti of Bilaspur district for the months of July and August. Additionally, these milk cooperatives were provided Rs. 1.59 crore as transport subsidy at rupees three per litre which was Rs. 1.50 per litre earlier. The state government has increased the transport subsidy from rupees three per litre. Through these initiatives, farmers are expected to gain a financial benefit of Rs. 18.24 crore per year. The Chief Minister also distributed Rs. 28.80 lakh to eight self-help groups of Arki Assembly constituency under the Rajiv Gandhi Van Samvardhan



Yojana and Rs. 34.20 lakh to 10 progressive milk producers of Kamdhenu Hitkari Manch, Namhol. He also launched a mobile app for the convenience of truck operators. He said that the state government was making special efforts to strengthen the rural economy and Himachal Pradesh was the first state in the country where cow milk was being purchased at a rate of Rs. 51 per litre while buffalo milk at Rs. 61 per litre through the Himachal Pradesh Milk Federation. He described the day as historic for the state's livestock farmers, as the Doodh Protsahan Yojana and freight subsidy schemes had been

officially launched. Under Doodh Protsahan Yojana scheme, the farmers registered with private milk cooperatives and selling milk to them would receive an incentive of Rs. 3 per litre, which would be directly credited to their bank accounts through DBT. The farmers would also receive an instant SMS notification for which a special portal has been developed through HP NIC. Sh. Sukhu said the freight subsidy for milk collected by private cooperatives had been increased from Rs. 1.50 per litre to Rs. 3 per litre, benefiting thousands of farmers. The milk processing facilities were being expanded through MilkFed.

DC inaugurates 'Bal Vihar Kunj' library in Chambi panchayat



BALKRISHAN PRASHAR CHAMBA, OCT 4

The Deputy Commissioner of Chamba Mukesh Repaswal formally inaugurated the newly constructed "Bal Vihar Kunj Library" in Gulera village of Chambi panchayat in the Aspirational Chamba District, by lighting a lamp. The library was established with a grant of Rs 10 lakh provided by the NITI Aayog. At the inauguration ceremony, the Deputy Commissioner stated that this library would prove extremely beneficial not only to the local panchayat, but also to the youth and villagers of approximately eight panchayats. DC also mentioned the importance of education in rural areas and Gandhian ideas in other developmental projects. He stated that the library has seating arrangements for 46 people. He also stated that plans are underway

to establish a girls' home in this building in the future. During the program, DC specifically expressed his gratitude to Rattan Chand, founder of the Swati Yadgar Trust, and his wife Mrs Bimla Devi. He told that Ratna Chand donated land for the library and personally supervised the construction, which is commendable. Speaking about Rattan Chand and other prominent figures in the district, he said that we should all take inspiration from their valuable efforts for public welfare and contribute to social service. On this occasion, Mukesh Repaswal urged the youth to take full advantage of the library's facilities so that it can become a major centre for knowledge enhancement. During the program, apart from Rattan Chand, founder of Swati Yadgar Trust, and various officials also shared their views and experiences on the importance of books in education and life.

MP Mobile Health Service camp in Baliwal and Pubowal villages - 160 people examined



AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB, OCT 4

Under the guidance and efforts of Member of Parliament Anurag Singh Thakur, a two-day free health camp was organized in the villages of Baliwal and Pubowal under the MP Mobile Health Service, operated by the Society. A total of 160 people were examined and provided free tests and medicines. The villagers expressed their gratitude to

Member of Parliament Anurag Singh Thakur for this initiative, saying that this service provides them with healthcare at their doorsteps. During the camp, the health check-up team included Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Munish, Ruchi and Nihal Singh. During the camp, expert doctors said that not only diabetes, but high blood pressure (high BP) can also seriously affect the eyes. According to doctors, headache, irritability, difficulty

in breathing, tingling sensation in the nerves, chest pain and dizziness - all these can be signs of blood pressure. Doctors explain that high blood pressure can damage the blood vessels in the retina, causing blurred vision, bleeding, and even blindness. Healthy eyes, healthy life." The objective of MP Mobile Health Service is to make the society healthy by providing timely checkup and health awareness to the people.

Bassi-Tatahar road construction delay sparks three-hour blockade at Bharedi Chowk

ANIL KUMAR HAMIRPUR, OCT 4

The incomplete construction of the Bassi-Tatahar road in Bhoranj subdivision triggered a major protest on Friday, as villagers and local representatives staged a peaceful blockade at Bharedi Chowk, halting traffic for nearly three hours. Despite nearly a year passing since the project began, the road has yet to be paved, leaving commuters struggling with muddy and slippery conditions during rains, and dust and potholes on normal days. Residents said the poor condition of the road has badly affected trade in the main markets of Bharedi, Bassi and Chandruhi. Villagers alleged that repeated appeals to the Public Works Department, the construction company and the local MLA went unheard. Earlier this week,



they submitted a memorandum to the Bhoranj Tehsildar, warning of an agitation if work did not resume. On Friday, October 3, protesters blocked the road from 11 am to 1 pm, disrupting routes to Sarkaghat, Jahu and Hamirpur. The protest remained peaceful but slogans were raised against the government and the department. The blockade drew large participation, including BDC Chairperson

Rajendra Singh, Zila Parishad member Rakaj Kumari, Paplah Pradhan Ankush Saini, Garshahad Up-Pradhan Vikas Sharma, Dhirad Pradhan Surender Kumar, Dhamrol Pradhan Beena Devi, M.L. Sharma and AAP representative Jagat Ram. Bhoranj Tehsildar Dr. Ashish Sharma, SHO Prashant Singh Thakur and PWD officials rushed to the site and assured villagers that the road would be completed by October 15.

Little Angels Public School Tauni Devi bags runners-up title in district volleyball tournament

RAJNEESH SHARMA HAMIRPUR: Little Angels Public School, Tauni Devi, one of the leading schools in the Bamsan area, has brought laurels to the institution after its under-17 team secured the runners-up title in the district-level volleyball tournament held at Government Senior Secondary School, Kutheda. School Principal Suman Chauhan and Manager Ranveer Singh Chauhan congratulated the students on their excellent performance and said it was a matter of pride that the students, under the guidance of physical education teacher Rajneesh Kumar, showcased their talent and made both the school and the region proud. They added that Little Angels Public School, located near Bari Mandir, has consistently excelled not only in sports but also in academics.



NSS volunteers of girls' school visit DC and SP offices to learn about administration



ANIL KUMAR HAMIRPUR: Around 30 NSS volunteers from Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Hamirpur, visited the Mini Secretariat on Saturday to gain first-hand knowledge of the functioning of key district offices, including those of the Deputy Commissioner, Superintendent of Police, Additional Deputy Commissioner, SDM, CM Cell, and District Revenue Officer. The team was led by teachers Anupama and Deepa Kumari. Deputy Commissioner Amarjeet Singh personally accompanied the students to different branches and explained the working of the administrative setup. Addressing the group, he emphasized the importance of valuing time, working with dedication, and maintaining positivity even in the face of setbacks.

Social audit of 575 schools in Kangra under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA: This year, 20% of the state's schools are being socially audited under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan. This social audit is being conducted by Himachal Pradesh University. The social audit in Kangra district was conducted under the guidance of Kanchan Jyoti, District Project Officer for Samagra Shiksha and District Deputy Director of Quality Education. Dr. Joginder Singh, District Coordinator of the Social Audit, stated that the audit was successfully conducted in approximately 575 schools across all education blocks in Kangra district by trained researchers from the state university. Approximately 20 researchers from the state university conducted the audit in different education blocks. A comprehensive audit of government schools was conducted, examining all aspects of the school, from infrastructure to school standards. School Management Committee members, parents, and other community members were also asked questions about school development and teaching. The school head, president, parents, children, teachers, and other community members were also asked questions related to the forms. He stated that the audit has not yet been fully completed.

Rukmani Kund's sacred waters inspire a modern revolution in water conservation



AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY BILASPUR: Rukmani Kund - a timeless symbol of faith, culture, and devotion - is now at the heart of a modern water conservation initiative. Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani today inaugurated a Real-Time Drinking Water Quality Monitoring System at Auhar, developed by the Jal Shakti Department at a cost of Rs 10.25 lakh. The system sources water directly from the revered Rukmani Kund, bringing its pure, sacred waters to both residents and visitors. Minister Dharmani described the initiative as a significant step toward ensuring safe and sustainable drinking water for all. "As long as water is safe, our future is safe," he stated, emphasizing the state government's commitment to blending

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

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 (54 of 2002)" and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with [rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice dated 13-Dec-24 calling upon the Borrower Prem Singh (Borrower), Anu Kumar (Co-Borrower), (Loan Account No. L9001060130487670) to repay the amount mentioned in the notices being Rs. 4,12,082/- (Rs. Four Lac Twelve Thousand Eighty-Two Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/co-borrower/mortgagor/guarantor 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 Sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 30th day of September of the year 2025. The borrower/co-borrower/mortgagor/guarantor 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 (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) for an amount of Rs. 4,12,082/- (Rs. Four Lac Twelve Thousand Eighty-Two Only) as on 11-Dec-24 and interest and expenses thereon until full payment.

"The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 (6), in respect of time available, i.e. 30 days from this intimation, to redeem the secured assets."

Description of immovable properties

All That Part And Parcel Of Residential/Commercial Property Land / Building / Structure And Fixtures Khevat No.99 Min khatauni No.135 Khasra Kitta 77 area measuring 01-27-14 Hectare to the extent of 165/12714 share working out to be an area measuring 00-01-65 Hectres (Along with House/Structure built) Hadbast No. 898 Mohal and Patwar Circle Darug UP Tehsil Chadir District Kangra HP as per computerized/jambandi for the year 2019-20 issued by Halka Patwari verified/updated/signed by Patwari of Patwar Circle Darug and UP Tehsil Chadir District Kangra HP. area measuring 01-27-14 Hectre to the extent of 165/12714 share working out to be an area measuring 00-01-65 Hectares. Owned by Prem Singh having four boundaries: East: Dipip Dhiman House 4.7m+5m, West: Roshan Devi House 4.7m+5m, North: Mustarka Agri Land 11.6m, South: Path 11.6m

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 Date : 30/Sept/2025
 Place : Kangra, Himachal Pradesh
 Authorised Officer
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APPENDIX-IV-A- [See proviso to rule 8(6)] Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s)/ Co-Borrower (s)/Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank), the same shall be referred herein after as AUSFB. The Secured Assets will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis through E-Auction for recovery of amount mentioned in the table below along with further interest, cost, charges and expenses being due to AUSFB viz. Secured Creditor.

It is hereby informed you that we are going to conduct public E-Auction through website <https://sarfaesi.auctiontigger.net>

Loan A/C No./ Name of Borrowers/Co Borrowers/ Mortgagors/Guarantor	Date & Amount of (13/2) Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of Property	Reserve Price For Property	Earnest Money for Property	Date & Time of Auction	Date of Bid Submission	E-Auction Place of Tender Submission	Contact Person & Property Visit Date
(Loan A/C No.) L9001060127540698, Laiq Ram Thakur S/O Sant Ram Thakur (Borrower), Smt. Jamma Devi W/O Laiq Ram Thakur (Co-Borrower)	19-Dec-23 Rs. 25,92,628/- Rs. Twenty-Five Lacs Ninety-Two Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Eight Only As On 18-Dec-23	16-Apr-25	Property Situated At Khata/ Khatauni No.- 21/34-35, Khasra No.- 531, 473, 476, 478, 479, 784, 486, 472, 480. Hadbast No.- 128, Village- Mohal Saini, Tehsil- Arki, Dist- Solan, HP Admeasuring 00-01-13 Hectare (1215 Sq Ft)	Rs. 33,20,000/- Rs. Thirty-Three Lakh Twenty Thousand Only	Rs. 3,32,000/- Rs. Three Lakh Thirty-Two Thousand Only	19-Nov-25 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM with unlimited extension of 5 minutes	On or Before 17-Nov-25	AU Small Finance Bank Ltd., Branch Address : Global Electronics, Rajgarh Road, Solan Himachal pradesh 173212	Gurpreet Singh 8288008784 9773358234 auctions@aubank.in 14-Nov-25
(Loan A/C No.) L9001060128457454, Roop Lal (Borrower), Gulab Singh S/O Veeru (Co-Borrower), Smt. Kala Devi (Co-Borrower) Smt. Gurmi Devi, (Co-Borrower) Smt. Leela Devi (Co-Borrower)	14-Jun-24 Rs. 13,48,554/- Rs. Thirteen Lac Forty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Four Only As On 11-Jun-24	14-May-25	Property Situated At Khevat/Khatoni No. 117/201 Khasra No. 11149/297 Share Of 1/3 Land Measuring 00-01-00 Bighas Out Of Total Land 00-03-00 Bighas Situated At Mohal Bounchari (626) Hadbast No. (626) Tehsil Bali Chowki District Mandi Hp Admeasuring 00-01-00 Bighas (435 Sq Ft)	Rs. 10,50,000/- Rs. Ten Lakh Fifty Thousand Only	Rs. 1,05,000/- Rs. One Lakh Five Thousand Only	19-Nov-25 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM with unlimited extension of 5 minutes	On or Before 17-Nov-25	AU Small Finance Bank Ltd., Branch Address : Khata no. 271/322, 1st floor Nh 21, Naghala, Mandi- 175021	Gurpreet Singh 8288008784 9773358234 auctions@aubank.in 14-Nov-25

The terms and conditions of e-auction sale:-

- The E-Auction sale of Secured Asset is on "as is where is", "as is what is", "whatever there is" and "no recourse" basis for and on behalf of the Secured Creditor viz. AUSFB and there is no known encumbrance which exists on the said property.
- For participating in online e-auction sale, Bid document, copies of PAN Card, Board Resolution in case of Company and photo ID, address proof are required to be submitted along with EMD, which is payable by way of RTGS/NEFT/DD in the name of MSME AUCTION POOL ACCOUNT OF AU Small Finance Bank Limited, Current account No. 1921201121711599 AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED Fifth and Sixth Floor Sunny Big Junction STC Khasra No. 64 to 67, Gram Sukhaura New Atish Market Jaipur 302020, IFSC Code: AUBL0002011. Once an Online Bid is submitted, same cannot be withdrawn. Further any EMD submitted by bidder will be required to send the UTR/Ref no./DD no. of the RTGS/NEFT/DD with a copy of cancelled cheque on the following email IDs i.e. auctions@aubank.in
- All interested participants / bidders are requested to visit the website <https://sarfaesi.auctiontigger.net> & <https://www.aubank.in/bank-auction> for further details including Terms & Conditions, to take part in e-auction sale proceeding and are also advised to contact e-mail of auctions@aubank.in

Please Note: This is also a 15 days notice Under Rule 8(6) read with Rule 9(1) to the Borrowers/Co Borrowers/Mortgagors of the above said loan account about sale through tender / inter se bidding on the above-mentioned date. The property will be sold, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full by the borrower in the given notice period.

Date : 04/10/2025
 Place : Himachal
 Authorised Officer
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NEWS BRIEF

Singh Sahib Giani Harpreet Singh, massive relief operations for flood victims continue: Makhan Brar
JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA MOGA: The Shiromani Akali Dal (Punjab) has announced a historic level of support for families affected by the recent floods, under the leadership of Singh Sahib Giani Harpreet Singh. Party Chief Spokesperson Barjinder Singh Makhan Brar stated that, in the first phase, the party has decided to provide Rs 10 crore in relief to help affected families rebuild their lives. Additionally, as part of immediate assistance, the distribution of 1 lakh litres of diesel has already begun. Makhan Brar announced that 4,500 affected families will be given Rs 10,000 per family as subsistence allowance. In a major religious support initiative, he further announced that 1,000 Granthi Singhs will receive Rs 5,000 per month for six months to help them sustain their households without interruption.

Stray Animals make roads dangerous: BJP leader demands immediate action

VERMA GURDASPUR: The rising number of stray animals in Pathankot city has become a serious concern for local residents. It has become common to see cows, bulls, and stray dogs roaming freely on the streets. These animals are causing frequent accidents, creating a sense of fear among the public. Their presence is not limited to the main markets but has also spread into residential areas, yet the administration has failed to take any concrete steps. On this issue, Sachin Sharma, Secretary of Mandal Sujampur (BJP), expressed strong displeasure. He stated, "Due to the increasing number of stray animals, the public feels unsafe, but the administration should immediately launch a campaign to relocate these animals to safe areas. If timely action is not taken, major accidents could occur."

Cabinet Minister Sanjeev Arora inaugurates Saras Mela-2025

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, OCT 4

The Saras Mela-2025, showcasing India's ancient culture, craftsmanship, and diverse cuisines, was formally inaugurated on Saturday by Cabinet Minister Sanjeev Arora. He was also accompanied by PAU VC Dr Satbir Singh Gosal, State Information Commissioner Harpreet Sandhu, DC Himanshu Jain, besides several others.

The mela will be held at the Punjab Agricultural University Mela Ground from October 4 to October 13. While inaugurating the Saras Mela, Cabinet Minister Sanjeev Arora extended congratulations to Ludhianavis and all participants, stating that under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Himanshu Jain, the district



administration has made significant efforts. The mela features food stalls from 22 different states. Arora noted that the event reflects India's rich cultural heritage, with artists from various states showcasing their talents. He urged youth, children, and people of all age groups to participate in large numbers and enjoy the mela. He highlighted that over 1,000 artisans from across India will display their rare

craftsmanship, traditional artworks, and handcrafted treasures. The event will also feature spectacular performances by renowned Punjabi artists, with evenings filled with music, dance, and entertainment. The mela kicks off with a vibrant performance by world-renowned singer Gurdas Maan on October 4. On October 5, Kulwinder Billa will perform, followed by the dynamic duo Basant Kaur and

Pari Pandher on October 6. Kanwar Grewal and Manraj Patar will captivate audiences on October 7, while October 8 will feature a group performance by Gurnam Bhullar, Sweety Brar, Prabh Bains, Asmeet Sehra, and Kala Grewal. The excitement continues with Dilpreet Dhillon and Vicky Dhillon on October 9, Satinder Sartaaj on October 10, and Ranjit Bawa on October 11.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launches PM-SETU scheme for ITIs



CHANDIGARH, OCT 4

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched the PM-SETU (Prime Minister's Skill and Employment Transformation through Upgraded ITIs) scheme and launched youth-centric initiatives worth over Rs 62,000 crore at the National Skills Convocation held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, on Saturday.

The Prime Minister's virtual address was also broadcast live from the Government Industrial Training Institute (GITI), Sector 28, Chandigarh,

where the Annual Convocation 2025 was held. This initiative is part of the government's new tradition of organizing large-scale joint convocations for ITI trainees across the country.

The Prime Minister stated that today's ceremony symbolizes the priority India places on skill development. He announced two major initiatives in the field of education and skill development—the Rs 60,000 crore PM-SETU scheme, which will further connect ITIs with industries, and the inauguration of 1,200 skill laboratories in

Navodaya Vidyalayas and Eklavya Model Schools across the country. The Prime Minister explained that ITIs currently offer training in approximately 170 trades, and over 15 million youth have received training in the last 11 years. This year, over 1 million students participated in the All India Trade Test. He noted that these skills are provided in local languages. The Prime Minister emphasized that ITIs are the workshops of a self-reliant India, and the government is focused on increasing their numbers and modernizing them.

Jagran organized at ancient Jai Durga Shakti temple in Mehraj



RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA): The Loh Tilla Baba Roop Ram Management Committee, with the support of the residents of the area, organized the annual Jagran and fair at the ancient Jai Durga Shakti temple, Patti Kala Mehraj with great enthusiasm. Former Cabinet Minister Sikander Singh Maluka, Sunil Phogat IAS Sub-Divisional Magistrate Rampura Phul, Halka In-charge Harinder Mehraj along with their colleagues attended this Jagran as the chief guest. Jaskaran Bansal (Jassi Baba) started the Jagran by performing puja. During the Jagran, the famous Nav Durga Bhajan Mandali Rampura Phool, Jassi Baba, Raj Masti, Yashpal Dhigra enchanted the audience with the singing of Mahamai's bhajans. The above-mentioned guests said that they got to see a huge gathering in the Jagran and they are very happy that the Loh Tilla Baba Roop Ram Management Committee in Mehraj is making efforts to connect the people with religious programs. On behalf of the entire Management Committee, thanking the guests and the residents of the area from the bottom of their hearts for the huge support received in the Vishal Bhagwati Jagran, President Munish Kumar said that by worshipping Mahamai with a true heart, all our wishes are fulfilled.

Delhi Medical Association delegation visits Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot — historic MoU signed



FARIDKOT, OCT 4

Baba Farid University of Health Sciences (BFUHS), Faridkot, witnessed a historic moment today as a high-level delegation from the Delhi Medical Association (DMA) visited the University on a study tour. The delegation comprised representatives from all 13 branches of the Delhi Medical Association, including nearly 20 distinguished dignitaries from the national capital, among them Dr. Satish Lamba, Dr. Ramesh Datta, Dr. R.K. Tuli, and Dr. Parshant Seth. Prof. (Dr.) Rajeev Sood, Vice

Chancellor, BFUHS, extended a warm welcome to the delegation and highlighted the remarkable achievements and milestones of the University in academics, research, healthcare, and innovation.

On this occasion, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Delhi Medical Association (New Delhi), and Indian Medical Association (Punjab). The MoU aims to foster academic collaboration, promote research initiatives, exchange knowledge.

BJP govt became pro-farmer by increasing MSP : Rajesh Babu

RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, OCT 4

Vice President of Bhartiya Janata Party, Y u p p a r Mandal Punjab Rajesh Bansal Babu while talking said that recently the Modi government has increased the MSP of crops, which is very commendable. He said that BJP is the only party that is fully committed to the development of the country's class.

Babu said that the Modi government at the center, which is constantly trying to increase the income of farmers, has brought joy to the faces of farmers by approving the MSP increase of crops in the cabinet.

Appointment of Head Master at Dayanand Anglo Vedic School, Qadian



BATALA (VERMA): Sukhdev Raj has been formally appointed as the Head Master of Dayanand Anglo Vedic School, Qadian. This designation follows the directive of the DAV Management Committee, led by President Padma Shri Dr. Poonam Suri, General Secretary Ajay Suri, and School Director VK Chopra.

The official ceremony was attended by Principal Anjana Gupta (ARO), Chairman Arun Abrol, Vice Chairman BK Mittal, Manager AK Vaidya, Headmistress Amar Jyoti, and all faculty members. Mr. Raj brings 25 years of service to the DAV institution, including 20 years as a teacher and five years as a Principal at DAV Secondary School. In a welcoming address, Manager AK Vaidya emphasized the importance of continuing to stress quality education, moral values, and discipline. ARO Principal Anjana Gupta lauded Head Master Raj's track record, expressing certainty that he would lead the school to "even greater heights." The entire leadership and staff extended their best wishes and warm welcome.

ASI Rajpal Thakur promoted to Sub-Inspector rank by SDPO Sanjeev Yadav in peeping ceremony



INDORA (PRADEEP SHARMA): ASI Rajpal Thakur of Damtal Police Station was formally promoted to the rank of Sub-Inspector during a peeping ceremony held under the supervision of SDPO Indora, Shri Sanjeev Yadav. During the ceremony, SDPO Yadav pinned the second star on Rajpal Thakur's uniform, officially marking his promotion. Earlier, Rajpal Thakur had been serving diligently in the capacity of Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI). With this well-deserved promotion, he now assumes the role and responsibilities of a Sub-Inspector (SI).

The event highlighted the recognition of dedicated service within the police department and served as a moment of pride for the officer and his colleagues.

Young leader Sukhwinder Singh Kalkatta murdered in Shehna town of Barnala

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, OCT 4

A sensational news is coming out from Shehna town of Barnala. According to the information received, Sukhwinder Singh Kalkatta, son of the former Sarpanch of Shehna, has been shot dead by someone.

According to the information, when this incident happened, Sukhwinder Singh Kalkatta was sitting in a property dealer's shop at Shehna bus stand, where the attacker entered the shop and shot Sukhwinder Singh Kalkatta while he was sitting on a chair and escaped. Sukhwinder Singh Kalkatta died on the spot. Sukhwinder Singh Kalkatta came into the limelight during the last term of the Calcutta Panchayat when his mother became the Sarpanch of village Shehna. Sukhwinder Singh Kalkatta



was a rebel who often posted video clips on social media against the anti-people policies of the governments of the time.

Apart from this, Sukhwinder Singh Calcutta used to vent his anger against the governments of the time on issues related to Punjabi and Punjabiyat on the stages

of Simranjit Singh Mann and Lakha Sidhana. Although the police have not officially said anything about the youth who attacked Sukhwinder Singh Calcutta, off the record it is coming out that the youth who attacked Calcutta belongs to village Shehna and in the past he had a good relationship with Sukhwinder Singh, but some time ago there was a rift between the two.

The news of Sukhwinder Singh Calcutta's death spread like wildfire on social media after which his supporters blocked the main road. Till the time of writing the news, the atmosphere in the town of Shehna remains tense where a large number of police have also been deployed by the police administration.

Desh Bhagat University hosts 5th Pharmacovigilance Week

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, OCT 4

The Placebo Club of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Desh Bhagat University, in collaboration with PGIMER and the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission, successfully organized the 5th Pharmacovigilance Week. The week-long event emphasized future drug safety challenges, the development of safer medicines, and the significance of patient safety.

The program began with a welcome address by Dr. Puja Gulati, Principal, School of Pharmacy. Using dramatized real-life scenarios, participants were sensitized to the risks of unreported Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs) and the joint responsibility of healthcare professionals and patients in ensuring drug



safety. Students from the School of Pharmacy, S. Lal Singh Memorial College of Pharmacy, and Mata Jarnail K College of Pharmacy—affiliated with Desh Bhagat University—enthusiastically participated in a series of activities under the theme "Awareness of Drug & ADR Reporting."

Poster-making competitions, street plays, and awareness drives in Ramgarh village spread vital messages on safe medication practices. Interactive quiz

competitions held throughout the week engaged participants in an enjoyable yet informative manner. Winners included: 1st place – Deepika Sharma, 2nd place – Md Anees, and 3rd place – Harshdeep Singh. On the second day, an oral presentation contest provided students with a platform to share knowledge and refine communication skills. Winners were: 1st place – Deepika Sharma, 2nd place – Muskan Kumari, and 3rd place – Suchit.

FICCI Flo National President Poonam Sharma gifts 10 wheelchairs to Harmandir Sahib in Amritsar



AMRITSAR (AMRIK SINGH): FICCI Flo National President Poonam Sharma received a rousing welcome at the Amritsar airport on her arrival. The members of FICCI FLO Amritsar, led by its President Mona Singh, felicitated her by presenting Phulkari and bouquets. After the welcome, Poonam Sharma and Mona Singh paid obeisance at the world-famous Sri Harmandir Sahib and prayed for the happiness and prosperity of the country and the state. Extending the spirit of social service, both the office bearers donated 10 wheelchairs to SGPC Sri Harmandir Sahib Manager Jaspal Singh, Assistant Secretary Jaswinder Singh Jassi, Information Officer Jatinderpal Singh.

GBIS students shared Joy with the elderly



NABHA (RAKESH JINDAL): On October 1, 2025, Wednesday, the students of GB International School, Nabha, under the leadership of School Chairman Mr. Sandeep Bansal, visited Sai Old Age Home, Patiala, as part of a commendable social service initiative.

The purpose of this visit was to provide love, affection, and a sense of belonging to the elderly. The students interacted warmly with the residents, listened to their life stories, and presented a vibrant cultural program filled with music and dance, which created an atmosphere of joy. The eyes of the elderly sparkled with tears of happiness, and they showered the children with blessings.

Manmohan Garg and Gurbhajan Dhillon become block presidents of AAP in Rampura



RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA): In the list of block presidents released by the Aam Aadmi Party high command, local Aam Aadmi Party senior leaders Manmohan Garg and Gurbhajan Singh Dhillon have been made block presidents of Rampura. As soon as the list was released, there was a wave of joy in the AAP camp. The constituency MLA Balkar Sidhu congratulated the block presidents Manmohan Garg and Gurbhajan Singh Dhillon, who were made block presidents by the high command, and congratulated them on their newly appointed responsibilities. On this occasion, MLA Balkar Singh Sidhu said that those working within the Aam Aadmi Party have been rewarded with positions of authority and no kind of discrimination is done with any volunteer in this party.

Students of School of Eminence Goindwal Sahib also performed brilliantly in district level school games



KHADOOR SAHIB (SARBJOT SINGH SANDHA): The students of School of Eminence Goindwal Sahib, a leading institution of the area, continued their brilliant performance in the zonal competitions in the district level school games held at Guru Arjan Dev Stadium, Tarn Taran. Giving information about this, the in-charge Principal of the school, Mrs. Parveen Kaur, said that in the girls' under-14 competition, Husanpreet Kaur won first place in 400 meters, Harleen Kaur won second place in 600 meters and also won second place in 400 meters.

In the girls' under-17 competition, Amritjit Kaur won second place in 3000 meters and also won second place in 4x400 meters relay.

NEWS BRIEF

"Vote Chor, Gaddi Chhod" signature campaign meetings held across 10 mandals of Payal constituency



AMRISH ANAND DORAHA: As part of the nationwide "vote theft, Gaddi Chhod" signature campaign launched by AICC President Shri Mallikarjun Kharge and Shri Rahul Gandhi, the Punjab Congress, under the leadership of State President S. Amarinder Singh Raja Warring, initiated the campaign across the state. District Congress Committee Khanna President and former MLA S. Lakhvir Singh Lakha held meetings across 10 mandals of the Payal constituency.

Sai Baba's grand procession enralls devotees in Chandigarh



CHANDIGARH: As every year, Shri Sai Dham in Sector 29 organized a grand palanquin and chariot procession of Sai Baba, drawing large crowds of devotees. The event was highlighted by a spectacular performance of "Shiv Leelas" by Ramu Rajasthani and his team from Hisar, whose energetic and enralling acts became the main attraction of the day. Devotees gathered along the procession route to welcome the palanquin and chariot with devotion and enthusiasm. The temple committee chairman, Ramesh Kalra, said the procession began at 1 PM from the temple premises following Baba's midday aarti.

Classrooms come first: Harjot Bains cracks down on teachers' non-educational duties

CHANDIGARH, OCT 4

In a decisive move to safeguard the integrity of classroom education, Punjab School Education Minister, S. Harjot Singh Bains, has directed the Chief Secretary, Punjab to immediately stop deploying government school teachers for non-teaching and routine administrative duties.

Taking strong exception to reports of teachers being pulled away from classrooms to perform routine administrative tasks in several districts, the Education Minister has shot off a letter to the Chief Secretary.

He termed this practice a grave injustice to both teachers and students, while emphasising the need to prioritise teaching duties and ensure that educators can focus on their core responsibilities.

In the letter, S. Harjot Singh Bains eloquently stated, "Teachers are not just ordinary government employees—they are the torchbearers of knowledge and values, entrusted with the sacred responsibility of shaping the future of Punjab. To pull them out of classrooms



and treat them as an easily available 'tail-end' workforce for miscellaneous administrative tasks is an injustice not only to them but also to our children, whose Right to Education gets compromised."

The Education Minister firmly reiterated that Section 27 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, prohibits deploying teachers for non-educational purposes. Exceptions include specific duties such as decennial population

census, disaster relief, and elections to local bodies, State Legislatures or Parliament. "This provision was enacted with great wisdom," Minister Bains wrote, to ensure that teachers' time and energy remain focused on classroom learning, which is the very foundation of our society's progress. While acknowledging that urgent governmental work may sometimes arise, S. Bains made it clear that teachers cannot be the default option.

"Their presence in classrooms is non-negotiable," he asserted. To enforce this directive, S. Harjot Singh Bains has asked the Chief Secretary to issue clear and categorical instructions to all administrative departments and district authorities, mandating that teachers are not to be assigned any non-teaching duty, except those explicitly permitted under Section 27 of the RTE Act, 2009.

In any rare and compelling circumstance where deployment is considered unavoidable, prior written approval must be sought and obtained from the Department of School Education before any such deployment.

Workshop held under Atmanirbhar Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan

SHAHABAD (GOLDY CHUGH): A workshop under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan was organized at Tangaur Mandal in Shahabad constituency. The program was presided over by Mandal President Yadavindra Singh Lucky Rana. During the workshop, detailed discussions were held on the policies and historic decisions being carried forward under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Key topics included



the resolution for Kalsana said that Prime Minister Modi's vision of a self-reliant India is a roadmap to take the nation to new heights. He emphasized that by adopting indigenous products, citizens can not

only strengthen the economy but also contribute to building a stronger India for future generations. The program was attended by district convener of the campaign Ravindra Sangwan, Mandal President Yadavindra Rana, General Secretary Dr. Naseeb, Darshan Rana, Ved Prakash Sharma, Mandal convener Babu Ram Saini, Rajinder Sharma, Sukhjinder Sangwan, along with many senior BJP workers.

Procurement operations in SAS Nagar mandis going on smoothly: DC Komal Mittal

SHASHI PAL JAIN
MOHALI, OCT 4

Paddy procurement operations in District SAS Nagar are progressing smoothly, in a transparent and farmer-friendly manner across all procurement centres.

Divulging the details, Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal, said that as per the previous day's procurement report, the district has recorded exceptional performance with 39,553 metric tons (MTs) of paddy procured against an expected 2,01,199 MTs, marking a 150 percent lifting rate.

Highlighting the agency-wise progress, DC Mittal added that PUNGRAM led the performance chart with



14,960 MTs purchased against an expected 7,9086 MTs, registering a 249 percent lifting rate. Payments worth Rs 33.43 crore were made against dues of Rs 10,00 crore, reflecting a 334 percent payment completion within 48 hours. Similarly, MARKFED procured 10,240 MTs out of 5,0812 MTs expected, achieving a 69 percent lifting rate and 220 percent payment progress. Likewise, PUNSUP and

PSWC recorded 85 percent and 130 percent lifting rates respectively, with payments exceeding dues by 229 percent and 256 percent. Punsup has purchased 8557 MT while Punjab State Warehousing Corporation 5446 MT of Paddy. The overall payment position of all agencies stands at Rs 83.56 crore against dues of Rs 31.84 crore, marking a 262 percent payment rate within 48 hours.

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
No.: PW/ED/PC/TA/INIT/2025-26/4995-99
"E-Procurement Notice"
Invitation for Bids (IFB)
Dated: 03-10-2025

The Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, HPPWD Palampur, Distt. Kangra, HP on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the percentage rate bids in Two Covers system in Electronic Tendering System from approved and eligible contractors/firms registered with HPPWD (E) fulfilling the qualifying criteria along with the documents for the works as detailed below in the table:

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Time limit	Cost of bid document
1	Construction of Adarsh Gram sukh Aashrya Parisar Village Luthan Teh. Jawalamukhi, Distt. Kangra (H.P.)(SH: Providing Fire fighting system in Admin in cum Recreational block, Vocation Training block, Occupants Quarters block, Children Male block, Children Female block, Mahila Sadan (100pax) block, Senior Citizen (100pax) therein)	1,21,60,769/-	2,43,300/-	18 Months	2000/-
2	Construction of Adarsh Gram sukh Aashrya Parisar Village Luthan Teh. Jawalamukhi, Distt. Kangra (H.P.)(SH: Providing for LAN & EPABX system in Admin in cum Recreational block, Vocation Training block, Occupants Quarters block, Children Male block, Children Female block, Mahila Sadan (100pax) block, Senior Citizen (100pax) therein)	29,93,307/-	59,900/-	18 Months	1500/-
3	Construction of Adarsh Gram sukh Aashrya Parisar Village Luthan Teh. Jawalamukhi, Distt. Kangra (H.P.)(SH: Providing for fire Alarm system in Admin in cum Recreational block, Vocation Training block, Occupants Quarters block, Children Male block, Children Female block, Mahila Sadan (100pax) block, Senior Citizen (100pax) therein)	79,44,065/-	1,58,900/-	18 Months	2000/-
4	Construction of Adarsh Gram sukh Aashrya Parisar Village Luthan Teh. Jawalamukhi, Distt. Kangra (H.P.)(SH: Providing for CCTV system in Admin in cum Recreational block, Vocation Training block, Occupants Quarters block, Children Male block, Children Female block, Mahila Sadan (100pax) block, Senior Citizen (100pax) therein)	50,87,560/-	1,01,800/-	18 Months	2000/-

Key/Critical Dates: Publish Date/Time: 15-10-2025 5:00 PM
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Bid Submission End Date/Time: 22-10-2025 11:00 AM
Bid Opening Date/Time: 22-10-2025 11:30 AM

The bidders are advised to note other details and terms & conditions of tenders from the departmental website www.hptenders.gov.in.

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Essay Writing competition held to celebrate Wildlife Week



CHANDIGARH: Maharishi Dayanand Public School, Daria, organized an essay Writing competition on wildlife in collaboration with the Environment Department, Chandigarh Administration. Students in the competition emphasized the need to conserve wildlife by planting more trees. Forests are our wealth. If we all want prosperity and happiness in our lives, we must clean the environment. Only by maintaining cleanliness can we lead a healthy life. Trees and plants are invaluable treasures.

We must all contribute to creating a clean environment by planting as many trees as possible. Factory waste should not be dumped into rivers and drains, as this can be fatal for wildlife. Students expressed their love for plants, animals, birds, and other creatures. We should also be attached to them. We should not disturb the lives of wild animals. We must develop forest resources only to ensure the safety of wild animals. Everyone's cooperation is essential in this endeavor.

In this competition, Anushka was awarded first, Srishti second, Vineeta Rajput third, and Raunak Mishra received the consolation prize. School Vice Principal Anju Modgil explained that the main objective of this competition was to promote wildlife conservation and to raise awareness about the importance of wildlife.

Ramleela concludes with grand Rajtilak in Ladwa



LADWA (RINKU SAINI): The Shri Ram Hanuman Ramleela Committee staged the grand finale of Ramleela near Thakur Devi School on Friday night, culminating with the coronation (Rajtilak) of Lord Shri Ram. Social worker Sunil Garg was the chief guest for the ceremony. The month-long Ramleela, which began on September 18, showcased various episodes from Lord Ram's life, highlighting his birth, purpose, and character.

During the Rajtilak, Sunil Garg crowned Lord Ram in the presence of Pundit Naresh Nautiyal, who conducted rituals and chanting. The performance revisited Lord Ram's 14-year journey, paid tribute to companions who sacrificed their lives in the Lanka war, and acknowledged Hanuman's contributions. A musical presentation, "Shri Ram Janaki Baithe Hain Mere Seene Mein," performed by Onik Papneja as Hanuman, was widely appreciated by the audience.

Committee patron Jogdhyan praised the event, noting that Ramleela promotes Indian culture and imparts valuable lessons from Lord Ram's life. The committee honored Sunil Garg with a plaque and memento for his contribution.

DIRECTORATE OF PUNJAB STATE LOTTERIES
Draw Time: 08:00 PM ONWARDS DATE: 04/10/2025

RESULT OF PUNJAB STATE DEAR 200 MONTHLY LOTTERY
MRP Rs 200/- Per Ticket

1st Prize Amount (1) Rs. 1.50 Crore (On 6 digits)
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 10 Lakh + Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 5 Lakh, Total Prize Amount Rs. 1.65 Crore)
659770

2nd Prize Amount (1) Rs. 10 Lakh (On 6 digits)
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 1 Lakh + Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 50 Thousand, Total Prize Amount Rs. 1.150 Lakh)
740042

3rd Prize Amount (1) Rs. 5 Lakh (On 6 digits)
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 50 Thousand + Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 20 Thousand, Total Prize Amount Rs. 7.0 Lakh)
855852

4th Prize Amount (500) Rs. 5,000/- (On last 4 digits)
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 500/-, Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 50/-, Total Prize Amount Rs. 550/- Each)
1202 2905 3041 3245 3350 4052 5016 5778 5780 6709

5th Prize Amount (500) Rs. 2,000/- (On last 4 digits)
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 200/-, Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 30/-, Total Prize Amount Rs. 230/- Each)
1818 3271 4087 4196 5217 6560 6861 6924 7567 9879

6th Prize Amount (500) Rs. 1000/- (On last 4 digits)
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 100/-, Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 1120/- Each)
1984 2360 3951 4271 4479 4542 4759 4864 6268 6901

7th Prize Amount (20000) Rs. 500/- (On last 4 digits)
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 50/-, Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 10/-, Total Prize Amount Rs. 60/- Each)
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DIRECTORATE OF PUNJAB STATE LOTTERIES
Draw Time: 06:00 PM ONWARDS DATE: 04/10/2025

RESULT OF PUNJAB STATE DEAR 50 JACKAL SATURDAY WEEKLY LOTTERY
MRP Rs 50/- Per Ticket

1st Prize Amount (1) Rs. 25 Lakhs (On 5 digits with serials)
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 1 Lakh + Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 25 Thousand, Total Prize Amount Rs. 26.25 Lakhs)
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2nd Prize Amount (50) Rs. 9,000/- (On 5 digits)
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 1000/-, Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 100/-, Total Prize Amount Rs. 10,100/- each)
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3rd Prize Amount (250) Rs. 5,000/- (On Last 4 digits)
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 500/-, Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 100/-, Total Prize Amount Rs. 5,600/- each)
3334 3854 5908 6143 9509

4th Prize Amount (500) Rs. 2,000/- (On last 4 digits)
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 200/-, Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 50/-, Total Prize Amount Rs. 2,500/- each)
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5th Prize Amount (500) Rs. 1000/- (On last 4 digits)
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 100/-, Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 50/-, Total Prize Amount Rs. 1,500/- each)
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6th Prize Amount (500) Rs. 500/- (On last 4 digits)
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 50/-, Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 20/-, Total Prize Amount Rs. 70/- each)
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7th Prize Amount (40,000) Rs. 100/- (On last 4 digits)
(Seller Prize Amount Rs. 20/-, Sub Stockist Prize Amount Rs. 80/-, Total Prize Amount Rs. 125/- each)
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Divyanka Tripathi open up on being 'brand conscious'

MUMBAI : Television superstar Divyanka Tripathi Dahiya, who has been one of the most popular faces on Indian television, recently shared her views on fashion and brands in an exclusive conversation with a news agency.

When asked whether she considers herself brand-conscious, Divyanka was clear with her reply, "No, I am not much of a brand-conscious person." I prefer to take things that I like, irrespective of their brand. If it appeals to me, that's more important. Whatever suits me and whatever I like is what I go for, irrespective of the label," she said.

Speaking further about what fashion means to her, Divyanka, while stressing comfort over labels, told a news agency, "Fashion, to me, is anything that is comfortable." Yes, it should be appealing to the eyes, but most importantly, it should be comfortable for me. Anything that is comfortable yet appealing is fashion, be it simple or extravagant," the actress explained.

Often seen in elegant Indian wear at public appearances, Divyanka has built an image of someone who blends traditional style with contemporary choices. On the career front, Divyanka has been a part of several successful television shows. She rose to fame with the short "Banoo Mein Teri Dulhan" and later became one of the most beloved characters on Indian television with her role as Dr. Ishita Bhalla in "Yeh Hai Mohabbatein". Fondly called Ishita by her fans, her on-screen camaraderie with little Ruhi, played by Ruhaniqa Dhawan, struck an emotional chord with the audiences and became one of the highlights of the show.

In her personal life, Divyanka married actor Vivek Dahiya in 2016. Since then, the couple have been admired for giving fans major fitness and travel goals through their social media posts. Whether it is exploring new destinations or sharing glimpses of their workout sessions, the couple continues to remain one of television's most loved pairs.

Shweta Tiwari, Ronit Roy recreate Kasautii Zindagi Ki magic as Prerna & Rishabh Bajaj

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Star Parivaar Awards, and the occasion saw a nostalgic moment for television fans as well as Shweta Tiwari and Ronit Roy, who performed on the title track of the iconic series "Kasautii Zindagi Ki".

The two stars, who played Prerna Sharma and Rishabh Bajaj in the show, recreated the song – the title track of the show, "Chaahat Ke Safar Mein", which originally featured Shweta Tiwari with co-actor Cezanne Khan.

For the performance, shared by Star Plus on their social media account, Shweta Tiwari was seen wearing a striking red gown. The choice of colour resonated deeply with fans, as red played a symbolical role throughout the show's run. In the original show, red was used to amplify themes of love and emotion, most memorably through the recurring motif of a red dupatta.

During romantic or emotional moments between Prerna and Anurag Basu, the dupatta would appear dramatically, becoming a visual symbol of their enduring love. "Kasautii Zindagi Ki" first aired in 2001 and ran successfully on Star Plus until 2008. Produced by Ekta Kapoor and Shobha Kapoor under Balaji Tele-



films, the show was directed by Santaram Verma. It quickly became one of the most popular daily shows in Indian television history, enjoying a seven-year run. The series followed the journey of Prerna Sharma, played by Shweta Tiwari, and Anurag Basu, portrayed by Cezanne Khan. Their love story, filled with separation, sacrifice, and challenges, became the backbone of the show. Ronit Roy joined the cast later as Rishabh Bajaj, a character that grew immensely popular and created another memorable pairing with Prerna. While the reunion performance was received with enthusiasm, several fans took to the comment section on social media to express that they missed Cezanne Khan, who originally starred opposite Shweta Tiwari in a title track.

Navjot Singh Sidhu on judging IGT: Youngsters take to drugs, the show teaches to channelise energies in right direction

Politician-turned-entertainer Navjot Singh Sidhu is all set to judge the talent show "India's Got Talent". Talking to a news agency, Navjot Singh Sidhu explained how his main motivation is to channelise the energy of today's misguided youngsters.

When the news agency asked him about the USP of the show that attracted him, Sidhu said, "Nothing motivates me more than honouring merit, number one. Number two, it is just passing on the mantle to the younger generation."

He further elaborated, "How do you change the younger generation? Do you change the younger generation by intimidating them, reprimanding them? No. You change the younger generation by their thought process, and your thoughts are the real interpreters of your actions."

He added, "You are what you think. There's nothing good or bad. It's the thinking that makes it so. 'All men have eyes; few have the vision.' Therefore, to give them a vision, to make them better, and to be able to facilitate them to live their dreams, fulfil them through proper means. And I am used to getting highs out of hitting sixes."

Talking about the young generation, Sidhu said, "There are youngsters today who will take to the bottle, take to drugs. IGT – India's Got Talent – is a living example of how energies must be channelised in the right direction. The younger generation must be channelled through something which is constructive, something which is positive, and something which benefits their health."

He elaborated, "If you look at how beautiful chiselled bodies people have, who work acrobatics on those poles, which I used to see in a circus. There are novel ideas where light is used for painting. There are madaris coming in the show. There are magicians performing tricks in the IGT. I mean, there's no dearth of talent in India. It needs to be controlled, disciplined and harnessed."

He added, "That is what motivates me. We



don't fight elections or the next election. We fight elections for the next generation. That's why passing on your experiences, your gauntlet, to the younger generation is the greatest thought process for anyone."

Sidhu further elaborated on how IGT motivates and gives a platform to every single talent. "The bane of Indian society is that merit is seldom honoured, but IGT honours true, genuine, meritorious people. And you see, there is no "sifarish"; there is nothing of that sort. All that matters is that the good must go ahead; they must get a shot at winning the title. And comparatively, those who are not up to the mark have to be deleted.

That's the kind of rule that exists in the jungle also, the survival of the fittest, right?"

He concluded saying, "And the biggest room in this world is a room for improvement. This is what IGT stands for: I mean, this is the 11th season of IGT. You could have a 100th or a 200th IGT. Yet, the talent will never diminish. It's like an ocean, never satiated. You keep digging for genuine talent and keep finding one because there are wings that people have given to their aspirations. That's what IGT stands for." He exclaimed, "IGT stands to spread its wings!" India's Got Talent in its 11th season will feature Navjot Singh Sidhu, Malaika Arora and Shaan on the judging panel.

Celebrities Shine at the Grand Opening of Anytime Fitness' New Club on Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana



LUDHIANA: Anytime Fitness India, the world's fastest-growing fitness franchise, has unveiled its newest club on Ferozepur Road, Ludhiana, marking another milestone in its expansion journey across the country. The launch also represents the 6th club owned by Mr. Naveen Grover and Mr. Manu Grover and their 4th club in Ludhiana, reaffirming their commitment to building a strong fitness community in the city.

The new club brings a unique distinction to Ludhiana as the city's first-ever 24x7 gym, equipped with world-class training facilities, personal coaching, and diverse group workout programs. Designed to make fitness accessible, inclusive, and community-driven, the club caters to individuals across all age groups and fitness levels.

The grand opening celebration on October 4 was a star-studded affair, graced by renowned celebrities including Gulshan Grover, Simran Sachdeva, Monica Bedi, Shahbaz Khan, Vindu

Dara Singh, Kriti Verma, Upasana Singh, and Puneet Issar. Their presence brought an added touch of glamour and energy to the event, making it a memorable day for the people of Ludhiana.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Vikas Jain, Managing Director of Anytime Fitness India said, "Punjab has always been a hub of energy and enthusiasm, and Ludhiana reflects that spirit. With the launch of our newest club, we are proud to bring the global Anytime Fitness promise of accessibility and quality to the people here. With this expansion, the Grover brothers continue to transform Ludhiana into a hub for fitness and wellness, creating a modern space where individuals can achieve their health goals anytime, anywhere."

The franchise owner, Mr. Naveen Grover and Mr. Manu Grover said, "With this new club, we aim to further strengthen Ludhiana's fitness culture by offering a premium experience where community, convenience, and wellness

go hand-in-hand. Our vision is to inspire the city to embrace healthier lifestyles through world-class fitness solutions."

Setting itself apart from conventional gyms, Anytime Fitness integrates smart technology with personalized support to enhance every member's journey. From Body Composition Analysis to tailored workout plans available on the Anytime Fitness App, and seamless access to a global network of 5,500+ clubs, members enjoy a connected fitness experience whether at home or abroad.

Since entering India in 2013, the brand has expanded to over 170 clubs nationwide. More than just gyms, Anytime Fitness has built a strong sense of community through initiatives such as FitCraft and Be Fit Fest, uniting members, trainers, and fitness enthusiasts in celebrating active and healthy lifestyles. Alongside empowering fitness journeys, the brand also supports entrepreneurs, driving growth while nurturing healthier communities.

Khushi Kapoor decrypts why Shanaya Kapoor avoided taking a photo with her



Actress Khushi Kapoor has given a hilarious reason as to why her close friend Shanaya Kapoor wasn't interested in taking a picture with her.

Shanaya took to Instagram, where she shared three pictures of the gathering. The first two images had the "Aankhon Ki Gustaakhiyan" actress posing with her mother Maheep Kapoor and brother Jahaan Kapoor. In the last photograph, Shanaya nibbled on a paper dosa, eyes away from the camera, while Khushi beamed ear-to-ear, striking a perfect pose right beside her. For the caption, Shanaya dropped a heart emoji. However, it was Khushi's comment that seemed very interesting.

"You're more interested in eating your dosa than taking a pic w me (sic)," Khushi wrote."

Talking about Shanaya's upcoming work, the actress will be seen with BAFTA-nominated actor Adarsh Gourav for the upcoming film "Tu Yaa Mai."

The film, directed by Bejoy Nambiar, will blend romance with survival in a gripping, genre-defying narrative. It is being backed by producers Aanand L. Rai, Himanshu Sharma, Vinod Bhanushali, and Kamlesh Bhanushali. The upcoming film is slated for a theatrical release on Valentine's Day 2026.

Earlier, in March, the makers had released the teaser of the film on social media, and it hinted at a compelling contrast between the lead pair rooted in their socio-economic backgrounds.

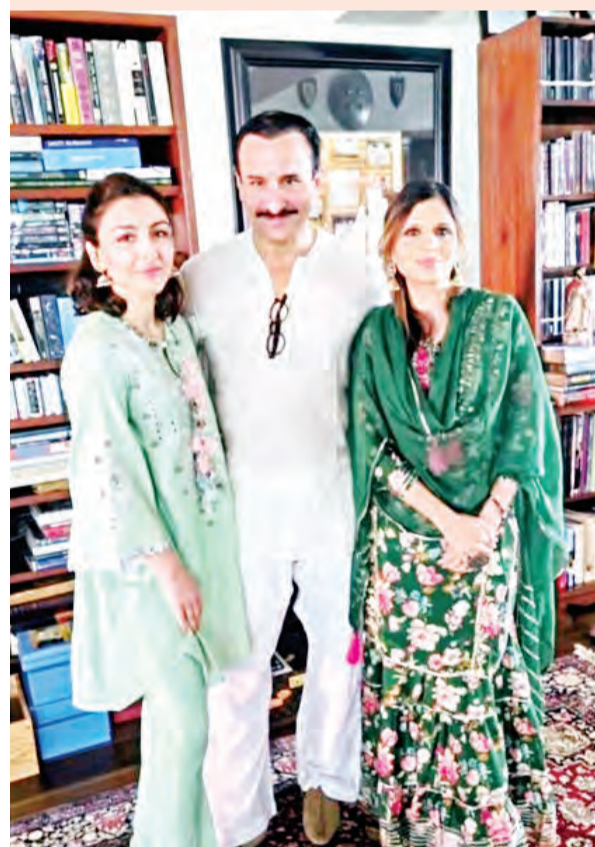
The thriller will feature Gourav and Kapoor as social media influencers who find themselves in a terrifying fight for survival as they attempt to escape a deadly, man-eating crocodile.

She also has Shujaat Saudagar's new film with actor Abhay Verma of 'Munjya' fame.

Meanwhile, Khushi was last seen in "Nadaaniyan" directed by Shauna Gautam. The film stars Ibrahim Ali Khan, Mahima Chaudhry, Suniel Shetty, Dia Mirza, and Jugal Hansraj.

It tells the story of a privileged South Delhi school girl who gets a boyfriend-for-hire to get back at her family and classmates.

Saba Pataudi wishes sister Soha Ali Khan: My baby always



As Soha Ali Khan turned 47 on Saturday, her sister Saba Pataudi penned a birthday note for her actress-sister, whom she called her "baby". Saba took to Instagram, where she shared a string of images featuring her with Soha, mother Sharmila Tagore, brother Saif Ali Khan, sister-in-law Kareena Kapoor Khan, niece Sara Ali Khan and nephew Ibrahim Ali Khan.

She wrote in the caption: "Soha jaan!!! My sister for life. My baby...always. I protect you like a mother. You'll drive me mad...like most daughters (lol)... We'll squabble like sisters! And yet...we also share a unique friendship."

Saba added: "My precious proud frustrating Soha bia, wishing you A VERY Special Happy birthday... lots of love. To alllllll the moments .. old and new, here's a tribute to U! @sakpataudi."

Saba, Saif and Soha are the daughters of Sharmila and Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi. Saba is a jewellery designer.

On the work front, the 46-year-old actress, who is married to Bollywood actor and filmmaker Kunal Kemmu, was last seen in the horror drama "Chhorii 2," where she played an impactful portrayal of Daasi Maa. Directed by Vishal Furia, the film is a sequel to the 2021 thriller Chhorii.

Starring Nushratt Bharuccha in the lead, the sequel also featured key performances by Gashmeer Mahajani and Saurabh Goyal, among others. The film, produced by Bhushan Kumar, Krishan Kumar, and Vikram Malhotra, was released on 11 April 2025.

Soha started her acting career with the romantic comedy film Dil Maange More in 2004. She is best known for her role in the drama film Rang De Basanti, Shaadi No.1, Khoya Khoya Chand, Mumbai Meri Jaan, Tum Mile, Saheb, Biwi Aur Gangster Returns, Mr Joe B. Carvalho and Ghayal: Once Again.

In 2017, she authored a book The Perils of Being Moderately Famous that won the Crossword Book Award in 2018.

Ranvir Shorey, Paramvir Cheema to be seen in 'The Pyramid Scheme'



Actor Ranvir Shorey will be seen sharing screen space with Paramvir Cheema in a new drama titled 'The Pyramid Scheme'. Produced by The Viral Fever (TVF), created by Shreyansh Pandey and directed by Ashish Shukla and Shreyansh Pandey, the series follows the story of Goldy, a restless young man, whose quest to get rich through a multi-level marketing business spiral into a

rollercoaster of chaos-risking not just his future, but the love and trust of his close-knit joint family. On Wednesday, the show went on the floors. The makers took to Instagram and shared pictures from the set.

'The Pyramid Scheme' will premiere on Prime Video in 2026. Shekhar Suman, Aanjan Srivastav, Smita Bansal and Alfia Jafry will also be seen in key roles.

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