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NEWS BRIEFS

Sensex falls 344 pts amid profit-taking

MUMBAI: Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty declined on Friday amid profit-taking in FMCG and banking shares following a six-day rally and fresh foreign fund outflows. Snapping its six-day winning streak, the 30-share BSE Sensex dropped by 344.52 points or 0.41 per cent to settle at 84,211.88. During the day, it fell by 599.25 points or 0.70 per cent to 83,957.15.

Delhi family lose Rs 1.10 crore over fake job, investment fraud

NEW DELHI: A man from Goa was arrested for allegedly duping a woman and her family of Rs 1.10 crore by posing as the CEO of multiple companies and offering them job and investment schemes on social media, an police official said on Friday.

Kunal Satish Helkar, a resident of Maharashtra, allegedly ran a complex cyber fraud network using forged company documents, fake offer letters and manipulated online identities to cheat multiple victims, he said. "Investigation began after a complaint was filed by one Diksha Kanojia, who alleged that she and her family were defrauded by Helkar through false promises of employment, company partnerships and lucrative investments," Deputy Commissioner of Police (Dwarka) Ankit Singh said in a statement.

Pak withdraws team from Junior Hockey World Cup in India

NEW DELHI: Pakistan has pulled out of the Junior Hockey World Cup to be held in India in November-December, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) confirmed to a news agency on Friday. FIH said Pakistan's replacement team for the November 28-December 10 event, to be held in Chennai and Madurai, will be announced soon. "We can confirm that the Pakistan Hockey Federation has notified the International Hockey Federation (FIH) that its team initially qualified for the upcoming FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Tamil Nadu 2025 won't participate eventually," FIH said.

Doctor ends life, suicide note on palm claims cop raped her

SATARA: A woman doctor working at a government hospital in Maharashtra's Satara district has died by suicide, leaving a note on her palm, accusing two cops of rape and mental harassment, police said on Friday. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis spoke to the Satara superintendent of police, ordering immediate suspension of the police officers named in the suicide note. The 28-year-old doctor, who hailed from Beed district and worked at a government hospital in Phaltan tehsil, was found hanging in a hotel room at Phaltan late on Thursday night, an official said.

20 burnt alive as Bengaluru-bound bus catches fire near Kurnool

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KURNOOL, OCT 24

A Bengaluru-bound private bus from Hyderabad caught fire in this district on Friday morning after colliding with a two-wheeler, leaving 20 people dead, most of them charred to death, a senior police official said.

Preliminary reports suggest there were around 40 passengers on board. Out of these, 18 passengers have been identified alive. Police said several bodies were completely charred, making identification difficult.

According to official sources, the incident occurred around 3:30 am. The bus two-wheeler collision triggered a massive blaze that quickly engulfed the entire vehicle.

Eyewitnesses said flames first erupted in the front portion of the bus before spreading rapidly. As the fire intensified, 12 passengers managed to break open the emergency exit and escape with minor injuries. They were rushed to Kurnool Government Hospital for treatment.

Heavy rainfall was reported in the area when the mishap occurred, which may have contributed to the collision. The bus was completely gutted in the fire. Authorities are investigating the cause of the fire.

Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha announced a high-level committee to investigate the tragic bus accident near Kurnool. "The government has constituted



a high-power committee with officials from the transport, roads and revenue departments to investigate the bus fire accident," she said while addressing a press conference. A detailed report will be submitted to

Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu after completion of the inquiry, the Minister added.

She also declared an ex-gratia of Rs 5 lakh for each deceased's family and Rs 2 lakh for the injured.

PM, President Murmu express grief

Expressing grief over the incident, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "Extremely saddened by the loss of lives due to a mishap in Kurnool district of Andhra Pradesh. My thoughts are with the affected people and their families during this difficult time. Praying for the speedy recovery of the injured." The Prime Minister also announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) for the next of kin of each deceased and Rs 50,000 for those injured. President of India Droupadi Murmu also expressed her condolences, saying, "The loss of lives in a tragic bus fire accident in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh is deeply unfortunate. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members and pray for the speedy recovery of those injured."

ED attaches properties worth Rs 67.79 cr in bank fraud case

UNI NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED), Nagpur sub-zonal office, announced today the attachment of movable and immovable properties worth Rs 67.79 crore under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The action targets Corporate Power Limited and its promoters/directors Manoj Jayaswal, Abhijeet Jayaswal, Abhishek Jayaswal, and others.

The attached properties, identified as being acquired through the "proceeds of crime" (POC), include bank balances, lands, buildings, flats, and commercial spaces across Maharashtra, Kolkata, Delhi, and Andhra Pradesh.

These assets are held in the names of Manoj Jayaswal, his family members, shell companies he controls, and his key associate Santosh Jain, who actively assisted in laundering the POC and their family members.

The ED initiated its PMLA investigation based on an FIR registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) against Corporate Power Limited, its promoters, directors, and others for criminal conspiracy, cheating, and forgery. According to the complainant, union Bank of India, the accused company was promoted as a Special Purpose Vehicle by the Abhijit Group to set up a 1080 MW coal-based power project in Jharkhand. The company availed of several credit facilities by submitting manipulated project cost statements and subsequently misappropriated the loan funds through diversion. This caused the loan accounts to become Non-Performing Assets (NPA) in 2013/14, resulting in a wrongful loss of Rs 4,037 crore (Rs 11,379 crore).



NDA will break all electoral records in Bihar under Nitish Kumar : PM

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SAMASTIPUR, OCT 24

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday asserted that the "NDA under the leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar" will break all previous electoral records in the Bihar Assembly polls, while taking a swipe at the opposition INDIA bloc, which he said was led by "people out on bail".

Addressing his maiden election rally in the poll-bound state, the PM asked the crowds to switch on the lights of their mobile phones, and in a dig at the RJD, said, "When all people have access to such modern gadgets, there is no need for the lantern".

Showering praise on Nitish Kumar, who heads the JD(U) and seeks a



fifth consecutive term in office, Modi alleged, "He came to power in 2005, but nearly a decade of his tenure was hampered by a hostile Congress-led UPA government at the Centre, which was constantly blackmailed by the RJD that it would withdraw support if cooperation was extended to the NDA government in Bihar."

The PM added, "The central assistance extended to Bihar in the last 11 years is three times what the state had received from the previous government. The state has turned the corner. It is now exporting fish, a far cry from the days when it was dependent on other states for its own needs. Makhana, which is a famous produce of Bihar, has access to markets far and wide".

Hryhikes DA for employees and pensioners

BUREAU

CHANDIGARH: The Haryana Government today announced an enhancement in the rates of Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR) payable to its employees and pensioners/family pensioners. Those drawing their pay and pension/family pension as per the 7th Pay/Pension Commission Structure will now receive DA and DR at the rate of 58 percent, increased from the existing 55 percent of the basic pay and pension/family pension, with effect from 1st July, 2025. According to the letter issued by Chief Secretary Sh. Anurag Rastogi, who is also holding the charge of Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, the enhanced rate of DA and DR shall be paid with the pay and pension/family pension for the month of October, 2025, while the arrears



for the months of July to September, 2025 shall be paid in November, 2025. The payment on account of DA and DR involving fractions of fifty paise and above shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee, and fractions of less than fifty paise shall be ignored.

Bharat Taxi, India's first cooperative cab service to challenge Ola, Uber

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NEW DELHI, OCT 24

The Centre has launched "Bharat Taxi", India's first cooperative taxi service, designed to directly challenge private players such as Ola and Uber. The initiative, developed under the Union Ministry of Cooperation and the National e-Governance Division (NeGD), aims to give drivers full ownership of their earnings while offering commuters a government-supervised alternative to private cab aggregators.

For years, complaints about app-based taxi services have mounted from dirty vehicles and inflated fares to arbitrary cancellations and sudden surges in pricing. Many drivers have also voiced discontent over high commission rates charged by companies, often losing up to 25 per cent of their fare revenue.



The new Bharat Taxi platform seeks to change that. Unlike private aggregators, Bharat Taxi drivers will not pay any commission on their rides. Instead, they will operate under

a membership model, contributing only a nominal daily, weekly, or monthly fee. The government believes this will allow drivers to earn more.

The pilot phase of Bharat Taxi is set to begin in November in Delhi, with 650 vehicles and their owner-drivers. If successful, the full-scale rollout is scheduled for December, when the service will expand to other major cities. According to officials, 5,000 drivers, both men and women, will participate in the initial nationwide phase. The service will then progressively extend to 20 cities, including Mumbai, Pune, Bhopal, Lucknow, and Jaipur, over the following year. By March 2026, the government aims to establish Bharat Taxi's operations in several metro regions, and by 2030, the platform is expected to include 1 lakh drivers, reaching district headquarters and rural areas. Bharat Taxi will function as a co-operative enterprise, not a privately owned corporation. The platform will be operated by Sahakar Taxi Cooperative Limited, established in June 2025 with an initial capital of Rs 300 crore.

HP: Light rain dips mercury across state; Tabo records -2°C



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SHIMLA, OCT 24

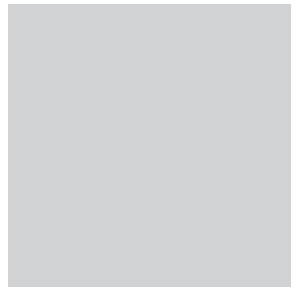
Light to moderate rainfall across several parts of Himachal Pradesh in the past 24 hours has led to a further dip in temperatures, with the high-altitude town of Tabo in Lahaul-Spiti recording the lowest minimum temperature at -2°C, the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Shimla, reported today.

According to the bulletin, light rainfall occurred at a few places in Mandi, Kullu, and Shimla districts, while the rest of the state remained mostly dry. The highest rainfall was recorded at Pandoh (24.5 mm), followed by Mandi (16.2 mm), Sarahan (15.5 mm), and Jogindernagar (12 mm). Minimum tempera-

tures saw an appreciable drop across the state, ranging from -2°C to 18°C. Maximum temperatures were between 15°C and 33°C. Una continued to be the warmest location with a maximum of 32.9°C. Key minimum temperatures recorded at major stations included: Shimla 9.2°C, Dharamshala 11.5°C, Mandi 10.0°C, Solan 8.6°C, Nahan 15.0°C, Bilaspur 13.8°C, Hamirpur 12.5°C, Kullu 7.8°C, Keylong -1.2°C, Kalpa 0.5°C, Una 15.8°C, Chamba 8.4°C, Kufri 6.5°C, Reckong Peo 2.0°C, Bhunter 8.0°C, and Palampur 10.6°C. The IMD forecast suggests light rain or snow may occur at isolated places in mid-hill districts today, while dry weather is expected to prevail across the state during the next few days.

I, Seema Rani W/o Ashok Kumar R/o Hno. 71/24 , Jakholi Adda, Aggrasain Colony, Jind Road , Kaithal (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Seema Rani To Salma Devi. Concerned Please Note.

84451



PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Bhupinder Singh S/O Dalip Singh village Fatehpur Tehsil Chamkaur Sahib District Rupnagar (Punjab), hereby affirm and declare state that we belong to Sikh religion. my son Amritpal Singh has converted Sikhism to Christianity Religion, I have evicted ,Disown him from my all movable and immovable property, now we have no connection with him. If anybody deal with him will do so at own risk/responsibility . I and my other family members will not be responsible for his any deeds.

10004

I, Karamjit Kaur D/o Service No. 247944-F Rank Warrant Officer (Retd) name (Late) Amrik Singh Residing at Vill & Po. Akalgarh Teh-Raikot Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab)-141104 hereby declare that I have changed my name as per my civil records from Karmjit Kaur to Karamjit Kaur but my name as Karmjit Kaur is reflected in the record of Indian Air Force of my said father. Necessary documentation regarding change of name as Karamjit Kaur please be completed. Affidavit dated 24-10-2025 at Raikot.

63372

I, Harpreet Kaur Sidhu W/o JC-297893K Rank Subedar (Retd) Pritam Singh Sidhu resident of Vill & Po. Toosa Teh-Raikot & Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab)-141105 hereby declare that I have changed my name as per my civil records from Harpreet Kaur to Harpreet Kaur Sidhu and my actual date of birth is 16-10-1964. But in the army record of my said husband my name is reflected as Harpreet Kaur and DOB as 07-04-1965 which is incorrect. the Do Part-2 for my correct name as Harpreet Kaur Sidhu and DOB as 16-10-1964 be published. Affidavit dated 23 Oct 2025 at Raikot.

63372

I, Kulwant Kaur legally mother of army no JC424835F, Rank Nb Sub Shamsher Singh R/O Vill Machhrauli, P.O. Sharifgarh, Tehsil Shahabad, District Kurukshetra, Pin 136135, Haryana declares that in my son army records my DOB is wrongly recorded as 19.07.1962 instead of 01.01.1955. But My correct DOB is 01.01.1955

63372

I Danish Kumar S/o Hari Om R/o 416, 9, Balloki Road, Sant Vihar, Ludhiana declares that our father Hari Om lives separate from me, my mother Renu Abrol, sister Pratibha Khosla, Ranjana and he has no concern with us. So we break our all relations with said Hari Om. We shall not responsible if anybody deals with Hari Om in future.

63372

I, Smt. Surjeet Kaur Wd/o Late: Shri Jasmal Singh Rank: Sepoy, Ex. No. 1184541P Resident of House No. 228 Ward No. 6 Mohalla-Jattpura, Sirhind City, District Fatehgarh Sahib State Punjab Pin-140406, I have changed my name Sarjit Kaur to Surjeet Kaur entered my wrong DOB 28 May 1937 in my husband Jasmal Singh's army PPO Book while correct DOB is 18 June 1945.

63372

In My Son's Army Service Record 18015029P Rank NK Name Pankaj , My Name Recorded as Bala Rani. Whereas my Correct Name is Balwatti Which is Also recorded in my Aadhar Card & Other Documents. Hence I Should be known only by the name Balwatti W/o Shamsher Singh R/o Jaildar Patti , Ward No 7 , Kalayat Distt. Kaithal (Haryana)

84451

I , Sheela W/o Satbir Singh R/o Kala Patti , Kurar Tehsil Kalayat Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Sheela To Sheela Rani. Please Known me as Sheela Rani in Future. Concerned Please Note.

84451



PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Balwinder Kaur (Aadhaar No: 2329 3372 2912) W/o Amarjit Singh R/o House No: 1202, EXT-5, Sector-125, Sunny Enclave Kharar (Mohali) declare that my son Gagandeep Singh, Daughter-in-Law Manveer Kaur and Grand Daughter Bhavnoor Kaur are not under my control. I disown all the above from all my movable and immovable properties. I and my family have no relation with them. The person who deals with them will be himself responsible.

100071

ਮੈਂ ਨਿਰਮਲ ਕੁਮਾਰੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਅਸ਼ੋਕ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਵਾਸੀ ਸੁੰਦਰ ਨਗਰ ਢਾਂਗੂ ਰੋਡ ਪਠਾਨਕੋਟ, ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਅਤੇ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪਠਾਨਕੋਟ ਬਿਮਾਨ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰੇ ਦੋ ਬੇਟੇ ਅਕਸ਼ ਮਹਾਜਨ, ਵਿਕਾਸ ਮਹਾਜਨ ਅਤੇ ਇਕ ਧੀ ਨਿਤਿਕਾ ਮਹਾਜਨ ਹਨ। ਮੇਰਾ ਛੋਟਾ ਬੇਟਾ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਮਹਾਜਨ, ਉਸ ਦੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਤਰੁਣਾ ਅਤੇ ਉਸ ਦਾ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਅਕਸ਼ਤਮ ਮਹਾਜਨ ਤਿੰਨੋਂ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਨ। ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਵੁਖੀ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਮੈਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਤਿੰਨੋਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕਿਸਮ ਦਾ ਲੈਣ-ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

989666

We, Bajjit Kaur Wd/o Amarjit Singh S/o Mehar Singh R/o Vill: Rohira Teh-Ahmedgarh Distt. Malerkotla declare that my son Harpreet Singh and his wife Amanpreet Kaur and grand-son Mankirat Singh is out of my control. So I disown with them from my moveable/immovable property. If anybody dealing with them at his/her own risk.

63372

I, Army No. JC-297893K Rank Subedar (Retd) Pritam Singh Sidhu S/o (Late) Shri Inder Singh Resident of Vill & Po. Toosa, Teh-Raikot & Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab)-141105 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Pritam Singh to Pritam Singh Sidhu and my date of Birth is 01-12-1958. But my name in my army record is reflected as Pritam Singh. The Do Part-2 for my new name as Pritam Singh Sidhu please be published. Affidavit dated 23 Oct 2025 at Raikot.

63372

I, Dharvinder Singh S/o Karnail Singh, resident of Lehragaga, District Sangrur, state that my name is Dharvinder Singh in all my documents, but my name is Dharminder Singh in the documents of my daughter, Neha. Therefore, I am known by both these names, Dharvinder Singh and Dharminder Singh.

63372

I, Kuldip Singh legally Father of army no JC424835F, Rank Nb Sub Shamsher Singh R/O Vill Machhrauli, P.O. Sharifgarh, Tehsil Shahabad, District Kurukshetra, Pin 136135, Haryana declares that in my son army records my DOB is wrongly recorded as 19.07.1958 instead of 01.01.1951. But My correct DOB is 01.01.1951

63372

I, Namneet Kaur D/o Gurmair Singh R/o 1277 , Dera Gobind Pura , Siwan Distt Kaithal (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Namneet Kaur To Namneet (Given Name) Kaur (Surname). Concerned Please Note.

84451

I, Jernail Singh S/o Gurdv Singh, Village Ghanauri Kalan (Sangrur) have changed my name to Jarnail Singh.

98724

I, Parmith Kaur W/o Kulwinder Singh R/o Village Mubarakpur, tehsil Shahkot district Jalandhar have changed my name to Parmjit Kaur.

100066

I, Ajay Mor S/o Jai Narayan R/o Village Chhattar Tehsil . Uchana & Distt. Jind (haryana) Declares That In My Old Passport My Name Is Ajay But My Real Name Is Ajay Mor. Concerned Please Note.

84451

I, Shambu Kumar Sharma S/o Suresh Kumar Residing At House No.178, New Chandan Nagar Po Kartarpur District: Jalandhar (punjab), Pin Code: 144801 Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Daughter: Anshu Kumar' Age: 14 Years And She Shall Hereafter Be Known As Manisha.

900026

I, Tanisha D/o Rajiv Chopra, R/o Flat no. 702, Block A Hollywood Heights 1,VIP ROAD, ZIRAKPUR DT. SAS NAGAR MOHALI P U N J A B 1 4 0 6 0 3 have.changed my name from Tanisha to Tanisha Chopra.

60013

I Neb Singh S/o Sada Singh R/o Vill Karoran, Kane Ka Bara,Nayagaon Distt Mohali Punjab have Changed my name from Neb Singh to Naib Singh

60013

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Whereas, Smt. Santosh Makkar W/o Late Sh. Ved Parkash R/o House No. 137, Sector 35-A U.T., Chandigarh has applied for registration of un-registered WILL, dated 15.07.2024 of Late Sh. Ved Parkash S/o Late Sh. Chiman Lal, who died on 08/04/2025. As per the WILL of Late Sh. Ved Parkash S/o Late Sh. Chiman Lal has bequeath his moveable and immovable property in favour of his wife Smt. Santosh Makkar as mentioned in the said WILL.

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

Given under my signature and seal of this office.

Sub-Registrar, U.T., Chandigarh.

100010

LOST & FOUND

I, Bholi Kaur W/o Gurmej Singh R/o Harman Nagar Patran Distt. Patiala declared that my sale deed No. 4866 dated 07-03-2011 executed by Swaran Kaur in favour of Jasvir Kaur and Sale Deed No. 223 dated 02-05-2011 executed by Jasvir Kaur in favour of Naib Khan registered by Sub registrar Patran has been lost in Patran Distt. Patiala dated 01-09-2025. If anybody found then contact at my above address/Mobile No. 7973075076

63372

Certified that if is brought to Notice of General Public that Original Sale Deed No. 10626 dated 06-10-2008, executed by Pawan Kumar, Meharban Singh and Balveer Singh in favour of Sukhdev Singh has been lost and if anybody find the above-mentioned original Sale Deed then contact at ADV RP Singh, Mobile No. 9463419781. Lost Information Report SR No. 641321/2025 dated 24-10-2025.

63372

I, Gurjant Singh (Aadhaar No. 5937 1767 6491) S/o Harinder Singh R/o Flat No. 25, First Floor, Western Homes, Near Eco Floor-1, Kharar (Mohali) have changed name of my son Ravjot Singh Grang to Devraj Singh Grang.

100071

I, Gurjant Singh (Aadhaar No. 5937 1767 6491) S/o Harinder Singh R/o Flat No. 25, First Floor, Western Homes, Near Eco Floor-1, Kharar (Mohali) have changed name of my son Samrath Singh Grang to Daulat Singh Grang.

100071

I, Poonam Rani W/o Sanjeev Kumar R/o House No. 181, Assandh Road , Deoban, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that in the birth certificate of my son Ashish my name is registered as Poonam Devi alias Poonam Rani but my correct name is Poonam Rani. In future, I will be known by the name of Poonam Rani. All concerned please note.

100047

I Gurmair Kaur W/O Bhim Singh village Arkwas P O Lehragaga, Teh. Lehra distt. Sangrur have changed my name to Gurmel Kaur W/O Bhim Singh. concerned note.

524479

I Sonia W/o Sohan Singh R/o Village Mundh, Tehsil Assandh, Distt. Karnal Change Her Name Sonia Rani To Sonia.

524479

Regarding Appointment of New Tubewell Operator in Gram Panchayat Holi

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that applications are invited from eligible and interested candidates to fill the vacant post of a new tubewell operator under the Public Health Department in Gram Panchayat Holi. Interested candidates can submit their applications to the office of Gram Panchayat Holi by October 28, 2025, which is the last date for submission. Applications received after the stipulated date will not be considered. Applicants must be matriculate (10th pass) and a permanent resident of Gram Panchayat Holi.

Gram Panchayat Holi
Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Barara (Ambala)

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Regarding Appointment of New Tubewell Operator in Gram Panchayat Tandwail

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that applications are invited from eligible and interested candidates to fill the vacant post of a new tubewell operator under the Public Health Department in Gram Panchayat Tandwail. Interested candidates can submit their applications to the office of Gram Panchayat Tandwail by October 28, 2025, which is the last date for submission. Applications received after the stipulated date will not be considered. The applicant must be a matriculate (10th pass) and a permanent resident of Gram Panchayat Chahal Majra.

Gram Panchayat Tandwail
Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Barara (Ambala)

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Regarding Appointment of New Tubewell Operator in Gram Panchayat Majra

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This is to inform the general public that applications are invited from eligible and interested candidates to fill the vacant post of a new tubewell operator under the Public Health Department in Gram Panchayat Majra. Interested candidates can submit their applications to the office of Gram Panchayat Majra by October 28, 2025, which is the last date for submission. Applications received after the stipulated date will not be considered. The applicant must be a matriculate (10th pass) and a permanent resident of Gram Panchayat Chahal Majra.

Gram Panchayat Majra
Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Barara (Ambala)

100046

LOST & FOUND

I Paramjit Kaur, wife of Mandeep Kumar, son of Bhura Ram, resident of Kothi No. 99, Ward No. 25, Vinod Nagar, Khanna Kalan, Tehsil Khanna, District Ludhiana, state that I have a house situated at Model Town, Samrala Road, Khanna, District Ludhiana, old registry of which has deed number 2134 dated 27-10-2014, which has been transferred by Mrs. Jaspal Kaur, wife of Sukhminder Singh Tiwana, son of Sarban Singh, resident of Samrala Road, Khanna Kalan, in favor of Surinder Kaur, wife of Gurdeep Singh, son of Ajabh Singh, resident of Kothi No. 36, Model Town, Samrala Road, Khanna Kalan, District Ludhiana. Which has fallen down and gone missing from me on date 01/10/2025 at Vinod Nagar, Khanna, which I searched a lot but could not find anywhere. If I find this registry somewhere, I will not misuse it.

63372

I Gurbakhsh Kaur W/O Hardeep Singh R/O Vill. Sikanderpur P.O Panam Tehsil Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab India. I Have Changed My Name Gurbakhsh Kaur To Kaur Gurbakhsh.

63372

I, Anju Bala, wife of Rajinder Kumar Mittal, resident of Street No. 11, Janta Colony, Rampura, Phul, Bathinda, have changed my name from Anju Bala to Anju.

524479

I, Sahib Nain Toor W/o Harpinder Dass R/o House No 6153, Sunny Enclave, Sector-125, Kharar, SAS Nagar Mohali have Changed my name from Narinder Kaur to Sahib Nain Toor

524479

I Gursewak Singh S/o Sarbjeet Singh R/o Vill Dubhali Tehsil and Distt Fatehgarh Sahib have Changed my wife name From Namneet Kaur to Navneet Kaur

524479

I Jagjeet Singh Warval s/o Bhajan Singh resident of Vpo Ghattian Wali Bodla tehsil & dist fazilka declare that I have changed my name Jagjeet Singh Warval to Jagjeet Singh. Now I known as Jagjeet Singh. All concerned please note.

524479

I, Vijender Gupta son of Rameshwar Dass Gupta, resident of Ward 11, Anaj Mandi, Safidon, Distt. Jind have changed my name from Bijender kumar to Vijender Gupta.

98732

I, Usha W/o Jora Singh R/o H.no. 240, Dera Majra Road, Bhana declare that I have changed my name from Usha Devito Usha.

989752

I, Sandeep Sharma S/O Izzat Rai R/O Dhardeo, PO Dhardeo , Amritsar have changed my name from SANDEEP SHARMA to SANDEEP KUMAR.

98765

I Soniya Devi W/o Sh. Kanwar Bhan R/o Village Radaaur Post Office Bubka Tehsil Radaur Distt. Yamunanagar-135133, Haryana have change my name from SONIYA DEVI to SONIYA.

100046

I Rajinder Singh S/o Sh. Balwant Singh R/o Village Bapauli Post Office Bubka Tehsil Radaur Distt. Yamunanagar-135133, Haryana have changed my name Rajinder Singh to Rajender Singh and my date of birth is 15.02.1974 which is true and correct.

989666

I, Kewal Kishore S/o Sh. Sunder Lal Resident of 30, Ward No. 12, Dairy Mohalla, Taraori Tehsil Nilokheri, District Karnal declare that in the School Record/10th Class Mark Sheet (Regn. No. H123/41850/0024 and Roll No. 17187574) of my daughter Nupur bears the my name of mine as Kewal. By mistake my name has been mentioned as Kewal instead of Kewal Kishore in the said document. This is also to categorically state that my correct name is Kewal Kishore.

100046

I Gurbakhsh Kaur W/O Hardeep Singh R/O Vill. Sikanderpur P.O Panam Tehsil Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab India. I Have Changed My Name Gurbakhsh Kaur To Kaur Gurbakhsh.

63372

I Hardeep Singh S/O Jarnail Singh R/O Vill. Sikanderpur P. O. Panam Tehsil Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab India. I Have Changed My Name Hardeep Singh To Singh Hardeep.

63372

I Kuldeep Kumar S/O Amarjeet R/O H. No 6/84 Guru Ravidass Nagar, Mullanpur Distt Ludhiana 141101 Pb Declared That My Given Name Is Kuldeep And My Surname Is Kumar.

63372

I, Harmander Singh S/o Malkit Singh R/o Vpo. Khokhar Khurd Distt. Mansa declare that have changed my son name from Ranjot Singh to Ranjodh.

63372

I Pakher Singh Thind S/o Sh Kartar Singh R/o H.No.53 Mander Nagar Sector-15 Kharar Teh-Kharar SAS Nagar changed my name to Pakhar Singh.

63372

I, Neelam D/o Paramjit Singh R/o Vill: Majari Teh-Balachaur Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Neelam to Neelam Ganger.

63372

I Pridhi Aggarwal W/o Vikas Aggarwal H.No.B-16/33, Pandora Mohalla Nawanshahr Distt SBS Nagar have changed my name from Pridhi Aggarwal to Pridhi Gupta.

63372

I, Harsurinder Kaur Ottal W/O Manroobal Singh Ottal R/O 153, VPO Bondli, Tehsil Samrala (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Harsurinder Kaur.

63372

I Balvir Kaur W/O Nasib Chand R/O Village Jhingran, Tehsil Banga, Distt S.B.S. Nagar, Punjab-144507 India Have Changed My Minor Son Name From Jaskaran To Jaskaran Ralh.

63372

I, Anmol S/o Lal Chand R/o Vill: Tajpur Po. Khoja Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name to Anmol Nafri.

63372

I, Kiranjit Kaur W/o Didar Singh R/o Vpo Rampur, Patti Hoshiara, Teh-Payal Distt Ludhiana have changed my name from Kiranjeet Kaur to Kiranjit Kaur. Kindly Make A Necessary Correction In My Documents.

63372

I, Sita Kumari Jain W/O Mohan Lal R/O # 243/9, Mahavir Nagar, Malerkotla Distt. Malerkotla have changed my name to Sita Kumari.

63372

I, Gurdip Singh S/O Chanan Singh R/O House No. 560, Kartar Nagar Shahkot (Jalandhar) Have Changed My Name To Singh Gurdip.

63372

I Amit Kumar S/O Raj Kumar Vpo. Karimpur. Sbs Nagar 144516 Declare That My Given Name Is Amit And My Surname Kumar.

63372

I Kuldeep Kaur W/O Gurpreet Singh Toor Vpo. Karimpur Sbs Nagar 144516 , I Have Changed My Name Kuldeep Kaur To Kuldeep Kaur Toor, After Marriage Toor As My Surname.

63372

I, Harsimran Kaur W/o Daljeet Singh Kohli R/o 5257 Mohalla Balochan Jagraon (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Harsimran Kaur Kohli.

63372

I, Chandni D/o Satya Prakash R/o Bahori (Uttar Pradesh) have changed my name to Chanpreet Kaur.

63372

I Parmjit Kaur W/O Dilbag R/O Vpo Pharwala Tehsil Phillaur Distt Jalandhar Punjab India Have Changed My Name From Parmjit Kaur To Paramjit Kaur.

63372

I, Mandeep Kumar S/o Balvir Lal R/o H.No. B-18/16 Karyam Road Near Railway Fatak Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Mandeep Kumar to Kumar Mandeep. I have used Kumar as my surname.

63372

I, Sangita Garg W/o Rakesh Kumar R/o H.No.335/1, Near Gurdwara Sahib Jatana, Teh- Khanna Distt Ludhiana have changed my name from Sangita to Sangita Garg.

63372

I, Gurnam Singh S/O Kuldeep Singh R/O VPO Binewal, Teh- Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, have changed my name from Gurnam Singh to Singh Gurnam.

63372

I, Manjinder Pal S/o Manjit Kumar R/o W.No.11, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, Garhshankar Teh- Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab India, declare that my given name is Manjinder and in which Pal is my surname.

63372

I, Jaspal S/o Mohan Lal R/o W.No.10 Garhshankar Teh- Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab India, declare that i have change my name is Jaspal to Jaspal Gangar.

63372

I Ninder Kumar S/o Mohinder Pal R/o Vpo Barnala Kalan Teh Nawanshahr Distt Sbs Nagar144516 Pb declared that my given name is Ninder and surname is Kumar.

63372

I Gurpreet Singh Sidhu S/O Gurjant Singh R/O Khokhar Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Gurpreet Singh.

63372

I Charanjeet Kaur W/O Ram Singh R/O #355, Phase-3, Near Dadi Poti Park, Model Town, Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Charanjit Kaur.

63372

I, Harpal Singh S/o Kulwant Singh R/o Khai Teh-Nihal Singh Wala Distt. Moga have changed my name from Harpal Singh Brar to Harpal Singh.

63372

I Gurpreet Singh Veervar S/o Billu Singh R/o Sunam Distt Sangrur has changed my name to Gurpreet Singh.

63372

I Sandeep Kumar Garg S/o Padam Sain R/o Zira Road, Moga (Moga) have Changed My Name To Sandeep Garg.

63372

I Sukhpreet Singh Dhaliwal S/o Jasvir Singh R/o Nathuwala Garbi (Moga) have changed my name to Sukhpreet Singh.

63372

I, Jaspreet Singh S/O Major Singh R/O Near Ravidas Mandir Village Sharwani Kot Malerkotla Tehsil & District Malerkotla, Punjab declare that My Given Name Jaspreet & my surname is Singh.

63372

I, Parbhjot Singh S/o Hardeep Singh R/o Vill- Kotaga Po. Gujjarwal Distt Ludhiana Punjab have changed my name to Parbhjot (as given name) Singh (as surname).

63372

I Hargobinder Singh S/o Jagroop Singh R/o Vpo Lakha Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name from Hargobinder Singh Janday to Hargobinder Singh.

63372

I Amandeep Kaur W/o Brinder Singh Boparai R/o Vpo Boparai Kalan Tehsil Jagron Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Amandeep Kaur Boparai.

63372

I, Meena Kumari W/o Jaswinder Kumar R/o Vill: Jethu Mazara Po. Karimpur Teh-Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Meena Kumari to Meena Chouhan.

63372

I, Mandeep Singh Aadiwal S/O Kundha Singh R/O Vpo Chuhar Chak Tehsil Moga, Distt Moga, Punjab , India Have Changed My Name To Mandeep Singh.

63372

I, Akashdeep Singh S/o Nirmal Singh R/o Village Rattoke, Rattoke Gurdwara, Tarn Taran have changed my name from Akashdeep Singh to Akashdeep as my Given Name and Singh as my Surname.

63372

I, Manjinder Kaur W/o Sukhjinder Singh & D/o Jaswinder Singh R/o 367-B, Street No.6, Khera Road, Mohalla Dev Puri, Phagwara Declare That my name be read as given name Manjinder and Surname Kaur.

63372

I Sukhjinder Singh S/O Kuldip Singh R/o 367-B, Street No.6, Khera Road, Mohalla Dev Puri, Phagwara Declare That my minor daughter name be read as given name Ganeev and surname Kaur.

63372

I, Ramnik Kaur W/o Gurwinder Singh R/o Flat No. 25 B4, Jamuna Apartment Kharar Po. Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name from Ramnik Lubana to Ramnik Kaur.

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CBI raids DIG Bhullar's farmhouse, missing DVR raises questions



DEEPAK KUMAR MACHHIWARA SAHIB: In the DIG Bhullar case, the CBI conducted a raid today around 11 a.m. at Bhullar's 55-acre farmhouse located in Mand Sheriya village near Machhiwara. The operation involved six to seven CBI officials. Although nothing significant was recovered during the raid, the fact that equipment and the DVR from the farmhouse's surveillance cameras were missing has raised serious questions. Sources indicate that those responsible for removing the equipment and DVR may soon come under CBI scrutiny. According to information received, DIG Bhullar had visited the farmhouse a day before his arrest and supervised crop harvesting in the fields. Locals reported that two transformers were installed at the Bhullar farmhouse, powered by two feeders. While ordinary farmers receive eight hours of electricity, the arrangement at the farmhouse allowed uninterrupted electricity for 16 hours by switching between the feeders. This raid is expected to accelerate the CBI investigation and help uncover the mystery surrounding the missing DVR and other equipment.

Mohali President Shub Sekhon condemns incomplete MC extension

TILAK RAJ MOHALI: The President of the Youth Congress, Mohali, Shubham Singh (Shub Sekhon), has strongly condemned the recent expansion of the Municipal Corporation limits, calling it "unjustified and biased". In a statement, Shub Sekhon said, "While we welcome the inclusion of areas such as Aerocity, IT City, and Sectors 81-95, we strongly feel that areas like TDI City, Balongi, Badhmajra, and others should have been included in the expansion."



"He alleged that the expansion favors areas with local MLA's private projects, excluding developed areas and those needing MC's attention. 'This decision favors specific interests over the people's welfare and undermines fair governance principles,' he said. 'The excluded areas have demanded inclusion for years but were left out arbitrarily. We urge the government to reconsider and include these areas ASAP.' Shub Sekhon added. He emphasized that the expansion should be inclusive, equitable, and serve the community's genuine needs.

Morinda Aarthy Association submits memorandum to CM for development of Morinda mandi

SANJEEV TEJPAL MORINDA, OCT 24

The Morinda Aarthy Association, led by President Juhar Singh Mavi, submitted a detailed memorandum to Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann during his visit to the grain market yesterday, highlighting several urgent demands for the development of Morinda Mandi.

The Association urged the Chief Minister to take immediate steps for the Mandi's modernization, emphasizing that it is one of the key grain markets in Rupnagar district and serves surrounding areas as well. Among the key demands, the Association highlighted the urgent need for a weighing platform and requested that existing brick sheds be concreted for durability. They also called for

World Polio Day observed by Rotary Club Chandigarh and Rotaract Club AIMS Mohali

SHASHI PAL JAIN SAS NAGAR, OCT 24

World Polio Day was celebrated jointly by the Rotary Club Chandigarh and the Rotaract Club of AIMS Mohali to raise awareness about the global efforts to eradicate poliomyelitis (polio).

Madhukar Malhotra, Past District Governor (PDG), addressed MBBS students and emphasized Rotary's pivotal role in the worldwide fight against polio. He highlighted that through sustained global immunization efforts, polio now remains endemic in only two countries.

Rajendra K. Saboo, Past Rotary International President, shared inspiring insights into Rotary's long-standing commitment to ending the disease. He lauded the tireless efforts of health professionals, volunteers, and



community workers whose collective dedication has brought the world to the brink of complete eradication.

Dr. Abha Sharma Joshi, President, Rotary Club Chandigarh, said, "World Polio Day reminds us that persistence, partnership, and compassion can overcome even the most daunting global health challenges. Rotary's End Polio Now campaign stands as a beacon of hope, demonstrating what humanity can achieve when it comes

together for a common cause." Dr. Bhavneet Bharti, Director-Principal of AIMS Mohali, shared her experiences as a pediatrician from the pre-eradication era with young pediatricians who have never encountered a case of polio.

She reflected on the harrowing impact the disease once had on children and families and how witnessing those cases firsthand strengthened her conviction in the life-saving power of vac-

War against drug traffickers, strict action to be taken under anti-drug campaign: Dheerendra Verma



SULTANPUR LODHI (ARVIND PATHAK): After the Punjab government posted the newly appointed IPS officer ASP Dheerendra Verma at the sub-division Sultanpur Lodhi today he held a special meeting with all the members of the Working Journalist Association Sultanpur Lodhi and discussed various sensitive issues of the city. At this time Dheerendra Verma IPS officer said that I am grateful to God that the government has given me my first posting at Guru Nagri Sultanpur Lodhi. He said that I will do my duty without any pressure and everyone will get justice. He appealed to the common people of Sub-Division Sultanpur Lodhi that anyone whose complaint is not being heard can approach me without hesitation. In the meeting Surinderpal Singh Sodhi President of the Working Journalist Association Sultanpur Lodhi appreciated the newly arrived ASP in Sultanpur Lodhi for calling and discussing the problems of the city.

Randhawa lays foundation stone of major water supply project for villages Humbra and Hansala



LALRU, OCT 24

Continuing the commitment to strengthen basic amenities in rural areas, MLA Derabassi, Kuljit Singh Randhawa today laid the foundation stone of major water supply project for villages Humbra and Hansala under the NABARD-30 Scheme, with a total outlay of Rs 49.29 lakh at Humbra.

The project includes installation of a 200 mm bore tubewell 235 metres deep, construction of a pump chamber, erection of a 25,000-litre capacity water tank, laying of ap-

proximately 700 metres of PVC pipeline, and providing 124 household water connections. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Kuljit Singh Randhawa said that the project reflects the Punjab Government's dedicated efforts to provide clean and safe drinking water to every household in rural areas. He added that ensuring reliable water supply and improved sanitation facilities remain among the top priorities of the government. He further mentioned that development of basic infrastructure in the villages is being carried

out in a planned and time-bound manner to enhance the quality of life for residents. On this occasion, the entire village community thanked MLA Randhawa for fulfilling the ten-year demand.

During the foundation stone ceremony, prominent local representatives, Block President, Mrs. Jaspal Kaur (Sarpanch Humbra), Mrs. Saverno Kaur (Sarpanch Hansala), members of the entire panchayat, and officials from the Water Supply and Sanitation Department were also present.

Youth excel in "Sachdeva stocks diamond of knowledge season 4"



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, OCT 24

The Bal Bal Seva Society, under the leadership of its president Harikrishan Kajla, organized the grand conclusion of the "Sachdeva Stocks Diamond of Knowledge Season 4", an event aimed at inspiring youth to embrace Punjabi culture, moral values, family bonding, and respect for elders. During the closing ceremony, cash prizes were awarded to the winners from

two competition categories. The Managing Director of Sachdeva Stocks, Paramjit Singh Sachdeva, attended the event along with families of the 60 shortlisted participants.

The online contest, which ran for two months, attracted 1,188 participants and was divided into two age groups — one for children under 16 and another for youth aged 16 to 30. Contestants earned daily online points for responding to questions on Punjabi her-

itage, waking up early, respecting elders, and spending time with family instead of using mobile phones. A panel of ten judges assessed their performances. At the final round held today at Sachdeva Stocks' head office, top performers received their prizes. In the 16-30 age category, Tania secured the first position and won Rs 21,000, followed by Wavleen Bhatia with Rs 11,000, and Inderpreet Singh, who won Rs 5,100.

Three accused including kingpin in brutal blind murder case arrested



CHANDIGARH, OCT 24

In a significant development and adding one more feather in his cap, under the directions and close supervision of Senior Officers and with utmost efforts of subordinate Police staff, Chandigarh Police achieved tremendous success by nabbing three accused person including kingpin in brutal blind murder case in a short span of time.

Brief of the Case: Case FIR No. 86 Dated 21.10.2025 U/S 103(1), 3(5) BNS, Police Station Sarangpur, UT Chandigarh.

It is submitted that above said case was registered on the statement of Neha W/o Suresh R/o Milk Colony, Dhanas, UT Chandigarh in

which she stated that her brother Akash works as welder. On 15.10.25 her brother did not return home. On 18.10.2025 she lodged a missing report at Police station Sarangpur. On 19.10.2025, her brother Akash found dead in Patiala ki Rao Choo near Bridge Vill Dhanas in decomposed condition. On 21.10.25 the post-mortem of dead body was got conducted at GMSH Sec 16, Chandigarh.

Keeping in view of the gravity of the matter, police teams were constituted to nab the accused. Constituted teams have been entrusted various tasks including examination of CCTV cameras of nearby places, scrutiny of call details and raids at the different hideouts of culprits.

'NatyaUtsav' organized at RR Bawa DAV College for Girls



BATALA (VERMA): Under the stewardship of Dr. Ekta Khosla, Principal RR Bawa DAV College for Girls, Batala and under the aegis of District Heritage Society, Gurdaspur, 'NatyaUtsav' was organized in the college premises in collaboration with Indian International Rural, Cultural, Centre, New Delhi. The Department of Youth Welfare of the college organized this mesmerizing Kathak Dance event in the college auditorium to celebrate the rich cultural traditions of India for promoting classical art forms among students.

The program commenced with a soulful invocation to Lord Nataraja, the cosmic dancer, symbolizing rhythm and grace. Ms. Nayanika Gangani (Kathak Dance Artist) presented captivating performance reflecting the elegance, discipline and storytelling essence of Indian classical dance. Principal Dr. Ekta Khosla appreciated the efforts of District Heritage Society, Gurdaspur for preserving and promoting the nation's cultural legacy. She highlighted that such performances not only refine artistic skills but also instill confidence, discipline and cultural pride among learners. The audience was enthralled by the expressive gestures, rhythmic footwork and graceful movements that adorned the stage. The event served as a reminder of the timeless beauty and spiritual depth of Indian classical dance traditions. At this juncture, Sh. Parminder Singh, District Guidance and Counselling Officer and all the faculty members along with the students were also present.

DC, SSP honour paddy straw management farmers



SANGRUR (SUMER GARG): The deputy commissioner (DC) of Sangrur, Mr. Rahul Chaba and SSP, Sangrur, honoured 18 advanced farmers, who have taken measurements to manage Paddy straw. The ADC, Sangrur, Mr. Amit Bamby and SDM, Sunam, Mr. Parmod Singla was also present on the occasion.

While addressing the gathering, Mr. Chaba said that for the management of Paddy & straw with old & new techniques and to adopt diversification of crop, the various farmers have increased their income and have played an important role to keep the environment clean. "The farmers, who manage paddy and its straw are our heroes, who set aside their profits and think for the welfare of the Public", DC added.

Free medical check-up and blood donation camp at Chaudhary Hospital, Rupnagar on Oct 26

DAVINDER SHARMA RUPNAGAR, OCT 24

Chaudhary Hospital in Rupnagar will organize a free medical check-up and blood donation camp on October 26, 2025, starting at 10:00 a.m.

Speaking about the camp, Dr. Chaudhary said that all body tests will be conducted free of cost, and medicines will also be provided to patients at no charge.

The free tests will include bone strength assessment, lung function tests, urinary disorders, nerve weakness tests, cholesterol and uric acid levels, blood sugar, and other essential examinations. Additionally, a blood donation camp will be held alongside the medical check-up.

Dr. Chaudhary emphasized that donating blood is a



noble act and can help prevent several health issues. He suggested that both men and women donate blood two to three times a year, which can help manage conditions like high blood thickness due to cholesterol or excess blood in the body. He also informed that refreshments will be arranged for blood donors during the camp, and all donors will be honored with certificates for their contribution.

Retailers suffered huge blow due to improper implementation of RBI's new cheque policy - Retail Karyana Merchants Association Kharar

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, OCT 24

Retail Karyana Merchants Association President Pawan Kumar Mangal and Secretary Amandeep Garg have alleged that retailers across the country are facing serious problems due to improper implementation of the new cheque clearing policy of the Reserve Bank of India.

A press note issued by them here today said that RBI had announced a new scheme to clear the cheques within hours and pay the amount. They said that although this announcement was made with great fanfare, in reality banks are still taking one to seven days to clear the cheques.

They said that small business owners who depend on daily cash flow are stuck waiting for payments, while



both customers and suppliers get frustrated. Many bank staff seem confused about the new system, scanners keep failing, and cheques are "stuck in the process."

They said that they welcome the RBI's move to modernize payments and asked what was the point of this new scheme if it slowed down business instead of speeding it up? They have urged RBI officials to rectify the errors and ensure proper training in banks to clear cheques on the same day as promised.

Instillation ceremony of interact club under Rotary Club of Chandigarh held



ZIRAKPUR (VICKY BHABAT): Central at manav mangal SMART WORLD An Interact club consisting of 26 students was established at manav mangal SMART WORLD under the Rotary Club of Chandigarh Central. President of Rotary club central Rotarian Vebhu Bhatnagar, along with Rotarian H.S. Saggu, Rotarian Naresh Jain, Rotarian Mohit Singla, Rotarian R.S. Cheema and Rotarian Jagdish Bansal were present for the Installation Ceremony. Mst. Aarav Narula of Class IX was collared the interact new president and Mst. Agam Singh of Class IX was given the Charter by Club secretary Rotarian H.S. Saggu. The other office bearers were pinned with badges.

The event began on a musical note with the school orchestra, appreciated by all followed by the instillation ceremony, the school choir presented a motivational song. The event ended with speech of the Rotary Club President — Mr. Vebhu Bhatnagar, in which he explained the motto of the club Service Before Self and the need for young children to be a part of such initiatives. The Principal of the school assured the Rotarians that the school will keep on motivating the students to take part actively in the programmes conducted by the Rotaract Club.

Bhadaur Municipal Council President meets Deputy Commissioner Barnala regarding major problems of town

BALWINDER AZAD BHADOUR, OCT 24

Considering it as his moral duty, Bhadaur Municipal Council President Manish Kumar Garg specially met Mr. T. Benith of the office of Deputy Commissioner Barnala and informed him about the major problems of town Bhadaur that have been pending for a long time along with relevant photos and requested him to resolve them as soon as possible.

President Manish Kumar while talking to the reporters said that today I was made aware of the major problems of Bhadaur town such as deepening of all the ponds of the city and getting them walled up, frequent leakage of old sewage pipes from different points in the city due to which there is always a fear of spreading of diseases due to stagnant water in the roads and streets, the condition of Barnala-Bajakhana main



road under PBW has become very bad, due to which small and big accidents have occurred on the road, many roads have become very bad due to laying of new water supply pipes in the city but no officer of the Sewerage Board has paid any attention to this problem etc. and related photos of these problems have also been shown.

He further said that Honorable Deputy Commissioner Mr. T. Benith Barnala listened to all the problems with full attention and saw the photos. Manish Kumar Pradhan said that I am fully hopeful that there will be a solution to the problems of our city as soon as possible.

Goyal honours young player Lavi Singh honoring young talent: Lavi Singh wins gold medal in kickboxing



GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA LEHRAGAG, OCT 24

Young player Lavi Singh son of Sukhwinder Singh of village Sekhuvas in Halka Lehragaga has made the state proud by winning the gold medal in the Under-16 age category in the Kickboxing National Championship held at Solan, Himachal Pradesh. Based on this excellent performance, Lavi Singh has been selected for the Asian Championship. On this achievement, Cabinet Minister Mr. Barinder Kumar Goyal specially honoured Lavi Singh and wished him a bright future. He said that the young players of Punjab are bringing glory to the state with their talent at the

national and international levels, which is a matter of pride. Mr. Goyal stressed that the Punjab government under the leadership of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann is committed to promoting sports. The players are being provided with high-level facilities, training and opportunities so that they can bring glory to India at the international level. Playgrounds and stadiums are being built on a war footing in the villages, so that the youth of every village can hone their talent. Describing Lavi Singh as a source of inspiration for other children, the Cabinet Minister said that the government will provide full support to hone talent at the village level.

Mega blood donation camp will be organized in memory of Jimmy

SUMER GARG DABWALI, OCT 24

The President of Youth Blood Donation Society, Sarvapreet Sethi said that the organization in collaboration with the International Vaish Federation (IVF) and SS Jain Sabha would organize the 136th huge blood donation camp in Aggarwal dharamshala here on Sunday, October 26 from 9 AM to 2 PM.

He said that the camp will be organized in the memory of the late Yogesh Mani Singla (Jimmy) son of the founder of the 'Yuva Rakat Daan Society', Mr. Surinder Singla. A large number of men/women will voluntarily donate blood in this camp to be organized on the 8th death anniversary of Jimmy.

He further said that an eight members team under the guidance of Dr. Harsimran Singh, blood bank in-charge of the local general hospital will reach at the camp, to collect blood from the dignitaries, who will voluntarily donate blood. All blood donors will be asked to donate blood after filling the voluntary blood donation form, appreciation letters and mementos will be given to all the blood donors.



AGENCY SHIMLA: Get ready for an adrenaline-packed celebration in the hills — the third edition of the Paragliding Flying Festival & Hospitality Expo 2025 is set to take place in Junga, Shimla, from October 25 to 28. The skies will come alive with 15 international and 70 Indian paragliders, painting a colorful and thrilling spectacle across the mountains. The festival will kick off with a grand opening by Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh

Sukhu, and on October 26, wrestling legend The Great Khali will join as the chief guest. But the festival is not just about soaring high,it's also a celebration of Himachal Pradesh's rich culture. Visitors can explore exhibitions showcasing local crafts, traditional foods, and vibrant cultural performances. Thrill-seekers will witness serious competition too: the Pre-Paragliding Accuracy World Cup and Pre-Asian League Championship will be held during the festival.

NEWS BRIEF

Focused on importance and necessity of Tibetan General Elections

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA: Tibetan Election Commissioner-in-Exile Tsering Uden held a public awareness session in Gangtok, focusing on the importance and necessity of Tibetan General Elections. During the session, he highlighted the importance of democratic participation and the role of every voter in ensuring a fair and transparent electoral process. The event also included an interactive session with the public, answering questions and addressing doubts related to the election process. Following the public meeting, he held a separate meeting with members of the Regional Election Commission, informing them about the rules and regulations to be followed during the election process and emphasizing their responsibilities in maintaining electoral integrity. He successfully concluded another electoral awareness program at the Ravangla Kunphenling Tibetan Settlement. Upon arrival, he met with members of the Regional Election Commission, followed by a public awareness session in the afternoon, attended by members of the local Tibetan community.

CM announces up-gradation of Barsar hospital to 100 bed

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, OCT 24

While addressing a mammoth public gathering at Barsar assembly constituency in Hamirpur district today, Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu announced GSSS Barsar as CBSE schools from next academic session. He said that so far 20 government schools have received recognition from the CBSE board. He announced up-gradation of Barsar hospital to 100 bed and said that Rs. 300 crore was being spent on the Cancer Institute in Hamirpur medical college. He announced to open indoor stadium and parking facility at Barsar. He also announced to start MA and M.Com classes in local government college and to install solar and high mast lights in various gram panchayats and main market of the area. The Chief Minster said that Rs. 100 crore would be spent for



creating seven special departments in Medical College and Hospital Hamirpur. He said that all the roads in the district were being double-laned and a provision of Rs. 37 crore has been made for Saloni Deotsidh road. The Chief Minister stated that a sum of Rs. 96 crore was being spent on strengthening the roads in Barsar Vidhan Sabha area. Rs. 65 crore scheme has been approved for beautification of Baba

Balak Nath shrine and its surroundings. He said that the BJP government hardly gave any funds for the mini secretariat building Barsar. Our government gave Rs. 16.50 crore for completion of the mini secretariat, which was completed with an outlay of Rs 17.45 crore. Our Government also gave funds for the furniture and library.

Air quality deteriorates on Diwali; Baddi, Parwanoo record alarming levels

AGENCY SHIMLA, OCT 24

Himachal Pradesh witnessed a noticeable decline in air quality during the Diwali festival this year, with industrial belts such as Baddi and Parwanoo recording alarming levels of pollution, according to the latest report by the Himachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (HPSPCB). The Board conducted ambient air quality monitoring between October 13 and 20, 2025, across 12 towns, including Shimla, Parwanoo, Dharamshala, Damtal, Paonta Sahib, Kala Amb, Una, Baddi, Barotiwala, Nalagarh, Sunder Nagar, and Manali. The study revealed that while the overall Air Quality Index (AQI) of the state varied from "Good to Moderate" during the pre-Diwali period, it deteriorated to "Satisfactory to Moderate" on Diwali day due to firecracker emissions and festive activity. None of the monitored

locations, however, fell under the "Poor" or "Severe" category, marking a marginal improvement from last year's Diwali pollution levels. The AQI on Diwali day rose significantly in several towns compared to pre-Diwali averages. Baddi's AQI surged from 138 to 167, and Parwanoo's from 57 to 118, reflecting the highest pollution spikes in the state. Una and Dharamshala also recorded considerable deterioration, with their AQI touching 140 and 120, respectively. In contrast, hill towns such as Shimla (57), Manali (62), and Nalagarh (79) remained within the Satisfactory range, showing relatively better air quality despite festive emissions. Comparatively, the average AQI for Diwali 2025 stood at 99, an improvement over last year's 140. Towns like Shimla, Manali, Barotiwala, and Nalagarh recorded cleaner air than in 2024, while Dharamshala and Una showed a minor decline.

Central govt orders inquiry into smart city's 24.92 crore street light project

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA: The Central Government has ordered an investigation into the Dharamshala Smart City's 24.92 crore street light project. The Union Urban Development Ministry issued this order following the discovery of shoddy work and special repairs worth 30 lakh. On October 17th, Vivek Kumar, Joint Director of the Smart City Mission, directed the Himachal Urban Development Directorate and the CEO of Dharamshala Smart City Limited to conduct an immediate investigation and submit a report. The matter relates to a complaint filed with CPGRAMS. A local resident filed the complaint on August 19, 2025, alleging serious wire theft, poor quality, corruption, and intimidation. The complaint states that on July 16th, employees of HPL Electrical & Power Limited, the company contracted for the project, were caught stealing old municipal wires. It is alleged that old and cheap wires are being used in the new lights. Municipal Corporation Mayor also publicly acknowledged the poor quality of the lights. The complainant also alleged that the company's project manager abused him over the phone and threatened to kill him. According to reports, only 6,500 lights have been installed so far in the 7,000-light project, 30 percent of which are defective. Despite this, 30 lakh has been spent on "Shripayer." The central government has given clear instructions that the investigation report be made available to the complainant and sent to the Ministry. Following this investigation, allegations of corruption have surfaced in other Dharamshala Smart City projects, raising questions about several projects.

Congress, which promised five lakh jobs, now removing staff even from universities: Kashyap

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA: Former BJP state president and MP Suresh Kashyap criticized the Congress government, alleging that while it had promised to provide one lakh jobs in its first cabinet meeting and five lakh overall, it is instead taking away existing employment opportunities in Himachal Pradesh. He said that the process of removing outsourced employees or withholding their salaries in government departments continues unabated. Kashyap pointed out that the jobs of 182 long-serving outsourced employees at Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, are under threat as the university administration has initiated a new recruitment process. He said that no preference is being given to the existing workers, some of whom have been serving for 8 to 12 years. Their contracts expired on September 30, and the university has now decided to make temporary appointments for just one month across its administrative and technical branches. Kashyap questioned the rationale behind recruiting new employees instead of retaining experienced ones and alleged that the move might be intended to benefit certain Congress affiliates. He further accused the state government of deceiving employees in the matter of Deamess Allowance (DA). Kashyap stated that the Chief Minister announced a 3 percent DA hike effective from July 1, 2023—raising it to 45 percent—while the central government had approved a 4 percent increase, bringing the total to 46 percent.



Dharmani unveils Rs 3.60 crore sewerage upgrade to transform Ghumarwin's urban landscape

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY GHUMARWIN, OCT 24

Marking another milestone in Ghumarwin's urban transformation, Urban Development, Housing, and Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani laid the foundation stone for a Rs 3.60 crore Sewerage Improvement Project, aimed at modernizing the town's aging infrastructure and ensuring a cleaner, healthier environment for residents. Addressing an enthusiastic gathering, Dharmani emphasized that the growing population and rapid urbanization have significantly increased pressure on the existing system. "This project will not only modernize Ghumarwin's sewerage network but will also secure long-term relief from sanitation issues. Every household will



benefit from improved connectivity through the use of advanced technology," he said. He urged officials to uphold quality and efficiency during implementation and ensure completion within the stipulated timeframe. The Minister reaffirmed the state government's vision of strengthening urban infrastructure through planned, sustainable development and ensuring equitable access to civic amenities for all. In a

simultaneous push toward improving traffic management, Dhamani also inaugurated two parking facilities built at a cost of Rs 27 lakh in Bajohar Ward, capable of accommodating nearly 50 vehicles. The new facilities are expected to ease congestion and streamline vehicle movement in the busy town center. Highlighting the government's broader vision, he noted that over 75 crore is being invested in enhancing parking facilities across

Ghumarwin, including a multi-level parking project near the Civil Hospital worth Rs 2 crore. Dharmani reiterated that roads, drainage, sanitation, and parking remain the top priorities for transforming Ghumarwin into a modern, organized, and environmentally sustainable urban center. He called upon citizens to join hands with the government to ensure the success of these public welfare initiatives. The event witnessed the presence of Municipal Council President Rita Sehgal, Vice President Shyam Sharma, APMC Chairman Satpal Vardhan, PWD Superintending Engineer Jeet Singh Thakur, Superintending Engineer Rahul Dubey, local councillors, and prominent residents, all applauding the government's commitment to holistic development.

Fourth day of NSS camp: Students learn about balanced diet and health



AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB: The students started the fourth day of the seven-day special NSS camp being run at PM Shri Government Model Senior Secondary School, Amb, with morning exercises. After the exercises, the volunteers cleaned the school building and campus and made the school clean and beautiful. In the afternoon session, Drug Inspector Rajat Sharma and Health Educator Rajesh Sharma from Regional Hospital, Amb, specially came to the camp. Rajesh Sharma informed the students in detail about the importance of a balanced diet and measures to prevent anemia. He told that for the development of the body, we should take nutritious and balanced food. Drug Inspector Rajat Sharma also informed the students about the harmful effects of tobacco and explained that tobacco consumption causes many serious illnesses, and therefore, we should always stay away from it. He also administered a tobacco abstinence oath to the students. School Principal Vinod Vanyal welcomed Health Educator Rajesh Sharma on his arrival at the school by presenting him a memento and expressed his gratitude to him for providing useful information to the students. On this occasion, under the able guidance of NSS Programme Officers Banwari Lal Bhogal and Manpreet Kaur, the volunteers are participating in the camp activities with full enthusiasm.

AIIMS Bilaspur hosts 5th National Toxicology conference – INTOX 2025, setting new benchmarks in clinical training

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY BILASPUR, OCT 24

The Departments of Medicine, Trauma & Emergency, and Forensic Medicine at AIIMS Bilaspur came together to inaugurate the 5th National Toxicology Conference – INTOX 2025, a landmark event held under the aegis of the Indian Society of Clinical Toxicology (ISCT). The conference, led by Dr. Narendra Nath Jena, marks a major milestone in advancing the field of clinical toxicology in India. The conference was inaugurated by Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Daljit Singh AVSM, VSM (Retd.), Executive Director of AIIMS Bilaspur, who emphasized the critical need for collaborative research and rapid-response clinical strategies to combat poisoning and toxicological emergencies across the nation. Day one of the event witnessed an enthusiastic



participation from medical professionals, researchers, and students from across India. The sessions included hands-on workshops on decontamination procedures, ECG and ABG interpretation in toxicology, anaphylaxis management, and laboratory toxicology, each designed to enhance clinical competence in real-world emergency scenarios. A special highlight was North India's first simulation-based toxicology workshop, focusing on the management of opioid, pesticide, and snakebite poisoning — an innovative training initiative that

brought realism to medical education. The simulation sessions provided participants with practical experience in managing critical poisoning cases under guided supervision, bridging the gap between theory and clinical practice. With its strong emphasis on skill-building, innovation, and knowledge exchange, INTOX 2025 positions AIIMS Bilaspur as a national leader in toxicology education and emergency preparedness, reaffirming its commitment to saving lives through science, collaboration, and excellence.

APMC Kangra District donates Rs. 5 lakh to CM Relief Fund

SANJAY AGGARWAL DHARAMSHALA, OCT 24

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has stated that the Kangra Assembly constituency will not be short of funds. Even though the opposition BJP has an unsuccessful MLA in Kangra, the Kangra Assembly constituency will continue to enjoy all-round development. The Chief Minister made this statement during a courtesy call with Nishu Mongra, the District APMC and State Chairman of the Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee (OBC) Department. Nishu Mongra, the District APMC Chairman, donated ₹5 lakh to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund on behalf of the APMC, a contribution Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu highly appreciated. Nishu Mongra provided Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu with information about the ongoing development projects in the Kangra Assembly constituency. Mongra informed the Chief Minister that drinking water schemes worth crores of rupees are underway for the Changar and Palam areas. Similarly, dozens of hand pumps and agricultural tube wells are being installed in several areas. Patchwork and tarring work on roads is progressing rapidly throughout Kangra city and the entire assembly



constituency. During the conversation, Mongra invited the Chief Minister to visit the Kangra assembly constituency, which Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu gladly accepted. Mongra informed the Chief Minister that several inaugurations and foundation stone laying ceremonies are scheduled for the Kangra assembly constituency. Nishu Mongra informed the CM that state government projects are progressing rapidly in the Kangra assembly constituency and Kangra district. Major projects include the Kangra airport, four-lane road, Dhagwar milk plant, Gaggal IT park, and Bankhandi zoo. In addition, several projects in agriculture and horticulture are also progressing rapidly.

Folk performances raise awareness on disaster risk reduction and safe construction practices

KISHORI LAL BAINS UNA, OCT 24

As part of the "Samarth 2025" campaign under the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Una, awareness programmes on disaster risk reduction were held in Amb and Naihrian, where residents were educated about earthquake-resistant construction techniques. Artists from the RK Kala Manch Chintpurni folk media group, empaneled with the Department of Information and Public Relations, used songs and skits to convey key messages on safe building practices. They explained that whether residential or non-residential, all structures should be built using



earthquake-resistant methods to minimise potential loss of life and property during natural calamities. The artists advised that any structural changes in buildings should be made only after consulting qualified engineers. They also highlighted the importance of using high-quality cement mortar, horizontal seismic bands, reinforced brick walls, strengthened door and

window jambs, and well-constructed foundations to ensure structural safety. Under the same series, awareness programmes will continue with performances in Gagret and Shivbari on October 25, followed by Kumeran and Oil on October 26, where RK Kala Manch artists will stage street plays to promote earthquake-safe construction and disaster preparedness.

Rozgar Mela held in Shimla under PM Modi's visionary leadership

DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA, OCT 24

It is a day of immense pride and joy as the 17th Rozgar Mela was organized today in Shimla (Himachal Pradesh) under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The event was held as part of the nationwide "Rozgar Mela" initiative, which is being conducted simultaneously at 40 locations across the country. Under this initiative, appointment letters were distributed to candidates selected for various Central Government departments. The campaign reflects the Government of India's commitment to providing employment opportunities and empowering youth across the



nation. Addressing the gathering, Chief Postmaster General Shri Sanjay Singh said that the Rozgar Mela symbolizes the recognition of the youth's vital role in building a New India. The selected candidates will serve in various ministries and departments of the Central Government. It is a matter of pride that the

Department of Posts (India Post) has been chosen as the nodal department for organizing this national event. He added that the Postal Department, known for reaching every corner of the country, now has the privilege of spreading the joy of employment and opportunity to every state, district, and household through this initiative.

Special lecture on English communication skills organised at Govt College Chowkimaniyar



AVINASH CHAUHAN AMB: A special lecture on "English Communication Skills" was organized at Government College, Chowkimaniyar, under the auspices of the Career and Counseling Cell. The program aimed to develop students' confidence in the English language and to make them proficient in communication skills. Addressing the students, keynote speaker Dr. Shagun Dogra said that English communication skills are not limited to just a language today, but have become the foundation for success in business, education, technology, and social life. She said, "In this era of globalization, effective communication is the key to success, and English is a powerful medium for this." Dr. Dogra encouraged students to practice speaking, listening, and writing English daily to build confidence and prepare them for future competitive challenges.

NEWS BRIEF

Flex boards at Pehowa's main square cause risk of accidents all the time



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI PEHOWA: The large flex boards of politicians and organizations at Pehowa's main square are putting people's lives at risk. These hoardings and flex boards installed around the square are so large that they completely obstructed the view of vehicles coming from the other direction, leading to frequent road accidents. Recently, a young man named Deepak was seriously injured in a serious accident at this very square and is currently battling for his life in a private hospital in Kurukshetra. Locals said that the flex boards obstructed oncoming vehicles, leading to the accident. People have demanded the administration immediately remove all these flex boards and impose heavy fines on those who display such advertisements in public places, so that no one else loses his life to these illegal boards in the future.

Three-day annual satsang conference of Sangat Samatvad starts



RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: On the first day of the three-day annual Satsang conference of Sangat Samatvad, Rajesh Wadhwa, a representative from Agra Sangat, said that the world was full of duality - happiness and sorrow, profit and loss, union and separation were two aspects of life. As long as life goes on according to one's wishes, one gets momentary happiness, but in adverse circumstances one becomes restless, says he. Real peace is found only in union with God and that too is possible while one is alive. A virtuous life, faith in God and Satsang-Nityasan give direction to peace to the mind.

District Administration conducts fogging at various places

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, OCT 24

The District Administration of Barnala is conducting fogging in cities and villages to prevent the spread of dengue, malaria and chikungunya. Also, stagnant water sources are being emptied in different areas of the district. Giving this information, Deputy Commissioner Barnala Mr. T. Benith said that people are being made aware against the spread of mosquito-borne diseases in Barnala district. Also, free treatment is being provided to the people, fogging around their houses, cleaning and other works are being done so that the spread of these diseases can be stopped. He said that already to stop the spread of malaria in the villages, Gambusia fish has



been released in the ponds of these villages on a war footing, which destroys the larvae of malaria. Also, complete fogging is being done in the villages from which cases are coming. He said that under this, all the municipal councils have been instructed to do fogging in the areas under their jurisdiction.

He said that some villages also have their own fogging machines which can be given to other villages nearby along with their villages. He said that today, dengue malaria surveys were conducted in village Vidhate, Mochi Basti Tapa, Gobind Colony Barnala, Gill Nagar Barnala, village Dhilwan, Bhadour and other areas and wherever larvae were found, they were destroyed. Civil Surgeon Barnala Dr. Baljit Singh said that if anyone shows symptoms like high fever, fever with chills and shivering, pain in legs, weakness, vomiting etc., then they should immediately get tested and treated at the nearest government health center. He said that all the tests and treatment are done free of cost.

Jagraon MC President Rana dismissed for misuse of power

SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON: The Punjab Government's Department of Local Government has dismissed Jagraon Municipal Council President Jatinderpal Rana from his position under Section 22 of the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911, citing misuse of power and involvement in corruption-related activities. According to official information, a complaint was lodged on May 22, 2025, by Charanjit Singh, son of Karam Singh, resident of Subhash Gate, Jagraon. The complaint alleged that President Jatinderpal Rana was misusing his authority to facilitate illegal encroachments on valuable government land, including the area of the old grain market. Following the complaint, the Chief Vigilance Officer of the Local Government Department was directed to conduct an inquiry. During the investigation, it was found that Amit Bansal and Satish Bansal, residents of the Old Grain Market, Jagraon, had illegally constructed shops on government land. Acting on these findings, the Chief Vigilance Officer, on August 18, 2025, instructed the Executive Officer of the Jagraon Municipal Council to remove the illegal constructions and encroachments immediately with police assistance. Taking note of the seriousness of the matter, the Punjab Government issued a show-cause notice to Jatinderpal Rana on September 9, 2025, seeking an explanation within 21 days under Section 22 of the Punjab Municipal Act, 1911.



113481 metric tons of paddy have arrived in the district's mandis so far; 99646 MTs of paddy have been procured

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, OCT 24

So far, 113481 metric tons of paddy have arrived in the district's mandis, out of which 99646 metric tons of paddy have been procured and 61393 metric tons have been lifted. Rs 203 crore has been paid for the purchased paddy. The district administration has made proper arrangements for the procurement of paddy and the procurement of paddy is going on smoothly. Giving this information, Deputy Commissioner Barnala Mr. T. Benith said that all the departments should not be lax in the arrangements to ensure smooth procurement of paddy. He directed that the lifting of the purchased crop should be ensured simultaneously. He also appealed to the farmers to bring only dry paddy to the mandis to ensure smooth procurement. For the convenience of the farmers, arrangements have been made in the mandis for clean drinking water, electricity and shaded places to sit. He directed that no one should be lax in the lifting work. The Deputy Commissioner appealed to the farmers of the district to



bring only dry paddy to the mandis so that they do not face any kind of problem in selling the crop. In case the moisture content in the paddy is more than 17 percent, the procurement agencies are unable to purchase and the mandis get stockpiled with such moisture. The Deputy Commissioner, while motivating the farmers of the district, said that the problem of setting fire to stubble is very serious which pollutes the environment and there is also a fear of many accidents due to the smoke generated due to setting fire.

25-yr-old youth ends life by hanging in Nahan

AGENCY NAHAN: A 25-year-old man was found dead after allegedly hanging himself at his residence in Shanti Sangam, Nahan, the district headquarters of Sirmour, on Thursday morning. The deceased has been identified as Pawan Kumar (25), son of Amar Singh, a resident of Dana village, Post Office Barag, Tehsil Sangrah in

Sirmour district. According to police sources, Pawan Kumar, who worked for a contractor in Mandi district erecting electric poles, had returned to Nahan about five days ago. On Wednesday night, he came back from Renukaji and went to bed after dinner. His mother was the only one at home at the time. The tragedy unfolded early in the morning when his mother knocked on

his door to offer tea but received no response. The door was locked from inside. On pushing it open, she was shocked to find her son hanging. Police were immediately informed, and a team rushed to the spot. The body was taken into custody and sent to Dr. Y.S. Parmar Government Medical College, Nahan, for post-mortem examination. Later, it was handed over to the family members.

Run for Unity on October 31 to mark Sardar Patel's birth anniversary



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, OCT 24

ADM Anubhav Mehta announced that a grand Run for Unity will be organized in the district on October 31st to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man, a symbol of national unity, integrity, and harmony. The Run for Unity will begin at the NDRI Gate and conclude at Karna Stadium. Approximately 3,000 people from all walks of life, including college and school children, as well as

representatives of social organisations from across the city, will participate. The concerned officials are committed to ensuring the successful organization of this event. SDM and Nodal Officer Anubhav Mehta was providing necessary guidance to the concerned officials during a meeting held in his office on Friday regarding the preparations for the Run for Unity. He directed the Civil Surgeon to ensure the availability of a medical team, including ambulances, and essential medical facilities during the event.

Seven-day religious congregation begins at Jamli Dham

ANIL KUMAR HAMIRPUR:

The seven-day religious congregation commenced on Friday at Thakur Dwara Gausihala premises in Jamli Dham with a ceremonial kalash yatra and cow circumambulation (gau parikrama). Hundreds of women from Mahila Mandals of Kale Amb, Bhaleda, Gahra, and Ser Swahal participated in the auspicious procession. On the first day of the spiritual discourse, Bhagwat Vibhushit Acharya Pravesh Dutt Shastri from Jubbil Kotkhai said that true peace and happiness come from spiritual devotion. Narrating a tale from the scriptures, he said, "When Narad Ji once asked Lord Vishnu how worldly beings could remain happy, the Lord replied that one should leave dozens of tasks to take meals, hundreds to bathe, and thousands to attend satsang, for it is in satsang, during crises, and at the cremation ground that one remembers God." He added that wherever satsang takes place, the divine presence of God resides there. The event was attended by members of the Gausihala Committee including Raseel Singh Mankotia, Jagdish Thakur, Balak Ram, Sanjeev Sharma, Sunil Singh, Tilak Raj Sharma, Rajesh Diwan, Capt. Kam Raj, and Capt. Pradeep Raj Kumar along with their spouses. The information was shared by the publicity secretary of Thakur Dwara Gausihala Committee, Jamli Dham.



CM Saini to inaugurate Ratnawali 2025 at KU

DALBIR MALIK

KURUKSHETRA: A meeting of organising committee Ratnawali 2025 was organised under the chairmanship of Kurukshetra University, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva. On this occasion, Prof Sachdeva informed that Haryana Chief Minister Shri Nayab Singh Saini will grace the upcoming State-Level Ratnawali Mahotsav as the Chief Guest in the inaugural session on October 28, 2025. Prof Sachdeva added that Ratnawali will emerge as a vibrant platform for the preservation and promotion of Haryanvi folk traditions, showcasing the intricate beauty of Sanjhi folk art along with other cultural treasures and culinary attraction such as Saang, Loor, Phulkari embroidery, weaving, pottery and Haryanvi delicacies like churma, kasar, khichdi, lassi, kheer, poode, gulgule, and sawali. Prof Maha Singh Poonia, Director IMC&MT, informed that during Ratnawali, KU newsletter will be released in haryanvi to promote the Haryanvi language. Prof Vivek Chawla, Director, Youth & Cultural Affairs informed that the event will also witness the presence of Hon'ble Governor and KU Chancellor Prof. Ashim Kumar Ghosh, Education Minister Mahipal Dhandra, Padma Shri awardees, and several eminent film and cultural personalities.



Govt Sr Sec School Dalla clinches first prize at Block-Level Science Drama competition



VERMA QADIAN: To cultivate students' interest in science and enhance their mental development, the Education Department, through District Education Officer Paramjit Kaur, organized a series of science drama competitions. The Block Qadian 1 competition was successfully held at Government Senior Secondary School Dalla under the leadership of Principal Kanwaljit Kaur, featuring five participating schools. Judges Sarabjit Kaur and Amandeep Kaur presided over the event. The drama presented by GSSS Dalla, themed on "Smart Farming," was awarded first place. Government Senior Secondary School Masanian finished second, followed by PM Shri Qadian Senior Secondary School in third. The top three teams were felicitated with mementos and medals by District Assistant Guidance Counselor Mukesh Verma, Principal Kamaljit Kaur, and BRC Paramjit Singh. Addressing the participants, Verma emphasized the need to nurture students' talent in today's competitive era, applauding the students' excellent performances and encouraging non-winners to strive for better results in the future.

Govt should immediately withdraw decision of block reorganization: Public organizations

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, OCT 24

A delegation of public organizations submitted a demand letter to the DC Bamala T. Benith in the name of Punjab government against the Punjab government's decision to separate hundreds of villages of the state from the first block offices and connect them with other distant block offices in the name of block reorganization. The delegation included Dalit and Mazdoor Mukti Morcha leader Jagraj Singh Talwalew, State Secretary of Mazdoor Adhikar Andolan Punjab Comrade Labh Singh Aklia, Dr. Rajinder Pal of Inqilabi Kendra Punjab, Makhan Singh Ramgarh of Mazdoor Mukti Morcha Azad, District President of NREGA Rozgar Pratt Union Comrade



Jagraj Rama, Mazdoor Mukti Morcha Gurpreet Rooreke, District Vice President of Krantikari Kisan Union Manjit Raj, Ranjit Singh Singh of BKU Ugrahan and Baldev Singh of Bhai Lalo Punjabi Manch etc. leaders said that the Punjab government is breaking dozens of BDPO blocks across Punjab and hundreds of villages are being broken and merged into other distant blocks. The leaders said that this exercise is being done only for political gain

but it will not benefit the common people. On the contrary, the residents of the said villages will have to travel 40 to 50 kilometers for their work which will only become a source of economic burden and trouble for the people. The leaders demanded that the policy of restructuring the blocks be withdrawn immediately. Apart from this, they also demanded compensation for the losses of the flood-affected laborers.

NEWS BRIEFS

Farmers express gratitude to Agriculture Minister for Increasing Sugarcane SAP

CHANDIGARH: In a major relief to sugarcane growers, the Haryana Government has enhanced the State Advised Price (SAP) of sugarcane by Rs. 15 per quintal, reaffirming its commitment to farmers' welfare. With this revision announced by Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini, Haryana has now become the state offering the highest sugarcane price in the country. The SAP for the early maturing variety has been raised from Rs. 400 to Rs. 415 per quintal, while that for the late maturing variety has increased from Rs. 393 to Rs. 408 per quintal. Several representatives of farmers' organizations from various parts of the state met Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister, Sh. Shyam Singh Rana today to express their gratitude for this historic decision. Welcoming the decision, the farmers said that the increased SAP would help balance their rising input costs and provide economic relief.

Govt to soon roll out new incentives under electronics design & manufacturing policy

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, OCT 24

Haryana is taking significant steps to establish itself as a leading hub for electronics manufacturing by actively seeking to attract investments under the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS) of the Government of India. The state will soon announce a slew of incentives under its Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) Policy, which aims to offer a wide range of fiscal and non-fiscal incentives to attract investment. In this direction, Chief Secretary Sh. Anurag Rastogi chaired a high-level meeting today to review strategies for setting up electronic component manufacturing plants in the state and to accelerate the growth of the electronics component manufacturing ecosystem.

The Chief Secretary emphasized that the core objective of the state's initiative is to attract major investments, create employment opportunities and strengthen Haryana's integration into the global electronics value chain. He noted that while India's domestic electronic production has witnessed impressive growth—rising at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 17% since FY15—the design and component manufacturing ecosystem remains at a nascent

stage. Currently, Haryana contributes about 2.9% (USD 0.8 billion) to India's total electronics exports and supports around 1.3 million jobs in the sector. Sh. Rastogi underlined that Haryana has immense potential to expand this contribution through targeted policy support, strategic investor engagement, and the creation of enabling infrastructure such as the Electronics Manufacturing Cluster at IMT Sohna.

Under the draft new Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) Policy, incentives offered include reimbursement of capital and operational expenditures, including expenditure incurred for green energy projects, technology acquisition etc., support for capacity building and support for development of research and development and innovation facilities.

Commissioner & Secretary, Industries & Commerce Department, Dr. Amit Kumar Agrawal informed that the Government of India's ECMS provides multiple incentive options, including turn-over-linked and capital investment-based benefits ranging between 1% and 25%. To complement these, Haryana is also exploring the provision of additional top-up incentives similar to those offered by other progressive states such as Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, and Uttar Pradesh,

thereby enhancing the state's competitiveness in attracting ECMS-approved investors.

The Chief Secretary directed the Industries and Commerce Department to prepare a detailed plan in this regard and undertake proactive investor outreach. As part of this exercise, one-on-one meetings will be held with 11 applicants who have already shown interest in establishing ECMS-approved manufacturing units in Haryana by November 10. In addition, outreach efforts will target 50 other companies that are yet to finalize their project locations.

To ensure smooth coordination and investor facilitation, the state government will appoint dedicated relationship managers for each potential investor. These officers will provide end-to-end assistance, including land identification, regulatory clearances, coordination with departments, and incentive processing. Sh. Rastogi emphasized that Haryana's approach would be both facilitative and competitive, ensuring that investors find a conducive ecosystem to set up advanced electronic component manufacturing facilities. Additional Chief Secretary, Citizen Resources Information Department, Smt. G. Anupama, Director General, Industries & Commerce, Sh. Yash Garg, and other senior officers were present in the meeting.

Bilaspur meeting stresses separate high courts and bar councils for Haryana, Punjab, and Chandigarh



PREETI SAINI SADHORA, OCT 24

Bilaspur hosted a crucial meeting of the "Haryana Banao" campaign, where advocates and supporters highlighted the urgent need for separate high courts and bar councils for Haryana, Punjab, and the Union Territory of Chandigarh. The meeting was attended by prominent legal figures, including Randhir Singh Badharan, former President of the Punjab & Haryana Bar Council, who emphasized the challenges faced by litigants and lawyers in the combined jurisdiction.

During the discussion, it was noted that approximately 8.7 million people across Haryana, Punjab, and Chandigarh are involved in legal

proceedings. Pending cases in district and subordinate courts number over 909,499 in Punjab, 1,578,551 in Haryana, and 104,934 in Chandigarh, with more than 428,000 cases pending in the Punjab and Haryana High Court. Thousands of additional cases await resolution in various tribunals and authorities.

The advocates pointed out that the absence of separate bar councils and high courts has hindered budgetary provisions for lawyer welfare. Unlike several other Indian states, Haryana, Punjab, and Chandigarh have not allocated annual funds for the Advocates Welfare Fund due to the shared judicial structure. Establishing separate high courts and bar councils

for each region is therefore essential to ensure timely case resolution and adequate support for legal professionals.

The meeting concluded with a decision to contest upcoming Punjab and Haryana Bar Council elections to strengthen advocacy for separate high courts. The council has 25 seats, and candidates supporting the cause of separate high courts for Haryana, Punjab, and Chandigarh will be fielded.

The event was attended by Randhir Singh Badharan, along with advocates Naresh Dadwal, Shubham Sharma, Ravi Kant, Rajinder Prasad, Ria Malik, Anukriti Sharma, and Pramod Bhardwaj, all active participants in the Haryana Banao campaign.

Grand memorial for Baba Banda Singh Bahadur in Lohgarh, to be inaugurated on Oct 27

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, OCT 24

A grand event will be held in Lohgarh on October 27, the birth anniversary of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur. The Union Minister of Energy, Mr. Manohar Lal, will be the chief guest. On this occasion, the construction of the memorial and state-of-the-art museum to be built in his name will be formally inaugurated. Deputy Commissioner Parth Gupta, along with officials, visited Lohgarh on Friday and reviewed the project's preparations.

He informed that the grand memorial will be built on approximately 20 acres of land in Lohgarh. The historic fort and compound's boundary wall will be renovated, and a massive statue of Baba

Banda Singh Bahadur will be constructed through a global design competition. This memorial will not only immortalize the memory of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur's indomitable courage and sacrifice, but will also serve as a center for show-



casing the Sikh community's glorious heritage for generations to come.

Deputy Commissioner Parth Gupta said that this memorial will become a place of

faith and inspiration not only for devotees from across Haryana but also from across the country. He appealed to the people to reach Lohgarh in large numbers on October 27 to witness this historic moment. On this occasion, Additional De-



ty Commissioner Naveen Ahuja, Vyaspur SDM Jaspal Singh Gill, DDPO Narendra Singh, DPRO Dr. Manoj Kumar, Vyaspur BDPO Aastha Garg, and other officials were present.

Durga Shakti app proves a digital weapon in the hands of women and girl students in time of emergency

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The Safe City team of Mahila Police Station made the girl students and women aware about crimes against women at the Jagadhri bus stand on Friday. On the occasion "Durga Shakti" app was installed.

Police spokesperson Chamkaur Singh stated that, working under the guidance of Superintendent of Police Kamaldeep Goyal, ASI Neelam of the Safe City Team of the Women's Police Station, Jagadhri, alerted female students and women about crimes against women at the Jagadhri bus stand. They installed the "Durga Shakti" app and explained how to operate it. After sensitizing the women and girls, they provided detailed information about the "Durga Shakti" app and helpline numbers 1091 and 181. ASI

Neelam of the Safe City Team stated that for safety reasons, women and girls should upload the Durga Shakti app in their mobile phones and learn how to use it. She advised that if anyone misbe-



haved they should feel free to report it to the police. They don't need to go anywhere. Girls simply need to use the "Durga Shakti" app on their mobile phones. A police team will be at their disposal within minutes.

The Durga Shakti app is

proving to be a milestone in the safety of women, female students, and girls. Due to which there is fear among the anti-social elements those harass women. ASI Neelam told that for the help of women and girls an application named "Durga Shakti" has been launched which can be downloaded from all Android mobile play stores. For security, the police have also issued numbers 112 and 1091, but through Durga app the police will also get the location of the girl who complains. Even if the woman is unable to tell the place in times of trouble, her location will be known. The special thing about this app is that after registering on it, if you feel unsafe anywhere in the state, then use the red button given in it, you will be provided help from the nearest DSRAF point as soon as possible.

Pala Ram Saini files nomination for president of District Saini Sabha



SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL: Prominent social worker Pala Ram Saini also filed his nomination papers on Friday for the post of President of the District Saini Sabha. Besides Pala Ram Saini, Om Prakash Saini, former councillor, Bhim Singh, former Sarpanch of Wazirkheda, Jarnail Singh Kawartan, Mohan Lal Saini, Avtar Saini, and Pirthi Saini also filed their nominations. Election officers Lal Chand Saini, Balbir Saini, and Shashi Saini stated that the election will be held on 508 votes. After filing his nomination, Pala Ram Saini stated that if the community elects him as President, he will work for the community's interests.

MLA and other dignitaries honour BJP Mandal President Shivam Bansal

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI: BJP Mandal President Shivam Bansal was honoured by MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi and several other prominent figures in the area for his continued social and religious contributions. The felicitation ceremony was held near the Tarawari Municipality and was attended by a large number of dignitaries.

MLA Kabirpanthi stated on the occasion that Shivam Bansal is a true soldier of the organization, not only actively participating in every social and religious event, but also playing a vital role in spreading the BJP's ideology through his actions and behavior.

He added that whenever there is a service or event in the Tarawari area, Shivam Bansal is at the forefront. Local residents also expressed their gentleness, friendliness, and service-oriented nature. Whether it's organising a religious event, helping the needy, or promoting social unity in the region, his contributions are commendable. During the event, several senior workers described him as the organization's strength and the face of social service. Dignitaries present at the event said that Shivam Bansal's dedication and spirit of service provide new energy to the BJP organisation.



Students from DSB International School win 2 gold, 1 bronze at Taekwondo Championship

HANS RAJ YADAV KURUKSHETRA: Inspired by Brahmaswarup Brahmachari, the Supreme President of Shri Jayaram Institutions operating nationwide and Chairman of Shri Jayaram Educational Institutions, the athletes of DSB International School brought honour to the school and their parents by performing exceptionally well in the Taekwondo Open District Championship. Aryan Mandan, a Class 7 student, secured first place with a gold medal. Naksh, a Class 6 student, also won a gold medal, while Vivaan Singh, a Class 4 student, achieved a bronze medal with an outstanding performance. School Principal N. Singh heartily congratulated these talented athletes and encouraged them to excel at the national and international levels in the future. He stated that the school always encourages students to pursue sports and international education. Expressing joy over their success, these students were given a warm welcome.



Preparations for Shri Kapal Mochan-Shri Adi Badri Mela in full swing

PRITI SAINI BILASPUR, OCTOBER 24

Preparations for the historic Shri Kapal Mochan-Shri Adi Badri Mela 2025 are currently in full swing. Administrative and departmental teams are working day and night to ensure that the millions of devotees do not face any inconvenience. The entire fair area is set to be illuminated with LED lights, while special attention is being paid to safety and cleanliness. Fair Chief Administrator and Deputy Commissioner Parth Gupta today inaugurated the water flow by performing a ritualistic puja on the banks of the sacred Surajkund Lake, and holy water brought from Kailash Mansarovar was poured into Surajkund. He stated that all preparations for the



fair are in the final stages. Cleaning work has been completed for the convenience of devotees, and water will be sprinkled on the roads from time to time to prevent dust and dirt. To facilitate the movement of devotees, an e-rickshaw service will be oper-

ated from Vyaspur to the fair site. Additionally, the Transport Department is arranging additional buses to ensure easy access for pilgrims arriving from all over.

Deputy Commissioner Parth Gupta stated that the Elec-

tricity Department has installed new poles and transformers in the fair area. Permanent LED lights have been installed to provide adequate lighting around the three lakes: Kapal Mochan, Rin Mochan, and Surajkund, ensuring the fair area remains illuminated day and night. He added that this lighting will not be limited to the fair itself, but will continue to attract visitors throughout the year. The administration is also fully vigilant regarding security arrangements this year.

Along with the police force, over 100 CCTV cameras and drone camera systems will maintain strict surveillance throughout the fair area. Volunteer teams will be deployed to assist pilgrims, ready to assist them at all times.

Udaan Sansthan is ready to help poor tuberculosis patients: Surendra Majri

HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA: Under guidance of Deputy Commissioner and District Red Cross Society Chairman Vishram Kumar Meena, Udaan Jankalyan Sansthan distributed nutritional kits to economically disadvantaged tuberculosis patients. Surendra Majri, president of organization and former District Council member said that social organizations need to extend a helping hand to economically disadvantaged tuberculosis patients. Udaan Sansthan is fully prepared to assist needy and poor tuberculosis patients. Prganiza-tion will also fully support awareness programs run by Red Cross. While distributing nutritional kits to TB patients at Baba Markandeshwar Temple in Jhansa today, Surendra Majri appealed that TB is not an incurable disease. With regular medication and awareness, TB can be defeated. Majri assured tuberculosis patients that they would be supported financially. Udaan Jankalyan Sansthan also organizes cremation ground cleaning and blood donation camps, along with raising awareness among youth about drug de-addiction. District Red Cross Society Secretary Sunil Kumar urged social organizations to come forward to help TB patients and show willingness to adopt them. TB Coordinator Anjali stated that, as directed by Haryana Red Cross Society Vice Chairman Ankush Miglani and State General Secretary Mahesh Joshi, nutrition kits are being distributed to economically disadvantaged TB patients. TB Coordinator expressed gratitude to former Zilla Parishad member Surendra Majri for providing nutrition kits to TB patients and urged social organizations to register on Nikshay Mitra app to assist TB patients. Red Cross is organizing screening camps to identify TB patients and is also raising public awareness. Red Cross volunteers are identifying TB patients with poor financial circumstances and distributing nutritious ration kits to them.

MLA Kabirpanthi always ready to serve people: Bharat Bhardwaj

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI, OCTOBER 24

Bharat Bhardwaj, nominated councillor of the Taraori Municipality, said that under the leadership of the BJP government, the pace of development in the Nilokheri constituency is breaking records. Through the joint efforts of Chief Minister Nayab Saini and MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi, a network of public amenities is being expanded in every village and town of the constituency. City councillor Bharat Bhardwaj said that the picture of development in Tarawari city is rapidly changing. Following the mantra of "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas", the BJP government

is implementing schemes on the ground. Bharat Bhardwaj stated that under the leadership of MLA Kabirpanthi, there has been unprecedented improvement in basic ameni-

ties in every street and neighborhood of Tarawadi. He explained that under the guidance of CM Nayab Saini and MLA Kabirpanthi, several major projects have been approved in the city. These include repairing main roads, installing new streetlights, beautifying parks, and renovating the drainage system. Bharat Bhardwaj said that MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi is always ready to serve the people. His vision is that the Nilokheri constituency should not be left behind in any way. He has listened to the problems of people from all walks of life and has ensured their resolution on a priority basis.



ties such as roads, drains, streetlights, drinking water supply, sewerage system, and cleanliness campaigns in all wards of Taraori city. He said that today, the echoes of development work are being heard

the Nilokheri constituency should not be left behind in any way. He has listened to the problems of people from all walks of life and has ensured their resolution on a priority basis.

EDITORIAL

Promote organ donation

Despite decades of public awareness drives, organ donation in India has remained at a very low level. Apart from infrastructure challenges and regulatory limitations, cultural practices and social stigmas have been the major hurdles in promoting organ donation to save lives. As a result, the country is unable to bridge the wide gap between the number of patients in need of organs and the availability of donors. India's organ donation rate is just 0.9 donors per million people, compared to over 30 per million in countries like Spain. This mismatch leads to lakhs of patients dying each year waiting in vain for transplants that never occur, even as many viable organs go unused. India recorded nearly 18,900 organ transplants in 2024, driven mainly by living-donor kidney transplants, while deceased donations remain a small fraction. Against this backdrop, the Centre's directive asking all hospitals in the States and Union Territories to establish organ and tissue donation teams in their Intensive Care Units is both timely and overdue. The National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO), under the Ministry of Health, has now urged every hospital to form a dedicated team comprising brain-stem death committee members and counsellors to assist families through the process. This is a necessary step because many potential donations are lost due to a lack of timely counselling, awareness, and coordination. Often, by the time grief-stricken families are approached, the window for organ or tissue retrieval has closed irreversibly. Of over 1.8 lakh renal failure cases reported annually, only 6,000 transplants occur, with a donation rate under 1 per million against a need for 65 per million. India requires nearly one lakh corneas annually, yet only about one-third of this demand is being met. Unfortunately, many hospitals, especially in smaller towns, lack transplant coordinators, trained ICU staff, and even the basic infrastructure to preserve and transport organs. Without substantial investment in training, logistics, and incentives, the Centre's mandate may remain on paper. Equally important is public trust. Myths, fear, and misinformation still surround the idea of organ donation. Awareness campaigns must shift from token observances to sustained, empathetic outreach that normalises donation as an act of compassion, not sacrifice. The new directive is a good beginning, but it must evolve into a coordinated national effort, one that blends policy with empathy, logistics with humanity. A single donor has the potential to save nine lives. Tissues such as corneas, skin, bones, and heart valves can be harvested from brain-stem-death cases, cardiovascular deaths in hospitals, or natural deaths, typically within 10 hours post-mortem. Steps must be taken to promote public awareness about the importance of bone donation in treating trauma patients, congenital abnormalities, and other bone-related disorders. There is a need to standardise organ and tissue donation practices across the country, improve counselling for families, and enhance the overall availability of lifesaving transplants.

India welcomes Gaza Peace Agreement



India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Parvathaneni Harish, on Thursday (local time) addressed the UNSC Open Debate on the Situation in the Middle East, emphasising India's commitment to lasting peace in the region. He welcomed the Gaza Peace Agreement and appreciated the roles of the US, Egypt, and Qatar in forging it and also thanked Russia for convening the Open Debate on the situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question. "Today's Open Debate comes in the backdrop of the Gaza Peace Summit at Sharm el-Sheikh on 13 October 2025. India participated in the Summit, and we welcomed the signing of the landmark Peace Agreement.

India hopes that the positive diplomatic momentum that has been generated will lead to lasting peace in the region. India would also like to place on record its appreciation for the United States, and especially President Donald Trump, for playing an instrumental role in forging the Agreement. India also commends the role of Egypt and Qatar towards achieving this end," said Harish. Harish also said that India believes in resolving conflicts through talks. "India remains firm in its view that dialogue and diplomacy and the two-state solution are the means to achieve peace. The landmark initiative of the

United States has generated diplomatic momentum towards peace, and all parties must adhere to their obligations. We also remain firmly opposed to any unilateral moves by parties concerned... India's position is firmly rooted in its consistent stance on the developments since 7 October 2023, as well as the overall Palestinian question," added the Indian envoy. India has condemned terrorism; stressed there must be an end to destruction, despair and suffering of civilians and sought the immediate release of all hostages; held that humanitarian assistance must flow into Gaza in an unimpeded manner; and emphasised the need for a ceasefire. India envisions the Peace Agreement as an enabler and a catalyst in this

regard. He also said that India is committed to contributing to regional peace and stability. "Peace and calm on the Palestinian front have implications for the wider region. India stands for lasting peace in the entire Middle East. It is important for the Agreement to hold and the ceasefire to sustain, and for the parties to honour their respective commitments. Talks must continue, and there must be abiding faith in the efficacy of dialogue and diplomacy...", added Harish. India supports a sovereign, independent Palestine living alongside Israel within secure borders. "The short-term gains of the recent diplomatic outcomes must pave the way for medium to long-term political commitments and practical action on the ground towards

the realisation of a Two-State solution.

As India underscores its unwavering support for the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination, national independence, and sovereignty, the High-level Conference on the Implementation of the Two-State Solution at the UN on 22 September 2025 outlined the way forward... Since India recognised the State of Palestine in 1988, India has consistently advocated certain critical parameters - a sovereign, independent, viable State of Palestine, living side by side in peace and security with Israel, within secure and recognised borders...", said the Indian envoy. India has provided over \$170 million in aid, including 135 metric tons of medicines and supplies. "Aid

is essential for rehabilitation and reconstruction. Palestinian people cannot rebuild their lives without the support of the international community... The total support by India to the Palestinian people is over USD 170 million, which includes projects worth USD 40 million in various stages of implementation... We have implemented human-centric projects bilaterally and also partnered with the UN and the Palestinian Authority in this regard. Over the last two years, India has provided relief assistance of nearly 135 metric tons of medicines and supplies. These initiatives must be coupled with the creation of economic frameworks and mechanisms that are conducive to social development, investment and employment," added Harish. India stressed the safety of peacekeepers and supports Lebanon's sovereignty. As the second largest contributor to UNIFIL, India reiterates the importance of the safety and security of peacekeepers of this Mission. At a broader level, the peacekeepers serve a critical function for the UN, and they cannot become casualties of conflicts or escalations. "India remains hopeful that the Lebanese Armed Forces will be equipped to discharge the entire spectrum of its responsibilities once the UNIFIL sunset clause becomes operational towards

the end of 2026. The humanitarian situation in Yemen is a concern. Humanitarian assistance must be above politics. It must reach all civilians, irrespective of their affiliations and power structures. Immediate cessation of hostilities would catalyse these efforts," said Harish. He also said that the safety and security of Indian nationals in Yemen are a priority, adding that humanitarian assistance should reach all civilians, and hostilities must cease in Yemen. "It is India's earnest desire to realise the vision of a stable and peaceful Middle East. Our views are guided by certain basic principles: all human beings have the right to lead normal lives; deprivation and indignity cannot be part of daily life; and civilians must not die in conflict. India stands fully ready to contribute to this endeavour...", added Harish. India advocated a Syrian-led political process and supplied essential medicines. In ongoing developments in Syria, humanitarian challenges are an important dimension, and they must be addressed as a priority. India's commitment in this regard is also manifested in its supply of 5 metric tons of essential medicines to the friendly people of Syria as recently as July 2025. India continues to stress a Syrian-led and Syrian-owned political process.

Putin mocks EU's toilet ban, warns it will "cost them dearly"



the new measures also include a ban on imports of Russian LNG and new restrictions on over 100 vessels in Russia's "shadow fleet" used to bypass oil export limits. "For the first time, we are hitting Russia's gas sector, the heart of its war economy. We will not relent until the people of Ukraine have a just and lasting peace," von der Leyen said. The sanctions also impose full transaction bans on Russian energy giants Rosneft and Gazpromneft, while additional restrictions target crypto platforms and foreign banks linked to Russia's alternative payment systems. Putin also responded to Washington's latest sanctions, describing them as an "unfriendly move" that would not help relations between Moscow and Washington. He said the new restrictions would have little effect on Russia's economy, adding, "No self-respecting country ever does anything under pressure." The comments came a day after the United States imposed fresh sanctions on Russia's two largest oil companies, Rosneft and Lukoil, to increase pressure on Moscow to end the war in Ukraine. Announcing the move, US President Donald Trump said, "These are tremendous sanctions... against their two big oil companies.

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday hit back at the European Union after the bloc announced its 19th sanctions package, which, among other items, bans the export of toilets and bidets to Russia, Russia Today reported. Speaking to reporters, Putin mocked the EU's decision, warning that such measures would "cost them dearly." He added, "They will need Russian toilets if they continue to behave this way." Earlier in the day, the Official Journal of the European Union published details of the new sanctions, which extend restrictions to include sanitary ware such as toilets and bidets, as well as goods

like flowers, moss, and motorised toys. The new package also targets Russia's liquefied natural gas (LNG) sector and several other industries. EU High Representative Kaja Kallas announced that the 19th sanctions package had been formally adopted after a meeting of EU leaders in Brussels. "We just adopted our 19th sanctions package. It targets Russian banks, crypto exchanges, entities in India and China, among others," Kallas said on X, adding that the move aims to tighten pressure on Moscow over its ongoing war in Ukraine. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said

Canada Post unveils stamp featuring Rangoli design to celebrate Diwali

The Indian High Commission in Ottawa shared that Canada Post unveiled a stamp featuring a traditional Rangoli design to celebrate Diwali. In a post on X on Friday (local time), the High Commission wrote on X, "Thank you, Canada Post, for unveiling the stamp featuring traditional Rangoli pattern to celebrate Diwali." The Diwali stamp was issued in recognition of Canada's cultural diversity, Canada Post shared on its official website.

It further stated that the Diwali stamp is one of several annual stamp issues that mark events of importance to Canada's culturally diverse population. Canada Post has issued Diwali stamps since 2017. The 2025 issue, designed by Ritu Kanai of Underline Studio, features an image of a Rangoli pattern and includes the word "Diwali" in Hindi and English, the website said. Earlier, the Consulate General of India in Toronto shared on Tuesday that the city of Toronto officially proclaimed October 20,

2025, as 'Diwali Day'. In a post on X, it hailed the recognition, celebrating the spirit of Diwali and acknowledged the immense contribution of the Indian community to Toronto's cultural and social fabric. "The



@cityoftoronto has officially proclaimed October 20, 2025 as "Diwali Day" in Toronto. This recognition celebrates the spirit of #Diwali of victory of light over darkness, and acknowledges the immense contribution of the Indian

community to Toronto's cultural and social fabric", the Consulate wrote on X. It also shared the proclamation by Mayor Olivia Chow of Toronto, who said, "On Diwali Day, we recognize and celebrate the historic and ongoing contributions of the South Asian community that form an important part of the City of Toronto's motto: 'Diversity our Strength'. Canadian PM Mark Carney had also extended his wishes on the occasion of Diwali, "Tonight, families and communities across Canada will light diyas and celebrate the triumph of light over darkness -- of good over evil. Wishing everyone celebrating Diwali a joyful Festival of Lights." Canadian FM Anita Anand celebrated the festival with her family, saying, "Over the course of my life, one of the most special times of the year has been Diwali with my family, and the celebration of light over darkness and good over evil. From my family to yours, happy Diwali."

POEMS

On Mindfulness

Home is a sound. I can hear it
in the western meadowlark, the inlaid rocks in my
driveway, in the accent and slang
of my mom's voice. It's engrained
in her stretched vowels,
in her smashed-together words, in her
hard Rs, and in the word rez.
I grew up hearing this rez accent, but I didn't know my
mom had one until I spent a year
in the south, where you can't escape the heat
in the shade because the humidity still clings to you.
I could smell a Wyoming lake
and a budding Russian olive tree in her voice,
matted river moss melting in my hands.
The mental image I had of my mom had fallen
out of date. And all my friends from the rez feel the
same way. Sometimes we can still taste
a Maverick 99-cent refill from the location
that got shut down because my late grandpa
kept robbing it, can still taste the water
from our old swimming spot in the drying river,
can still taste milkweed sap.
Like burnt brass from a plug separated from a socket,
sometimes there's a trace when things detach.

By Kay Ryan

The Ascent: From Vicky to Victor

For Vicky, life in India was a relentless battle, a series of defeats and dwindling opportunities. He faced harassment from law enforcement agencies for his allegiance to rightful cause. His loving family bore the weight of their struggles and the thought of their hopeful faces fueled his desperate decision to look for an opportunity, firstly in Thailand and then in America.

After having tried his luck at Bangkok, he left for United States at the promise of a stranger who vowed to secure a good settlement for his family in the US. Instead, he landed in a vast land where no one knew him, abandoned by the very person he trusted. Destiny took him, his wife, and his two minor daughters to St. Clair with a battered suitcase, a head full of dreams, and a small amount

of dollars. The first few weeks were a brutal awakening. He had imagined golden streets but found instead the grind of survival.

His first job was at a gas station, a grueling graveyard shift pumping gas and scrubbing oil slicks. Vicky, now simply Vick, worked tirelessly, his hands raw and his back aching, but his spirit remained unbent. He and his beautiful family shared a cramped room, each member carrying their own silent stories of sacrifice. When the gas station wages were not enough and his boss proved unkind, Vick was forced to leave. He immediately sold out the last remnants of his past—a thin gold chain and a bracelet—to secure the small accommodation for another six months. The



loss, stung, but the hunger in his family's stomachs propelled him onward.

He learned. He watched. He listened. With the help of a new friend, he seized an opportunity, a long-deserted convenience store. He purchased it with a promise to pay in installments, and together with his family, he refurbished the space and opened his first business. He was always early, always stayed late, and tackled every task with a fierce determination.

Soon, offers began pouring in. He took on a Beer Bar, an Ice Cream Parlour nicknamed Sugar Bites, and even a Casino. The entire family threw themselves into these diverse ventures, a true leap of faith for each of them. Applying the same meticulous attention to detail, they reorganized, they marketed, and they poured

their complete effort into every location. Under his relentless care, the businesses began to turn a profit.

This success sparked an unquenchable drive. Victor—the new, powerful name he claimed—saw opportunity everywhere. He saved every penny until he acquired more spaces including a large garage in the adjoining city Pottsville. He transformed some into guest accommodations, opened more convenience stores, deepened his holdings on more casinos. Planning an Indian restaurant with a friendly, efficient staff. Victor's empire grew like a wild fire.

He had an uncanny knack for seeing potential where others saw only blight. Remembering his own days of struggle, he empowered his employees, fostering a

culture of hard work and loyalty.

Years later, when he visited him, we saw Victor, a man in tailored suits and a confident stride, stood outside his big garage—now a stylish family bar with vintage cars parked outside—overlooking the glittering St. Clair skyline. The boy from India, the daily wager at the gas station, the man who sold his last piece of jewellery, had built an empire from sheer grit and an unshakeable belief in the American dream. The thought of his family, now fully comfortable and secure, brings a quiet smile on his lips. The arduous journey from Vicky to Victor had required everything he had, and every step had been worth it.

By Birinder Singh

NEWS BRIEF

YS College organises an interactive session on website designing



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA DEHATI: YS College, recognized as the Most Emerging Higher Education Institution of the Year 2022, organized an informative session on Website Designing on 24th October for the students of BCA and BSc. The session was conducted by Ms. Babita Karan Singla, who guided students on the fundamentals of JavaScript and HTML, emphasizing their importance in building dynamic and user-friendly websites. More than 50 students actively participated in the session and gained practical knowledge about web development. The session aimed to enhance students' creativity and technical skills in the field of website designing. Director Varun Bharti appreciated the efforts of the faculty and students, highlighting that such sessions play a vital role in shaping students into industry-ready professionals. Mr. Gurpal Singh Rana also congratulated the department for organizing an enriching session and encouraged students to keep learning and exploring new technologies.

Pregnant woman committs suicide by hanging, police investigate case



RINKU SAINI
LADWA: On Friday, a case of suicide by hanging of a 21-year-old married pregnant woman in her room in Bapda village of Ladwa block has come to light. Ladwa police reached the spot as soon as they got information about the case. The deceased has been identified as Kajal, wife of Manish. The police have taken the body into custody and sent it for post-mortem. The scene of crime team reached the spot and collected evidence by examining the spot thoroughly. The family members of the deceased are accusing her in-laws of killing her. According to information gathered at the scene, Kajal, a 21-year-old married woman from Bapda village, took her own life on Friday by hanging herself from a ceiling fan in her room with a noose around her neck. It's reported that no one was home at the time. The deceased's mother-in-law, Saroj, and her husband had gone out to work. When the husband returned home, he found Kajal nowhere to be seen. He asked his mother, who said she was in her room. The room was locked. When the door lock was broken, he discovered Kajal had tied a noose around her neck. He immediately bring her down and took her to a private hospital in the village, then to a private hospital in Ladwa, where the doctor declared her dead.

Ambedkar gave voice to nation’s soul, questioning his contribution insult to democracy: Dr. Rajesh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, OCT 24

District Congress Committee president Dr. Rajesh Vaid Valmiki has strongly condemned Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar's recent statement claiming that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar did not write the Constitution, terming it “insensitive and an affront to the very soul of the nation.”Dr. Vaid said that those who deny Babasaheb's role in framing the Constitution are ignorant of its spirit. “This is the same Constitution that grants every Indian the right to equality, dignity, and freedom of expression. Ironically, those sitting in positions of power



today are using these very rights to insult the man who made them possible,” he said.He added that Dr. Ambedkar was not just the architect of the Constitution but the very soul of India — a visionary who gave voice to the oppressed and paved the way for social justice. “Every poor, Dalit, woman, or backward person who can

speak for their rights today owes that freedom to Babasaheb,” he said.Calling Khattar’s statement a grave insult to the entire Dalit community and every citizen who respects the Constitution, Dr. Vaid reminded that even Prime Minister Narendra Modi bows before Ambedkar’s statues, acknowledging his monumental role in shaping Indian democracy.“When arrogance blinds those in power, they forget both history and humility,” he remarked, urging political leaders to engage in self-reflection rather than insensitivity. “This is not the time for ego, but for introspection.

Mayor, Commissioner inspect preparations for Chhath festival, 3 ghats to be paved

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, OCT 24

Mayor Suman Bahmani and Municipal Commissioner Mahabir Prasad along with Irrigation Department and officials, inspected ghats of Western Yamuna Canal today in preparation for Yamunanagar Chhath festival. They reviewed preparations being made by Irrigation Department and Municipal Corporation. They also directed officials to complete pending preparations as soon as possible. A plan was also developed to pave three ghats of Yamuna Canal for Chhath Puja. These three ghats will be completed before next Chhath festival. Mayor Suman Bahmani, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Mahabir Prasad, Irrigation Department Executive Engineer Vijay Garg, Municipal Corporation Executive Engineer Vikas Dhiman, Executive Engineer Narendra Suhag, Assistant Engineer Surendra Dahiya, CSI Vinod Beniwal, Sanitation Inspector Pradeep



Dahiya, Councilor Tilak Raj, Councilor Representative Pawan Kumar Yadav, Rahul Kumar and others went to review preparations for Chhath festival. He arrived at Western Yamuna Ghat, flanked by Grey Pelican. He inspected sanitation and other preparations for Chhath festival. Municipal Corporation had cleaned banks of Yamuna Canal, while Irrigation Department was cleaning canal ghats and creating standing areas for devotees to offer prayers to Sun.

Udaan Jankalyan Sansthan distributes nutrition kits to poor TB patients in Jhansa



HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: Under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner and District Red Cross Society Chairman Vishram Kumar Meena, nutritional kits were distributed to economically weaker tuberculosis patients by Udaan Jankalyan Sansthan. The head of the organization and former member of the District Council, Surendra Majri, said that social organizations would have to extend a helping hand to economically weaker tuberculosis patients. Udaan Sansthan is fully prepared to help needy poor tuberculosis patients. Along with this, the organization will extend full support in the awareness programs run by the Red Cross. Surendra Majri, while distributing nutritional kits to TB patients at the Baba Markandeshwar Temple grounds in Jhansa on Friday, appealed that TB was not an incurable disease. TB can be defeated by taking medication regularly and with awareness. Mr Majri assured the TB patients that poor patients will also be supported financially. Udaan Jankalyan Sansthan, besides raising awareness among the youth about drug de-addiction, also organizes cremation ground cleaning and blood donation camps.

Shopkeeper complains against contractor over demolition

PRITI SAINI

SADHAURA: A shopkeeper in Sadhaura Main Market, upset over the demolition of his entry and exit stall in the main market, has filed numerous complaints against the contractor. However, later he claimed the that his complaint has not been heard anywhere. Providing information, Sandeep Jain, a resident of Ward No. 2, stated that



he has a shop in Ward No. 10, Main Market, Sadhaura. An entry and exit stall was

built in front of his shop, which was 11 to 13 inches higher than the street level and 14 to 15 inches higher than the street level on the other. The contractor deliberately broke this stall with a hammer and chisel, and then with a hammer and hammer, while many other shopkeepers in the market have stalls built in the street level. No harm was caused to them.

MC comes into active mode to control environmental pollution in the city



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, OCT 24

Karnal Municipal Corporation has come into active mode to reduce environmental pollution in the city. Regarding this, Additional Corporation Commissioner Ashok Kumar has issued an order and formed a team of officers and employees. These teams will visit the city and ensure compliance with the rules of Grape-2.

He directed that it should be ensured that the guidelines of the National Green Tribunal were strictly followed. Mechanical/vacuum based cleaning of roads should be done on daily basis. Properly dispose of dust collected especially in hotspots, heavy traffic corridors, sensitive areas and designated sites/landfills. Coal and firewood

including tandoors should not be used in hotels, restaurants and open spaces. Hotels, restaurants and open eateries should use only electricity or clean fuel gas based appliances. There will be a complete ban on the use of diesel generators except for emergency and essential services. Increase parking charges to discourage private transportation. Resident Welfare Association should provide electric heaters to the security staff during winter.

He instructed that in all the construction sites in the city, ensure that the materials used in them like gravel, sand, cement, soil, course sand and dust . are covered. Apart from this, the construction work should also be covered with green cover or tin. If someone does not comply then the concerned building owner should be challaned.

Weekly free dispensary to start in Deha Basti, Chand Sarai



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: The Health Department of the Senior Citizens Wing of Swadeshi Jagran Manch will launch a weekly free health check-up dispensary at Dakaut Dharamshala in Deha Basti, Chand Sarai, Karnal. The inauguration is scheduled for October 26 at 10:00 AM. The dispensary will provide medical treatment to residents of the area. Dr. K.K. Chawla, head of the Health Department of the Senior Citizens Wing, informed that pediatrician Dr. K.K. Chawla, general physicians Dr. Shyam Badhwa and Dr. O.P. Gagia, and gynecologist Dr. Sarita Thakur will provide their services at the dispensary. The meeting of the Senior Citizens Wing, chaired by Satjeet Chawla, was attended by District Patron G.S. Manchanda as the chief guest. The inauguration will also be graced by industrialist and district head of Laghu Udyog Bharti, Abhishek Gupta, as the chief guest. Local councilors and other senior dignitaries will be present. Among the attendees were Shri Puri, Bhajan Sharma, Shruti Kamboj, and several local residents.

Camp organised in Pratap Nagar to raise awareness about Lado Lakshmi Yojana



RK KASHYAP
CHHACHHRAULI: A camp was organized in the town of Pratap Nagar under the Lado Laxmi Yojana, an important government scheme. Eligible women were registered under scheme. Village Secretary Abdul Sattar stated that hundreds of women attended camp of whom approximately 50 were registered. He added that those who were not registered were instructed to complete their documents. Village secretary stated that under this scheme, every eligible woman who has completed 23 years of age will receive Rs. 2,100 per month from Haryana government starting November 1. To raise awareness about this campaign, camps are being organized at block level.

Big success for Gurdaspur Police: 2.8 kg of heroin seized, two accused arrested



VERMA
GURDASPUR: Gurdaspur Police achieved a major success today with the help of the Border Security Force (BSF) by arresting two accused and recovering 2 kilograms and 80 grams of heroin from their possession. According to Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Aditya Kumar, one of the arrested individuals is a B.Tech engineer, while the other works at McDonald's in Delhi. SSP Kumar informed that DSP Gurvinder Singh Chandi had received secret information that the two young men were bringing heroin from Pakistan and could be caught if prompt action was taken. Based on this intelligence, DSP Gurvinder Singh Chandi and his police team set up a checkpoint near a cowshed in Kalanaur. After some time, two youths were seen approaching on a motorcycle. When stopped and questioned, they identified themselves as Mohan Singh, resident of village Balonwali, and Navjot Singh alias Mahajan, son of Sarjveet Singh, resident of village Khokhar.

Sardar Patel's birth anniversary to be celebrated as National Unity Day on Oct 31



RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL: Municipal Commissioner and nodal officer for the National Unity Day program, Kapil Sharma, said that a Run for Unity would be organized at the district level on October 31 the birth anniversary of India's Iron Man, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. This program will be held at 6 a.m. at the Chaudhary Chhotu Ram Indoor Sports Stadium in Sector 21 under the guidance of DC Preeti. Officials from all concerned departments should complete preparations for the National Unity Day program in time and ensure maximum participation. Municipal Commissioner Kapil Sharma was presiding over a meeting regarding the preparations for National Unity Day at the Municipal Commissioner's office in Sector-20 Market. He said that the Run for Unity would start from the stadium at 6 am and would pass through Choudhary Chhotu Ram Chowk, Dhand Road, Savitri Bhai Phule Chowk, Lala Charan Das Marg and conclude at the sports stadium.

Under Deen Dayal Lado Lakshmi Yojana, applications of all eligible women should be cleared soon: DC Preeti



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KAITHAL: DC Preeti said that the Haryana government has launched the Deen Dayal Lado Laxmi Yojana to empower women and ensure their social security. Around 84,000 women in the district are potentially eligible for the scheme. Of these, around 30,000 have already applied through the app. Officials should ensure that every eligible woman receives the benefits. Those who have not yet applied under the scheme should be contacted and their applications should be submitted through the mobile app. Officials should work on a war footing to ensure that eligible women receive the benefits. Camps should also be organized in villages. DC Preeti was giving necessary instructions by holding a meeting of the concerned officers in the video conferencing hall of the Mini Secretariat on Friday. Earlier from Chandigarh, Chief Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Rajesh Khullar and Chief Secretary of Haryana Anurag Rastogi reviewed the progress report related to applications from all the Deputy Commissioners of the state and gave necessary instructions regarding increasing the number of applications.

India's first Data Center IPO, Sify Infinit files for Rs 3700 cr IPO

GURUGRAM : Sify Infinit Spaces Limited, one of the leading providers of data center colocation services in India, in terms of built information technology (IT) capacity, as of March 31, 2025, according to the 11th and C&W Report has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). The company's initial public offering comprises a fresh issue of equity shares aggregating up to ₹2,500 crore and an offer for sale of equity shares aggregating up to ₹1,200 crore by the selling shareholders — Kotak Data Center Fund (₹643 crore) and Kotak Special Situations Fund (₹557 crore).

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Panipat : Ujjivan Small Finance Bank's Hello Ujjivan app, a dedicated mobile banking platform exclusively for the bank's microbanking customers, has facilitated over ₹690 crore in financial transactions since its launch. Purpose-built for Microfinance customers availing group and individual loan customers, most of whom are first-time digital banking users, the app has become a critical bridge between financial exclusion and economic empowerment. With over 13 lakh downloads, Hello Ujjivan has achieved deep engagement among its microbanking users, 98 percent of whom are women, with an average user age of 35 years. The app has enabled ₹277 crore in loan repayments, ₹358 crore in deposits through fixed and recurring deposit accounts, ₹34 crore in individual loan disbursements, and facilitated more than 36,000 Hospicare insurance purchases worth ₹2.4 crore. Additionally, over five lakh loan disbursement acknowledgements have been completely acknowledged digitally there by cutting down on requirement for bank visit. This transition from physical to digital demonstrates a significant behavioural shift among customers previously unfamiliar with formal banking technology.

MIC Electronics Ltd. Receives Approves for Microprocessor Controller from Ministry of Railways

CHANDIGARH: MIC Electronics Limited (BSE: 532850, NSE: MICEL), a global leader in the design, development, and manufacturing of LED video displays, has announced that the approval has been given for the "microprocessor controller for roof-mounted AC package unit for LHB coaches and double-decker coaches" from Research Designs and Standards Organization (RDSO), Ministry of Railways. The company reported stellar earnings for Q2 & H1FY26. For the quarter ended 30 September 2025, the company reported total income at Rs. 3841.89 Lakhs, growing 38.77% YoY. The Profit after Tax (PAT) was reported at Rs. 216.80 Lakhs. For the half year ended 30 September 2025, the total income was reported at Rs. 5016.97, growing 29.92% YoY. The Profit after Tax (PAT) was reported at Rs. 383.50 Lakhs (H1FY26).

From Lab to Wrist: Samsung's Industry-First Nutrition Tracking Tech for Galaxy Watch

CHANDIGARH: It started with a simple question: What if you could measure your nutrition in real-time, right from your wrist? Samsung's Antioxidant Index on Galaxy Watch6 transforms what once seemed like science fiction into everyday technology. In five seconds, a thumb scan returns precise carotenoid levels — the industry's first measurable nutrition index. By miniaturizing lab-grade sensor technology with exceptional accuracy, it turns your wrist into an actionable metric for healthier aging. Establishing this new benchmark in wearable health tracking required years of intensive R&D, countless prototypes and unwavering grit.

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Central Bank of India Q2 Net Profit Up 33%

Mumbai, October 17: Central Bank of India reported a 32.86% rise in net profit to ₹1,213 crore for the quarter ended September 30, 2025. Total business grew 14.43% year-on-year to ₹7.38 lakh crore, with deposits up 13.40% to ₹4.44 lakh crore and advances up 16.03% to ₹2.93 lakh crore. Asset quality improved, with Gross NPA at 3.01% and Net NPA at 0.48%. CRRAR stood at 17.34%, and ROA improved to 1.01%. The Bank continues to strengthen its retail, agriculture, and MSME portfolios while expanding its national reach through over 21,000 touchpoints.

IDFC FIRST Bank announces its financial results

Chandigarh : IDFC FIRST Bank published the unaudited financial results for quarter and half year ended September 30, 2025. Mr. V. Vaidyanathan, MD and CEO said "The stress in the MFI business was an MFI industry issue and looks like it is behind us. Other than MFI, the asset quality of IDFC has always been stable for over a decade through cycles and continues to be so with Gross NPA at 1.86% and Net NPA at 0.52% as of 30th September 2025. On cost of funds, we expect to drop from here on. The bank is witnessing improving operating leverage. For instance, in FY25, total business, i.e. loans and customer deposits, grew by 22.7% YoY against increase in Opex of 16.5% YoY. Following on, in H1 FY26, total Business grew by 21.6% YoY against Opex increase of 11.8% YoY. We hope to sustain this trend."

Over 180 appointment letters distributed at Rozgar Mela in Jalandhar



BUNNY SODHI/J S SODHI JALANDHAR : Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed Rozgar Melas organized at 40 locations across the country through a video message. During the 17th tranche of the Rozgar Mela, more than 51,000 appointment letters were distributed to newly recruited candidates.

A special program was organized at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology (NIT), Jalandhar, under this initiative. Shri Vinod Kumar Verma, Chief Postmaster General, Punjab Circle,

graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and handed over appointment letters to over 180 newly appointed youth selected for various government posts. In his address, Shri Vinod Kumar Verma encouraged the new appointees to continue working hard to achieve greater success.

He emphasized the importance of developing the habit of reading books and newspapers, stating that continuous learning is essential for sustained growth and excellence. He further added that one should always try to gain knowledge

beyond one's own field to enhance multidimensional skills. Highlighting the benefits of the Karmayogi Platform, he mentioned that it serves as a valuable resource where one can access free training and knowledge to enhance their professional abilities. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Vinod Kumar Kanojia, Director, NIT Jalandhar, congratulated the new recruits and remarked that the youth play a crucial role in the progress of the nation.

He noted that under the visionary leadership of Prime

Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Rozgar Mela initiative, launched in 2022, has already provided employment opportunities to lakhs of young Indians, thereby accelerating the nation's development momentum. The event was also attended by Shri Kuldeep Kumar Gupta, Deputy Commandant, Border Security Force; Shri Bahadur Singh, Chief Manager, National Fertilizers Limited, Nangal; Shri Rishi Kant Verma, Director, Postal Services, Punjab West Region, Chandigarh; Dr. Praveen Kumar Saraswat; and Shri Hemant Sulania from RCF, Kapurthala.

Paras Health Panchkula Launches Dedicated Obesity Clinic to Promote Comprehensive Weight Management and Wellness



PANCHKULA : Paras Health Panchkula today announced the launch of its dedicated Obesity Clinic, reinforcing its commitment to providing patient-centred, multidisciplinary healthcare in the region. The new clinic is designed to address the growing prevalence of obesity and related health challenges through a personalised and holistic approach. It brings together a team of experts from multiple specialties, including Medical and Surgical Gastroenterology, Endocrinology, Dietetics and Nutrition, Counselling Services, and Physiotherapy. The goal is to help patients achieve sustainable, long-term health outcomes.

Speaking on the occasion, Expert Team, Paras Health Panchkula, said, "Sustainable weight management is not just about controlling diet — it is about building a healthy relationship with food, the body, and lifestyle. At Paras Health, we focus on individualised nutrition plans that are practical, balanced, and adaptable to each patient's needs. Through continuous counselling and education, our aim is to help people make healthier choices that last a lifetime." Dr Pankaj Mittal, Facility Director, Paras Health Panchkula, added, "The launch of our dedicated Obesity Clinic is a significant step in our mission to provide holistic.

Northern Railway operates 28 Special Trains today from Delhi area, welcomes Chhath travelers with the soulful sounds of Bihar

NEW DELHI: Indian Railways is running over 12,000 special trains nationwide to manage the massive passenger rush during the festival season. Continuing this massive effort, the Northern Railway's Delhi Division successfully operated 28 Special Trains today from the Delhi area, following the 30 Special Trains run yesterday. This deployment is focused on ensuring Chhath devotees reach their homes safely and comfortably. Today's operation saw Special trains departure from: New Delhi: 8 Special Trains + 1 Unscheduled Train on Demand Anand Vihar Terminal: 7 Special Trains Shakurbasti: 5 Special Trains Delhi Junction: 3 Special Trains Hazrat Nizamuddin: 2 Special Trains Sharnli: 1 Special Train Rohtak: 1 Special Train These special services are running to major destinations to accommodate the surge in travelers.

A Unique Cultural Welcome at Stations In a unique and heartwarming initiative, major railway stations like New Delhi, Anand Vihar Terminal, Nizamuddin and Ghaziabad in Delhi area are playing traditional Bhojpuri Chhath songs over the station announcement systems. The festival of Chhath, the great festival of folk faith, is

incomplete without its melodious folk songs. This initiative is to enhance the travel experience and connect devotees with the rich cultural essence of Bihar. As trains arrive at stations, passengers are greeted by these familiar tunes, instantly transforming the station's atmosphere and connecting travelers with the spirit of the festival. Travelers Applaud Railway's Arrangements Passengers expressed their appreciation for the elaborate arrangements and the cultural welcome: Kusum Devi, a passenger traveling from New Delhi to Abhaypur in Bihar, remarked, "It feels great when Chhath song music struck my ear, it is a memorable experience. Indian Railways arrangements are excellent this time." Kumari Shobha, a traveler from Siwan, stated, "Chhath festival is close to our heart, it has special significance for Biharis. I am thankful to Indian Railways for such nice arrangements this time." Sandeep Kumar Singh, another traveler for Siwan, highlighted the operational efficiency, saying, "Elaborate arrangements have been done by Railways like ticketing, cleanliness, mobile toilets, queue system, extra ticket counters. This time Railways has made our Chhath special."

SAEL to Procure 20 Lakh Tonnes of Paddy Stubble this Season Via Aggregator

Faridkot : SAEL Industries Ltd. ("SAEL"), an integrated renewable energy company, announced that it is expecting to procure ~20 lakhs of paddy-waste with the onset of the harvesting season this year and convert it into clean electricity through its fuel aggregator. This scale of paddy-waste procurement drive addresses the pressing concern of stubble burning and agri waste management. SAEL has a portfolio of 11 WTE plants across Punjab, Haryana, and Rajasthan, totalling 165MW (including one Under Construction project in Rajasthan). As per the Indian Journal of Agronomy, India produces about ~500 million tonnes of crop residue annually, out of which ~140 million tonnes remain unutilized, and ~92 million tonnes are burnt in open air, causing serious air pollution and health issues to the people in the Northern states of India. A sustainable way to convert agricultural residue into electricity is one of the preferred ways of managing this problem. According to estimates based on the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories, the procurement could help avoid nearly 300,000 tonnes of CO₂-equivalent emissions by curbing open-field burning of crop residue. Mr. Laxit Awla, CEO & Executive Director, SAEL Industries Ltd. says, "Crop residue represents an underutilized opportunity — environmentally, socially, and economically.

French Silent Classic 'Paris Qui Dort' Comes Alive in Chandigarh with a Modern Beat

CHANDIGARH: The French Institute in India, in collaboration with the Alliance Française network, is set to present a captivating cine-concert — Paris qui dort, a 1924 French silent film reborn with an electrifying live score by acclaimed French drummer and composer Stéphane Scharlé. The performance will take place on Sunday at Café Théâtre, Alliance Française, Sector 36, Chandigarh at 5 PM. Entry is free and open to all.



We are thrilled to welcome Stéphane Scharlé and this poetic revival of Paris qui dort as the first event in our newly refurbished theatre. As the new director of the Alliance Française of Chandigarh, I am particularly proud to reopen this space to the city's audiences and to celebrate French creativity in such a meaningful way", said, Fiona Guerra, Director, Alliance Française de Chandigarh Having performed over 500 concerts across 40 countries, Scharlé now brings Tricity audiences a deeply immersive experience, one where cinema, sound, and imagination collide. This unique event blends classic cinema with modern rhythm, reviving René Clair's visionary film where Paris freezes under a mysterious ray. Scharlé, founder of the jazz collective OZMA, reimagines this century-old masterpiece using his self-invented Augmented Drum, merging percussion, loops, and electronic textures to create a mesmerising soundscape.

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Cultural food tours in Old Dubai recognised as one of Lonely Planet's 'Best in Travel' top global experiences for 2026

CHANDIGARH : Embarking on a cultural food tour in Old Dubai has been named as one of the top global experiences for 2026 in Lonely Planet's Best in Travel, spotlighting Dubai's diverse and unique culinary scene.

A city built upon heritage and traditions, Dubai is home to a variety of gastro-



nomical experiences appealing to all budgets and preferences, influenced by the tastes of nearly 200 nationalities represented within its resident population. In Dubai's oldest neighbourhoods such as Bur Dubai and Deira, located along the historic Dubai Creek, restaurants favour local ingredients, value authenticity, making a food tour a must-do activity for residents and visitors alike.

Awarded by Lonely Planet's panel of expert contributors, Dubai's experience is one of 50 essential picks for 2026, made up

of 25 places and 25 experiences. With the entire city previously named as one of the world's best for travellers to visit in the Best in Travel 2020 list by Lonely Planet, this year's nod marks the first time a specific area in Dubai has been recognised.

Issam Kazim, CEO of the Dubai Corporation for Tourism and Commerce Marketing (Visit Dubai), part of the Dubai Department of Economy and Tourism (DET), said: "Underscoring Dubai's position as a global cultural hub and a gastronomy capital, this recognition is a testament to the city's rich heritage and vibrant culinary scene. As one of the most trusted travel guides in the world, Lonely Planet's acknowledgment aligns with our ongoing objective of making Dubai the world's best city to visit, live and work in. This celebration of Dubai's culinary landscape specifically highlights the long-standing commitment and efforts of industry experts and their dedication to providing unique experiences to visitors and residents alike. As we continue to grow our global appeal, especially to those seeking authentic cultural offerings, this is a segment we are truly committed to further developing."

Changing Seasons: How to Boost Your Immunity During Seasonal Transitions

Chandigarh\ Ludhiana, As the seasons change, so does their effect on our health. Fluctuating temperatures, higher exposure to allergens, and shifts in daily routines can all take a toll on the immune system, leaving us more susceptible to colds, flu, and fatigue. According to Nutritionist Ritika Samaddar, Regional Head of Dietetics at Max Healthcare, New Delhi, "Strengthening your immunity during this transitional period is key to staying healthy and energised. A strong immune system begins with a balanced diet, mindful habits, and a healthy lifestyle. Include a variety of nutrient-rich foods such as almonds, green vegetables, and fatty fish, and engage in light exercise to keep your body's natural defenses strong. One simple and effective addition to your routine is California Almonds, a small nut packed with big immunity benefits."

Ritika shares practical tips to help you maintain a strong immune system as the seasons change: Your Daily Dose of Protection California Almonds are packed with vitamin E and zinc, which acts as a

shield for your immune system, like protective armour to keep you strong during the changing season. They're also a good source of copper, a mineral that supports the normal functioning of the immune system. Prioritize Restful Sleep Nutrition alone isn't enough: your body also needs adequate rest to recharge and repair. Aim for 7-8 hours of quality sleep each night to help your immune system stay resilient and ready to tackle seasonal changes. Stay Hydrated As temperatures drop, many people tend to drink less water. Staying hydrated helps regulate body functions, supports digestion, and flushes out toxins, keeping you feeling refreshed and energized throughout the day. Balance Your Plate Pair indulgent foods with lighter, fiber-rich options such as salads or fresh fruit. Include foods like salmon and flax seeds, which are rich in omega-3 fatty acids that help reduce inflammation and strengthen immunity.

The Hidden Ingredient of Durability: Copper in Everyday Appliances

Ludhiana : Walk into any home and you'll see the same familiar appliances: a ceiling fan humming steadily, a refrigerator humming in the corner, a washing machine waiting for its weekly load, or an air-conditioner battling the heat. These are the backbone of modern living. We depend on them every day but rarely stop to think about what makes them last, or fail. Most buyers choose appliances based on price. It's natural to look for the best deal. But the real value of an appliance lies not in what you pay upfront but in how long it keeps working, how much electricity it uses, and how often it needs repair. The cheapest product in the store can become the costliest once breakdowns and high energy bills begin. Hidden inside these machines is a material that quietly determines their performance and lifespan: copper. You don't see it, but it's there, coiled in the motors that power fans, pumps, and compressors. Copper is the silent performer in our homes, quietly keeping things running. Copper conducts electricity efficiently and withstands heat, helping appliances run steadily even in the hot and humid conditions common across India. When machines last longer, households spend less on repairs and replacements, and less waste ends up in landfills. Durability in appliances is not only about convenience but also its effects on the environment. Longer-lasting machines reduce electronic waste and the demand for new raw materials. And when the time finally comes to recycle them, materials like copper can be reused without losing their quality, supporting India's move toward a circular and resource-efficient economy.

Philip Morris International's India Affiliate Expands 'Grow Talent Grow Business'



CHANDIGARH : Philip Morris International Inc.'s (PMI) India affiliate, IPM India, is accelerating its commitment to talent development with the expansion of its flagship initiative, Grow Talent Grow Business (GTGB). Built on two powerful enablers: the Career Ownership Growth Model, a reflective framework enabling self-driven career planning, and WeAce, a digital coaching platform that democratizes access to personalized development support. The pro-

gram empowers employees to take charge of their careers while aligning personal growth with business priorities. The Career Ownership Growth Model initiative provides employees with a platform to reflect on their aspirations, strengths, and development needs. It fosters agility, encourages feedback, and helps individuals stay relevant in a fast-changing business environment. This model not only serves as a tool but also enables a mindset shift empowering

employees to lead their own development journeys with confidence and purpose. Complementing this, the WeAce Coaching Platform democratizes access to development by offering one-on-one and group coaching at scale. With flexible formats and open access, the platform offers a unique opportunity for the employees to wear the hat of a coach for anybody based on their readiness and aspirations, creating space for meaningful peer-to-peer development.

ASUS is strengthening its after-sales network with a new service center in Balasore

JALANDHAR : ASUS India, a leading technology brand today announced the expansion of its after-sales service network with the launch of a new ASUS Authorized Service Centre with new National partner Balasore and inaugurating on-site support. This strategic move reinforces the brand's commitment to delivering superior customer experiences in person and ensuring easy accessibility to reliable after-sales support. Additionally, ASUS is also opening centers in cities such as Gurgaon, Chandigarh, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Jaipur, Chennai and Pune. The newly opened centres are a part of ASUS India's ongoing efforts to bring seamless service closer to its expanding customer base. With this expansion, ASUS aims to further strengthen its pan-India service footprint, offering on-site support, faster turnaround times, improved convenience, and a more seamless ownership experience for users of its wide range of products, including laptops, desktops, and accessories. Commenting on the launch, Vishal Mhalsekar, National Service Manager – ASUS CSC India said: "At ASUS, customer satisfaction stands at the core. The expansion of our service network reflects our continuous effort to provide timely, efficient, and high-quality after-sales support. With these new centres, we are adding new authorized service centers to aim to enhance accessibility to all over India District and ensure our customers enjoy a truly seamless ownership experience, no matter where they are in India." The new centres are equipped with premium support, on-site repair facilities, DOA handling amongst other key offerings. Customers will also have access to genuine spare parts, transparent service processes, and real-time updates on their repair status, all designed to elevate the overall service experience. With this expansion, ASUS India now operates a robust and growing network of over 220+ service touchpoints nationwide, reaffirming its focus on customer care.

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LUDHIANA : Ujjivan Small Finance Bank's Hello Ujjivan app, a dedicated mobile banking platform exclusively for the bank's microbanking customers, has facilitated over ₹690 crore in financial transactions since its launch. Purpose-built for Microfinance customers availing group and individual loan customers, most of whom are first-time digital banking users, the app has become a critical bridge between financial exclusion and economic empowerment. With over 13 lakh downloads, Hello Ujjivan has achieved deep engagement among its microbanking users, 98 percent of whom are women, with an average user age of 35 years. The app has enabled ₹277 crore in loan repayments, ₹358 crore in deposits through fixed and recurring deposit accounts, ₹34 crore in individual loan disbursements, and facilitated more than 36,000 Hospicare insurance purchases worth ₹2.4 crore. Additionally, over five lakh loan disbursement acknowledgements have been completely acknowledged digitally there by cutting down on requirement for bank visit. This transition from physical to digital demonstrates a significant behavioural shift among customers previously unfamiliar with formal banking technology. As "India's first voice-visual-vemacular mobile banking app" - Hello Ujjivan has been designed with accessibility at its core. It combines voice assistance, visual navigation and multi-lingual functionality across 11 Indian languages, including Hindi, Marathi, Bengali, Tamil, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Punjabi, Assamese, Odia and English. By eliminating literacy and language barriers.



NEW DELHI: Decorated off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin is "worried" about the manner in which batting stalwart Virat Kohli lost his wicket during India's narrow two-wicket defeat in the second ODI against Australia in Adelaide. Virat's return to the international circuit hasn't panned out on a fairytale note as many fans would have hoped for. In a rain-curtailed series opener at the Optus Stadium in Perth, Virat perished against Mitchell Starc's seaming delivery. He fell for an eight-ball duck, with Cooper Connolly completing an acrobatic catch. In Adelaide, a venue where the 36-year-old has revelled in a purple patch, runs continued to elude his bat. He appeared poised after his first three deliveries, but was outfoxed by Xavier Bartlett's nipping in delivery and got trapped in front of the stumps. As he departed with a four-ball duck, Virat took off his gloves and made a goodbye gesture towards the Adelaide spectators as the crowd stood on its feet and applauded. For Ashwin, the most concerning sign about the pattern of Virat's dismissal was his inability to read the line of the ball. The 36-year-old's brief stay at the crease is a clear indicator to Ashwin that Virat needs to spend more time there. "One thing I would be worried about is Virat actually missed the line of the ball. Virat planted his foot in line with the ball. That is telling me a story that he needs time in the middle. In Sydney, there is no reason why Virat should not make runs. But I think he would be thinking very deeply about how he got out in the last two games. It is not going to be easy, but I hope Virat gets out of it," Ashwin said on his YouTube channel. While Virat flourished, Rohit flourished while riding high on his luck. After escaping a couple of close calls, Rohit flaunted his six-hitting muscle by hammering Mitchell Owen for back-to-back towering maximums and returned with 73 off 97 deliveries. His 118-run partnership with Shreyas Iyer (61) and a late surge from Harshit Rana (24*) propelled India to 264/9. However, the total proved insufficient as Australia gunned down the 265-run target with 22 balls to spare and notched a two-wicket win.

NEWS BRIEF

Ind-Aus series: Mitchell Starc three wickets away from 250 ODI scalps ahead of Sydney match

Sydney: Australian speedster Mitchell Starc is just three wickets away from touching the 250 ODI wickets mark, becoming only the fourth Aussie bowler to do so, ahead of the third and final ODI against India at Sydney on Saturday. With the series having been won by Australia 2-0, the match at the iconic Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) will witness what is practically a dead rubber. Starc has been solid in the series so far, with three wickets in two matches at an average of 28.00, with best figures of 2/62. Starc currently Australia's fourth-highest wicket-taker in ODIs, with 247 scalps at an average of 26.75, with best figures of 6/28. He has taken 12 four-wicket hauls and nine five-wicket hauls in his ODI career. If he takes three more, he will join Glenn McGrath (380 wickets in 249 matches), Brett Lee (380 wickets in 221 matches) and spinner Shane Warne (291 scalps in 193 matches) in the 250-wicket club for Australia. Starc has a solid international record against India, taking 106 wickets in 49 matches at an average of 33.94, with best figures of 6/43, three five-wicket hauls to his name. In 21 ODIs, he has taken 33 wickets at an average of 32.24, with two five-wicket hauls and best figures of 6/43. Squads: India Squad: Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill ©, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, Axar Patel, KL Rahul(W), Washington Sundar; Nishu Kumar Reddy, Harshit Rana, Arshdeep Singh, Mohammed Siraj, Kuldeep Yadav, Prasidh Krishna, Dhruv Jurel, Yashasvi Jaiswal.

Shaina Manimuthu, Diksha Sudhakar enter quarterfinals at Badminion Asia U-17 and U-15 Championships

Chengdu: India's girls continued to shine on Day 2 of the Badminion Asia U-17 and U-15 Championships, with top seed Shaina Manimuthu and sixth seed Diksha Sudhakar storming into the quarterfinals of the girls' singles after impressive victories in Chengdu. Shaina maintained her fine form, ousting China's Li Man Lin 21-17, 21-16 with commanding control from start to finish. In the U-17 section, Diksha showed her composure as she outclassed Chinese Taipei's Pn Hsuan Chiang 21-19, 21-15 to secure a best-eight berth, according to a release from the Badminion Association of India (BAI). Among other standout results, Lakshya Rajesh advanced with a strong 21-16, 21-11 win over Korea's Lee Yun Seo in the girls' singles U-17 contest, while the U-17 girls' doubles pair Aditi Deepak Raj and Ponnammma BV Viddhi held their nerve to edge Korea's Lee Yun Seo/Park Yu-Jeong 17-21, 21-15, 21-17. In boys' doubles, Chetan Ram Thipgar and Hari Krishna Veeramreddy produced a clinical 21-14, 21-9 victory against Japan's Kosuke Shinohara/Hiroto Nakatsuka, and Jagdish Singh Khangura eased past Malaysia's Winson Choh 21-12, 21-17 in singles.

Australia's Travis Head 22 runs away from 3,000 ODI runs

Sydney: Australian opener Travis Head stands just 22 runs away from completing 3,000 runs in ODIs. Australia will play the final match of the ODI series against India on Saturday. Australia have won the three-match series and has a 2-0 lead, and India will be aiming for that consolation win. India have been able to contain Travis Head, and he has just scored eight and 28 runs in the first two ODIs. In 78 ODIs and 75 innings, Head has scored 2,978 runs at an average of 43.79, with a strike rate of 105.64, including seven centuries and 17 fifties and a best score of 154*. In three ODIs at Sydney, he has a solid record, with 122 runs in three innings at an average of 40.66, a strike rate of 98.38 and two half-centuries, including a best score of 52. In nine international outings at the iconic venue, Head has scored 296 runs at an average of 32.88, with three fifties in 10 innings and a best score of 70. His overall international record does not make for an impressive reading. This year, Travis has not had a very spectacular run in ODIs, with 333 runs in nine innings at an average of 41.62, with a century and fifty each and best score of 142.

Chennaiyin FC announce all-Indian 24-man squad as head coach Clifford Miranda leads 2025-26 AIFF Super Cup charge

Panaji : Led by former India international attacker Clifford Miranda, a 24-man Chennaiyin FC squad will participate in the 2025-26 AIFF Super Cup. Drawn in Group A, the Marina Machans will commence their campaign with a crunch tie against Mohun Bagan Super Giant on October 25 at the Fatorda Stadium, before facing East Bengal FC and Dempo SC, as per a release from Chennaiyin FC. Miranda, a previous Super Cup winner as a coach, brings an innate knowledge of the Indian football ecosystem, following a long and successful career on both sides of the pitch. The 45-cap India international, who also took the reins at Goa and Odisha, becomes the club's first Indian head coach and will lead an all-Indian squad through the tournament. Speaking in a pre-match press conference, Miranda said, "For most of the teams, not training for more than five months is always difficult. Within a short period of time, we need to turn up and play our first game and then play three games in six days. This is how we need to adapt sometimes, this is how football is, how life is. It is difficult in terms of physically, adaptation, but we are ready."

COURT NOTICE

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In above titled case, the defendant(s)/respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s) responder(s) should appear person or through counsel on 17-11-2025 at 10:00 a.m.
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Civil Judge (Junior Division) Ludhiana
Dated, this day of 14-10-2025

Kohli, Gill under spotlight as India face Aus in final ODI



SYDNEY, OCT 24 (UNI) All eyes in Sydney are on two men who carry not just the weight of expectation but the hopes of an entire cricketing nation: Virat Kohli and Shubman Gill. As India prepares to face Australia in the third and final ODI of the 2025 series at the Sydney Cricket Ground, the spotlight shines brightest on these senior stalwarts, whose performances, or lack thereof, may well decide the course of the match and the final impres-

sions of India's tour down under. Kohli, the indomitable former captain and masterful anchor, has yet to assert his authority in this series, while Gill, leading the side, has struggled to impose control at the top of the order. The burden on their shoulders is immense, and the question is simple yet compelling: can these two men rise to the occasion when their team needs them most? Cricket, after all, is a game

of skill, temperament, and mental resolve, but it is also a game of timing and confidence. India's middle order - Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul, and Axar Patel — has battled valiantly in the first two ODIs, crafting partnerships and offering resistance, yet without foundational contributions from Kohli and Gill, totals have fallen short, leaving Australia with straightforward chases and the psychological edge firmly in their favor.

For India to mount any meaningful challenge in Sydney, it is clear: Kohli must find his rhythm, timing, and authority, and Gill must lead by example at the top of the innings, setting the tone for those who follow. Australia, in contrast, arrives brimming with confidence. Mitchell Marsh and Travis Head provide early aggression, while Matthew Short and Matt Renshaw stabilise the innings in the middle

overs. Cooper Connolly and Mitchell Owen offer finishing firepower, ensuring that momentum never stalls. The bowling attack, anchored by Josh Hazlewood, Mitchell Starc, Xavier Bartlett, and Adam Zampa, has been precise and relentless, leaving India batsmen under pressure in both previous encounters. Tactically, India could turn to Kuldeep Yadav to inject variety into the attack. The left-arm wrist-spinner's ability to turn the ball both ways and exploit rough patches later in the innings could trouble Australia's middle order, particularly alongside Mohammed Siraj and Arshdeep Singh with the new ball, and Washington Sundar's control in the middle overs. Yet, even with such strategic ploys, the outcome largely depends on Kohli and Gill rediscovering form and authority. Sydney Cricket Ground itself is a character in this drama. Early seam movement and uneven bounce challenge openers, while short square boundaries tempt aggression. Spinners gain influence later, and the historical trend favors the side batting first, with nine of the last ten ODIs at this ground won by the initial batting side. A score around 275 will likely be competitive.

Shami, Kishan, Easwaran to lead Ranji action today

NEW DELHI, OCT 24 (UNI) The Ranji Trophy 2025-26 enters a pivotal phase tomorrow with multiple Elite Group clashes across India, led by seasoned Test performers Mohammed Shami, Ishan Kishan, and Abhimanyu Easwaran, who will be central to their teams' campaigns. Shami's pace and experience will spearhead Bengal's attack at Eden Gardens, while Ishan aims to anchor Jharkhand's batting in Nagpur, and Easwaran will look to provide solidity for Bengal's

innings. Their presence adds a layer of Test-level skill and temperament to the domestic competition, making these fixtures particularly intriguing for fans and selectors alike. In Vizianagaram, Andhra seek their first win after a draw against Uttar Pradesh, with top-order batsmen Shaik Rasheed and Srikar Bharat looking to build on their century performances from the opener. Pacers KV Sasikanth and Tripurana Vijay will

need to exploit early conditions to challenge a confident Baroda side, who come off a seven-wicket victory over Odisha. Mahesh Pithiya's six-wicket haul and strong contributions from Shivalik Sharma and Mitesh Patel give Baroda a clear edge, though Andhra's home advantage and batting depth could make for a competitive contest. Toss-winning teams are expected to bat first to take full advantage of early pitch conditions.

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Online applications are invited w.e.f. 27/10/2025 to 16/11/2025 from eligible candidates for recruitment to the post of Director-02 (01 for Department National Education Policy and 01 for University Centre of Excellence in Research, Faridkot) on regular basis under Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot.

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REGISTRAR

Manibhavnam Home Finance India Private Limited

Notice Under Section 13(2) Of The Securitization And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer, under the provision of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, of Manibhavnam Home Finance India Private Limited having its Registered Office at 2nd Floor, N-2, South Extension Part-I, New Delhi-110049, (hereinafter referred to as "MBHF"), which has duly been Authorised by the Central Government, vide a notification dated 17.06.2021, to be treated as a Financial Institution, for the purposes of the "The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, hereby issue you the following notice:-

Name and Address of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor: 1. Seema W/o Jasbir 2. Jasbir S/o Hari Ram, 3. Sonu Devi W/o Naresh Kumar, 4. Naresh Kumar S/o Hari Ram Add:- Village Rapria Patti Balu, Kailthal, Haryana -136117, 2nd Address Seema W/o Jasbir - House Situated at Near Anaj Mandi, Village - Balu, Tehsil - Kalayat, Distt. - Kailthal, Haryana - 136117, Loan A/c Numbers : LP0000000007738, Outstanding Amount: Rs. 8,74,941.84/- as on 28.02.2025, NPA Date:09.02.2024, Date of 13(2) Notice: 18.03.2025, Schedule-II (Details Of Mortgage Property) : All That Piece And Parcel Of Property I.e. House, Part Of Bearing Kharsa No. 913/1(4-10), Khewat No. 1188, Khatori No. 1309, Measuring 5.25m (158Sq. Yards), Situated At Village Balu, Tehsil Kailvat Distt Kailthal. (Transfer Deed No. 952 Dated 18.06.2021).

Name and Address of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor: 1. Sunil Rani W/o Balraj Singh, 2. Balraj Singh S/o Hawa Singh, 3. Premo W/o Hawa Singh, 4. Gurdeep Singh S/o Hawa Singh Add:- House no. 583, Harsola, Kailthal, Haryana -136027, 2nd Address of Balraj Singh S/o Hawa Singh - Jangra Engineering Works, Tiram Road, Village Harsola 136027 Loan A/c Numbers : LP0000000009245 Outstanding Amount: Rs. 19,01,407.99/- as on 23.01.2025, NPA Date: 09.01.2024, Date of 13(2) Notice: 04.02.2025 Schedule-II (Details Of Mortgage Property) : All That Piece And Parcel Of Property I.e. House, Part of Bearing Khewat no. 713, Kharsa no. 370(0-5), measuring 2M & Khewat no. 716, Kharsa no. 372(0-5), measuring 2M & Khewat no. 720, Kharsa no. 371(0-5), measuring 2M, Total Land Measuring 6M, Situated at Village Harsola, Tehsil & Distt Kailthal. (Transfer deed no. 13765 Dated 06.12.2021).

Name and Address of Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor: 1. Bhedo W/o Mehtab Singh 2. Mehtab Singh S/o Kail Ram, 3. Bajinder S/o Mehtab Singh Add:- Village Rapria Patti Balu, Kailthal, Haryana -136117 Loan A/c Numbers : LP0000000007565 Outstanding Amount: Rs. 9,23,592.36/- as on, 28.02.2025, NPA Date: 09.02.2025, Date of 13(2) Notice: 18.03.2025.

Further with reasons, we believe that you are evading the service of demand notice, hence this publication of demand notice. You are hereby called upon to pay MANIBHAVNAM HOME FINANCE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED within a period of 60 days of date of publication of this demand notice the aforesaid amount alongwith further interest, cost, incidental expenses, charges etc., failing which MANIBHAVNAM HOME FINANCE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED will take necessary action under all or any of the provision of Sec. 13(4) of the said Act against all or any one or more of the secured assets including taking possession of this secured assets of the borrower(s). Further you are prohibited U/S 13(13) of the said Act from transferring either by way of sale/lease or in any other way the aforesaid secured assets. Please note that no further demand notice will be issued.

Date :- 25.10.2025
Place :- Haryana

Authorised officer
Manibhavnam Home Finance India Private Limited

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Invitation of Application for engagement of " Station Ticket Booking Agents" (STBA) for 03 years at NSG-5 & NSG-6 category stations over Ambala Division, Northern Railway

NR-UMBOCOML/12/2025-O/o DCM1/UMB/NR Date 22.10.2025

The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt for and on behalf of president of India invites applications in sealed envelopes from interested candidates for appointment of "Station Ticket Booking Agents " (STBA) for a period of three years for the undernoted stations over Ambala Division . The Details are as under :-

1	NIT No. & Date	NR-UMBOCOML/12/2025-O/o DCM1/UMB/NR dt 22.10.2025
2	Railway website	www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in
3	Application document download start date	24.10.2025
4	Application document download end date	14.11.2025 at 14:00 hrs.
5	Application submission Date & Time	14.11.2025 from 10:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs.
6	Application opening date & Time & Place of Application Submission	14.11.2025 at 15:30 hrs (O/o Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, DRM Office, Ambala Cantt. Haryana-133001)
7	Name of Stations	Alai, Bharatgarh, Barog, Bahadur Singh Wala, Bathinda Cantt, Chawapail, Chhintawala, Dhablan, Dhansu, Daun Kalan, Dukheri, Gill, Gummam, Gurney, Himmatana, handaya, Jutog, kanch, kandaghat, kailthighat, Kauli, Kaulson, kumarhatti, Kalanaur, Koti, lehranuhabat, Mianpur, Noganwan, Kilraipur, Raipur Haryana, Sarai banjara, Sadhugarh, Sekha, Sophi, Summerhill, Salogra, Sambhru, Sonwara, Taksal, Taradevi Kesri, Bassi Pathana., Tapa, Samrala, Kurali, Chajli, Darazpur, Solan (NSG-6 Category Stations) Round the Clock duty Jagadhari Workshop, Rampura Phul, Ahmadgarh, Barara, Dhuri, Khanna, Morinda NSG-5 Category Stations) Round the Clock Duty Shift Specific Duty For NSG-5 Category Stations Anandpur Sahib 2 shift (5-13 hrs & 13-23 hrs) Night shift close Rup nagar 2 shift (5-13 hrs & 13-23 hrs) Night shift close Nangal Dam 2 shift (5-13 hrs & 13-23 hrs) Night shift close Sangrur 1 shift 8 -20 hrs Malout 1 shift 8 -20 hrs Giddarbaha 1 shift 8 -20 hrs Malerkotla 1 shift 8 -20 hrs
8	Tender Form Cost	Rs. 1180/- must be credited through RTGS to following railway deposit account of SBI. Documentary proof of the same must be attached with the application form. Name of Account holder:- FBLB new Delhi (0691). Sr divisional finance manager northern Railway, Ambala cantt State bank of India Account no. 10580294072, IFSC code SBIN000607)
9	Earnest Money Deposit (refundable)	Rs. 2000/- for NSG-6 stations and Rs. 5000/- for NSG-5 station must be credited through RTGS to following railway deposit account of SBI. Documentary proof of the same must be attached with the application form. Name of Account holder:- FBLB new Delhi(0691). Sr. divisional finance manager northern Railway, Ambala cantt State bank of India. Account no. 10580294072, IFSC code SBIN000607)

NOTE:- The Applicant must fill and submit the application form either in Hindi or English. In case any applicant submits the form in both languages, the Railway Authority may summarily reject the application.

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Advertising world doyen Piyush Pandey passes away



Advertising legend Piyush Pandey has passed away. He was 70. The news of Piyush Pandey's demise was shared by columnist Suhel Seth on X on Friday morning. "Deeply deeply saddened and devastated at the loss of the genius that my dearest friend Piyush Pandey was. India has not lost a just a great advertising mind but a true patriot and a fine fine gentleman. Now the heavens will dance to Mile Sur Mera Tumhara," he posted. Pandey started his advertising journey in 1982 with Ogilvy & Mather India (now Ogilvy India), beginning as a trainee account executive before transitioning to the creative side. With his talent, he literally changed the face of Indian advertising. He's the master-

mind behind iconic ad campaigns like Asian Paints' "Har khushi mein rang laaye", Cadbury's "Kuch Khaas Hai", and Fevicol's iconic "Egg" film.

Offering his condolences, filmmaker Hansal Mehta paid tribute to Pandey in his own advertising way. "Fevicol ka jod toot gaya. The ad world lost its glue today. Go well Piyush Pandey," Mehta wrote. Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal also mourned the demise of the advertising icon. "Truly at a loss for words to express my sadness at the demise of Padma Shri Piyush Pandey. A phenomenon in the world of advertising, his creative genius redefined storytelling, giving us unforgettable and timeless narratives. To me, he was

a friend whose brilliance shone through his authenticity, warmth, and wit.

I will always cherish our engaging interactions. He leaves behind a deep void that will be hard to fill. My deepest condolences to his family, friends, and admirers.

Om Shanti," he wrote on X. In 2004, Piyush Pandey etched his name in history as the first Asian to serve as jury president at the Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity. His trailblazing contributions were later recognised with the CLIO Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012 and the Padma Shri, making him the first figure from Indian advertising to receive the national honour. More details regarding his demise are awaited.

COLORS announces its new family drama 'Seher Hone Ko Hai' starring Parth Samthaan, Mahhi Vij & Rishita Kothari



CHANDIGARH: When the first rays of dawn kiss the earth, they carry with them the light of prayers, the fragrance of hope, and the promise of new beginnings. Embracing this spirit of renewal, COLORS announces its upcoming family drama, Seher Hone Ko Hai — a captivating saga set against the soulful backdrop of Lucknow. Starring promising newcomer Rishita Kothari as Seher, the stunning Mahhi Vij as her mother Kausar in her much-awaited return to fiction, and television sensation Parth Samthaan as Mahid, this drama beautifully celebrates the richness of Muslim culture while offering viewers a fresh, immersive narrative filled with layered emotions. The show follows the journey of Kausar, a mother determined to see her daughter, Seher, educated, liberated, and free from the very societal shackles that once bound her. But will the world let Seher break free?

On essaying the role of Mahid in 'Seher Hone Ko Hai', Parth says, "Mahid is a character unlike any I've played before. Its layered, intense, and full of surprises. What excites me most is the journey he takes and the new shades I get to explore as an actor. I'm also thrilled to share the screen with the talented Rishita Kothari and Mahhi Vij, it's such an interesting collaboration. I truly believe viewers are in for something fresh and captivating, and I can't wait for them to experience Mahid's story. The audiences have been so loving and supportive of my choices, and I want to give them something memorable through Mahid's character."

Excited about her comeback on television, Mahhi Vij shares, "Returning to fiction after nearly a decade feels surreal, and what better way than to play Kausar, a mother who lives to provide her daughter a bright future. As a mother in real life, stepping into Kausar's shoes feels instinctively natural. The bond between a mother and daughter can take on the world. I'm thrilled to bring this powerful relationship to life in a saga about love, sacrifice and the courage to pursue a new beginning."

IFAT India 2025 concludes with record global participation

CHANDIGARH: The 12th edition of IFAT India, concluded after three dynamic days of business, knowledge exchange, and global collaboration. Organised by Messe Muenchen India from October 14–16, 2025, the event re-created an all-time high participation of 18,000+visitors, 560+ exhibitors from 30+ countries, spread across 45,000+ sqm of exhibition space at the Bombay Exhibition Centre.

"IFAT India 2025 truly reflected the spirit of global collaboration," said Bhupinder Singh, President – IMEA, Messe München and CEO, Messe Muenchen India. "With exhibitors from more than 30 countries and participation of international delegations, pavilions, and speakers, this edition became a melting pot of international expertise and local innovation."

The 2025 edition featured 6 international pavilions — from Germany, Canada, the Netherlands, South Korea, Hungary and Australia — underscoring the event's international significance and reinforcing India's position as a growth hub for environmental technologies. A variety of special pavilions, such as SWAN, IWA, and the International Waste Pavilion, enriched the comprehensive range of offerings. The trade fair was inaugurated by Dia Mirza, an award-winning actor, producer, and UN Environment Goodwill Ambassador, alongside senior dignitaries from municipal corporations, ministries, and international delegations. Speaking at the opening ceremony, Dia Mirza said: "Platforms like IFAT India remind us that the climate crisis demands collaboration—not competition. The innovations displayed here can help India transition faster toward clean, circular, and climate-resilient growth."

Ranbir-Alia make stylish appearance at Kalina airport with daughter Raha

After having a Diwali bash with family and friends, Bollywood couple Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt grabbed the eyeballs with their chic and casual look at Kalina Airport in Mumbai. The couple were seen getting out of their car with adorable Raha, drawing attention from fans and paps. Ranbir Kapoor greeted the paparazzi with his signature smile and a casual wave before entering the terminal. He sported a classic denim jacket over a plain white T-shirt, teamed with a cap, creating an effortlessly cool look. Alia chose a white tank top and sunglasses, keeping her look simple and comfortable. Recently, the 'Jigra' actor shared the glimpses of their fun-filled Diwali celebration, posting adorable pictures of Ranbir, her daughter Raha, Shaheen Bhatt, filmmaker Ayan Mukerji, and others. Taking to her Instagram handle, she shared a series of photos, with the first one showing Alia and Ranbir posing for the camera. While Ranbir opted for a white Kurta, Alia looked stunning in a pink kurta with a light green pleated skirt. Alia also shared a cute picture of Raha in which she can be seen painting the diyas, while the video of 'Highway' star with Shaheen perfectly captures the sisters' bond. Along with the pictures, Alia gave a sweet caption, "Dilwali Diwali.. Happy Diwali to you and yours! Meanwhile, on the work front, 'Alia' will be seen in 'Al-pha'. Directed by Shiv Rawail, 'Al-pha' is set to be a notable addition to Yash Raj Films' acclaimed spy universe and is scheduled for release on December 25. On the other hand, Ranbir will play Lord Ram in Nitesh Tiwari's much-awaited two-part epic Ramayana. He was also seen in the Netflix show The Badis of Bollywood in a cameo role.

Lindsey Normington to guest star on 'Elsbeth' season 3



Actor Lindsey Normington will be seen making a special appearance in the third season of 'Elsbeth'. The hit series has also added Jaime Pressly and Andrew Rannells as Season 3 guest stars, as per Deadline.

Based on the character featured in The Good Wife and The Good Fight, Elsbeth Tascioni (Carrie Preston) is the astute but unconventional consent decree attorney working with the NYPD to catch New York's well-heeled murderers, utilising her unique perspective. Wendell Pierce also stars as Captain Charles Wallace (C. W.) Wagner.

Normington will appear in Episode 307 as Alia Jade, a soulful pop star who purchases a convent with plans to transform it into a recording studio. Pressly will appear in Episode 309 as Tiff Giles, who was once a top model but now works as a bartender at a dive in Pennsylvania. When her old roommate from the "model house" where they began their careers invites Tiff to a reunion and photo shoot, Tiff returns to New York for the first time seeking closure... and revenge. Rannells will appear in Episode 310 as Harris, a former dancer who sits on the board of a prominent New York ballet company. When the company abandons its traditional Nutcracker for a childless, avant-garde version -- thus denying Harris's daughter the starring role she's dreamed of -- Harris leaps into action. CBS Studios produces Elsbeth and is executive produced by Robert King, Michelle King, showrunner Jonathan Tolins, Liz Glotzer, Erica Shelton Kodish, Bryan Goluboff, and Gail Barringer. The Kings co-created the series.

Kapil Sharma's 'Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2' to be released on December 12

Comedian Kapil Sharma on Thursday announced the release date of his film 'Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2'. According to his Instagram post, the film is set to hit theatres on December 12, 2025. Kapil also shared the film's motion poster, revealing Manjot Singh, Parul Gulati, and Ayesha Khan as his co-stars. "Get ready for double the confusion, and 4 times the fun! #KisKiskoPyaarKaroon2, laugh riot begins only in Cinemas on 12th December 2025," he shared.

Kapil also has a film with Riddhima Kapoor Sahni in his kitty. In the film, Neetu Kapoor will also be seen playing a pivotal role. After wrapping up the shoot a few months ago, Riddhima took to Instagram and expressed her happiness over the bond she created with over 200 people on the sets. "Firsts are always special. Because it's those very 'firsts' that form the blue print of earnings we will carry for the rest of our lives. For 52 days, over 200 people came together to tell this heart warming, funny, and beautiful film. We plotted, we danced, we laugh-cried and cried-laughed, and I cannot wait for you to join in the celebrations when this film hits your screens," she wrote. Sadia Khateeb, Sarath Kumar and Aditi Mittal are also a part of the movie. The film is tentatively titled 'Dadi Ki Shadi'.



Femina Miss India World 2024 Nikita Porwal offers prayers at Mahakaleshwar temple

Femina Miss India World 2024 Nikita Porwal offered prayers at Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple in Ujjain on Thursday and sought the blessings of Lord Shiva. She attended the Bhasma Aarti and experienced the divine atmosphere while seated in the Nandi Mandapam. Shared her experience after visiting the temple and attending Bhasma Aarti, Nikita told ANI, "For the first time, I got the good fortune of getting the darshan of Baba Mahakal and attending Bhasma Aarti. I am very grateful to Baba Mahakaleshwar because nothing can happen without his will. I also thank the temple administration for inviting and giving me the opportunity to attend the Aarti."

Baba Mahakaleshwar's world-renowned Bhasma Aarti is considered divine and mystical. Devotees from far and wide gather at the Mahakal temple to witness the sacred ritual performed during the Brahma Muhurta and seek blessings from Baba Mahakal. 'Bhasma aarti' (offering with ashes) is a famous ritual here. It is performed during the 'Brahma



Muhurta' period, between 3:30 and 5:30 a.m. According to the temple priest, Baba Mahakal's doors were opened at Brahma Muhurta, following tradition. After that, Lord Mahakal performed a holy bath with Panchamrit, which included milk, curd, ghee, sugar, and honey. Thereafter, Baba Mahakal was decorated with cannabis and sandalwood. After that, a unique Bhasma Aarti and dhoop-deep Aarti were per-

formed, accompanied by the beating of drums and the blowing of Shankhs (conch shells). Additionally, it is believed that the devotee who participates in the Bhasma Aarti of Baba Mahakal during the month of Shravan has all their sufferings removed and all their wishes fulfilled. Located in the ancient city of Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, the temple is situated on the banks of the River Shipra.

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