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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Rahul Gandhi may visit Bihar on Oct 29-30**

**PATNA:** The Congress's poll campaign in Bihar will kick off soon after Chhath Puja with Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi canvassing for the INDIA bloc, senior party leader KC Venugopal said on Sunday. Venugopal, the Congress national general secretary (organisation), said that other party leaders, including Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and national president Mallikarjun Kharge, will also campaign in the state, where the Voter Adhikar Yatra in August gave the party the much-needed momentum.

**Veteran actor Satish Shah cremated in Mumbai**

**MUMBAI:** The mortal remains of veteran actor Satish Shah was consigned to flames at the Pawan Hans crematorium in the city suburb today amidst the presence of a glittering array of film and television personalities who bade a tearful farewell to the much-loved artist. Satish Shah died yesterday, aged 74. The celebrated actor, known for his impeccable comic timing and iconic roles on television and in cinema, succumbed to kidney failure in Mumbai. The entire cast of his cult classic "Sarabhai vs Sarabhai" Ratna Pathak Shah, Rajesh Kumar, Rupali Ganguly, Sumeet Raghavan, and producer Jannadas Majethia attended the ceremony.

**Chhath Puja's first offering today**

**NEW DELHI:** The great festival of faith, Chhath, is dedicated to the worship of Surya Dev (Sun God) and Chhathi Maiya (Goddess Shashthi). During this time, women observe a 36-hour waterless fast for the long life and well-being of their children. This fast is considered one of the most difficult fasts. Chhath Puja begins with Nahay-Khay, and the 36-hour fast begins the next day with Khama. Also, in Chhath Puja, offerings are given twice – one evening offering (Sandhya Arghya).

**Young all-rounder Vats steers Haryana to second win in a row**

**ROHTAK:** Left-arm spin bowling all-rounder Parth Vats starred once again with a fifer to guide Haryana to a commanding nine-wicket victory over Tripura in their Group C Ranji Trophy match here Sunday. The 21-year-old produced his second consecutive Player-of-the-Match performance, this time with the ball with a match haul of eight wickets as Tripura were bowled out for 47 in their second essay, which left the hosts with an easy target of 16 runs to achieve. Haryana chased down the target in 4.3 overs and now have 12 points from two matches.

## 21st century belongs to India and ASEAN, says PM Modi



**AGENCY NEW DELHI, OCT 26**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday highlighted that the 21st century is the century of India and ASEAN nations, and reaffirmed that the Association of South East Asian Nations is a major pillar of India's Act East Policy. "The 21st century is our century, the century of India and ASEAN," PM Modi said in his virtual address to the 22nd ASEAN-India Summit in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia, stressing the deep-rooted historical, cultural, and civilizational bonds. He congratulated Malaysia and its Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim for successfully hosting the 47th ASEAN Summit and commended the Philippines for serving as the country coordinator for India. Further, he welcomed

East Timor's inclusion as the 11th member state of the ASEAN community. He also extended condolences on the demise of Thailand's Queen Mother Sirikit. He noted that India and ASEAN together represent nearly one-fourth of the world's population, adding, "India and ASEAN together represent nearly one-fourth of the world's population. We do not just share geography, but are also connected by strong historical ties and shared values." PM Modi emphasised that India and ASEAN are fellow travellers in the Global South, working together to ensure stability, growth, and prosperity. "Even in this era of uncertainty, the India-ASEAN Comprehensive Strategic Partnership has shown steady progress," he said, adding that the strong partnership is emerging as a key foundation for global stability

and development. In his six minute long address to the summit, Prime Minister Modi reaffirmed India's consistent support for ASEAN centrality and the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific, underscoring that cooperation between the two regions is vital for peace and prosperity across Asia. "ASEAN is not just part of our foreign policy but a cornerstone of India's Act East vision," PM Modi said, reaffirming New Delhi's commitment to building a peaceful, stable, and prosperous Indo-Pacific region. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will represent Prime Minister Modi at the 20th East Asia Summit in Kuala Lumpur on October 27. The East Asia Summit will provide an opportunity to deliberate on the challenges to peace, stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region.

## Waqf Act will be 'thrown into dustbin' if INDIA bloc voted to power in Bihar: Tejashwi

**AGENCY KATIHAR, OCT 26**

If the INDIA bloc is voted to power in Bihar, the Waqf (Amendment) Act would be "thrown into the dustbin", the opposition coalition's CM candidate Tejashwi Yadav said on Sunday. Addressing back-to-back public rallies in the Muslim-dominated Katihar, Kishanganj and Araria districts, Yadav said his father, Lalu Prasad, the RJD chief, never compromised with communal forces in the country.

"But Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has always supported such forces, and it is because of him that the RSS and its affiliates are spreading communal hatred in the state as well as in the country. The BJP should be called 'Bharat Jalao Party'. If the INDIA bloc comes to power in the state, we will throw the Waqf Act into the dustbin," he said.

"If we come to power, we will set up the Seemanchal Development Authority for the overall development of the region. A world-class university will be built here, besides a super-specialty hospital and a centre of the Aligarh Muslim University," he said.



Yadav alleged that even after Kumar as CM for 20 years and Narendra Modi as PM for 11 years, Bihar has remained the most backward and poor state in the country. "Seemachal is the poorest region of the state. This is the time to teach them a lesson," he added. The region, comprising Purnia, Araria, Kishanganj and Katihar districts, has a significant Muslim population. The RJD leader alleged that the NDA government was copying the election promises he was making. "We promised an increase in the old-age pension. The Nitish

Kumar government increased it from Rs 400 per month to Rs 1,100 per month. I promise, we will increase it to Rs 2,000 per month," he said. Yadav also hit back at Union Home Minister Amit Shah. "A few days ago, when Amit Shah came to Bihar, he was threatening us that he wouldn't leave us in a condition to contest elections. I will fight and I will win. We are Biharis, true Biharis, we do not fear outsiders. 'Ek Bihari sab pe bhari' (one Bihari is stronger than everyone else)," he said.

## Accused in Aussie cricketers' molestation case had criminal record, held



**INDORE:** Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime Branch), Rajesh Dandotiya on Sunday provided an update on the ongoing investigation in connection with the alleged molestation and stalking of two Australian women cricketers in Indore, stating that the suspect, Aqueel Sheikh, was apprehended following a six-hour, intensive strategic operation and has a past criminal history. The accused has been remanded to police custody for two days, according to police officials. "Australian team management security in-charge reported an incident where the FIR has been registered under section BNS 74 for inappropriate behaviour and BNS 78 for stalking. With the intensive strategic operation of six hours, we arrested the accused named Aqueel Sheikh, who has a criminal background... He appeared before the court yesterday, and we are interrogating him. After completing today's police remand, we are going to produce him before the court, and we are trying to send him on a judicial remand," the Additional Dy Commissioner of Police said. The incident occurred on October 23, when two Australian women's cricketers left their team hotel and headed to a cafe ahead of their clash against South Africa. It was during this period that the two Australian cricketers were allegedly "inappropriately touched".

## 21 Maoist including 13 women surrender with weapons in Bastar

**AGENCY KANKER, OCT 26**

A total of 21 Maoist cadres, including 13 women, surrendered with 18 weapons in the Kanker district on Sunday, Bastar Inspector General P Sundarraj said. The cadres were part of the Kuemari/Kiskodo Area Committee of Keshkal Division (North Sub Zonal Bureau), he said. According to the senior police official, four Division Committee Members, including Division Committee Secretary Mukesh, nine Area Committee Members and eight party members are among the 21 cadres who have joined the mainstream. They surrendered three AK-47 Rifles, four SLR Rifles, two INSAS Rifles, six .303 Rifles, two Single Shot Rifles and one BGL

weapon, IG Bastar Sundarraj said. He called it a "decisive step" in efforts to curb left-wing extremism in the state and said that the rehabilitation and reintegration process for the surrendered cadres is underway. He said, "Another decisive step was achieved today in Kanker District as 21 more cadres voluntarily returned to the mainstream. This is a significant milestone in our efforts to curb left-wing extremist influence, build community trust, and promote peace and development in Bastar." "The rehabilitation and reintegration process for these 21 cadres is underway, reaffirming our commitment to a safer, inclusive, and progressive society."



We once again urge the remaining Maoist cadres in the region to choose the path of peace and return to society, or be prepared to face the consequences," he added. This comes in the backdrop of a landmark development

in Chhattisgarh's battle against Left Wing Extremism (LWE), where 208 Naxalites surrendered at an event organised in Bastar's Jagdalpur on October 17, holding the Indian Constitution as they were welcomed back into the mainstream. Earlier on October 21, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai praised the bravery and dedication of police personnel in combating Naxalism while also promoting development in affected areas, as the state observed Police Commemoration Day. Chhattisgarh CM told, "Police Commemoration Day is being observed to mark the sacrifices made by police and security personnel on the line of duty."

## Foreign assets under scanner in Ex-DIG Bhullar bribery case

**UNI CHANDIGARH:**

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has reportedly unearthed overseas property links of former Punjab DIG (Ropar Range) Harcharan Singh Bhullar, who was arrested recently in a bribery case. According to official sources, Bhullar is believed to own two flats in Dubai and three in Canada. During his service, he is said to have visited Dubai around ten times. The CBI has seized his passport and is now verifying details of his foreign travels. Investigators have also traced around 55 acres of land and 20 commercial shops in the

Machhiwara area of Ludhiana, allegedly owned by Bhullar. The agency suspects that some of these properties might have been purchased through benami (proxy) names during his tenure. The CBI is now focusing on identifying the sources of funds used for acquiring these assets, both in India and abroad. Officials hinted that more revelations could emerge as the probe deepens. Meanwhile, the agency may turn Krishnu, who allegedly arranged a bribery deal with a Mandi Gobindgarh trader, into an approver. Efforts are underway to persuade him to testify as a government witness, which could further complicate Bhullar's situation.

## India forex reserves climb to USD 702.28 billion, nearing record high

**AGENCY NEW DELHI, OCT 26**

India's foreign exchange reserves rose by USD 4.5 billion in the week that ended October 17 to USD 702.28 billion, primarily driven by a rise in gold reserves, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said in its latest 'Weekly Statistical Supplement'. The country's forex kitty is hovering close to its all-time high of USD 704.89 billion touched in September 2024. For the reported week, India's foreign currency assets (FCA), the largest component of foreign exchange reserves, stood at USD 570.411 billion, down USD 1.692 billion. The RBI data showed that gold reserves currently stand at USD 108.546 billion, up USD 6.181 billion from the previous week. The price of the safe-haven asset gold has been on a sharp uptrend over recent months, per-



haps amid heightened global uncertainties. After the latest monetary policy review meeting, RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra had said the foreign exchange kitty was suffi-

cient to cover more than 11 months of merchandise imports. Overall, India's external sector continues to be resilient, and the RBI remains confident of meeting its ex-

ternal obligations comfortably. In 2023, India added around USD 58 billion to its foreign exchange reserves, contrasting with a cumulative decline of USD 71 billion in 2022. In 2024, the reserves rose by a little over USD 20 billion. So far in 2025, the forex kitty has cumulatively increased by about USD 53 billion, according to data. Foreign exchange reserves, or FX reserves, are assets held by a nation's central bank or monetary authority, primarily in reserve currencies such as the US dollar, with smaller portions in the Euro, Japanese Yen, and Pound Sterling. The RBI often intervenes by managing liquidity, including selling dollars, to prevent steep depreciation of the rupee. The RBI strategically buys dollars when the Rupee is strong and sells when it weakens.

## Uttarakhand to impose green tax on vehicles coming from outside



**DEHRADUN:** Green tax will be collected from vehicles coming to Uttarakhand from outside states from December, officials said. The decision has been taken with a view to controlling pollution, protecting the environment, and promoting cleanliness in the state. Different tax rates have been fixed for various vehicle categories -- Rs 80 for small vehicles, Rs 250 for small cargo vehicles, Rs 140 for buses, and between Rs 120 and Rs 700 for trucks, depending on their weight. State Additional Transport Commissioner Sanat Kumar Singh said on Saturday that Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras installed along the state's borders will capture the registration numbers of incoming vehi-

cles. He said 16 cameras were already installed in the border areas, and their number has now been increased to 37. The transport department has appointed a vendor company to collect the green tax, Singh said. The data captured by the cameras will be sent to the vendor through software, which will then separate information related to Uttarakhand-registered, government, and two-wheeler vehicles, and send them to National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) database, he added. He informed that from there, the wallet numbers of the vehicle owners will be searched, and the relevant amount will be automatically deducted and deposited to the account of the transport department.

## CEC-CGC Landran signs MoU with NIPM

CHANDIGARH (TILAK R.A.): The Department of Business Administration (MBA), Chandigarh Engineering College (CEC), CGC Landran has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the National Institute of Personnel Management (NIPM), Punjab Chapter, at a specially organised event on campus. The MoU signing ceremony was led by Dr. Rajdeep Singh, Campus Director, CGC Landran and Mr. Ajay Bakshi, Chairman, NIPM Punjab Chapter. The partnership will help enhance industry-academia collaboration and promote professional development for Management students at CGC Landran. "This collaboration underscores CGC Landran's commitment to integrating academic learning with professional exposure and industry engagement," said Dr. Rajdeep Singh. Other distinguished guests present at the ceremony included Mr. S.P. Bansal, Regional Vice President (North), NIPM, Mr. Jorawer Singh, Honorary Secretary, NIPM Punjab Chapter, Dr. Maninder Gill, HoD, Department of Business Administration (MBA), CEC, CGC Landran and Mr. Mandeep Singh, Director, TPP, CGC Landran. The launch of the NIPM Student Chapter at CEC-CGC Landran, was another highlight of this event. It would be providing a platform for CGC's students to engage with HR professionals, learn about industry practices and develop leadership and networking skills.

CHANDIGARH  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025

### NEWS BRIEF

**Panjab University conducts BA/B. Com LL.B. (Hons.) 5-Year integrated course migration test 2025**

CHANDIGARH: Panjab University, Chandigarh, today conducted the BA/B. Com LL.B. (Hons.) 5-Year Integrated Course Migration Entrance Test 2025 from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. PU Controller of Examination Prof Jagat Bhushan informed that 97 out of 103 registered candidates, accounting for 94.17% attendance, appeared for the examination. The test was held at the Examination Hall, Panjab University Campus, Sector 14, Chandigarh. To ensure the fair and transparent conduct of the examination, an Observer was deputed for routine inspection and monitoring. Mobile and Wi-Fi jammers were also installed to prevent the use of any electronic devices and curb unfair practices during the test. The examination was conducted smoothly and without any untoward incident. The question booklet and answer key will be uploaded on the official examination website on October 27, 2025, for candidates' reference.

**Punjab holds investors meet to boost tourism and hospitality projects through PPP model**

CHANDIGARH: An Investors Meet was held in Chandigarh under the aegis of the Punjab Infrastructure Development Board (PIDB) to attract private investment and promote sustainable growth in the tourism and hospitality sector through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) initiatives. The event witnessed participation from senior officials of the PIDB, the Departments of Tourism & Cultural Affairs and Housing & Urban Development, as well as prospective investors, developers, and transaction advisors. The objective was to explore and promote investment opportunities across key tourism and hospitality projects in Punjab. Six major PPP-based projects were presented during the meet to gauge investor interest, including: Development of Urban Ropeway Project in Amritsar; Development of Heritage Hotel at Aam Khas Bagh, Sirhind; Development of Pinkcassia Tourist Complex at Aam Khas Bagh, Ropar; Development of Heritage Hotel at Darbar Hall, Kapurthala; Development of Convention-cum-Exhibition Centre at Mohali; Development of Convention-cum-Exhibition Centre at Ludhiana. Deliberations focused on project feasibility, timelines, and statutory clearances, as well as PPP frameworks, including competitive bidding processes, revenue-sharing models, and investor-friendly terms. Participants were encouraged to share feedback to help refine project structures and enhance participation.

## Punjab Cabinet Ministers extend invitation to Rajasthan CM for 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji

CHANDIGARH, OCT 26

The Punjab Government is organizing grand state-level commemorative events marking the 350th Martyrdom Anniversary of the Ninth Sikh Guru, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. As part of this initiative, Punjab Cabinet Ministers Dr. Baljot Kaur and Mohinder Bhagat held a special meeting with the Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Shri Bhajan Lal Sharma in Jaipur, and formally invited him to join in the Commemorative events in Punjab.

The ministers conveyed the warm greetings on behalf of the Chief Minister of Punjab, S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, to the Rajasthan Chief Minister. They also apprised him of the month-long programmes being held across the state to pay respects the unparalleled sacrifice of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji for the cause of religious freedom and righteousness.



During the meeting, they informed that the commemorative events commenced on October 25 with an Ardas (prayer) at Gurdwara Sri Sis Ganj Sahib in Delhi. Following the inauguration, a series of religious and cultural events are being organized throughout Punjab. Light and Sound Shows depicting the life and teachings of Guru Sahib are being held in all 23 districts, while Kirtan Darbars and religious congregations are taking place at 130 sacred locations blessed by the presence of Guru Sahib. The ministers further shared that four Nagar Kirtans—beginning from Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir), Gurdaspur, Faridkot.

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## Bharat Vikas Parishad repairs broken sewer covers

SURINDER DAMDAMI KOTKAPURA, OCT 26

Bharat Vikas Parishad branch Kotkapura repaired the broken sewer cover in front of the local new bus stand.

The council officials had received information that the sewer cover was broken at the bend of the street leading to the new bus stand, due to which accidents often occur. On receiving the information, Bharat Vikas Parishad state advisor Subhash Goyal, organization patron T.R. Arora and senior member Lalit Bajaj reached the spot. They took immediate action, welded an iron strip around the sewer cover and fitted it again.

On this occasion, Subhash Goyal and T.R. Arora said that their organization is identifying and repairing all the places where accidents are likely to occur due to broken sewer covers or other



reasons. They added that earlier, the broken sewer covers under the railway overbridge and near the main square were repaired. The members

of the organization appealed to the public to inform them about such dangerous places so that accidents can be prevented in time.

## 8 mobiles seized from Ferozepur Central Jail, raising concerns over security lapses

FEROZEPUR, OCT 26

In a recent late-night search operation at Ferozepur Central Jail, authorities recovered eight mobile phones—including both touchscreen and keypad models—along with SIM cards and batteries from nine undertrial prisoners. The seizure, registered under Section 52-A of the Prisons Act at the City Police Station following a complaint by the Assistant Superintendent, has once again highlighted persistent security challenges within the facility.

The inmates involved in the incident were identified as Karbir Singh, Sanmukh Singh, Karan Singh, Gora, Ramandeep Singh, Sagar, Ajay, Gurrjan Singh, and Ram Singh.

This recovery underscores an alarming upward trend in the smuggling of banned items, particularly mobile phones, into the jail, raising serious questions about the effectiveness of the three-layer security system and the vigilance of jail staff.



Records reveal a steady increase in mobile phone recoveries over recent years: 70 in 2019, 130 in 2020, 265 in 2021, 437 in 2022, 469 in 2023, 510 in 2024, and 535 in 2025 as of October, including the latest haul of eight phones. The data points to a growing challenge in curbing the influx of contraband, with mobile phones remaining among the most sought-after items by inmates.

Authorities also noted a significant decline in recoveries during the recent flood season, when visitation to inmates was restricted due to logistical challenges. This correlation has prompted jail officials to consider stricter measures, including limiting visitation rights for inmates found in possession of banned items, as a potential deterrent to contraband smuggling.

## No Attendance, No Salary: MC Chandigarh makes Aadhaar-based biometric attendance mandatory from this date

CHANDIGARH, OCT 26

In a major move towards ensuring transparency and accountability, the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh (MCC) has announced that from November 1, 2025, all employees—including regular, contractual, outsourced, and field staff—must mark their attendance through the Aadhaar Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS) using facial authentication.

The decision, taken under the directions of Sh. Amit Kumar, IAS, Commissioner, MCC, mandates that salaries will now be directly linked to biometric attendance records, leaving no room for manual marking or proxy attendance.

The new system will utilize facial authentication via personal smartphones using the AadhaarBAS or Aadhaar-FaceRD mobile applications, as well as biometric machines installed at designated offices. The move is aimed at creating a modern, efficient, and fool-proof attendance mechanism across all MCC wings and divisions.

During a review meeting, Commissioner Amit Kumar



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informed that 10,930 MCC employees are already regis-

tered on the Biometric Attendance Portal developed by NIC. He directed all unregistered employees to complete their registration within seven days and update their biometric and service details, including their current posting location, by October 31, 2025.

To ensure smooth implementation, the IT Branch of MCC has conducted comprehensive training sessions for Nodal Officers and Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) from every department. Su-

pervisors have been instructed to ensure that no employee skips attendance marking, and in case of any technical issues, to facilitate attendance through an alternate device immediately.

Commissioner Amit Kumar has warned that any negligence or non-compliance will be viewed seriously, emphasizing that the new system aims to promote punctuality, transparency, and administrative discipline across the Municipal Corporation.

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Army No. 15570376n Ex Sep Buta Singh R/o Vill: Bir Talab Po. Multania Basti No. 4 Teh-Bathinda Distt. Bathinda declare that in my army record my father Lal Singh wrongly entered DOB 17-04-1957 and my mother name & DOB wrongly entered Mohinder Kaur & 17-04-1962. But my father correct DOB is 01-01-1956 and my mother correct name & DOB Mahinder Kaur and correct DOB 01-01-1959. So amended my father DOB & my mother name & DOB in my army record.

I Sharanjit Singh Bal S/o Joga Singh Bal V P O Jodhe Teh Baba Bakala Distt Amritsar. I Declare that I have change my name from Sharanjit Singh Bal to Sharanjit Singh. Affidavit No. P B 85405132464001X and Dated 23 oct2025. All Concerned please note.

I, Jaswinder Singh Bal W/o Joga Singh Bal VPO Jodhe Teh Baba Bakala Distt Amritsar. I Declare that I have change the name from Jaswinder Kaur Bal to Jaswinder Kaur. Affidavit No. P B 85374500556290X and Dated 23 oct2025. All Concerned please note.

I, Harinder Kaur spouse of No. 13755518A NK Satnam Singh (Retd) Resident of Vpo. Mojawal Majara Teh-Balalchaur Distt. SBS Nagar, Pb-144526 changed my name to Harinder Kaur. My DOB is 31-05-1975 as per my Aadhar Card & PAN Card.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Hero Bhagat S/o Kamal Shri Bhagat R/o H.No. 1158 St.No. 10 Guru Arjan Dev Nagar Tajpur Road Ludhiana declare that my son Manish Kumar is out of my control. So I disown with him from my moveable/immovable property. If anybody dealing with him at his/her own risk.

I, Narinder Kaur W/o Late: Ajit Singh R/o H.No. 78/2, B-9 Mahilpur Teh-Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur declare that my son Avtar Singh and his wife Lovedeep Kaur and grandson Ryanbir 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.

I, Gurpreet Singh S/o Hardial Singh R/o Vpo. Aur Teh-Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar declare that my son Ravinder Singh Gosal is out of my control. So I disown with him from my moveable/immovable property. If anybody dealing with him at his/her own risk.

I Karanjit Kaur Bal D/o Joga Singh Bal VPO Jodhe Teh Baba Bakala Distt Amritsar. I Declare that I have change my name from Karanjit Singh Bal to Karanjit Kaur. Affidavit No. PB 85374104189725 X and Dated 23 oct 2025. All Concerned please note.

I, Gurmit Singh Mangat S/o Pal Singh, R/o House No 82, Near Spring Dale School, Khanna, Ludhiana, Punjab- 141401, Declare that name of Mine has been wrongly written as Gurmeet Singh Mangat in my minor Daughter Harnoor Kaur Mangat, aged about 17 Years, In her 10th Class Certificate. The actual name of Mine is Gurmit Singh Mangat, which may be amended accordingly.

I Supriti D/o Sham Lal R/o Raman mandi Tehsil Talwandi sabo Distt Bathinda have changed my name Supriti to Sania. Please note.

I Govinder Singh s/o Jagraj Singh V.P.O Pakka Kalan Distt. Bathinda have changed my name Govinder Singh to Gobinder Singh, All concerned note.

I Abhilasha Kalia D/o, Suresh Kumar house no 3, bagh wala rah, vansh city jandiali post office . Jandiali Dist Ludhiana pin code.141112. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO Abhilasha Thakur

LOST & FOUND  
I, Rajveer Kaur d/o Sukhtar Singh, R/o Vill: Burj Hari (Mansa), declare that my Senior Secondary Statement of Marks Certificate No. BG90091408 & Pass Certificate No. BN30088687 has been lost in Burj Hari. My Unique ID was 7948943. If anybody found please contact

I, Deepak Chouhan S/o Malik Chand, resident of H. No. 544, Loharan Gali, Near Bara Gurudwara, Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar (Haryana), declare that my daughter's school records, her name was wrongly written as Yashasvi Chauhan, and my name as Deepak and her mother name as Kiran, whereas my daughter's correct name is Yashasvi Singh Chauhan, my and her mother's correct names are Deepak Chouhan and Kiran Chauhan.

I Kamlesh Devi (Aadhar No. 923209667521) W/o Sh. Mahipal R/o Ward No. 7 Kheri Brahmaana, PO. Salarpur, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra have changed my name from Kamlesh Devi to Kamlesh Devi. In future I should be known as Kamlesh Devi.

I Gourav S/o Sh. Om Parkash 581, Near Masatana Chowk Ward No 10, Panipat Pin Code 132103 Have Changed My Name Gourav To Gourav Wadhwa. All Concerned Please Note.

I Kamal S/o Sh. Sukhbir Singh R/o Village Balla Sub Tehsil Balla Dish Karnal Have Changed My Name To Kamal Singh. All Concerned Please Note

I Aman S/o Baljeet Singh R/o Baraundh, Tehsil Ladwa ,Distt Kurukshetra have changed my name from Aman to Aman Kumar

Mr. Suraj S/o Jit Ram R/o Galli No.3- Daddal Mohalla Phagwara, PS City, Kapurthala, Pin:144401, Punjab, India holder of Indian Passport No.V9055770 and Miss Poonam Rani Passport No.W3318214 intend getting married at the Embassy of India, Athens under the Foreign Marriage act, 1969 of India. Objections, if any, may be conveyed to the Embassy of India, Athens within 30 days.

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 Singh.

I, Karan S/o Charnjeet Singh R/o Vill: Ramraipur Distt. Nawanshahr have changed my name to Karan Singh.

I, Gurbakhsh Kaur W/o Kuldip Singh R/o Vpo. Rurki Khas Teh-Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur have changed my name spellings from Gurbax Kaur to Gurbakhsh Kaur.

I Parminder Virdi Village Chuaharpur, Po, Kulam Disit. SBS Nager Have Change My Minor Daughter Name Jesika To Jesika Virdi.

I, Maninder Singh S/O Bhupinder Singh R/O Vpo. Kokri Vehniwal, Distt. Moga (Pb). I Have Changed My Name Maninder Singh To Singh Maninder.

I, Maninderjeet Singh Deol S/O Lakhvir Singh R/O Vpo. Maherna Kalan Distt. Ludhiana I Have Changed My Name To Maninderjeet Singh.

I, Harmeet Singh Kulwant Singh Dhunda S/o Kulwant Singh Dhunda R/o F.No.107/8 Amayra City Kharar PO. Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name to Harmeet Singh.

I Harmanpal Singh S/o Chetan Singh, Nerha Gurudwara Sanga Patti, Gill, Po: Mandhiran Wala Bagha Purana Dist: Moga have changed my name to Harmanpal Singh Sangha.

I Kanwaljeet Kaur W/O Paramjit Singh Resident Of Hno 49 Basti Pura Singh Wai Zira Tehsil Zira Distt Ferozepur Have Change De The Name Kamaljit Kaur To Kanwaljeet Kaur.

I, Satinder W/o Malket Singh R/o Ward No.17, Garden Colony, Patti, Tehsil Patti, District Tarn Taran Punjab have changed name from Satindarto Satinder.

I, Sulekhan Singh S/o Dalip Singh R/o Assapur Saidpir, Tanda Mai Das, Sharfuddin Nagar, Binjor, Uttar Pradesh have changed my name from Sulekhan Singh to Sulakhan Singh.

I, Rajvinder Kaur W/o Sulakhan Singh R/o Assapur Saidpir, Tanda Mai Das, Sharfuddin Nagar, Binjor, Uttar Pradesh have changed my name from Rajvinder Kaur to Rajvinder Kaur.

I, Mehil Singh S/o Meja Singh R/o Village Dholan Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Mehil Singh to Mahil Singh.

I, Sukhdeep Singh S/o Rajinder Singh R/o Vpo. Dhahan Teh-Banga Distt. SBS Nagar Punjab-144505 have changed my name to Sukhdeep as given name and Singh as surname.

I, Gurpreet Kaur W/O Jaswinder Singh Sahota R/O Village Denowal Khurd, Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India, have changed my namr from Gurpreet Kaur to Kaur Gurpreet.

I Ashwani Kumar Garg S/O Bhim Sain R/o Rampura Phul Distt Bathinda have changed my name to Ashwani Kumar.

I, Kuldeep Kaur W/o Daljit Singh R/o Kauri, Khanna Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name from Kuldip Kaur to Kuldeep Kaur.

I, Atinderpal Singh Panesar S/o Mahinder Singh R/o VPO Rauke Kalan, Distt.Moga, 142037, Punjab, India, have changed my name to Atinderpal Singh.

I, Gurmeet Singh S/o Baldev Singh R/o Kalie Wala Distt. Ferozepur have changed my name to Gurmeet Singh Dhillon.

I Ravinder Singh S/o Bhupinder Singh R/o H.No 874/10ab Ward No.10, Moh. Ravidas pura Jagraon Distt Ludhiana declare that my name is Ravinder and my surname is Singh.

I, Kiranjit Kaur Dulay D/o Kulwant Singh R/o Vill Shekhpur Kalan Teh Malerkotla Distt Sangrur, have changed my name to Kiranjit Kaur.

I Rajvir Kaur Sandhu W/O Jagdev Singh Brar R/O Near Nestly Dairy Cheeda VTC Chida, PO- Sukha Nand, Bagha Purana Distt Moga Have Changed My Name Rajvir Kaur Brar After Marriage.

I, Harish Kapoor S/o Om Prakash R/o Derabassi, Dist. Mohali, have changed my name to Harish Kumar.

I Gurpreet Kaur W/o Devinder Singh Ghataura R/o Ludhiana Bye Pass Road Near Gulzar Hospital Malerkotla have changed my name to Gurpreet Kaur Ghatauray.

I, Atinderpal Singh Panesar S/o Mahinder Singh R/o VPO Rauke Kalan, Distt.Moga, 142037, Punjab, India, have changed my name to Atinderpal Singh.

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HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): Punjab Deputy Speaker and AAP MLA from Garhshankar, Jai Krishan Singh Rouri, said the people of Punjab are fully satisfied with Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann's governance. Addressing a rally in Tarn Taran in support of AAP candidate Harmeet Singh Sandhu, he expressed confidence that the party would win the upcoming by-election with a strong majority. Rouri described the AAP government as people-centric and said that in the past three and a half years, CM Mann had implemented several pro-people and development-oriented policies, winning public appreciation statewide.

He called upon party workers to work with full dedication to ensure victory and thanked supporters for their continued commitment beyond the by-election. Among those present were AAP leaders Baldeep Singh Saini, Prince Chaudhary, Sukhdev Singh Dhadda Khurd, and several local sarpanches and senior workers.

**'AAP' MP Malvinder Kang slams PU administration, says, Guru Sahib's seminar cancelled due to pressure from 'Masters' sitting in Delhi**

GAURAV GOEL  
CHANDIGARH, OCT 26

Member Parliament from Sri Anandpur Sahib Malvinder Singh Kang has strongly condemned the Punjab University administration for cancelling the permission to hold a seminar dedicated to the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji. He termed the decision as "extremely unfortunate" and "painful," urging the university's Vice Chancellor to immediately intervene in the matter and restore the permission.

In a press statement, Malvinder Singh Kang, who himself is a former student of Punjab University and has twice served as the President of the Student Council, said that the martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib is not only for the Sikh community but for all of humanity. He said that Guru Sahib's sacrifice is unparalleled and unmatched. "Guru Sahib did not only sacrifice himself for the protection of religion, but to safeguard the culture and humanity of this nation," Kang stated. The MP alleged that the PU administration took this decision under pressure from its 'masters' sitting in Delhi. "I am aware that the Vice Chancellor is under pressure from Delhi. The BJP-led central government does not want the history and



inspiring legacy of Guru Sahib's martyrdom to reach the younger generation," he said. "On one hand, the nation is remembering the sacrifice of the 'Hind Di Chadar' while on the other hand, in Punjab's own university, discussions on his history are being prohibited." Kang informed that he learned from students that the administration cancelled the permission for the seminar, scheduled for October 27, because of the participation of renowned Sikh scholar and thinker Sardar Ajmer Singh, who is being labelled as controversial. Rejecting this reasoning outright, Kang said that Sardar Ajmer Singh has been in public life for over three decades, has no case registered against him, and has delivered lectures at universities in India and abroad. "Barring him from speaking is a direct attack on academic freedom," Kang said.

**Punjab govt starts process to distribute free wheat seeds to farmers in flood affected districts**

CHARNJIT SINGH ARORA  
AMRITSAR, OCT 26

Fulfilling another promise made with the flood victims of the state, the Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Sunday flagged off seven trucks to provide two lakh quintal wheat seeds free of cost to the farmers who have lost their crop in around five lakh acres of land during the recent floods.

The Chief Minister said that the farmers of the state have faced unimaginable hardships due to the flood and the government is firmly with the farmers of the state in this hour of grave crisis. He said that the food growers of the state have suffered a whopping loss during the recent floods due to which the state government has decided to provide two lakh quintal seeds worth Rs 74 crore will be provided free of



cost to them. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the process to distribute the seeds free of cost to the farmers of the flood affected districts had started and will be completed soon.

The Chief Minister said that the hard working and resilient farmers of the state had played a key role in making the country self-sufficient in food production. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the farmers of

the state are facing a major crisis due to the floods but the state government will leave no stone unturned to bail them out. He said that the state government is providing free wheat seeds to these farmers for helping them to sow the upcoming Rabi crop.

The Chief Minister said that this is a humble effort by the state government to mitigate the woes faced by the

farmers due to the devastation caused by the floods. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the destruction caused by these floods is unimaginable and unprecedented as Punjab had never seen such damage before. He said that the hard working, brave and resilient farmers of the state had combated the fury of floods and were ready to contribute grains to the national food pool.

**Doaba Group of Colleges students join CATC NCC camp at Beas**



CHETRAMRATTAN  
NAWANSHAHAR, OCT 26

Students of Doaba Group of Colleges, Rahon proudly participated in the NCC Camp held at Beas, showcasing their dedication to discipline, patriotism, and leadership. The camp was organized under the guidance of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) to instill qualities of teamwork, self-confidence, and service among the youth.

During the camp, 7 cadets from Doaba Group of Colleges actively took part in various activities including drill practice, weapon training, physical fitness sessions, social awareness programs, and cultural events. The camp provided students an excellent platform to develop leadership skills and a

spirit of national pride. The Director of Doaba Group of Colleges Dr. Rajeshwar Singh appreciated the participation of the students and motivated them to continue contributing actively to NCC activities. He emphasized that such experiences help students become responsible citizens and future leaders of the nation. The college management congratulated all participating cadets and faculty members for their enthusiastic involvement and for bringing honor to the institution through their discipline and commitment. Students of Doaba Group of Colleges, Rahon proudly participated in the NCC Camp held at Beas, showcasing their dedication to discipline, patriotism, and leadership.

**Blood donation camp and honor ceremony by Fateh Group today**



RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA): President of Sahara Samaj Sewa Rampura Phul, Sandeep Verma said that Fateh Group of Institutions, Rampura Phul is organizing a massive blood donation camp on October 27 (Monday). In this camp, blood will be donated by students, staff members and social workers. Fateh Group is running this campaign with the aim of giving a new direction to social service. The organization has given an open invitation to all social workers of the area to donate blood.

On this occasion, those social workers of the area who have donated blood more than 50 times will be specially honored. Speaking in this regard, Chairman of Fateh Group S. S. Chatha said that "Blood donation is the biggest humanitarian service. Many lives can be saved by blood donation. Every person should donate blood considering it a social responsibility. He said that special efforts are being made by the NSS department to make this camp a success.

**Second Nishaan Yatra by Shri Bala Ji Shyam Parivar on November 1 : Rajesh Mittal**

AJAY MALHOTRA  
FATEHGARH SAHIB, OCT 26

In celebration of the birth anniversary of Shri Khatu Shyam Ji, the Shri Bala Ji Shyam Parivar, Bassi Pathana will organize the Second Nishaan Yatra on Saturday, November 1st, 2025. A special meeting of the organization was held today in this regard.

Sharing details after the meeting, President of the organisation Mr. Rajesh Mittal, informed that on 1st November 2025, the Nishaan Yatra will commence at 2:00 PM from 'Shri Sheela Mata Mandir, near the Telephone Exchange, and will pass through the main market of Bassi Pathana, culminating at Shri Narayanpuri Mandir. In the presence of Vice President Naveen Gupta, Amit Goel, Secretary Parveen Kumar, Treasurer Rajan Syal & Suraj Shah, Executive Members Naresh Kumar, Rakesh Kumar,



Goldy Gurani, Sahib Kumar, Mrs. Sakshi Kakkar, Deepak Mittal, Manoj Kumar, Vicky Mittal, Dinesh Kumar and Amit Arora, President Mr. Rajesh Mittal added that several organizations are extending special support in organizing this grand event, including the 'Shri Krishna Sankirtan Mandal Bassi Pathana, Shri Shiv Shakti Samaj Seva Dal, Dera Swami

Narayanpuri Mandir Management Committee and Shri Sheela Mata Mandir Management Committee. He further mentioned that devotees participating in the Nishaan Yatra will be provided with Nishans (religious flags) free of cost during the procession, and after the completion of the Yatra, a large community feast (Vishal Bhandara) will be organized for all devotees.

**FM says 134 hectares in DAC will get canal water**



SUMER GARG  
DIRBA, OCT 26

Under the Punjab government's initiative to connect every field in the state with canal water facilities, Punjab's Finance Minister (FM), Harpal Singh Cheema, today laid the foundation stone for the installation of underground pipelines in the village Mauran. Additionally, he initiated the construction of a Panchayat Ghar in the village Gujran.

Providing details on the occasion, Mr. Cheema stated that the foundation stone for the shared underground

pipeline irrigation project, Mogha No. 14428/TR, in village Mauran, Tehsil Dirba, was laid today. The total cost of this project is estimated at ₹143.45 lakh, which will be fully subsidized by the Punjab government. Under this project, 134.80 hectares of agricultural land will be covered for irrigation, benefiting 125 families.

He emphasized that canal water is highly beneficial for irrigating fields and increasing crop yields. Access to canal water will enhance farmers' crop production and save 20 to 30 percent of groundwater.

**Mega blood donation camp organised to pay tributes to Jimmy**



SUMER GARG  
DABWALI, OCT 26

Surinder Singla founder of Yuva Rakat Society (YRS) on the occasion of 8th death anniversary of his son Yogesh Mani Singla Jimmy in collaboration with International Vaish Federation (IVF) and SS Jain Sabha has organised 136th voluntarily blood donation camp at the local Aggarwal Dharamshala. The President of the organization, Sarvpreet Sethi said that an eight members team under the guidance of Dr. Harsimran Singh, in-charge of the local blood bank general hospital reached the camp, got the blood of donors after filling

the form for the voluntary blood donation. All the 57 blood donors were honored with appreciation certificates. The founder of the organization Surinder Singla, his brother Pradeep Singla, nephew Pushpendra Gupta Ganga expressed gratitude to all the dignitaries who donated blood and cooperated in the camp. Besides others, National Patron Member of IVF, Pritam Bansal; Executive President of Punjab, Saurabh Garg; Treasurer, Rupindra Goyal; Branch Secretary, Madan Lal Garg; Praveen Garg, President of Jain Vardhaman Yuvak Mandal, Deepak Jain; General Secretary of SS Jain Sabha, Mukesh Jain etc.

**Rs 42 lakh road to connect Bahadurpur with Bassi Ghulam Hussain: Jimpa**



DALJEET AJNOHA  
HOSHIARPUR, OCT 26

Giving a push to development initiatives in his constituency, Hoshiarpur MLA Bramh Shanker Jimpa on Sunday inaugurated the construction of a new road linking Bahadurpur to Basji Ghulam Hussain via Narayan Nagar.

The project was launched from Almariwala Chowk in Bahadurpur. Jimpa stated that the road, estimated to cost around Rs 42 lakh, would significantly improve local connectivity and ease commuting for resi-

**Man arrested in vehicle theft case**



CHANDIGARH: In a significant development, under the direction of Senior Officers, Chandigarh Police officials successfully arrested two accused of theft.

Case eFIR No. 1316 Dated 21.10.2025 U/S 303(2) added 317(2) BNS PS- MM Chd It is submitted that the above said case was lodged by the Krishan Kumar Bhagat S/o Late Tulusi Das Bhagat R/o # 215, Sector 16, Panchkula, HR in which he reported that on 20.10.2025, an unknown person has stolen his scooter Jupiter No. PB11CA5589, red colour from in front of Shop No. 150-151, Old NAC Road, Manimajra, Chandigarh. The police teams swung into action and started investigation of the case, CCTV footage from the area was collected and analyzed. Raids were conducted at possible hideouts of suspects and consequently. On 25.10.2025, Ritik Singh S/o Lt. Sh. Santosh Singh R/o # Jhugi Rajiv Colony Sector 17, Panchkula, Haryana, Permanent add. Vill Parshpur, Dist Gonda UP age 24 yrs has been arrested and stolen property scooter Jupiter No. PB11CA5589 was recovered near Gate No. 3, MHC, Parking area Govindpura, Manimajra Chd from the possession of the accused.

**Sandeep Goyal designated as Senior Advocate**



SHARMA  
LUDHIANA, OCT 26

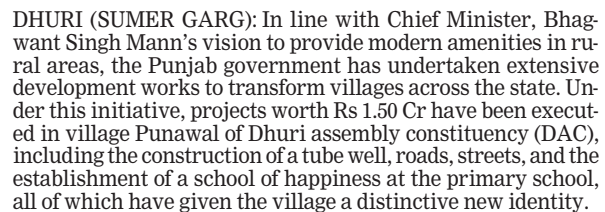
Sandeep Goyal, a senior lawyer with the Punjab and Haryana Bar, has been selected as a Senior Advocate by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court.

He was specifically recognized for completing 20 years in the legal profession. On this occasion, he was honored at his residence by Senior Advocates K. Goyal, Varinder Sharma Bobby, Anurag Sharma, and Ramesh Agarwal. Varinder Sharma said

Sandeep Goyal is not only a lawyer but also a university in the field of taxation, spreading the light of knowledge. Under his guidance, many young lawyers learn about various amendments to taxation laws.

Mr. Goyal has also served as Chairman of the AIFTP North Zone and Additional Advocate General of Punjab. Thanking everyone, Mr. Sandeep Goyal assured them that he would continue to maintain a positive environment among the Bar and the Bench in the future.

**Village Punawal transformed with Rs 1.50 cr development works**



DHURI (SUMER GARG): In line with Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann's vision to provide modern amenities in rural areas, the Punjab government has undertaken extensive development works to transform villages across the state. Under this initiative, projects worth Rs 1.50 Cr have been executed in village Punawal of Dhuri assembly constituency (DAC), including the construction of a tube well, roads, streets, and the establishment of a school of happiness at the primary school, all of which have given the village a distinctive new identity.

The Sarpanch of village Punawal, Raj Rani, informed that ongoing works include laying of block tiles on village streets. During the past three and a half years, development works worth Rs 25 lakh have been completed for a community hall, Rs 24 lakh for street construction, Rs 13 lakh for a tube well, and Rs 25 lakh for the renovation of a village pond (chhappar).

Additionally, Rs 40 lakh were spent on upgrading the primary school under the school of happiness initiative, resulting in the construction of three new classrooms.

She further shared that the boundary wall of the cremation ground and repairs to the secondary school boundary wall have been completed, along with the improvement of village roads and internal streets.

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**MCM empowers students through leadership training programme**



CHANDIGARH: The Postgraduate Department of Economics at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, in collaboration with M. R. Pai Foundation and Forum of Free Enterprise, Mumbai, organised a two-day Leadership Training Programme on the theme 'Learn to Lead'. The programme aimed to equip students with essential leadership and interpersonal skills through interactive sessions led by expert resource persons Mr. Vivek D. Patki and Mr. Sudhir Pai, Associate Faculty and Professional Trainers from the M. R. Pai Foundation.

Day one featured sessions on 'Goal Setting and Achieving: A Roadmap to Success' and 'Mastering Habits' by Mr. Sudhir Pai, and 'Sharpening Communication Skills' and 'Decision-Making and Problem-Solving Abilities' by Mr. Vivek Patki. The second day focused on 'Believing in Oneself: Building Meaningful Connections' and 'Enhancing Essential Teamwork Skills', conducted by Mr. Patki and Mr. Pai, respectively. The participants were divided into groups and engaged in team-building activities, presentations, and problem-solving exercises that fostered collaboration and self-awareness. A total of 65 students benefited from the intensive training.

Officiating Principal Ms. Neena Sharma commended the organisers for providing a meaningful platform for experiential learning.

**Etisha Das qualifies for World Taekwondo championship**

TILAK RAJ  
MOHALI, OCT 26

Etisha Das (22) Taekwondo athlete from Chandigarh have been qualified for the world Taekwondo Championship that is going to be held in Wuxi, China from 24th Oct to 30th Oct 2025. She is the first taekwondo athlete from Chandigarh to win gold at senior national taekwondo championships continually for three years.

She is the First taekwondo athlete (both male and female category) to win gold at two different combat sports at national university level in karate and taekwondo.

She has represented India in many competitions like world championship, World Cup, Asian championship and world university games before and she is also participated in Baku 2023 world Taekwondo championship participation, Baku, Azerbaijan. Chengdu 2021 FISU world university games par-



icipation, Chengdu, china.

Asian championship participation, da nang, Vietnam. She is participated in 38th senior national championship, Puducherry, 2022, gold, 40th senior national championship, Puducherry, 2024, gold, 37th national games, Goa, 2023, gold, 38th national games, Utrakhand, 2024, gold, 3rd IIT national championship, 2024, gold.



NEWS BRIEF

6 vehicles seized with illegal timber

**AVINASH CHAUHAN**  
**AMB:** In a major operation on Sunday morning, the Amb Range Forest Department seized six vehicles illegally smuggling timber from Una district as well as the border areas of Hamirpur and Kangra districts. The Forest Department received a tip-off about the illegal transportation of timber/fuelwood from these areas. Upon receiving the information, the Amb Range Office immediately formed three teams. All department employees and forest friends were deployed at various locations from 4 a.m. to 7 a.m. During this operation, six vehicles were seized, each carrying a prohibited species of broadleaf mixed wood. Four of the vehicles were from Una district, while two each were from Kangra and Hamirpur districts. On the orders of the Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), all the vehicles seized have been placed in the custody of forest department staff. The department is now taking further legal action under forest laws and regulations.

## CM appreciates PWD for bringing 100 offices on e-Office platform

**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA, OCT 26**

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has appreciated the Public Works Department for achieving a major milestone by bringing 100 offices on the e-Office platform, in line with the State Government's digital governance reforms. He lauded the officers and employees of the department for their dedication and hard work in successfully implementing this digital transition within the stipulated timeline. The Chief Minister said that file movement from the ENC to the Secretary, to the PWD Minister and up to his office is now entirely processed through e-Office. He said that internal communication throughout



the department has also shifted to official emails, replacing physical correspondence which earlier caused delays. This digital transition has ensured faster disposal of work, complete transparency in file handling, real-time visibility of pending files at any level and easier monitoring and retrieval of

official records. He said that while digitisation is generally easier at the top and more challenging at the field level, the PWD has successfully implemented e-Office up to the XEN level. It is the cutting-edge operational tier of the department. It marked a significant administrative reform in alignment with the government's vision of accountable and technology-driven governance. PWD Minister Vikramaditya Singh said that this digital transformation is a historic step towards making the department more transparent, efficient and accountable. He said that it was under the guidance of the Chief Minister that the department achieved the target of digitising the department within the given

timeline. Secretary (PWD) Dr. Abhishek Jain informed that a total of 100 offices have commenced functioning on e-Office. This includes one office at the level of Engineer-in-Chief, five Chief Engineer (Zone) offices, 19 Circle offices headed by Superintending Engineers and 58 Division offices headed by Executive Engineers. Under the Electrical Wing, two Circle offices and five Division offices have been brought on e-Office, while under the Mechanical Wing, two Circle offices and four Division offices are now digital. In addition, the Chief Architect Office at Shimla, the Architect Offices at Mandi and Dharamshala and one Horticulture Division are also operating on e-Office.

## Awareness campaign on disaster risk reduction and safe construction concludes under 'Samarth 2025'

**KISHORI LAL BAINS**  
**UNA:** The public awareness campaign on disaster management and safe building construction, organised under the "Samarth 2025" programme of the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Una, concluded successfully on Sunday. As part of the campaign, artists from R.K. Kala Manch, Chintpurni — empanelled with the Department of

Information and Public Relations — conducted informative sessions in Gagret and Shivwadi villages. Through engaging street plays and interactive dialogues, they educated rural residents on disaster risk reduction and earthquake-resistant construction techniques. The artists highlighted that constructing earthquake-resistant buildings is crucial to minimizing loss of life and property during natural calamities.

## Government drives notable progress in technical and vocational education in state

**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA, OCT 26**

State Government is driving unprecedented and measurable progress in the sphere of technical and vocational education in Himachal Pradesh. During the present tenure, more than 12,378 students have secured employment through job fairs, joint placement drives and campus recruitments, while over 14,421 students and 1,203 faculty members have undergone digital learning through Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) and Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM) platforms in the State so far. Technical and vocational institutions are no longer confined to merely awarding diplomas and degrees; instead, the entire system has been



redesigned as a strategic engine for employment generation, industrial collaboration, innovation and future-ready skills under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. The reforms introduced by the present government are well structured and future-oriented. The focus has shifted from tradition-based training to technology-integrated learning, strengthening institutional capacity, modernizing curricula, forging industry linkages and aligning training with emerging technologies. These interventions are now translating into measurable improvements in employability, entrepreneurship and the readiness of youth to compete in the global economy.

## NSS Volunteers enhance school beauty and learn about moral values, cyber safety



**AVINASH CHAUHAN**  
**AMB:** On the sixth day of the seven-day special NSS camp at PM Shri Government Model Senior Secondary School, Amb, volunteers planted flowering plants to enhance the beauty of the school campus. This effort by the students made the school environment even more attractive. In the afternoon session, Monika Thakur, Principal of Modern School of Science, was present as a special resource person. She was welcomed by the school's Principal Vinod Vanyal, NSS in-charge Banwari Lal Bhogal, and Manpreet Kaur. In her address, Monica Thakur informed the volunteers about the importance of moral education and raised awareness about cybercrime. She specifically urged female students to avoid any form of exploitation and to speak out against it if such a situation arises, as this is the hallmark of a strong woman. The volunteers listened attentively to Monica Thakur's inspiring words and drew inspiration from them.

## Devotees dance to the divine rhythm as Sadhvi Ritambhara narrates Ram Katha in Khera village



**SHANTI GAUTAM**  
**BADDI:** On the third day of the ongoing Shri Ram Katha in Khera village near Nalagarh, Padma Bhushan awardee and revered spiritual leader Vatsalya Murti Pujya Didi Maa Sadhvi Ritambhara captivated devotees with her soul-stirring narration of the divine episodes surrounding Lord Ram's birth. Elaborating on the significance of Lord Ram's incarnation, she spoke about Manu and Shatarupa, Narad's delusion, and the divine circumstances of Ram's birth. She said that true redemption in life is possible only by surrendering to Lord Ram. Even if the mind resists, one must continue chanting the name of one's chosen deity, for eventually the heart will find joy in devotion. She emphasized that rather than testing the Almighty, one must learn to wait with faith. "Examinations are meant for society, introspection is for oneself, and prayer must be accompanied by patience," she said. Sadhvi Ritambhara added that one who deceives their own lives the trust of all. A person should be the same inside and out, for harmony in conduct leads to a blissful life. "Until Shiva and Shakti unite, spiritual practice remains incomplete," she remarked, explaining that desires often keep one restless even after being fulfilled, as the mind seldom finds satisfaction.

## Rs 100 cr transformation at Sri Naina Devi Ji temple to redefine pilgrim experience and boost Religious Tourism in Bilaspur

**AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY**  
**BILASPUR, OCT 26**

In a major step towards enhancing religious tourism and providing world-class facilities to devotees, a comprehensive Rs 100-crore beautification and expansion project is underway at the Sri Naina Devi Ji Temple complex. The initiative, which includes the construction of an integrated command and control center, arrival hall, ferry project, café, and modern amenities, aims to blend spirituality with state-of-the-art infrastructure. A review meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner Bilaspur Rahul Kumar was held to assess the progress and upcoming proposals of the Sri Naina Devi Ji Temple



Trust. Also present were Trust Chairman Dharampal, Assistant Controller (Finance & Accounts) Manish Sarin, Temple Officer Sanjeev Prabhakar, and Assistant Engineer Pramod Chand Sharma. The Deputy Commissioner informed that an integrated command and control center equipped with around 150 high-definition cameras has been established

from the Punjab border at Toba up to the temple complex, ensuring comprehensive surveillance and safety for pilgrims. To accommodate the growing number of visitors, a large arrival hall has been constructed to hold nearly 2,000 devotees at a time. Online and offline booking counters at the Matri Anchal and Matrisharan buildings have streamlined darshan processes, while a police traffic control room near the bus stand has eased crowd management during major festivities. Highlighting the temple's future roadmap, the Deputy Commissioner announced that beautification and façade lighting work is in progress, with tenders for the first phase issued and the second phase approval underway. Plans are in motion for constructing a modern counter room, aarti hall, and the renovation of the sacred Kripali Kund, complete with new idols, modern lighting, and separate bathing areas for men and women at Kaula Wala Toba. Further, a café will soon be built by the Tourism Department on land selected by the temple trust, while self-help groups will be allotted shops to promote local handicrafts and empower women. Adding a new dimension to connectivity and adventure tourism, a cable ferry project across Govind Sagar Lake will link Sri Naina Devi Ji with Baba Balaknath Temple (Shahtalai), making travel between the two revered shrines faster and scenic.

## Seven-day NSS camp begins at Tauni Devi school with zeal and enthusiasm



**RAJNEESH SHARMA**  
**HAMIRPUR:** A seven-day special camp of the National Service Scheme (NSS) commenced with great enthusiasm at Government Senior Secondary School, Tauni Devi. The event began with the NSS pledge and a spirited gathering of students, teachers, and local dignitaries. Principal Rajneesh Rangra, addressing the inaugural ceremony, said that NSS camps play a vital role in developing life skills, leadership qualities, and team spirit among students. He added that such initiatives help inculcate discipline, cooperation, and a sense of social responsibility, preparing the youth to contribute meaningfully to nation-building. Social worker and alumnus Sunil Chauhan graced the occasion as the chief guest. In his address, he said that the National Service Scheme serves as a strong platform to nurture values of service, cooperation, and commitment towards society. Through this programme, students learn social responsibility early in life and are inspired to take active roles in community welfare. He urged the volunteers to treat the camp not merely as an activity but as practical training for life, participating with full dedication throughout the seven days.

## Farmers should take advantage of government facilities at grain procurement centers: Nishu Mongra

**SANJAY AGGARWAL**  
**DHARAMSHALA, OCT 26**

18,864 quintals of paddy have been procured so far at all four grain procurement centers under the Agricultural Produce Market Committee, District Kangra. Fatehpur grain market has received the largest amount of paddy. This information was provided by Nishu Mongra, District Chairman of the APMC and State Chairman of the Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee (OBC) Department, on Sunday. Presenting the figures for Kangra, Himachal's largest district, to the public, Nishu Mongra explained that the APMC has provided excellent facilities to farmers so far. Mongra said that 93 farmers have delivered 6,890 quintals of paddy to Fatehpur grain market alone. Similarly, 107 farmers have brought 5,308 quintals of paddy to Milwan. 106 farmers have brought 6,545 quintals of paddy to



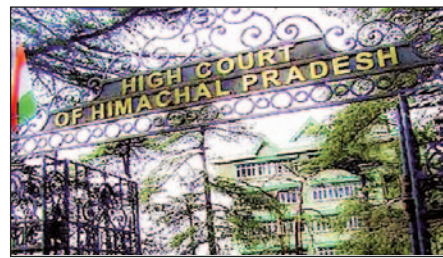
Riyali. Additionally, three farmers have brought 120 quintals of paddy to the Nagrota Bagwan procurement center. Following the instructions of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, the APMC is providing excellent facilities to farmers. Mongra stated that a total of 309 farmers have brought their grain so far. This figure will increase further in the coming days. Nishu Mongra informed that there are 11 regulated sub-markets and four grain procurement centers operating in Kangra district. Paddy procurement operations began on October 3rd at the grain

procurement centers in Milwan, Riyali, Fatehpur, and Nagrota Bagwan in Kangra district. The Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Kangra, has provided all basic amenities, including electricity, water, toilets, and restrooms, to ensure farmers do not face any problems or inconveniences while selling their paddy during the season. In addition, five regulated sub-markets under the Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Kangra, have been integrated with the National Agricultural Market (e-NAM), where farmers are selling their produce online. Under this scheme, farmers are benefiting by receiving fair and profitable prices for their produce. 8,476 farmers are registered in these markets under the National Agricultural Market. From April 2025 to October 2025, online payments of Rs. 4.16 crore have been made to farmers for the sale of their produce through e-NAM.

## Agreement to sell does not confer ownership, rules Himachal HC

**AGENCY**  
**SHIMLA, OCT 26**

The Himachal Pradesh High Court has clarified that an agreement to sell a property does not confer ownership rights and cannot terminate the landlord-tenant relationship unless a registered sale deed is executed. Justice Vivek Singh Thakur, while allowing a revision petition filed by landlord Prem Mohini Gupta against an order of the Rent Controller, held that the Rent Controller erred in concluding that a tenant had become part-owner of the property merely based on an agreement to sell. The case stemmed from a long-standing rent dispute over a portion of the "Bakery Building" at Dhalli, Shimla. The Rent Controller had earlier accepted objections raised by the tenant's legal representative, Shyam Lal, who claimed ownership rights over the premises, citing a 2004 agreement to sell executed by the landlord. The Rent Controller held that since the landlord had agreed to sell part of the building to the tenant, eviction could not be ordered. However, the High Court reversed this finding, stating that under Section 54 of the Transfer of Property Act, 1882, an agreement to sell "does not create any title in



favour of the purchaser" and only a registered sale deed can transfer ownership. Justice Thakur observed, "The agreement was in the alternative, to sell or lease, and nowhere states that tenancy had come to an end." The court also noted that the agreement covered only two rooms of the top floor, while the eviction petition related to the entire top floor. Moreover, there was no evidence that the tenant or his heirs had ever sought specific performance of the sale agreement. Setting aside the Rent Controller's 2021 order, the High Court restored the execution petition and directed both parties to appear before the Rent Controller on October 13, 2025, for further proceedings. The Rent Controller was asked to decide the matter "as expeditiously as possible, preferably by December 31, 2025."

## Sukhu government is running away from public questions: Vishav Chakshu

**SANJAY AGGARWAL**  
**DHARAMSHALA, OCT 26**

The Sukhu government in Himachal Pradesh is now on the verge of collapse due to its own actions. Advocate Vishav Chakshu, the state media co-incharge of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Himachal Pradesh, has leveled this allegation against the Congress government. He said, "The Sukhu government has become a government of its favorites, not of the people." Vishav Chakshu said that the people of Himachal are in dire straits, while the ministers and MLAs are rich. Brokerage and corruption are rampant in every department. He taunted that the Sukhu government has nothing to do



with the basic problems of the people, and is simply busy enjoying the fruits of power. He said that the only achievements of the government, which is about to complete three years in power, are transfers, postings, and false claims. Even the funds received from the central government for development work have not been spent. Yet,

the Congress is blaming the central government to cover up its own failures. Chakshu said that the Congress government has completely failed in providing employment, health, development, and electoral guarantees. He said, "Crime and the drug mafia are rampant in the state, and the Sukhu government is sleeping soundly." He sarcastically said, "The public has seen the trailer of the government; now the film is about to end." Vishav Chakshu stated that the government is now trapped in a web of false promises to the public. Daily new scams, new transfers, and decisions against the public have become the hallmark of Sukhu's rule.

## Interstate folk cultural festival begins with grandeur, Bilaspur reverberates with folk tunes and dances

**KISHORI LAL BAINS**  
**UNA, OCT 26**

The Inter-State Folk Cultural Festival, organised by the Office of the District Language and Culture Officer, Bilaspur, commenced ceremoniously at the Multipurpose Cultural Complex, Bilaspur, with the worship of Goddess Saraswati and the traditional kanya puja ritual. The event is being held in collaboration with the North Zone Cultural Centre, Patiala; the Department of Information and Public Relations, Himachal Pradesh; and Him Kala Sangam, Bilaspur. The inaugural ceremony featured captivating performances by the folk artists of Pooja Kala Manch, Shoghi (Shimla),

under the Department of Information and Public Relations. Dressed in traditional attire, the performers enchanted the audience with their melodious songs and vibrant dances that brought alive the earthy fragrance and cultural richness of Himachal's heritage. The stage resonated with rhythmic folk beats and tunes that celebrated the state's deep-rooted traditions. Artists from Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, and Uttarakhand, representing the North Zone Cultural Centre, Patiala, also added to the splendour of the event with their lively performances. Their presentations showcased the vibrant diversity of India's regional cultures, transforming the

festival into a colourful and spirited celebration of unity in diversity. The atmosphere across the complex was filled with the energy of folk music and the rhythmic echoes of traditional drums, delighting the audience with a range of folk dances, songs, and cultural performances. Regional Transport Officer Rajesh Kaushal, who presided over the event, said that the festival is a strong step toward the preservation and promotion of folk art and culture. It aims to connect the younger generation with their cultural roots and to acquaint them with the richness of Indian folk traditions. The four-day event will present a unique confluence of folk traditions, music, and dances from across the country.

## Auditions for cultural evenings at Mata Shri Chintpurni Festival from Nov 3

**KISHORI LAL BAINS**

**UNA:** Auditions for artists wishing to perform during the cultural evenings of the Mata Shri Chintpurni Festival will be held on November 3, 4, and 6 at Amb College. The auditions will begin at 11 a.m. on November 3 in the auditorium of Maharana Pratap Government College, Amb. Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal informed that a committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of the District Public Relations Officer, Una, to conduct the auditions. The committee will also include the District Language Officer, Una; Assistant Professor of Musical Vocal from Amb College; and the Tehsildar, Amb. This committee will oversee the artist selection process for the festival's cultural evenings. He further said that renowned artists, as well as participants and award winners of national-level competitions, will be exempted from the audition process. Artists interested in performing can submit their applications at the SDM Office, Amb, or email them to matasrichintpurnimahotsav@gmail.com. The Mata Shri Chintpurni Festival, which has become a symbol of devotion and cultural tourism, will be celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm from November 14 to 16 this year. Notably, the first edition of the festival, held from September 26 to 28 last year at Amb Ground, was a grand success, captivating devotees and tourists alike.

**CHAMANLAL KARNAL:** A documentary film titled Vishv Ki Chadar, dedicated to the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, has been produced by Ek Onkar Channel and the International Sikh Forum,

with the support of Chardikla Time TV. The film will be released on October 26 at 10 a.m. at Golden Moment, Karnal. On the occasion, a coffee table book featuring eminent Sikh personalities from Haryana will also be

unveiled. Sharing the information, social worker Preetpal Singh Pannu said that Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji visited Haryana several times, and his sacred footsteps are believed to have graced 23 locations across the state. During his



visits, he worked to eradicate drug abuse and uplift local communities.

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**NEWS BRIEF**

**150 People screened at free health check-up camp organised by Max Hospital in Shimla**



**DINESH AGARWAL SHIMLA:** A total of 150 people underwent medical examinations at a free health check-up camp organized by Max Hospital on Sunday at the Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, Mall Road, Shimla. The camp was inaugurated by MLA Harish Janartha. The objective of the camp was to promote awareness about the importance of regular health check-ups, early diagnosis, and lifestyle changes to prevent chronic diseases. During the camp, a team of specialists from Max Hospital's Orthopaedics and Internal Medicine departments conducted comprehensive health evaluations, including joint pain assessment, bone density tests, blood pressure, blood sugar, BMI analysis, and other vital health screenings. Dr. Pinak Maudgil, Executive Vice President of Max Hospital, Mohali, said, "Our goal is to take healthcare beyond hospital walls and reach people where they live. Regular health check-ups play a vital role in early detection and prevention of serious illnesses."

**Top 7 firms' valuation jumps Rs 1.55 lakh crore; Reliance, TCS shine**

**AGENCY NEW DELHI:** The combined market valuation of seven of the top-10 most valued domestic firms surged at Rs 1,55,710.74 crore last week, with Reliance Industries and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) emerging as the biggest gainers amid a positive trend in domestic equities. Other firms witnessing gains included Bharti Airtel, State Bank of India, Bajaj Finance, Infosys, and Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), while HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, and Hindustan Unilever experienced a decline in their market valuations. In a rank-wise analysis, Reliance Industries remained the most valued domestic firm, followed by HDFC Bank, Bharti Airtel, TCS, ICICI Bank, State Bank of India, Bajaj Finance, Infosys, Hindustan Unilever, and LIC.

## President Murmu inaugurates Yashoda Medicity in Ghaziabad

**AGENCY NEW DELHI, OCT 26**

President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated Yashoda Medicity at Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, on Sunday. According to a release from the President's Secretariat, speaking on the occasion, the President said that healthcare is an integral part of nation-building. Protecting people from disease and improving their health is a priority for the government. For this purpose, health and medical infrastructure, institutions, and services are being continuously expanded across the country. She stated that all such efforts will certainly contribute to building a healthy and developed India. Apart from the government, all other



stakeholders will also play a crucial role in these efforts. Therefore, it is the responsibility of all stakeholders to expand healthcare services and ensure that quality services are available in all areas of the country and that no citizen is deprived of effective healthcare. Good private sector healthcare institutions can make an invaluable contribution to achieving this goal. She expressed confidence that Yashoda Medicity will bring about transformative work in the healthcare sector. The President was happy to note that during the global pandemic of COVID-19, the Yashoda Hospital treated a large number of people and that it has diligently embraced national priorities such as the National TB Elimination Program. She

urged the institution to contribute its utmost to national campaigns related to sickle cell anaemia. She also advised the stakeholders of the hospital to undertake research and collaborate with other institutions for the treatment of cancer. The President said that fulfilling social responsibility, along with medical responsibility, should be a priority for healthcare institutions. She was confident that Yashoda Medicity would realise its mission of 'Affordable World-Class Healthcare Services to All'. She stated that with the support of excellent healthcare institutions in both the private and government sectors, India will gain more recognition as a global healthcare destination.

## Camps at various places to enroll applications for Lado Lakshmi Yojana till Oct 27: Kailash Saini

**RINKU SONI LADWA, OCT 26**

Kailash Saini, in-charge of Chief Minister's Office, stated that Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has organized camps at various places to enroll all eligible women for Deendayal Lado Lakshmi Yojana. These camps will run until October 27. He appealed to eligible women to attend these camps and apply for the Deendayal Lado Lakshmi Yojana. Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini launched Deendayal Lado Lakshmi Yojana app on September 25. He said that Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, taking a step forward in women's empowerment through Social Justice, Empowerment, Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Welfare, and Antyodaya (Sewa) Departments, launched the ambitious Deen Dayal Lado Lakshmi Yojana on September 25th to ensure women's social and economic



dignity. On November 1, Haryana Day, eligible women who apply will receive Rs. 2,100 in their accounts with a single click. He further said that objective of this scheme is to provide financial assistance of Rs. 2,100 per month to economically disadvantaged women in state. Krid team will contact eligible women eligible for the scheme and encourage them to register. He stated that to benefit from this scheme, a woman must be 23 years of age or older and must have been a resident of Haryana for at least 15 years. Additionally, family income must be Rs. 1 lakh per annum. He said that women suffering from third and fourth category cancer, women suffering from rare diseases, women suffering from hemophilia, thalassemia, sickle cell anemia who are already availing benefit of any other social security pension are also eligible for Deen Dayal Lado Lakshmi Yojana. He said that women availing benefit of old age honorarium, financial assistance for widow or destitute women, Divyang pension, Ladli Social Security Scheme, financial assistance for Kashmiri displaced families, dwarf allowance, financial assistance to acid attack victim women or girls, financial assistance to unmarried women.

## 624,163 metric tones of paddy arrived in all 13 mandis of district till Oct 25: DC

**RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, OCT 26**

Deputy Commissioner Parth Gupta stated that the state government, in the interest of farmers, has been working for the smooth procurement of paddy in all grain markets in the district. He added that paddy was being procured by HAFED, warehouses, and food and supply agencies in the district. He has directed the concerned departments to ensure that farmers did not face any inconvenience in selling their paddy. District Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs Controller Jatinder Mittal stated that the government has fixed the price of Grade A paddy at Rs. 2,389 per quintal and Common Grade paddy at Rs. 2,369 per quintal. He reported that as of October 25 a total of 624,163 metric tonnes of paddy had



arrived in all 13 mandis in the district. He added that during this period, the Food and Supply Department purchased 289,241 metric tonnes, HAFED purchased 217,304 metric tonnes, and the Haryana Warehousing Corporation purchased 117,618 metric tonnes. He informed that 57,836 metric tonnes of paddy has been purchased in Vyaspur grain market, 76,803 metric tonnes in Chhachhrauli grain market,

8,628 metric tonnes in Gumthala Raw grain market, 84,284 metric tonnes in Jagadhri grain market, 3,382 metric tonnes in Jathlana grain market, 5,270 metric tonnes in Kharwan grain market, 1,15,672 metric tonnes in Pratapnagar grain market, 1,14,012 metric tonnes in Saraswati Nagar grain market, 58,966 metric tonnes in Radaur grain market, 50,023 metric tonnes in Ranjitpur grain market, 14,173 metric tonnes in Rasulpur market, 34,625 metric tonnes in Sadhaura grain market, 489 metric tonnes in Yamunanagar grain market. He informed that all necessary arrangements have been made before the purchase of paddy in all 13 mandis of the district. He directed to maintain proper facilities like electricity, clean water, toilets etc. in the mandis.

## District Police completed all preparations for security and arrangements for Chhath Puja: Chamkaur Singh



**RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR:** Giving information, police spokesperson Chamkaur Singh said that the district police have completed all the preparations for security and arrangements for the Chhath Puja festival to be celebrated on October 27 and 28. Superintendent of Police Mr. Kamaldeep Goyal himself inspected various Chhath Ghats of the district and took stock of the security arrangements and gave necessary directions to the concerned officials. Superintendent of Police said that the festival of Chhath Puja was being celebrated with full enthusiasm and devotion in Yamunanagar district. It is estimated that this time around 1.25 lakh devotees will participate in Chhath Puja at 14 major ghats across the district, says he. The district police have made elaborate arrangements for the security of the devotees, traffic management and crowd control. He said that the police force has been divided into several sectors to deal with any untoward incident or disorder.

## Kalyan honours gold medalist Balraj by presenting him shawl



**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:** Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan honored Balraj Panwar, who won the gold medal at the Asian Rowing Championship 2025, by presenting him a shawl in village Kaimla of Gharanda constituency today. He said that Balraj has brought glory to the country and the state in sports world. He congratulated and wished him for this. He also wished him a bright future and expressed hope that he will continue to display his talent and reach new heights in future. Balraj Panwar, a resident of village Kaimla (Gharanda) in this district, was only Indian rower to participate in Paris 2024 Summer Olympics, competing in the men's singles event. He finished 23rd overall at the Olympics. He also won a bronze medal at the Asian and Oceanian Olympic Qualification Regatta. He finished fifth in men's singles final D of Paris Olympics. He brought glory to the country by winning a gold medal at the Asian Rowing Championships in 2025.

## Due to crop management scheme less cases of crop residue burning

**YAGYA DUTT SHAHASHTRI PEHOWA, OCT 26**

Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) Abhinav Siwach stated that due to farmers using equipment provided under the government's Crop Residue Management Scheme, no incidents of crop residue fires were reported this year. Farmers are fully cooperating with the administration and deserve praise. In Pehowa, 90 per cent of paddy harvesting and crop residue management have been completed in approximately 80 per cent of fields. He appealed to farmers to continue supporting the government in land and environmental protection by not burning the remaining residue. Dr. Manish Vats, Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer, Pehowa, stated that the government



annually deposits incentives directly into the accounts of farmers who manage crop residue. In previous years, farmers had to fill out a separate online form to avail of this scheme, then obtain a receipt from the baler owner, obtain a form from the Agriculture Department, get it signed by the Patwari and Village Secretary, and return it to the Agriculture Department office. But this

time, farmers won't have to run around like that. They had already registered for this scheme at the time of crop registration. This time, the government has assigned officials from the Agriculture, Panchayat, Revenue, and Animal Husbandry departments to monitor the Crop Residue Management Scheme at the village level. They will visit the villages via an Android app to verify farmers' crop residue management. If the farmer manages with a super seeder, it will be verified under in-situ, and if the bales were lifted with a baling machine, it will be verified under ex-situ. Farmers will also benefit from this scheme if they use straw for fodder. This time, the incentive amount has been increased from 1,000 to 1,200.

## 14 straw stores set up at different places in the district for straw management: DC

**KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA, OCT 26**

To implement Stubble Management 2025 in the district, the district administration is meeting the farmers in the villages to implement it at the ground level so that by reaching out to the farmers and listening to their problems, there is no problem during the season and straw management can be implemented. Under this series, Deputy Commissioner Barnala Mr. T. Benith met the farmers directly at village Momm and held direct talks with the farmers. Deputy Commissioner Barnala said that a large amount of agricultural machinery is available in the district for straw management in Barnala district, to reach this machinery to the farmers and solve the problems faced by



the farmers in straw management, he has appointed maximum staff up to the village level who will work with the farmers and provide full support to them in straw management, those farmers who do not have agricultural machinery will be provided with agricultural machinery. He said that lists of agricultural machinery available in the villages and balers available in the district have been posted in the village societies, which will benefit the farmers. The village panchayat and the farmers

## 86 school buses checked under Safe School Vehicle Policy, challans issued for 15 school buses



**KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA:** Under the orders of Punjab and Haryana High Court and as per the directions of Deputy Commissioner Barnala Mr. T. Benith, under the leadership of District Program Officer Barnala Mr. Pardeep Singh, 86 vans of Baba Gadhia Public Senior Secondary School, Bamala and Bhadaur Guru Gobind Singh International School Bhadaur were checked in the district today and challans were issued for 15 vans. District Child Protection Officer Gurjit Kaur said that as per the instructions of Safe School Vehicle Policy, every school van should be suitable under Safe School Vehicle Policy. She said that the safety of children will not be compromised at any cost. Child Protection Officer Rupinder Singh Randhawa said that no school bus should have more children than required and every driver should be in uniform as per the instructions. He said that all these schools should check their school vans from time to time and make their vans suitable under the Safe School Policy and no driver will drive the van after consuming drugs.

## Election of Guru Amardas Mohalla Improvement Committee held



**KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA:** The office bearers of the local Guru Amardas Mohalla Improvement Committee were elected. During the election, Avtar Singh Khalsa was elected President of the Improvement Committee, Dr. Jamail Singh Vice President and Gurnamb Singh Judge Secretary. Later, while addressing the gathering, the new leadership team thanked the committee members for the trust they had reposed in them and stated that besides fixing the poor sewerage system of the locality and getting the switched off street lights running, stopping the increasing incidents of thefts would be their priority. The leaders strongly condemned the continuous neglect of this locality by political leaders and administrative officials regarding development works. Pradhan Khalsa also pledged on behalf of the committee to take steps to get rid of the scourge of drugs which has taken the form of leprosy in the society. On this occasion, leaders like Gurcharan Singh, Avtar Singh Happy, Harbinder Singh, Binder Kumar, Gurbinder Singh, Pritpal Singh and Ranjit Singh were also present.

## Police arrests 3 accused who attacked commission agent, injuring him seriously

**RINKU SAINI LADWA, OCT 26**

Ladwa DSP Randhir Singh said that neither criminals nor drug abuse would be allowed to flourish in Ladwa. Maintaining peace and security in the city is the police's top priority. He added that the three accused those attacked and seriously injured a contractor's laborer with sharp weapons at the Ladwa grain market late Friday night have been arrested. DSP Randhir Singh was briefing reporters on the case at the Ladwa police station on Sunday. He stated that Jasbir Singh, in-charge of the Investigation Crime Branch-3 in Ladwa, had been assigned to handle the case. Taking the matter seriously, the team arrested the three attackers just one day later. All three are truck drivers. Zahid had an altercation with Jagdish Chand, a commission agent and labor contractor, over parking the truck in front of a shop in the market. The matter was resolved. However, the truck driver persisted and along with two other fellow drivers, hatched a plan to teach the contractor a lesson. As soon as the shop



owner and accountant left the shop around 10:30 pm, the driver and two of his associates attacked Jagdish, a labour contractor, with a sharp weapon, injuring him. He is currently undergoing treatment at a private hospital. Ladwa police registered a case and the investigation was handed over to Jasbir Singh, in-charge of CIA-3 Ladwa. In-charge Jasbir Singh succeeded in arresting three drivers involved in the case within a day. He said that no kind of mischief would be allowed to flourish in the Ladwa area.

## Efforts to make Panchkula crime-free intensify, 3-layer barricading at borders

**JITENDRA KAUSHIK BARWALA, OCT 26**

Haryana Police has taken a major step on the security front to make Panchkula district crime-free. Strong security measures including three-layer barricading, hundreds of police personnel, and 24-hour CCTV surveillance have been put in place at district's borders. Under directives of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and DGP O.P. Singh, Panchkula Police have further tightened security at interstate border. On Saturday evening, DCP Srishiti Gupta inspected security arrangements at Punjab border, while DCP (Crime) Manpreet Singh Sudan reviewed situation at the Himachal border. Police are deployed at every entry point in Panchkula, Kalka, Barwala



and other areas. Continuous checking of suspicious vehicles is being carried out. Police are keeping a close watch on people with criminal mindsets coming from outside states. In addition to three-layer barricading, police have also activated a network of CCTV cameras and a real-time monitoring system in border areas. According to officials, all cameras are directly connected to control room so that immediate action can be taken on any suspicious activity. Panchkula Police have also appealed to citizens to immediately report any suspicious person or activity to police control room or 112.

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Couple dies in road accident**

**YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI PEHOWA:** A couple preparing for their nephew and niece's wedding in Malikpur village, Pihowa, died in an accident. All joy of wedding turned into mourning. Niece's wedding procession was scheduled for October 27 and nephew's following day. Speeding pickup truck hit the couple's bike on the Ambala-Hisar National Highway 152 last night. Couple riding bike died on spot in accident. They were rushed to CHC Pehowa by ambulance where doctors declared them dead. Police took possession of their bodies and sent them for postmortem. Accused pickup driver fled scene after accident. Pyara Gir (40), a resident of Malikpur village in Pehowa, was a mushroom contractor in village. He worked as helper for landowner in village with mushroom cultivation. Pyara Gir was responsible for everything from planting to selling mushrooms, while his wife Krishna Devi (37) was a housewife.

**PM Modi's Mann ki Baat provides important information: MP Naveen Jindal**

**RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL, OCT 26**

MP Naveen Jindal praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat program and urged the public to continue watching it to gain new ideas and inspiration for country's progress. He said that today's 127th episode also provided interesting and important information, such as induction of indigenous breed of Shuang (dog) into Indian Army. Furthermore, program provided valuable information. He was addressing villagers in village Jamba today after watching Prime Minister's program. He said that under leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, country and state are achieving new heights of progress. MLA Satpal Jamba has also distinguished himself in Pundri constituency. He has demonstrated excellent work in sanitation and natural farming. There is no other village like Jamba in Kurukshetra parliamentary constituency in terms of cleanliness. He said that where there is cleanliness, God resides. MLA is doing excellent work towards cleaning every village in constituency. One person cannot do anything; we all must work together to advance this cleanliness campaign with full responsibility and com-



pete with villages abroad in cleanliness. He urged villagers to keep their areas clean. Jindal further said that we must take care of our body, which is like a temple. We should eat a nutritious diet along with a satvik diet. It is important to move towards natural farming and organic farming, which has become a necessity today. He said that he had met Padma Shri awardee Dr. Hariom a year and a half ago and had heard Governor Acharya Devvrat's speeches on natural farming. He had talked to Dr. Hariom about training some farmers. MLA Satpal Jamba also enjoyed three-day training given by Dr. Hariom. The MLA cultivates 90 percent of his land through natural farming, becoming a source of inspira-

tion for entire constituency. Efforts are underway to realize dreams of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Governor Acharya Devvrat. We must move towards natural farming for progress of our country. Earlier, MP Naveen Jindal inspected MLA Satpal Jamba's farm in village Mohana, gathering detailed information and inspecting crops. MP also inaugurated a gym at Pundri Gurukul by cutting ribbon. Welcoming MP Naveen Jindal, MLA Satpal Jamba said that not only village Jamba in Pundri constituency, but entire Pundri constituency will establish its own identity in state. Whether it's cleanliness or development of constituency, people of Pundri constituency will work together to move forward. We will develop Pundri and also make our state and country developed nations. He explained that he has practiced natural farming on 80 acres, and crops have not been affected by any diseases. We should move towards natural farming and contribute to a clean society. He said that under leadership of PM Narendra Modi and CM Nayab Singh Saini, country and state are developing. benefits of schemes are being extended to every needy person.

**"Progressive Haryana' to 'Udta Haryana' has turned into 'Drugs Inflicted Haryana': Surjewala's sharp attack on BJP government**

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA PANCHKULA, OCT 26**

Congress General Secretary and Rajya Sabha MP Randeep Singh Surjewala launched a scathing attack on the BJP government in Haryana over the alarming rise in drugs and substance abuse across the state. Citing multiple death on account of drugs overdose over last month from Uchana to Rania, he said that under the negligent watch of Chief Minister Naib Saini, drug mafias and traffickers have turned "Progressive Haryana" into "Drugs Inflicted Haryana."

Taking a jibe at the Chief Minister, Surjewala remarked, "The CM limits himself to posing for photos on a bicycle, while the poison of drugs is seeping into every village, every city, and every household." He said Haryana's youth are being strangled by addiction. The situation has become so dire that even maternal compassion is dying — some mothers have been forced to sell their six-month-old infants to feed their addiction. Every day, hundreds of young lives are

being lost to drug overdoses in villages and cities alike.

Surjewala expressed anguish, saying, "The situation is so grim that grieving fathers now cry over their sons' bodies saying — 'My son is gone, now save others.'" Citing offi-

ernment of turning the fight against drugs into a farce. "On paper, the government claims that over 3,000 villages and 600 wards are drug-free. In reality, drug peddlers are running their businesses right in those areas," he said, calling it a "BJP-style deception."

**Drugs spreading from the fields to the farms**

Surjewala warned that the menace of drugs is not only destroying society but devouring Haryana's present and future alike. "From farming and labor to sports — every sphere is being consumed by this poison. It is pushing the youth towards crime, theft, and darkness," he said.

He further added, "While Haryana's youth are dying from drugs, the Chief Minister is busy with hollow rhetoric and photo-op politics. The BJP government stands not against drugs, but with the drug menace."

Concluding his statement, Surjewala said that the Congress will continue its struggle to rescue Haryana from becoming 'Falling Haryana' and lead it once again on the path of a 'Rising and Resilient Haryana'.



cial data, he pointed out that the Haryana Narcotics Control Bureau itself has admitted that traffickers in the state, 730 are roaming free. "These mafias operate openly under the very nose of the government," he said.

He accused the BJP gov-

**Worshipping Goddess Bhagwati relieves suffering: Kabirpanthi**

**KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI, OCTOBER 26**

The fifth grand Goddess Bhagwati Jagran, organized by the Jai Maa Durga Jagran Mandal, Taraori, concluded in an atmosphere of devotion and reverence. The Jagran was held near the SMS Memorial Public School in Ward No. 5, and a large number of devotees from across the region attended. The programme was inaugurated by Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi, MLA of Nilokheri constituency, by lighting the lamp of Goddess Bhagwati. He was accompanied on the occasion by Municipal Chairman Virendra Bansal, BJP Mandal President Shivam Bansal, Market Committee Chairman Randeep Chaudhary, Vice Chairman Rajiv Narang, Grain Market Head Subhash Gupta, and the CMD of GV Rice Export Pvt.

Ltd. Vineet Bansal, social activist Yash Saluja, Councillor Kamal Jangra, Councillor Desraj, social activist Jai Bhagwan Sikri, municipal councilors and numerous dignitaries were present. The temple of

with devotion with chants of "Jai Mata Di." At the end of the programme, all guests were honored with mementos from the Jai Maa Durga Jagran Mandal. MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi said that worshipping Goddess Bhagwati provides strength, courage, and wisdom. Such religious events spread the message of unity and harmony in society. I congratulate all the members of the Jagran Mandal for this grand event. Mandal President Ramlal Sharma and Convener Master Satish Panwar expressed their gratitude. On this occasion, many people including President Ramlal Sharma, Cashier Sunny, Coordinator Satish Master, Media Incharge Rohit Lamsar, Chetan Goyal, Mannu, Ginni, Vipin Goyal, Murari, Suraj, Rakesh were present.



Goddess Bhagwati was beautifully decorated, with beautiful tableaux that captivated the devotees. Bhajan singers from the Sonu Tilakdhari Jagran Party gave a soulful description of the Mother Goddess's glory. Throughout the Jagran, devotees filled the atmosphere

**Weekly free dispensary inaugurated in Chand Sarai's Deha Basti; over 150 patients treated on first day**

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, OCTOBER 26**

A weekly free health check-up dispensary was inaugurated at Dakaut Dharamshala in the Deha Basti area of Chand Sarai, Karnal, by the Health Department of the Senior Citizens' Wing of the Swadeshi Jagran Manch. The inauguration ceremony was held with traditional rituals and witnessed a large turnout of local residents.

Industrialist Abhishek Gupta and former president of the All India Rice Exporters Association, Vijay Satiya, were present as chief guests on the occasion. During the inaugural session, 60 tuberculosis patients were provided TB kits, and more than 150 patients underwent medical check-ups and received free medicines.

Dr. K.K. Chawla, head of the Senior Citizens' Health Department of the Swadeshi



Jagran Manch, informed that the dispensary will offer regular medical consultations for residents of the area. The team of doctors included paediatrician Dr. K.K. Chawla, general physician Dr. Shyam Badhwa, Dr. O.P. Gogia, gynaecologist Dr. Sarita Thakur, and Dr. Geetanjali.

Sureshpuri, one of the organisers, said that the dispensary will remain open every Sunday and may be extended to two days a week if required.

The initiative was supported by Dinesh Garg, Subhash Mittal, Lajpat Bansal, Madhusudan Khurana, Dinesh Chawda, Rakesh Vohati, Inder Kumar Khurana, Sudarshan Raheja, Satish Kukreja, Meenu Chawla, and Shruti Kamboj, among others, who volunteered their services. A large number of residents from nearby localities visited the dispensary, benefitting from the free medical care and medicines provided on the first day.

**Illegal Tramadol capsules of commercial quantity seized, drug smuggler held**



**RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR:** The Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau (HSNCB) is continuously striving to realise the Haryana government's commitment to a "drug-free state." In this regard, the Bureau's Ambala unit conducted a major operation near Hathnikund turn on the Pratap Nagar-Paonta Sahib Road, under the jurisdiction of the Pratap Nagar police station in Yamunanagar district, achieving significant success by seizing 720 illegal Tramadol capsules (total weight 390 grams) and arresting an interstate drug smuggler. The quantity seized falls under the commercial category under the NDPS Act. This operation was carried out by Inspector Mahroof Ali's team under the guidance of Bureau Chief and Director General of Police, O.P. Singh, IPS, the effective leadership of Superintendent of Police, Mohit Handa, IPS, and the guidance of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Jagbir Singh.

While patrolling to prevent drug trafficking, a team led by Assistant Sub-Inspector Praveen Kumar received a tip-off about a suspicious person near Hathnikund turn on Pratap Nagar Paonta Sahib Road. Acting swiftly, the team apprehended the suspect. A search was conducted in the presence of a gazetted officer, as per regulations, and 720 Tramadol capsules were recovered from his possession. The arrested youth has been identified as Sunny Rathore, a resident of Mirpur Panjuwala, Jasmour, Saharanpur district, Uttar Pradesh. A case has been registered against the accused at Pratap Nagar police station under sections 22(C)-61-85 of the NDPS Act for commercial quantity possession. Preliminary investigation revealed that the accused had brought the narcotic capsules from Uttar Pradesh and was planning to smuggle them into the Pratap Nagar police station area of the district.

Having secured a four-day police remand from the Honorable Court, the police are now interrogating the accused further and attempting to uncover his entire drug trafficking network and other criminals involved. The police spokesperson appealed to the public, saying that the fight against drug abuse will only be successful if the public cooperates. If you see drug trafficking anywhere, immediately report it to the toll-free number 1933, the on-line complaint portal NCBMANAS.GOV.IN, and the Haryana NCB. The informant's name and address will be kept confidential.

**Idol installed at Jai Maa Vaishno Temple with a grand procession**

**KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI:** Ekta Club Dodwa Taraori organised a grand idol installation ceremony at the Jai Maa Vaishno Temple in Ward No. 8, Dodwa, amidst an atmosphere of devotion and enthusiasm. A massive procession emanating from the temple premises toured the entire city. Women participated in the procession, carrying Kalash on their heads, cheering, while devotees danced to the hymns of Maa Vaishno. The procession, which reached every street of the Dodwa ward, became a symbol of immense religious fervor. Devotees welcomed the procession by showering flowers at various locations, filling the entire atmosphere with devotion. At the end of the programme, the idol was installed in the Jai Maa Vaishno Temple with the consecration ceremony amidst the chanting of Vedic mantras.



The atmosphere in the entire ward reverberated with the chants of Jai Maa Vaishno Devi. The organizers informed that the 31st grand Maa Bhagwati Jagran will be organized in Dodwa on 27th October. On this occasion, MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi and Market Committee Taraori Vice Chairman Rajiv Narang will light the lamp of Maa Bhagwati. Apart from this, Municipal Chairman Virendra Bansal, Balbir Pal, Amarjeet, Tilakraj and many other dignitaries will be present as special guests. The organizers have called upon all the devotees to attend the programme.

**Give up ego and embrace devotion for true happiness: Swami Satyanand Teerth Ji Maharaj**

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, OCTOBER 26**

Devotees were immersed in devotion and spirituality during Sunday's Katha as part of the 48th Kartik Mahotsav being held at the Mata Ram Pyari Temple on the Uttam Aushadhalaya premises in Sadar Bazaar. In his divine discourse, Katha Vyas Swami Satyanand Teerth Ji Maharaj expounded the importance of devotion, humility, and self-knowledge in life. Swami Ji said that until a person eradicates ego and selfishness from his life, he cannot attain spiritual happiness. He said that God's grace is bestowed only on those who are honest in their actions and pure in their feelings. On this occasion, Pandit Rishi Kumar narrated the inspiring story of Lord Shukracharya and King Bali. He explained how King Bali, contrary to his guru Shukracharya's advice, offered his entire being to Lord Vamana Deva, thus passing the test of God. Through this story, he explained that until a person abandons their inner ego and attachment, the



path to true knowledge and devotion remains unopened.

Swami Satyanand Teerth Ji Maharaj said that even in today's age, the "Shukracharya" tendencies remain alive within humans — which keep them entangled in attachment, greed, prestige, and pleasure. He said that controlling these tendencies is true spiritual practice. A person walking on the path of devotion never fails, because God himself paves their way. Pandit Chetan Dev said that remembering the Lord's name is the greatest

difficulty. Bhandara Committee President Bharat Bhushan Kaku, highlighting the importance of the decorum and discipline of the Katha, said that the month of Kartik is a festival symbolising self-purification and service, which should be celebrated with complete devotion and restraint.

Prior to this, a Vedic ritual havan was performed, in which Vaidya Venendra Batra and his wife Darshan Batra, along with the devotees, offered obla-

**Youth remanded in custody in case of minor girl's murder**

**JAIBEER RANA THAMBER MULLANA, OCTOBER 26**

In the case of a minor girl who went missing from Dhin village, Mullana, nearly two years ago, the police have arrested the accused, Sachin, and produced him in court, which sent him on a four-day police remand.



negligent from the beginning and stressed that a central probe is necessary to ensure justice.

It is noteworthy that the minor girl from Dhin village was allegedly taken away by a youth named Sachin from Suhana village. Her mother, Usha, had filed a complaint at Mullana Police Station seeking

action against the accused and help in locating her daughter. When no progress was made, she approached the court through Advocate Anju Sharma. Yesterday, a large number of people gathered at the police station. During interrogation, the accused reportedly admitted that the girl had died one and a half years ago.

**Thousands gather to bid farewell to Haryana IPS Officer Y. Puran Kumar at Sri Nada Sahib Gurudwara**

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL:** Today, people paid their respects to Haryana IPS officer Y. Puran Kumar by attending his last prayer. Thousands of people bid farewell to Y. Puran Kumar with tearful eyes at the final prayer held at the Sri Nada Sahib Gurudwara, Panchkula. On this occasion, Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee President Rao Narendra Singh, National General Secretary and Karnataka in-charge Randeep Surjewala, Indian National Congress Scheduled Caste Department Chairman Rajendra Pal Gautam, MP Varun Mullana, former MP Ashok Tanwar, and several other prominent leaders paid tribute to Y. Puran Kumar. Our deepest condolences go out to Puran Kumar's family. May his soul rest in peace and his family find strength in this hour of grief, this is our prayer.



**Ladwa market sees increase in arrival of PR paddy**

**RINKU SAINI LADWA, OCTOBER 26**

Why are rice millers forced to import milled rice from other states? This year, the Ladwa market alone has seen an increase in the arrival of approximately 1.5 lakh quintals of PR paddy. Despite this increased arrival, why are rice mill owners forced to import rice from other states? The truth behind this is a matter of investigation. However, on Sunday, the Bharatiya Kisan Union Chadhuni Group seized a vehicle loaded with rice near Barot-Salempur village on the Ladwa-Bhadson road. This vehicle bears a UP registration number. The BKU seized the vehicle and called the Ladwa police to the scene, and the vehicle was seized and handed over to the police and mar-

ket committee. Ladwa Block Pradhan Kanwarpal Duda, who was present on the occasion, said that the paddy of the farmers is being bought at throwaway prices in the grain markets,



while by bringing milled rice from other states, not only the farmers are being cheated but the government is also being defrauded. He alleged that all this business is being run through collusion. When the PR paddy is being produced in the farmers' fields less than

last year, then how is more than last year reaching the markets. He said that this should be investigated and the milled rice coming from other states should be banned. Present on the occasion were farmers and BKU workers Jangsher Singh Jainpur, Amrik Singh Gaddi, Joginder Singh, Bhim Singh, Jagtar Singh, and Mahendra Singh, who said that by importing rice from other states, rice millers are not only defrauding the government but also harming farmers. Government data currently shows good paddy yields in the markets, but the reality is that farmers have suffered losses of at least 10 to 12 quintals per acre, which these rice millers are compensating for by purchasing rice from other states at lower prices.

**EDITORIAL**

**Time for Maoists to turn mainstream**

The recent surrender of senior Maoist leader Mallojula Venugopal, also known as Sonu, along with 60 comrades and the handover of their weapons to the police in Maharashtra, marks another significant milestone in the Indian Revolutionary Movement. Since its inception, the movement has been shaped by intellectuals guided by Marxist-Leninist-Maoist (MLM) ideology, who launched various parties under different banners. Among the most prominent were the CPI (ML) People's War, influential in undivided Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, and West Bengal, and the MCCI (Maoist Communist Centre of India), which found its base in Bihar, Jharkhand, and parts of northern India. Despite operating under different names, these ultra-left parties shared a common core: the principle of Protracted Armed Struggle to achieve a New Democratic Revolution (NDR). In 2004, the MCCI and the People's War group merged to form the CPI (Maoist), which greatly intensified the revolutionary movement — so much so that former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh described it as the gravest internal security threat India faced. The Maoists devoted considerable effort to refining their military strategies and successfully orchestrated major attacks on police and paramilitary forces across various States. The party firmly adhered to MLM principles, built on three foundational pillars: a strong army, an ideologically driven party, and a united front. Secrecy was the guiding tenet for both the army and party organisations. However, over time, party strategists appeared to focus more on the military aspect — structures and actions — at the expense of strengthening the network and forging mass organisations. Consequently, the Indian revolution became heavily centred on military operations, often neglecting the essential task of building and sustaining the party base. As India underwent significant economic, social, and political transformations, the once-ambitious vision of creating a united front began to seem almost utopian. Against this backdrop, state security forces started to gain ground, employing the same "3S" principle (Surprise, Speed, and Secrecy), originally used by the guerrillas. Over two decades, these tactics enabled security forces to slowly dominate jungle warfare, launching operations that neutralised scores of Maoist rebels in successive encounters. With public support waning and relentless military pressure mounting, a debate emerged among Maoist strategists over whether the strategy of Protracted Armed Struggle remained suitable, or if conditions now called for its suspension. Some leaders, spearheaded by Mallojula Venugopal, advocated for a temporary halt to armed activities, while others remained staunchly opposed. Ultimately, as the debate persisted, Venugopal and his supporters chose to lay down arms and join the mainstream. It's worth noting that this is not unprecedented; in 1977, after the Emergency, the then CPI-ML also temporarily suspended armed struggle to reconnect with the people and understand their concerns — a move which later led to the formation of the CPI-ML (People's War). Given the current circumstances, it may indeed be the right time for the Maoists to suspend armed struggle and openly work among the people to address their needs.

**Lahore tops world's pollution chart**

Lahore has ranked as the world's most polluted city for the past three days, with air quality plummeting to hazardous levels as smog blanketed the city and the overall Air Quality Index (AQI) hit 412, prompting health warnings and a province-wide crackdown on pollution sources. According to Dawn, Lower Mall was the worst-affected neighbourhood, with an AQI of 680, followed by Iqbal Town (577), Syed Maratib Ali Road (543), Shadman (507), the Punjab University area (506), and Shalimar (495). Environmental experts have urged residents to avoid unnecessary outdoor activity, particularly in the morning and evening, and to wear masks when outside. PM2.5 concentrations in Lahore's air are multiple times above global safety thresholds, raising risks of respiratory and cardiovascular illness among other serious health issues, especially for children and the elderly. The Punjab Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) issued a high alert across eastern districts of the province, including Lahore, Gujranwala, Sheikhupura, Kasur, Nankana Sahib, Faisalabad, Multan, Bahawalpur, Rahim Yar Khan and Khanpur. "The intensity of smog is expected to increase from November to mid-December," warned DG PDMA Irfan Ali Kathia,



citing forecasts from the Meteorological Department. The PDMA has directed all commissioners and deputy commissioners to ensure the implementation of government measures to combat smog. Authorities have announced a strict, multi-pronged strategy to tackle pollution at its source. A comprehensive ban has been imposed on the burning

of crop residues, solid waste, tires, plastic and rubber. Kathia stated that a case would be registered for any violation, including the burning of crop stubble and garbage. Simultaneously, the Punjab Safe Cities Authority (PSCA) has intensified anti-smog operations, using advanced drone cameras to monitor industrial zones,

agricultural land, and urban areas. In the last 24 hours, this tech-driven initiative identified over 460 smog-related violations. More than 200 e-challans were issued to smoke-emitting vehicles, with real-time data shared with departments for immediate action, Dawn reported. While enforcement is critical, the government is also pushing for long-term,

sustainable solutions. At a seminar in the Kabirwala town of Khanewal district, the Department of Environmental Protection and Climate Change educated farmers on using modern machinery to manage crop residue, particularly rice stubble, without burning. Officials and experts highlighted that this waste can be repurposed

in biomass plants to generate steam and energy, turning an environmental problem into an economic opportunity. "Smog is a serious environmental and public health issue, requiring collective and coordinated efforts to address it," said Project Coordinator Younus Zahid. As the government leverages technology for enforcement and promotes alternative farming practices, the public has been urged to play its part. Citizens have been asked to report smog-inducing activities on the emergency helpline 15, with authorities emphasising that only a collective effort can clear the hazardous air and protect public health. Earlier, Punjab Senior Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb said that nine departments were conducting large-scale operations against smog. Dawn reported that the minister said the environmental protection force and the department were fully mobilised, that all sectoral squads were present in the field, and that brick kilns were being monitored through drones, in addition to issuing a live report. She added that anti-smog cannons and air-quality monitors are deployed and that AQI forecasting, which she said has been introduced for the first time in Punjab, has enabled earlier interventions to curb pollution spikes.

**China strongly rejects USTR probe into Phase One trade deal compliance**



China on Saturday strongly opposed a US Trade Representative (USTR) probe into its compliance with the Phase One trade agreement, accusing Washington of escalating economic pressures and spreading false narratives that undermine bilateral ties. "China firmly opposes the US's false accusations and related review measures," said Liu Pengyu, a spokesperson of the Chinese Embassy in the US, in a post on X. The embassy's sharp rebuke came hours after USTR announced the initiation of a Section 301 investigation to scrutinise whether Beijing has fully honoured its commitments under the

Economic and Trade Agreement signed during US President Donald Trump's first term. "China as a major country that takes its responsibilities seriously, China has scrupulously fulfilled its obligations in the Phase One Economic and Trade Agreement by protecting intellectual property, increasing imports, and providing greater market access, which has created a favorable business environment geared to investors of all countries, including US companies, for them to share the benefits of China's economic development," the spokesperson asserted. According to the Office of the USTR, the Phase One deal, effective since 2020,

required China to undertake structural reforms in areas like intellectual property, technology transfer, agriculture, and financial services, while committing to boost purchases of US goods and services to address the trade deficit. USTR Jamieson Greer, in announcing the probe, highlighted concerns over non-tariff barriers, market access, and purchase shortfalls despite repeated US engagements. "President Trump made history in his first term when he stood up for the American worker and brokered the Phase One Agreement, establishing a more fair and reciprocal trade relationship with China," Greer said. The initiation of this investigation underscores the Trump Administration's resolve to hold China to its Phase One Agreement commitments, protect American farmers, ranchers, workers, and innovators, and establish a more reciprocal trade relationship with China for the benefit of the American people," he added. The investigation, authorised under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974, will assess any burdens on US commerce from alleged non-implementation and potential responses, including tariffs or other remedies.

**This protein likely to help retain muscle mass without fat loss: Study**

The recent surge in popularity of weight loss drugs like Ozempic, collectively called GLP-1s, has sparked renewed scientific interest in understanding how our bodies regulate muscle growth. In a recent study, scientists have linked the protein BCL6 to the maintenance of muscle mass



and further suggested that BCL6-boosting therapeutics could help GLP-1 users retain muscle while losing fat. Similar therapies could also be used to treat other populations prone to muscle loss, such as older adults and patients with systemic diseases like sepsis or cancer. A new study from the Salk Institute has revealed that a

protein called BCL6 is key to maintaining healthy muscle mass. The experiments showed that mice with lower levels of BCL6 had significantly reduced muscle mass and strength, but increasing BCL6 successfully reversed those losses. The results suggest that pairing GLP-1 medications with a

Academy of Sciences on January 22, 2025. "Muscle is the most abundant tissue in the human body, so its maintenance is critical to our health and quality of life," says Ronald Evans, professor and director of the Gene Expression Laboratory at Salk. "Our study reveals how our bodies coordinate the upkeep of all this muscle with our nutrition and energy levels, and with this new insight, we can develop therapeutic interventions for patients losing muscle as a side effect of weight loss, age, or illness." Ronald added. Through a series of subsequent experiments, several results were yielded. According to the study by the Salk Institute, fasting promotes the secretion of growth hormone, which reduces BCL6 levels in muscle cells. BCL6 is a regulator of SOCS2, so less BCL6 leads to less SOCS2. At normal levels, BCL6 controls how much SOCS2 is expressed and, therefore, how much IGF1 is produced. In animals without BCL6, the lack of control over SOCS2 slowed IGF1 production so much that muscles became weaker and smaller.

BCL6-boosting drug may help counteract unwanted muscle loss. Similar therapies could also be used to treat other populations prone to muscle loss, such as older adults and patients with systemic diseases like sepsis or cancer. The findings were published in the Proceedings of the National

**POEMS**

**Stacking Cistern My Bones on Top of Your Bones on Top of Your Bones**

Not an optimist. I lie awake at night and say the name of everyone on the block and for three blocks over and then the names of the people I don't know. I call them by their house number, by their street address. I wish they not be sick. I wish they not get shot. I wish. It calms me but also is it selfish? Do I do it to keep myself alive? I have a theory that if I let the light out into the world then we'll all get to stay alive. Want to stay alive. I think of everything I know about all the people on my block. I list Ms. Edna and her children. I say the names of everyone at the church and then the people I don't know. I want everyone to have money. I want everyone to have a house and food and be believed in and be told they're believed in. I want to know these things can happen so I don't want to die. Or so I can feel the hollow part of me filling with all of us getting to be filled up. There's no part of me that's a saint. I'm not saying this to get some extra credit. I'm saying I wonder if you do it too? My bones on top of your bones on top of your bones. Or your bones on top of mine. All of us awake at 3 am wishing the best for people like filling up an endless cistern with light and understanding. All the way down to the center of the earth and up to where the solitary planes fly past.

By Gabrielle Calvocoressi

**Sixty-five nations sign first UN treaty to fight cybercrime**

Sixty-five nations have signed a landmark United Nations treaty in Hanoi aimed at tackling cybercrime, a move Secretary-General Antonio Guterres hailed as a historic step toward a safer digital world. Adopted by the General Assembly in December 2024 after five years of negotiation, the Convention against Cybercrime establishes the first universal framework for investigating and prosecuting offences committed online - from ransomware and financial fraud to the non-consensual sharing of intimate images. "The UN Cybercrime Convention is a powerful, legally binding instrument to strengthen our collective defences against cybercrime," said Guterres at the signing ceremony on Saturday. "It is a testament to the continued power of multilateralism to deliver



solutions. And it is a vow that no country, no matter their level of development, will be left defenceless against cybercrime. "The signing ceremony was hosted by Viet Nam in collaboration with the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), drawing senior officials, diplomats and experts from across regions. The new treaty criminalises a range of cyber-dependent and cyber-enabled offences, facilitates the sharing of electronic evidence across borders and establishes a 24/7 cooperation network among States. It also makes history as the first international treaty to recognise the non-consensual dissemination of intimate images as an offence - a significant victory for victims of online abuse. It will enter into force 90

days after the 40th State deposits its ratification. In his remarks, Guterres warned that while technology has brought "extraordinary progress," it has also created new vulnerabilities. "Every day, sophisticated scams defraud families, steal livelihoods and drain billions of dollars from our economies," he said. "In cyberspace, nobody is safe until everybody is safe. One vulnerability anywhere can expose people and institutions everywhere. "The Secretary-General emphasised the Convention represents "a victory for victims of online abuse" and "a clear pathway for investigators and prosecutors" to overcome barriers to justice when crimes and evidence cross multiple borders. By providing a global standard for electronic evidence, the treaty aims to improve

cooperation between law enforcement agencies while safeguarding privacy, dignity and fundamental human rights. The new convention is expected to reshape how countries tackle cybercrime at a time when digital threats are rising sharply. Global cybercrime costs are projected to reach \$10.5 trillion annually by 2025, according to industry experts. For many governments, particularly in the Global South, the treaty represents an opportunity to access training, technical assistance and real-time cooperation channels. "Let us seize this moment," Guterres said. "Let us build a cyberspace that respects everyone's dignity and human rights - and ensure that the digital age delivers peace, security and prosperity for all."

DINESH AGARWAL

**SHIMLA:** Congress leader and Director of the State Urban Transport and Bus Stand Management Authority, Baldev Thakur, praised the recent cabinet decisions taken under the leadership of Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, describing them as visionary and welfare-oriented steps taken in the interest of the state. He said that the decision to increase the honorarium of temporary employees will provide significant financial relief to



thousands of families. Similarly, the move to replace diesel and petrol taxis with electric taxis in the transport department is a historic step toward making Himachal Pradesh a green state. Thakur further stated that the Chief Minister's decision to extend the tenure of mayors and postpone Panchayati Raj elections is both practical and administratively sound. It will help maintain continuity in local development works and ensure adequate time for the smooth conduct of elections.

### NEWS BRIEF

#### Dr. Pallavi takes charge as DC of Pathankot



**SHARANJEET PATHANKOT:** Dr. Pallavi assumed charge as the Deputy Commissioner of Pathankot. On arrival in Pathankot, the administrative officials welcomed the newly appointed Deputy Commissioner of Pathankot district with a bouquet of flowers at the District Administrative Complex, Malikipur. On this occasion, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Pallavi was presented a guard of honour by the Punjab Police. On this occasion, Arshdeep Singh, RTO Pathankot-cum-Additional Deputy Commissioner (General), Jaswant Singh (Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development)), Major Dr. Sumit Mudh SDM Dharkalan, Pawan Kumar District Revenue Officer, Divya Singla Tehsildar, Sanjeev Pathania Tehsildar, Ram Lubhaya District Public Relations Officer Pathankot, Dr. Sunita Civil Surgeon Pathankot, Dr. Priyanka and other district administrative officers were present.

## "Run for Unity" to be organized in Ambala Cant on 150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel: Anil Vij

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
AMBALA, OCT 26

Haryana's Energy, Transport, and Labour Minister, Sh. Anil Vij, said that the "Run for Unity" programme will be organized across all four mandals of Ambala Cantonment on October 31 to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of India's Iron Man, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Vij was presiding over a meeting of BJP Ambala Cantonment's Core Committee, along with various office-bearers and representatives, at the PWD Rest House in Ambala Cantonment today.

He said that Sardar Patel was the architect of united India. With his exceptional vision and firm determination, the Iron Man of India integrated 563 princely states into the Republic of India, thereby strengthening national unity. Sh. Vij added that the "Run for Unity" will be organized



separately in all four mandals of BJP Ambala Cantonment — Sadar Mandal, Mahesh Nagar Mandal, Gramin Mandal, and Shastrri Mandal. As part of the programme, padyatras (foot marches) will also be conducted.

Committees have been constituted for the successful organization of the event, with Lalta Prasad, Sanjeev Soni, Vijender Chauhan, Ravi Buddhiraja, Vikas Bahgal, Pravesh Sharma, and Harsh Bindra appointed as

members. Minister Vij also issued directions regarding preparations and coordination for the event. During the meeting, Energy Minister Anil Vij also reviewed the progress of various ongoing development works in Ambala Cantonment. Committees were formed to monitor works such as road construction, drainage development, culvert repairs, and streetlight maintenance in different areas. At the mandal

level, the following members were appointed. Sadar Mandal: Ravi Buddhiraja and Ashish Agarwal, Mahesh Nagar Mandal: Harsh Bindra and Vijender Chauhan, Gramin Mandal: Vikas Bahgal and Kiranpal Chauhan and Shastrri Mandal: Pravesh Sharma and Balit Nagpal. The meeting also included a detailed discussion on various development projects and organizational matters related to Ambala Cantonment.

## MLA Surjewala launches 'Aditya Mobile Hospital' in Ward 31

SANJAY SHARMA  
KAITHAL, OCT 26

Prioritising public service, MLA Aditya Surjewala launched a unique initiative in Ward 31. Through the "Aditya Mobile Hospital," a mobile medical van, hundreds of ward residents received free health checkups and essential medicines were distributed free of charge. This initiative is a commendable effort to bring healthcare services to the doorstep of the public, proving to be a boon, especially for those living in

remote areas and unable to access government hospitals. The "Aditya Mobile Hospital" medical van is equipped with experienced doctors, nurses, and paramedical staff. This mobile Aditya Hospital is visiting every village and ward in the Kaithal constituency, providing routine checkups, blood pressure and sugar tests, general medications, and health consultations.

Aditya Surjewala stated that health is wealth. Our endeavor is to ensure that no citizen faces problems due to

lack of treatment. This healthcare service will continue to operate smoothly in every village and ward of the Kaithal constituency. Hundreds of women, children, and elderly people from Ward 31, Sirta Road, benefited from the healthcare services. Residents praised MLA Aditya Surjewala's public service, saying that it's difficult to leave the house, but today, MLA Aditya Surjewala sent a free medical van, which provided free medicines and free checkups.

## SGPC's Shaheedi Nagar Kirtan aims to spread message of Guru Sahib's martyrdom to world: Dhani



**BUREAU FARIDKOT:** The nationwide Shaheedi Nagar Kirtan, initiated by the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee from Assam to commemorate the 350th martyrdom anniversary of the ninth Guru, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji, has received a rousing welcome from the Sangat at various locations in the national capital, Delhi, for the past five days. The Nagar Kirtan, which reached Delhi on October 22nd after traveling through several states, departed from Gurdwara Sri Rakab Ganj Sahib today after four days of providing darshan to the Sangat in various parts of the city. Prominent figures including Shiromani Committee President Advocate Harjinder Singh Dhani, Jathedar of Takht Sri Kesgarh Sahib and Acting Jathedar of Sri Akal Takht Sahib Giani Kuldeep Singh Gargaj, Shiromani Akali Dal Delhi Unit President Paramjit Singh Sarna, and former Delhi Committee President Manjit Singh GK participated in today's Nagar Kirtan in Delhi.

## Raja Warring reaches Barnala to share his grief with Pakho family

**BALWINDER AZAD BARNALADEHATI:** On the sudden demise of Jaidev Singh, the great-grandson of late Bachan Singh Pakho, who was an MLA from Bhadour assembly constituency, grandson of former District General Secretary Barnala, Mahinderpal Singh Pakho and former District Committee President of Barnala district, Gurpreet Singh Lucky Pakho, Congress Party Punjab President and Member of Parliament Amarinder Singh Raja Warring reached his residence to share his grief with the family. On this occasion, he said that the

passing away of Jaidev Singh at such a young age is extremely saddening, which is a grief for the family, while we, the Congress Party, have also been deeply shocked. He said that the Pakho family is a family that has been doing pro-people work from the beginning. He said that even though our MLA Bachan Singh Pakho, who was a member of the Legislative Assembly during his MLA journey and after his departure from this world, has his family members who have always followed the path shown by him, he has always done pro-people politics, due to which the people of the entire Punjab are expressing their sympathy with him in the hour of grief that has befallen this family today. He said that we stand shoulder to shoulder with the Pakho family in this hour of grief. After this, when questions were asked by the journalists about the Tam Tam by-election, Raja Warring said that the people of Majha are very wise, due to which the people there, just like they made our candidate Kuldeep Singh Kala Dhillion win in the by-election in Barnala.



## Opportunity for students to become future soldiers of the nation



**HANS RAJ KURUKSHETRA:** Inspired by Brahmawarop Brahmachari, the head of the nationwide Shri Jayaram institutions and Chairman of Shri Jayaram Educational Institute, Shri Jayaram Sainik School—operating within the Shri Jayaram Educational Institute campus—offers students an opportunity to become the nation's future soldiers. The initiative has generated great excitement among aspiring students. Administrative Officer Subedar Major (Retd.) Suresh Kumar and Principal Anju Aggarwal of Smt. Kesari Devi Lohia Jayaram Sainik School informed that applications are open for admission to Class 6 for the academic session 2026-27 in Sainik Schools across the country. The application process has already begun following a notification issued by the National Testing Agency (NTA). Interested candidates can apply online until October 30, 2025. Principal Anju Aggarwal and Administrative Officer Suresh Kumar urged parents and students to take advantage of this opportunity and submit applications on time to join the proud tradition of young cadets preparing to serve the nation. They further informed that the application process began on October 10, with the last date for fee payment on October 31, and correction of application forms from November 2 to 4.

## DAV Jagraon students shine in DAV state-level rope skipping competition



**SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON:** Students of DAV Centenary Public School Jagraon, brought laurels to the institution by performing brilliantly in the DAV State-Level Rope Skipping Competition held at DAV Police Public School, Ludhiana. Sharing the details, Principal Ved Vrat Palah said that the students showcased their talent with great enthusiasm and skill. In the Under-17 boys' category, Arjun Jain won a gold medal in Indoors (three minutes), Siddharth Jain bagged a gold medal in Freestyle (one and a half minutes), Vivaan Goel secured a gold medal in Jogging (30 seconds), and Gurjot Singh won a silver medal in Hop (30 seconds). In the Under-19 category, Nitin Singla won a gold medal in Jogging (30 seconds). In the team events, Under-17 participants Siddharth Jain and Arjun Jain won a gold medal in Doubles, while Gurjot Singh and Vivaan Goel bagged a gold medal in Jogging. The students were also awarded trophies for their outstanding performances.

## MLA Jagmohan Anand holds discussion over tea, hears complaints of public

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
KARNAL, OCT 26

The discussion program over tea by Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand being held on every Sunday. This Sunday, MLA Jagmohan Anand reached Nehru Place in Karnal for the 29th edition of discussion over tea. A large number of city residents reached here and presented their problems before the MLA. He listened to the problems one by one and gave necessary directions to the officials to resolve these immediately. During this, a woman presented her complaint regarding old age pension. On this, MLA Jagmohan Anand instructed the concerned officer to take



necessary action immediately. Some colony residents met the MLA with the demand of getting the colony approved. Along with this, some also demanded construction of roads in the colony. MLA Jagmohan Anand immediately gave instructions to the corporation officials in this regard. Along with this,

Karnal Mandi head Surendra Tyagi also met the MLA. The MLA also heard the problems related to Rice Miller. He said that the purpose of this tea discussion program was that any common man who had any problem should come here and every effort would be made to solve his problem immediately.

## Indira IVF Hospital Limited expands its presence in Haryana with new fertility clinic in Yamunanagar

RAHUL KOHLI  
YAMUNANAGAR, OCT 26

Indira IVF Hospital Limited ("Indira IVF") inaugurated its latest fertility clinic in Yamunanagar, further strengthening its commitment to make fertility care more accessible, affordable, and reliable for individuals and couples in Haryana. Located at 1st Floor, Midpoint Building, Pyara Chowk, Yamunanagar the new clinic marks an important step in extending reproductive healthcare to the region. The inauguration ceremony was graced by Mrs. Suman Bahamni, Mayor, Municipal Corporation, Yamunanagar Jagadhri, as the Chief Guest. Dr. Reema Sircar, Zonal Clinical Director, Indira IVF Dehradun & Chandigarh, attended as the Guest of Honour. Mr. Nitiz Murdia, Managing Director, Indira IVF, said: "We strongly believe that fertility treatment should not be limited by geography or financial barriers.



With the opening of our Yamunanagar centre, we aim to make reproductive care more affordable and approachable, ensuring that families in tier-2 and tier-3 cities can access the same quality of treatment as metropolitan areas." Mrs. Suman Bahamni, Mayor, Municipal Corporation, Yamunanagar Jagadhri, shared: "The establishment of this clinic brings fertility care closer to our residents. This is not just about healthcare—it's about providing couples with accessibility and the hope of building families right here in their own community."

## 327668 metric tons of paddy procured till last evening: DC

**BUREAU FARIDKOT:** Deputy Commissioner Madam Poonam Dip Kaur said that in the district Of rice The work of purchasing, lifting and payment continues continuously. And farmers are not being allowed to face any kind of problem in the markets. He said that till last evening, the district In the markets of 342295 Metric ton Of rice There was an arrival, out of which 327668 metric tons of paddy It has been purchased. He said that yesterday evening Purchased Paddy Among 130236 Metric ton of paddy grain, 94593.81 Metric tons of paddy, 61654, Marked Metric Ton Paddy PUNSUP, 40986 Metric Tons of Paddy Punjab State Govt. Corporation and 198 Metric tons of paddy were sold by private traders. He said that till now the farmers have Rs. 660.88 crore The Payment has been made. The Deputy Commissioner addressed all the farmers of the district, appealed that they Of rice Do not set fire to stubble and other waste, and if any farmer sets fire near them, stop him and cooperate with the district administration. He said that the environment is continuously being polluted by burning stubble and in many ways.



## PM Modi shares soul-stirring thoughts in 'Mann Ki Baat': Anil Vij

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
AMBALA, OCT 26

Haryana's Energy, Transport and Labour Minister, Sh. Anil Vij said that Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi shared thoughts that touched the hearts of millions during the 127th edition of his popular radio programme Mann Ki Baat. Vij listened to the broadcast live along with eminent citizens at the Indian Roller Restaurant in Ambala Cantonment. Speaking to the media on the occasion, he said that, as every month, Prime Minister Modi's words were once again full of inspiration and guidance for the people of the nation. The Energy Minister said that, as always, people across the country gathered in various places to



listen to Mann Ki Baat. "Prime Minister Modi spoke about the importance of our ancient language Sanskrit and emphasized that the love and respect for Sanskrit is being rekindled across the country. This is a wonderful sign of reconnecting with the roots of Indian culture," he added.

Vij further said that the Prime Minister mentioned the national song Vande Mataram,

reminding everyone that during the freedom struggle, the song infused boundless energy and patriotism among the revolutionaries. He also shared that Prime Minister Modi spoke about India's festivals and traditions, including Chhath Puja, which reflects India's cultural unity and deep-rooted faith. The Prime Minister also highlighted the growing

international demand for Indian coffee, underscoring its rich quality. Vij noted that through Mann Ki Baat, Prime Minister Modi establishes a meaningful dialogue with people by touching upon a wide range of subjects every month. "The Prime Minister always connects emotionally with every section of society through his words," he added. Among those present on the occasion were BJP leaders Sudarshan Singh Sehgal, Neeraj Jain, Anil Jain, Sanjeev Walia, Harpreet Singh, Dr. Karan Sobti, Dr. Deshbandhu, Dr. Vinay Malhotra, Naval Sood, Kapil Vij, Jaswant Jain, Atul Mahendru, Rajeev Gupta, B.S. Bindra, Vijender Chauhan, Harsh Bindra, Pravesh Sharma, and several other dignitaries.

## Baljinder Singh Samagh's first story collection 'Moh De Nishan' launched



**SURINDER DAMDAMI KOTKAPURA:** Contributing to the service of Punjabi mother tongue, the first story collection of young story writer and teacher Baljinder Singh Samagh "Moh De Nishan" was dedicated to the public by Block Primary Education Officer Kotkapura Surjit Singh. In this regard, during a brief but impressive program held at Block Primary Education Office Kotkapura, B. P. E. O. Kotkapura Surjit Singh, after dedicating the said book to the public, congratulated the writer Baljinder Singh on his entry into the literary world and wished him all the best for his further literary journey. He said that from time to time, the writer's works were read on social media platforms. Now his first book is a sign of the auspicious arrival of a new journey. He expressed the hope that the writer will continue to serve the Punjabi mother tongue continuously and will also release more of his books in the coming time.

## Pratap Nagar Girls School wins all dance competitions at Bal Bhavan



**RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR:** Students of Government Girls Secondary School, Pratap Nagar, have excelled in various competitions being held at Bal Bhavan on occasion of Children's Day. Under able leadership of Principal Umesh Kharbanda, students participated in 4 dance competitions and secured first place in all four. First, students secured first place in Junior Group Dance competition after a tough competition. In Junior Solo Dance competition, sixth-grade student Deepa gave a superb performance and secured first place. School's students again secured first place in Senior Group Dance competition for eleventh and twelfth grades. In Senior Solo Dance competition, eleventh-grade student Ritika secured first place with her captivating performance. Principal Umesh Kharbanda congratulated all students. Students prepared dance under leadership of Hindi lecturer Ravinder Kaur. Principal Umesh Kharbanda gave full credit for this achievement to staff and choreographer Parth Sikka and his team.

## Domestic consumption expected to cushion India's growth slowdown in H2: SBICAPS

**NEW DELHI** : India's economic growth in the second half of the current financial year is expected to remain steady, with strong domestic consumption likely to cushion the slowdown, according to a report by SBICAPS. India's internal demand continues to provide stability to the economy. The report highlighted that with India facing steep 50 per cent tariffs from the United States, policymakers are pushed to date FY26 period, which is expected to be a festive season. According to the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), festive sales are estimated to touch a record Rs 4.75 trillion this year. Early signs of this buoyancy are visible in auto retail sales, which showed strong year-on-year growth during the Navaratri period. The SBICAPS report highlighted that global trade in 2025 compared to the previous year, overall shipments rose by 4.4 per cent, suggesting a supply chain reroute rather than a full disruption. Exporters and retailers have so far absorbed inflationary pressures, though consumers are beginning to feel the impact.

## NEWS BRIEF

**Maharashtra extend lead against UT boys on Day two in Ranji match**  
**CHANDIGARH**: Maharashtra maintained their stronghold over Chandigarh on the day two of the Ranji Trophy clash at Sector 16 Stadium as the visitors ensured a total lead of 170 runs. After posting a commanding first-innings total of 313 by visitors, Chandigarh, in their first innings, reached 209 all out in 73 overs with Raman Bishnoi top-scoring with 54 and Nishank Birla making an unbeaten 56 in the lower order. Vicky Ostwal was the standout performer with the ball by claiming six wickets for just 40 runs while Ramakrishna Ghosh (2/51) and Mukesh Choudhary (1/50) provided crucial support. In Maharashtra's second innings, the opening pair of unbeaten Prithvi Shaw (41) and Arshin Kulkarni (25) laid a solid foundation by taking the visitors to 66 without loss in 11 overs.

**CK Nayudu Trophy: Railways post 172/8 (declared), Chandigarh shows fight with 133/3**  
**CHANDIGARH**: UT boys ended the opening day of their CK Nayudu Trophy multi-day match against Railways at GMSSS Sec-26 Cricket Ground, trailing by 39 runs. Railways posted a first-innings total of 172/8 declared in 51.3 overs. In response, Chandigarh reached 133/3 in 31 overs by stumps. Jani Basha (67) and Virat Jaiswal (60) were the top scorers for Railways whereas Neel, Nikhil and Jaskirat shared two wickets each. In reply, Chandigarh's unbeaten Dushyant remained unbeaten on 82 while Nikhil contributed 33 before being dismissed.

**Tata AIA Launches 'Shubh Family Protect'**  
**LUDHIANA**: Tata AIA Life Insurance Co. Ltd. (Tata AIA), one of India's leading life insurers, is introducing Tata AIA Shubh Family Protect—a game-changing term plan that offers both an immediate lump-sum payout and a flexible monthly income for up to 30 years. Designed to provide comprehensive financial protection for families, this first-of-its-kind plan is an ideal solution for those seeking peace of mind in uncertain times.

**Kotak Mahindra Bank Consolidated PAT for Q2FY26 at Rs. 4,468 crore**  
**CHANDIGARH**: The Board of Directors of Kotak Mahindra Bank ("the Bank") approved the unaudited standalone and consolidated results for the quarter and half-year ended September 30, 2025, at the Board meeting held in Mumbai, today.

# Breast cancer awareness: Sahayta Charitable welfare society organises walkathon



**CHANDIGARH**: The Sukhna Lake came alive with Sahayta Charitable Welfare Society organising a Breast Cancer Walkathon or 'Pink Walkathon' under its 'Pink October' campaign as part of the Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2025. Hundreds walked to spread awareness about prevention, early detection, and cure related to breast cancer. Participants carried placards and banners with messages to make the public aware of the scourge of breast cancer. It is pertinent to mention here that Neelu Tuli was the Founder President of Sahayta Charitable Welfare Society and had passed away due to cancer on October 26, 2006. Notably, the 'Pink Walkathon' was started in Chandigarh first time by Late Neelu Tuli in the year 2005.

A cancer survivor herself, Renu Saigal shared that the World Health Organization (WHO) has set this year's theme as 'Every Story is Unique, Every Journey Matters'. She said that this theme highlights the personal nature of a woman with breast cancer's journey and the need for quality care regardless of background.

Administrator, Sahayta Charitable Welfare Society, said, "The Society is actively supporting cancer patients and promoting preventive health within the community. Our Society keeps providing needy cancer patients with financial aid as well as help in treatment at PGMIMER."

The walkathon saw participation from NSS students from different schools, NCC cadets, members of Carmel Ex-Students Association (CESA), members of Inner Wheel Club, Rotarians, eminent citizens, doctors & senior citizens among others. Breast cancer survivors also took part in the walk, displaying their victory over breast cancer, this certainly encouraged women who are currently battling the disease.

## Grand Nagar Kirtan commemorating 350th martyrdom anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji reaches Jalandhar



**JALANDHAR** The historic and grand Nagar Kirtan, Jagrati Yatra, dedicated to the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji entered its 40th day and reached Gurdwara Santgarh Sahib, Jalandhar on Sunday. The sacred procession is being organized by the Takht Sri Harmandir Ji Patna Sahib Prabhndhak Committee in collaboration with the Government of Bihar which aims to disseminate Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's timeless message of sacrifice, faith, unity and brotherhood across the nation.

Samadh (Amritsar) earlier in the day which traversed through Amritsar city, Batala, Beas and Kartarpur before entering Jalandhar city. Along the route, thousands of devotees gathered to pay homage, showering flowers and chanting "Bole So Nihal, Sat Sri Akal" in reverence. The spiritual procession was accompanied by Ragi Jathas, Nihang Singh groups, Panthic organizations and school children who presented devotional tableaux and carried Nishan Sahibs to add more religious vibes. The local administration along with Gurdwara management committees made extensive arrangements for security, crowd management and the

facilitation of devotees along the entire route. The Jagrati Yatra was ceremoniously flagged off on September 17, 2025, from Takht Sri Harmandir Ji Patna Sahib by Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary in the presence of prominent Sikh dignitaries and officials of the Bihar Government. Since its commencement, the Nagar Kirtan has traversed through Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Haryana before entering Punjab in its concluding phase. The grand Nagar Kirtan will culminate at Sri Anandpur Sahib on October 27.

## Midcap segment can be good SIP option in longer horizon: WhiteOak Capital MF

**NEW DELHI** The mid-cap segment can be a good investment option for investors seeking to invest via the long-term SIP route, according to WhiteOak Capital AMC, which asserted that mid-cap segments may offer many opportunities for potential

## Salesforce Run 2025 Kicks Off in Gurgaon

**GURGAON** : Salesforce, the world's #1 AI CRM\*, today flagged off the Gurgaon edition of the Salesforce Run, Salesforce India's flagship annual community run. The event, now in its third year, will be held across all the six locations in India and for the first time in Singapore. The run will bring together Trailblazers - including Salesforce employees,

## How to Protect Yourself from Seasonal Flu and Pneumonia amidst the changing weather

**LUDHIANA** : October marks the beginning of a high-risk season for respiratory illnesses in North India. The combination of falling temperatures, rising air pollution and active viruses lead to a sharp increase in flu and pneumonia cases, often resulting in higher hospital and ICU admissions during this season. Pneumococcal vaccines- PCV13, PCV20, and PPSV23, provide protection against Streptococcus pneumoniae, a major cause of bacterial pneumonia. These are recommended for adults above 60 years and those with chronic illnesses like asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart disease, or weakened immunity. Alongside this, the influenza vaccine plays a crucial role in reducing flu-related pneumonia and reducing hospitalization during this season. Both trivalent (H1N1, H3N2, and one B strain) and quadrivalent (two A strains and two B lineages) vaccines are available in India, should be taken annually, particularly for older adults, patients with chronic lung or heart conditions, pregnant women, and healthcare workers. Dr. Kashish Dutta, Consultant Pulmonologist, Fortis Hospital, emphasizes "Every October, we see a surge in pneumonia & flu cases across North India. Pneumococcal and influenza vaccines are safe, effective, and can significantly reduce the risk of ICU admissions during such times.



Prevention through vaccination is far more powerful than cure. Along with immunization, maintaining good respiratory hygiene, like wearing masks in crowded places, covering coughs and sneezes, and frequent handwashing, along with eating nutritious food, staying hydrated, and avoiding pollution and smoke can go a long way in protecting oneself from seasonal infections. "Other important vaccines for adults such as the COVID-19 booster, Tdap (for pertussis), Hib (for high-risk groups), MMR (for those without immunity), and the Zoster vaccine also play a role in reducing serious respiratory infections.



Experts often suggest investing for the "Long-term," but what exactly is "Long-term" it said on what is an ideal investment time horizon for SIP



Futureforce interns, customers, and partners - to promote physical and mental wellbeing while raising funds to support child education and greening initiatives. This year, Salesforce has pledged INR 4 crore, doubling last year's contribution, to create meaningful impact in collaboration with four NGO partners. Meghshala Trust and Wadhvani AI will help bring digital classrooms to 12,000 students across India, while WRI India and Climate Collective Foundation will support climate tech entrepreneurs in South Asia and contribute to planting 50,000 trees.

## Maritime sector drives India's economic surge as 95% of trade moves through sea routes

**NEW DELHI**: Nearly 95 per cent of India's trade by volume and about 70 per cent by value moves through maritime routes, underlining the sector's centrality to India's economy and competitiveness. Data from a government press release highlights that the maritime sector is the backbone of India's global trade and growth story. From crude oil and coal to electronics, textiles, and farm goods, most of India's imports and exports pass through its ports. This makes the efficiency of maritime transport vital for national competitiveness and global integration. To strengthen this lifeline, India has implemented the Maritime India Vision 2030 (MIV 2030), a comprehensive roadmap featuring more than 150 initiatives with an investment projection of Rs 3-3.5 lakh crore. Supported by a Rs 69,725 crore package for shipbuilding, the plan aims to modernise ports, expand shipping capacity, and boost inland waterways. In FY 2024-25, major ports handled about 855 million tonnes of cargo, marking a steady rise from 819 million tonnes the previous year. Over the past decade, India's port capacity has nearly doubled from 1,400 to 2,762 million metric tonnes per annum, while cargo handled has grown from 972 to 1,594 million tonnes. Operational performance has improved sharply, with average vessel turnaround time cut from 93 hours to 48 hours. Financial results also show the sector's net annual surplus rising from Rs 1,026 crore to Rs 9,352 crore, and operating ratios improving from 73 per cent to 43 per cent.

## Grand Nagar Kirtan Marks 350th martyrdom Anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji covers Taran Tam district, halts at Baba Naudh Singh Samadh (Amritsar)

**AMRITSAR**: The historic and grand Nagar Kirtan, Jagrati Yatra, dedicated to the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji entered its 39th day and traversed through the Taran district. Organized by the Takht Sri Harmandir Ji Patna Sahib Prabhndhak Committee (TSHJPPC) in collaboration with the Government of Bihar, the yatra aims to spread Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's timeless message of sacrifice, faith, unity and brotherhood across the nation. The Punjab coordinator of the Nagar Kirtan, Sardar Malwinder Singh Benipal led the yatra with reverence along with Ranjit Singh Rana, Bhavan Singh Khoji, Baba Amar Singh and Hardeep Singh Daur among others. After night halt at Gurdwara Ber Sahib, Sultanpur Lodhi,

## Chandigarh Mesmerised as French Silent Classic 'Paris Qui Dort' Reawakens with Live Music by Stéphane Scharlé

**CHANDIGARH**: A century-old French silent film came alive in Chandigarh last evening as Paris qui dort (The Crazy Ray) cast its timeless spell at the Café Théâtre, Alliance Française, Sector 36. The screening was accompanied by a breathtaking live performance by Stéphane Scharlé, celebrated French drummer, composer, and founder of the jazz collective OZMA.



The audience was transported to a Paris frozen in time — a city held still by a mad scientist's mysterious ray — as Scharlé's hypnotic rhythms filled the hall with modern energy and emotion. The restored

Stéphane Scharlé and his poetic reinterpretation of Paris qui dort as the first event in our newly refurbished theatre. It was a meaningful way to reopen this space to Chandigarh's audiences and to celebrate the vitality of French creativity", said, Fiona Guerra, Director, Alliance Française de Chandigarh

The evening concluded with resounding applause as audiences celebrated this meeting of nostalgia and innovation — a vivid reminder of how art continues to transcend time, language, and form.

the Nagar Kirtan passes through Ferozpur district paying obeisance at the key Gurdwaras enroute before entering Taran Tam. Devotees showered flowers and chanted "Bole So Nihal" to welcome the sacred procession with great devotion. The Kirtan halts at Baba Naudh Singh Samadh. From there, it will commence its journey across Amritsar city, proceed towards Batala and then continue to Jalandhar for the next day's halt. Ragi Jathas, Nihang Singh groups, various religious organizations and school children added to the spiritual fervor by presenting devotional tableaux and carrying Nishan Sahibs creating a divine and devotional atmosphere. Adequate arrangements were made for security and smooth management along the entire route with the administration and local Gurdwara committees. The yatra was flagged off on September 17, 2025 at Patna Sahib by Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary in the presence of prominent Sikh leaders and representatives of the Bihar Government.

# Saaransh Tandon elected as new UTCA President

**CHANDIGARH**: Saaransh Tandon has been unanimously elected as the new President of the UT Cricket Association (UTCA) for a three-year term (2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28) during the 45th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the association held at Hotel Hyatt Regency, Chandigarh on Sunday.

up a state-of-the-art indoor cricket facility in Chandigarh to help cricketers hone their skills round the year. He also highlighted UTCA's efforts in strengthening Anti-Corruption Units to promote clean cricket, launching player engagement and orientation programmes and supporting Divyang (differently-abled) cricket, demonstrating the association's holistic and inclusive approach. Tandon informed that UTCA has entered into an agreement with Panjab University to utilise its facilities for upcoming BCCI tournaments. Acknowledging UTCA's steady growth, the BCCI granted cricketing equipment worth Rs 3 crore previously for recognising Chandigarh's impressive progress under his leadership. Reflecting on grassroots initiatives, Tandon cited the success of 'Gully Cricket', as a model programme for promoting cricket at the community level while curbing drug abuse through youth engagement.

## ASUS is strengthening its after-sales network with a new service center in Balasore and expanding on-site support to 7 more locations

**CHANDIGARH** : 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 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.

NEWS BRIEF

**Women's CWC semi-finals: Australia to meet India in Navi Mumbai**

**NEW DELHI:** The stage is set for an exciting semi-final lineup at the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025, with England taking on South Africa in Guwahati on Wednesday (October 29), while defending champions Australia are scheduled to face hosts India at the DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai on Thursday (October 30). The fixture between India and Australia will mark the first time the two teams have met in a Cricket World Cup semi-final since their clash in the final four stages of the tournament back in 2017, according to the ICC website. Australia finished the league stage of the competition undefeated, the only team with no losses at the World Cup. Proteas currently occupy second place in the points table, England are third with a game in hand. India is placed fourth, having won three and lost as many games in six matches, with one fixture remaining against Bangladesh in Navi Mumbai. The winners of both semi-finals will meet in the Cricket World Cup final on November 2. Earlier on Saturday in Indore, the defending champions chased down the target of 98 with seven wickets in hand, after a spectacular record-breaking bowling display from Alana King. The win marked their sixth in the league stage, along with a shared point from their washout against Sri Lanka. The seven-time winners remain the only unbeaten team at this year's marquee tournament. In their previous meeting against India in Indore during the league stage, Australia had chased down a record total to solidify their position in the standings. Meanwhile, India walked into the semis on the back of an all-round display against New Zealand that punched their ticket to the knockouts.

**"Won't throw his wicket away": Kaif explains why Rohit Sharma has dropped his fearless approach**

**NEW DELHI:** Former cricketer Muhammad Kaif explained the sudden shift in veteran washbuckler Rohit Sharma's flamboyant approach to a much more reserved one, evident during his return to international cricket in the recently concluded three-match ODI series in Australia. During his captaincy reign, Rohit took the mantle of setting an example of fearless cricket by providing explosive starts. However, since being relieved of the captaincy duties, the 38-year-old has switched his on-field approach. Instead of going all guns blazing from the outset, Rohit remains circumspect, avoids engaging in rash shots and takes his game towards the end to hammer a big score. In the second and third ODIs, Rohit faced a whopping 222 deliveries and overall 236 in the series. Kaif believes Rohit's transition from short yet effective cameos to a focus on monumental scores stems from his awareness that he is judged by the tally he accumulates.

**Harry Brook smashes records with blistering 135 against New Zealand**

**MOUNT MAUNGANUI:** England captain Harry Brook delivered a ballistic hundred to play the rescue act for his side at Mount Maungani and shattered the world record for the highest percentage of team runs scored by an England batter in a completed men's ODI innings. Brook unleashed a whirlwind 135 off 101 while the rest of his compatriots crumbled against New Zealand's pace attack in seaming conditions. A strong breeze blew across the Bay Oval, and Zakary Foulkes bowled in tandem with Matt Henry to make early inroads to leave England tottering at 56/6. The English captain didn't succumb to the mounting pressure and launched a counterattacking knock to blow the Kiwis away. He blasted his fifty in 36 deliveries in the 16th over of the innings and remained unbeaten at 85 off 73 when Adil Rashid fell on the final ball of the 30th over. Brook then raised a 57-run stand with Luke Wood for the last wicket. During the partnership, Brook smashed 50 off 28 to celebrate his second ODI ton and finish with a career best 135(101) after he holed out to Nathan Smith off his counterpart Mitchell Santner.

**India women's football team gear up to face Nepal in last Tri-Nation clash**

**SOLLING:** The Indian senior women's team will take on Nepal in the final fixture of the Tri-Nation Women's International Friendlies at the Jawahar Nehru Stadium in Shillong on Monday, as per the official website of All India Football Federation (AIFF). For head coach Crispin Chettri, this encounter provides a chance to rebound from the 0-2 loss to Iran and continue preparations for next year's AFC Women's Asian Cup Australia 2026, while assessing the depth and versatility of his squad. "Against Iran, we weren't at our best, but we treated that match as a learning experience," Chettri said in the pre-match press conference on Sunday, as quoted from the official website of AIFF. "Now we know what it takes to prepare against more physical sides. Nepal are a completely different team, so we're looking for a better performance tomorrow. We'll also be getting opportunities to see younger players so that by the time we play the Asian Cup, we have a core group of 30-35 players ready," he added. In the squad for the second game, Chettri has included a few youngsters like midfielder Julian Nongmtham, who captained the U17 side to Asian Cup qualification earlier this month, defender Heirangkhongh Linda Chanu and goalkeeper Aditya Sarkhel. On the other hand, Manisha Kalyan.

**Malaysian Grand Prix: Alex Marquez clinches Sepang victory**

**SEPANG:** After clinching second in the MotoGP World Championship on Saturday, Alex Marquez (BKR Gresini Racing MotoGP) backed it up with a commanding Malaysian Grand Prix victory on Sunday. A flawless ride from the #73 saw the Spaniard beat the impressive Pedro Acosta (Red Bull KTM Factory Racing) by 2.6s, while a late issue for Francesco Bagnaia (Ducati Lenovo Team) handed Joan Mir and Honda HRC Castrol a fantastic P3 at Sepang, as per a release from Moto GP/Eurosport. MotoGP action moves to Portugal for its penultimate week of the season with the Grand Prix of Portugal on November 8 and 9. Just as he did in the Sprint, Bagnaia nailed the start and earned the holeshot, as Acosta fired his way into an early P2. But not for long, Alex Marquez attacked his compatriot at Turn 4, and a lap later, the #73 demolished Bagnaia to P2 with a brilliant move up the inside of the Italian. For the first time this weekend, the #63 wasn't leading. On Lap 3, it was Turn 4 again. This time, Acosta was underneath Bagnaia, but the latter bit straight back at Turn 5 to keep the KTM behind him. Acosta then gave it another go at Turn 9, but once more, it wasn't a move that stuck. This phenomenal duel between Bagnaia and Acosta allowed Marquez to stretch his lead early led to 0.8s, with Fabio Quartararo (Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP) a further 0.8s back in P4 - the Frenchman having Mir close for company.

## 2027 World Cup will be his final go at the cherry on the cake: ABD on Kohli's 50-over career

**AGENCY NEW DELHI:** South African batting legend AB de Villiers believes that while Virat Kohli still has several strong years of cricket left in him, the 2027 World Cup will likely be the "cherry on the cake" - a fitting finale to his illustrious ODI career.

De Villiers has called on fans to celebrate Kohli and support him as he seeks balance in life during the latter stages of his career. Kohli endured a slow start in the Australia series, struggling in the first two matches, but rediscovered his form at the perfect moment in the third ODI, scoring a composed 74 off 81 balls to guide India to a convincing nine-wicket victory.

Despite his recent heroics, Kohli faced heavy criticism earlier in the series, with some questioning his ability to remain a key figure heading into the 2027 World Cup. Addressing the discussion on his YouTube channel, De Villiers praised his long-time friend, saying that Kohli has changed the game forever and deserves unwavering support, regardless of how he chooses to shape the remainder of his illustrious career.



"I want to remind you guys that's the kind of player you want to celebrate. Allow him to find his balance in life towards the backend of his career. Just celebrate him. He has changed the game forever. He deserves a bit of a 'thank', and hopefully you play for another five years; if you don't, we are right

behind you," said De Villiers. De Villiers believes that the 2027 World Cup will likely serve as the final chapter in Virat Kohli's illustrious career - the "cherry on the cake" of an extraordinary journey. The former South African captain expressed confidence that Kohli still has up to five

more years of top-level cricket left in him, but suggested that the 2027 edition of the tournament could mark his farewell from the international stage.

"In my opinion, the 2027 World Cup will be his final go at the cherry on the cake on a finish to his career. The IPL is a different story. We might see him go for three

or four or maybe even five years. It does not take a lot out of you, even if it is a very intense tournament. You can prepare for those two to three months, but a World Cup is a four-year cycle. Really big build up and takes a lot out of the body and the system and the space that you try to find yourself in, family time. We have heard Virat speak often about how important that is for him," said De Villiers.

De Villiers believes Kohli will play a crucial role within the team, particularly as a guiding mentor for the younger players.

"He (Virat) plays a huge role in that time from a mental aspect. The kind of confidence the youngsters take from his presence, you can't put a number on that. It is irreplaceable. The kind of impact they have on the players around them and the confidence the other players take from them is absolutely huge. Never forget that even if they do not perform sometimes. They have a huge impact," said De Villiers.

The former captain will next be seen in the India jersey during the three-match ODI series against South Africa later next month.

## "My final project will be Cristiano Ronaldo": Satadru Dutta, the man bringing Lionel Messi to India



**AGENCY KOLKATA:** After successfully bringing global icons like former Brazil footballer Ronaldinho Gaucho and Argentina's World Cup-winning goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez to India, Satadru Dutta is set to bring Lionel Messi, Rodrigo De Paul, and Luis Suarez to India this December as part of the GOAT India Tour. He has now revealed that his final project will be to bring the Portuguese star Cristiano Ronaldo.

"My final project will be Cristiano Ronaldo," Dutta told news agency.

"I am a big fan of Messi, but I am a fan of Ronaldo. I want to finish with Ronaldo definitely," he noted.

Dutta confirmed that preparations have already begun to make the dream a reality.

"I have already started working with full commitment on this," he added.

"Hopefully, I will bring some

positive news soon," Dutta said. If successful, Dutta would become the first person to bring both Messi and Ronaldo, the two greatest footballers of this generation, to India.

Following Ronaldo's recent exploits for Al-Nassr in the Saudi Pro League, during which he struck the net in the 88th minute, he now stands 50 shy of hitting 1,000 career goals. Ronaldo struck his sixth goal in as many appearances, as Al-Nassr maintained its flawless record in the 2025-26 league season.

With another win, Al-Nassr sits at the top of the Saudi Pro League on 18 points, three points clear of second-placed Al-Taawoun and eight ahead of Al-Ittihad, the defending champions.

With another goal in his illustrious career, Ronaldo declared that he is still craving for more and wrote on Instagram, "Happy to help the team win and to hit 950 goals! Always hungry for more!"

## Gurjapneet's hat-trick, Pradosh's double ton put Tamil Nadu in driver's seat against Nagaland

**AGENCY NEW DELHI:** Left-arm pacer Gurjapneet Singh etched his name in cricketing records with a stunning hat-trick on Day Two of Tamil Nadu's Elite Group A Ranji Trophy clash with Nagaland at the BCCI Centre of Excellence Ground in Bengaluru on Sunday.

Gurjapneet struck in the sixth over of the innings, removing Sedezhalie, Hem, and skipper R. Jonathan in successive deliveries to leave Nagaland tottering at 9/3. He later returned to castle Chetan Bist, tightening Tamil Nadu's grip on the contest.

Gurjapneet thus became the seventh bowler from the state to achieve the feat of taking a hat-trick. He is also the third bowler to take a hat-trick in the ongoing round of the Ranji Trophy, after Services players Arjun Sharma and Mohit Jangra did that against Assam at Tinsukia District Sports Association Ground on Saturday.

But Nagaland found stability through a resolute 119-run unbroken fifth-wicket stand between D. Nischal and Yugandhar Singh, as they reached 150/4 at stumps and trail Tamil Nadu by 362 runs.

Previously, Tamil Nadu declared their first innings at 512/3, powered by Pradosh Ranjan Paul's unbeaten 201 and a 124-run third-wicket stand with Andre Siddharth (65). The duo added 71 runs in the morning session on Sunday before the declaration came, setting the tone for a dominant day for Tamil Nadu.

In Vizianagaram, Vishnu Solanki's resilient 131 helped Baroda recover from a precarious 76/6 to post 363 in their first innings against



Andhra. Resuming at 230/6, Baroda added crucial runs through the lower-order, thanks to Solanki, before being bowled out.

In reply, Andhra were 43/2 at stumps and trail Baroda by 320 runs with left-arm spinner Bhargav Bhatt striking twice.

In Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh gained control in their match against Odisha, reaching 261/3 in response to the visitors' first innings total of 243. Aaradhy Yadav (80) and Karan Sharma (63) stitched together an unbeaten 146-run stand, guiding UP into a lead of 19 runs and putting them in a commanding position.

In Nagpur, Jharkhand, who resumed after a curtailed opening day, were bowled out for 332 in their first innings against Vidarbha.

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## Massive gathering and feast dedicated to Ravidassia religion on November 5

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER BARARA, OCTOBER 26

A massive gathering and feast dedicated to the Ravidassia religion will be held on November 5th at Dera Begumpura Tandwali, near Barara, to commemorate the 44th death anniversary of the late 108 Saint Shri Baisakhi Das Udasin Ji Maharaj. Dera servant Shri 108 Sant Somdas Ji Udasin stated that this grand event, organized by the Sant Shri Baisakhi Das Udasin Memorial Trust, will be presided over by Sant Satpal Das Ji Chahadwala, while Sant Mandeep Das Ji Sirasgarh will be the chief guest.



Former MLA Lahri Singh will be present as the special guest. The Nishan Sahib ceremony will be performed by Amar Singh Nandgarh, a member of the Haryana Staff Selection Commission, and the Jyoti Prachand will be performed by Yamunanagar Mayor Suman Bahmani.

Other saints and kirtani groups will also sing the praises of Guru Ravidas Ji. He informed that on November 5th, the Amritvani recitation will begin at 4 am, with the offering of the Bhog to be made at 8 am. Following the Chola ceremony of Nishan Sahib, a Satsang and discourse program will begin at 10 am. An unbroken feast will also be organised for the Sangat.

## Kalyan listens to Prime Minister's Mann Ki Baat program with villagers

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, OCT 26

Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan listened to 127th edition of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat program in Alipur Khalsa village of Gharaunda constituency today. Speaking on occasion, he said that it is most watched and listened-to program in country. Millions of people join program every month, inspiring them to move country forward. This program infuses new energy into youth. Through this program, Prime Minister introduces people who have achieved extraordinary work in various fields and inspires others to take inspiration from them.



Kalyan said that in his Mann Ki Baat program, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke about significance of Chhath Puja, importance of Sanskrit, 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram, diversity of Indian coffee and bravery of indigenous dogs. He taught youth and citizens about social unity, culture, environment, and patriotism. Assembly Speaker said that Chhath holds special significance in Indian culture. Prime Minister also spoke about this significant festival, describing it as a symbol of social unity, environmental sensitivity, and profound value of culture. He also said that culture and traditions connect people. Our sensitivity to science, art and nature is clearly reflected in such festivals. Festivals instill a sense of social responsibility and patriotism. He said that Prime Minister, while

highlighting importance of Sanskrit, said that it was not only language of religious texts but also served as language of communication. During period of slavery and for a few years after independence, people's interest in Sanskrit declined. However, today its relevance is increasing. Young people are seen communicating in Sanskrit on social media. He said that song Vande Mataram inspires patriotism and a sense of duty to motherland. Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrating its 150th anniversary on November 7 noted that this song is not only a source of emotion for Indians but also provides unity and strength. PM mentioned Run for Unity to be organised on 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on October 3. He also mentioned Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam campaign calling it essential for maintaining natural balance.

## Sant Namdev Ji's life embodies love, devotion, and equality: CM

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, OCT 26

A state-level event dedicated to Sant Namdev Ji Maharaj was held in Hisar today under the "Sant-Mahapurush Vichar Samman and Prasar Yojana," an initiative of the Haryana government aimed at spreading the teachings of saints and great personalities. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini attended the event as the chief guest, held on the campus of Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hisar.

Paying tribute to Sant Namdev Ji, the Chief Minister said that his life reflects love, devotion, and equality. He worked to unite society by eliminating discrimination, untouchability and inequality.

On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced that, in response to community requests, a government institution in the state would be named after Sant Namdev Ji Maharaj. He also declared a grant of Rs 51 lakh for the up-



keep of various dharamshalas managed by the community and for installing solar panels. He further said that land would be allotted as per norms if the community applies for plots in Bhiwani, Panipat, and Narnaul. In addition, the Chief Minister said that other demands would be forwarded to the concerned departments for implementation.

The Chief Minister said that Sant Namdev Ji saw divinity in every individual and worked tirelessly to eradicate social evils such as casteism, untouchability, and inequality.

He said that true religion connects humanity and teaches compassion for others. He added that Sant Namdev Ji's message of hard work, devotion, and honesty is deeply rooted in Haryana's social fabric. The state's working class, farmers, artisans, tailors, blacksmiths, and all hardworking people embody his spirit through their dedication and work.

## Delay will not be tolerated in development works: Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi

KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI, OCT 26

Regarding the development of area Nilokheri, MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi said that the development of the area would be done at a record breaking pace and no ward or village would be discriminated. Development work will be done equally in every area so that facilities can be provided to the public. MLA Kabirpanthi gave strict instructions to the officials

that no delay will be tolerated in the development works. He said that officers and employees should take public complaints seriously and resolve them promptly. Keeping any issue pending or hanging files will no longer be tolerated. He said that the BJP government is committed to public welfare and under the leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, the policy of transparent and equitable development was being implemented in the state. De-

velopment works will continue in all the areas including Tarawadi, Nilokheri, Nigdu and Nising. MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi said that his aim was not politics but service. Every ward, every street, every village of Nilokheri should be developed - this was his priority. Any kind of negligence will not be tolerated in development works. The voice of the public was his order and solving their problems was his responsibility.



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