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NEWS BRIEFS

Homage paid to Wg Cmdr who died in Tejas crash at Dubai Air show

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COIMBATORE: Tearful homage were paid to the mortal remains of Wing Commander Namansh Syal Sulur IAF Air Base who died after the Tejas fighter aircraft he was piloting crashed during a manouvre at the Dubai Aero Show.

His body was brought from Dubai to the Sulur Air Base near Coimbatore today where senior air base officials paid their last respects.

Poignant scenes were witnessed as Syal's wife, who was also present, wept unconsolably and was counselled by the senior officials.

Defence sources said homage was paid to the mortal remains of Wing Commander Namansh Syal, who laid his life in line of duty by Coimbatore District Collector Pavankumar G Giriyappanavar by placing a wreath at the Air Force Station Sulur. Since he was based at Sulur Air Force station from where he flew for Dubai Air Show in a Tejas fighter jet, his body was here as per protocols. After paying homage, the mortal remains were taken to his native Himachal Pradesh state by air.

Meanwhile, the IAF ina post on X, mourned his death.

The Indian Air Force deeply mourns the tragic loss of Wg Cdr Namansh Syal, who lost his life in the unfortunate Tejas aircraft accident at the

No bill on changing Chandigarh's status, Centre clarifies amid row

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CHANDIGARH, NOV 23

The Central government has stepped back from reports suggesting an imminent change in Chandigarh's administrative status. The Ministry of Home Affairs has clarified that there is neither a final decision on the proposal nor any plan to introduce such a bill in the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament.

The ministry stated that the matter is still under consideration and will be taken forward only after thorough consultation with all the stakeholders. Earlier, it was speculated that the Centre might introduce legislation to shift Chandigarh from Article 239 to Article 240 of the Constitution, a move that could grant the center complete control over the union Territory.

Political leaders in Punjab had expressed apprehension that such a change might weaken their traditional administrative role in the joint capital. Parties including the Aam Aadmi Party, Congress, and Shiromani Akali Dal had



strongly opposed the idea.

The Home Ministry clarified that the proposal only aims to streamline lawmaking for the union Territory and does not envision altering the governance structure or affecting Chandigarh's historical ties with Punjab and Haryana. It emphasised that the interests of the region would remain protected and that no such bill would be brought forward during the current session.

Meanwhile, the Shiromani Akali Dal has already scheduled a core committee meeting to discuss strategy and possible protests against the proposed changes. The party had also indicated plans to consult legal experts and launch a major agitation if required. With the Centre's clarification, the tense political standoff over Chandigarh's status now appears to have eased at least for the present.

Earlier on November 21, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) designated three new seaports, namely the Vizhinjam International Seaport in Kerala, Hazira Port in Gujarat, and Pipavav Port in Gujarat as official designated immigration checkposts by amending its earlier notification under the Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025."Ministry of Home Affairs has amended its earlier notification under the Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025, adding three more seaports to Category II entry points.

Justice Surya Kant to take oath today as 53rd CJI

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, NOV 23

Justice Surya Kant, who has been part of several landmark verdicts and orders on abrogation of Article 370 removing Jammu and Kashmir's special status, Bihar electoral rolls revision and Pegasus spyware case, will on Monday take oath as the 53rd Chief Justice of India. He will succeed Justice B R Gavai, who demits office this evening.

Justice Kant was appointed as the next CJI on October 30 and will remain in the post for nearly 15 months. He will demit office on February 9, 2027 on attaining the age of 65 years.

Justice Surya Kant, born on February 10, 1962, in a middle-class family in Haryana, began his legal journey in Hisar in 1984 before moving to Chandigarh to practise before the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

Over the years, he handled a broad spectrum of constitutional, service and civil matters, representing universities, boards, corporations, banks and even the High Court itself.



He was appointed the youngest Advocate General of Haryana in July 2000, designated a senior advocate in 2001, and elevated as a permanent judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court on January 9, 2004. He later served as Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court from October 2018 until his elevation to the Supreme Court on May 24, 2019. Since November 2024, he has been serving as Chairman of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee.

On Saturday, in an interaction with the media ahead of assuming charge, the CJI-designate said that reducing pendency in the Supreme Court and courts across the country would be his foremost priority. He said that one of his first steps as the Chief Justice of India would be to engage with all High Courts to identify problems affecting the functioning of district and subordinate courts.

Uranium found in breast milk in several Bihar districts

AGENCY
NEW DELHI, NOV 23

In a reassuring statement that addresses concern over a study that found uranium in the breastmilk of lactating mothers in Bihar, a senior scientist and member of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has said the study's findings pose no public health concern, and that the uranium detected in Bihar samples is far below the World Health Organization's permissible threshold.

Nuclear scientist Dr Dinesh K Aswal, a member of NDMA and former group director of Bhabha Atomic Research Center, told NDTV in an exclusive interview that the study's findings are no cause for concern. "The levels detected are well within safe limits. In fact, the World Health Organization's permissible threshold in drinking water is nearly six times higher than what has been observed."

A group of scientists from Mahavir Cancer Sansthan and Research Center, Patna, Lovely Professional University and AIIMS, New Delhi, conducted a study in Bihar.

Nagar kirtan arrives at Sri Anandpur Sahib, gets grand welcome

BUREAU
SRI ANANDPUR SAHIB, NOV 23

The grand Nagar Kirtan dedicated to the 350th martyrdom anniversary of the Ninth Sikh Guru Hindi Di Chadar Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji that began from Srinagar on Nov 19 with Khalsa fervor and enthusiasm from Gurdwara Patshahi Chhevin, concluded today upon reaching Sri Anandpur Sahib.

At Sri Anandpur Sahib, Cabinet Ministers Harjot Singh Bains and Harbhajan Singh E.T.O. accorded a floral welcome to the Nagar Kirtan.

The beautifully decorated Palki Sahib (palanguin) carrying the eternal Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji under the canopy



of divine grace, led by the Panj Pyare and Nishan Sahib, was warmly received by the Rupnagar district administration and devotees upon its arrival at the birthplace of the Khalsa - Sri Anandpur Sahib. On this occasion, the Ministers presented siropas to the Panj Pyare Sahibaan and the Panj Nishaanchi Sahibaan participating in the Nagar Kirtan. After paying obeisance at Takhth Sri Kesgarh Sahib, Ministers Harjot Singh Bains and Harbhajan Singh E.T.O. respectfully installed the sacred form of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Maharaj at Gurdwara Sri Sis Ganj Sahib.

ਗੁਰਾਦਤ ਦੇ 350 ਸਾਲ
ਹਿੰਦ ਦੀ ਚਾਦਰ
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350th Year of Martyrdom

dedicated to

SRI GURU TEGH BAHADUR JI

Bhai Mati Das Ji, Bhai Sati Das Ji, Bhai Dayala Ji

Samagams at Sri Anandpur Sahib

24th November, 2025

Nagar Kirtan (Kiratpur Sahib to Sri Anandpur Sahib)
Heritage Walk at Sri Anandpur Sahib
Special Assembly Session dedicated to Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji
Dhadi and Kavishar Darbar
Plays/Readings/ Poetry based on the life and teachings of Guru Sahib
Gatka and other performances
Drone Show
Katha and Kirtan Darbar

25th November 2025

Bhog Sri Akhand Path Sahib
State-level Blood Donation Drive
Statewide Campaign to plant 3.50 lakh saplings
Gurbani Kirtan
Sarbat Da Bhala Gathering
Drone Show

Let's pay obeisance at Sri Anandpur Sahib

Department of Information and Public Relations, Punjab

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Usha martin contributes Rs 5 lakh to 'Mission Chardi Kala' through MLA Jimpa's efforts



HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): In a significant gesture towards social responsibility, Usha Martin Company has contributed Rs 5 lakh to the district's 'Mission Chardi Kala' initiative, thanks to the efforts of MLA Brahm Shankar jimpa.MLA jimpa informed that company representatives Jatinder Walia, S.K. Chadha, and Girish Walia handed over a cheque of ?5 lakh to Deputy Commissioner Ashika Jain.

The amount will help strengthen welfare projects being carried out under Mission Chardi Kala.Expressing gratitude, MLA jimpa described this contribution as an exemplary act of commitment towards society.

NEWS BRIEF

Martyrdom anniversary event at Majri Block, Chandigarh today

J K BATTA

CHANDIGARH: The 350th anniversary of the martyrdom of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji and the Gursikhs who were martyred with him will be celebrated today, on 24th November, at Gurdwara Garhi Bhorkha Sahib, Majri Block (New Chandigarh). Giving information in this regard, General Secretary of Gurdwara Management Committee Ravinder Singh Bajidpur said that on the occasion of the martyrdom anniversary of Guru Sahib, Gurbani Path Bhog will be performed today, on 24th November at 10 am. After that, Bhai Harjit Singh Harman's Ragi Jatha will connect the Sangat with the Guru's feet through Gurbani and the Guru's history. On this occasion, Guru ka Langar will be served continuously. The organisers have appealed to all the Sangats living in the area to come and worship the merits of Guru Sahib and get the benefits.



Chaudhary Shyam Lal Mazrian from Kharar constituency reached in dharna stages by lawyers

J K BATTA

CHANDIGARH: Senior Akali leader Chaudhary Shyam Lal Mazrian Ji from Kharar constituency reached in the dharna staged by lawyers, said that the Punjab government has started preparations to make Anandpur Sahib the 24th district of the state, in which there is a plan to include Garhshankar (Hoshiarpur), many parts of Ropar district and many villages of Kharar assembly constituency in the new district. Senior Akali leader Chaudhary Shyam Lal Mazrian Ji and his party, Shiromani Akali Dal Badal, assured that the villages will not be allowed to move from here to there, no matter how many tricks the government takes. If necessary, we will also take Shiromani Akali Dal President Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal to this dharna in favour of the people for the rights of the people. On this occasion, Chaudhary Shyam Lal Mazrian, Ravinder Singh Khera, Sahib Singh Badali, Harvinder Singh Balongi and the entire team of workers of the Akali Dal were present from the Shiromani Akali Dal.



Sangat departs to join Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji event

SUMER GARG
SUNAM, NOV 23



Under the guidance of the Cabinet Minister, Mr. Aman Arora, a large number of Sangat (group of pilgrims) left from Sunam assembly Constituency (SAC) to participate in the celebrations dedicated to the 350th martyrdom day of the ninth Patshah Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib at Sri Anandpur Sahib.

While speaking at the time of flagging the buses, chairman of local market committee, Mr. Mukesh Juneja and media advisor to cabinet minister, Mr. Aman Arora; Mr. Jatinder Jain jointly said that today three buses, Sunam, village Jakhepal Chauwas and Akbarpur have gone to Sri Anandpur Sahib.

The Punjab government is organizing a grand event on the occasion of the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib Ji at Sri Anandpur Sahib till November 25. The aim of these events is to inform the young generation about the unparalleled martyrdom of Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib Ji, his invaluable contribution to religion and humanity.

Today, from SAC, Sangat has left for Sri Anandpur Sahib.

The Punjab government has made complete arrangements for the events, under which various events will be completed successfully. Besides others, PA, Sanjeev Sanju, Pal Singh Rimpi, Block Presiden, Sahib Singh; Jakhepal Chauwas Sarpanch, Gurcharan Singh; Jagbir Singh, Block President, Akbarpur and a large number of people were present on the occasion.

Goel inaugurates dev work for five roads in Lehra Gaga constituency to be built at cost of around Rs 4 crore 25 lakh

GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA
LEHRAGAGA, NOV 23



Cabinet Minister Barinder Kumar Goyal inaugurated the construction work of five roads in the Lehra Gaga Assembly Constituency, which will be built at a total cost of Rs 4 crore 25 lakh 15 thousand.

These include the 8.73-kilometre-long road from village Salemgarh to Gurdwara Sri Makraur Sahib to be built at a cost of Rs 2 crore 23 lakh 18 thousand; the 2.12-kilometre-long road from Manniana to Baliana up to the Haryana border at a cost of Rs 39.78 lakh; the 7-kilometre-long road from Andana to Gulari via Karoda at a cost of Rs 1 crore 14 lakh 60 thousand; the 0.79-kilometre-long road from Banarsi ITI to Katchi Khanauri at a cost of Rs 16 lakh 53 thousand; and the 01.55-kilometre-long road from Khanauri Main Road to Old Banarsi at a cost of Rs 31 lakh 06 thousand.Goyal stated that the primary objective of the Punjab Government is to ensure sustainable infrastructural development so that people receive smooth transportation facilities and farmers can easily transport their produce to the market without any disruption.

The Cabinet Minister said that the development projects being initiated in various villages of the constituency will serve as milestones in the region's economic and social progress. He emphasized that the government will not compromise on quality and that all works will be completed within the stipulated timeframe.He added that the construction of these roads will improve connectivity and commercial activities between villages. He further said that the Punjab Government is giving equal priority to the development of both rural and urban areas, and that projects related to roads, water supply, healthcare, and education are being prioritized across all constituencies.Goyal expressed his gratitude to the residents of the villages, whose cooperation has enabled the rapid progress of development works.

Written test for the posts of TGT in five subjects conducted smoothly

CHANDIGARH, NOV 23

Written test for the post of TGT for the subjects of Science (medical and non-medical); Punjabi; Mathematics; Social Study and Geography was held on Sunday at various examination centres in two shifts from 9.30 am to 12 noon and 2.30 pm to 5 pm.

Out of 10657 applicants enrolled only 6105 candidates took the examination. Recruitment of TGT examination was assigned to a recruitment agency.

Examination centres were arranged by the Chandigarh education department while material and staff was arranged by the recruitment agency.

Four senior officers of Chandigarh Administration were appointed as independent observers. For smooth conduction of examination and smoothly CCTV cameras were also put in service. Eighty police personnel were deputed for the security at the examination centres. No case of mal practice or any irregularity was reported.

Fateh Group of Institutions Rampura Phul organized cleanliness camp in village Balloh



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, NOV 23

The National Service Scheme Department of Fateh Group of Institutions Rampura Phul organized a one-day camp in village Balloh today. It started with a cleanliness drive.

School and college students participated in the camp under the guidance of Prof. Varinder Kaur, Jaspreet Kaur, Sukhvir Kaur, Harjit Kaur Bhucho, Mandeep Kaur, Program Officer Prof. Sonvinder Singh, Librarian Manjit Singh and Principal Baghel Singh. The team was warmly welcomed and respected by the village panchayat, Taranjot Welfare Society and the villagers. The students visited the village library and health clinic and got information about the facilities, while the Guru Ghar Committee offered them langar. Coordinator Harpreet Sharma said that the aim of the campaign is to connect the youth with the society and strengthen the spirit of service.

A Journey of courage and heart - Tanvi great moves audiences at IFFI

GOA, NOV 23



The International Film Festival of India (IFFI) witnessed an evening of heartfelt cinema and inspiring storytelling as acclaimed filmmaker, actor, and director Anupam Kher presented his latest directorial venture, Tanvi the Great. It's a story an extraordinary girl on the autism spectrum, follows her dream of joining the army on the footsteps of her father, despite being misunderstood for her autism, proving that true heroism comes from the heart.

Accompanied by actress Tanvi, Anupam Kher addressed the media following the film's festival screening, which received an exceptionally warm and enthusiastic response from audiences and delegates.During the media interaction, Anupam Kher spoke at length about the personal relevance of the film. He shared that the story is intricately connected to moments from his personal and family life, making the project emotionally significant for him as a filmmaker. Speaking on the topic of autism, Anupam Kher said that we often consider the opposite of "normal" to be "abnormal," but the opposite of normal can also be seen as "extraordinary." Kher emphasized that he is increasingly drawn to narratives that highlight human resilience, empathy.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

I Gurmail Singh (Aadhaar No. 3806 0028 7406) S/o Bhagat Singh R/o H.No. 370, W.No. 2, Mundi Kharar (Kharar), Distt Mohali declare that my son Gaganpreet Singh is out of my control. I disinherit him from all my moveable and immoveable properties. I have no relation with him. Anybody dealing with him will be himself responsible. I and my family would not be held responsible for his any action.

100071

We Rajesh Kumar S/o Budh Ram and Majit Kaur w/o Rajesh Kumar Both R/o 19-C, Raipur Khurd U.T. Chandigarh declare as under that we disown our son Anil Kumar from our moveable/immoveable properties because he is out of our control. If anybody deals with him we are not responsible for the same in future.

989666

I, Bandhanpreet Kaur D/o Bhupinder Singh R/o Vill: Kansuha Kalan Po. Allowal Teh-Nabha Distt. Patiala declare that in my father army record No. 2487830K my name wrongly entered Bandenpreet Kaur. But my correct name is Bandhanpreet Kaur. so amended my name from Bandenpreet Kaur to Bandhanpreet Kaur in my father army record.

63372

I, Army No. 15223357Y, Ex Hav Kulwinder Singh R/o Vill: Mansa Kalan Po. Maur Mandi Teh-Talwandi Sabo Distt. Bathinda declare that in my army record my mother name wrongly entered Baljit Kaur and wrongly entered DOB 01-07-1968. But my mother correct name is Rani and correct DOB is 01-01-1968. So amended my mother name & DOB in my army record.

63372

I, Balbir Kaur spouse of No. 4465294Y Nk Rajinder Singh (Retd) R/o Vpo. Daulatpur Teh-Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar, Pb-144516 have changed my name from Balbir Kaur to Balvir Kaur. my DOB is 10-08-1973 as per my Aadhar Card & PAN Card.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ਮੈਂ ਮੁਹੰਮਦ ਸ਼ਾਬਰ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਮੁਹੰਮਦ ਸਦੀਕ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਦੁਸਾਰਨਾ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਖਰੜ ਜ਼ਿਲਾ ਮੋਹਾਲੀ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਲੜਕੇ ਮੁਹੰਮਦ ਸ਼ਾਹੀਲ ਨੂੰ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੋਣ ਕਰਕੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਚਲ ਅਚਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

524479

I, Sohan Singh Randhawa, son of S. Sadhu Singh, resident of House No. 245, Village Bilga, Tehsil Wa, District Ludhiana, state that my son Satvir Singh Randhawa does as he pleases, and keeps harassing us, which is beyond our control. I hereby dispossess him of my movable and immovable property. Anyone who makes any transaction with this will be held responsible for any loss to life or property.

63372

I, Hitherto Known as Jaswinder Kaur W/o Raj Kumar, R/o Vpo Chak Ladian, Distt Hoshiarpur, Punjab-144210, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sukhwinder Kaur. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

63372

I, hitherto known as Abhishek S/o Ram Lubhaya R/o VPO Mahalon, Distt. Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Punjab- 144514, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Abhishek Kumar. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

63372

I, Richa Singhal W/o Amit Garg R/o Shop Number 685, Old Grain Market Moga have changed my name after marriage to Richa Garg.

90007

I, Rozi Chhabra @ Kaushal W/o. Pushpinder Kumar R/o Multani Gate, Ferozepur City hereby declare that in my different documents my names is written as Rozi Chhabra, Komal Rani & Kaushal. These three name of mine and these all are single person. Concerned please note.

846213

मैं नितेश अग्रवाल सुपुत्र रमेश चन्द, निवासी मकान नं 363, वार्ड नं 11 गोविंद कॉलोनी जिला कैथल सर्वसाधारण को सूचित करता हूँ कि, मैंने अपना नाम नितेश अग्रवाल से बदलकर सपना रख लिया है। भविष्य में मुझे अब सपना के नाम से ही जाना जाए। मेरे पुत्र सनित अग्रवाल के पासपोर्ट व मेरे पहले बने हुए सभी सरकारी व गैर सरकारी दस्तावेजों में भी मुझे भविष्य में नितेश के नाम से ही जाना जाए।

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LOST & FOUND

I, Harbhej Singh S/o Sukhcharan singh House No. 1486, College Colony Derabassi Mohali (Punjab) inform to the general public that my original documents Adhar card, Pancard, Driving licence No. HR-4420080015953 ID card of ICICI bank bearing Collection ID Card No. 2509972, Bike RC and Laptop actually has lost on 19/11/2025 at Derabassi. If any body found please Contact above address or Ph. No. 9872649792 (Unique id: 3311898)

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मैं सपना अग्रवाल पत्नि नितेश, निवासी मकान नं 363, वार्ड नं 11 गोविंद कॉलोनी जिला कैथल सर्वसाधारण को सूचित करती हूँकि, मैने अपना नाम सपना अग्रवाल से बदलकर सपना रख लिया है। भविष्य में मुझे अब सपना के नाम से ही जाना जाए। मेरे पुत्र सनित अग्रवाल के पासपोर्ट व मेरे पहले बने हुए सभी सरकारी व गैर सरकारी दस्तावेजों में भी मुझे भविष्य में सपना के नाम से ही जाना जाए।

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I, Angrez Singh S/o Major Singh residence Saho ke road malke Moga Punjab 151207 have changed my name Angrez Singh to Angrej Singh kindly note

524479

I Mohinder Kaur W/o Angrej Singh Residence Saho Ke Road Village Malke Moga Punjab 151207 Have Changed My Name Mohinder Kaur To Shinderjeet Kaur Kindly Note

524479

PUBLIC NOTICE

I Dilip Singh, Chief Manager, State Bank of India, RACPC, Rani Ka Bagh, Amritsar declare that Rajeev Singh S/o Arvind Kumar Singh and Sukhwinder Kaur W/o Rajeev Singh had took loan through mortgaged their Property Plot measuring 176.66 sq. yards (8 Marla), Property Private Plot no. 205, bearing Khasra No. 461, 76//2, 94//21, 22, 93//25, 93//16//1, 93//16//3, 93//22, 23, 94//23//2, 100//2, 93//18//1, 99//18//8, 93//6//2, 13, 14, 15, 18//2, 77//33, 76//1//3, 77//5//1, 76//1//3, 93//17, 470, 91//25//2, 91//25//1 min, situated at Rakba Kala Ghannupur Sub Urban, Abadi Navi Abadi Ghannupur Hadbast no. 368 Krishna Enclave, Amritsar as per Title Deed Document no. 5232, in Bahi no. 1, in the name of Sh. Rajeev Singh S/o Sh. Arvind Kumar Singh and Smt. Sukhwinder Kaur W/o Sh. Rajeev Singh. The Title / Sale deed is misplaced / not traceable in the bank.

Sd/- Dilip Singh, Chief Manager, State Bank of India, Rani Ka Bagh, Asr

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I, Karanpreet Singh S/o Nishan Singh R/o Village Mehdipur Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Karanpreet Singh to Karanpreet as my Given Name and Singh as my Surname.

524479

I, Ranjeet Kaur W/o Manmohan Singh, R/o #143, Karnail Singh Muhulla, Ward No 18, Malout, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab- 152107. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Ravneet Kaur.

600022

I, Sneeta Sarkar W/O Ashish Bamba, R/o Flat No 29B, Friends Enclave Society, Near Devaji Society, Kishanpura Zirakpur, Dhakauli, Sas Nagar (Mohali), Punjab-160104. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sneeta Ayoti Sarkar Bammbaa.

600022

I, Avtar S/o Jeet Ram R/o Village & Po Powadra, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt Jalandhar , Punjab, Pin Code-144036 Have Changed My Name From Avtar To Avtar Sallan. All Concerned Please Note.

600022

I, Kiranpreet D/o Ashok Kumar R/o Vpo. Laroya Distt. Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar have changed my name from Kiranpreet to Kiranpreet Kaur.

63372

I, Jasvir Kumar S/o Manohar Lal R/o Vpo. Paddi Matwali Teh-Banga Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Jasvir Kumar to Kumar Jasvir. I have used Kumar as my surname.

63372

I Balbir Singh S/o Mastana @ Mastana Bhatia R/o Chak Ktaru Tehsil Garhshankar Distt Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name To Balbir Singh Bhatia.

63372

I, Pooja D/o Gurmeet Ram Khothran R/o Vpo. Po. Khothra Kalan Distt. Nawanshahr, Punjab have changed my name from Pooja to Pooja Rani.

63372

I, Poonam W/o Parminder Singh R/o Vpo: Dagham, Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab India, declare that I have change my name is Poonam to Poonam Kaur. All Concern note.

63372

I, Jaswant Singh Bains S/o Gurdev Singh R/o Singhpur Urf Munan (Moga) have Changed My Name To Jaswant Singh.

63372

I, Ravneet Kaur W/o Gursharandeep Singh Dhaliwal R/o 1125 Inder Singh Gill Nagar Dosanjh Road Moga have changed my name to Ravneet Kaur Dhaliwal.

63372

I, Jasminder Kaur Gill W/o Harchand Singh R/o ,199, Punjabi Bagh Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Jasminder Kaur.

63372

I, Jaswinder Singh Toor S/O Lahora Singh, R/O Village Khosa Dal Singh, Tehsil Zira, (Ferozepur), Have Changed My Name Jaswinder Singh.

63372

I, Simarjeet Kaur Daughter of No. 10316165Y Hav Satnam Singh (Retd) R/o Vill: Akliana Po. Mohar Teh-Balachaur Distt. SBS Nagar, Pb-144521, have changed my name from Simarjeet Kaur to Simranjeet Kaur.

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I, Jagsir Singh Kauldhar S/o Sagharh Singh R/o Vpo Badhni Kalan, Patti Kaunka, Distt. Moga, 142037, Punjab, India, have changed my name to Jagsir Singh.

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I, Parminder Singh Gaidu S/o Balraj Singh R/o Vpo. Chand Nawan (Moga-142001) have changed my name to Parminder Singh.

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I, Vikramjit Singh alias Bikkar Singh S/O Sham Singh R/O Phul Distt Bathinda have two name of one person.

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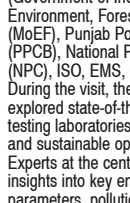
Police nabs 66 drug smugglers with 5kg heroin

CHANDIGARH: Continuing the war against drugs "Yudh Nashian Virudh" waged by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann to eradicate drug menace from state consecutively for the 267th day, Punjab Police conducted raids at 282 locations on Sunday leading to the arrest of 66 drug smugglers after registration of 49 first information reports (FIRs) across the state. With this, the number of total drug smugglers arrested has reached to 37,737 in 267 days.

The raids have resulted in recovery of 5.1kg heroin, 1171 intoxicant pills and Rs 4360 drug money from the possession of arrested drug smugglers. Notably, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann has asked the Commissioners of Police, Deputy Commissioners and Senior Superintendent of Police to make Punjab drug free state. The Punjab government has also constituted a 5-member Cabinet Sub Committee led by Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema to monitor the war against drugs. Over 100 Police teams, comprising over 800 police personnel, under the supervision of 56 gazetted officers have conducted 282 raids across the state. Police teams have also checked as many as 297 suspicious persons during the day-long operation.

NEWS BRIEF

Mann govt has forgotten its poll promises to women: Babli Devi



SHARANJEET PATHANKOT: The Bhagwant Mann government came to power by making false election promises to the people of Punjab but after assuming power it has forgotten its promises to the people. These words were expressed by Babli Devi, President of BJP BC Morcha Mamun Mandal. He said that the Aam Aadmi Party had made election promises to every section of the state, including a monthly allowance of Rs 1100 for every woman, a monthly allowance of Rs 2500 for unemployed youth and a guaranteed MSP on every crop for farmers. However, not a single one of these promises has been fulfilled, leading to widespread anger among the state's voters. He said that the police's brutality against BJP Mahila Morcha workers who were besieging Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's Chandigarh residence to press for their demands is highly condemnable. He further said that the Mann government has become arrogant.

MCM educators explore environmental solutions at Eco Paryavaran Bhawan



CHANDIGARH: The faculty of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women undertook an educational visit to Eco Paryavaran Bhawan, Mohali, gaining a comprehensive and insightful understanding of contemporary environmental management and sustainability practices. Eco Paryavaran Bhawan, a premier institution in the field of environmental conservation, research, and regulatory compliance, holds several prestigious national accreditations, including ISO 9001:2008 Certification and approvals from esteemed bodies such as the Department of Science & Technology (Government of India), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF), Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB), National Productivity Council (NPC), ISO, EMS, OHSAS, and IPH. During the visit, the faculty members explored state-of-the-art environmental testing laboratories, analytical facilities, and sustainable operational systems. Experts at the centre provided detailed insights into key environmental parameters, pollution control technologies, and compliance procedures adopted across industrial and governmental sectors. The interactive session enriched participants' understanding of environmental protection frameworks and highlighted the importance of adopting sustainable solutions in both academic and community settings.

Punjab will launch legal and mass struggle against BJP's conspiracy to snatch Chandigarh: Cheema

ANANDPUR SAHIB, NOV 23



PunjabFinance Minister and senior Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema, on Sunday delivered a powerful condemnation of the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) attempt to strip Punjab of its rights over Chandigarh.

Addressinga press conference in Anandpur Sahib, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema firmly asserted that only Punjab possesses the rightful claim to Chandigarh, a city built by displacing 24 villages of the state. He warned that any move by the BJP to snatch Chandigarh would be met with a two-pronged resistance: a legal struggle by the Punjab government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, and a resolute struggle by the Aam Aadmi Party alongside the three crore people of Punjab, extending from the road to the Parliament.

The Finance Minister lambasted at BJP of embodying a "spirit of Hitler" and being determined to dismantle the country's democratic and federal structure.

He said that this conspiracy is being hatched even as the Punjab government and the people of the country celebrating the 350th anniversary of the martyrdom of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji for religious freedom and national unity.

FinanceMinister Cheema said that the BJP is persistently provoking the sentiments of the people of Punjab and plotting to usher in a dark era in the state.

He cited a pattern of anti-Punjab actions by the BJP, starting with the three black farm laws intended to destroy the agricultural economy, followed by attempts to compromise Punjab's interests through the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), the unpleasant bid to seize senate of Panjab University which could directly effected the working of about 200 colleges, and now the deceitful maneuver to snatch Chandigarh. This repeated antagonism, he declared, exposes the sinister intentions of the BJP. Condemning the BJP-led central government for treading the path of Mughals to suppress Punjab's interests, Finance Minister Cheema specifically highlighted the plan to introduce the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill.

This proposed bill aims to bring Chandigarh under the purview of Article 240 of the Constitution, which would empower the President to make regulations for the Union Territory and legislate directly, an act the Finance Minister termed a direct assault on Punjab's rights. He expressed confidence that just as the brave people of Punjab defeated the BJP's past attempts, this current effort would also be given a fitting reply, ensuring that the BJP's future generations harbor no ill will towards the state.

Newly appointed Mohali Congress President,Kamal Sharma, honoured by Kanyagaon-Mullanpur-Majri Press Club

J K BATTA
CHANDIGARH, NOV 23



On his arrival in Nayagaon, the newly appointed District Mohali Congress Committee President, Kamal Kishore Sharma, was honoured by the Nayagaon-Mullanpur-Majri Press Club President and Founder, J K Batta, Vice President Chiranjiv Raju Verma, and all the members with a Siropa and a memento.

He was then offered sweets. On this occasion, the newly appointed President, Kamal Kishore Sharma, stated that he would fulfil the responsibility entrusted to him by Sardar Pratap Singh Bajwa, Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly, and Punjab Congress President and MP Amarinder Singh Raja Bading, to strengthen the Congress party in District Mohali.

Senior Congress leader and former Vice Chairman of the Punjab Gau Sewa Commission, Mr Kamaljit Singh Chawla, will also be with us forever. Senior Congress leader from Nayagaon, Chiranjiv Raju Verma, stated that appointing Mr Kamal Kishore Sharma as the President of the Mohali District Congress Committee has given the Mohali Congress a wonderful New Year gift. The newly appointed District President of the Mohali Congress Committee, Kamal Kishore Sharma, is now being widely discussed. He is not only searching for old Congress members but also personally visiting their homes to honour them. Furthermore, Kamal Kishore Sharma stated that the blessings of the elders will lead the country to progress. Mohali Congress District President Kamal Kishore Sharma stated that he became President with the blessings of the elders.

He met with senior members who have dedicated their lives to the Congress Party and received their blessings. He also discussed with them how to strengthen the Congress Party and received their blessings.

60 volunteers donate blood at camp organized by Bharat Vikas Parishad



AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, NOV 23

A blood donation camp dedicated to the martyrdom of 'Hind Di Chadar', Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, was organized by Bharat Vikas Parishad, Bassi Pathana, under the leadership of President Neeraj Malhotra. A total of 60 individuals donated blood during the camp, which was inaugurated by social worker Kirpal Singh Bamra.

During the camp, a team from the Rotary Blood Resource Centre, Chandigarh, collected blood from the donors. Senior BJP leaders Kuldeep Singh Siddhupur and Gurmeet Singh Cheema (Sonu) were also present on the occasion.

The camp, held at Sant Namdev Mandir, witnessed participation from people belonging to all sections of society. In the presence of Secretary Ravinder Kumar Rinku, Treasurer Pardeep Malhotra, Vice President Neeraj Gupta, Project Chairmen Sanjeev Kumar Soni and Rupinder Surjan, and other members, President Neeraj Malhotra expressed gratitude to all supporters. He said that medical science has not yet developed a substitute for human blood, which is why blood can only be obtained from a human. Hence, every healthy person should donate blood. Camp Chairmen Sanjeev Kumar Soni and Rupinder Surjan also thanked the donors, saying that blood donation is a noble act. They said every healthy man between the ages of 18 and 60 should donate blood four times a year, while women may donate up to three times a year after medical consultation.

Lovneet Dubey flags off 27th free eye operation camp held by Guru Kripa Sansthan and Viswa Jagriti Mission Sirhind



AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, NOV 23

Guru Kripa Sansthan, in collaboration with Vishav Jagriti Mission Sirhind, successfully organized the 27th Free Eye Operation Camp, providing vital eye care services to hundreds of needy patients.

During the camp, 304 patients underwent detailed eye check-ups, out of which 107 were diagnosed with cataract and selected for free surgeries Dr. Lovneet Dubey, Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while S. Malkeet Singh Tiwana, Chairman, Tiwana Group, attended as the Special Guest. Both dignitaries highly appreciated the humanitarian efforts of the organizing bodies. The medical examinations were carried out by a team of expert doctors from Shankara Eye Hospital, Ludhiana.

CLF literati concludes with sessions showcasing authors, artistes & IPS officers

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, NOV 23



The concluding day of CLF Literati 2025(Chd. LitFest) which was organised by Chandigarh Literary Society(CLS) witnessed some very interesting and pertinent literary sessions. Two book launches during the 'Book Buzz' segment was the added attraction for book lovers. The high point of the day and festival came when CLF Literati Book Awards instituted by CLS was held.Dr Sumita Misra said, "Today is a moment of pride for all of us as now Chandigarh has its very own national level book awards. We plan to announce book awards during CLF Literati every year thereby making the festival a truly holistic national level literary event."Dr Misra added, "We have been able to create a lot of buzz in literary circles of not just the region but even nationally by bringing together acclaimed authors,celebrities-turned-authors & poets and the sharpest thinkers, analysts and academics to discuss new books, literary trends and pertinent issues year after year. This has given Chandigarh an image of being a national level literature destination."Dr Sumita Misra thanked the speakers and authors for sharing your insights, stories, and wisdom.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad calls for prayer amid global unrest, citing lessons from early Islam in Friday Sermon

VERMA
GURDASPUR, NOV 23



His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, delivered his Friday Sermon from Islamabad, Tilford, in which he continued his series on the life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), focusing on the Expedition of Tabuk.

The Expedition of Tabuk was a measured response to persistent reports of a Byzantine incursion into northern Arabia. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) prepared and moved only to deter aggression and protect the Muslim community. His Holiness narrated incidents from Tabuk which showed the dedication of the Holy Prophet's companions and their families. He described how even at moments of deep personal emotion, believers placed their duties above their own comfort, and how both men and women displayed courage and selflessness when they were called for their service. His Holiness said that the companions did not treat trials as hardship when they were in the service of faith: His Holiness went on to relate a historic address which the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) delivered at Tabuk. In that sermon, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) summarised the core moral and spiritual teachings of Islam.

RBU to host national CME workshop from Nov 28

MOHALI (LK BANSAL): Rayat Bahra University is poised to host its inaugural National Hands-on CME Workshop, "Clinical Andrology Meets Reproductive Immunology – 2025," on November 28 and November 29, at the University School of Allied Health Sciences, marking a significant milestone in bridging clinical andrological practice with cutting-edge reproductive immunology. Head Department CERG Ms Dipneet Kaur shared that Orchestrated by the Department of Clinical Embryology & Reproductive Genetics (CERG) in collaboration with Origin Life Healthcare, Chandigarh, and academically endorsed by the Indian Immunology Society, this landmark event has garnered unprecedented interest, with registrations exceeding 185, prompting early closure.



The intensive two-day program convenes a diverse cohort of undergraduate and postgraduate scholars, clinical embryologists, IVF technologists, researchers, and faculty from UGC or government-recognised institutions, offering immersive, skill-centric learning. Participants will engage in hands-on modules, including microfluidic sperm sorting, density gradient centrifugation, advanced sperm preparation techniques, sperm DNA fragmentation analysis, and hyaluronic binding assays, alongside expert lectures, SOP development workshops, scientific demonstrations, panel discussions, and structured poster presentations.

1000 NCC cadets present spectacular cultural show on 77th NCC day at sector 17 plaza



TILAK RAJ
MOHALI, NOV 23

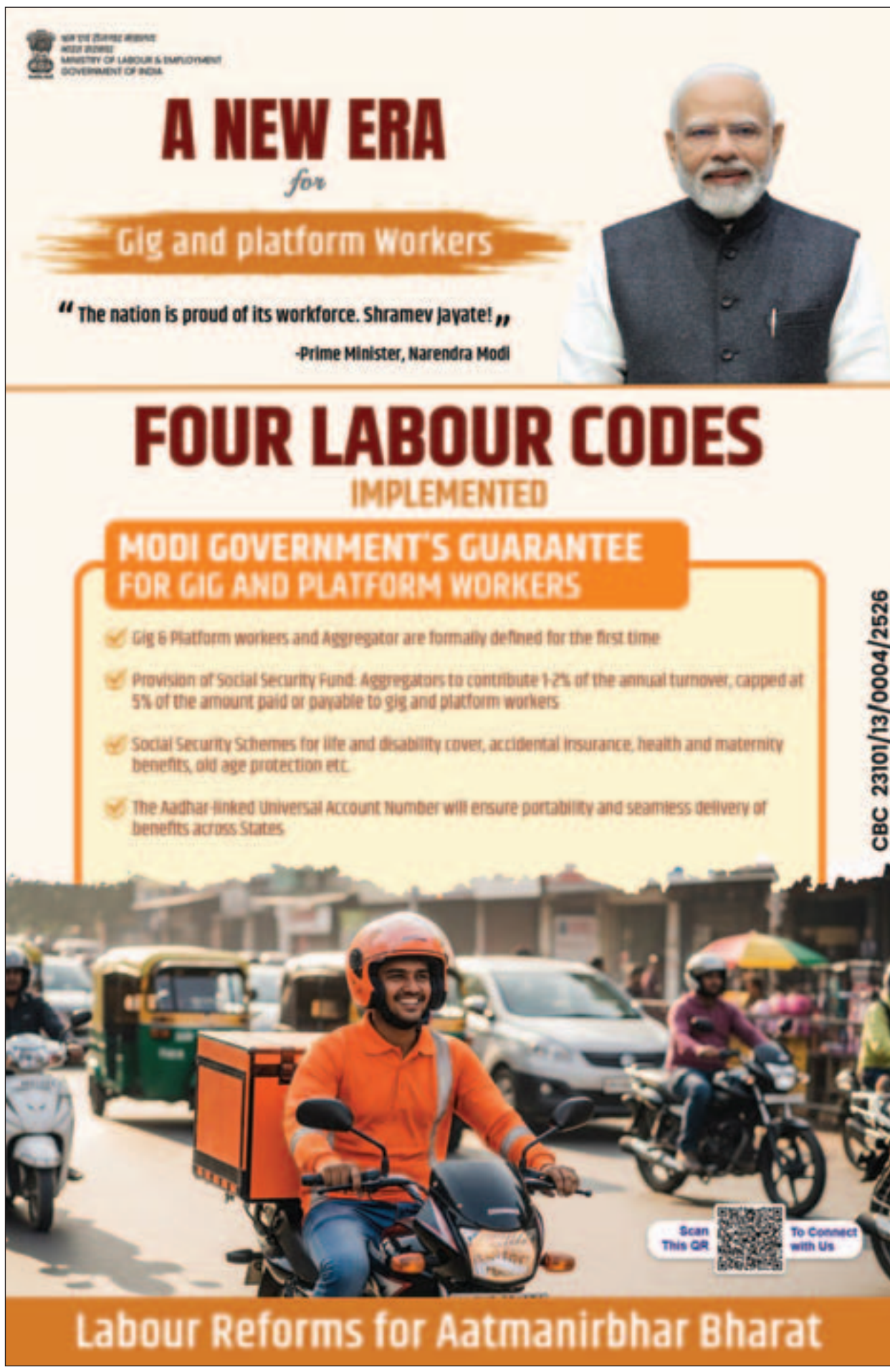
The iconic Sector 17 Plaza came alive as more than 1000 NCC cadets from the Army, Navy and Air Force wings of Chandigarh Group, under Brigadier VS Chauhan, presented a breathtaking two-hour cultural programme to mark the 77th NCC Day. The grand NCC Fete also commemorated the 150th anniversary of India's National Song 'Vande Mataram' while delivering a powerful message against drug abuse.The event was inaugurated by Maj Gen Bharat Maithani, Additional Director General, NCC Directorate (Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh) in the presence of distinguished guests and a large gathering of citizens. Gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest was popular actress, author, Youth Icon and Brand Ambassador of Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan for the Union Territory of Chandigarh, Ms Samaira Sandhu.Through a vibrant blend of patriotic songs, energetic dances, hard-hitting Nukkad Natak and thought-provoking skits, the cadets enthralled the audience from start to finish, earning thunderous applause at every performance.

Shaheed-e-Azam S. Bhagat Singh Football Club organized 16th football tournament completed

GARHSHANKAR : The 16th Football Tournament and Interstate Athletic Meet organized by Shaheed-e-Azam S. Bhagat Singh Football Club at Garhshankar under the supervision of Master Tirath Singh Rattu Canada and Jhalman Singh Bains UK concluded with great pomp and show today. On this occasion, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Ji's nephew Kiranjit Singh Sandhu and his wife Manjit Kaur Sandhu specially reached the venue and encouraged the players and motivated the young generation to stay away from drugs and join sports. After this, Deputy Speaker of Punjab Vidhan Sabha Jai ??Krishan Singh arrived as the chief guest and appreciated the tournament organized by the club and said that the entire tournament committee deserves congratulations for this noble cause.



On this occasion, Advocate Jasvir Singh Rai said that 16 football teams participated in this football tournament and athletics meet. Apart from this, more than 250 children participated in the interstate athletic competition. He said that at the village level, the team of Garhshankar and at the academy level, the team of Banga were the winners and the club honored the winning and runner-up teams with cash prizes and trophies. On this occasion, apart from Advocate Jasvir Singh Rai, Satnam Singh Parowal, Rajinder Singh Chhabla, Avtar Singh Sihra, Sunil Kumar Goldy, Advocate Harpreet Singh Walia, Kamaljit Bains, former councilor Paramjit Singh Pamma,, Avtar Singh Bains, Paramvir Singh Rai, Rajpal Happy, Harpreet Patwari, Shalindar Rana, Raman Banga, Lakhwinder Lucky, Vishal Mohan Lucky, Rajpal Happy, Pradeep Kumar referee etc.



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State Level Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme training programme concludes

HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): The valedictory ceremony of the 7-day State Level Training Programme under the Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme (YAMS) training program concluded at Lamrin Tech Skills University (LTSU), Punjab,The training programme was sponsored by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Government of India, and the Punjab State Disaster Management Authority, and organized by the Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration (MGSIPA), Government of Punjab. The final day began with an intensive practical session delivered by the Training Officers of MGSIPA. Trainees actively participated in hands-on demonstrations focusing on emergency response, rescue procedures, and disaster preparedness techniques. This practical exposure enabled students to gain confidence and understand the real-world application of disaster management skills.

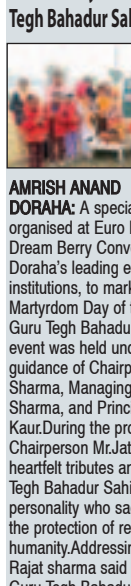


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131st Amendment Bill is a direct attack on the rights of Punjab, we will not tolerate this: Lakhowal

JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA

MOGA: State President of Bharatiya Kisan Union Lakhowal, Harinder Singh Lakhowal has said that we strongly oppose the proposed Constitution 131st Amendment Bill being brought by the Central Government in the upcoming winter session of Parliament because it will allow the appointment of a Lieutenant Governor in the Union Territory of Chandigarh. This may end the 41-year-old tradition of appointing the Governor of Punjab as the Administrator of Chandigarh. The Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill has been listed, in which Chandigarh will be included in Article 240. As soon as information about this was received, politics has flared up in Punjab. The leaders said that this is a conspiracy by the Central Government to indirectly snatch the right of Chandigarh from Punjab.



Euro kids playway and dream berry convent school commemorate 350th Martyrdom Day of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji



AMRISH ANAND

DORAHA: A special programme was organised at Euro Kids Playway and Dream Berry Convent School, one of Doraha's leading educational institutions, to mark the 350th Martyrdom Day of the Ninth Guru, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji. The event was held under the able guidance of Chairperson Jatinder Sharma, Managing Director Rajat Sharma, and Principal Surinderpal Kaur.During the programme, Chairperson Mr.Jatinder Sharma paid heartfelt tributes and stated that Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji was a divine personality who sacrificed his life for the protection of religion and humanity.Addressing the students, Rajat sharma said that the world holds Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji in the highest regard—higher than the sun, moon, and stars. He added that as long as the world exists, humanity will continue to bow in reverence to the Guru's supreme sacrifice.Students of the school recited poems dedicated to the martyrdom of Guru Sahib Ji.

Christ Jyoti Convent School's annual function concludes with sweet memories



ARVIND PATHAK

SULTANPUR LODHI: The two-day annual prize distribution and cultural function of Christ Jyoti Convent School ended with sweet memories. The function was presided over by Principal Sister Anslet. Whereas on the second day, Deputy District Education Officer Kapurthala Rajesh Bhalla was the chief guest and IPS Dheerendra Verma ASP Sultanpur Lodhi and Municipal Council President Deepak Dhir attended as special guests. The function was inaugurated after lighting the Jyoti. On this occasion, Vice Principal Sister Shally, Manager Mother Victoria, Staff Secretary Anjum Dhir, Staff Secretary Sunil Kumar, all the staff, Additional Police Station Chief Sultanpur Lodhi Pal Singh, former Councilor Jugal Kishore Kohli, Police Officer Shingar Singh ASI, school students etc were also present.

Government introduces 360° mixed reality experience

CHANDIGARH / LUDHIANA: The Government of Punjab has brought a powerful blend of devotion and innovation to the 350th Martyrdom Day of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. In a first-of-its-kind tribute, the state has introduced a 360° Mixed Reality experience that reimagines Guru Ji's extraordinary legacy with depth, emotion, and technological brilliance. It is a celebration that honors the Ninth Guru, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's courage and spiritual leadership while inviting today's generation to engage with history through a completely new lens. The experience unfolds through QR codes placed on standees at the on-ground event. A simple scan on any smartphone transports the viewer into an interactive Mixed Reality journey where virtual storytelling blends beautifully with real-world surroundings. The creative technology behind the experience has been shaped with support from Flam, whose work quietly powers the MR layer while spotlighting the legacy of the great leader.
The campaign's creative centerpiece, titled "The Eternal Flame of Sacrifice," brings to life 11 defining moments from Guru Ji's journey, along with an enchanting light-and-shadow show. Viewers witness everything from his coronation and his fearless defense of religious freedom to the final act of martyrdom at Chandni Chowk and the secret cremation at Rakab Ganj Sahib. Each moment is crafted with visual richness, authentic narration, and meticulous references from the Sri Guru Granth Sahib and preserved historical accounts. More than a campaign, this initiative becomes a bridge between past and present. It invites every citizen to not only remember Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's sacrifice but to experience it in a way that feels intimate, intuitive.

CM exhorts people to participate in series of event being organized from Nov 23-25

SRI ANANDPUR SAHIB, NOV 23



Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann and National Convener of AAP Arvind Kejriwal on Sunday took the blessings of the almighty for starting of Sri Akhand Path sahib at Gurdwara Baba Budha Dal Chouni, with puran Sikh maryada as part of commemorative events to mark 350th martyrdom day of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur ji.

The Chief Minister and National Convener of AAP said that they have taken the blessings of Sri Guru Granth Sahib ji for smooth organization and culmination of the events being organized by the state government to observe the martyrdom of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur ji. They said that Sri Guru Granth Sahib ji was a lighthouse of peace and tranquility for the entire mankind adding that they were duty bound to follow these high ideals propagated by our great Sikh gurus. Arvind Kejriwal and Bhagwant Singh Mann said that Sri Guru Granth Sahib ji was a repository of universal brotherhood, secularism and socialism to guide the destiny of mankind.

The Chief Minister and National Convener of AAP said that the state government is following Sri Guru Granth sahib ji true in letter and spirit for the enlightenment and uplift of the residents of the state. They said that taking inspiration from Sri Guru Granth Sahib ji the state government is organizing these mega events to observe 350th martyrdom day of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur ji. Arvind Kejriwal and Bhagwant Singh Mann exhorted the people to follow the high ideals of secularism, humanism and spirit of self sacrifice as preached and practiced by 'Hind Di Chaadar' - Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji.

The Chief Minister and National Convener of AAP said that they were fortunate to have got the opportunity to organize these events as Guru Ji had laid down his life to protect the right of freedom to worship and preserve human and secular values. He said that Guru ji's supreme sacrifice is unique and unparalleled in the history of mankind and symbolized the crusade against tyranny and oppression. Arvind Kejriwal and Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the bani of Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji in Sri Guru Granth Sahib preaches oneness of mankind, universal brotherhood, valour, righteousness and compassion. The Chief Minister and National Convener of AAP said that the real homage to the great Guru is to follow their teachings in true spirit and rededicate ourselves to serve society especially the poor and downtrodden with dedication and missionary zeal rising above the petty considerations of caste, colour, creed and religion.

KVK, Sangrur organises training course on mushroom cultivation

SUSHIL GOYAL
SANGRUR, NOV 23



Punjab Agricultural University's Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Kheri (Sangrur), organised a five-day vocational training course on 'Mushroom Cultivation and Processing'. As many as 32 farmers and farm women from various villages of three districts, namely Sangrur, Ludhiana and Patiala, participated in it. As part of the practical exposure, trainees visited the farm of the progressive mushroom grower at Dugal village where they observed an AC mushroom production unit, Kacha shed preparation, and interacted with the grower. Jaspal Singh, a pioneer mushroom cultivator.

On the inaugural day of the training programme, Dr Mandeep Singh, Associate Director, KVK, Kheri (Sangrur), spoke about the importance and economic potential of mushroom cultivation. He also encouraged farmers to adopt mushroom growing as a subsidiary occupation to boost their socio-economic status and generate employment opportunities for their families.

Dr. Ravinder Kaur, Assistant Professor (Horticulture) and Coordinator of the training course, told the participants about different mushroom varieties, suitable for year-round cultivation. She also demonstrated key-steps of mushroom production, including composting, spawning, casing, compost preparation, and crop management practices.

Dr Vitasta, Assistant Professor (Home Science), emphasised on the nutritional significance of mushrooms, describing them as a super food rich in protein, fibre, antioxidants and Vitamin D. Dr. Rajni Goyal, Professor (Food Technology), KVK, Patiala, shared valuable insights on mushroom processing techniques aimed at helping farmers enhance profitability. Dr Rachna Singla, Professor (Horticulture), KVK, Patiala, provided guidance on irrigation and ventilation management to optimize mushroom growth and improve production efficiency.

Dr Sunil Kumar, Assistant Professor (FMPE), discussed mushroom cultivation as a promising technique for effective crop waste management. Dr Rukinder Preet Singh, Assistant Professor (Agronomy), imparted knowledge to participants on hygiene protocols essential for successful mushroom cultivation and maintaining high-quality yields.

Electricity supply in district bad, admin should pay attention: Daulatpura



MOGA (JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA): District President of Bharatiya Kisan Union Lakhowal Bhupinder Singh Daulatpura, State Leader Manderjit Singh Manawan, District General Secretary Ravinder Singh Bhola Manuke while talking to the journalists through District Media Secretary Balkaran Singh Dhillon said that according to the reports coming from different villages in the district, the power supply is in a very bad condition.

When there is a power cut, there is no power for 10-10 hours. We want to bring to the attention of the administration that at this time the work of sowing wheat has almost been completed. Early wheat needs to be watered, so the Electricity Board Department should ensure continuous 10-hour power supply to the farmers. At this time, District President Bhupinder Singh Daulatpura, District Vice President Jagsir Singh Jaggi Bagha Purana, Senior Leader Jaswinder Singh Sarawan, District Media Secretary Balkaran Singh Dhillon, Office Incharge Prakash Singh, Baldev Singh Moga etc. were present.

Shri Jal Sewa and Shri Charan Paduka Sewa Dal to take bus trip to Chintpurni Dham on Dec 13



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, NOV 23

A meeting of Shri Jal Sewa Management Committee and Shri Charan Paduka Dal was held at Dera Baba Sham Das under the leadership of social worker Simran Walia (Pinky Bhuya). Jaskaran Bansal (Jassi Baba) of Gyan Sagar Peer Mandir Charitable Trust is organizing the second annual Jagran at Maa Chintpurni Dham on Saturday, December 13. Preparations for which have been started. It has been decided to take a bus trip to Maa Chintpurni Dham in Himachal Pradesh for the devotees to seek the blessings of Maa Bhagwati in the Jagran.

Patron Simran Walia (Pinky Bhuya) said that this bus will leave for Maa Chintpurni Dham on Saturday, December 13 at 6 am from Mela Ram Dharamsala Bank Bazaar and the next day it will leave from Maa Chintpurni Dham and visit various religious places and return to Rampura Phul. Shri Jal Sewa Dal's servant Vikas Singla said that 11 lucky draws will also be drawn in this bus.

On this occasion, Sanjeev Garg, Vikas Singla, Harish Garg Hepu, Jatinder Garg, Pradeep Bansal, Rakesh Mohan, Naresh Garg, Mohit Bansal, Ishu Bansal, Neelmani Bhatia, Rahul Kumar, Rohit Kumar, Shubham Shah, Deepashu Mangla, Pankaj Mittal, Puneet Bansal, Honey Arora, Sandeep Bansal, Soham Goyal and all the members were present.

Special lecture by Prof. Harpal Singh Pannu Ji organized at Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadaur



BALWINDER AZAD
BHADOUR, NOV 23

Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadaur, which is working under the management of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Sri Amritsar Sahib. At the institution, under the able leadership of Prin. Malvinder Singh, in collaboration with the Department of Religion and the Department of History, a special lecture by Prof. Harpal Singh Pannu Ji was organized. In this regard, Prof. Sukhpal Singh of the Department of Religion and Prof. Hardeep Singh of the Department of History gave information that a special lecture dedicated to the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sahib Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, Bhai Mati Das Ji, Bhai Sati Das Ji and Bhai Dayala Ji was organized. In which Prof. Harpal Singh Pannu Ji, while giving a special lecture, gave detailed information about the heritage background of the land of Punjab and said that the land of Punjab, the ancestors of Punjab, and the letters given by them are very valuable. We need to preserve them. The land of Punjab on which the Rigveda, Upanishads, Gita, Quran and the holy scriptures of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji are present. We should respect them and it is necessary to preserve them. Apart from this, he gave detailed information about the changes coming from the ancient history of Punjab to the modern times in the form of anecdotes and inspired to connect with the Shabad culture.

Punjab's investor confidence soars under industry-friendly policies: Sanjeev Arora



FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): Punjab's Industries & Commerce Minister Shri Sanjeev Arora today said that the state's industry-friendly policies are receiving an overwhelming response from investors, leading to a rapid rise in new investments and employment opportunities. He shared this during an interaction with industrialists in Mandi Gobindgarh, where he also reviewed issues being faced by the local industrial community. The meeting was attended by Punjab Development Commission's Vice Chairperson Mrs. Seema Bansal and Principal Secretary Kamal Kishor Yadav.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Arora said he is well aware of the ground-level challenges of industrialists and assured that the Punjab Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, is fully committed to accelerating industrial growth.

Strategic preparations for Zilla Parishad and Block Samiti elections in full swing: Mohinder Bhagat



PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, NOV 23

A significant meeting was held today at the District Planning Board Jalandhar regarding the Zilla Parishad and Block Samiti elections. The meeting was chaired by Cabinet Minister Mohinder Bhagat and Cabinet Minister Dr. Ravjot.

During the meeting, both the ministers issued clear instructions to intensify preparations for the elections, increase organizational strength and activate teams at every booth level.

Mohinder Bhagat said: "We are contesting the Zilla Parishad and Block Samiti elections with full strength and unity. The role of every worker is important and we can say with full confidence that our team will give strong results in the field. With the trust and support of the people, we will achieve a historic victory."*Dr. Ravjot said:

"*Our focus is on transparent and development-centric politics.

MLA Dev Mann flags off first bus of devotees from Nabha constituency to Sri Anandpur Sahib

RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, NOV 23



On the occasion of the 350th martyrdom anniversary of the leader of India, Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, on 23, 24, 25 November 2025, three buses have been put into service by the Punjab government from Nabha every day, which will remain in service from morning to evening to take the devotees to the 350th martyrdom anniversary celebration at Takht Sri Anandpur Sahib and bring the devotees back to Nabha.

These views were expressed by Gurdev Singh Dev Mann MLA Nabha after sending off the buses from Nabha today.

He said that the Punjab government has taken these buses to take the devotees for three days. If the devotees of Nabha constituency want to go to Takht Sri Anandpur Sahib, then they can contact the MLA Head Office Nabha and MLA Nabha Sub Office Bhadson.

On this occasion, Tejinder Singh Khaira Director, Gurdeep Singh Deepa Ramgarh Chairman Market Committee Bhadson, Dharminder Singh Sukhewal, Manpreet Singh Dharokhi President Truck Union Nabha. , Bhupinder Singh Kallar Majri, Gurcharan Singh Luhar Majra, Jasvir Singh Wajidpur, Gurlal Singh Malli Chairman, Jaswinder Singh Achal Sarpanch, Amandeep Singh Sarpanch Kot Kalan Ranjit Singh and other office bearers were present.

MP Meet Hayer lays foundation stone of 4 road works costing Rs 2.88 crore



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA DEHATI, NOV 23

The Punjab government led by Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann is providing funds worth crores of rupees for the development of Barnala district and in the coming time, the roads of the district will be renovated at a cost of Rs 200 crore.

This was revealed by MP S. Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of 4 link roads of 16.43 km length in Barnala district at a cost of Rs 2.88 crore. On this occasion, he said that the Naiwal road (Sanghera bypass) will be completed at a cost of Rs 52 lakh, the road from Bajakhana road to Patti Sekhwan at a cost of Rs 31.56 lakh, the road from Khudi Kalan to Jodhpur at a cost of Rs 73 lakh and the road from Khudi Kalan to Bathinda road at a cost of about Rs 31 lakh. He said that even before this, the roads of Barnala constituency are being renovated at a cost of crores of rupees and widened from 10 feet to 18 feet, and work on many roads has been started there, so that the problems of the residents of the area can be solved.

Delegation of SAD submits memorandum to Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit

RAJESHWAR PINTU
DHURI, NOV 23



A four-member delegation of the Shiromani Akali Dal (Punar Surjeet), led by Sardar Gaganjeet Singh Barnala and comprising Sardar Gurjeet Singh Talwandi, Sardar Harbans Singh Kandhola and Sardar Balbir Singh, today called on Punjab Governor Shri Gulab Chand Kataria to raise the issue of Chandigarh. The delegation submitted a memorandum on behalf of the party, urging the Centre to immediately withdraw the proposed 131st Constitutional Amendment, 2025, scheduled to be introduced in the upcoming Winter Session of Parliament.

The memorandum states that the proposed amendment amounts to a direct constitutional, political and administrative assault on Punjab's capital, Chandigarh, something the people of Punjab will never accept. The delegation drew the Governor's attention to the fact that through the amendment—particularly under Article 240—there is a clear attempt to convert Chandigarh into a full-fledged Union Territory, permanently separating it from Punjab.

They said this move is part of a wider design by the Centre to curb the powers of states, and such "unconstitutional attacks" would be strongly resisted by the people. They asserted that no government can deprive Punjab of its rightful capital, Chandigarh.

Seminar organized on environment and cancer awareness at Silver Oaks School Sewewala



KOTKAPURA (SURINDER DAMDAMI): Under the guidance of Gurpreet Singh Chandbaj, founder of Bhai Ghanaiya Cancer Roko Sewa Society, a special seminar was organized at Silver Oaks School Sewewala in collaboration with Kotkapura Group of Families Brampton (Canada) to make the students and staff aware about the conservation of the environment and the dreaded disease like cancer. This seminar was organized by eminent social worker Gurinder Singh Mehndiratta. At the beginning of the seminar, the school principal Priyanka Mehta welcomed Gurinder Singh Mehndiratta and the school teacher Ramanpreet Kaur highlighted the importance of this awareness program. Emphasizing on environmental conservation, Gurinder Singh Mehndiratta told the students about their responsibility towards protecting the environment during his address. He laid special emphasis on the need to plant trees, conserve water, reduce the use of plastic and keep the surroundings clean.

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Local holiday declared in Una sub-division today

KISHORI LAL BAINS

UNA : Deputy Commissioner Una, Jatin Lal, has declared a local holiday in the Una sub-division on 24 November 2025. Issuing an official order, the Deputy Commissioner said the holiday has been announced to mark the martyrdom day of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. All government and private educational institutions, colleges and government offices falling under the Una sub-division will remain closed on this day.

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Guru Tegh Bahadur showed path of protecting faith, truth and humanity: CM

DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu attended the religious ceremony that commenced today in Sri Anandpur Sahib to mark the 350th martyrdom day (Shahidi Diwas) of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. On this occasion, he paid obeisance at the Gurudwara. Speaking at the event, the Chief Minister said that Guru Tegh Bahadur sacrificed everything to uphold faith, humanity and truth. He laid down his life not only for Sikhism but also for the protection of the rights of every religion and every sect. Guru Tegh Bahadur's courage to stand firmly against tyranny continues to guide us even today. He added that Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's teachings inspire us to follow the path of mutual respect, brotherhood and tolerance. The Chief Minister said that the Guru's life serves as a beacon for strengthening unity in diversity and democratic ideals. "At a time when society needs peace, harmony and social justice more than ever.

CM Sukhu expresses grief over tragic road accident that claimed lives of Rohru couple

ANIL KUMAR

HAMIRPUR: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has expressed deep grief over the tragic road accident in the Rohru–Kharla region in which a husband and wife lost their lives. The accident occurred a day earlier in Shimla district's Rohru area, where Rajesh Resta (54) and his wife Leela (50) died on the spot after their vehicle met with a severe crash. he deceased, Rajesh Resta, a resident of Ramtedi village, post office Kharla, Tehsil Tikkar, District Shimla, was serving as the Headmaster at Government High School Kharla. He was regarded as a dedicated and respected teacher in the region. His wife Leela was known for her social involvement and warm nature.

Students should participate in sports along with their studies: Nishu Mongra

SANJAY AGGARWAL

DHARAMSHALA: Nishu Mongra, District Chairman of the APMC and State Chairman of the Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee (OBC) Department, attended the annual function of Ichhi Senior Secondary School on Saturday. He honored meritorious students. Responding to the demand of the SMC and school management, Nishu Mongra announced that a new, grand gate would be installed at the school. He also announced the construction of a security wall before March 31st. In response to another demand, Mongra said that the roof of Ichhi School would also be repaired. He said the repairs would be carried out at a cost of three lakh rupees.

Ather Energy opens Its First Experience Centre in Kangra

KANGRA: Ather Energy Limited, a leading manufacturer of electric two-wheelers in India, today announced the opening of its first Experience Centre (EC), in Kangra, Himachal Pradesh. At the new Kangra Experience Centre, customers will be able to purchase the 450 series of performance scooters, as well as the Rizta, Ather's first family scooter.The opening of this EC further strengthens Ather's retail footprint in the country. Nationally, Ather continues to expand its presence rapidly, with 524 Experience Centres across India, as of September 30, 2025.

4,62,590 pending revenue cases resolved through 'Rajsav Lok Adalats'

SHIMLA: A spokesperson of the State Government stated here today that 4,62,590 pending revenue cases have been resolved between October 2023 and October 2025 through the State's flagship initiative, 'Rajsav Lok Adalats'. These include 3,85,634 mutations, 24,044 partitions, 42,123 demarcations and 11,789 corrections in revenue records. He said the initiative has brought substantial relief to landowners, ensuring timely redressal of long-pending revenue matters. The Rajsav Lok Adalats are now being held at Sub-Tehsil and Tehsil levels across the State during the last two days of every month, enabling easy access for the public.

Centre okays repair of vulnerable sections on NH-154A in state



DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA : Following repeated representations to the Centre, the Himachal Pradesh government has secured major sanction for repair of National Highway-154A.

The Centre has approved Rs. 93,55,59,489 for the special repair of embankments at vulnerable locations on NH-154A.

Public Works Minister Vikramaditya Singh said the state had been consistently pursuing the matter due to repeated damage caused to the highway during the monsoon.

He said losses were assessed after the monsoon disaster in Chamba district. Singh stated that he personally visited the affected areas and, after discussions with the local administration and concerned authorities, the issue was taken up with the government of India for immediate release of financial assistance.

The state government repeatedly highlighted the need for strengthening embankments because of frequent landslides, erosion and risks to commuters, he maintained.

"The union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has issued technical and administrative approval after examining the detailed proposal submitted by the Public Works Department. The project will be executed under close monitoring to avoid delays and cost overruns for special repair of embankments at vulnerable locations on the Chakki-Banikhet-Chamba-Bharmaur road in the Chamba district," he said.

Vikramaditya Singh said the work plan includes 30 percent completion in 2025–26, full physical completion in 2026–27, followed by structured maintenance up to 2031–32. This phasing aims to ensure long-term protection of vulnerable stretches and enhance the durability of the highway.

He added that such long-term maintenance approval is a significant step secured after persistent representation by the state government. He said NH-154A is a crucial route for tourism, trade, and daily connectivity for local residents, and strengthening its embankments will help reduce road closures and disruptions during heavy rains.

The state repeatedly stressed that frequent slippages on the highway not only posed risks to commuters but also affected essential services and economic activities, he added.

He said the sanction will strengthen the state's efforts toward improved road safety and disaster preparedness.

"The government remains committed to securing similar approvals for other vulnerable stretches on national highways to ensure smooth movement across the hill state," he said.

The Minister said the Regional Officer of the Ministry posted in Shimla will act as the Drawing and Disbursing Officer for the project, and the work will be carried out as per the technical note issued by the Ministry.

He reaffirmed that the State Government is continuously working to upgrade road infrastructure and that its persistent follow-up has resulted in major sanctions from the Centre, including approval for NH-154A.

Pratibha Singh congratulates newly appointed Himachal Congress chief Vinay Kumar



DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA: Outgoing Himachal Pradesh Congress president and former MP Pratibha Singh has congratulated newly appointed Pradesh Congress Committee president Vinay Kumar on taking over his new responsibility. She expressed hope that the organisation would continue to move forward with unity as before, further strengthening the Congress in the state.

Pratibha Singh thanked the central leadership and said that the responsibility entrusted to her as state president was fulfilled with full dedication. She added that any responsibility given to her by the high command in the future would also be carried out with complete honesty.

Expressing gratitude to party leaders and workers for their support during her tenure, she said that the organisation in the state stands strong today because of their cooperation. She added that the Congress government in Himachal Pradesh is the result of their tireless efforts, for which they all deserve appreciation.

Pratibha Singh said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri, she will work jointly with the newly appointed PCC president Vinay Kumar to strengthen both the organisation and the state government.

Himachal team announced for 35th Junior Throwball National Championship in Mumbai



JOGINDRA DEV ARYA

BANGANA: The Himachal Pradesh team for the upcoming 35th Junior Throwball National Championship, to be held in Mumbai, has been officially announced. The championship is being organised under the aegis of the Throwball Federation of India and hosted by the Throwball Association of Maharashtra. Ranveer Rana, President of the Referee Board of the Throwball Organisation, informed that the following boys have been selected for the team: Krish Sharma, Varinder Kumar, Abhinav Bhatia, Aniket, Anurag Rana, Adarsh, Ashish, Rupesh, Jashandeep Bhargav, Pushpit, Vivek, Jatin, Aryan and Rohan Thakur. The girls' team includes Muskan, Neetika, Garima, Diya, Priya, Harshita, Mamta, Baroni, Palak and Yashika. Yashveer Rana, President of the Technical Referee Board, said that trials were conducted across various districts including Una, Hamirpur and Kangra.

BJP MLA Trilok Jamwal slams govt over 'rising crime, deteriorating law and order in state

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY

BILASPUR — Bilaspur Sadar BJP MLA Trilok Jamwal has strongly criticized the Congress government, alleging a sharp rise in crime incidents across Himachal Pradesh since it came to power.

Addressing reporters in Bilaspur on Saturday, Jamwal said the deteriorating law and order situation has created fear among the public, while the government continues to ignore repeated warnings raised by the BJP in the Legislative Assembly.

Citing recent incidents, he said the Una firing incident, which took place near the hotel of a Congress ticket aspirant in the home constituency of the Deputy Chief Minister, exposes the government's failure to maintain security even in sensitive areas. He added that open firing outside a university in Solan, the brutal murder of a woman in Hamirpur, and the acid attack on a woman in Mandi reflect the alarming rise in heinous crimes. "Despite the seriousness of these incidents, the government has failed to take concrete action," he said.



Jamwal alleged that during the Congress regime, the drug mafia and illegal mining networks have grown stronger, increasing the threat to public safety. Highlighting his own initiatives, he said he had sanctioned Rs 2 crore for installing CCTV surveillance from Mandi Bharadi to Bilaspur city and Kandaur to curb suspicious activities, but the project has been progressing at a snail's pace for the last two years.

Responding to a query regarding the EVM case related to his election, Jamwal said the High Court had issued orders to deposit the machines on September 27, 2024.

Garib Das Foundation extends financial support of ₹11,000 for girl's marriage

ANIL KUMAR

BHORANJ: The Garib Das Foundation has provided financial assistance of ₹11,000 to support the marriage of a girl belonging to a needy family in Bhoranj village. Foundation president Dev Raj visited the residence of Suman Kumari, wife of the late Ranjit Singh, and handed over the cheque to help the family meet wedding-related expenses. Foundation members Ravi Kant and Sumesh Kaushal were also present during the visit and conveyed their best wishes to the family. Dev Raj said the foundation remains committed to supporting underprivileged families and will continue to extend help in times of need. The organisation aims to ensure timely assistance reaches those who require it the most. The family expressed heartfelt gratitude to the foundation and its members for the financial support.



Kullu hosts workshop to promote MSME empowerment



ANIL KUMAR

HAMIRPUR : The Industries Department of the Himachal Pradesh Government organized a one-day awareness workshop in Kullu with the objective of strengthening Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). The programme aimed at empowering small industries, encouraging entrepreneurship and creating a supportive environment for industrial growth in the region.

More than 60 representatives from various government departments, industrial organizations and local cooperative institutions participated in the workshop. General Manager of the District Industries Centre, Kullu, P.L. Negi, Technical Officer Surya Prem, Entrepreneurship Advisor Virendra Thakur and other experts guided the participants. Members of FPCs (Farmer Producer Companies), SHGs (Self Help Groups) and cooperative societies also showed significant interest in the session.

Departmental experts provided detailed information on the provisions and benefits of the MSME Cluster Development Programme (MSME-CDP). They discussed cluster-based growth, enhanced competitiveness, eco-friendly production and the concept of Minimum Support Price (MSP). Speakers emphasised that the cluster model can make local industries more capable, resilient and self-reliant.

In his address, P.L. Negi said that schemes run by the Central and State Governments—such as the RAMP scheme, design and technology upgradation, sustainability-based industrial incentives and programmes for skill and innovation development—are highly beneficial for local entrepreneurs. He urged participants to make full use of these initiatives.

Participants also shared their suggestions and highlighted the need for training, innovation, technical assistance and marketing support in the MSME sector. The department assured that continuous dialogue and a stronger feedback mechanism will be maintained to ensure sustainable development of the MSME ecosystem in the state.

Horticulture is the backbone of rural economy: Jagat Singh Negi

ANWAR HUSSIAN

BADDI: Revenue and Horticulture Minister Jagat Singh Negi inspected the high-density guava orchard being developed under the Himachal Pradesh Shiva Project in the Belli-Khol cluster of Baddi subdivision. Addressing local farmers and horticulturists, he said that the Nalagarh development block and Kunihar area of Solan district have been included in this ambitious project. He said that under the HP Shiva Project, 13 clusters have been created in Solan district, covering 170 hectares of land, benefiting 541 farmers. In the Belli-Khol cluster, about 10 hectares have been planted with high-quality guava saplings. Irrigation and fencing facilities are also being provided under the project to protect the plants from wild animals.



The Minister said that horticulture is the backbone of the state's rural economy and plays a crucial role in farmers' livelihoods, employment generation and economic strengthening. Nearly ₹100 crore is being spent under the project this financial year to further strengthen horticulture infrastructure.

He said that the state government is promoting technological innovation in the horticulture sector, with a budget provision of ₹5 crore for developing digital agri-tech services. More than 60,000 horticulturists in the state have been provided financial security through the Weather-Based Crop Insurance Scheme.

He added that efforts are underway to promote sub-tropical fruits by bringing them under high-density plantation. Around ₹200 crore is being spent on various irrigation schemes, which will benefit thousands of farmers and horticulturists. Farmers in the district are being encouraged to plant fruit-bearing trees suitable to the region's geographical conditions. During the present government's tenure, ₹8.57 crore has been spent in Solan district, benefiting 2,362 horticulturists and bringing 94.14 hectares under horticulture. Project Director of the Himachal Pradesh Shiva Project Devender Thakur, Baddi Superintendent of Police Vinod Dhiman, Sub-Divisional Magistrate Dr. Sanjeev Dhiman, Assistant Project Director Dr. Ramal, Deputy Director Horticulture Dr. Shivali, Horticulture Officer (Patta) Vishal Kumar, Horticulture Officer (Nalagarh) Bhupender Singh, along with officials, farmers and other dignitaries were present.

Kanwar releases Dr. Ravi's poetry book "Pahad Mein Prarthana"



BALKRISHAN PRASHAR

CHAMBA: Rakesh Kanwar, Secretary (Education) to the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh formally released the poetry collection book "Pahad Mein Prarthana" written by Dr Prashant Raman Ravi here at Chamba. Padamshri Dr Vijay Sharma, a prominent social activist from Chamba, also attended the event. Several speakers, including Prof Chandrakant of Kendriya Vidyalaya Dharamshala, poet and writer Ajay, Assistant Professor (Hindi) Snehdeep, and Dr Satyanarayan Snehi, shared their views on various topics related to Dr Prashant Raman Ravi's newly released poetry collection, "Pahad Mein Prarthana". In his address, Secretary (Education) to Govt of HP, Rakesh Kanwar praised Dr Prashant Raman Ravi's efforts to educate and sensitizesociety through his poetry collection, "Pahad Mein Prarthana." On this occasion, Rakesh Kanwar interacted with students from various educational institutions and provided them with valuable information about the importance of education and its various aspects. In the program, many students asked the chief guest many questions about their career and the rich culture of the state, to which detailed answers were given by Secretary Rakesh Kanwar. The event was inaugurated with the lighting of a lamp by the chief guest. The stage was moderated by Kusum Sanghaik, Deputy Director of the Language and Culture Department, and Jagjit Azad, Principal of the Govt Senior Secondary School, Balera, while the vote of thanks was presented by Bhanu Gupta, Joint Director of the department.

The experience of practicing at Dharamshala, the world's best cricket stadium, was unforgettable: Beyersdorfer



SANJAY AGGARWAL

DHARAMSHALA : Visiting India from Germany, Dietmar Beyersdorfer, CEO, FC Ingolstadt, and Manuel Schaefer, Director, International Relations, along with Dr. Parthasarathi Bhattacharya, Director, TCG Crest, and Kaushik Maulik, Football Philosopher, visited the HPCA Cricket Stadium in Dharamshala and met with former Union Minister and Member of Parliament Anurag Singh Thakur. Sharing his experience, he said, "Coming to India and seeing how such a beautiful, comfortable, and state-of-the-art stadium nestled in the mountains has become a center of attraction for sports lovers. There's no doubt that the HPCA Cricket Ground in Dharamshala is one of the most beautiful sports grounds in the world. It was a pleasure to meet Anurag Singh Thakur, the creator of this cricket ground and former BCCI President, to understand his vision and share his experiences. It was truly inspiring to witness Anurag Thakur's visionary leadership in making Dharamshala India's next big sporting hub." We were not only surprised, but also deeply impressed by his passion, clear vision, and persistent efforts to instill a sporting spirit in the mountains. HPCA General Secretary Avnish Parmar stated that under Anurag Singh Thakur's leadership, significant progress has been made in enhancing Himachal's sports infrastructure. The Dharamshala Cricket Ground is now a center of international attraction. Sports administrators from various sports, both domestic and international, frequently visit the Dharamshala Cricket Ground. Our preparations for the upcoming home match on December 14th are complete, and we will continue to organize more matches for Himachal's cricket fans in the future."

Gun culture rising in Himachal as law and order collapses under Congress rule: Trilok Kapoor

DINESH AGARWAL



SHIMLA: BJP's senior state spokesperson, Trilok Kapoor, has alleged that the law-and-order situation in Himachal Pradesh has deteriorated sharply under the Congress government. He said that increasing incidents of gun violence and gang wars are tarnishing the state's peaceful identity, with the recent murder of Youth Congress leader Ashu Puri in Una serving as the most shocking example. Kapoor claimed that the manner in which Puri was shot multiple times resembled not a movie scene but the grim reality emerging in the state. He said the incident exposes the government's failure to maintain law and order and highlights the growing factionalism within the Congress. According to the FIR, the confrontation began during a birthday celebration at Raizada Hotel in Una's Lal Singhi area. What started as a minor argument between two Congress groups escalated into deadly violence. Kapoor said that after a heated exchange, both factions moved to the hotel's parking area where, on the alleged instructions of former Youth Congress leader Gurjit Mann, accused Parminder Singh fired the first bullet at Puri's head. Even after he collapsed, more shots were fired, indicating it was a planned, targeted killing rather than a sudden quarrel. Kapoor expressed concern that the entire incident took place at a hotel owned by senior Congress leader and former MLA Satpal Raizada, with both the accused and the victim belonging to Congress factions. He questioned how safe ordinary citizens could feel if such violence was occurring within Congress circles and at a Congress leader's property.

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Farmers and workers need to tighten their belts again for the struggles: Balwant Upali

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: The meeting of the district committee of Bharatiya Kisan Union Ekta Dakounda (Dhaner) Barnala was held under the chairmanship of District President Kulwant Singh Bhadaur at the local Gurdwara Sahib Bibi Pradhan Kaur. Giving information about the meeting, District General Secretary Jagraj Singh Hardaspura and District Press Secretary



Sandeep Singh Cheema said that responsibilities have been distributed to the local leaders to ensure full participation of the organization from Barnala in the state-level program to be held in Chandigarh on November 26. He said that five years ago on November 26, a historic farmers' movement was launched on the borders of Delhi, on the occasion of its fifth anniversary, tens of thousands of farmers will stage a protest on November 26 in Sector 34, Chandigarh.

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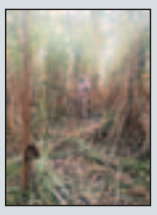
Man arrested in theft case



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: On Saturday, Manish Kumar, a resident of Bijadpur, filed a police complaint stating that on November 16, 2025, he had locked his house and gone with his entire family to pay obeisance at Baba Markanda Shahabad. When he returned that evening, he found the door lock was broken. An unknown person had broken the door and stolen gold jewelry, cash and household items from the house. Based on the complaint, a case was registered at Ismailabad Police Station and an investigation was initiated.

Wild elephants from forest causing damage to fields in plains worrying farmers

R K KASHYAP
CHHACHHRAULI: For several days, wild elephants have been leaving the forest and destroying sugarcane crops in the fields of Araiyawala, a village adjacent to the forest.



Farmers are deeply concerned about protecting their crops and have repeatedly appealed to the Wildlife Department to initiate drive against the wild animals and send back into the forest. Villagers Pappu Rana, Rajkumar Rana, Baldesh, Suresh Kumar and others reported that wild elephants have been escaping the forest and destroying their sugarcane crops. Farmers say that these elephants attack anyone trying to drive them out of the fields, so they cannot be driven out. Department employees often arrived late and elephants continue to cause damage to the sugarcane crop. They say the department does not even compensate the farmers for their losses.

22 hospitalised due to breathing issues caused by air pollution in Sikar



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Local residents and students from Sikar district were admitted to the hospital after air pollution caused breathing difficulties across the city.Speaking to reporters about the situation, Sikar Additional District Magistrate (ADM) Ratan Lal said that they are investigating the matter."The children brought here are nearly fine. We are investigating this and have deployed the Pollution Control Board. Twenty-two patients, including fifteen children, have been admitted.

Prima facie, the cause of this is burning of clothes in a nearby furnace," ADM Ratan Lal said. According to the Central Pollution Control Board bulletin, the air quality in Sikar was recorded in the Moderate category, with an index value of 172.

Cleanliness drive in Ayodhya ahead of flag hoisting ceremony

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AYODHYA: A cleanliness drive was launched in Ayodhya ahead of the flag-hoisting ceremony at the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple, which is scheduled for November 25. Mahabaleshwar Vishnu Das took a significant step by starting a cleanliness drive at the main gate of the Shri Ram Temple alongside the residents of Ayodhya.According to Das Ji Maharaj, through this initiative, they aim to convey the message that cleaning one's surroundings also purifies the inner self. With Prime Minister Narendra Modi visiting Ayodhya as a Ram Sevak, efforts are being made to ensure the city remains



clean. "There is a ceremony of flag-hoisting and India's PM Narendra Modi is visiting Ayodhya as Ram sevak, and PM Modi himself is running a cleanliness programme...we have given a huge message..if you clean your external surroundings, your inner self will also become clean...PM Modi is visiting Ayodhya as Sevak...hence, there should be no dirt or garbage in the city..." Maharaj told ANI.

Rajnath Singh to inaugurate 10th KU International Gita conference

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The three-day 10th International Gita Conference, jointly organized by Kurukshetra University and the Kurukshetra Development Board, will be inaugurated at 11:30 AM on 24 November 2025 at Kurukshetra University by Hon'ble Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh as the Chief Guest. Haryana Chief Minister Shri Nayab Singh will grace the occasion as the Guest of Honour. Renowned Gita scholar Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj will offer his blessings, adding spiritual depth and energy to the gathering. Kurukshetra University Vice-Chancellor and Conference Patron Prof. Som Nath Sachdeva expressed his sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Defence Minister for accepting the invitation and said that the presence of Hon'ble Defence Minister will greatly enhance the dignity, aura, and grandeur of this international conference, while encouraging the youth of Kurukshetra University to draw inspiration from the timeless teachings of the Bhagavad Gita. Conference Director, Prof. Tejinder Sharma stated that scholars, researchers, international delegates, and Gita enthusiasts from across the world will participate. Registrar and Conference Advisor Dr. Virender Pal informed that exhibitions, poster presentations, cultural performances, and interactive dialogue sessions will also be organized. Deputy Director, Public Relations, Dr. Jimmy Sharma informed that Shri Rajnath Singh earlier visited Kurukshetra University in 2017 as the Chief Guest at its 30th Convocation Ceremony. The University is now eagerly looking forward to his visit once again after a gap of more than eight years.

Brahmaswarup Brahmachari inaugurates Gita Jayanti festival by hoisting sacred flag of Hanuman

HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA, NOV 23



Brahmaswarup Brahmachari, the supreme head of the nationwide Shri Jayaram institutions, stated that saints were always ready to serve the society. According to Indian culture, religious events were organized by saints and great men. He added that, in accordance with the guru tradition, every religious and social work at Shri Jayaram Vidyapeeth begins with the worship of Veer Hanuman. Any work is successful where Veer Hanuman exists. Faith is accompanied by a sense of religion. On this occasion, in keeping with the guru tradition of the Jayaram Institute, which has been in place for over 40 years, Brahmaswarup Brahmachari invoked Veer Hanuman, the supreme devotee of Lord Shri Ram, hoisted the Shri Hanuman flag and inaugurated the Gita Jayanti Festival 2025 with the chanting of mantras. Numerous Rishi Kumars, trustees of the Vidyapeeth and prominent citizens were also present on this occasion.

Following the worship of Lord Hanuman, flag hoisting, and Gita recitation at the Vidyapeeth, the Supreme Head Brahmaswarup Brahmachari performed the worship with proper chanting of mantras, following the inspiration and tradition of his guru for four decades. After hoisting the flag and worship, Brahmachari stated that Kurukshetra was the birthplace and land of action of the sacred Gita, which originated from the mouth of Lord Shri Krishna. A Gita festival should be held here daily. Brahmachari explained that no auspicious or great task in this world can be accomplished without the brave Hanuman.

BJP State Vice President Rashmi Dhar Sood holds meeting in Chintpurni



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: BJP State Vice President and District Incharge of Una, Rashmidhar Sood, held an important meeting of the BJP Mandal at a private hotel in Chintpurni. Mandal President Kripal Singh chaired the meeting. During the meeting, State Vice President and District Incharge of Una, Rashmidhar Sood, conducted a detailed review of ongoing work at the Mandal level and the performance of the executive committee. They discussed organizational strength, increasing activism at the booth level, and the outline of upcoming political programs. The meeting discussed future action plans, emphasizing further strengthening the organization, intensifying public relations campaigns, and strategizing for upcoming events. The upcoming protest rally, scheduled for December 4th at Zorawar Stadium in Dharamshala, was also discussed in detail. Plans were made to maximize worker attendance and garner public support, and workers were urged to attend the rally in large numbers. Mandal officials and workers participated in the meeting and shared their suggestions.

Seminar dedicated to martyrdom day of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji organised



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: A special seminar dedicated to the 350th martyrdom day of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji was organized at S.D. College Barnala. On this occasion organized by the NSS department, the Principal of Miri Piri Khalsa College, Bhadaur, Dr. Malvinder Singh arrived as the main speaker. He shared detailed information about the birth, childhood, education, Guruship, teachings, Gurbani and martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji in front of the students. He said that this is the first martyrdom of a Guru Sahib in the world, which was given to save another religion. He also motivated the students to actively participate in the 350th martyrdom day being organized by the government and SGPC so that they can connect with this history of theirs. On this occasion, Dr. Satpal Kaur of History also shared her thoughts related to the life of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. Program Officer Prof. Monika Singla delivered the welcome address and Program Officer Dr. Bahadur Singh delivered the vote of thanks. On this occasion, NSS Coordinator Prof. Shoaib Zafar, Program Officer Prof. Renu Dharni, Dr. Manjit Singh, Prof. Ramandeep Kaur, Dr. Rajesh Gupta, Superintendent Manoj Kumar Pandey, Superintendent of Miri Piri Khalsa College, Bhadaur Iqbal Singh Bhotna, college staff and a large number of volunteers were present.

Rohit Kumar wins Chandigarh Half Marathon as over 1200 runners take part

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Rohit Kumar clinched the top spot in the 18–35 age group of the Chandigarh Half Marathon, clocking an impressive 1:13:31 as the city witnessed an enthusiastic turnout of 1,200 runners across the 21 km, 10 km, 5 km and 3 km categories. In a rare second split, Mohit Kumar and Vishwas Chahar shared the joint second position as both completed the half marathon in 1:12:32. In other half-marathon categories, Rahul Singh secured first place in the 36–45 age group with a time of 1:17:56, while Amandeep Singh dominated the 45–55 category by finishing in 1:32:07. Shyam Singh emerged victorious in the 55+ age group by clocking 1:48:22. Among women participants, Shivi Gupta emerged as the overall female champion by completing the course in 1:46:12. The 10 km race also witnessed spirited performances. In the 36–45 age bracket, Nayab Singh bagged first place with a timing of 00:42:23, followed by Kuldeep Singh Mann (00:47:19) and Dalbir Singh (00:48:55). Hari Bath (00:49:57) topped the 46–55 category while Anil Dhyani (00:54:18) won in the 55+ group. In the under-35 category, Prunjoy Singh recorded a winning time of 00:43:05. Among female runners, Ankit Sharma (00:52:55), Nisha Garg (00:51:53) and Anu Sehgal (01:00:46) claimed first place in the 14–35, 36–45, and 46+ categories respectively. The marathon, organised by Chandigarh Life, was flagged off from the Capitol Complex and passed through Sukhna Lake, Raj Bhawan, Sector 26, IT Park and looping back to the starting point.

Drainage accumulation risks contamination of drinking water lines

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA, NOV 23



Since the outbreak of Hepatitis A (jaundice) cases in Barara, the Health Department, Public Health Department, and Municipal Corporation have been continuously engaged in relief work. While the Health Department claims that the disease is caused by drinking contaminated water and eating contaminated food, the Public Health Department also claims that teams have been working for several days, but there are no leaks anywhere. Even on Sunday, Public Health Department teams were seen working in various areas. Department JE Deepak Rana stated that no water leaks were found. He also stated that the department has disconnected all illegal connections. He explained that many consumers have connected their connections between drains, which posed a risk of leakage. Such connections have to be made by the consumer themselves, but given the severity of the situation, the department is deploying its own teams to raise these connections. During this time, it was revealed that due to clogged drains, there is a risk of leakage of dirty water from the water pipes. Due to the accumulation of dirt, the pipes corrode, and there is a risk of dirt entering the pipes. Deepak stated that 95 connections have been made above the drains in the entire Barad area, and this campaign will continue. Meanwhile, ASMO Dr. Birbal Singh stated that 19 new jaundice patients have been found in the last two days.

DC Jatin Lal cracks down on lawbreakers in Una

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: DC Una, Jatin Lal, has taken a series of tough measures to strengthen law and order and curb unauthorized activities in the district. Three major orders issued on Sunday signal a zero-tolerance approach towards mining without permission, alcohol-serving establishments, and reckless movement of heavy vehicles.

All licensed bars, clubs, pubs, and restaurants serving alcohol must close by 10 PM daily, effective 24 November. Violators will face strict legal action. Mining without permission in Swan River and its tributaries, including Bathu, Bathri, Santoshgarh, Khanna, and Fatehpur, is fully prohibited. Machinery will be seized, FIRs filed, and vegetation removal along riverbanks banned. Night mining from 5 PM to 6 AM remains prohibited, and transportation of mined material is allowed only via designated corridors from 10 AM to 5 PM.

To ease traffic congestion, Tipper completely banned, other heavy commercial vehicles restricted from moving between 8?AM and 9?PM on DC Chowk–Mehatpur Barrier road. Loading and unloading during this period is also prohibited. Vehicles must use alternate approved routes, such as DC Chowk–Santoshgarh–Ajauli road.

DC Jatin Lal has made it clear that law and order will not be compromised. All departments, including police and mining, have been directed to ensure 100 percent compliance. Unregistered liquor outlets will be closed immediately, and offenders will face punitive action under applicable laws.

Punjab Battalion NCC marks raising day with "Pedal For Progress" cycle rally



VERMA
GURDASPUR: To commemorate NCC Raising Day, the 7 Punjab Battalion NCC, Gurdaspur, successfully organized a 20-kilometre cycle expedition today. Themed “Pedal For Progress,” the event commenced and concluded at Sukhjinder Engineering College. The expedition saw the enthusiastic participation of 50 cadets, supported by six NCC instructors and five civil staff members. The initiative was designed to foster physical fitness, environmental awareness, and a spirit of adventure among the youth. The rally was flagged off by the Commanding Officer of the 7 Punjab Battalion, who urged the cadets to embody the core NCC values of unity and discipline while actively contributing to community development. Throughout the 20 km course, the cadets demonstrated exemplary stamina and road discipline. The event concluded with refreshments for all participants, reinforcing the battalion's commitment to nurturing a service-oriented and fit generation.

Congress protest at Raj Bhavan is illegal: Dr. Rajiv Bindal

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, NOV 23



BJP State President Dr. Rajiv Bindal stated that the protest carried out by Congress leaders at the official residence of the Hon’ble Governor of Himachal Pradesh was completely illegal and an example of unruly political conduct. Entering a high-security and restricted area like Raj Bhavan without permission, staging a protest, and burning the effigy of the nation’s esteemed Prime Minister Narendra Modi clearly shows that the Congress party is willing to go to any extent to challenge constitutional norms. Dr. Bindal said that this act appears to be an attempt to create pressure on the Governor, intimidate him, and force him into taking unconstitutional decisions. He described it as a direct attack on the democratic system. He further stated that the state is currently facing a serious constitutional crisis. The escalating conflict between the government and the Election Commission regarding the Panchayati Raj elections has made the situation even more complex. The Himachal Pradesh Election Commission has met the Hon’ble Governor and submitted a detailed letter expressing concern over the prevailing situation, which proves that the government is infringing upon the powers of constitutional institutions.

According to the BJP State President, the present government is trying to suppress the democratic rights of Panchayat Pradhans, BDC members, ward panches, Zila Parishad members, and municipal representatives by exerting pressure on administrative officials.

Village sports festival and Folk Arts 2025 organised at Akal University

ISHWER GARG
TALWANDI SABO, NOV 23



Akal University, Talwandi Sabo on 20th November 2025 concluded its grand event, 'Pendu Sports Fair and Folk Arts 2024', to foster a deeper connection between students and their rich heritage of sports and folk arts. The programme commenced with a soul-stirring rendition of Shabad singing, setting a spiritual tone for the event. The festival was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor Professor Gurmel Singh. In this two-day event, competitions related to folk arts were organized on the 19th November 2025 and rural sports on the concluding day, the coordinators of which were Director Sports Dr. Gurtek Singh, Dean Student Welfare Dr. Janpreet Singh and Assistant Dean Student Welfare Dr. Komalpreet Kaur. The coordinators of the respective games were responsible for explaining the rules and giving guidelines to the students participating in various competitions. In order to run the games smoothly, a team of teachers was formed for each game. On the first day, students from various departments participated with great enthusiasm in folk art competitions like Fan Weaving, Pereda Weaving, Nallah weaving, Crocheting, Clay modelling, Gudiya Patole and Jago Wale Inu Weaving etc. On the second day, the spotlight shifted to village games. The students participated with great enthusiasm in nostalgic rural games like Pot race, Sack race, Three-legged race, Rope jumping, Geete, Stopu, Anha Jhota, Kikli, Lakdar race, Lame lion, Tug of war, Petchu, Paw fight, spinning yarn with a spinning wheel and slow cycling etc.

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Momentary pleasure can ruin lives; follow rules and stay safe: SP Kamaldeep Goyal

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Under guidance of Yamunanagar Superintendent of Police Kamaldeep Goyal, a strong and warning message has been issued as part of ongoing public awareness campaign against drug abuse: "Don't shorten your life's journey for a little fun. Quit drugs, follow rules so that every journey is safe!" This message aims to make young people understand that resorting to drugs for momentary pleasure and enjoyment is not only harmful to their health but can also seriously endanger their lives and safety of society. Increasing incidents of drunk driving and related accidents demonstrate that even a small negligence can completely change a life. Campaign Objective: The Superintendent of Police stated that this campaign is not limited to law enforcement alone, but aims to create a safe, healthy, and vigilant society.

Self-Help Groups are key to women's economic empowerment: CM

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Haryana Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini said that the Saras Aajeevika Mela not only brings artisans and buyers together but also contributes to the country's economic self-reliance. He emphasized that everyone should take pride in the products created by local artisans and give priority to purchasing them. By doing so, we can support the artisans and small entrepreneurs of our region, he added.

Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini was addressing the closing ceremony of the Saras Aajeevika Mela-2025, held today at the Parade Ground in Sector 5, Panchkula, as the chief guest.

Chief Minister calls on women entrepreneurs to develop products matching global standards in quality and craftsmanship

Earlier, the Chief Minister visited stalls showcasing various products set up by women self-help group members, artisans, and craftsmen from different states, and he showed keen interest in their creations. Praising the women's artistry and skills, he said that by producing indigenous (Swadeshi) goods, they are making a significant contribution to Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi's vision of a Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-reliant India) and strengthening the spirit of Vocal for Local. He also urged women entrepreneurs to create products that can compete foreign goods in both quality and craftsmanship.

Swaapan Digital Gram Bazar Portal to enable global display and sales of SHG Products

On this occasion, Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini launched two online portals of the Haryana State Rural Livelihood Mission-the Swaapan Digital Gram Bazar Portal and the Sanjha Bazaar Sales Portal.

The Swaapan Digital Gram Bazar Portal is an integrated e-commerce platform that will enable the global display and sale of products manufactured by Haryana's Self-Help Groups. This initiative will enhance the livelihoods of rural women and strengthen their economic independence. Through this online retail platform, SHGs will be able to register their products, receive orders, monitor sales records, and reach customers at both the state and national levels.

Similarly, the Sanjha Bazaar Sales Portal will provide SHGs with continuous market access, transparency in stall allocation, real-time sales tracking, and product performance analytics. This portal will integrate all operational activities under Sanjha Bazaar, including bus stand shops, village shops, canteens, Saras Mela stalls, and mall kiosks.

New CJI, Suryakant Sharma, hasn't forgotten old colleagues even after ascending to highest judicial position

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, NOVEMBER 23



As the 53rd Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Suryakant Sharma, a son of Haryana, hasn't forgotten his old colleagues even after ascending to the highest judicial position. He has invited over 150 lawyers who practiced with him to his swearing-in ceremony. He began his practice in Hisar in 1984. He has invited approximately 186 lawyers from Hisar to attend his swearing-in ceremony. Senior Advocate Rajkumar Sharma from Karnal will also attend Suryakant Sharma's swearing-in ceremony. Sharma has been associated with Suryakant Sharma since 1990. His appointment has enhanced the prestige of Haryana's lawyers. This is the first time that a person born into a farmer's family in a small village in Haryana's Hisar district will assume the highest office in the Supreme Court on November 24th. He stated that Suryakant Sharma also invited the people of his village. He added that there was a belief that only those born into a judge's family become Chief Justices of the Supreme Court. Expressing his happiness over Suryakant Sharma's appointment as Chief Justice, senior Haryana advocate Raj Kumar Sharma stated that Haryana's lawyers are overjoyed.

He stated that he has known Suryakant Sharma for approximately 35 years. He explained that Suryakant Sharma was a talented lawyer from the very beginning. He became the Advocate General of the Haryana Government at the age of 37, then became a High Court judge at the age of 38, and served as Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh, and then moved to the Supreme Court. He also said that Justice Suryakant Sharma inspires new lawyers in Haryana. He stated that the country's lawyers have high hopes for the new Chief Justice. He explained that Suryakant Sharma has worked as a lawyer from the district level to the High Court, and therefore, is well aware of the problems faced by lawyers. He explained that Haryana lawyers expect a separate High Court for their state.

Life of saint is dedicated to human welfare: Dr. Arvind Sharma

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, NOVEMBER 23



Cooperatives, Prisons, Elections, Heritage, and Tourism Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma said that the life of a saint is dedicated to human welfare. The teachings of Saint Kabirdas and Saint Garibdas not only bring simplicity to life but also inspire us to contribute together to strengthen the country and society. On Sunday, Cooperatives Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma attended the 35th Grand Saint Conference held in memory of Shri Satguru Saheb Premdas Ji Maharaj at the Shri Saheb Premdas Ashram in Munak village. Cabinet Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma said that saints are selfless and have no caste. Through satsang, saints awaken the spirit of religion in society.

He said that thanks to saints in society, ordinary people face challenges in this competitive era with the help of restraint and patience.

Maa Bhagwati Jagran spreads goodwill in society: Rajiv Narang

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI, NOV 23

The 16th grand Maa Bhagwati Jagran, organised by the Jai Maa Bala Sundari Seva Club in Ward 2, Khatik Mohalla, concluded with grandeur. The atmosphere was filled with devotion from the morning, and by evening, the entire area reverberated with chants of "Jai Mata Di." The sacred flame of the Mother Goddess was ceremonially brought from Trilokpur Dham, and as it lit, it filled the atmosphere with a remarkable energy. A large number of devotees participated in the procession that began on Nadana Road before the Jagran. The beats of drums, musical instruments, religious tableaux, and decorated chariots captivated the city residents.



The procession was welcomed with showers of flowers at various locations. At the Jagran, renowned bhajan singers including Joni Rahi, Karmaveer Karma, Amit Shan, Rajat Kabir, and others sang praises of the Mother Goddess, keeping the entire pandal immersed in devotion until late at night. Rajiv Narang, Vice Chairman and Chief Guest of the Market Committee, Taraori, and Municipal Council Chairman Virendra Bansal inaugurated the event by lighting the lamp.

They said that, thanks to the grace of Mother Goddess, such a grand event has become Taraori's hallmark every year. This platform provides a message of community unity, fostering a spirit of service, and spreading positive energy. I pray that Mother Goddess's blessings remain with all the devotees. MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi, Chairman of the Tarawadi Municipal Council Virendra Bansal, social workers, business leaders, and numerous dignitaries attended the Jagran, lit the lamp, and congratulated the club members for the successful event. A large number of devotees partook of the prasad at the feast organized by the Jai Maa Bala Sundari Seva Club.

Karnal youth mentor Mihir Banerjee to join Sardar Unity 150 March from Gujarat

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, NOV 23



Mihir Banerjee, an educationist from Karnal and a well-known youth mentor who has guided hundreds of aspirants in interviews and competitive careers, has been invited to participate in the prestigious Sardar Unity 150 March being organised by the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and the Gujarat government. This national-level padyatra will commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of India's first Deputy Prime Minister and Iron Man, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

The organisers have selected 150 eminent individuals from across the country—each recognised for excellence in their respective fields—to join this historic march. Banerjee will represent Haryana as a youth mentor. He will leave for Gujarat on Monday to take part in the event.

The padyatra will begin from Sardar Patel's birthplace, Karamsad, and conclude at the Statue of Unity on the banks of the Narmada. Covering a distance of 150 km, the march will pass through Anand, Vadodara and Narmada districts. Scheduled to start on 26 November and conclude on 6 December, the yatra is themed 'Sashakt Bharat, Atmanirbhar Bharat'.

Banerjee said the journey aims to inspire values of patriotism, self-respect, discipline and nation-building among youths. Discussions on strengthening India as a developed, self-reliant nation—echoing Patel's vision until 1947—will be held throughout the march. He added that the initiative seeks to promote national unity and instil pride in India's cultural, social and historical heritage.

Mihir Banerjee, popularly known as an "interview guru", has mentored youth who now serve in the Army, Police, Judiciary, Foreign Services and higher civil services including IAS, IRS and IFS. He has also played a key role in social and educational campaigns, raising awareness on issues such as female foeticide, environmental protection, girl-child empowerment, and the eradication of social evils.

Sri Sathya Sai Seva Samiti Shahabad Markanda celebrates 100th Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Sri Sathya Sai Baba

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KURUKSHETRA: The Sri Sathya Sai Seva Samiti, Shahabad Markanda, is joyously commemorating the 100th Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Sri Sathya Sai Baba with heartfelt enthusiasm and devotion. As one of the pioneer Sai organizations in North India, this Samiti holds a special place in the spiritual landscape of the region.Established in 1971 by a group of devotees deeply inspired upon learning about Bhagwan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's divine incarnation at Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh, the Samiti quickly became a beacon of faith in Haryana. In 1972, following an invitation extended by the Shahabad devotees, Bhagwan Baba himself visited Kurukshetra, an event warmly embraced by many families in the area. This occurrence marked the Samiti as the first in Haryana as well as across North India.Over the past five decades, the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Samiti has been immensely active in spreading Baba's message of love, peace, and selfless service. The organization undertakes a wide range of initiatives such as Sarva-Dharma Bhajans (multi-faith devotional songs), medical camps, educational Bal Vikas classes, and distribution of essential household supplies to needy families.



These acts of kindness reflect Baba's teachings and continue to inspire the community.Ravindra Singla, District President of Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organizations, Haryana & Chandigarh, Kurukshetra, expressed his heartfelt congratulations to the residents of Kurukshetra and the entire state on this auspicious occasion. He emphasized the great fortune of living in Baba's era and receiving His divine darshan, touch, and teachings. Singla prayed for Baba's continued blessings and guidance upon all devotees.

MLA Kabirpanthi to lay foundation stone of new grain market on November 24: Shiv Nath Kapoor

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
NILOKHERI: Local MLA Bhagwan Das Kabirpanthi will lay the foundation stone of the boundary wall of the new grain market in Nilokheri on November 24. Providing this information, Market Committee Chairman Shiv Nath Kapoor said that the demand for a new grain market had been pending for many years. The existing market is too small, forcing farmers to drop their rabi and kharif crops near religious places and on nearby streets, causing inconvenience to residents. He said that the construction of the new market will ease problems faced by farmers, commission agents and the general public due to the limited space in the current mandi. The existing mandi covers around 5 acres, while the new mandi will span nearly 25 acres. Kapoor stated that with the efforts of MLA Bhagwan Das Kabirpanthi and under the leadership of Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, the first phase of the new mandi's development aims to complete the boundary wall within three months. Market Committee Vice Chairman Malkhan Singh and Mandal President Mukesh Bharti said the foundation stone will be laid at 10 am tomorrow. Current grain market Arhtiya Association President Balbir Pandit, former president Naresh Chugh, Tarun Mahendu, Pradeep Katyal and Virender Malik welcomed the move, saying the new mandi fulfils one of the region's long-pending demands and will bring significant relief to farmers and local residents.



Guru Parv Committee welcomes nagar kirtan across Karnal, appeals for participation in Kurukshetra event

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, NOV 23



The nagar kirtan, which began from Faridabad to mark the 350th martyrdom anniversary of the ninth Sikh Guru, Guru Tegh Bahadur, reached Karnal today. The Guru Parv Management Committee extended a warm welcome to the nagar kirtan and the revered palki sahib at several points in the city. Committee president Varinder Singh, along with members, offered a ceremonial welcome at Nirmal Kutia.

Appealing to the sangat to participate in the historic state-level shaheedi samagam to be held in Kurukshetra in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, president Varinder Singh and general secretary Jathedar Inderpal Singh said that the event is an opportunity to honour the sacrifice of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji on a grand scale.

They noted that ever since Prime Minister Narendra Modi assumed office, the Sikh community has received significant recognition at the national level. Government-led celebrations have been organised in memory of the Gurus, including prakash parv and shaheedi parv. They recalled that the government's decision to mark the martyrdom of the Sahibzaade as Veer Bal Diwas was a historic step in acknowledging Sikh sacrifices. They also highlighted the justice delivered to Sikh families affected during the 1984 riots.

The committee leaders said that former Chief Minister and current Union Minister Manohar Lal accorded full state honour to the Gurus during his tenure, ensured official celebrations of Sikh festivals, promoted Punjabi language, and restored the historic Banda Bahadur-era Lohgarh. They added that Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini is continuing the tradition of respecting Sikh heritage and is overseeing the grand state-level observance of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's martyrdom anniversary.

The committee appealed to devotees to attend the Kurukshetra samagam on 25 November in large numbers and listen to Prime Minister Modi's address.

Narsingh Das Public School organises recitation of Shri Sukhmani Sahib Ji

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI: To mark the 350th martyrdom day of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, a recitation of Shri Sukhmani Sahib Ji was held at Narsingh Das Public School, Taraori. A copy of Shri Guru Granth Sahib Ji from Shri Sheeshganj Gurdwara, Taraori, was revealed to the school with reverence and respect by Baba Shri Gurpreet Singh. On this occasion, Harpreet Cheema, President of the Numberdar Association of Haryana, Major Singh, former Sarpanch of Sonkda, Harpreet Singh, Sarpanch of Purani Nilokheri, and Advocate Ajay Jangra attended the recitation. School Director Madhu Gupta offered prayers for her family, school staff, and children. The atmosphere of the school was filled with devotion. All the children and staff, along with the guests, bowed their heads. The school children also sang Shabads on this occasion. On this occasion, students Jasmeet Kaur, Jagroop Singh, Dilpreet, Sahaj, Manpreet Singh, Khushmeet, etc. served with full devotion. School Director Dharmendra Kheda expressed his gratitude to the narrator from Sri Gurudwara Sheeshganj Sahib and the dignitaries who had come. On behalf of the school campus, all the dignitaries were honoured with a turban and a memento.



Karnal leaders urge people to attend Nov 25 state-level event honouring Guru Tegh Bahadur

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, NOVEMBER 23:

Haryana will host a state-level event in Kurukshetra on November 25 to pay homage to Hind Ki Chadar, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, on his martyrdom day. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate as the chief guest, and lakhs of devotees from across the country are expected to attend and offer their respects. A large number of people from Karnal will also join the congregation.

Addressing a press conference organised at Dera Kar Seva on the call of BJP leader Trilochan Singh, Karnal MLA Jagmohan Anand, Mayor Renu Bala Gupta and former Chairman of Haryana Minority Commission Trilochan Singh shared details of the event.

MLA Jagmohan Anand said that November 25 is an important day for Haryana and the entire nation. He said it is a matter of great honour that the 350th martyrdom year of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji is being commemorated on the sacred land of Kurukshetra. He added that the Haryana government has taken continuous steps to celebrate the birth anniversaries of revered saints and spiritual leaders. Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's supreme sacrifice to protect society is unparalleled in history, he said. A grand pandal spread across 200 acres is being set up for the occasion, where people from all faiths have been invited. Lakhs will gather to hear Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini.



Mayor Renu Bala Gupta began her remarks by paying homage to Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. She said devotees from across India associated with Sanatan traditions will participate in the Kurukshetra event, which will also see the special presence of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini. Guru Ji's martyrdom, she said, was for the protection of Sanatan Dharma, and the state-level event reflects the government's commitment to communal harmony. Trilochan Singh said that Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji sacrificed his life for the protection of Sanatan Dharma, and the state-level event has been organised to honour that legacy. He said that four processions dedicated to Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji were flagged off by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and Union Minister Manohar Lal from different parts of Haryana, and all will converge in Kurukshetra. Around 1.5 lakh devotees are expected to attend the samagam. Those present included Councillor Harjeet Singh Laddi, Maninder Singh Shanti, Jitendra Singh Sarpanch, Meva Singh Sarpanch, Surat Singh Rukhsana, Karam Pal Singh, Tejpal Singh, Inderjit Singh, Hoshiar Singh, Parmjeet Singh Bedi, Judge Singh Jalamana, Jujhar Singh, Sukhvinder Singh, Gagan Mehta, Rajinder Pappi, Gagan Juneja, Satnam Singh Joshi and Harpal Singh Jalamana.

Naveen Jindal Foundation Pavilion turns center of attraction at International Gita Jayanti celebrations

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During ongoing International Gita Mahotsav in Kurukshetra, participants of all ages are taking interest in Health Wellness Program of MP Sports Festival at Naveen Jindal Foundation Pavilion. Providing information about Naveen Jindal Foundation Pavilion, MP Office Incharge and former IAS officer Dharamveer Singh said that MP Naveen Jindal is constantly striving to encourage youth towards health, fitness and sportsmanship.Health Wellness Program organized under his initiative as part of MP Sports Festival is proving to be a useful medium to increase health awareness among youth. Various sports competitions are being organized during this program, with outstanding participants being honored with attractive prizes.He explained that this initiative is not limited to sports alone, but focuses on the overall development of youth. Naveen Jindal Yashasvi Scholarship Scheme, run by Naveen Jindal Foundation, has also been specially displayed in pavilion. Detailed information about scholarship eligibility, documentation, selection process and benefits is being provided here.A large number of students, parents and youth are visiting to learn about this scheme and forms are being filled out on spot for eligible students.This scheme is playing a vital role in providing financial support for education of meritorious and needy students. Exhibition of Kurukshetra International Skills Center and Mahatma Jyotiba Phule International Skills Center are also a highlight at pavilion. Information on various skill development courses available here, employment opportunities and training process guidance are provided to youth. Throughout day, large crowds of students, candidates and youth interested in skill development thronged these counters. Pavilion Coordinator Dr. Raj Kumar explained that MP Naveen Jindal established these two important institutions with goal of empowering youth of his constituency with competence, skills, and employability. His initiative not only provides skill training to young people but also connects them with employment opportunities within country and abroad.

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Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them.

Dalai Lama

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India's balanced approach on AI

There is no consensus among nations over what should be the right approach to tame the genie unleashed by Artificial Intelligence (AI). The flip side of the technology — especially its potential for misuse and spreading misinformation — is already a cause for global concern. However, there is no magic wand to make the dangerous spin-offs of the technology, like Deepfakes, disappear instantly. Morphing tools can be used to commit crimes, harm reputations, influence polls, and undermine trust in democratic institutions. Every nation must figure out solutions, keeping its needs and ecosystems in view. In doing so, the overreach of state authorities and invasion of privacy should be avoided. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has now released the AI Governance Guidelines that seeks to prioritise a people-centric approach so that the technology can catalyse inclusive growth. The guidelines have been drafted by a high-level committee under the chairmanship of Prof Balaraman Ravindran, IIT-Madras. These are intended to guide policymakers, researchers, and industry to build better national and international cooperation for safe, responsible, and inclusive AI adoption. The key takeaway is that the government is not in a hurry to introduce any kind of prohibitive regulation at this stage. Instead, it wants to allow innovations to guide the industry, laying stress on accelerating AI innovation at any cost. The new framework seeks to promote innovation with guardrails, without throttling AI adoption. This is the right and balanced approach, given the global trends.

The guidelines envisage the establishment of the AI Governance Group, supported by the Technology and Policy Expert Committee and the AI Safety Institute. It will be a small, permanent, and effective inter-agency body responsible for overall policy development and coordination on AI governance. This oversight framework is aimed at ensuring accountability and risk reduction. India's approach contrasts with that of the European Union, which has adopted a binding AI Act categorising systems by risk levels. The US, on the other hand, has left it to market forces to determine the rules. India's framework, by comparison, seeks a middle path, promoting AI as a driver of inclusion and competitiveness, while relying on adaptive governance rather than rigid regulation. This is a unique approach. Countries like India, where AI tools have the transformative potential, must take a balanced approach to ensure the free flow of ideas and innovations while effectively addressing the risks at the application level. The committee looked at India's needs, its ecosystem, and then built the framework completely ground up. The committee's current assessment is that many of the risks emerging from AI can be addressed through existing laws. The use of deepfakes to impersonate individuals can be regulated by provisions under the Information Technology Act and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, and the use of personal data without user consent to train AI models is governed by the Digital Personal Data Protection Act.

India's influence evident in G20 declaration



India successfully ensured that the key priorities of its G20 Presidency were reflected in the G20 South African Summit Leaders' Declaration, with the document prominently echoing the concerns of the Global South and reaffirming several commitments initiated under India's leadership.From India's perspective, two major priorities, the condemnation of terrorism and the recognition of the transformative potential of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), found clear and direct mention.

"We condemn terrorism in all its forms and manifestations," the declaration stated, marking one of the strongest reiterations of the global stance on terrorism.On technology, the document reaffirmed commitments made in New Delhi on harnessing digital and emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence.

The leaders highlighted the need for safe, secure and trustworthy AI, ensuring human rights protection, transparency, fairness and accountability.

"We reaffirm the G20 AI principles and recall the New Delhi and Rio de Janeiro Leaders' Declaration on our commitments to harness the potential of digital and emerging technologies, including AI.

We will work to promote international cooperation and further discussions to unlock the full potential of AI, equitably share its benefits and mitigate risks, recognising the need to incorporate the voices of developed and developing countries," the statement said."To ensure safe, secure, and trustworthy AI development, deployment and use, the protection of human rights, transparency and explainability, fairness, accountability, regulation, safety, appropriate human oversight, ethics, biases, privacy, data protection and data governance must be addressed. We recognise the role of the United Nations, alongside other relevant existing fora, in promoting international AI cooperation, including to empower sustainable development," the statement added.

There was a push for strong language on empowerment of women and girls and in this regard, one of the key outcomes of India's G20 presidency, women-led development has been encouraged. "We reaffirm our full commitment to the empowerment of women and girls and to urgently remove social and economic barriers to achieve gender equality. We encourage women-led development and ensure women's full, equal and meaningful participation and leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life," the statement read.

"We condemn all forms of discrimination against women and girls and recall our commitment to end gender-based violence and the killing of women and girls because of their gender. To this end, we commit to take accelerated action to eradicate all forms of violence, including sexual violence and harassment against all women and girls, and violence occurring in public and private life, online and offline," the statement added. The declaration acknowledged women as agents of peace and reaffirmed the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

"As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, we reaffirm our commitment to its full, effective and accelerated implementation. We welcome the Global Leader's Meeting on Women held on October 13-14 in Beijing by China and UN Women to commemorate Beijing+30 and carry forward the spirit of the Beijing Conference. We also recognise the role of women as agents of peace," the statement said.Strengthening disaster resilience and response is the key priority of the South African presidency. The outcomes of the Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group initiated by the Indian presidency have been reinforced in the declaration. Further, the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) has been recognised in this context. "We underscore the importance of investing in building sustainable resilience, prioritising prevention and taking anticipatory action, rooted in evidence-based policy making. This can include the expansion and greater use of affordable, inclusive and accessible pre-arranged financing mechanisms, to strengthen ex ante disaster risk reduction and preparedness for timely, flexible, effective, comprehensive and equitable disaster response and recovery while placing people's lives and livelihoods at the core.

This could also include financing that motivates ex-ante DRR, such as parametric insurance, risk pools, contingent credit, catastrophe bonds, insurance guarantee facilities linked to elective delivery mechanisms, particularly adaptive social protection systems, and take note of initiatives such as the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)," the statement read.On food security, the Deccan High-Level Principles on Food Security and Nutrition were reaffirmed, highlighting the continued challenges of hunger and access to healthy diets, while underscoring the fundamental right to be free from hunger."While we welcome progress made in reducing hunger in the world, we are still alarmed that up to 720 million people continued to experience hunger in 2024 and that 2.6 billion people were unable to afford healthy diets.

Rising Kabul-Islamabad tensions fuel crackdown on Afghan migrants in Pakistan



Rising tensions between Kabul and Islamabad have intensified difficulties for Afghan migrants living in Pakistan, with several reporting a spike in harassment and forced removals, Tolo News reported. Migrants say the strained political climate has increasingly shaped their day-to-day treatment.According to Tolo News, some Afghan migrants allege that police mistreatment has grown more severe in recent weeks. Hamed, an Afghan migrant in Pakistan, said, "Pakistani police severely harass Afghan migrants. They arrest them on roads, in shops, and in their homes.

They extort bribes and demand large sums of money."His account reflects the wider concerns expressed by many Afghans who say roadside detentions and home raids have become more common.Adding to these concerns, another migrant, Malik Awwal Khan Shinwari, said pressure escalated after Islamabad instructed undocumented Afghans to leave the country. "The Pakistani government has ordered all Afghan migrants to leave the country, and because of that, Afghans are being forcibly returned from Punjab, Balochistan and Sindh," he stated.

His remarks highlight how government directives have translated into increased removals across multiple provinces.Tolo News also pointed to a video circulating on social media, though it could not independently verify the time or location.

The footage appears to show Pakistani police chanting slogans against Afghan migrants during a public gathering and calling for their removal.In response to these developments, migrant rights advocates have warned against politicising the issue and stressed the importance of upholding international obligations. Mohammad Khan Talebi Mohammadzai, a migrant rights activist, said, "The mass and forced deportation of Afghan migrants from Pakistan constitutes a violation of the principle of non-refoulement. Arbitrary arrests carried out by the country's security apparatus are in breach of international law."His comments underline growing legal concerns surrounding the treatment of Afghan migrants.

Indian Railways crosses 1 billion tonne freight loading in 2025-26



Indian Railways' freight performance continues to strengthen India's economic backbone, with cumulative loading this year crossing the 1-billion-tonne mark--reaching 1020 Million Tonnes (MT) as of November 19, according to an official statement.This milestone reflects broad-based support from key sectors: coal remains the largest contributor at 505 MT, followed by iron ore (115 MT), cement (92 MT), container traffic (59 MT), pig iron and finished steel (47 MT), fertilisers (42 MT), mineral oil (32 MT), foodgrains (30 MT), raw materials for steel plants (approx. 20 MT), and balance-other-goods (74 MT).

Daily loading continues to hold strong at around 4.4 MT, higher than 4.2 MT last year, demonstrating improved operational efficiency and sustained demand, the Ministry of Railways said in the statement. Freight loading from April to October further underscores this positive trajectory, reaching 935.1 MT in 2025, up from 906.9 MT in the same period last year, marking healthy year-on-year growth.

This sustained momentum, combined with improved daily loading rates, demonstrates Railways' capacity to support India's industrial expansion and infrastructure development. Recognising the critical role of cement in India's infrastructure growth, Railways has taken significant steps to optimise this segment's logistics capabilities.The recent rollout of comprehensive reforms, including the Policy for Bulk Cement Terminals and rationalised rates for bulk cement movement in containers, represents a strategic initiative to modernise cement transportation. These measures aim to increase bulk handling capacity, reduce transit time, and lower logistics costs, directly benefiting both industry players and end consumers while driving greater efficiency across the supply chain. Such targeted interventions catalyse sectoral transformation.Shifting bulk goods movement to rail yields multiple benefits that extend beyond mere commercial metrics. It reduces carbon footprints, decongests highways, and provides industries, including MSMEs, access to greener logistics solutions. These developments reinforce India's commitment to sustainable growth, aligning freight operations with the nation's journey towards Net Zero Carbon Emission targets and positioning Railways as a catalyst for both economic and environmental progress.

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The Early Years

I don't want to say
things were indescribably
bad exactly

but things were
indescribably bad exactly

I don't want to say the tide
went out and left him
gasping—a landed fish precisely

but the tide did indeed go out
and left him gaping—a dropped ghost

to make matters worse
god gathered up all of god's things
and paddled out on that tide
so he swore he would die

and to make matters worser still
he rocked back and forth
in a bubble rather boggy and sad

ate nothing but thistles therein

I don't want to pretend
things were very much worse
than they were
but they very much were

By Mark Waldron

Fashion industry braces for "challenging" 2026

The global fashion industry is set to face a "challenging" year in 2026, as most executives brace for worsening conditions amid economic uncertainty, shifting trade dynamics, and unpredictable consumer behaviour, according to the BoF-McKinsey State of Fashion 2026 report.

The report shows that 46 per cent of fashion executives expect conditions to deteriorate in 2026, up eight percentage points from the previous year, while only 25 per cent foresee improvement. The sentiment marks a shift from earlier years when "uncertainty" dominated forecasts. Now, "challenging" has become the single word defining the sector's outlook, as per the report.Consumer confidence remains the biggest concern, with nearly eight in ten leaders citing weak spending appetite as the top risk to growth.

This is closely tied to ongoing geopolitical instability and inflationary pressures that continue to dampen purchasing power, especially in the United States, where the consumer confidence index hit its lowest point since 2020.Disrupted trade flows are also adding to industry anxiety. Around 40 per cent of executives identify deglobalisation and tariffs as major risks, up sharply from the previous year. North America, in particular, is viewed as the least promising region, with 36 per cent of respondents labelling it "unpromising or very unpromising."



The BoF-McKinsey forecast suggests that the fashion industry will post only low single-digit growth in 2026, weighed down by volatile macroeconomic conditions. To offset rising input costs, nearly three-quarters of executives plan to raise prices, with North American companies leading the pack, 45 per cent intend to hike prices by more than 5 per cent.As costs climb, companies are shifting their focus toward improving efficiency.

While 69 per cent of leaders still prioritise sales growth, this figure has declined from 73 per cent a year earlier, signalling growing attention to cost control and productivity gains.One key strategy emerging from the report is the integration of artificial intelligence across operations. Executives identify scaling AI and digital tools as the biggest opportunity for 2026.

After limited experiments in areas like customer service and design, fashion leaders are now seeking to embed AI more deeply into their business models, from supply chain management to creative design.The report also highlights a renewed focus on sustainability and differentiation.

Executives view circular business models such as resale as ways to meet consumer expectations while maintaining relevance in an increasingly value-conscious market.The mid-tier brands that balance creativity, affordability, and experience are expected to outperform luxury players, who continue to grapple with high prices and slower demand.

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Mock Drill organized in Adarsh Public Smart School, Sec-20B, Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH : A Mock Drill organized in Adarsh Public Smart School, Sec-20B, Chandigarh. Demo was given by the Fire depart-ment industrial area Phase 1, Chandigarh. A lecture was delivered by Inspector Mr Devinder Singh under the guidance of Fire officer Mr Jagdeep Singh ji about fire safety. Mrs Sunita Thakur said our motto behind the activity was to teach children and staff how to use fire extinguishers to make themselves safe in any kind of situation.



NEWS BRIEF

Samsung Galaxy Tab A11+ to Debut in India This Month

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, is all set to launch the Galaxy Tab A11+ in India, bringing enhanced performance and key Galaxy AI capabilities to consumers. The Solve Math feature in Samsung Notes provides quick and accurate solutions to complex math equations. Powered by the 4nm-based MediaTek MT8775 processor, the Galaxy Tab A11+ is designed to deliver smooth and reliable performance across everyday tasks.

Kotak Mahindra Bank Announces Stock Split on 40th Foundation Day

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited ("Kotak" or "the Bank") today announced that its Board of Directors, at a meeting held on the occasion of the Bank's 40th Foundation Day, approved a sub-division (stock split) of its equity shares, subject to regulatory and statutory approvals. C S Rajan, Part-time Chairman, Kotak Mahindra Bank, said: "As we celebrate 40 years of our journey, we reaffirm our commitment to creating long-term value for our shareholders.

Over 9 in 10 SMBs in Chandigarh now bet on AI as digital transformation accelerates: LinkedIn Study

CHANDIGARH: India's small and medium businesses (SMBs) are entering their most confident decade yet. New LinkedIn research finds that nearly all SMBs in the city (98%) are already investing in or planning AI adoption - signalling how rapidly technology has shifted from experimentation to core infrastructure. At the same time, all (100%) SMB decision-makers in Chandigarh expect business growth in the next 12 months, reflecting a sector rebuilding around smarter systems, skilled talent, and trusted digital platforms. Kumaresh Pattabiraman, Country Manager, LinkedIn India said, "Chandigarh's SMBs are sending a clear message. The future belongs to businesses that combine confidence with capability. What we're seeing here is a shift toward AI-first operations, sharper digital processes, and a skills-led talent strategy. Chandigarh is proving that innovation is not limited to metros; it thrives wherever ambition meets opportunity. At LinkedIn, we're committed to helping these entrepreneurs unlock growth by giving them access to the right network, the right clients, and the right talent, all in one place, to help them grow in an AI-powered business landscape."

Bandhan Mutual Fund Enables UPI Investments up to Rs 5 Lakh

CHANDIGARH : Bandhan Mutual Fund has enabled higher-value UPI transactions for mutual fund investments, in line with NPCI's recent enhancement of the UPI limit from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 5 lakh per transaction. With this upgrade, investors can now make larger investments with the same ease and speed that UPI offers.At Bandhan Mutual Fund, the higher limit will now cover over 90% of investor transactions across its digital platforms. Investors can invest up to ₹5 lakh via UPI directly through the Bandhan Mutual Fund website and app, subject to their bank enabling the enhanced limit.The feature is already live across major banks including HDFC Bank, Punjab National Bank, Axis Bank, Airtel Payments Bank, Federal Bank, Yes Bank, IDFC Bank, AU Small Finance Bank.

Ather Energy Reports Strong Q2 FY26; Expands Market Share to 17.4% with Improved Margins

CHANDIGARH : Ather Energy (ATHERENERG), India's leading electric two-wheeler manufacturer, reported a strong Q2 FY26 performance with sharp growth in market share, volume, and financials. The growth during the quarter was driven by an expanding geographical footprint, a diversified product portfolio, and a strong technology foundation. The company ended the quarter with a market share of 17.4%, sales of 65,595 units, and an EBITDA margin improvement of ~1,100 bps year-on-year to (10%), underscoring solid operational execution and sustained growth momentum.For the quarter ended September 2025, Ather Energy reported total income of ₹940.7 crore, up 57% year-on-year and 40% quarter-on-quarter, driven by sustained volume growth with stable pricing. Non-vehicle revenue, primarily from Ather's ecosystem offerings such as software subscriptions.

Amazon strengthens premium wearables offering with the launch of Meta Ray-Ban

CHANDIGARH : Meta Ray-Ban smart glasses will launch on Amazon.in on November 21, 2025, expanding access to one of the fastest-growing wearable categories. This comes in as premium wearables segment recorded close to 40% growth during Amazon Great Indian Festival 2025, with smart glasses witnessing a 4.6X surge in customer searches year-on-year."We are seeing strong customer interest in wearables that go beyond fitness tracking—devices that bring AI capabilities into everyday moments," said Zeba Khan, Director - Consumer Electronics, Amazon India. "What's exciting is that this demand isn't limited to metros—tech enthusiasts and creators in tier-2 and tier-3 cities are equally eager to adopt smart glasses. These devices offer hands-free, AI-powered functionality that integrates seamlessly into daily life.

Godrej Enterprises Group's Storage Solutions business earns CE certification for Mobile Pallet Racking system

CHANDIGARH : In a significant milestone, the Storage Solutions business of Godrej Enterprises Group has received the prestigious Conformité Européenne (CE) certification from TÜV NORD for its indigenously developed Mobile Pallet Racking (MPR) System. This recognition reinforces the system's compliance with stringent European safety and quality standards and highlights India's growing capability in delivering globally benchmarked engineering solutions. Designed and manufactured in-house, the Mobile Pallet Racking System is a high-density, high-performance storage solution that eliminates fixed aisles to maximise warehouse capacity while ensuring selective pallet access. Built on mobile bases that glide effortlessly along floor-mounted rails, the system delivers superior space.

Remedium Lifecare Delivers Strong Q2 Results with Profit Nearly Doubling to 3862.34 Lakh

CHANDIGARH: Remedium Lifecare Limited announced its financial results for the quarter and half-year ended September 30, 2025. During the quarter ended September 30, 2025, the consolidated financial results reflect strong operational momentum. Consolidated revenue from operations stood at Rs11,105.82 lakh, with total income reaching Rs11,431.25 lakh. The quarter recorded a consolidated profit before tax 0f Rs1,043.69 lakh and a profit after tax of Rs862.34 lakh, with earnings per share of Rs0.10 which has doubled compared to Q1 FY26. Profit before tax for the half year was Rs1,614.92 lakh, while profit after tax stood at Rs1,327.22 lakh, translating to an earnings per share of Rs0.15. Consolidated total assets as on September 30, 2025 amounted to Rs1,62,318.10 lakh. Commenting on the financial performance, Mr. Adarsh Munjal, Whole-Time Director, said: "The second quarter results reflect our continued commitment to operational discipline and the business expansion. Our consolidated performance demonstrates.

Progressive dairy farmers association distribute 50 buffaloes to flood-hit farmers of Ramdas



AMRITSAR: Progressive Dairy Farmers Association (PDFA), the apex body representing dairy farmers across the state has extended significant support to the flood-affected families of the Ramdas region in Amritsar district. As part of its rehabilitation initiative, the association empowered 47 affected dairy farmers by distributing 50 high-yield Murrah and Nili-Ravi buffaloes. The handover ceremony was held at the Focal Point Mandi, Ramdas wherein the office-bearers of the association personally supervised the distribution.

The initiative marked an important step in helping local dairy farmers rebuild their livelihoods after the devastating floods that struck the region in August 2025. According to the Association's President Daljit Singh Sadarpura, the aim of the rehabilitation programme was to restore dairy operations, ensure economic revival and provide long-term stability to the affected families. He shared that a corpus of Rs 1.9 crore had been generated collectively by members of the association to extend relief to distressed farmers.

During the first phase of relief earlier this year, the Association spent Rs 55 lakh on providing fodder, medicines, seeds, manure, silage and other essential items to ensure immediate assistance to the farming community. In the second phase, the Association purchased buffaloes worth Rs 51 lakh, which were handed over to the identified beneficiaries during the program held on Saturday. He assured, the remaining amount from the relief corpus would also be utilised soon for further rehabilitation measures in the affected belt.

Farmers from several villages under the Ramdass and Dera Baba Nanak region benefitted from the initiative. These villages included Machiwala, Ghonewala, Sahizada, Kot Gurbaksh, Fatehwal Vadda, Mahamad Munderwala, Haruwal, Sadawali, Pakhoke, Chandunangal, Sahpur, Khodebet, Dharamkot and Diyal Bhatti. The beneficiaries expressed gratitude for the timely and practical assistance, which they said would help them resume their dairy activities after suffering heavy losses due to the floods.

Local panchayat members attended the programme and felicitated the Association's leadership for their committed efforts towards rebuilding rural livelihoods.

Insurance Awareness Committee (IAC-Life) Applauds Bima Gram API; Acknowledges Its Potential in Strengthening Rural Insurance Coverage

AMRITSAR : The Insurance Awareness Committee (IAC-Life) is banking on Bima Gram API to change the face of rural insurance penetration. Launched recently by
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maps postal PIN code
Gram API, insurers can now simply enter a customer's postal PIN code to retrieve the corresponding Gram Panchayat (GP) name, ensuring instant digital verification of the policy's rural location.
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manual verification processes.

Kinder Panda Play School Hosts 'Meet n Greet' to Welcome Finland Education Leaders, Strengthens Global Collaboration



PANCHKULA; Kinder Panda Play School, the first school in Tricity to introduce authentic Finland Early Childhood Education, proudly hosted a special 'Meet n Greet' event to welcome Mr. Olli Kamunen, CEO, Onni Education Finland, and Ms. Rachna Lalwani, Country Head, during their official visit to India. The event marks a significant step in enhancing global educational collaboration and integrating world-class pedagogical practices into early childhood learning. Kinder Panda Play School has established itself as a pioneer in the region with its holistic, research-based curriculum inspired by Finnish Pedagogy, implemented in partnership with Onni Education, an organization registered with the Government of Finland. The school's approach blends innovation with Indian values, offering children a futuristic learning environment featuring STEM, AI, Robotics, and foreign languages (French & German) at the foundational level. Notably, Kinder Pandas has been ranked among the Top 5 Kindergarten Schools in Tricity by the Times of India. Welcoming the distinguished guests, the school emphasized its commitment to providing globally aligned, inquiry-based, and joyful early learning experiences supported by world-class infrastructure, expert educators, field trips, and a Finnish-inspired daycare program. Sikander Singh, Director, Kinder Panda Play School, said,"This visit by Mr. Olli Kamunen and Ms. Rachna Lalwani marks a milestone in our journey toward global educational excellence. Bringing authentic Finnish pedagogy to Tricity is not just an achievement—it is a responsibility we proudly carry. Our collaboration with Onni Education strengthens our vision of nurturing confident, curious, and future-ready young learners." Sapna Chandel, Principal, Kinder Panda Play School, said,"At Kinder Pandas, we believe early childhood education must be joyful, meaningful, and aligned with global best practices. The presence of our esteemed Finland partners reinforces our commitment to delivering a world-class learning experience that empowers every child to explore, inquire, and grow."

Bandhan Bank Donates 10 ambulances across India, One in Jalandhar



JALANDHAR : Bandhan Bank, as part of its CSR initiatives, has donated 10 fully equipped ambulances across India, including one in Jalandhar, to strengthen emergency medical access and improve healthcare delivery across diverse communities. Announced during the Bank's 10th Foundation Day celebrations, the initiative has now been implemented with the donation of ambulances. The initiative reflects the Bank's commitment to improving the reach and responsiveness of healthcare services, ensuring that patients receive timely medical attention during emergencies. The ambulance was formally handed over to Guru Nanak Mission Hospital Trust, Jalandhar, in the presence of Rajinder Kumar Babbar, Executive Director & Chief Business Officer, Bandhan Bank, Shri S Prem Singh, Chairman, Guru Nanak Mission Hospital Trust, Shri G S Syal, Vice Chairman, Guru Nanak Mission Hospital Trust and other dignitaries. The ambulances have been donated to reputed medical institutions and healthcare organizations across the country, including those in Bengaluru, Ahmednagar, Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Delhi, Jaipur, Akbarpur, Jalandhar, Kolkata, and Se
building stronger, healthier, and more resilient communities. By enhancing healthcare infrastructure and supporting hospitals across multiple states, the Bank is contributing to building stronger, healthier, and more resilient communities.

Infosys Foundation Announces the Winners of the Aarohan Social Innovation Awards 2025



GURUGRAM / FARIDABAD : Infosys Foundation, the philanthropic and CSR arm of Infosys, today announced the winners of the fourth edition of the Aarohan Social Innovation Awards. Launched in 2018, these awards recognize and reward individuals and teams developing breakthrough solutions for social good that improve lives and uplift communities across India. This year, the Awards honored exceptional innovations in Education, Healthcare, and Environmental Sustainability – three focus areas that align closely with Infosys Foundation's mission to drive social impact through technology, creativity, and compassion. Selected from over 2,000 entries, the winners were chosen by an eminent jury comprising: Mr. Abhijit Ray, Co-founder, Unitus Capital and UC Inclusive Credit, Ms. Alina Alam, Founder, MITTI Café, Ms. Aparna Uppaluri, Founder and Principal Advisor, Antara Advisory, Mr. Sumit Virmani, Trustee, Infosys Foundation, Mr. Sunil Kumar Dhareshwar, Trustee, Infosys Foundation. Salil Parekh, Chairman, Infosys Foundation, said, "Innovation with purpose has the power to transform lives and build a sustainable future. The Aarohan Social Innovation Awards stand as a testament to this belief, recognizing individuals who transform challenges into opportunities with ingenuity, empathy, and impact. By championing groundbreaking work across education, healthcare, and environmental sustainability, we at Infosys Foundation aim to strengthen the impact of such innovations and inspire a generation of changemakers committed to building an equitable and resilient future."

LED Expo 2025 set to celebrate three decades of powering India's lighting revolution in Delhi

GURUGRAM: With just days to go, the 30th edition of LED Expo New Delhi 2025 is set to illuminate Yashobhoomi (IICC), New Delhi, from 27th to 29th November 2025, marking a historic milestone for India's lighting industry. Recognised as the country's leading trade fair for LED and smart lighting technologies, this landmark edition will bring together 250+ exhibitors, including 75 first-time participants, showcasing over 6,000 products and 2,000 brands. This year's show celebrates three decades of innovation, industry collaboration and the remarkable evolution of LED lighting that has powered India's journey towards smarter, greener and more energy-efficient infrastructure.



Reiterating that the LED lighting is shifting gears, Mr Raj Manek, Executive Director & Board Member, Messe Frankfurt Asia Holdings Ltd, expressed: "The LED lighting industry in India has demonstrated a very positive trend over the years with rising application areas. The expo houses an opportunity for industry to build strong connections, learn about how homegrown innovators are responding to the challenges and are diversifying successfully to grow and develop solutions domestically. Even the government is backing the industry with its schemes, such as the PLI scheme for white goods. The time is ripe for the LED lighting industry as the expo has experienced growth in decorative lighting, smart lighting, solar lights and electrical products. LED lighting has evolved from simple illumination to defining the ambience and aesthetics of modern spaces." Presenting the next stride of industry innovations, participating companies will feature cutting-edge innovations in LED products, components and applications that are driving the country's transition towards sustainable and energy-efficient infrastructure. Spanning across 14,000 sqm, the expo will attract industry leaders, architects, interior designers, real estate developers, lighting and design consultants, and more, to explore, source and engage in quality discussions on innovations in lighting.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Celebrates "Namma Toyota Habba 2025"



CHANDIGARH: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) hosted the much-awaited Namma Toyota Habba 2025, a vibrant celebration of Karnataka's rich culture, language, and traditions. This year's event, themed 'Cultural Fusion', showcased some of Karnataka's most treasured yet gradually fading folk dance forms such as Dollu Kunitha, Veeragase, Kamsale, Devara Kunitha and Keelugombe. This event captured the harmony between diverse heritages and cultures, reflecting TKM's deep-rooted respect for local traditions and its commitment to nurturing the communities that we operate in. The festival also featured "TKM's Got Talent", an exciting platform for employees and families to showcase their diverse skills and creativity. From music and dance to storytelling and art, the evening showcased the collaborative spirit that defines Toyota's work culture. The event witnessed engaging performances by employees celebrating Karnataka's classical and folk traditions, along with special appearance by Kannada cinema's leading actor Sharan and a musical performance "Melody Night" by renowned playback singer Rajesh Krishnan and team As part of its efforts toward community development, TKM presented the "Toyota Chaithanya Puraskara" to eight distinguished individuals for their remarkable contributions across diverse fields, such as organic farming, education, environment, sports, art & culture, literature and social service. Commenting on the occasion, Mr. G. Shankara, Executive Vice President, Finance and Administration, Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said, "Namma Toyota Habba is a true celebration of Karnataka's rich cultural identity. By nurturing local art forms and bringing global talent together on one platform, we are fortifying our belief that nurturing culture is the foundation of community progress.

'COPD Is Treatable but Widely Ignored': Fortis Mohali Raises Awareness on World COPD Day

CHANDIGARH : Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, commonly referred to as COPD, is a disease that obstructs air flow from the lungs. Though the disease is easily treatable, awareness level about the health condition is comparatively low. To spread awareness on the disease, World COPD Day is observed on 19th November every year. The theme for World COPD Day-2025 is 'Short of Breath, Think COPD', emphasising on the importance of early diagnosis and treatment. Dr Zafar Ahmad Iqbal, Director, Pulmonology, Critical Care and Sleep Studies, Fortis Hospital Mohali, in an advisory explains the causes, symptoms, and treatment options for COPD. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) develops when long-term exposure to harmful particles or gases irritates and damages the airways in the lungs. This leads to inflammation, narrowing of the air passages, and makes it difficult to breathe. "COPD often comes with other long-term illnesses that can make a person's health worse. It can also suddenly flare up, causing periods of increased breathing trouble," added Dr Zafar. The disease is characterised by persistent respiratory symptoms such as cough with mucus, breathlessness etc. Other symptoms include shortness of breath, chest tightness, wheezing, nausea, lack of energy, unintended weight loss and swelling in ankles, feet or legs.

Azim Premji Honoured with ISB Research Catalyst Award at ISB Insights Forum 2025

MOHALI : Coinciding with the ISB Insights Forum 2025, the Indian School of Business (ISB) today presented the ISB Research Catalyst Award to Azim Premji, Founder Chairman, Wipro Ltd., in recognition of his outstanding contributions to India's research ecosystem. The ISB Research Catalyst Award recognises individuals whose vision, generosity, and commitment have significantly strengthened the nation's knowledge ecosystem, enabled cutting-edge inquiry, and inspired a culture of evidence-based problem-solving for societal progress.



The third edition of ISB's Insights Forum convened at the Mohali campus, where leaders from academia, industry, government, and philanthropy engaged in discussions aimed at creating actionable research agendas and addressing critical issues facing India and the global community. The annual Forum provides a platform to highlight research that is shaping management thinking and to strengthen collaboration between researchers and industry practitioners.

Professor Karthik Muralidharan, Tata Chancellor's Professor of Economics, University of California, San Diego, in his inaugural address, highlighted groundbreaking research insights on accelerating India's development trajectory. According to him, evidence-based approaches coupled with technology can unlock India's immense potential, particularly in agricultural development, education and public finance. He emphasised that governments need to recognise the private sector as an ally rather than competition, partnering with private providers to improve service delivery. Professor Muralidharan stressed that high-quality research drives transformative policy changes, with data-driven interventions yielding returns ten times higher than simply increasing budgets.

KISNA Expands to Ludhiana with an Exclusive Showroom Launch



LUDHIANA: KISNA Diamond and Gold Jewellery proudly announced the grand opening of its 4th exclusive showroom in Punjab, Ludhiana located at Brand Road, Model Town. The inauguration was graced by Mr. Ghanshyam Dholakia, Founder & Managing Director, Hari Krishna Group, marking yet another milestone in the brand's accelerated national retail expansion.Kulwant Singh Sidhu, MLA and Amarjit Singh Advocate, President, Model Town Market Association, Ludhiana were also present on the occasion. To celebrate this launch, KISNA is offering Upto 75% off on making charges of diamond jewellery and Upto 25% off on making charges of gold jewellery, along with an additional 5% instant discount on ICICI bank credit and debit cards. Mr. Ghanshyam Dholakia, Founder & Managing Director, Hari Krishna Group, stated: "Ludhiana, known for its vibrant commercial spirit and evolving lifestyle preferences, stands as one of the fastest-growing jewellery markets in Punjab. With the wedding season at its peak, we are delighted to bring KISNA's trusted craftsmanship and contemporary designs to families celebrating their most cherished moments.

India's First Integrated Sports Life Residences with an Active Senior Living Community



MOHALI: SBP Group announces Olympia, an integrated residential community in Sector 5, Zirakpur, offering refreshing Himalayan mountain views and redefining how India approaches active living, family-centred lifestyles and purposeful ageing. The project blends two powerful pillars-sports-led modern residences and a thoughtfully designed senior living community-creating a unique, future-ready environment where all generations thrive together. Envisioned as one of India's most forward-looking residential concepts, Olympia Sports Life Residences merges international-grade sports infrastructure with homes designed to elevate the quality of daily life. Fitness, wellness and movement form the core of the project's planning philosophy. Leading this vision, Mr. Aman Singla, Chairman, SBP Group, emphasised the transformative role of sports in community development. "Women's sports matter. Our communities must enable every girl and every woman to step onto the field with confidence," he said. Reinforcing a broader national ambition, he added: "Har ghar se ek Sania aur ek Harmanpreet nikalni chahiye." His belief in accessible, safe and world-class sporting spaces led SBP Group to collaborate with architects behind some of India's finest stadiums, ensuring Olympia is built with precision, purpose and international standards.

A Guide to Dubai's Best Hotels and Resorts

NATIONAL: With a portfolio of 819 establishments offering more than 152,000 keys, Dubai's hotel and accommodation sector caters to all types of travellers, no matter their tastes, budget or needs. Be it families with kids, couples seeking a romantic getaway, or solo travellers, there's accommodation to suit all – in the city, by the beach or even in the middle of Dubai's majestic desert.

Here's a comprehensive round-up of Dubai's top hotels and resorts ensuring every traveller finds their perfect stay:

Atlantis The Royal, crafted by leading designers, architects and artists, is a ultra-luxury resort with 795 rooms, suites and signature penthouses, each offering incredible views of the Dubai skyline and the Arabian Gulf. Ranked at No.6 on The World's 50 Best Hotels 2025 list, Atlantis The Royal also offers more than anywhere in the world.

Opened in March 2025, and a new entry at No.20 on The World's 50 Best Hotels 2025 list, the five-star Jumeirah Marsa Al Arab resort has a hotel with 386 rooms and suites, 82 luxury residences, an 82-berth superyacht marina, and a range of dining experiences

Designed by architectural studio Foster + Partners, The Lana is the Dorchester Collection's first hotel in the region. The striking 30-storey interconnected property in Business Bay has 225 rooms and suites, various dining concepts, an elegant rooftop lounge, and the first Dior Spa in the UAE.

Punjab's Largest Village Sports Festival Set to Engage 7,500 Children Across 12 Districts



CHANDIGARH : Roundglass Foundation, a purpose-driven organization, proudly announces the launch of the Village Sports Festival 2025, set to become Punjab's largest grassroots sports competition. Running from 21 November to 18 December, the month-long festival aims to ignite a vibrant sports movement across rural Punjab, uniting communities, nurturing young talent, and inspiring children to dream beyond boundaries. The Festival was officially inaugurated in Pathankot by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Indian Guru and Spiritual Leader, who lit the ceremonial lamp and flagged off the first match, marking a significant and inspirational start to Punjab's biggest rural sports initiative. The opening ceremony witnessed the participation of hundreds of children, coaches, community leaders, and volunteers, setting a high-energy tone for the month ahead. "The Village Sports Festival is an important step toward expanding access to quality sports experiences for children in rural Punjab," said Vishal Chowla, Leader, Roundglass Foundation. "Through this initiative, we want every child to feel supported, encouraged, and inspired to pursue their potential—both on and off the field. Sport builds confidence, fosters discipline, and strengthens communities, and our focus is to make these opportunities available to all."

Shimla-Chandigarh Diocese Marks the Jubilee Year 2025 on the Solemnity of Christ the King

CHANDIGARH: The Shimla-Chandigarh Diocese joyfully celebrated the Christ the King Cathedral Feast on 23rd November 2025 at Christ the King Cathedral, Sector 19, Chandigarh. The celebration drew parishioners from different places, religious, and clergy from various communities, united in honoring Christ the King and renewing their spiritual commitment.

The day began with Adoration at Sacred Heart Senior Secondary School, Sector 26, where the faithful gathered in quiet prayer. A devotional procession then moved from the school to the Cathedral, with hymns and prayers expressing deep faith and unity. At the Cathedral, the community joined in the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration, presided over by Rev. Bishop Sahaya Thatheus Thomas. In his homily, he encouraged the faithful to embody Christ's love, compassion, and justice in their daily lives. Fr. Xavier Harold, the Parish Priest, welcomed all participants and expressed heartfelt gratitude for their presence and support, noting that such gatherings strengthen the spiritual and communal life of the parish. The celebration concluded with a community meal, fostering fellowship and joyful interaction among all present. The feast truly became a moment of grace, unity, and renewal, marking the Jubilee Year 2025 with faith-filled devotion and vibrant community spirit.



Toyota Kirloskar Motor Opens Doors to toyota experiential museum (tem) in Bangalore

BANGALORE Toyota Kirloskar Motor proudly unveils tem (toyota experiential museum), a first-of-its-kind lifestyle and cultural hub by Toyota to bring together Indian philosophy of mindful living and Japanese culture along with advanced technology under one roof. Located at the city's Phoenix Mall of Asia, tem reflects the belief that mobility and innovation transcend vehicles. Spread across [8,200 sq. ft] on the mall's ground floor, tem delivers a five-senses experience — captivating visuals, soothing sounds, distinctive scents, inviting textures, and flavours that blend Japanese minimalism with Indian warmth.

Present at the launch, Tadashi Asazuma, Deputy Managing Director, Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said, "At Toyota, our vision of creating 'Happier Paths Together' goes beyond mobility — it is about inspiring experiences that connect people, cultures, and emotions. With tem, we hope to offer a truly unique experience that embodies this spirit. In India, we found inspiration in the practice of Sadhana — the mindful pursuit of inner balance and fulfilment. tem is where the Japanese culture and values of precision, serenity, and respect for nature beautifully align with the spirit of Sadhana making tem a meaningful blend of both. Designed to engage the senses and spark reflection, it brings together art, technology, and craftsmanship to inspire mindfulness, especially amongst the youth."



What to expect Inside tem: Embodying minimalist interiors and distinct aesthetics designed to spark curiosity, tem invites visitors to explore and experience at their own pace. It offers a rare moment of serenity — a chance to pause, take a deep breath, and reconnect with oneself through thoughtfully curated spaces. Guests can step into fully immersive experience rooms, discover exquisite collectibles at the Merchandise Shop, and unwind with a cup of calm at the interactive Matcha Corner.

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Martyrdom Yatra giving message of sacrifice, service, and brotherhood to society: Subhash Kalsana

GOLDY CHUGH
SHAHABAD: The historic Martyrdom Yatra, dedicated to the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, reached Shahabad on Sunday, passing through the Barad area, amidst religious fervor and devotion. The Martyrdom Yatra was proceeding under the aegis of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji and led by the five beloveds. As soon as the Nagar Kirtan entered the Shahabad border, the atmosphere reverberated with chants of "Jo Bole So Nihal." BJP leader Subhash Kalsana gave a grand welcome to the Yatra on the Shahabad Barad Road and said that this Yatra gives the message of sacrifice, service, and brotherhood to society. The Martyrdom Yatra passed through the villages of Dadlu, Padlu, Rawa, and Damli and reached the grain market. Where the Sangat of the area bowed before the sacred Nagar Kirtan and received blessings. Led by the Panj Pyaras, this divine Nagar Kirtan, with its kirtans, Shabad singing, and drum beats, enthralled the devotees. The Gurdwara Management Committee honored the Panj Pyaras, committee members, and other volunteers accompanying the procession by presenting them with Siropas.

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Manjit Singh appointed Taraori President of State Electricity Board Workers Association



KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI: The Haryana State Electricity Board Workers Association met at the Electricity Board office in Taraori. Karnal President Anil Kumar presided over. During the meeting, elections were held unanimously. Manjit Singh was elected President, Harbans Lal Senior Vice President, Rajpal Saini Vice President, Subhash Rohilla Secretary, Rajiv Sharma Joint Secretary, Rajkumar Finance Secretary, and Praveen Sharma and Davinder were assigned organisational workers. Upon assuming the new responsibility, Taraori President Manjit Singh stated that the association's problems would be prioritised and resolved. He assured that all the work related to the electricity department would be handled efficiently. Several employees, including Amit Kumar, Pawan Kumar, Anil Kumar, Harichand Saini, Rinku, Hiralal, Kuldeep, Sunil, Munish, and Gaurav, were present at the meeting.

Double engine govt implementing schemes for welfare of people: Harvinder Kalyan

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI, NOV 23



Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan stated that the BJP government at the center and in the state has been implementing schemes that have directly benefited every section of society from villages to cities. He stated that the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Ujjwala Yojana, Ayushman Bharat, Chief Minister's Health Insurance, increase in old-age pensions and development projects related to roads, water and electricity have all brought about real improvements in the lives of ordinary people. The government's policies have been implemented on the ground, and their benefits have reached people without discrimination. Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan was attending the family wedding of Market Committee Chairman Randeep Chaudhary and progressive farmer Ram Singh Chaudhary in Taraori. Harvinder Kalyan stated that the BJP government has accelerated development by implementing schemes in a transparent manner. Curbing corruption and making services online have saved the public both time and money. He said that many steps have been taken to improve education and health facilities. The Assembly Speaker said that due to startups, self-employment schemes, skill development centers and women empowerment programs, youth and women have got a new direction. He said that Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan and Mukhyamantri Parivar Samriddhi Yojana have provided financial support to thousands of families. Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan also blessed the newlyweds at the wedding ceremony. On this occasion, many political personalities and dignitaries including former Minister of State Subhash Sudha, MLA Jagmohan Anand, MLA Yogendra Rana, MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi were present.

Railway station to Maujgarh road to be named Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Marg





JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA, NOV 23

A large gathering of devotees joined the Nagar Kirtan dedicated to the 350th martyrdom year of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji. The Shahi Nagar Kirtan, which began from the historic Gurdwara Lakhnour Sahib, received a heartfelt welcome upon reaching Barara. The Nagar Kirtan halted for the night on 22 November at Gurdwara Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib in Barara, and on the morning of 23 November proceeded towards Shahabad Markanda.Former minister Santosh Chauhan Sarwan was present on the occasion. She was accompanied by Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee member Rajendra Singh Koki, Municipal Council chairman Rajat Malik, councillor Gurjinder Kaur, Gurdwara Committee president Joginder Singh, Satvinder Pal Singh Bajaj, Jaswinder Singh Wadhwa, Harjinder Singh, BJP block president Dimple Rana, Amarinder Robin, Dr. Kuldeep Sharma, Barara Sarpanch Association president Rohtash Rana, former MLA Rajbir Singh, Harpal Singh, Manjit Singh Arora, Bhupinder Chahal, Pramod Jain, Vishal Singla and a large number of devotees.Former MLA Santosh Sarwan said that the local Gurdwara Committee has decided to construct a chowk near the railway station in the name of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, for which the Haryana government will provide five lakh rupees. She added that if any additional requirement arises, the government will ensure further assistance so the chowk can be built in a grand manner.Santosh Chauhan Sarwan also announced that the road in front of the Gurdwara, from the railway station to Maujgarh, will be named Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Marg. She directed Municipal Council chairman Rajat Malik to ensure that signboards bearing the new name are installed within the next two to three days. Meanwhile, the market area had set up tea and food stalls for the devotees, and the Nagar Kirtan was welcomed with flower showers.

Piles of garbage in front of school threatening spread of disease



JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA: We're taught in school that keeping your surroundings clean will also clean your mind.In Siwan Majra, Barara, huge piles of garbage lie near gate of government school. How can children stay healthy and study? Piles of garbage and stench outside gate are polluting the environment, putting children at risk of illness. BJP Mandal General Secretary Dharam Singh, Siwan Majra Sarpanch representative Ravi Kumar, Tarlok Singh, Bir Singh, Bachan Lal, Punnu Ram, Monu Mehta and others stated that the land outside the village government school belongs to the PACS. PACS purchased the land several years ago to construct a PACS building. However, the PACS building was built in Dera Salimpur village. Since then, area has remained open and people dump garbage in it. In addition to government school, this area also houses an Anganwadi and a community center. Children attend school and Anganwadi daily, while weddings and other public events are held in community center grounds. Therefore, one has to pass by this garbage heap. Filth brings shame to village for visitors.

Prof. Bhupinder Singh Cheema leads delegation in meeting with Rajnath Singh



AMRISH ANAND
DORAHA: A delegation led by Prof. Bhupinder Singh Cheema today held an emotional and meaningful meeting with the Hon'ble Defence Minister of India and senior BJP leader, Shri Rajnath Singh. The delegation included S. Avtar Singh Grewal, Chairman of Shaheed S. Kartar Singh Sarabha Charitable Trust, and Colonel Randhir Singh of Gurusar Sudhar.During the meeting, the delegation briefed the Defence Minister about the humanitarian work being carried out by Avtar Singh Grewal and his team. They highlighted that the Trust is running a Dental College, Nursing College and Ayurvedic College strictly on a no-profit, no-loss basis, providing affordable healthcare and education to thousands of people in nearby villages.Prof. Cheema also engaged in a detailed discussion with Shri Rajnath Singh regarding key issues concerning Punjab, including matters related to Chandigarh and Chandigarh University, stressing the need to safeguard Punjab's rightful interests.Shri Rajnath Singh assured the delegation that the Central Government stands firmly with Punjab and would never work against its interests. He further stated that he would discuss the concerns raised with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Home Minister Shri Amit Shah.

Nagar Kirtan on Martyrdom Day of Sri Guru Teg Bahadur reaches village Saiana Khurd



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: The massive Nagar Kirtan organized from Rodi in Sirsa, dedicated to the martyrdom of Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib, Bhai Sati Das, Mati Das and Bhai Dayala, reached the village of Saiana Khurd. Head Granthi Kuldeep Singh and all the villagers gave the Nagar Kirtan a grand welcome bowing their heads to the Guru Granth Sahib located in the Palki Sahib and seeking blessings. All the devotees who attended the Nagar Kirtan were presented with saropas and distributed prasad. Providing information, Head Granthi Kuldeep Singh stated that the Akhand Path Sahib commenced on November 23 at Sri Gurudwara Sahib in Saiana Khurd, dedicated to the 350th martyrdom day of Sri Guru Teg Bahadurji and the Bhog will be offered on November 25. He appealed to the devotees to visit the Sri Gurudwara Sahib and receive prasad.

President, Shiv Sena Hindustan Pawan Gupta visits Jag Jyoti Darbar Bijadpur



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA: Sunday was filled with spiritual energy, devotion and enthusiasm at Jag Jyoti Darbar Bijadpur in Shahabad Markanda, when Shiv Sena Hindustan National President Pawan Gupta made a special visit. Mahants, saints and devotees welcomed him in a traditional manner. Mr Gupta bowed his head at the Darbar and prayed for the prosperity of the state and peace in society. On this auspicious occasion, Mahant Rajendra Puri was appointed President of Hanuman Seva Dal, Haryana, a move announced by National President Pawan Gupta himself, to further strengthen religious activities. Pawan Gupta remarked that Mahant Rajendra Puri has played a significant role in religious, service and social welfare for years. He expressed his great fortune to have such capable and dedicated leadership for an organization like Hanuman Seva Dal. He expressed hope that under Mahant Rajendra Puri's guidance, activities related to service, devotion, and human welfare in Haryana will gain new momentum.

100th Incarnation day of Lord Sri Sathya Sai Baba celebrated with devotion and enthusiasm



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation of Yamunanagar celebrated 100th Incarnation day of Lord Sri Sathya Sai Baba with great devotion, faith and enthusiasm at Tyagi Garden. Sunil Kumar, organization's president, stated that a morning procession was held in Tyagi Garden, Chopra Garden, Vishal Nagar, and Sarojini Colony in which a large number of devotees participated. During kirtan held at Sai Sadan, devotees chanted name of Lord Sri Sathya Sai Baba with devotion, creating a reverent atmosphere. Sunil Kumar also stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently visited the Samadhi of Lord Sri Sathya Sai Baba in Puttaparthi (Andhra Pradesh) and bowed his head to seek blessings. He explained that hospital, educational institutions and various services established by Sai Baba in Puttaparthi continue to operate completely free of charge, benefiting millions of people.

CBSE organises important meeting and training session on value education at SS Memorial Public School, Kot



RK KASHYAP
CHHACHHRAULI: The CBSE organized an important meeting and training session on value education at SS Memorial Public School, Kot. The keynote speakers were school principal Paramjit Kaur and CBSE trainer Kapil Batra. During the session, teachers received detailed training on value-based education, inculcating moral values in students and effective methods for creating a positive classroom environment. Trainer Kapil Batra demonstrated, through practical activities and examples, how teachers can effectively integrate moral values into their everyday classrooms. Principal Paramjit Kaur stated that the primary purpose of education was not only to impart subject knowledge, but also to develop children into responsible, sensitive and virtuous citizens.

Suman Saini welcomes Nagar Kirtan Yatra on martyrdom day of Shri Guru Teg Bahadurji in Ladwa



RINKU SAINI
LADWA: On Sunday when Haryana State Child Welfare Council Vice President Suman Saini reached Ladwa, the District President welcomed Madam with a flower bouquet. After this, she reached the Krishna Gaushala of Ladwa and fed the cows and went to the temple premises and bowed her head. After this, she met all the officials of Ladwa there she welcomed the Nagar Kirtan Yatra going on the martyrdom day of Guru Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Ji by showering flowers. She joined the Nagar Kirtan and bowed her head and cheered the yatra.

Angels World School, Morinda observes 350th martyrdom day of Sri Guru Teg Bahadur ji



RADHESHYAM SHARMA
MORINDA: Angels World School, Morinda, celebrated the 350th Martyrdom Day of the Ninth Guru, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji, with great reverence, respect and spiritual fervor. A special prayer service was held on this auspicious occasion, in which all the students of the school paid homage to Guru Sahib Ji's sacrifice and his immortal martyrdom for the protection of human rights. The program began with the words of the Gurbani Mahavakya, "Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Pratap. Jagat Roshan Bhaye Sab Taap." Following this, the students sang the words "Guru Tegh Bahadur Simriya," filling the campus with a spiritual atmosphere. With the meditation of Waheguru Ji, a wave of peace and devotion permeated the entire Darbar Hall. The students presented speeches and poems based on Guru Sahib Ji's life, teachings, fearlessness and sacrifice which touched everyone's hearts.



Newly appointed HPCC chief Sh Vinay Kumar called on Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu here today at his official residence Oak Over. It was a courtesy call.

Pb govt's initiative for "Rangla Punjab" -Rs. 2.21 cr grant released for Banga: Dr. Sukhi



MANJINDER SINGH
BANGA: Banga MLA and Punjab Government Chairman (Cabinet Rank) Dr. Sukhwinder Kumar Sukhi today distributed grant cheques to village sarpanches, announcing a major step by the Punjab Government towards realizing the vision of "Rangla Punjab." A total grant of Rs. 2.21 crore has been allocated to accelerate development works across various villages of the Banga constituency.Dr. Sukhi stated that these funds will be utilized for strengthening rural infrastructure, improving roads, drainage systems, education, healthcare, sports facilities, and other essential civic services. He added that the government aims to develop villages into Model Villages and create new opportunities for the youth.According to the official statement, this grant will speed up the implementation of public welfare projects and boost ground-level development.

District Urban Congress committee distributes blankets to protesters



CHAMANLAL
KARNAL: The District Urban Congress Committee reached the protest site in Sector 12 and distributed blankets to those in need while sit in dharna in the harsh winter. This program exemplified human sensitivity and social responsibility. In this service work, State Congress Committee member Bhai Rajesh Chaudhary and Congress leader Bhai Jasbir Panu had a special contribution, who played an important role in providing help to the needy in time. The following colleagues played a vital role in increasing enthusiasm and making the blanket distribution program a success: Brother Divyanshu Budhiraj former Lok Sabha Candidate, Karnal, Pankaj Gaba, Sahil Sharma - National Secretary of NSUI Dilsher Dachar, Lalit Ahuja Saurabh Sharma, Pushkar Manchanda, Punyam Manchanda, Sonu Sharma and a large number of other colleagues were also present and were seen working shoulder to shoulder in the service of needy.

Trident Group leads charge against stubble burning with "Parali Samadhan" initiative



KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA: In a sustained commitment to environmental responsibility and rural development, the Trident Group, India's global textile conglomerate, has reaffirmed its leadership in combating stubble burning through its flagship CSR initiative, Parali Samadhan. The initiative continues to support farmers by offering free machinery access, technical guidance, and on-ground assistance to manage paddy stubble responsibly across nearly 2,000 acres in the villages in and around Barnala district, Punjab.Implemented through its dedicated CSR wing Trident Foundation, the initiative addresses one of North India's most persistent environmental challenges - open-field stubble burning. By facilitating scientific stubble processing and promoting responsible residue management.

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India's First CSCL-50 Champions School Cricket League to Begin in Mohali from November 25

Mohali: India is set to witness a historic moment in school cricket as the country's first national-level CSCL-50 – Champions School 50-Balls Cricket League will be inaugurated from 25 to 27 November 2025 at the Champion Cricket Academy, Kharar.

Organised by the 50-Balls Cricket Federation of India, the championship will see participation from 24 boys' teams and 8 girls' teams representing some of India's leading schools.

The fast-paced, exciting and skill-based 50-Balls Cricket format provides young players with a modern platform that emphasises strategy, fitness and teamwork.

Expressing his happiness, Ishan Jain, Founder of CSCL-50, said, "CSCL-50 is a major step forward for school cricket in India. For the first time, we are bringing schools from across the country onto one platform under this thrilling 50-balls format. This league has been designed to inspire young talent, provide equal opportunities for boys and girls, and prepare future champions." Kamal Tyagi, Senior Official of CSCL-50, congratulated the organising team and participating schools and said that this is a proud moment for everyone. "This league will not only promote competitive cricket at the school level but also help in developing discipline, team spirit and confidence among the youth. The participation of reputed schools from across India reflects the growing trust in the 50-balls cricket movement," he added. Welcoming the teams to Punjab, Gurinder Singh Atwal, Member of the Organising Committee, said, "Punjab is honoured to host the first-ever CSCL-50. With its strong sporting culture and world-class grounds, Mohali is fully prepared.

NBA, ACG and BFI announce India's largest school-based basketball program to date in association with skechers

Ludhiana:– The National Basketball Association (NBA), ACG – a global leader in pharmaceutical solutions –, and the Basketball Federation of India (BFI) – the governing body of basketball in the country – today announced the 2025-26 edition of the ACG Jr. NBA 3v3 National Tournament, a nationwide school-based tournament for U-14 boys' and girls' teams that will visit 10 cities across India, marking the largest program of its kind in the country to date. Skechers – the global performance and lifestyle footwear and apparel brand – will continue to serve as the Official Kit Partner of the program and provide high-quality gear to the participating teams. The 2025-26 ACG Jr. NBA 3v3 National Tournament will tip off on Thursday, Nov. 27 in Ludhiana . NBA India Country Head Rajah Chaudhry,"The ACG Jr. NBA program is the cornerstone of our grassroots basketball development efforts in India, helping identify and nurture the next generation of talent. Over the years, we've seen tremendous success from the program, with participants going on to represent India at the national level.

Himalaya Wellness Teams Up with Indian Women's Ice Hockey Team to Launch Serum-Infused Body Lotion



Chandigarh: Himalaya Wellness, one of India's most trusted personal care brands, has partnered with the Indian Women's Ice Hockey Team to launch its new campaign #StrongWomenSoftSkin, introducing the Himalaya Cocoa Butter Intensive Serum Body Lotion. A first in its category, this innovative lotion is crafted with the benefits of serum and 100% natural-origin extracts for deep, lasting care. This collaboration celebrates women who push boundaries and face challenges with resilience.

The digital video campaign features the Indian Women's Ice Hockey Team. It opens in a locker room, where athletes reach for the Himalaya Cocoa Butter Intensive Serum Body Lotion before taking to the ice. The film draws a parallel between the lotion's deep, protective nourishment and the athletes' strength and resilience, showcasing its ability to keep skin moisturised even in the most extreme winter conditions.

Jansen, Muthusamy power South Africa to 489 on Day 2 in Guwahati



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GUWAHATI: South Africa ended Day 2 of the ongoing India vs South Africa Test at Guwahati on Sunday in a commanding position. After posting 489 in the first innings, thanks to a maiden century from all-rounder Senuran Muthusamy and a hard-hitting 93 from pace bowling all-rounder Marco Jansen, they put India into bat after two days of hard toil on the field.South Africa bowled 6.1 overs with India at 9-0 before stumps were called due to deteriorating light at the Barsapara Cricket Stadium in Guwahati, with Indian openers Yashasvi Jaiswal (unbeaten 7) and KL Rahul (unbeaten 2) at the crease. The third session started with the visitors being 428-7, with Jansen at 51 and Muthusamy at 107. Indian pacer Mohammed Siraj was quick to provide India with a breakthrough as he dismissed Muthusamy by getting him caught at fine leg, ending his innings at 109 runs. After Muthusamy's wicket, Jansen accelerated his innings even further as he hit two sixes to Ravindra Jadeja in the very next over. He then hit a boundary and a six in Siuraj's next over as well. While Jasprit Bumrah managed to scalp Simon Harmer's wicket to get South Africa down to nine wickets at 462, Jansen continued his aggressive play.

It was finally Kuldeep Yadav who took Jansen's wicket but before that, the South African all-rounder had already scored 93 runs and helped the visitors mount a mammoth 489 on the board in the first innings.South Africa strengthened their control on Day 2 of the Guwahati Test, reaching 428-7 at the end of the second session and at Lunch, with Muthusamy unbeaten on 107 and Jansen on 51.Resuming from 316-6 after Tea, Muthusamy and Kyle Verreynne added valuable runs before Jadeja dismissed Verreynne for 45. Jansen then joined Muthusamy and immediately went on the attack, with both batters striking boundaries and sixes to put India under pressure. Muthusamy reached his century off 192 balls, becoming the third South African to score a Test hundred from No. 7 or lower against India, while Jansen brought up his fifty in 53 deliveries as the duo added an unbeaten 94-run stand by lunch.

Earlier in the day, South Africa enjoyed a dominant, wicketless first session on Day 2 of the Test, reaching 316-6 as Muthusamy (56*) and Verreynne (38*) frustrated India with a steady, patient partnership. The pair added 69 crucial runs after resuming on 247-6, with Muthusamy bringing up his third Test fifty. Earlier, strong contributions from the top and middle order on Day 1 had taken South Africa close to 250, despite wickets from Kuldeep Yadav and Mohammed Siraj.Earlier, South Africa had been guided to 247-6 on Day 1 after useful contributions from Tristan Stubbs, Temba Bavuma, and the openers, with Kuldeep Yadav and Mohammed Siraj among the wickets.

Starc hails Pat Cummins and Josh Hazlewood as best exponents of "wobble seam" delivery



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PERTH: Australian seamer Mitchell Starc has hailed his teammates Josh Hazlewood and Pat Cummins as the best exponents of the "wobble seam" delivery of the world. Starc's comment came after Australia thrashed England by eight wickets in the Ashes Opener in Perth.The 35-year-old Starc's recent mastery of the wobble seam delivery, which relies more on purchase from the pitch than movement through the air, has helped him a lot during the opening Test against England.During the Ashes opener, Starc registered his career-best 7-59 in an innings, picking 3-10 on the first hour on Day 1.Interestingly, he picked up the key wickets of Zak Crawley and Joe Root, both for ducks, with the wobble seam delivery in the first innings. The left-arm seamer dismantled England's captain Ben Stokes' strumps in the first and dismissed him in the second after Steve Smith took a fine catch at second slip."I've said it before, but my best mates are two of the best exponents of it in the world. So to learn off Josh (Hazlewood) and Pat (Cummins), but if I'd listened to those two a bit earlier, I might have had it in the repertoire a little bit earlier," Starc said as quoted by cricket.com.au.Starc had a memorable outing with the ball during the Perth Test. He picked up a 10-wicket haul against England. He took 7/58 in the first innings, the best-ever bowling figures at Optus Stadium. The left-arm seamer scalped 3/55 in the second, ensuring that Australia didn't miss the services of Pat Cummins and Josh Hazlewood, who missed the Ashes opener due to injuries.Starc is also the first Australian seamer to take a ten-wicket haul in Ashes Tests since 1990/91, when Craig McDermott produced figures of 11/157, which came at the WACA Stadium in Perth during the final Test, which Aussies won 3-0.Starc also became the second left-arm seamer after Bruce Reid to pick a ten-fer for Australia in the Ashes. Bruce picked up a ten-fer during the Melbourne Test way back in 1990.

Coming to the match, England won the toss and decided to bat first. The visitors slumped to 39/3, with Root's duck being a highlight of Starc's initial six-over burst that gave him three wickets. A half-century stand between Ollie Pope (46 in 58 balls) and Harry Brook stabilised things for England. However, half the side was back in the hut for 115 runs.Later, Brook (52 in 61 balls) and Jamie Smith (33 in 22 balls) tried to counter-attack, but Starc (7/58) and Doggett (2/27) put an end to England's scoring for 172 runs in 32.5 overs.In their first innings, Australia dealt with some serious pace by Jofra Archer (2/11) and Brydon Carse (3/45) as they slumped to 31/4.

"Stuck with Plan A for too long": Steyn on India's bowling on Day 2



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MUMBAI: Former South African pacer Dale Steyn said that India stuck with a plan for too long on Day 2 of the ongoing India vs South Africa second Test at the Barsapara Cricket Stadium in Guwahati. After reducing the visitors to 247-6 at Stumps on Day 1, India conceded 489 runs as South Africa's Senuran Muthusamy and Marco Jansen made the Indian bowlers toil hard, guiding the visitors into a strong position.

Speaking on JioStar show 'Cricket Live', Steyn criticised India for sticking to their original bowling plan for too long. He said they were often too defensive, allowing batters to settle with easy singles and that their straight-at-the-stumps approach worked in Kolkata but was less effective on a flatter pitch like Guwahati.

He suggested India should have been more attacking and flexible with field placements and strategies.

"I thought they bowled well up to a point, but at times they didn't move away from their original plan. They stuck with Plan A for too long and didn't really switch to a Plan B or C. At moments, they were a bit too defensive--when a batter walked in, there was a long-on, long-off, and deep square, which allowed the batter to settle with easy singles before India brought the field back in," said the former Proteas bowler.

"They could have been more attacking early on and tried to force the batters to hit into one side of the field. They kept bowling straight at the stumps, which opened up both sides--the off and the leg. In Kolkata, that plan worked because the pitch demanded it, but on a flatter wicket like this, they needed something different," JioStar expert Dale Steyn added. While South Africa's Muthusamy scored his maiden Test century (109), Marco Jansen unleashed an onslaught on the Indian bowlers, smashing 93 off 91 balls, hitting six boundaries and seven sixes.

Bangladesh beat Ireland by 217 runs in 2nd Test at Dhaka



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DHAKA; Centuries from Litton Das and Mushfiqur Rahim, who played his 100th Test match, followed by a brilliant bowling show from left-arm spinner Taijul Islam, helped Bangladesh to secure a dominating 217-run win against Ireland at the Shere Bangla National Stadium in Dhaka on Sunday.With this victory, the Najmul Hossain Shanto-led Bangladesh whitewashed Andrew Balbirnie's Ireland 2-0 in the two-match Test series.

Chasing a daunting target of 508 runs, Ireland started their day's play at 176/6 with Andy McBrine (11*) and Curtis Campher (34*) on strike. Both batters started slowly and kept playing cautious cricket before Andy hit the first boundary of the day against Taijul Islam during the 64th over.During the 68th over, Islam and Bangladesh finally got a breakthrough. The left-arm spinner removed McBrine for a 53-ball 21. The Ireland batter was adjudged LBW. McBrine's wicket was also the 250th Test wicket for Taijul.Jordan Neill joined the crease alongside Campher. Neill started positively, hitting a few boundaries at the start of his innings. Curtis reached his maiden Test half-century after he hammered a six against Mehidy Hasan Miraz during the third ball of the 78th over.Hasan broke the partnership when he clean bowled Neill with a superb delivery during the 82nd over. The Irish batter departed after scoring 30 off 46 deliveries, including five fours and one six.Bangladesh's Hasan Murad did the rest by claiming the last two wickets, where he dismissed Gavin Hoey (37 off 104 balls) and Matthew Humphreys for a golden duck as hosts secured a convincing win.

For Bangladesh, Taijul (4/104 in 40 overs), Khaled Ahmed (1/45 in 12 overs) and Hasan Murad (4/44 in 22.3 overs) had a brilliant outing with the ball in the second innings.Harry Tector (50 off 80 balls) and Curtis Campher (71* off 259 deliveries) played fighting knocks for Ireland, but their effort went in vain.Earlier, Bangladesh posted 476 on the board after Rahim slammed 106 runs in his 100th Test. Wicketkeeper-batter Litton Das made 128 runs. For Ireland, Andy McBrine (6/109 in 33.1 overs) took a six-wicket haul in the first innings.In response, the visitors were all out for 265 after Lorcan Tucker played a fighting knock of 75 runs.

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Arshdeep Singh visits New Chandigarh's luxury project 'Opus One'



CHANDIGARH: Indian cricket team's ace left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh, fresh from becoming the first Indian bowler to claim 100 wickets in men's T20 Internationals, visited real estate major GB Realty's flagship hyper-luxury project - 'Opus One'. The upcoming development is New Chandigarh's first RERA approved 'Iconic Certified' residential project. Arshdeep visited Opus One's site office after getting to know about the path-breaking concept and revolutionary features of the project.

After recently adding a luxurious G-Wagon to his collection, the Indian cricket star has now taken a step towards choosing his luxury home, and this brought the talented cricketer to 'Opus One'. Arshdeep was warmly welcomed by Gurinder Bhatti, Founder and Chairman, GB Realty, and the 'Opus One' team.

Arshdeep congratulated Gurinder Bhatti for envisioning a realty milestone in New Chandigarh, calling the endeavour a proud moment for Punjab.

Notably, the project is envisaged to have Dual Core tower layouts – which means just two residences per floor, private lift lobbies and panoramic views of the Shivalik Hills. The development is supported by a global design consortium - HBA Singapore for world-class interior design, ALDP Australia for signature architectural lighting and PLA Thailand for luxury landscape design.

Speaking on the occasion, Gurinder Bhatti said, "It gives me great pleasure to state that 'Opus One' is going to redefine luxury living in tricity and its state- of-the-art features are attracting celebrities and top cricketers to take a tour of our site. It is a moment of pride for me and the entire GB Realty team to have hosted India's cricketing wonder and Punjab lad Arshdeep Singh."

Arshdeep's visit he and his father had a detailed interaction with the core Team at Opus One. Arshdeep expressed happiness over the project's architectural finesse, global design partnerships and sustainability-driven vision.

The duo was informed that the project will boast a 65,000 sq ft luxury clubhouse with an all-weather pool, fine dining restaurant, bars, banquet hall, supermarket, business facilities, day-care centre and 24x7 medical services.

The cricketing sensation spent quality time exploring the project's office and the spacious land parcel in New Chandigarh's Ecocity II.

Arshdeep expressed his interest in owning a home at 'Opus One', appreciating the elegance and exclusivity that define the landmark development — which is Punjab and New Chandigarh's first Platinum-Rated Iconic Towers.

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Riteish Deshmukh, Suniel Shetty flag off Western Naval Command's Half Marathon 2025

Actors Riteish Deshmukh and Suniel Shetty, along with the Western Naval Command's Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Krishna Swaminathan, flagged off the 10 km segment of the WNC Half Marathon 2025 on Sunday.Organised by the Indian Navy through the Western Naval Command, the marathon aims to strengthen the outreach within the city of Mumbai and its people.On Sunday morning, hundreds of runners gathered to take part in the 8th edition of the marathon in the presence of the Bollywood actors and officers of the Western Naval Command. Suniel Shetty's son, actor Ahan Shetty, also joined the event, taking to the stage to flag off the marathon. Over 23,000 people registered for the marathon, setting a new record for the event."Mumbai and the Navy have had an unbreakable bond for years. Indian shipbuilding began here in Mumbai. This is the Navy's outreach program to connect with the people of Mumbai and bridge the gap. 23000 people are participating in the marathon today. Everyone should prioritise fitness and play a sport," Riteish told the media.



Actor Suniel Shetty, while hailing the brave spirits of the Indian Navy, added, "I want to thank the Naval officers for the love and respect they gave us... For us, this 21km marathon is about endurance, stamina, and fitness, but the marathon our officers run for us every day is one of courage and sacrifice with no finish line... Marathons like this should be organised frequently... Events like these bring people together."

Mammootty starrer 'Kalamkaval' release date postponed



The release date of Mammootty starrer 'Kalamkaval' has been postponed. The film was slated to release in theatres worldwide on November 27. Jithin K Jose directs the movie, while the music is composed by Mujeeb Majeed. The film is produced by George Sebastian under the banner of Mammootty Kompany.On their Instagram handle, Mammootty Kompany announced that the movie's release date has been postponed. The makers have not revealed a new theatrical release date yet.

The makers recently released the movie's trailer, offering a brief glimpse of Mammootty's character. The film also stars Vinayakan in the lead role.The one-minute and fifty-second trailer opens with an introduction to the story of two friends whose petty fights turned into a communal riot in the village of Kottayikkonam in the Thiruvananthapuram district. Vinayakan plays the role of an investigating officer tasked with solving the case, but as he delves deeper, the buried secrets astonish him.While the trailer is primarily focused towards Vinayakan's character, the final moments of the video focus more towards Mammootty's character.A notable moment occurs when Mammootty's character delivers the line, "Do you know killing what offers the most pleasure?" This quote, left unanswered, serves as the trailer's closing statement, further fuelling speculation about the nature of his character.Mammootty recently won the Best Actor award for his stellar performance in Rahul Sadasivan's folk-horror film Bramayugam.

Pollution in Delhi is getting worse, something needs to be done: Kriti Sanon

Bollywood actress Kriti Sanon, who hails from Delhi, has expressed deep concern over air pollution in the national capital, saying it is getting "worse and worse" and something needs to be done about it.Kriti Sanon, who addressed a press conference for her upcoming film 'Tere Ishk Mein, said if adequate measures are not taken to combat pollution, it will reach a point "where we won't be able to see each other standing next to us"."I don't think saying anything will help. It (pollution) is getting worse and worse. I am from Delhi, and I know what it used to be earlier, and it is getting worse. Something needs to be done to stop it; otherwise, it will reach a point where we won't be able to see each other standing next to us," Kriti Sanon said in response to a query.The Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) has revised the GRAP schedule, making it more stringent to prevent further Deterioration of air quality in Delhi-NCR. GRAP is an emergency response mechanism for entire NCR, based on Average AQI levels and forecasts for meteorological and weather conditions in Delhi that brings together multiple stakeholders, implementing agencies and authorities in NCR to respond to situations of deteriorating air quality in the region.According to the Air Quality Early Warning System, despite a slight improvement in the AQI, Delhi's air quality continues to remain in the 'very poor' category, with an average AQI of 359 on Saturday morning.A layer of toxic smog continued to envelope parts of the city early in the morning. The ITO area, which recorded an AQI of 370 in the 'very poor category', saw commuters going about their day amid the smog.



Noida area also continued to have its air quality remain in the 'severe' category, with Sector 125 recording an AQI of 434, showing slight improvement since Friday.The India Gate area also saw a thick layer of smog envelop the monument, with an AQI of 370. The Akshardham and surrounding areas recorded a 'severe' AQI of 422.Talking about the film 'Tere Ishk Mein', Kriti plays Mukti, a young woman who falls for the fierce, volatile, rule-breaking Shankar (Dhanush). But circumstances pull them apart before their love can take shape.Unable to cope with the heartbreak, Dhanush's character becomes vengeful and pledges to burn 'entire Delhi' to ashes for his broken heart.Director Aanand L Rai first revealed the project on the 10th anniversary of 'Raanjhanaa', his 2013 romantic drama that also starred Dhanush in a leading role.'Tere Ishk Mein' has been produced under the banners of Gulshan Kumar, T-Series, and Colour Yellow Productions. Producers include Aanand L Rai, Himanshu Sharma, Bhushan Kumar, and Krishan Kumar.It will hit the theatres on November 28.

I think emergence of style happened not through work but..": Vijay Varma on his fashion icon image in Bollywood

Vijay Varma has undergone a notable transition from a character actor known for his intense roles in 'Chittagong' and 'Pink' to a versatile leading star and style icon of Bollywood today. The actor opened up about his new image among fans, calling it a result of his "experiment with style" outside work. Vijay Varma will next be seen in 'Gustaakh Ishq', a debut production by ace fashion designer Manish Malhotra. It also stars Naseeruddin Shah and Fatima Sana Shaikh in the lead roles. The actor began his Bollywood journey with the historical war drama 'Chittagong' and then explored raw and contemporary roles in films like 'Manto' and 'Pink'. Now, a decade after his debut, Vijay Varma is hailed as one of the actors known for his style and fashionable appearances, contrary to his roles in Bollywood. In an interview with ANI, the 'Darlings' actor admitted that his shift in the public image is closely tied to his appearances during the movie promotions and has nothing to do with the roles in the Bollywood films he has done in past. "I think the emergence of style happened not through the work, but it happened through my appearances outside of the work, during promotions and with brand work, because usually I play characters that are not really fashion forward or styled very well," said Vijay Varma. He continued, "They are mostly men in the fringes of struggling with survival, like Hamza in Darlings was a ticket collector slash alcoholic, Moeen Arif in Gully Boy is a mechanic slash drug peddler. So, my outings during promotions and during brand work are something that maybe I experimented a bit with style and that kind of had resonance with a lot of fashion people." Despite being known as the style icon of Bollywood, Vijay Varma expressed his happiness at receiving opportunities in the film industry.



Taylor Swift films festive music video in UK

Pop icon Taylor Swift recently flew to London to film a music video. The details of the music video are now reported to be out.

The Grammy-winning singer-songwriter flew in on a private jet from New Jersey to the UK last weekend to shoot the promo at unusual locations, including the Whitgift Centre, a shopping mall in Croydon, South London, reports 'Female First UK'.

As per a media report, extras were also spotted at Mildmay Club in Stoke Newington, North London. Singer Lewis Capaldi and actor Domnhall Gleeson are said to be among those set to make a cameo in the short, apparently for the track Opalite from 'The Life of a Showgirl'.

An insider told 'The Sun', "This video was shrouded in secrecy, with Taylor's security team working day and night to ensure she wasn't sighted at any point. It was like a military operation. "But she IS the most powerful woman in pop, so if she wants to go unseen, she'll make it happen".



An onlooker told the newspaper, "Extras in retro dress were spotted exiting the venue, along with festive props including Christmas trees, glitter cannons and tinsel. "Banana milkshake was used for eggnog, while grape juice stood in for posh champagne".

As per 'Female First UK", the 'Fate of Ophelia' singer is said to have splashed out $1 million for the video, which is said to have a "nostalgic feel, like Love Actually meets a John Lewis advert".

They went on, "Security was really tight. Taylor and her cast were given numbers instead of names, and were whisked between cars and buildings under a fortress of umbrellas and screens to keep the whole project under wraps. You've never seen secrecy like it. Some shops were informed of filming, but they were told it was for an insurance commercial, something suitably boring that wouldn't arouse suspicion. The budget was massive, around $ 1.3 million".

Ronit Roy goes on digital detox, says "need to forge a new road"

Actor Ronit Bose Roy has announced his decision to undergo a digital detox. On Saturday, Ronit announced on Instagram that he is stepping away from social media for a while to focus on achieving his personal goals.

"... I have reached a place in lite where I need to forge a new road ahead for myself and my family. A road which will hopefully lead to a better me as a human being, in relationships and as an actor. This road is one that I haven't walked on earlier. Leave comfort and old bad habits behind. Jump and live out of the box. Scary... I know....but needs to be done," he wrote. "Total Digital separation is one of the key factors in me growing stronger mentally and spiritually and finding the new me. (whom hopefully y'all will love more) Hence for a while (uncertain how long) please pardon me for not engaging on social media at all.Needless to say it's impossible to live away from your love hence I'll be back as soon as personal targets are reached and better habits acquired and practiced. Please don't forget me Love y'all and God Bless y'all," Ronit added. Rohit hasn't revealed much about the personal goals he wants to focus on during his social media break. He has also turned off comments on his Instagram account.Ronit is mostly popular for his role in the family drama 'Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi'. Apart from television, he has done several hit films such as Student of the Year, 2 States, Shootout at Wadala, and Kaabil.



Madhuri Dixit to play a serial killer in Jiohotstar's Mrs Deshpande - releasing on december 19, 2025



CHANDIGARH : She is unpredictable, she is graceful, she is raw, SHE IS A KILLER! She is Mrs Deshpande and there is so much more to her than meets the eye. JioHotstar has announced the premiere date of its much-awaited thriller with Madhuri Dixit playing the lead role, in and as the titular Mrs. Deshpande. Bollywood's dhak-dhak girl sheds the glamour and will be seen in an unseen and unpredictable avatar this December 19, 2025.The chilling teaser gives the audiences an unsettling glimpse into the world of Mrs. Deshpande where Madhuri Dixit in a stark, de-glam avatar is quietly cutting vegetables while a radio bulletin discusses a serial killer on the loose. Directed by Nagesh Kukunoor, the series builds its tension with remarkable restraint and precision, crafting a narrative that lingers long after it ends. Produced by Applause Entertainment in association with Kukunoor Movies, the show is adapted from the original French thriller La Mante, produced by Jean Nainchric. It will also star Siddharth Chandekar and Priyanshu Chatterjee in key roles. Director Nagesh Kukunoor said, "Mrs. Deshpande has been a truly fascinating and enjoyable journey for me. As I worked on the script, I saw only Madhuri in the title role and to have her play this complex character was an absolute joy. The deglamorized look is just the beginning as her character constantly keeps the audience second guessing the secrets that she hides behind the million watt smile. This character is a significant departure from anything the audience has ever seen her do and I guarantee that they will be blown away by her nuanced performance."Madhuri Dixit added, "Mrs Deshpande is unlike anything I've stepped into before. It's raw, unfiltered, and strips away the glamour, audiences usually associate with me. She is the most complex character I've ever played - you constantly feel like you know her, till you don't. Playing a character with so many shades of grey has been both exciting and nerve-wracking! I'm eager for the audiences to see this thrilling, new side of me."Mrs. Deshpande is a gripping exploration of identity and hidden truths—the story of a woman who appears ordinary, but whose silence hints at something far more unsettling.

Blenders Pride Fashion Tour takes Fashion into the Futureverse



PANIPAT : Blenders Pride Fashion Tour ushered in 'The Futureverse of Fashion' at its Gurugram edition, with a groundbreaking exploration of how technology, design, and immersive storytelling are reimagining the very experience of fashion. Taking a leap from this year's theme of defining Fashion's Next Move, this edition presented an incredibly immersive visual spectacle that took haute couture beyond fabric and form, into the digital era of AI, code & interaction.

The showcase led with the creative forces of designer Falguni and Shane Peacock, alongside the Fashion Tour's long-standing collaboration with Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI). At the heart of this edition was the simple truth that today's fashion audiences no longer want to just watch fashion designs; they want to feel, experience and watch it come alive. The 'Futureverse of Fashion' elevated this desire into an immersive universe, where the runway became a living canvas of fashion. The outfits were not just futuristic in silhouette but also future-forward in thought, reflecting global sensibilities of where fashion is moving next. From Tamannaah Bhatia igniting the show alongside humanoid robots, dynamic projections that stitched the entire show narrative, motion-sensing visuals illustrating every model's movement on the runway, to Shahid Kapoor's holographic showstopping moment that blurred lines between the virtual and real, every element of the showcase pulled audiences into fashion's next dimension.

COLORS' biggest homegrown franchise 'Laughter Chefs Unlimited Entertainment' is back and it's bigger, crazier & spicier!



CHANDIGARH : The kitchen fires are crackling, the aprons are on, and the laughter is already bubbling over as COLORS brings back the no. 1 non-fiction show of 2025, 'Laughter Chefs Unlimited Entertainment'. This homegrown culinary comedy reality show has won the hearts of audiences with its unfiltered celebrities and unscripted kitchen conversations. With a staggering reach of 185 million* on television and dominating COLORS' social media conversations with 1 in 3 interactions about Laughter Chefs. Now, it returns, plating fresh chaos and a brand-new season of kitchen mayhem with a bigger appetite and even bigger ambition. The sparks are about to fly from the stove as your favourite bawarchis cook up a bawaal like never before. In its third season, the nation's favourite family ritual turns the kitchen into a comedy war zone of 'Team Kaantas' and 'Team Chhuris', guaranteeing an unmissable laugh riot each weekend! The OG troublemakers return in all their glory, now joined by an energetic new squad ready to stir, spill, and spice their way into the chaos of cooking up a good time. From the charismatic and fiercely competitive duo Karan Kundrra–Tejasswi Prakash, to the adorable pati-patni pair Debinna Bonnerjee–Gurmeet Choudhary, to the playful and the no-nonsense Eisha Singh–Vivian Dsena, the laugh riot is brimming with surprises. Adding to the heat, the high-voltage jodi Abhishek Kumar–Samarth Jurel is all set to dial up the macho drama.

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