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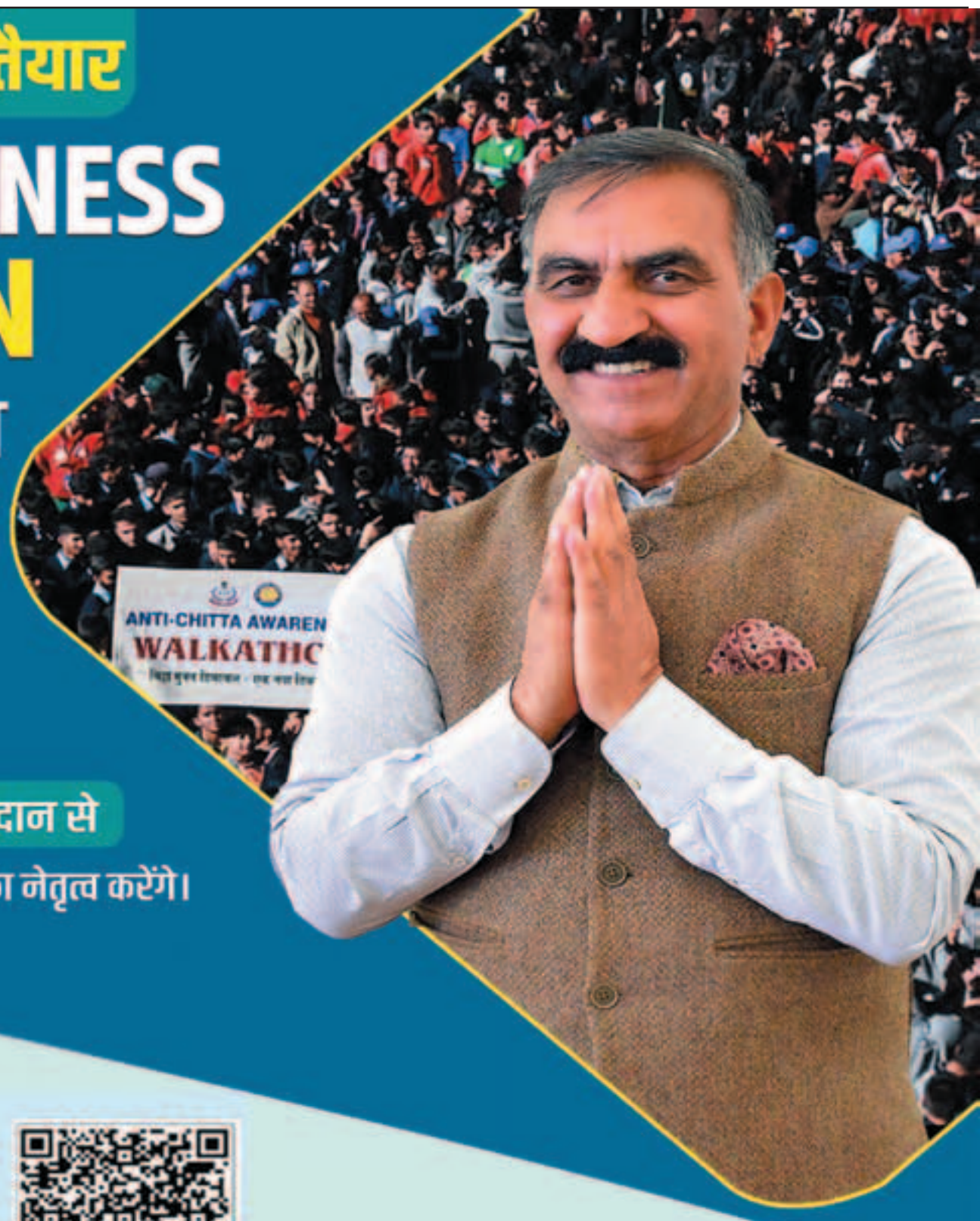
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ANTI-CHITTA AWARNESS WALKATHON

हमारा हिमाचल, नया हिमाचल
चिट्टा मुक्त हिमाचल



श्री सुखविन्द्र सिंह सुक्खू
माननीय मुख्यमंत्री, हिमाचल प्रदेश

1 दिसम्बर, 2025 को प्रात: 9:30 बजे धर्मशाला के दाड़ी मैदान से
चिट्टा - विरुद्ध जागरुकता WALKATHON का नेतृत्व करेंगे।

अन्य आकर्षण

- हि.प्र. पुलिस ऑर्केस्ट्रा की प्रस्तुति
- भागीदारी प्रमाण-पत्र
- जलपान

पंजीकरण के लिए QR कोड स्कैन करें

नशामुक्त हिमाचल की दिशा में प्रदेश सरकार के अभिनव प्रयास

- हिमाचल प्रदेश संगठित अपराध (निवारण एवं नियंत्रण) विधेयक, 2025 पारित कर नशा तस्करों को मृत्यु दण्ड, आजीवन कारावास और दस लाख रुपये जुर्माने के अतिरिक्त अवैध तरीके से अर्जित सम्पत्ति की कुर्की किए जाने का प्रावधान।
- हिमाचल प्रदेश ड्रग्स और नियंत्रित पदार्थ (रोकथाम, नशामुक्ति और पुनर्वास) विधेयक, 2025 पारित कर अवैध व्यापार में शामिल तस्करों को कड़ी सजा और जुर्माने के प्रावधान सहित नशामुक्ति, पुनर्वास, निवारक शिक्षा एवं आजीविका सहायता के वित्त पोषण के लिए एक राज्य कोष की स्थापना का प्रावधान भी किया गया है।
- कुल्लू, ऊना, हमीरपुर और कांगड़ा जिलों में पुरुषों के लिए चार तथा रेड क्रॉस सोसाईटी कुल्लू द्वारा महिलाओं के लिए एक नशा निवारण एवं पुनर्वास केन्द्र संचालित। प्रदेश के सभी जिलों में जिला नशा निवारण केन्द्र स्थापित किए जा रहे हैं। सिरमौर जिला के कोटला बड़ोग में 100 बिस्तर वाला सर्वसुविधा सम्पन्न उत्कृष्ट नशा मुक्ति केन्द्र स्थापित किया जा रहा है।

हिमाचल को चिट्टामुक्त बनाने के लिए सरकार के अभिनव प्रयास

नशा तस्करों की सम्पत्तियों की कुर्की	वर्ष 2023	वर्ष 2024	वर्ष 2025
	5 करोड़	25 करोड़	18 करोड़

- 48 करोड़ रुपये की अवैध अटैच, राज्य में पहली बार इस पैमाने पर कार्रवाई
- नशा तस्करों की 1214 अपराधियों की अवैध सम्पत्तियां चिन्हित
  इनमें से 950 संपत्तियों का सीमांकन पूरा, 12 ध्वस्त, 2 सील की गई
- 11 राज्यों में फैले 2 करोड़ ट्रामा डोल टैबलेट के अवैध डायवर्जन का खुलासा

एनडीपीएस एक्ट गत तीन वर्षों में 5642 मामले दर्ज़, पिछले कार्यकाल से 28% अधिक, 36.65 किलोग्राम चिट्टा सहित ड्रग्स बरामद, 8216 अपराधी गिरफ्तार

पीआईटी एनडीपीएस एक्ट के तहत 123 प्रस्ताव भेजे, गिरफ्तारी के 46 आदेश जारी

अतिक्रमण 70 मामले खोजे, 7 में सम्पत्ति गिराने/खाली करवाने की कार्रवाई

बड़ी कार्रवाई 919 किलो चरस, 32.9 किलो हेरोइन, 1632 किलो पोपी हस्क, 89.6 किलो अफीम, 1,64,496 कैप्सूल और टेबलेट्स बरामद, भांग के 69.76 लाख पौधे नष्ट किए

सूचना एवं जन सम्पर्क विभाग, हिमाचल प्रदेश

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Dev Samaj College of Education hosts 18th convocation, 225 students awarded degrees

CHANDIGARH: Dev Samaj College of Education, Sector 36B, Chandigarh, celebrated its 18th Convocation on campus, conferring degrees on 225 graduating students. Panjab University Vice Chancellor Prof. Renu Vig graced the ceremony as the Chief Guest. Dr. (Mrs.) Agnese Dhillon, Chairperson of DSCE Management, and Sh. Maanvinder Singh Mangat, Secretary of DSCE Management, also attended the event. The ceremony began with the college prayer, followed by Principal Dr. (Mrs.) Richa Sharma's welcome address and the formal declaration of the convocation opened. In her convocation address, Prof. Vig emphasised that earning a higher education degree reflects one's ability to think independently. She urged students to avoid taking shortcuts, listen to their inner voice, and direct their energy toward meaningful pursuits.



NEWS BRIEF

Case filed against Bablu Kori, husband of Archana Kori, Ward 17 Councillor of Nayagaon Municipal Council

J K BATTA

CHANDIGARH: Police have filed a case against Bablu Kori, husband of Archana Kori, Ward 17 Councillor of Nayagaon Municipal Council, for allegedly obstructing a vaccination drive in Janta Colony, Nayagaon and inciting people to protest against vaccination. According to reports, the health department team was allegedly obstructed at the vaccination centre in Janta Colony, and their vaccination work was interfered with. Following this, the health department team submitted a complaint to the authorities and the Nayagaon police. However, after a prolonged delay in filing the case, the Child Welfare Commission took cognisance and issued strict orders to the Nayagaon police to take action on the complaint. Following this, proceedings were initiated under Section 751 of the IPC, and he was produced in the court of SDM Kharar on Thursday, where he was granted bail. According to the health department, obstructing vaccinations is a serious matter, as it directly impacts children's health. Residents have also expressed concern over such incidents and demanded strict action against Bablu Kori, husband of Nayagaon Municipal Council Ward 17 councillor Archana Kori. Nayagaon police say the investigation is ongoing and further action will be taken after the facts are confirmed.

Government approval sought for major education and healthcare projects at Shri Khuralgarh Sahib

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, NOV 30



Sant Baba Nirmal Dass Babejo?re, the head of the Guru Ravidas Sadhu Sampraday Society Punjab, recently visited the historic religious site of Shri Guru Ravidas Charanchhoh Sachkhand Begumpura at Shri Khuralgarh Sahib. Accompanied by Sant Satvinder Heera, National President of the All India Adi Dharam Mission, and a large congregation, he reviewed ongoing initiatives and explored future development plans.

Speaking to the press, Sant Baba Nirmal Dass and Sant Satvinder Heera announced that devotees from across India and abroad have acquired land at Shri Guru Ravidas Begumpura Sadan. Subject to government clearance, the organizations intend to develop significant projects in the fields of education and healthcare. The planned initiatives under the Guru Ravidas Sadhu Sampraday Society (Registered) Punjab and the All India Adi Dharam Mission (Registered) India include schools, technical institutes, and hospitals aimed at delivering substantial benefits to the community.The leaders affirmed that the principal objective of their organizations remains the welfare of the community and the promotion of the revolutionary teachings of Satguru Ravidas Maharaj, alongside the mission propagated by prominent social reformers.Madam Santosh Kumari, Building In-charge of the Guru Ravidas Sadhu Sampraday Society Punjab, emphasized the pressing need to establish health and educational institutions, including technical colleges for both boys and girls, at Shri Khuralgarh Sahib. She elaborated on the success of similar projects managed by the society, such as Shri Guru Ravidas Public School in Chuharwali, Nirmala Chaoni Begumpura, and the Ashram in Haridwar, which are operated with advanced management and visionary leadership.Further, Madam Santosh highlighted that, under the stewardship of Sant Baba Nirmal Dass Babejo?re, the Sant Baba Pritam Dass Charitable Hospital in Raipur Rasulpur provides thousands of free eye surgeries annually.

Astrologer Dr. Vishnu Kumar Sharma honored with memento, certificate and doshala for excellence in field of astrology



VERMA
GURDASPUR, NOV 30

Astrology and Vastu expert Dr. Vishnu Kumar Sharma from Pathankot was invited as the Chief Guest at the second "Jyotish Mahasammelan and Awards Seminar" organized by the Scientific Astrology & Vastu Research Center (Zirakpur) on Sunday, 30 November 2025. On this occasion, he was specially honored with a memento, certificate, doshala, pearl garland, and a golden medal for his outstanding service in the field of astrology. The seminar was held at the revered spiritual venue in Zirakpur, inspired by the divine blessings of Maa Bhagwati Chandi Mata and Maa Mansa Devi. The event was organized under the leadership of Gurpreet Bakshi and Angrez Bakshi (Founders), who managed everything from venue selection and guest hospitality to event coordination with great excellence, ensuring the program's grand success. More than 150 distinguished astrologers, Vastu experts, and ritual scholars from across the country participated in the seminar. Dr. Sharma, as the keynote speaker, presented his research-based lecture on the significance of "Tara Bal" (the astrological power associated with constellations) in areas such as marital compatibility, fortune matching, business partnerships, employer–employee relationships, and love marriages.

Cold air and your lungs — Why winter becomes more challenging for COPD patients: Abrol Hospital

VERMA
GURDASPUR, NOV 30

According to Dr. Ajaypal Singh, Senior Pulmonologist at Abrol Hospital (A Unit of EMC Hospitals), the winter season requires special precautions for patients suffering from COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease).The cold and dry winter air causes the airways of the lungs to constrict, leading to increased difficulty in breathing, coughing, and wheezing.



Dr. Singh explains that winter heightens lung sensitivity, which can make COPD symptoms more severe and frequent.During winter, pollution levels also rise significantly. Dust, smoke, and allergens present in the air create additional risks for COPD patients and increase the chances of lung inflammation or infections. Due to this combined effect, patients need to monitor their health more closely.Cold weather also weakens the immune system, increasing the risk of infections like bronchitis and pneumonia.

In COPD patients, these infections can worsen rapidly and may create medical emergencies.Dr. Ajaypal Singh also mentions that dry indoor air can cause breathing discomfort.

The use of heaters and staying in closed rooms can increase allergens, which trigger COPD symptoms.Experts say that the regular use of prescribed medicines and inhalers is extremely important during winter. Wearing a mask while going outside, keeping the body warm, maintaining moisture in indoor air, and avoiding polluted areas can be highly beneficial for COPD patients.Dr. Singh from Abrol Hospital advises that if any breathing-related problem worsens, patients should immediately consult a doctor. With timely treatment and proper precautions, the winter season can be managed safely and comfortably.

Retail loan outreach program successfully conducted by Central Bank of India, Regional Office-Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH: Under the nationwide Retail Loan Outreach Campaign initiated by the Central Office, the Chandigarh Region of Central Bank of India successfully organized a well-attended outreach program today. The event was chaired by Mr. D.K. Arjwani, General Manager, Central Office, Mumbai. Mr. Ram Kumar Yadav, Regional Head, senior bank officials, and Dr. Ajay Sharma, Principal, S.D. College, Sector 32, graced the occasion as distinguished guests.The program commenced with the traditional lamp lighting ceremony. Customers were briefed about the bank's key retail loan products, including Cent Grah Lakshmi Scheme, Cent Home Loan, Cent Vehicle Loan, and Cent Gold Loan. A dedicated interaction and Q&A session was also conducted to address customer queries.Addressing the gathering, Mr. Arjwani highlighted the bank's retail offerings, customer service initiatives.



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मैं अमर सिंह पुत्र श्री फ़ागू राम गांव चीमी तहसील व्यासपुर जिला पठानकोट अपने दोनों पुत्रों राहुल कटार व सचिन कटार और उनकी पत्नी अंजू पत्नी राहुल कटार व संजना पत्नी सचिन कटार को अपनी चल अचल संपत्ति से बेदखल करता हूँ क्योंकि मेरे दोनों पुत्र और पुत्रवधू मेरे कहने सुनने से बाहर है। अपनी मनमर्जी करते हैं। भविष्य में मेरे पुत्र राहुल, सचिन उनकी पत्नी अंजू व संजना से कोई लेन देन करेगा वह स्वयं जिमेवार होगा हमारी कोई जिमेवारी नहीं होगी।

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हम विनोद कुमार पुत्र रामलुभाया व बबला रानी पत्नी विनोद कुमार निवासी मकान नंबर 185, ईस्ट भाटियानगर तहसील जगाधरी जिला यमुनानगर अपने बड़े लड़के अरुण कुमार और उसकी पत्नी पूजा को अपनी चल अचल संपत्ति से बेदखल करते हैं क्योंकि मेरा लड़का अरुण और उसकी पत्नी हमारे कहने सुनने से बाहर है और अपनी मर्जी करते हैं। इसलिए भविष्य में जो भी इन दोनों से लेन देन करेगा स्वयं जिमेवार होगा। इसमें हमारी कोई जिमेवारी नहीं होगी।

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I, Army No. 14926491L, Ex Hav Janak Singh R/o H.No. MCB-Z-8-01940 St.No. 5 Harbans Nagar Teh & Distt. Bathinda declare that in my army record my daughter name wrongly entered Parbhjot Kaur. But my daughter correct name is Prabhjot Kaur. So amended my daughter name from Parbhjot Kaur to Prabhjot Kaur in my army record.

63372

I, Army No. 14396200A Ex Nk Ikattar Singh R/o H.No. 16247/11 St.No. 8/4 Guru Gobind Singh Nagar Teh & Distt. Bathinda declare that in my army records my father name wrongly entered Surjit Singh and wrongly DOB 30-08-1941. But my father correct name is Surjeet Singh and correct DOB is 10-11-1945. So amended my father name & DOB in my army record.

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I, Ram Kishan, S/o Jeet Singh, R/o Near Civil Hospital, Patti Nangal, Kokri Kalan, Distt Moga, hereby inform That my name Ram Krishna is registered in my children's school certificates, where as I am known by both names, I am the same person with both names.

63372

I, Rajwinder Kaur W/o Jatinder Kumar, R/o H.no. 34/34, Raj Nagar, Basti Bawa Khel, Jalandhar have changed my name from Rajwinder Kaur to Given Name Rajwinder and surname as Kaur.

900026

I, Surender Kaur widow of 3338346 Hav Late Kabul Singh r/o Thakarwal, Hoshiarpur have changed my name from Surender Kaur to Salinder Kaur Manj vide Affidavit dt 21 Feb 2025 before Notary Hoshiarpur.

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I Gurtej Singh S/o Mohinder Singh R/o Village Husnar, Teh. Giddarbaha (Sri Muktsar Sahib) do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my wife Amandeep Kaur was falling in bad company and out of my control. So I evicted my wife Amandeep Kaur from all my moveable and immoveable property. If any person will deals with above said Amandeep Kaur, he will be himself responsible, I will not have any concern/relation with that.

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I, Surinder Singh Kohar S/o Late Swaran Singh R/o Bimbar wale, Vishwakarma Colony, Sangrur Road, Nabha, Tehsil Nabha, District Patiala, hereby state that my son Navjot Singh Kohar and his wife Ravinder Kaur are no longer under my authority. I hereby disown them from all my movable and immovable property. From today onwards, neither I, nor my wife Harjinder Kaur Kohar, nor any member or relative of my family, shall have any relationship or connection with them. They will be solely responsible for all kinds of dealings whether financial transactions, profits or losses. Anyone who deals with them will also be doing so at their own responsibility.

63372

I, Ajay Singh S/o Sh. Narinder Singh R/O #-B0-23 01260, Desu Majra Colony Near HDFC Bank, S A S Nagar Mohali I have Changed my name from Ajay Singh Shekhawat to Ajay Singh

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I, Vijay Singh S/O Sh. Narinder Singh R/O #-B0-23 01260, Desu Majra Colony Near HDFC Bank, S A S Nagar Mohali I have Changed my name from Vijay Singh Shekhawat to Vijay Singh

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I, Smt Surjit Kaur W/o NO JC-78378Y SUB MAJ (HONY LT) Sujan Singh (Retd) S/o Sh. Sardar Singh Resident of village Niwarsi, Post office Ladwa, Tehsil Ladwa, Distt Kurukshetra (Haryana)-136132 have changed my name and date of birth from SURJIT KAUR (DOB 42 years) To SURJEET KAUR(DOB 20 Aug 1946) vide affidavit before notary Distt court, Kurukshetra.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ਦੀ ਪੰਜਾਬਸਥੀ ਕਾਸਮੁਟਾ ਐਸੋਸੀਏਸ਼ਨ ਲਿਮਟਿਡ ਸਭਾ ਰਿਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਪੰਜਾਬਸਥੀ ਕਾਸਮੁਟਾ ਲਿਮ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੀ ਸੀ. ਦੇ ਮੰਤਸ਼ਮੰਦ ਦੀ ਅਗਾਮੀ ਸਭਾ ਆਈ ਹੈ। ਜਿਸ ਸਭਾ ਪ੍ਰਿਮੇਦਾਰਾ ਪਾਸੋ ਦਸਤੀ ਦਾ ਕਲਿਸਟਰਡ ਡਾਕ ਰਾਹੀ ਮਿਤੀ 08-12-2025 ਨੂੰ ਬਸ 5:00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਅਰਜੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਜਿਸ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਆਰਜੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਸਹੀ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। ਜਿਸ ਅਗਾਮੀ ਸਭਾ ਚੋਣਕਾਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਹੋਰ ਤੇ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਪਾਸ ਅੰਤੇ ਮਾਨਤਾ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਪੁਨਰਵਿਚਾਰੀ ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਕਿਰਤੀ। ਸਭਾਰਾ ਦੀਵੇ ਮਾਨਤਾ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ISO 9001 ਤਸਦੀਕ ਸੁਦਾ ਲੇਬਰ ਤੋਂ ਘੱਟ ਤੋਂ ਘੱਟ 120 ਘੰਟੇ ਦਾ ਰੀਫਰੈਸ਼ਰ ਕੋਰਸ ਪ੍ਰਿਅ 18 ਤੋਂ 37 ਸਾਲ. ਪੇਂਡੂ ਖਿਡਾਰਕ (ਲਡਕ ਲਡਿਕਾ) ਸਥਿਆਰਤਾ ਕਿਰਾਏ ਦੇ ਤਸਕਰੇ ਅਤੇ ਕਾਰਜ ਖੇਤਰ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਿਮੇਦਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਪਹਿਲ। ਸਭ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦਾ ਫੈਸਲਾ ਅੰਤਿਮ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਜਿਹ ਅਗਾਮੀ ਇੰਟਿਟ ਦੇ ਅਹਾਰਿਕ ਸਭੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਸਿਮੇਦਾਰ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਵਲੋਂ ਜਿਹ ਕਰਤੀ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਤਿਬਿੰਬਾਂ ਕਾਰਜ ਕਿਸ਼ਾ ਵਾਲੇ ਪ੍ਰਸਤਾਵੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ। ਪ੍ਰਿਮੇਦਾਰ ਮਿਤੀ 12-12-2025 ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰੇ 10 ਵਜੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਅਸਲੀ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਸਮੇਤ ਸਭਾ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਪਹੁੰਚ ਜਾਣ। ਜਿਹਨਾਂ ਅਸਲੀ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਅਗਰੇ ਪ੍ਰਿਮੇਦਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਅਗਲੀ ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ।

ਦੀ ਪੰਜਾਬਸਥੀ ਕਾਸਮੁਟਾ ਐਸੋਸੀਏਸ਼ਨ ਲਿਮਟਿਡ ਸਭਾ ਰਿਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਪੰਜਾਬਸਥੀ ਕਾਸਮੁਟਾ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਿਤ ਪੰਨਾ ਲਿਮਟਿ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ।

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I, Vijay Kumar S/o Surti Ram R/o Flat No. B106 Mona City Homes JTPL City Kharar Landran Road Sector-115 Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name from Vijay Kumar Laddar to Vijay Kumar.

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I, Nevi S/o Makhan Ram R/o Moh. Kotla (Nurmahal) have changed my name from Nevi to Nevi Lagah.

63372

I, Naveen Kumar S/o Bhajan Ram R/o Vill-Durgapur Po. Kulam Teh-Nawanshahr Distt SBS Nagar, Pin-144514, Punjab, have changed my name from Naveen Kumar to Naveen Kumar Bhatia.

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I Jaswant Rai S/O Sohan Lal R/O Vpo Mahalon Tehsil Nawanshahr Distt Sbs Nagar 144514 Pb Declared That My Given Name Is Jaswant And Surname Is Rai.

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I Jasbeer Kaur W/O Jaswant Rai R/O Vpo Mahalon Tehsil Nawanshahr Distt Sbs Nagar-144514 Pb Have Changed My Name From Jasbeer Kaur to Jasvir Kaur.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ਦਾ ਅਹਾਰਕਤ ਨਾਰਿਕ ਹਰਿਜਿਲੇਦਾਰ ਦਾ ਅਹਰਿਦਾਰ ਸਹਾਰਿਕ ਕੁਲੈਕਟਰ ਦਰਜਾ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਲਿਮਟਾਰ ਲੇਟਰ।

ਪਬਲਿਕ ਨੋਟਿਸ

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I Manjit Kumar S/o Des Raj R/o Bakhlaur Sub Teh-Aur Distt SBS Nagar-144422 Pb declared that my given name is Manjit and surname is Kumar.

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I Dalvir Kaur W/o Dilbag Singh R/o Vill-Chak Phullu Po Sahungra Teh-Garhshankar Distt Hoshiarpur-144532 Pb have changed my name from Dalvir Kaur to Dalbir Kaur Loi.

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I, Kewal Singh S/o Pritam Singh R/o Pandori (Barnala) have changed my name to Kewal Singh Boparai.

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I, Jeet Singh alias Jagjit Singh S/o Hazara Singh R/o Vill-Basti Tara Singh (Thatha) Teh-Zira (Ferozepur) Have Changed My Name Jeet Singh.

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I, Rajveer Kaur W/o Gurpartap Singh R/o Vill: Fatta Bohra Teh & Distt. Ferozepur have changed my name from Rajveer Kaur Dhillon to Rajveer Kaur.

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I, Jagroop Singh Jasdhol S/o Balraj Singh R/o Vpo Badhni Kalan, Patti Dana, W.No.5, Teh-Nihal Singh Wala, Distt. Moga have changed my name to Jagroop Singh.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is informed that the upcoming elections of the Haryana State Judo Association (Registration No.18), Samalkha, Panipat are scheduled to be held in the near future.

In this regard, all individuals/sports organizations who claim to be valid members of the said association are invited to submit the necessary documents related to their membership to this office.

All claimants are therefore directed to submit their claims along with the following documents to this administrator office within 7 (seven) days from the date of publication of this notice: -Membership proof/membership fee details

-Identity proof

-Other necessary documents related to the association

Any claims/objections received after the stipulated period will not be considered.

The final membership list and voter list will be approved only after verification of the documents.

Sudarshan Sharma
Administrator
Haryana State Judo association (Regn.no.18)
Office address
Principal
Govt.Sanskrit modal senior secondary school
Siwan, Kaithal

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I, Kuljit Singh Sandhu S/o Thana Singh R/o VPO Daroli Bhai (Moga) Have Changed My Name To Kuljit Singh.

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I Paramveer S/O Rupinder pal V. Khamachon Tehsil Banga, Distt SBS Nagar have changed my name to Paramvir.

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I, Nirmla Kumari W/o Late: Harbans Lal R/o H.No. 7/13 Gali No. 10 Sunder Nagar Amritsar-143001 have changed my name to Nirmal Kumari.

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I Nirmal Singh Uppal S/0 Dann Singh City Mithewal Dist-Malerkotla have changed my name to Nirmal Singh.

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I hitherto known as Sunita Wadhwa W/o Chand Parkash Wadhwa R/o H.No. 5093/1, Modern Housing Complex, Sector-13, Mani Majra, Chandigarh have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sunita Arora.

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LOST & FOUND

We, Sandeep Talashi s/o Harday Talashi and Neelu Talashi w/o Sandeep Talashi R/o Flat no 32 ,Block J opp Greenland palce Butha Nagar Muthi Jammu and Kashmir 181205 declare that I have lost Original GPA dated 18.07.2019 bearing Vasika No. 388 dated in favour of Sushma Rani W/o Joginder Kataria. If anyone finds these documents, kindly contact: 9315099461. A police complaint has also been lodged and L. A. R. No. is: 2025/037182.

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LOST & FOUND

I, Aarti Jindal wife of Deepak Jindal R/o Mohalla Chaudhriya, Malerkotla declared that my original Previous Sale deed i.e (Sale deed no. 636 dated 31-5-2011 relating to my property measuring OK-11-2|15M bearing Khewat no. 2237 Khatoni no.3724 situated Deol City near Dhuri Road, Malerkotla Earlier owned by Smt. Parveen Jain wife of Sh. Rajesh Kumar is lost and not mortgaged with any Bank or Financial Institution in this regard DDR has been entered at Serial no. 652154/2025 dated 26-11-2025 in PS City-2 Malerkotla. Now I applied for loan in Punjab National Bank Branch Moti Bazar Malerkotla, if anybody having objection regarding mortgaged of property with Punjab National Bank Branch Moti Bazar Malerkotla, please contact Punjab National Bank Branch Moti Bazar Malerkotla within 15 days.

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I, Jyoti Daheley D/o Ajmer Singh R/o B37/20 Jagdish Nagar Near Dugri Bridge Basant Avenue Ludhiana Teh & Distt. Ludhiana have known by both names Jyoti Daheley & Atamjot Kaur one and the same person.

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I Veena Rani W/o Narinder Kumar R/o 29/80, Moh. Lahori Gate, Kapurthala-144601, Punjab, India, declare that my name is Veena Rani and I am also known as Veena Sharma. Both Veena Rani and Veena Sharma are one and same person.

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I, Chhabba S/O Kundu R/o VPO. Dhardeo, Tehsil.Baba Bakala, Distt. Amritsar have changed my name Chhabba to Chhabba Singh.

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I, Salma D/O Sab Masih R/o Vill. Faizulla Chak, Tehsil.Gurdaspur, Distt Gurdaspur have changed my name Salma to Salma Khokhar.

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LOST & FOUND

It is notified to the general public that I Rajwant kaur w/o Baljit Singh, Residence village Guniaa Majri, Post Office Ghamandgarh, Tehsil Bassi Pathana, District Fatehgarh Sahib. My registry sale deed vasika number 5598 , Dated 24/02/2011 actually has lost. If anyone found this registry please contact. Rajwant: 7973002458 , Harinder: 9569076817 (SR No.653033/2025 Punjab Police)

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LOST & FOUND

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3 killed in rain-related incidents in TN

CHENNAI: Three people have lost their lives in rain-related incidents caused by Cyclone Ditwah in Tamil Nadu, Minister KKSSR Ramachandran said on Sunday.
As many as 149 cattle died and 57,000 hectares of farmland have been affected in the delta districts, the minister for Revenue and Disaster Management said. "Three people have lost their lives in rain-related incidents since last evening. While two persons died due to wall collapse in Tuticorin and Thanjavur, respectively, a 20-year-old youth died due to electrocution in Mayiladuthurai," he said while briefing reporters at the State Emergency Operations Centre.

EC extends SIR deadlines; final list on Feb 14

NEW DELHI: The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Sunday announced a revised schedule for the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in 12 States and Union Territories, extending several key deadlines by one week, a press note by the poll body said. Under the revised timeline, the qualifying date for enrolment has been extended to January 1, 2026. The final electoral roll, which was earlier scheduled to be published on February 7, 2026, will now be released on February 14, 2026.The Enumeration Period has been extended till December 11, while the rationalisation and re-arrangement of polling stations will also be carried out on the same day. The update of the Control Table and the preparation of the draft roll will take place on December 12.

BLO ends life due to alleged work pressure in Moradabad

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MORADABAD: A Booth Level Officer (BLO) posted in Moradabad died by suicide.
His body was found hanging from the ceiling of his residence on Sunday morning, leaving the family devastated.
Before his death, Singh, a 46-year-old assistant teacher, left behind a three-page note addressed to the Basic Education Officer.
In the note, he described being under intense stress related to the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) work.
Singh wrote that he had been working continuously but still struggled to meet assigned targets.
He mentioned experiencing significant exhaustion and lack of sleep, adding that he was also troubled because two of his four daughters had been ill for days. Singh expressed deep emotional distress and requested that his daughters be taken care of. He also wrote that he had limited time to complete the assigned responsibilities and that this was his first experience working as a BLO. The incident took place in the Bahedi village of Bhojpur. Singh was an assistant teacher at the Jahidpur Sikandarpur Composite School within the Bhagatpur Tanda police station area, and he had been appointed as a BLO on October 7.

Key bills, financial business on agenda as Parliament session begins today

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Ahead of the 6th Session of the 18th Lok Sabha and the 269th Session of the Rajya Sabha set to take place from Monday, December 1, Parliament is set to take up a range of legislative and financial business, sources said.According to the sources, the Parliament is set to take up a slew of legislative and financial business, with the President recommending the introduction of key bills, including the Health Security and National Security Cess Bill, 2025; the Manipur Goods and Services Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 2025; and the Central Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2025. The President, informed of the subject matter of the Health Security and National Security Cess Bill, has recommended its introduction under clause (1) of Article 117 and clause (1) of Article 274 of the Constitution, with consideration under clause (3) of Article 117.Similarly, the Manipur GST (Second Amendment) Bill, 2025 has received the President's recommendation for introduction and consideration under clauses (1) and (3) of Article 207, while the Central Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2025 has also been cleared under Articles 117 and 274.According to sources, the other legislative proposals likely to be taken up include the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2025; the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2025; the Repealing and Amending Bill, 2025; the National Highways (Amendment) Bill, 2025; the Atomic Energy Bill, 2025; the Corporate Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2025; the Securities Markets Code Bill (SMC), 2025; the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2025; the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Bill, 2025; and the Higher Education Commission of India Bill, 2025.
On the financial business front, Parliament is slated to handle the presentation, discussion, and voting on the first batch of Supplementary Demands for Grants for 2025-26, along with the introduction, consideration, and passing or return of the related Appropriation Bill.The winter session of Parliament is set to take place on Monday from December 1 and will continue till December 19, as announced by Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju.The INDIA bloc floor leaders have also called for a meeting at the office of Rajya Sabha Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge in Parliament on Monday.Congress, leading the Opposition in the two houses, will look to demand a discussion on repeated statements of US President Donald Trump on mediating a ceasefire between India and Pakistan during Operation Sindoor and also on trade agreements and issues with China.Parliament is set to have 15 sittings across 19 days. Private Members' Bills are set to be taken for consideration on December 5 and 19, and Private Members' resolutions on December 12.

House should not be stalled: Rijiju



NEW DELHI: Ahead of the Winter session of Parliament, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Sunday said the House should be allowed to function smoothly and that the government will keep on holding discussions with all parties to ensure smooth proceedings.
Asked whether the demand by the opposition for a discussion on Special Intensive Revision (SIR) has been accepted, Rijiju said the agenda of the session will be decided by the Business Advisory Committee (BAC), which will meet this evening. "The matter will be discussed at the Business Advisory Committee meeting this evening," he said. After an all-party meeting convened ahead of the Winter session of Parliament, Rijiju also said that at the meeting, which was also attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Union Health Minister and BJP president J P Nadda and several opposition leaders, all parties have given good suggestions and the government has taken them positively.

FIR against Sonia Gandhi, Rahul in National Herald case

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Delhi Police has filed an FIR against Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi and other accused in the National Herald case on a complaint by the ED as part of the agency's money laundering probe into the high-profile case that alleges that the first family of the party "abused" their position for personal gains.
Official sources said the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Delhi Police filed a complaint against the Gandhis and seven others on October 3.
The police has pressed charges under sections 120B (criminal conspiracy), 403 (dishonest misappropriation of property), 406 (punishment for criminal breach of trust) and 420 (cheating) of the IPC in the FIR that names the Gandhis, Congress leaders Suman Dubey and Sam Pitroda, entities like the Young Indian (YI) and Dotex Merchandise Ltd, Dotex promoter Sunil Bhandari, Associated Journals Ltd. (AJL) and unknown others.
These entities are also named as an accused (except unknown others) in the ED chargesheet filed before a Delhi court in April. The court is yet to take its cognisance with the next date of hearing scheduled for December 16. The Congress party has earlier called this investigation as "petty vendetta tactics" and dubbed the ED a "coalition partner" of the BJP. The ED, as per the sources, used powers available to it under section 66(2) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) to get the police FIR registered. This section allows the federal agency to share evidence for registration of a criminal predicate offence by a law enforcement agency so that it can subsequently book a money laundering case to take forward the investigation.

Akali leader's daughter released following hearing that lasted past midnight

CHANDIGARH: Kanchanpreet Kaur, the daughter of an Akali leader, was released early Sunday morning following a Tarn Taran court order after the hearing in the matter lasted past midnight.
Kanchanpreet's counsel Arshdeep Singh Kler said she was released early Sunday morning after the court struck down the non-bailable offence registered against her in the FIR.
She was produced before the court on Saturday night, with the hearing beginning at 10 pm and lasting till around 1 am. The verdict came at around 4 am.



Virat surpasses Tendulkar for most centuries in a single format

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Legendary Indian batter Virat Kohli had another outing to remember at Ranchi, enthralling fans with his 52nd ODI century and smashing the record of most centuries by a batter in a single format of the game. The ODI series opener against South Africa was nothing short of a carnival for the fans as India batted. Virat, along with Rohit Sharma put a 136-run stand for the second wicket. Also, he scored 135 in 120 balls, with 11 fours and seven sixes, scoring his runs at a stunning strike rate of 112.50. Now, he has overcome compatriot and iconic batter Sachin Tendulkar's mark of 51 Test centuries to become the batter with the most centuries in a single format of the sport. This is also his 83rd century in international cricket. He also surpassed Sachin in two more aspects, registering his sixth ODI ton against South Africa, outdoing Sachin and David Warner.Also, he outdid the Master Blaster to register the most fifty-plus scores at home by a batter in ODIs, going past Sachin's mark of 58 and getting his 59th fifty-plus score in India. This is also the 7000th ton in men's international cricket. With this ton, Virat continues his golden run at Ranchi's JSCA Stadium, with 519 runs in six innings at an average of 173.

People across world getting inspired by Gita: PM Modi hails International Gita Mahotsav

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday hailed the International Gita Mahotsav, highlighting how people from across the world are drawing inspiration from the divine scripture, the Bhagavad Gita.Addressing the nation during the 128th episode of his monthly radio programme, Mann Ki Baat, PM Modi said that for the first time, the Gita was presented on a public platform in Saudi Arabia. Speaking about his visit to Kurukshetra, PM Modi said, "On November 25, when I visited Kurukshetra, the experience at this Anubhav Kendra filled me with joy. Being part of the International Gita Mahotsav, held at Kurukshetra's Brahma Sarovar, was very special for me. I was highly impressed to see how people from all over the world are getting inspired by the divine scripture, The Gita.""The festival attracted participants from many countries, including Europe and Central Asia. At the beginning of this month, for the first time, The Gita was presented on a public platform in Saudi Arabia. A memorable Gita Mahotsav was also organised in Europe's Latvia," he added. PM Modi on Tuesday performed 'Darshan' and 'Pooja' at the Brahma Sarovar in Kurukshetra, Haryana. He was accompanied by Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini.Brahma Sarovar is one of India's most sacred pilgrimage sites, said to be associated with the divine revelation of the Srimad Bhagavad Gita.PM Modi's visit coincided with the ongoing International Gita Mahotsav, which is currently being held in Kurukshetra from November 15 to December 5.The International Gita Mahotsav continues to draw massive public participation. Officials said more than 70 lakh people are expected to attend this year's edition, with eminent personalities from across the country already joining the ongoing events.A state government spokesperson said Gita Mahotsav celebrations are being held in 50 countries this year with support from the Ministry of External Affairs. Madhya Pradesh has been included as the partner state for the 2025 edition.

Women's issues turned into political weapons

Hansraj case overshadowed key concerns in HP Assembly

DR. RACHNA GUPTA
ASSOCIATE EDITOR



The three-day winter session of the Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly in Dharamshala showcased fierce political confrontation but delivered little on legislative progress. The BJP entered the session armed with a set of high-voltage issues that could have cornered the Congress government—panchayat elections, the financial crisis, disaster relief, and the growing resentment among pensioners. Yet it was the escalating controversy over BJP MLA Hansraj, involving allegations of harassment against women, that took the spotlight and unexpectedly slowed down the BJP's political offensive.
Held from 26–28 November, the session became defined more by heated exchanges than by policy discussion. What turned the tide was Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi and the ruling Congress's aggressive counterattack—turning the Hansraj case into a defensive shield while targeting the opposition with remarks that even touched the RSS. This rhetorical escalation completely changed the direction of the proceedings.
As the ruling and opposition benches clashed relentlessly—inside the Assembly and on the streets—substantive concerns such as disaster rehabilitation, the state's economic distress, and the demands of pensioners failed to receive focused debate. Issues did surface, but were drowned out by uproar, walkouts, and accusations.
These events revealed a rapidly intensifying political polarisation in the state. Both sides arrived armed with strategies for combat, but the interests of affected families and retirees took a backseat in the din of political posturing. A clear outcome emerges: in the months ahead, Himachal's political atmosphere is poised to tilt further towards confrontation and street mobilisation, pushing policy discourse to the margins.



From the very first day, tension dominated the Fourteenth Assembly's winter sitting. With 744 questions submitted, expectations were high for grounded discussions. But the Congress's opening salvo on the Hansraj case—and the immediate counterattack involving allegations against Minister Jagat Negi's son—set the session on an adversarial trajectory. The BJP attempted to frame this as a matter of governance ethics, while the Congress dismissed the pursuit as political vendetta.
Alongside, the prickliest clash centered around panchayat elections. The BJP accused the government of using disaster recovery as a pretext to delay elections due to fear of electoral losses. The government maintained that holding polls amidst widespread infrastructure damage would be impractical—and that any decision would stay within constitutional norms. Multiple adjournment motions under Rule 67 and walkouts transformed the issue into a test of political dominance.
The economy added yet another explosive layer. The BJP repeatedly charged the government with financial mismanagement, even hinting at a possible push for President's Rule—escalating tensions to a new peak.
Meanwhile, the political battle spilled over onto the streets. Employees and pensioners mounted massive demonstrations, while the Congress staged rallies accusing the Centre of withholding PDAS funds. It is rare for both major parties to be mobilising street protests simultaneously—reflecting a shift towards a more aggressive, agitation-driven political culture in Himachal.
The third day saw a particularly striking show of strength: thousands of pensioners gathered in Tapovan, bringing traffic to a halt and raising their 14-point charter of demands. The scale and intensity of this protest are likely to influence government decisions in the coming months.
Amid the turbulence, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu announced several relief measures, asserting that his government remains guided by constitutional values and a long-term development vision—not celebratory politics. Yet these announcements received limited attention as political confrontation continued to overshadow governance.
The winter session ended with ideological temperatures soaring higher than ever. As the Assembly adjourns, the Congress government faces two pressing challenges: navigating the upcoming panchayat elections and addressing the growing unrest among pensioners.
The political message from Dharamshala is clear—confrontation has become the new normal, and governance risks turning into collateral damage.

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ZEST 2025: Athletic meet commences at Doraha Public School

DORAHA (AMRISH ANAND): The 16th two-day Annual Athletic Meet Zest 2025 began with great enthusiasm at Doraha Public School. Chief guest Brigadier Satinder Singh (Retd.) inaugurated the event and motivated students to embrace sportsmanship. Students from Classes 1st to 6th showcased their skills in various athletic competitions.March-past, drills, dance performances and a special bhangra presentation by International bhangra coach Anish Bhanot added colour to the event. Chairman Sukhpal Singh, Chairperson Umal Kaur, President Supreet Kaur, Directors Tapveer Singh and Japveer Singh, and Principal Monika Sarwal were also present.On the first day, Partapveer Singh, Pawanjot Kaur, Ridhima and Vishnu Mishra were named Best Athletes.



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Hindu group delegation meets DGP Rai



BAHADURJEET SINGH

RUPNAGAR: Deputation of Punjabi Hindu Group Meets DGP traffic and road safety A S Rai, Submits Comprehensive Memorandum Urging Verification of Unidentified Persons in Punjab. A high-level deputation from the Punjabi Hindu Group (Hindu Welfare Board), led by its Chairperson, Mahant Ravi Kant Muni, met A S Rai, at the Punjab Police Headquarters. The delegation submitted a detailed memorandum highlighting critical concerns regarding security, law and order, and the urgent need for a massive, time-bound verification drive targeting unidentified residents, migrant workers, and suspected foreign infiltrators across the state. Zonal Incharge of the group Faridkot Shri Rinku Dev Ji and Co-Incharge Shri Sukhdev Sharma said that the memorandum clearly articulated the rising threat perception in Punjab, a sensitive border state that has historically faced challenges of terrorism and instability.

Fancy dress competition organized at Baba Gandha Singh Public School, Mehal Kalan



BALWINDER AZAD

BARNALA DEHTI: A colourful Fancy Dress Competition was organized at the renowned educational institution Baba Gandha Singh Public School, Mehal Kalan. Students from Nursery to Class II enthusiastically participated in the event. Children showcased their talents by dressing up in creative and vibrant costumes, making the event lively and joyful. The school principal presented gifts to the students who secured positions in the competition, while all participating students were honoured with medals to encourage their efforts. Students from senior classes also presented various performances, which were highly appreciated by the dignitaries present at the event.
In his concluding address, the school principal Dr. Himanshu Dutt encouraged the children, congratulated everyone, and wished the young participants a bright future. He also extended heartfelt thanks to all the guests who attended the programme.

Government MR school organizes free medical check-up camp



SHARANJEET

PATHANKOT: A free medical checkup camp was organized at Government MR School Anandpur Pathankot under the leadership of Principal Babita Sharma and with the support of Deputy DEO Duryodhan Gurdial and Dr. Mandeep. In which Dr. Pankaj Sharma was specially present and he checked up 50 mentally retarded and disabled children, gave them free medicines and motivated them to eat clean and nutritious food. He said that children should avoid eating junk food and outside food. He interacted with the parents of the children and made them aware of many important things. Savita madam and the school staff were present on this occasion.

Punjab slipping back into dark days: : Dr. Joginder Salaria's warning



VERMA

GURDASPUR: Dr. Joginder Singh Salaria, founder of PCT Humanity, has sounded a grave alarm over a recent spate of incidents including shootings, murders, rapes and bomb blasts that he says are pushing Punjab back toward a "dark period." According to him, the situation of law and order in the state has become extremely worrying. Recent gang-culture, crimes against women and recent bombings are derailing Punjab's path of development. He criticised the state ruling party for harassing citizens through arbitrary policies, wasting crores on publicity (money that was taxpayer's) instead of channeling it into needed development. Dr. Salaria also attacked the local leadership of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Punjab, saying that unlike in some other states, it has failed to become a strong opposition and build grassroots support. He alleged that "parachute leaders" (outside newcomers) have been promoted over active ground-level workers, who are widely ignored by people. He appealed to the central BJP leadership to bring forward ground-level, active leaders to strengthen the party's roots so that people can properly access central government schemes, and also find relief from the "autocratic" policies of the state government.

Six MRSAFPI cadets graduate from NDA

SUMER GARG
CHANDIGARH, NOV 30



Six cadets from Maharaja Ranjit Singh Armed Forces Preparatory Institute (MRSAFPI), SAS Nagar (Mohali), graduated from National Defence Academy (NDA) Khadakwasla, Pune. The Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi, PVSM, AVSM, NM, reviewed the passing out parade, marking a proud moment for the young officers as they began their careers in the Indian Armed Forces.

After three years of rigorous training, the six cadets, Gurkaran Singh, Mohali; Harmanveer Singh, Sri Muktsar Sahib; Arjun Singh Toor, Ludhiana; Rhythm Mahajan, Pathankot; Akshansh Aggarwal, Sri Fatehgarh Sahib and Gurjyot Singh, Sangrur are set to join service training academies, paving their way to become commissioned officers in a year. Notably, these cadets underwent training at MRSAFPI during the COVID-19 pandemic. Punjab employment generation, skill development & training minister Mr Aman Arora extended his heartiest congratulations to the cadets, exhorting them to work harder and bring pride to the state. He expressed happiness over Maharaja Ranjit Singh AFPI's commendable results, acknowledging the institute's efforts in shaping these young officers. Major General Ajay H. Chauhan, VSM (Retd), director of MRSAFPI, congratulated the cadets, stating that 15 cadets are awaiting call-up letters to join NDA and other training academies for courses commencing in December 2025, and 47 cadets will soon be proceeding for their Service Selection Board (SSBs) Interviews. He said AFPIANs' achievements bring pride to MRSAFPI and Punjab. Admissions for the new course at MRSAFPI are open till December 15, 2025.

First installment of Rs 1,20,81,000 released under Rangla Punjab scheme: Raman Behal



VERMA
GURDASPUR, NOV 30

Punjab's Chief Minister Sardar Bhagwant Singh Mann has launched the Rangla Punjab Scheme to accelerate development works across the state.

The government's top priority is to make Punjab developed, clean, and corruption-free.

This scheme will significantly strengthen the improvement of village infrastructure and public welfare activities, ensuring that the wave of development reaches every village.

Today, senior Aam Aadmi Party leader and in-charge of the Gurdaspur constituency Raman Behal distributed cheques worth Rs 1,20,81,000, released as the first installment under the Rangla Punjab Scheme, to the sarpanches of 26 villages for various development projects.

Raman Behal expressed heartfelt gratitude to Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann for releasing the first installment for the Gurdaspur constituency.

He stated that comprehensive development work is continuously progressing in the Gurdaspur region and people's issues are being resolved on a priority basis.

On this occasion, Anti-Drug Constituency Coordinator Neeraj Salhotra, Advocate Sucha Singh Multani, Hani Behal, and Pawan Kumar were also present.

Anil enclave organises first grand Shri Khatu Shyam Ji Jagran in collaboration with Cat builder



BARNALA DEHTI (BALWINDER AZAD): Anil Enclave, located on Sekha Road, organised its first grand Shri Khatu Shyam Ji Jagran with full devotion and enthusiasm, in collaboration with Cat Builder. The event was held to celebrate the laying of the foundation stones of 21 new houses. A large number of devotees participated and offered their prayers.

During the event, the flag-hoisting ceremony was performed by Bobby Ji, Sanjeev Kumar, Rajinder Kumar, and Manager Sanju Garg.

The Jyoti Prachand ritual was conducted by Amit Kumar, while the Puja ceremony was performed by the family of Keval Krishan Singla.

Several prominent personalities graced the occasion, including yBarnala Deputy Commissioner T. Banith, President of Barnala District Congress and sitting MLA Kuldeep Singh Kala Dhillon, senior Congress leader Jasmail Singh Derriwala, Punjab Youth Congress General Secretary Jimmy Garg, Vikas Jindal, Councillor Rani Kaur, and Shubham Sharma Soobhi, among other distinguished guests from the region. All offered prayers at the divine court of Shri Khatu Shyam Ji and sang praises of the deity.

ASMITA women's kickboxing matches held at DAV School Jagraon

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, NOV 30



Under the "Khelo India" league, more than 300 female players arrived at DAV Jagraon to participate in the Asmita Women's Kickboxing Matches. Principal Dr. Ved Vrat Plaha of DAV Centenary Public School informed that the Sports Authority of India organized the Khelo India - 83rd Asmita Women's Kickboxing League on 29 November 2025 at the school, where around 300 players from various districts of Punjab took part in different weight categories.

The event was inaugurated by LMC member Raj Kumar Bhalla and Principal Dr. Ved Vrat Plaha by lighting the ceremonial lamp. Giving detailed information about this, Plaha said that in today's competition, the players showcased remarkable talent and secured first, second, and third positions, bringing pride to their respective districts. "In the Younger Candidate 28 kg category, Bhavika from Hoshiarpur won the gold medal, Rajwant Kaur from Faridkot won silver, and Avneet Kaur from Patiala along with Ravneet Kaur from Ludhiana secured bronze. In the 32 kg category, Hema from Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar won gold, Palkpreet Kaur from Faridkot won silver, while Sumitra and Payal from Faridkot won bronze," he added. Principal further said that in the 37 kg category, Alka from Faridkot won gold, Mannatpreet Kaur from Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar won silver, and Avalnoor Kaur from Ludhiana with Arpanjot Kaur from Sangrur won bronze. "In the 42 kg category, Randeep Kaur from Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar secured gold, Baani Bhagat from Ludhiana won silver, and Garima Sharma from Hoshiarpur along with Kritika from Faridkot won bronze.

In the 47 kg category, Suchitra Singh from Ludhiana won gold, Sargun Kaur from Patiala won silver, and Ramandeep Kaur with Harmeen Kaur from Faridkot won bronze," he mentioned. Principal also stated that in the +47 kg category, Karvi Sachdeva from Ludhiana claimed gold, Jaisnani from Ludhiana won silver, while Manvi and Rushnoorpreet Kaur from Faridkot secured bronze.

Police nabs 74 drug smugglers with 1.5kg heroin, Rs 4.5 lakh drug money

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, NOV 30

Continuing the war against drugs "Yudh Nashian Virudh" waged by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann to eradicate drug menace from state consecutively for the 274th day, Punjab Police conducted raids at 278 locations on Sunday leading to the arrest of 74 drug smugglers after registration of 59 first information reports (FIRs) across the state.
With this, the number of total drug smugglers arrested has reached to 38,634 in 274 days.

The raids have resulted in recovery of 1.5 kg heroin, 1.6 kg Ganja, 25 kg poppy husk, 349 intoxicant pills and Rs 4.59 lakhs 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 58 gazetted officers have conducted 278 raids across the state.

Police teams have also checked as many as 308 suspicious persons during the day-long operation.

The state government has enforced a three-pronged strategy— Enforcement, Deaddiction and Prevention (EDP)— to eradicate drugs from the state, the Punjab Police as part of 'De-addiction' has convinced 39 persons to undergo de-addiction and rehabilitation treatment today.

Teacher from Sanmati School honoured with "Pride of Teacher" award



JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): Sanmati Vimal Jain Senior Secondary School achieved yet another success as school teacher Sarita Aggarwal, was honoured with the "Pride of Teacher" Award. Giving more details about this, school principal Supriya Khurana said that Sarita Aggarwal, a Hindi teacher at the school who has been serving the school for the last 25 years, was honoured today with this award at Chandigarh University by the Federation of Private Schools and Associations of Punjab for her exemplary service. "The award was presented by FAP President Dr. Jagjit Singh Dhuri, Chandigarh University Chancellor Dr. Satnam Singh Sandhu, and Amarpal Singh, Chairman of the Punjab School Education Board," she added. Teacher Sarita Aggarwal expressed her gratitude to the Federation of Private Schools and Associations of Punjab, as well as to the management of Sanmati Vimal Jain School Jagraon-President Ramesh Jain, Secretary Mahavir Jain, Vice President Kanta Singla, Manager Rakesh Jain-along with Principal Supriya Khurana, the staff.

BSP Chabbewal unit holds meeting to prepare for dist council and committee polls



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, NOV 30

The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) in the Chabewal constituency recently conducted a significant meeting of its office bearers and activists, chaired by Yuva Bhatti. Advocate Palwinder Mana, the in-charge of the district and Chabewal constituency, attended as the special guest.The session focused on in-depth discussions regarding the upcoming elections for the District Council and Block Committee. Party leaders deliberated on the election framework and formulated strategic plans.Advocate Mana and Yuva Bhatti emphasized the party's commitment to contest the elections robustly in Chabewal, aiming to increase their seat tally. They recalled that in the previous elections, BSP secured five seats from this constituency.

Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadaur organizes face-to-face program with english writer Jaswinder Dharamkot

BALWINDER AZAD
BHADAUR, NOV 30



Miri Piri Khalsa College Bhadaur, a renowned educational institution of the area, which is functioning under the management of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee Sri Amritsar Sahib.

This institution is recognized by Punjabi University Patiala and All India Council for Technical Education (New Delhi). Under the able leadership of Prin. Malvinder Singh and with the support of the English Department, a face-to-face program was organized with English storyteller, writer, poet and translator Jaswinder Dharamkot. Giving information, the Head of the English Department Dr. Vandana Sukhija said that this program was organized by the IQAC and English Department of the institution. In which Jaswinder Dharamkot shared the intricacies of English literature from his personal experiences with the staff and students in a very good way. Speaking about his life experience, he said that when a writer writes literature, he presents the society according to his own perspective. His experience is so vast that he explores the deep layers of society.

Which are hidden in the society. Apart from this, while answering the questions asked by the students, he gave detailed information about Western literature and Eastern literature.

PPS sweeps All India IPSC equestrian championship 2025



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, NOV 30

The All India IPSC Equestrian Championship concluded with a spectacular finale on Day 4, as The Punjab Public School, Nabha reaffirmed its equestrian supremacy with a series of remarkable performances. The event, which witnessed impressive participation from leading IPSC schools, saw PPS riders excel with grit, precision and competitive brilliance. In the GP Junior (Normal Show Jumping) category, PPS rider Dhanveer Singh dominated the arena, clinching the top position with a perfect score of 6 points. He was followed by strong contenders from DPS RK Puram, MNSS, MSD and PPS. Adding to the host school's glory, Kanwar Jaideep Singh Brar and Birkunwar Singh secured 5th and 6th positions respectively, contributing significantly to the team's tally. PPS emerged Overall Team Champion in this category with 10 points, ahead of MNSS. The excitement reached its peak in the Six Bar event, where PPS achieved a rare double victory.

SGGSWU World university gatka team secures second position at national competitions

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, NOV 30



National Gatka Competitions were organised by the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) at Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Khalsa College, Sri Anandpur Sahib, in commemoration of the 350th Martyrdom Anniversary of the Ninth Guru, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji. Participation was received from Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, and various educational institutions functioning under the SGPC.

In these competitions, the Gatka team of Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University secured the second position, and the performance of the team was widely appreciated. The success of the students was acknowledged at the University level as well. Their achievement was regarded by Prof. (Dr.) Prit Pal Singh, Vice-Chancellor, as a reflection of the University's emphasis on discipline, cultural identity, and holistic development rooted in the teachings of the Gurus. It was noted that the dedication and spirit shown by the team aligned with the values the institution seeks to nurture.

The efforts of the team were also recognised by Prof. (Dr.) Sukhwinder Singh Billing, Dean Academic Affairs, who viewed their performance as an encouraging demonstration of commitment, teamwork.

Sohan Singh Thandal appointed National GS of SAD (Badal)



HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): Shiromani Akali Dal Badal National President Sukhbir Singh Badal has appointed former Cabinet Minister Sohan Singh Thandal as the party's National General Secretary.

In a conversation with journalists, the newly appointed National General Secretary Sohan Singh Thandal said that he will strive to fulfill the responsibilities entrusted to him by SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal with complete dedication and sincerity. He also mentioned that he has previously served the party as Senior Vice President and as a Member of the Core Committee.

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Jeevan Singh Thakur elected president of Headmasters & Principals Association, Mandi distt

ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR: The biennial elections (2026–2028) of the Himachal Pradesh Headmasters and Principals Cadre Association, Mandi district, were held on Sunday at Hotel Aashiana Regency near Dhanotu in Sundernagar. The meeting began with former treasurer Yogesh Kumar presenting the income and expenditure report for 2022–2025, which was unanimously approved by the House. Following this, outgoing district president Naresh Mahajan, general secretary Mamta Chaudhary, treasurer Yogesh Kumar, joint treasurer Nanak Chand and headmaster Gopal honoured five retired principals and three retired headmasters along with their families. After dissolving the 2022–2025 district executive, outgoing president Mahajan requested the election observers from Kullu to conduct the new district elections.

NEWS BRIEF

PM's 'Mann Ki Baat' programme listened to with reverence and enthusiasm in Gagret



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: The 128th edition of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popular radio program "Mann Ki Baat" was listened to with great enthusiasm and dedication in the Gagret assembly constituency on Sunday. Held at booth number 13, Dangoh Khas, the program was attended by a large number of area workers, supporters, and office bearers at the residence of local booth president Davinder Singh. Former MLA and BJYM State Vice President Chaitanya Sharma said that the Prime Minister's "Mann Ki Baat" program continuously inspires society towards nation building, positive thinking, public participation, and the power of discipline.

Admin extends limited traffic window on Manali-Leh Highway up to Zingzing Bar

AGENCY
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Revising its earlier winter travel restrictions, the Lahaul and Spiti district administration has allowed regulated vehicular movement on the Manali–Leh National Highway up to the Zingzing Bar–Sarchu stretch until December 7.

The decision follows a comprehensive review conducted by Deputy Commissioner and District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) Chairperson Kiran Bhadana with senior officials from Leh, BRO authorities, and the police. The section beyond Zingzing Bar toward Sarchu had been declared closed on November 20 owing to rapidly deteriorating weather and safety concerns. However, during a virtual meeting recently, officials examined updated ground reports, weather projections, and BRO's latest assessment. With conditions showing improvement, the administration has now issued fresh permission for controlled movement on this high-altitude corridor. As per the order released from the DC Office, Keylong, vehicles will be permitted to travel in both directions between Zingzing Bar and Sarchu strictly between 9 am and 3 pm until December 7. Authorities have underlined that these time restrictions are mandatory, noting that early sunsets, the formation of black ice, and sudden atmospheric shifts make movement outside the permitted window extremely hazardous. The police have been tasked with monitoring and regulating traffic flow in accordance with real-time weather and road conditions. Motorists or bikers have been advised to mind road driving or remain alert to administration advisories, carry adequate winter supplies, and follow all safety directives while navigating the route. Officials have issued a particular caution for motorcyclists, warning that thin, hard-to-detect icy patches could prove fatal if riders misjudge turns or speeds. The administration reiterated that high-altitude winter conditions remain unpredictable and that road access beyond December 7 would depend entirely on subsequent weather behaviour.

Vinay Kumar takes charge as new Himachal Cong President, signals organizational revival

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, NOV 30



A new phase has begun in the Himachal Pradesh Congress as Vinay Kumar formally assumed charge as the new President of the Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee (HPCC) at a ceremony held at Rajiv Bhavan, Shimla. Senior leaders, ministers, and a large number of party workers attended the event and extended warm wishes, expressing hope for organizational revival. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said Vinay Kumar, a three-time MLA connected deeply with the party's core ideology, comes from the Scheduled Caste community, which will strengthen social representation within the organization. He expressed confidence that under his leadership, Congress will move ahead unitedly and pave the way for a return to power. He said the combination of senior leaders' experience and youth energy will drive the party forward. Himachal Congress in-charge Rajni Patil said Vinay Kumar's appointment will give new direction to the party. She informed that the process of appointing district presidents will be completed soon and that the Congress is building a strong team under the organization restructuring campaign to face upcoming political challenges. Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri called Vinay Kumar's elevation the beginning of a new chapter. He said the leader from Renuka Ji—constituency of the state's first Chief Minister—will continue its proud political legacy. He added that the decision came after extensive deliberation and expressed confidence that restructuring will be completed soon. Former HPCC President Pratibha Singh congratulated Vinay Kumar and stressed that strengthening the organization is crucial for electoral success. She clarified that delays in restructuring were due to decisions pending with the high command and expressed hope for better coordination between the government and the organization.

Former BJP MLA Kamlesh Kumari listens to PM Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' with workers in Kadohta-2



ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR: Former Bhota legislator and BJP Mahila Morcha State General Secretary Kamlesh Kumari listened to Episode 128 of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' along with BJP workers at Booth No. 88 (Kadohta-2) in the Bhoranj Assembly constituency. BJP OBC Morcha State Spokesperson Purushottam Lal Sharma was also present as the key attendee. During the interaction, Kamlesh Kumari accused the Congress government in Himachal Pradesh of being anti-women. She alleged that Congress leaders intentionally transferred women employees to far-flung areas, forcing them to approach courts for justice. She said that women listed under the BPL category receive several welfare benefits from the Centre and the state governments to help them become self-reliant. However, according to the new BPL survey guidelines, nearly 90% of poor families have been removed from the list — a move that has caused maximum harm to women.

HP Shiva project a game-changer for horticulture sector: Jagat Singh Negi



SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: A high-level review meeting on the progress of the HP Shiva Project was held yesterday in the meeting hall of the Deputy Commissioner's office in Dharamshala, chaired by the Honorable Horticulture and Revenue Minister, Jagat Singh Negi. The meeting was attended by the Secretary of Horticulture, Director of Horticulture, Engineer-in-Chief of the Jal Shakti Department, Project Director, Joint Director, Chief Engineer, senior officials from the Horticulture and Jal Shakti Departments, along with related contractors. The Minister stated that the HP Shiva Project will prove to be a game-changer for the state's horticulture sector. Our goal is to increase farmers' production capacity manifold by providing them with modern irrigation facilities. Laxity at any level will not be tolerated. He urged all departments and contractors involved in the project to prioritize transparency, quality, and timeliness. He urged field teams to conduct regular monitoring, increase communication with farmers, and ensure that project benefits reach farmers directly.

Ensure speed, quality & transparency in every project: Abhishek Jain

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, NOV 30



In a significant push toward strengthening grassroots development, Finance, Planning, Economics & Statistics, 20-Point Programme Secretary Dr. Abhishek Jain conducted a comprehensive review over the development works being implemented under the Decentralized Planning Programme at the Savings Building late Saturday evening. During the meeting, Dr. Jain emphasized that timely, transparent, and result-oriented execution of schemes is a top priority of the state government. He directed all departments to remove bottlenecks, accelerate the pace of ongoing works, and ensure that every project is completed within the stipulated timeframe without compromising quality. Reviewing the physical and financial progress of various approved works, Dr. Jain carefully assessed the hurdles affecting implementation. He instructed executing agencies to intensify field monitoring, improve coordination, and strictly follow departmental guidelines. Any negligence or avoidable delay in development works, he warned, will be taken seriously. He stated that schemes under the Decentralized Planning Programme are crucial in strengthening local infrastructure, improving service delivery, and ensuring equitable development at the grassroots level. Timely completion of these projects, he added, is essential for communities to receive the maximum intended benefits.

Dr. Jain also stressed the importance of maintaining complete transparency, proper documentation, and submission of periodic progress reports to the Planning Department. He encouraged departments to proactively address challenges and adopt a problem-solving approach to ensure seamless implementation. Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar, Additional Deputy Commissioner Om Kant Thakur, and senior officials from multiple departments were present and shared updates on their respective works. Officials assured the Secretary that efforts would be redoubled to meet deadlines and deliver high-quality outcomes, reinforcing the administration's commitment to accelerated and impactful development across Bilaspur district.

District Mandi elects new body of Himachal Pradesh Headmasters and Principals Association



ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR: The biennial elections (2026–2028) of the Himachal Pradesh Headmasters and Principals Association, District Mandi, were held today at Hotel Ashiyana Regency near Dhanotu, Sundernagar. The proceedings began with former finance secretary Yogesh Kumar presenting the income-expenditure statement of 2022–2025 before the House, which was unanimously approved. Former district president Naresh Mahajan, general secretary Mamta Chaudhary, finance secretary Yogesh Kumar, assistant finance secretary Nanak Chand and headmaster Gopal then honoured five retired principals and three retired headmasters along with their families.Following this, district president Naresh Mahajan formally dissolved the 2022–2025 district executive body and requested the election observers from Kullu to conduct the new district elections. Senior vice president of District Kullu Sher Singh and district general secretary Rajesh Bauddh acted as observers for the election process. In the election held thereafter, Jivan Singh Thakur, headmaster of Government High School Thwari, was unanimously elected as district president.

Barmana Water Sports Centre shines as Himachal girls deliver stellar performance at national championships

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, NOV 30



Rowing Team of Himachal Pradesh has once again proven its performance in the game as the girls of Barmana Water Sports Centre rocked at the 8th Inter-State and 45th Junior National Rowing Championships held in Bhopal. Their stellar achievements have brought pride to the state and further strengthened Himachal's position as an emerging powerhouse in rowing and water sports.

Displaying grit, determination, and exceptional technique, Ekampreet Kaur clinched the bronze medal in the Senior Women's Single Scull (1x) category, showcasing her mental and physical strength on the national platform.

In a remarkable display of unity and synchronization, the team of Adhrashana, Navya (Kinnaur), Sakshi Devi, and Shreya Chandel (Bilaspur) secured the silver medal in the Senior Women's Coxless Four (4-) event, earning widespread appreciation for their impressive coordination and endurance. Adding to the state's proud moment, the duo of Priyata (Bilaspur) and Namrata (Kinnaur) finished a commendable fourth in the Senior Women's Pair (2-) event, facing tough competition from across the country. Athletes formerly trained at Barmana and now honing their skills at NCOE Alleppey also delivered exceptional performances. Neha (Kullu) won the silver medal in Single Scull (1x), while Palak Joktta (Rampur) secured fourth place in the same category, adding yet another feather to Himachal's cap. Coach Sanjeev Singh lauded the athletes' unwavering discipline and dedication, calling their achievements "a reflection of the centre's rising excellence and professional training ecosystem." SAI STC Bilaspur and SAI Extension Water Sports Centre Barmana in-charge Vijay Negi congratulated the athletes, saying, "These daughters of Himachal are scripting a new chapter in water sports.

Free ration distributed to 68 widows under Himotkarsh Amodini Project in Una

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, NOV 30



Under the Amodini project of Himotkarsh Parishad, a free ration distribution programme was organised on Sunday at Bachat Bhawan in Una for deserving and hardworking widows. Former MLA O.P. Rattan attended the event as the chief guest, while retired Additional Secretary of the State School Education Board, Yashpal Thakur, presided over the function. Social worker Rajpal Rattan was present as a special guest. The programme commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by Vande Mataram presented by members of the Himotkarsh Mahila Manch. Addressing the gathering, chief guest O.P. Rattan said that financially able individuals must come forward to help the needy, ensuring equal opportunities for every section of society to progress. He appreciated the Himotkarsh organisation for its long-standing contribution to social welfare and recalled the inspiring vision of its founder, late Kanwar Hari Singh. He emphasised the importance of higher and vocational education for women to become self-reliant and support both their families and society. Senior member of Himotkarsh Parishad, Anupa Thakur, welcomed the guests and highlighted the organisation's activities. She informed that the Amodini ration distribution programme has been running since 2013, with women being selected annually. So far, over 700 women have been supported with ration and other assistance amounting to more than Rs. 55 lakh through the cooperation of generous donors. This year, 68 women have been selected for the initiative. She also shared information about other social welfare activities of the Parishad, including the Women Training Institute offering cutting, tailoring, fashion designing and hobby courses, an ambulance service in Una at affordable charges, scholarships and fee assistance for students, and medical help for needy patients.

Justice Vivek Singh Thakur urges youth to abstain from drugs

BALKRISHAN PRASHAR
CHAMBA, NOV 30



A mega legal literacy camp was organized at the historic Chowgan of Chamba, the district headquarters under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and the Himachal Pradesh State Legal Services Authority (HPSLSA) today. The camp was inaugurated with the lighting of lamps followed by national song Vande Mataram by girl students. Himachal Pradesh High Court Judge and Executive Chairman of the State Legal Services Authority, Vivek Singh Thakur was the chief guest on this occasion.

Important information was provided at the camp regarding legal aspects related to the resolution of a drug-free society – India, environmental protection and planetary protection, and disaster-affected rehabilitation. The panchayat representatives, Anganwadi workers, Asha workers, women associated with self-help groups, teachers and students from educational institutions, and a large number of other people were also present at the event. On th occasion, the chief guest stated that anyone striving for a drug-free society and environmental protection is a true patriot. He added that the deteriorating environmental balance has led to unexpected disasters in recent years. He emphasized that every citizen needs to make personal efforts toward environmental protection and a drug-free society, only then can the future generation be saved from the clutches of addiction.

Historic public uprising against 3 years of misgovernance on December 4 in Dharamshala: Dr. Rajiv Bindal

DINESH AGARWAL
SOLAN, NOV 30



BJP State President Dr. Rajeev Bindal said that on December 4, 2025, a massive and historic public demonstration will be held at Zorawar Singh Stadium in Dharamshala against the three years of misgovernance, administrative collapse and false promises of the Congress government. This protest will reflect the anguish of the people of Himachal Pradesh and will mark the beginning of the movement to change the present government.

Dr. Bindal said that the Congress came to power in 2022 on the basis of false guarantees, but in the last three years it has only deceived the people. Today, the youth are unemployed, women have been cheated, inflation is at its peak and mafia rule is flourishing across the state. The people are completely disillusioned with the present government and have now firmly decided to replace it. He alleged that the government has betrayed the unemployed youth. By imposing restrictions on regular government jobs, a new "Mitra" system has been introduced, offering honorariums of ?4000 and ?5000, which is nothing but an injustice to the future of the youth. On December 4, the loudest voice against this injustice will come from the youth themselves.

Dr. Bindal said that the so-called guarantee of Rs. 1500 to 28 lakh women has proved to be nothing but a betrayal. The promise of providing 300 units of free electricity was made, but instead electricity rates were increased. The promise of free bus travel for women was also broken, and even the earlier 50 percent concession on fares was withdrawn. Water tariffs, ration prices and the cost of daily essentials have been increased, and new taxes have been imposed, putting an unbearable financial burden on the common man.

Delegation from Nachan Assembly Constituency meets CM



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: A delegation from the Nachan Assembly Constituency of Mandi district, led by the newly appointed Chairman of the Himachal Pradesh Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation, Lal Singh Kaushal, met Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu here today. The members of the delegation expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister for appointing Lal Singh Kaushal as the Chairman of the Himachal Pradesh Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation.

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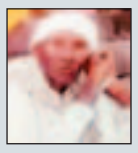
Sports stadium in Sadhaura lacks in basic facilities poses problems to sportsperson

PRITI SAINI
SADHAURA: The sports stadium which falls under the jurisdiction of the Sadhaura Municipality, lacks in basic facilities for athletes practicing there. While the stadium lacks cleanliness besides toilets for athletes have been locked for a long time. There are no separate toilets for girls and there are no night guards to maintain the stadium. Previously, the issue of drug addicts frequenting the stadium and the presence of discarded drug paraphernalia has become a hot topic. Now, the locking of the toilets for athletes who come to practice at the stadium is also become a topic of discussion. Players say they come here every morning and evening to practice, and sometimes even to play but the locked toilets and the lack of drinking water cause them problems. The athletes have demanded that the administration ensure basic amenities at the stadium. Social worker Sandeep Jain lodged a complaint regarding this to the municipality. He said that for the children who come to play in the sports stadium, there should be separate toilets and drinking water facilities for boys and girls, there should also be a guard in the stadium at night.

NEWS BRIEF

Police register case of missing elderly man from Naurata village

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: A case of disappearance of an old man was reported in village Naurata. According to the information received, Ashok Kumar, a resident of village Naurata, told in the complaint given to the police that his grandfather Ramlal had gone to village Bibipur Jatan on Saturday morning for some work but did not return home after that. The family members searched among all the relatives and acquaintances but could not find any trace of Ramlal. On receiving the information, the police registered a case and started investigation. Head Constable Jitendra Kumar said that Ashok Kumar, a resident of village Naurata, complained that his grandfather Ramlal was missing since Saturday morning. The police have registered a case and started action. The police was investigating the matter thoroughly from all aspects.



Lions Club Banga Simran holds monthly meeting: Meenu Bhutta



MANJINDER SINGH
BANGA: Lions Club Banga Simran held its monthly meeting at JJ Hunger Plaza under the leadership of Charter President Lion Lady Meenu Bhutta. Key reports on projects, finances, and media activities were presented. Special guest Mr. Mohit Dhal shared investment insights and applied for club membership along with his wife. New responsibilities were given to Harnek Singh Dosanjh (Vice President) and Sharandeep Dosanjh (Membership Chairman). President Meenu Bhutta thanked all members and announced upcoming service projects. On this occasion all the members of lion club Banga Simran were present.

Some Bharatiya people don't know our own languages: RSS chief Bhagwat

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RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday expressed concern over the declining use of Indian languages and mother tongues, saying the situation has reached a point where "some Bharatiya people do not know our own languages". Speaking at a book release event in Nagpur, Bhagwat appealed to society to introspect on the erosion of linguistic heritage. "There was a time when entire communication, sharing, daily business was in Sanskrit. Now, some American professor teaches us Sanskrit, when in reality we should have been teaching it to the world. Many children today do not know some very basic and simple words and often speak at home in a mix of their mother tongue and English," he said. "The situation has reached a point where some Bharatiya people do not know our own Indian languages," the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief said. He maintained that English-medium education was not to blame, but the reluctance to speak Indian languages at home was aggravating the situation. "If we speak our language properly in our home, things would be better. But we do not do it," he said. Even seers now reach out in English, which is understandable, but still indicative of changing linguistic preferences, Bhagwat noted. Referring to Sant Dnyaneshwar, he said the saint brought the knowledge of the Bhagavad Gita into Marathi for a better understanding of society.

"Now the problem is that there are not enough words in the English language that capture the essence and depth of the thoughts or concepts expressed in our languages. A single word used by Dnyaneshwar often requires multiple English words without fully conveying the intended meaning," he said. Citing an example, he pointed to Kalpavruksha, the wish-fulfilling tree from mythology in Indian tradition. "How will you translate Kalpavruksha in English?" Bhagwat asked, stressing the limitations of translating culturally rich concepts into a foreign language. He said such examples highlight why Indian languages must be preserved and strengthened. Bhagwat further said that Indian philosophical traditions emphasise unity despite physical differences. "Where there is faith, we all are an expression of the one," he said, recalling how a seer once told foreign visitors that debating whether there is one God or many was unnecessary since the existence of the divine itself was central.

'Mann Ki Baat' is powerful medium for change, awareness and public participation: MLA



RANVIR PARASHAR
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A mass listening session for 128th episode of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popular program "Mann Ki Baat" was held enthusiastically in village Barsana (Bhana Patti Chaupal) in Pundri Assembly constituency. A large number of people from various sections of the village—women, youth, senior citizens, and activists—participated, making program a success. MLA Satpal Jamba said that "Mann Ki Baat" is not just a program, but a powerful medium for change, awareness and public participation. It inspires us all to understand and play our role in nation-building. Special mention of Kurukshetra by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Sunday's episode is a matter of pride for people of Haryana. Newly constructed Panchjanya Memorial in Jyotisar gives a new direction to our cultural identity, heritage, and spiritual heritage. This is an invaluable gift for future generations. His focus on Kurukshetra further elevates Haryana's prestige and recognition at national level. It is our duty to preserve this heritage and ensure that more and more people come and experience it. MLA further said that this collective participation of people of Barsana village is truly inspiring. Society progresses only when every section stands together. Program coordinator Rajesh Barsana, Saroj Devi, Nidhi Mohan, Narendra Bakal (Sarpanch), Vijay Kumar (Sarpanch), Om Prakash, Balkar Karoda, Hardev Singh, Manoj Thakur, Rajendra Kumar, Nayab Singh, Karan Samra, Poonam Turan, Pawan Barsana, Balbir Saini, Kamal Saini, Balbir Golan, other workers and villagers were present.

District-level Gita Jayanti festivities begin with Saraswati Vandana in Pehowa



YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA, NOV 30

The district-level Gita Jayanti celebrations commenced on Saturday at the bank of the Saraswati Tirth with Saraswati Vandana marking the inauguration of the cultural events. Haryana Gita is not only a revered scripture but also a guide to living life, said officials during the event. They noted that solutions to every question and challenge in life can be found in the teachings of the Gita. Zila Parishad Chairperson Kanwaljit Kaur inaugurated the celebrations as the chief guest. She lit the ceremonial lamp before the idol of Maa Saraswati and addressed the gathering. Prior to this, a havan was performed, in which dignitaries from the town offered ahutis with devotion. The stage was conducted by Umakant Shastri. Extending congratulations to the sub-divisional administration for the successful start of the three-day event, Kaur said that such celebrations help especially the youth connect with the values and ideals of the Gita. She also encouraged and appreciated the school students for their cultural performances. She added that the International Gita Jayanti Mahotsav has earned recognition worldwide, and the enthusiastic participation witnessed at the sub-divisional ceremony reflects the growing interest among people in preserving the spiritual and cultural significance of the Gita.

Culture is very important for a dignified life: Sheetal



NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: Mother Father Puja Day was celebrated with great pomp in Janta Public School, Alahar. The program was inaugurated by Jai Hind Public School Ladwa Chairman Kuldeep Panjeta and social worker Sheetal Sharma by lighting the lamp. School Chairman Mukesh Shastri presided over the function. School patron Kamala Devi was especially present in the program. On this occasion, children displayed their talent by presenting colorful and cultural programs. The winners were honored with prizes. Kuldeep Panjeta and Sheetal Sharma said that Janta Public School has been established as an ideal school. Along with education, the school is also imparting values to the children. In today's time, if there is one thing that is missing most among children, it is values. Without values, life is meaningless. Manners are very important for a dignified life. Culture decides the future of the child. During this, children also gave a presentation on social evils.

Three-day National Pharmacy Week concludes from young mind to life-long strength



NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: The three-day National Pharmacy Week ongoing at Global Research Institute of Pharmacy Nachraun concluded with a positive note. Its theme was Pharmacists as Advocates of Vaccination. The main objective of the program was to highlight the essential role of pharmacists in healthcare. During this, the importance of vaccines in preventing life-threatening diseases, the responsibility of pharmacists in strengthening the vaccination campaign and the need to dispel common myths through scientific information were discussed in detail. The students were inspired to become strong ambassadors of vaccination and public health in the future. During this, enthusiastic participation of students was seen in Poster Making, Slogan Making, First-Aid Box Making, Debate on Medication Safety, Game Stalls, Best Out of Waste, Speaking Competition titled Pharmacists in Folks and Musical Chairs. A Food for Thought fireless cooking activity was also conducted, in which students prepared clean and nutritious fireless dishes, reinforcing the importance of a balanced diet and safe food practices.

Fourth state conference of Punjab and Chandigarh Journalists Union held

KARANREET KARAN
BARNALA, NOV 30



The fourth state conference of Punjab and Chandigarh Journalists Union was held in Barnala. Punjab Chairman Balwinder Jammu, State President Balvir Jandu, Executive State President Jai Singh Chhibber, State Treasurer Mrs. Bindu Singh, State Secretary Bhushan Sood, Organizing Secretary and Malwa Inchar Santokh Gill and Pritam Rupal participated in a dignified manner on behalf of the union. During the first session of the conference, Kultar Singh Sandhwan, Speaker Punjab Vidhan Sabha, AAP State President Aman Arora, MP Gurmeet Singh Meet Hair, Congress MLA Kuldeep Singh Kala Dhillon and former Parliamentary Secretary Sant Balbir Singh Ghunnas were present.

Balwinder Jammu, Balbir Jandu and Santokh Gill, while addressing the government representatives present, discussed in detail the problems facing journalism and journalists in the field in the present era and mentioned the demands that the union has been raising before the government for a long time and also submitted a memorandum to the said leaders. Speaker Mr. Sandhwan and Minister Aman Arora extended a high invitation to the state committee leaders of the union to discuss the demands mentioned in the memorandum and assured them of bringing the relevant demands to the attention of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann and considering them sincerely.

Akshara International School celebrates annual sports festival 'Ras 2025/26'

YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI
PEHOWA, NOV 30



Akshara International School celebrated its annual sports festival, "Ras 2025/26," with great enthusiasm and impressive arrangements on Sunday. The children's energy, sportsmanship and competitive spirit were palpable throughout the campus. The main attraction of the program was international boxer and world champion Manisha Mon, who inspired the children with her experiences. Special guests included District Council Chairman Kanwaljit Kaur, BJP leader Dr. Avneet Waraich, and Rotary Club Pehowa President Dr. Amit Arora. All the guests were given a grand welcome by the school management in the traditional way by putting tilak on their foreheads, bouquet and memento.

Addressing the children, Manisha Mon said that studies were important, but sports were even more important. Sports made you physically strong and mentally balanced. Today, daughters are bringing glory to the country in every field. She wanted that parents should allow their children to excel in sports, not stop them. In early days. "I too lacked family support, but when I won my first national gold medal, everyone realized that their daughter was no ordinary player but the future of the country. Sports create your identity-if you play with all your heart, heights will pave their way," says she. District Council Chairman Kanwaljit Kaur advised the children to adopt a healthy routine and said that children should avoid junk food and mobile addiction. Sports are the platform that gave you discipline, health, and self-confidence. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message is also - "Only if India plays then India progress." Today, the daughters of the country are performing wonders in the sports field.

Community hall inaugurated in Kannidhar; facility to boost social activities: Suresh Kashyap



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: BJP's former state president and MP Suresh Kashyap on Sunday inaugurated the newly constructed community hall at the SC basti in Kannidhar of Birla panchayat. He said the facility would play a key role in strengthening social unity and hosting cultural, social and community programmes. The building, he added, would serve as an important social centre for the local residents in the coming years. Kashyap expressed gratitude to the villagers, public representatives and departments involved in the project and congratulated them for the achievement. He said that such basic facilities ensure holistic development of rural areas and help deliver public amenities to the last person in society. Attacking the state's Congress government, Kashyap said it had imposed "the biggest burden of inflation" on the people of Himachal Pradesh. He alleged that the government had tripled VAT on diesel, sharply increased electricity tariffs, discontinued the free power unit scheme, doubled bus fares and made bus passes costlier.

Inspiration: 6 students of Sekha who joined Indian Army honored



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: Inspiring Education Society Sekha honored 6 talented students of Government Senior Secondary School Smart Sekha School who got employment after joining the Indian Army. Society operator ex-soldier Sukhchain Singh said that this is the first time in the history of the village that 6 students of the village have succeeded in joining the Indian Army. He said that these youth are a source of inspiration for other students and youth. He also appreciated the contribution of former vocational teacher Raja Singh in the achievement of these students. Retired teacher Jeet Singh, M. Jagpal Singh, Canadian Mohan Singh Mann and former bank officer Harmohan Singh Akali said that these youth have not only brought glory to their parents and village but have also raised the flag of Punjab at the national level by choosing the service of taking up the responsibility of protecting the country. They said that these youth are the guides for the current generation who are victims of mental and physical degradation.

Beginning of Shri Akhand Path Sahib for inauguration of headquarters of SAD Punar Surjit

CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR, NOV 30



In the holy city of Sri Amritsar, before the inauguration of the headquarters of Shiromani Akali Dal Punar Surjit, Shri Akhand Path Sahib of Shri Guru Granth Sahib Ji was commenced in the presence of senior leaders of the party. Giving information, Bhai Jasbir Singh Ghumman said that party president Giani Harpreet Singh will arrive in Amritsar on 2 December at 10 AM along with the entire leadership to inaugurate the party's headquarters. After the completion (Bhog) of Shri Akhand Path Sahib on 2 December 2024, detailed discussions will be held from the stage regarding the Hukamnama issued from the Faseel of Sri Akal Takht Sahib, and the misdeeds committed by the rebel group in violation of this Hukamnama will be highlighted. All party leaders, office-bearers, delegates, and working committee members are requested to attend the Bhog ceremony at 10 AM on Tuesday, along with their workers. On this occasion, Bhai Manjit Singh, Sucha Singh Chhotepur, Raghbir Singh Rajasansi, Balwinder Singh Jodasingha, Ranjit Singh Chhajalwadi, Ajaypal Singh Mirakot, Daljinderbir Singh Virk, Jagjit Singh Walia, Amarjit Singh Bhatia, Kuljit Singh, Gurlal Singh, Madhoopal Singh Goga, along with a large number of workers, were present.

MLA Labh Singh Ugoke lays foundation for repair of 31 roads in Bhadour Constituency

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, NOV 30



Bhadour MLA Mr. Labh Singh Ugoke laid the foundation stone of the works to be done for the repair of 31 roads of the constituency. On this occasion, he informed that under the leadership of Chief Minister Punjab S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, continuous development works are being done in the area so that facilities can be provided to the people. He said that the repair work of 31 link roads of the area is being started, which will solve the problems of the residents regarding the transportation. Giving further information, he said that a total of more than 70 km of roads are to be worked on. These include Tapa to Ghunas, Ghunas to Khudi Khurd, Bathuha Kothe to Gurudwara Gurusar Rooreke, Ishar Singh Wala to Maur Nabha, Kothe to Aulakh to Jethuke, Bhadaur Tapa Road to Balloke to Jandsar, Maur Nabha to Patti Draka, Tapa Dhilwan Road to Gurudwara Kailon, Jandsar to Maur Nabha, Aspal Kalan to Badra Road to Samadh, Aspal Kalan to Badra Road to Samadh, Aspal Kalan to School and Gurudwara, Kaleke to Badra Road to Mandhir, Kaleke to Sub Yard, Kotdunna Bus Stand to Baba Sidh, Aspal Kalan to Badra, Tapa to Aspal Kalan via Mehta Rooreke Kalan Dhurkot Badra, Bhain Fatta to Joga, Dhilwan to Singh Patti via Government Hospital, Nim Wale Maur to Jodhpur, BB Road to Khudi Work on the roads from Khurd, Khudi Khurd to Gurudwara Kaile Sahib, from Gurudwara Sahib to Kaleke and other roads is to be done.

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NIT Kurukshetra poised for new heights in research and innovation-Governor

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Governor Prof. Ashim Kumar Ghosh said that NIT Kurukshetra, which is emerging as an important pillar of India's research and innovation ecosystem, will continue to attain new heights of glory and achievement in the coming times. Governor Prof. Ghosh was addressing young graduates and medal recipients at the 20th Convocation of NIT Kurukshetra today. The Vice President of India, Sh C.P. Radhakrishnan graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while the Chief Minister of Haryana, Sh Nayab Singh Saini attended as the Guest of Honour.

Congratulating the newly graduated students, Governor Prof. Ashim Kumar Ghosh said that their accomplishments resonate deeply with the broader vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047, a vision to which the Haryana Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini.

Self-help groups, departments attracting visitors to stalls at Gita jayanti festival

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, NOVEMBER 30

At the district-level International Gita Jayanti Festival held at the local Dr. Mangalsen Auditorium, various self-help groups and departments are attracting visitors to the exhibitions and stalls. People are shopping at these stalls. Enthusiasm and joy were evident throughout the day. Stalls set up by self-help groups at the exhibition include handmade thalapashas, sweaters, shawls, socks, earthenware pots and other items, matka, cups, and children's winter clothing, all made available to the public at very reasonable prices. Additionally, self-help groups are displaying and selling handmade artificial jewelry. The Forest Department has set up stalls selling furniture, the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department has set up stalls selling khadi clothing, the Karnal Sugar Mill has set up stalls selling sugar, and HAFED has set up stalls selling indigenous wheat, millet, and oil. Various government departments also set up stalls to provide relevant information to the public, including the Health Department's Abha ID, which digitizes health-related information. The Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department provided information on various crops, modern seeds, and schemes for farmers.

The District Legal Services Authority provided information on legal matters, and the Renewable Energy Department provided information on solar energy. Vegetables, mushrooms, and honey grown in polyhouses by the Horticulture Department were a highlight. Information on fruits and vegetables was also provided. Other stalls were also set up on this occasion. The exhibition stalls provide information about new and innovative products to the public. This boosts the local economy and creates new employment opportunities, benefiting the public.



District Jail's stall encourages skill learning and self-reliance. People were amazed by the furniture and other items made by the inmates.The District Jail, Karnal, has set up a stall showcasing handmade products made by the inmates at the exhibition, which is attracting considerable attention. Visitors were amazed by the furniture and other items made by the inmates. Various items made of wood and fabric, such as pen stands, mobile stands, tea trays, baseball bats, swings for Lord Krishna, wooden chairs, and sofa sets, are being sold at this stall. DSP Dharamchand Nain explained that these products were made by the prisoners themselves, and this stall encourages them to learn new skills and become self-reliant. He explained that people are coming to this district-level event to purchase these items. He added that they have previously set up stalls at the Surajkund Fair, the International Gita Festival in Kurukshetra, and the Noormahal exhibition. He added that the district jail also produces goods on demand. If anyone wishes to purchase these items in large quantities, they can contact the district jail.

Kirtan ceremony held to mark 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, NOVEMBER 30:





A kirtan ceremony was held at Gurdwara Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur, New Ram Nagar to commemorate the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji. The event was organised by the Gurdwara Management Committee under the guidance of Baba Sukha Singh (Kar Sewa) with the support of local sangat and several organisations.

The ceremony began in the morning with the bhog of the recitation of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji. This was followed by a kirtan diwan in the main hall of the gurdwara in the divine presence of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji. From early morning, a large number of devotees arrived to pay obeisance and offer prayers.

The sangat was first served milk langar, followed by the traditional guru ka langar after the kirtan ceremony. The langar service was managed by the youth sewadars' team under the supervision of Kashmir Singh Kashmeera. Young volunteers also performed sewa in the joda ghar and managed scooter parking along with other organisations.

Prominent dhadi jathas, ragi and preachers graced the ceremony and inspired the devotees with their kirtan and sermons. They were honoured with siropas by Gurdwara Management Committee representative Gurnam Singh Ramgarhia.

Several dignitaries, including former HSGMC member Ratan Singh Saggu, Gurpurab Committee secretary Inderpal Singh, All India Gatka Foundation president Gurtej Singh Khalsa, former councillor Bhagwan Das Aggi, councillor Rajinder Aggi and senior BJP leader Darshan Singh Sehgal attended the programme and paid respects before Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji.

Gurdwara Management Committee president Gurnam Singh Ramgarhia informed that a nagar kirtan dedicated to the martyrdom anniversary had been held two days earlier, while the kirtan diwan was organised today. He said the diwan was held from 9 am to 2 pm and again from 7 pm to 10 pm. He added that every year, the committee will continue organising nagar kirtan and kirtan diwan in memory of the supreme sacrifice of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji.

He urged the sangat to contribute one-tenth of their income towards the ongoing construction of the gurdwara building and ensure they collect receipts for their donations. A large number of devotees and committee members including Jathedar Davinder Singh (Kala), Stree Sabha president Bibi Sukhwinder Kaur Soma, Sahib Singh, Nasib Singh, Surinder Singh, Varyam Singh, Inderpal Singh, Nawab Singh and others were present on the occasion.

Medal winners honored at 7th Hry State Masters Games

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, NOV 30



A police spokesperson informed that the 7th Haryana State Masters Games competition was held at the District Police Lines, Jagadhri on Sunday. SP, Kamaldeep Goyal, IPS, encouraged the participants who excelled in various sports by presenting them with medals. He heartily congratulated the medal winners and wished them a bright future. The playground resounded with excitement and enthusiasm during the competition. Master Games Organisation President Devendra Singh Sahni, Secretary Sushil Kumar, District Athletic Association President Praveen Kumar, Coach Malkhan Singh, Basketball Secretary Gopal Singh, Sub-Inspector Randeep Singh, and participants from various districts of Haryana were present. Superintendent of Police Kamaldeep Goyal was presented with a memento on behalf of the organization, for which he thanked the organisers and said that promoting sports is essential for society and such events provide new energy and inspiration to the athletes. Addressing the medal winners, Kamaldeep Goyal said that sports develop qualities like discipline, self-confidence, decision-making, and leadership. He added that every match played with sportsmanship paves the way for progressing towards greater goals in life. He urged the players to rise above victory and defeat and move forward with constant practice and determination, as hard work and consistency are the most powerful tools for success.

He pointed out that Haryana has showcased its talent on national and international sports platforms, and its players have brought honor to the country by winning numerous medals in prestigious events like the Olympics, Commonwealth Games, and Asian Games. He expressed pride that Haryana players have consistently excelled in every sport, demonstrating their fitness and mental toughness.

Spiritual congregation and bhandara organised in memory of Swami Turiyanand Maharaj

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, NOV 30

Swami Turiyanand Trust organised a grand spiritual congregation and bhandara at Shiv Mandir, Prem Nagar, Karnal on November 29 and 30 in the revered memory of Brahmleen Swami Turiyanand Maharaj and Brahmleen Swami Achalanand Giri Maharaj. The event was held under the guidance of Gaddi Nashin Swami Vivekanand Giri Ji Maharaj.

Providing information, P.K. Chemical Managing Director Ajay Kumar said that Swami Vivekanand Giri Ji delivered spiritual discourses during the event. He said that the Mahabharata is regarded as the fifth Veda in the scriptures. Its creator, Maharishi Krishna Dwaipayan Ved Vyas, was not only the author but also a witness to the events that unfolded step by step.



Trust President Om Prakash Arora, Vice President Mahender Pal Dhall, General Secretary Praveen Wadhawan, Treasurer Amit Vatta, Joint Secretary Subhash Malhotra, Trustee Members Sudarshan Bajaj, Param Sevak Sajjan Kumar, Satpal, Ajay Singh, Gaurav Nanda, Vicky Nanda, Mahender Pal, Rajesh Bagga, Mohan Bagga, Ashok Verma, Jaspal Nanda and Varun Nanda warmly welcomed the sangat that attended from far and wide.



Bhajan singers Surender Mohan Gaba and Mohan Katariya also marked their presence by presenting devotional hymns during the programme.

Household items will now be made from stubble residue



DALBIR MALIK

KURUKSHETRA: The Agriculture Department has now begun manufacturing household items using stubble residue. Training is also being provided for this purpose. After receiving this training, some people have created various useful items from stubble, including purses, bouquets, pen stands, and other household items. Significantly, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, Haryana Human Rights Commission Chairman Justice Lalit Batra, and other guests have also praised it. Dr. Karm Chand, Deputy Director of the Agriculture and Farmers Department, stated that, as per the state government's orders, special focus is being placed on managing crop residue, and farmers are being continuously educated about this. As a result, there has been a significant reduction in incidents of crop residue burning this time. Work has also begun to create household items from crop residue. People are being formally trained for this purpose. As a result, high-quality household items are being produced under crop management.

He said that the Agriculture Department has set up a stall at the state-level exhibition organised by the Information, Public Relations, and Language Department. This stall features over a dozen items made from crop residue, including purses, flower bouquets, and pen stands. When Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini visited the stall, he was presented with bouquets made from straw, and he praised these efforts. He said that in the future, self-help groups and farmers will also be trained so that this can become a means of livelihood for them.

Anti-Corruption Foundation of India distributes sweaters to students

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Under a charity project, the Anti-Corruption Foundation of India, registered with the Government of India, distributed sweaters to needy students at the Government Primary School, Village Churni Jagir. Under the leadership of the Foundation's National Chief Supremo and Founder, Narendra Arora, officials visited the school to boost the students' morale and distribute sweaters. School Headmaster Anil Taya and Village Sarpanch Satish Kumar expressed their gratitude and welcomed the Foundation officials. On this occasion, Narendra Arora stated that the Foundation, in addition to raising awareness about corruption, also supports all kinds of needy people nationwide through charity projects, including providing wedding supplies to poor girls, providing dresses, sweaters, shoes, study materials, books, sports equipment, etc. to needy students, and distributing rations, clothes, blankets, and essential medicines to slum dwellers. He said that under charity projects, sweaters, blankets, and warm clothing will be distributed to thousands of needy people across the country this winter. He said that everyone should help the needy as per their capacity. Present on this occasion were National Supremo Pawan Sharma, District Incharge Rama Tiwari, State Coordinators Kiran Chadha and Shashi Sharma, District Director Ajay Chadha, etc.



Mid-Day Meal Workers meeting in Indri, 24-hour protest to be held at Khattar's Office on Dec 7

MAINPAL KASHYAP
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The Mid-Day Meal Workers Union held a meeting today at Indri Herbal Park regarding the 24-hour protest at Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar's office in Karnal on December 7. The meeting was chaired by District President Shimla and conducted by Business Rana. Union leaders stated that the Mid-Day Meal Scheme is a central government scheme, but the workers' honorarium has not been increased by even a single rupee in the last 10 years. Currently, workers receive a monthly honorarium of only 7,500, and that too is not paid for many months. Uniform funds are not reaching schools, and honorariums are being cut. Leaders stated that hundreds of Mid-Day Meal Workers from the Indri area will participate in the protest. The government and administration are exploiting them. They have to work for 11 months. But honorarium is only paid for 10 months. Honorarium should be increased to 26,000 per month; 12 months' salary should be given; Retirement age should be raised to 65; Financial assistance of 2 lakh should be provided upon retirement; 2,000 should be provided for uniforms; 5 lakh should be provided in case of death; Honorarium should be paid by the 7th of every month; Self-Help Group (SHG) system in schools should be abolished; Mid-Day Meal workers should be made permanent.

Workers said that the scheme has been in operation for almost 30 years, but they receive no benefits at the time of retirement. There is no provision for financial assistance even in case of an accident or death while working in schools. Leaders accused the government of cancelling ration cards for nearly 600,000 BPL families, drastically increasing electricity bills, and closing thousands of government schools, mostly girls' primary schools. Workers protested the planned closure of government schools in the name of the Chirag Yojana. Present at the meeting were CITU District President Bijnesh Rana, Amit Kumar, Shimla, Rekha, Naresh, Mamta, Mithilesh, Premo Devi, Nirmala, Vimala Devi, Kata, Anita, Seema, Geeta etc. were present.

Modi highlights sports in 'mann ki baat'; urges youth to channel their energy positively

CHANDIGARH: Haryana's Energy, Transport, and Labour Minister, Sh. Anil Vij said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, through his monthly programme 'Mann Ki Baat,' directly engages with the citizens of the country, sharing thoughts on significant national issues, India's achievements, and various contemporary topics.

While interacting with the media persons after watching and listening to the 'Mann Ki Baat' programme, Sh. Vij said that today, the Hon'ble Prime Minister especially focused on sports and athletes, encouraging the youth to channel their positive energy and contribute to nation-building.

Sh. Vij further expressed that it is a matter of great pride for Haryana that the Prime Minister highlighted the state's achievements during the programme and shared his recent experiences from the holy city of Gita, Kurukshetra, with people across the nation.

He said that 'Mann Ki Baat' is not just a programme, but a reflection of India's rich culture, development journey, and the emotions of its people, through which the essence of the entire country is communicated to every citizen.

17th Foundation Day celebration of Agarwal Vaishya Samaj held with enthusiasm

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL, NOVEMBER 30



We do not want to run a hospital or any other institution, but rather a factory for producing leaders. With this objective as our goal, when we began our journey in 2009 with the five resolutions, we had neither resources nor a large organisational structure. But today, when we look back on our 17-year journey, we are proud that our five resolutions are no longer just ideas; they have been implemented, flourished, and are continuously moving forward, setting a new direction for society, said Ashok Buwaniwala, State President of the Agarwal Vaishya Samaj, while addressing Vaishyas from across the state at the 17th Foundation Day celebration of the Agarwal Vaishya Samaj held today on the historic and sacred land of Kaithal. The ceremony, which began with the garlanding of Maharaja Agrasen's statue and the lighting of lamps, was made historic by the enthusiasm of the Vaishya community. Building on this enthusiasm in his address, State President Ashok Buwaniwala stated that the foundation of the Agrawal Vaishya community's success is based on sacrifice, cooperation, and organisation.

Speaking on political participation, the State President said that the development of any community is accelerated only when it becomes a part of political power. In recent years, the community has made efforts to promote Vaishya community leaders at the local bodies, panchayats, and assembly levels. Ensuring 100% voting in favor of the community's candidate, away from party politics, strengthened the unity of the Vaishya vote bank. Today, our organisation has completed a long, inspiring, and glorious journey of political, social, and organizational development. From its earliest days, the community has chosen a path that combines political assertiveness with service, unity, participation, and social awareness. Buwaniwala stated that over the years, we have achieved new heights together, step by step, but our journey is far from over.

We have strong participation from the Panchayat or councillor level to the Legislative Assembly. We dreamed of an organised society—today, that dream is being fulfilled. We spoke of energizing the youth, and today, they are at the forefront of leadership. We pledged to give respect and equal opportunities to women.

Every citizen should internalise the PM's message in his Mann Ki Baat programme: Harvinder Kalyan

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, NOVEMBER 30



Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan said that every citizen should listen to and internalise the Prime Minister's Mann Ki Baat programme, which airs at the end of every month. We should be proud of our country's illustrious Prime Minister, who thinks about every section of the country, as well as every individual, and strives to advance them. It is our country's good fortune to have such a visionary Prime Minister. In his Mann Ki Baat programme today, Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, spoke about the Gita Jayanti festival, women's empowerment, and inspiring youth to move forward, as well as uniting the entire country as one family. Just as he said that the entire country is a family for him, Gharaunda is my family. While speaking about the social fabric and the country's cultural heritage, he also emphasized the concept of "local for vocal." This message conveyed that we should become a support system for each other to bring prosperity to every home. The impact of "local for vocal" has been more visible than ever during these festivals.

Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan was speaking to the media after listening to the Prime Minister's "Mann Ki Baat" programme in front of a packed crowd of women at Uttam Nagar Park, which falls under the Gharaunda Assembly constituency. He said that through the "Mann Ki Baat" program, the Prime Minister presents to us all every social, cultural, and educational topic from every corner of the country, so that we all have information about every corner of the country, abroad, and states, and our knowledge is enhanced. He furthered the Prime Minister's message, saying that winter is coming, so everyone should take care of themselves, especially children and the elderly. Mr. Harvinder Kalyan said that the Prime Minister considers the entire country his family, and his family is the people of the Gharaunda constituency. The Honorable Prime Minister has said that we should buy products made in our country so that hard-working laborers can receive their wages before their sweat dries. BJP official Nirmala Bairagi and a large number of women were present at the event.

The Haryana Assembly Speaker, known for his serious and hardworking nature, was listening to the Prime Minister's Mann Ki Baat programme when a little girl offered him a flower.

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Look at the sky. We are not alone. The whole universe is friendly to us and conspires only to give the best to those who dream and work.

A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

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Indonesia battles deadly floods

Rescue teams in Indonesia are still struggling to reach communities devastated by a week of cyclone-driven torrential rain, as the death toll continues to climb. At least 248 people had died, according to authorities on Saturday, and the number is expected to rise, Al Jazeera reported.Indonesia's National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB) said rescuers in West Sumatra's Agam district recovered more bodies on Saturday, bringing the total number of confirmed deaths to 248. More than 100 people remain missing, and over 500 have been injured."The death toll is believed to be increasing, since many bodies are still missing, while many have not been reached," said Suharyanto, head of the BNPB, who, like many Indonesians, only uses one name.Initial reports put the provincial death toll at 23, but the West Sumatra Regional Disaster Mitigation Agency later revised it sharply upward. Spokesman Ilham Wahab said on Friday night that 61 people had died and 90 were still missing, as per Al Jazeera. "A total of 75,219 people have been displaced, and a total of 106,806 people have been affected throughout West Sumatra," Ilham said.The devastation extends beyond West Sumatra. Authorities confirmed 116 deaths in North Sumatra and at least 35 in Aceh province.The flooding is part of a wider regional disaster affecting Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand. A rare tropical storm formed in the Malacca Strait between the Malay Peninsula and the Indonesian island of Sumatra, unloading days of non-stop rain that has killed around 400 people across the three countries.In Thailand, at least 145 people have died across eight southern provinces, and more than 3.5 million people have been affected by floodwaters. Malaysia has reported two fatalities.Although the rain finally eased late on Friday, countless families in Indonesia remain displaced, and many areas are still unreachable. In North Sumatra, overflowing rivers sent torrents of water crashing through mountainside villages, sweeping away residents and submerging thousands of homes, according to Al Jazeera.Access to badly hit areas remains extremely difficult. Roads are damaged, communications are down, and many bridges have collapsed. Flooded roads and shortages of heavy machinery have slowed rescue and relief operations.Relief aircraft are continuing to fly supplies into Central Tapanuli in North Sumatra and other isolated districts, but officials warn that recovery efforts will take time.

Ending the HIV / AIDS epidemic by 2030: India's next big public health opportunity



Ms V Hekali Zhimomi

India stands at a turning point in its battle against HIV/AIDS. Four decades after the first case was reported, the country has built one of the world's most expansive and resilient national HIV prevention and treatment programme. The National AIDS and STD Control Programme (NACP) has shown undeniable gains. New infections have fallen by nearly half since 2010, AIDS-related deaths have dropped by more than 80%, viral suppression now exceeds 97% among those on treatment, and India has transitioned entirely onto Dolutegravir-based regimens—placing it among the global leaders in treatment efficacy.

However, there can be no room for complacency. As the country transitions into the NACP Phase-VI (NACP VI) for 2026–31, it must confront the reality that India's epidemic is still evolving, and in some places, it is accelerating. The overall low national prevalence of 0.20% masks emerging hotspots and newer vulnerabilities. States like Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura and Punjab have reported rising incidence, driven largely by injecting drug use. Among people who inject drugs, HIV prevalence is forty times the national average, with some hotspots reporting exponential increases. With an estimated one-in-160 chance of transmission from a single needle-sharing event, HIV epidemics linked to injecting drug use can spiral rapidly if not responded effectively.

In addition, a growing proportion of new infections now occur among individuals acquiring HIV from casual or regular partners—signalling a shift beyond traditional "key populations". India's young demographic- 2.25 crore adolescents entering the 15–25 age cohort annually- remains vulnerable with easy access to digital platforms enabling risky sexual behaviour and substance use. India has made substantial gains in reducing vertical transmission. Universal screening and treatment of antenatal mothers for HIV and syphilis, early infant diagnosis, and paediatric prophylaxis have driven mother to child transmission down from over 25% in 2020 to 10% in 2024. Yet, this remains above the five percent threshold for elimination.

Simply put, the virus has adapted. It affects the younger, is more dispersed, and exploiting newer vulnerabilities. Addressing these challenges requires a fresh blueprint. The NACP-VI is envisioned as India's boldest and most forward-looking HIV strategy. It aligns with SDG 3.3 of ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030—and is rooted in four big shifts.

First, India's diverse vulnerability profile calls for transforming prevention to follow people—not categories. Beyond traditional "high-risk groups," the programme must address overlapping vulnerabilities created by social and structural factors. Under the Sampoorna Suraksha framework, universalised prevention will ensure interventions reach vulnerable individuals rather than labels. AI-driven self-risk assessments, virtual outreach, newer pharmaceutical tools, and disease surveillance platforms for tracking hotspots or super-spreaders will power the next generation of prevention and service linkage. Strategies targeted at epidemics driven by IV drug use will be central to the NACP-VI in reverse the epidemic.

Second, NACP VI needs to build on detect early, treat effectively, retain for life approach. India's success in expanding high quality, free of cost anti-retroviral treatment and viral suppression is unprecedented. Nevertheless, retention for treatment adherence and early diagnosis remain work in progress. Linkage pathways using ABHA, telemedicine and digital follow-ups for ART dispensation will help overcome service delivery barriers. NACP-VI's integration with ABHA and Ayushman Arogya Mandirs is an opportunity to mainstream HIV care within the wider public health ecosystem.

Third, eliminating vertical transmission of HIV and Syphilis is a National Health imperative. By augmenting synergies with RMNCH+A, data inflow from private sector and decentralised supply chains for screening kits, India can achieve elimination by 2030. However, this requires every pregnant woman—regardless of geography, caste, income or marital status—to be reached.

Fourth, the programme must renew its emphasis on ending stigma. Stigma is the single biggest driver of invisibility, delayed diagnosis, and untreated infection. The HIV & AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, 2017 is a rights-based legislation for infected and affected people living with HIV AIDS. The act promotes service uptake in a stigma and discrimination free environment. Yet stigma persists in homes, hospitals, workplaces, and even policies and strong concerted efforts must be taken to address persisting stigma and discrimination.

India's journey in HIV prevention has been marked with several courageous milestones. Investing early in HIV containment and prevention led to reversal of the epidemic trajectory, saving an entire generation from suffering and morbidity; and resulting in a healthy demographic dividend contributing to the economic growth story. NACP's demonstrable track record of service delivery on scale strengthens the foundation for the last push. Now more than ever, science is on the side of India's HIV/AIDS elimination vision. Our vibrant biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry can fast track development and scale-up of drugs, vaccines, and diagnostics, providing the tail winds for the elimination efforts.

Yet, in a journey of thousand miles, the last mile is always the hardest. The last mile for ending HIV AIDS as a public health threat is not just biomedical—it is social, digital, behavioural, and structural. NACP-VI provides a forward-looking roadmap that is technologically modern, epidemiologically precise, and socially grounded. Underpinned by an unwavering government commitment and a resilient public health system, India will ride stridently on the opportunity—to show the world that ending an epidemic is possible when science, community, and policy move together.

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Investments into REITs to be considered as equity starting 2026: SEBI



Starting January 1, 2026, any investment made by Mutual Funds (MFs) and Specialised Investment Funds (SIFs) in Real Estate Investment trusts (REITs) will be considered as an investment in equity-related instruments, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) said in a statement.

With a view to facilitating enhanced participation by MFs and SIFs in REITs, SEBI had made amendments to the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996, to reclassify REITs as equity-related instruments."With effect from January 01, 2026, any investment made by Mutual Funds and SIFs in REITs shall be considered as an investment in equity-related instruments," the SEBI circular dated November 28 read.Any inclusion of REITs in the equity indices shall be carried out only after a period of 6 months, i.e., Jly 1, 2026, SEBI said.

InvITs shall continue to be classified as hybrid instruments for investments by Mutual Funds and SIFs, SEBI has asserted.Existing investment in REITs held by debt schemes of Mutual Funds and investment strategies of SIFs as on December 31, 2025, shall be "grandfathered".The process of exempting current policies.

Tarique Rahman's return to Bangladesh uncertain



The return home of Tarique Rahman, son of former Bangladesh Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, has become uncertain due to undisclosed reasons. Tarique Rahman, who is serving as the acting chairman of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), has been living in exile in London for the past 17 years. In an interview with the BBC a few days ago, he announced that he would return home.After Khaleda Zia's physical condition became "critical", many thought that Tarique Rahman would return home soon. But Tarique Rahman said that his return to Bangladesh does not depend on his will."Like any child, I have a strong desire to be touched by my mother's affection in times of crisis. But like everyone else, I am not free to make my own decisions and am not under sole control", Tarique Raham wrote in a Facebook post."Space is limited to elaborate on this sensitive issue. Our family is hopeful that once the political reality reaches the expected level, my long anxious wait for my return home will end", he added, without elaborating.

Some BNP leaders say he cannot return home due to security reasons. However, the interim government says it is not obstructing Tarique Rahman's return to the country. The Chief Adviser's Press Secretary, Shafiqul Alam, was asked whether there were any restrictions from the government regarding Tarique Rahman's return to Bangladesh, the press secretary said, "There are no restrictions or any objections from the government in this regard".Bangladesh's former Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia was admitted to the capital's Evercare Hospital on November 23 with a lung infection. She is undergoing treatment at the hospital's Coronary Care Unit (CCU) under the supervision of local and foreign specialist doctors from the Medical Board.The 80-year old former Prime Minister, who is suffering from various ailments, is now under close observation by doctors. Quoting doctors, Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said that her physical condition is very critical. Muhammad Yunus, the Chief Adviser of Bangladesh's interim government, expressed concern about the health condition of Khaleda Zia, the Chairperson of BNP. On Friday night, Chief Adviser sent Asif Nazrul, an adviser to the interim government, to Evercare Hospital in the capital to inquire about Khaleda Zia's physical condition.Begum Khaleda has been suffering from various physical ailments including heart disease, diabetes, arthritis, liver cirrhosis, and kidney complications for a long time. She went to London on January 8 for advanced treatment. After undergoing treatment at the London Clinic for 17 consecutive days, she received medical treatment at her son Tarique Rahman's house on January 25 under the supervision of London Clinic specialist doctor Professor Patrick Kennedy and Professor Jennifer Cross.

POEMS

I Go Back to May 1937

I see them standing at the formal gates of their colleges,
I see my father strolling out
under the ochre sandstone arch, the
red tiles glinting like bent
plates of blood behind his head, I
see my mother with a few light books at her hip
standing at the pillar made of tiny bricks,
the wrought-iron gate still open behind her, its
sword-tips aglow in the May air,
they are about to graduate, they are about to get married,
they are kids, they are dumb, all they know is they are
innocent, they would never hurt anybody.
I want to go up to them and say Stop,
don't do it—she's the wrong woman,
he's the wrong man, you are going to do things
you cannot imagine you would ever do,
you are going to do bad things to children,
you are going to suffer in ways you have not heard of,
you are going to want to die. I want to go
up to them there in the late May sunlight and say it,
her hungry pretty face turning to me,
her pitiful beautiful untouched body,
his arrogant handsome face turning to me,
his pitiful beautiful untouched body,
but I don't do it. I want to live. I
take them up like the male and female
paper dolls and bang them together
at the hips, like chips of flint, as if to
strike sparks from them, I say
Do what you are going to do, and I will tell about it.

By Sharon Olds

Zelenskyy to visit Macron in Paris today

France is ready to host Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Monday as talks for the Russia-Ukraine peace deal accelerate. France 24 reported that Zelenskyy will visit French President Emmanuel Macron in Paris, Macron's office (Élysee) said, as the Ukrainian leader finds himself in the most difficult political and military situation since the war. A presidential official on Saturday said that Macron and Zelenskyy will discuss "the conditions for a just and lasting peace", France 24 reported.

This comes as a senior Ukrainian delegation is headed to the US to discuss the US' peace plan for Ukraine. Earlier, one of Ukraine's most influential political operators and a close aide of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy resigned, hours after anti-corruption agencies raided his home - a major crisis as Kyiv faces new pressure from the US to accept a peace deal to end the war with Russia, CNN reported.

Officially, the chief of staff to the president, Andriy Yermak, has often been seen as Ukraine's second most powerful man. He has been leading the Ukrainian delegation during recent talks in Geneva with Washington.

Yermak's resignation, announced by Zelenskyy on Friday, complicates Kyiv's position ahead of crucial peace negotiations with the US."I want no one to have any questions about Ukraine today. Therefore, today we have the following internal decisions. First, there will be a reboot of the Office of the President of Ukraine. The head of the office, Andriy Yermak, has written a letter of resignation," Zelenskyy said in his daily TV address, as quoted by CNN.Yermak did not immediately issue a public statement. He confirmed earlier on Friday that the raid was going on, saying on Telegram that he was "fully cooperating" with the authorities."



The investigators are not encountering any obstacles. They have been given full access to the apartment, and my lawyers are on site, interacting with law enforcement officials," he said.Both of Ukraine's two main anti-corruption bodies, the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine (NABU) and the Specialised Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office (SAPO), were involved in the searches, according to a statement released by the agencies on Friday, as per CNN.

The statement did not disclose the reason for the raids, but the raid comes just two weeks after the two agencies announced a sweeping investigation into an alleged kickback scheme concerning Ukraine's critical energy infrastructure.The scandal has already taken down two of Zelenskyy's ministers and embroiled a former business associate from his days in the entertainment industry.But the latest development is particularly awkward for Zelenskyy, given Yermak's recent elevation to the top of Ukraine's negotiating team.

It is unclear who will take Yermak's spot in the next rounds of the negotiations, expected as early as the next few days. Announcing the resignation, Zelensky said he would be speaking to possible candidates to take up the chief of staff post on Saturday, as per CNN.

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Indian Diabetes Federation ARASDI honours Dr Ashish Aneja with 'Fellowship in Diabetes 2025'



DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: Renowned administrator and Senior Medical Officer Dr Ashish Aneja, known for his dedicated public service in the health sector, has once again brought pride to Kurukshetra. For his continuous efforts toward diabetes awareness—organising free camps, providing medical guidance, ensuring availability of medicines and successful treatment of patients—the International Diabetes Federation ARASDI has selected him for the prestigious "Fellowship in Diabetes 2025" award. It is a moment of great pride for the people of Kurukshetra that Dr Aneja is possibly the only doctor from Haryana to receive this honour. Once the federation reviewed the detailed record of his services, its officials and members unanimously approved his name.

NEWS BRIEF

Indian Journalists Welfare Forum mourns demise of senior journalist Satish Chandra Srivastava's daughter Dr Aali

HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: The Indian Journalists Welfare Forum (Regd.), headquartered in Kurukshetra, has expressed deep sorrow over the passing of Dr Aali, daughter of senior journalist Satish Chandra Srivastava.



Forum's national president Pawan Aashri, national senior vice-president Jasbir Singh Duggal, patron Vinod Jindal, Haribhoomi general manager Devendra Balyan, national secretary Satnam Singh, state convener Subhash Sharma, Delhi president Shashikant Sharma, Dainik Jagran Haryana state in-charge Anurag Aggarwal, Chandigarh UT president Neha Sharma, Himachal president Anil Bhardwaj Headly, state spokesperson Tarun Wadhwa, Kurukshetra district president Ajay Thakur, Karnal district president Rohit Lamsar, Chhaya Sharma, Vinod Mahla, Dainik Jagran Hisar bureau chief Surender Yadav, senior journalist Mahendra Pandit and Satvinder Saini expressed condolences and prayed for strength to the bereaved family.

Research must empower rural India and strengthen MSMEs: VP

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, NOV 30

The Vice-President of India, Sh C. P. Radhakrishnan, graced the 20th Convocation Ceremony of the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Kurukshetra, Haryana today as the Chief Guest.

Governor of Haryana, Prof. Ashim Kumar Ghosh, Chief Minister of Haryana, Sh Nayab Singh Saini, Director NIT Kurukshetra, Prof. B.V. Ramana Reddy, Chairperson, Board of Governors, NIT Kurukshetra, Dr. Tejaswini Anantha Kumar and other dignitaries were present on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-President expressed his privilege in joining the milestone event of one of India's premier technical institutions. He hailed NIT Kurukshetra as an institution with a rich legacy, a vibrant present, and a future that continues to shape the standards of technical education in the country. He said that Kurukshetra is a holy land that reminds us that dharma will always triumph over adharma, however powerful the latter may seem.

The Vice-President noted that a convocation is not merely a ceremony but a moment when years of dedication transform into a new beginning filled with pride, hope, and opportunity. Highlighting the pace of global transformation, he spoke about developments in artificial intelligence, renewable energy systems, space technology, biotechnology, cybersecurity, and semiconductors. He stressed that technology has become a powerful enabler reshaping industries and redefining the way society functions. He urged students to innovate responsibly, stating that "the true purpose of technology is not progress alone, but progress with purpose." Encouraging students to delve deeper into research, innovation, and India-specific problem-solving, he said that these are the twin engines that will drive India's technological leadership.

Performs puja at Shaktipeeth Maa Bhadrakali Temple



BUREAU
CHANDIGARH: Vice President Sh C.P. Radhakrishnan on Sunday offered prayers at the world-famous Shaktipeeth Maa Bhadrakali Temple in Kurukshetra. On this occasion, he prayed for the happiness, peace, and prosperity of the people. Haryana Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini was also present. Following tradition, the temple's head priest, Pandit Satpal Maharaj, conducted the puja for the Vice President. Sh Radhakrishnan bowed his head in reverence at the Shaktipeeth, and after the ceremony, Pandit Satpal Maharaj presented him with a memento. During his visit to Kurukshetra, Vice President Sh C.P. Radhakrishnan, accompanied by Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini, enriched not only the religious atmosphere but also highlighted the cultural and historical heritage of the region. His presence inspired great enthusiasm among devotees and local citizens, reinforcing the message that India's religious traditions are not only a vital part of cultural identity but also strengthen unity, peace, and prosperity in society.

Gita is a way of life and a source of peace: Union Minister Manohar Lal



HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA, NOV 30

Union Minister for Energy, Housing and Urban Affairs, Manohar Lal said that Gita is a way of life and a source of peace. Lord Krishna gave the message of Gita to Arjuna on the battlefield of Mahabharata on sacred land of Kurukshetra. This message is as relevant today as it was then. He said that source of peace given on battlefield makes Gita a unique text in the world. Union Minister Manohar Lal was speaking at a saints' conference held at Purushottampura Bagh in Brahmasarovar on Saturday. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, Madhya Pradesh's Culture and Tourism Minister Dharmendra Singh Lodhi, Gita scholar Swami Gyananand Maharaj, Mahamandaleshwar Avdheshanand Maharaj of Junagadh Akhara, Dineshanand Maharaj, Kapil Muni Maharaj, Gopal Das Maharaj, Shiv Kumar Swami, Bhaiya Ji Maharaj, Bhupendra Singh Maharaj, Sampurnanand Maharaj and other saints and great men were present. Program began with lighting of lamps and worship of sacred book, Gita, by chief guests and all saints.Union Minister Manohar Lal said that this festival is being organized in various states of India and abroad, spreading teachings of Gita worldwide.

Brahmin community pays homage to BN Rao



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: A grand tribute ceremony was held at Karnal Brahmin Dharamshala on death anniversary of Sir B.N. Rao, a great educationist, social reformer and visionary. Members of community paid homage by offering flowers to his portrait, and a large feast was also organized, with a large number of people partaking of prasad. Prominent members of Brahmin community gathered at Dharamshala remarked that Sir B.N. Rao's life provided a progressive direction for country and society. Surendra Sharma, State President of Sarv Brahmin Sabha, Barota, and Ashok Sharma, State President of Brahmin Khap, Haryana, stated in their addresses that Rao Sahib was not only a great teacher but also an inspiring pillar of humanity, morality and national unity. They stated that Sir B.N. Remembering personalities like B.N. Rao is not a formal event, but rather a social commitment. Purpose of this event is to ensure that his thoughts, principles and human values ??reach new generation. He believed that if youth adopt ideals of Sir B.N. Rao, it will ensure widespread and positive change in society.

2nd phase of MPs sports festival and assembly-level competitions from December 1 to 6



SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL: As part of the second phase of the Member of Parliament's Sports Festival, assembly-level sports competitions will be held in Kaithal district from December 1 to 6. After visiting several sports venues and providing detailed information, Member of Parliament's office in-charge, Ravindra Dhiman, stated that preparations for the second phase have been completed and players were extremely enthusiastic about these competitions. He informed that different venues have been identified for different sports. Shooting and boxing competitions will be held at RKSD College, Kaithal. Tug of war, skipping, rope jumping and kho-kho competitions will be held at Jat College, Kaithal, while athletics, judo, wrestling, kabaddi and volleyball competitions will be held at Maharaja Surajmal Stadium. Cricket matches will be held at the Gyong playground, hockey competitions at Hockey Academy, Habdi, and archery matches at DAV College, Cheeka. Ravindra Dhiman stated that organizing the second phase of sports activities under the guidance of MP Naveen Jindal has become a major opportunity for athletes.

Blood donation organised to mark martyrdom anniversary of Shri Guru Teg Bahadur



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: 19th Blood Donation Camp dedicated to 350th martyrdom anniversary of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, was organized jointly by Shri Guru Sunder Muni Charitable Trust and Public Welfare Committee, Pratap Nagar. Amar Singh, a member of Haryana Staff Selection Commission served as chief guest and Ashok Rohilla, President of District Child Welfare Committee, Yamunanagar, served as chairman. First guests formally inaugurated blood donation camp by lighting a lamp. Committee Chairman Sandeep Gupta and Program Incharge Rajesh Kashyap Pradhan announced that 19th blood donation camp was being held today under joint auspices of Jan Kalyan Samiti and the Shri Guru Sunder Muni Charitable Trust.They further detailed committee's year-long programs, noting that 70 units of blood were collected at19th blood donation camp. Chief Guest Amar Singh also praised committee for its various social work. He stated that need for blood donation is increasing in response to current times and Jan Kalyan Samiti is playing a vital role in this charitable cause. He assured committee of his full support in the future.Program Chairman Ashok Rohila also spoke, stating that Jan Kalyan Samiti of Pratap Nagar is playing a leading role in all areas of social welfare and all committee members deserve congratulations for this.

Blood donation camp held by Jan Kalyan Samiti dedicated to martyrdom day of Guru Tegh Bahadur



RK KASHYAP
CHHACHHRAULI: The 19th blood donation camp was organised under the joint aegis of Shri Guru Sundar Muni Charitable Trust and Jan Kalyan Samiti Pratap Nagar to commemorate the 350th martyrdom day of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. Amar Singh, Member, Haryana Staff Selection Commission, participated as chief guest and Ashok Rohilla, Chairman, District Child Welfare Committee, Yamunanagar participated as chairman.Guests who arrived first formally inaugurated the blood donation camp by lighting lamp.Committee Chairman Sandeep Gupta and Program Incharge Rajesh Kashyap Pradhan announced that 19th blood donation camp is being organized today under joint auspices of Jan Kalyan Samiti and Shri Guru Sunder Muni Charitable Trust.They further detailed committee's year-long programs, noting that 70 units of blood were collected at 19th blood donation camp organized by committee today. Chief Guest Amar Singh also praised committee for its various social work.

For spiritual knowledge, teachings of Gita, must be consistently followed: Ashish Chakrapani

YAGYADUTT SHASHTRI
PEHOWA, NOV 30



Every youth today must follow the lessons that Lord Krishna taught Arjuna, giving the message of peace in the midst of war. The knowledge of the Gita teaches every human being to dedicate themselves to their goals, and how to achieve victory using sharp intellect and discretion is found only in the Gita. The teachings of the great book, the Gita, are extremely important for today's young generation. Municipal Chairman Ashish Chakrapani was addressing the gathering as the chief guest on the second day of the state-level Gita Jayanti celebrations. Earlier, he inaugurated the cultural programme of the second day of the district-level Gita Jayanti celebrations by lighting a lamp in front of the statue of Goddess Saraswati. Municipal Chairman Ashish Chakrapani said that today, humans are living their lives by following the message of the Gita that Lord Krishna gave on this holy land. To ensure that future generations continue this practice of fruitless work, it is crucial to organise such festivals from time to time. The young generation is the future of our country. The future will be secure only if their present is positive, and for positive thoughts and actions, they must have knowledge of the holy book, the Gita. He said that if we consistently follow the Gita, we will surely find the courage to face the challenges in our lives and find solutions to them. Organising the Gita Mahotsav is a matter of great fortune. Organising the Gita Mahotsav aims to spread the teachings of the Gita, given by Lord Krishna, to the masses through singing and drama. Folk artists present the culture of various states at the Gita Mahotsav.He said that the scale of Gita Jayanti celebrations is increasing. This festival is organised at all pilgrimage sites.

Jalandhar minor's brutal assault sparks outrage, advocates demand swift justice, child safety measures



VERMA
GURDASPUR: The heinous crime committed against a minor girl in Jalandhar has once again brought the issue of child safety to the forefront across Punjab. The tragic incident has triggered widespread fear, anger, and deep concern among people from all sections of society. Citizens are not only condemning the brutality but are also demanding strict and immediate measures to prevent such incidents in the future. In this regard, Advocate Ajay Lallotra, Advocate Bharat Bhushan, Advocate Vinod Mahajan, and Advocate Jagjit Singh jointly expressed grief, stating that this is not just an attack on one family but a serious question on the overall safety framework of society. They emphasized that the barbarity inflicted upon the innocent child has left parents across the state shaken, instilling a strong sense of insecurity.

Tractor-trolley seized for illegal mining at Barwala



JITENDRA KAUSHIK
BARWALA: As part of Panchkula Police's special campaign against illegal mining, Barwala outpost police have achieved a major success. Early in morning under leadership of outpost in-charge Gurpal Singh, ASI Rajbir and SPO Sukhdev raided area and seized a tractor-trolley loaded with illegal mining material.Team received intelligence that illegal mining material was being transported in the area. Acting swiftly, police team stopped the tractor-trolley and inspected it. Vehicle was found to contain illegal mining material after which it was safely parked in outpost premises. Panchkula Police have sent a report of this action to Mining Department so that further action can be taken as per rules. Police officials say that strict campaign against illegal mining in area will continue.

MC distributes approval letters for grants to 684 poor families for constructing permanent houses

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The Municipal Council of Gurdaspur distributed approval letters for the first installment of grants to 684 poor families from various wards of the city for constructing permanent houses. A program was organized at the Municipal Council office under the chairmanship of Council President Advocate Baljit Singh Pahra. MLA of Gurdaspur constituency, Barindermitt Singh Pahra, attended the event as the chief guest and handed over the approval letters to the needy families.

MLA Pahra stated that this achievement is the result of the hard work of the Municipal Council President and all the councillors, due to which 684 poor families of the city have received approval letters for the first installment of Rs. 50,000 from the government for building permanent houses. He added that earlier, the Municipal Council had already provided grants to 578 families. A proposal to provide grants to another 300 families has also been prepared and sent to the government, and it is expected to be approved soon. He emphasized that having a roof overhead has become both essential and expensive in today's time. In such circumstances, the efforts of the Municipal Council President and councillors to arrange housing for so many families at such a large scale are truly commendable.

MLA Pahra mentioned that during the Congress government, he facilitated the construction of a new bus stand in the city, which has become a stable source of income worth crores for the Improvement Trust.

PM Modi praised Haryana's heritage in 'Mann Ki Baat': Mohan Lal Badoli

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
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BJP State President Pandit Mohan Lal Badoli on Sunday listened to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popular "Mann Ki Baat" programme along with party workers at Booth No. 33, Bhagwan Vishwakarma Mandal, Sonepat. Speaking on the occasion, Badoli said that Prime Minister Modi praised Haryana's rich cultural heritage in the programme, and every Haryanvi feels proud of this appreciation. He added that the Prime Minister is giving global recognition to Haryana's traditions. Badoli expressed gratitude to PM Modi for acknowledging the state's heritage. District President Ashok Bhardwaj, Mayor Rajiv Jain, and several party leaders and workers were present. Badoli highlighted that the Prime Minister mentioned the Mahabharata Experience Centre in Kurukshetra, describing it as an extraordinary place where the events of the Mahabharata war can be felt vividly. He also said PM Modi recalled his memorable participation in the International Gita Mahotsav at Brahma Sarovar.

Calling upon party workers, Badoli urged them to spread the Prime Minister's messages widely and contribute actively to nation-building. He said PM Modi emphasized the importance of 'Vocal for Local', and workers must encourage people to adopt more Indian-made products.

Badoli said PM Modi's thoughts are inspirational, and BJP workers are always eager to listen to him. The programme not only motivates workers but also strengthens public participation and positive dialogue.

CPB meeting held on critical and creative thinking



RK KASHYAP
CHHACHHRAULI: An important CPB meeting was held at SS Memorial High School on topic of critical and creative thinking. In meeting, school teachers were guided on new teaching methods and ways to develop creative thinking.Trainer Kapil Batra who conducted training session, explained effective ways to foster critical thinking, problem-solving skills and innovation in children through creative activities.He emphasized importance of using various practical activities in classroom to encourage students to think more actively and analytically. School Principal Paramjit Kaur presided over the event and welcomed the trainer. She stated that such trainings are crucial for teachers' professional development and play a vital role in developing 21st-century skills in students. Finally, all teachers shared their experiences from training, and school management thanked trainer.

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Vivek High School Students illuminate the 'Circle of Life' in their captivating Annual Presentation 'Echoes of the Earth'

MOHALI : The front lawns of Vivek High School, Mohali, were transformed into a vibrant tapestry of the natural world as the young learners of the Montessori Toddlers and Environments presented their annual presentation, 'Echoes of the Earth.' The production was conceived and performed by the children. The campus transformed into a vibrant celebration of nature, as the children showcased a powerful and poignant performance about ecological responsibility through the lens of the animal kingdom. The narrative journeyed through the intricate web of life, it began with the fascinating world of invertebrates before exploring the five distinguished families of vertebrates. The childre
through a delicate 'Circle of Life,' sharing the important message about why we must all protect the Earth. Mrs. Meenu Sahi, Founder & Executive Director of Vivek High Montessori Institute, Chandigarh, elaborated that Montessori is a scientifically-grounded approach fostering independence and respect for a child's natural development. She shared that at Vivek High School, Mohali, we create a learning environment where holistic development is achieved through hands-on learning and collaborative play. She highlighted that the annual presentation exemplified this principle, as the children themselves chose the topic, built their understanding and confidently shared their learning, demonstrating the school's success in nurturing capables, independent learners through exploration.

NEWS BRIEF

Nothing launches Phone (3a) Lite in India at Rs-19,999 with Blue variant, available for from December 5

SHIMLA: Nothing, the London based technology company, today unveiled Phone (3a) Lite in India, introducing a new Blue colour alongside classic Black and White. The device brings Nothing's signature transparent design, a 6.77 inch AMOLED display, 50 MP main camera with TrueLens Engine 4.0, MediaTek Dimensity 7300 Pro chipset and a 5000 mAh battery. Price starts at Rs20,999 that goes to Rs19,999 after bank discounts for the 8 GB + 128 GB variant. Phone (3a) Lite will go on sale across Flipkart, Vijay Sales, Croma and major retail outlets in India from 5 December 2025.Phone (3a) Lite carries forward the transparent aesthetic with IP54 resistance, an aluminium internal frame and a refined lightweight build.

HDFC Bank to Organise 17th Annual Blood Donation Drive on December 5

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: HDFC Bank, India's leading private-sector bank, will organise the 17th edition of its nationwide Blood Donation Drive under its flagship CSR initiative, Parivartan. The initiative will be held on December 5, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., across more than 1,100 cities in India. Participants will include HDFC Bank employees, customers, corporates, members of the defence forces, students and community members. The initiative reflects the Bank's commitment to community welfare and continues to support the country's continuing need for safe and timely blood donations. The Annual Blood Donation Drive is among the very first CSR initiatives set up by the Bank and falls under the key focus area of Healthcare and Hygiene.

Samsung Expands 'DOST Sales' Programme to Skill 9,400 Youth for Retail Careers in India

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, announced a major scale-up of its flagship Samsung Digital & Offline Skills Training (DOST) Sales Programme, under which 9,400 young people from underserved communities will be trained for frontline retail roles. The initiative reinforces Samsung's commitment to building a skilled, future-ready workforce and advancing India's vision of inclusive economic growth. Since its launch in 2021, the DOST Sales Programme has created a strong talent pipeline for India's fast-expanding organised retail sector. With DOST Sales 4.0, which commenced this year, Samsung is doubling down on its skilling mission in partnership with the Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI) and the Telecom Sector Skills Council (TSSC).

Mahindra Unveils XEV 9S — India's Big New Electric 7-seater SUV

LUDHIANA: If there's one thing modern life rarely gives us, it's space — space to pause, space to think, space to be ourselves, and space to be with the people who matter. Today, Mahindra brings that feeling back with something refreshingly meaningful: the XEV 9S, India's first authentic electric origin 7-seater SUV built ground-up on the INGLO architecture. The XEV 9S arrives as India's Big New Electric — a bold idea crafted into an intelligently spacious SUV for people whose lives, dreams, and daily journeys are getting bigger.

Oakley Meta HSTN Set to Launch in India on today, with Performance-Driven AI Features

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Oakley Meta HSTN AI glasses will be available in India starting December 1, introducing a new category of performance-focused AI eyewear created for athletes, sports enthusiasts, and everyday champions. The collection will be available for pre-sale on Sunglass Hut starting today and will be available to buy nationwide at Sunglass Hut and leading optical and eyewear retailers, with prices starting at INR 41,800. Oakley Meta HSTN, designed for athletes and sports enthusiasts, brings a bold new dimension to AI glasses. With a fully integrated camera for hands-free capture, open-ear speakers, and IPX4 water resistance, HSTN keeps up with high-intensity activity.

Samsung Unveils Next-Gen Bespoke AirDresser™

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today announced the launch of its smart clothing care solution, the latest Bespoke AirDresser™, designed to bring hygiene and sophistication to modern Indian homes. With rising concerns around hygiene and environment, consumers today are more conscious about overall fabric care.
Convenience has also become a key motivator, as frequent visits to laundry shops may not always be feasible, particularly for fabrics that require delicate handling. The Samsung Bespoke AirDresser™ offers an effortless solution for modern lifestyles, ensuring fresh, ready-to-wear clothes every day.

Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup Grand Final Successfully Concluded in Antalya

CHANDIGARH: Organized by Turkish Airlines, the airline that flies to more countries than any other, the Grand Final of the 10th Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup was held at Antalya Gloria Golf Resort between 17-21 November. Acclaimed as world's most extensive and largest corporate amateur golf tournament, it quickly became one of the most prestigious amateur golf events on the international stage. Since 2013, more than 750 tournaments have been held in 85 countries and 130 destinations, with over 60.000 amateur golfers participating. This year, more than 10.000 golfers have competed in over 122 events in 83 countries around the world.

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.

Samsung Launches DigiArivu Programme

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, in partnership with the United Nations Global Compact Network India (UN GCNI), today launched 'DigiArivu – Empowering Students Through Tech', an education programme aimed at strengthening digital and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education in Tamil Nadu. Through this initiative, Samsung will upgrade school infrastructure, enable STEM and digital learning, train teachers, and support holistic student development across 10 government schools in Kancheepuram and Ranipet districts of Tamil Nadu — benefiting over 3,000 students. As part of DigiArivu, Samsung will deploy a multi-layered, community-centric model to transform the learning ecosystem in tier-2 and tier-3 districts

Vice President of India CP Radhakrishnan addressed the 20th Convocation of NIT Kurukshetra



SHIV KUMAR SHAMRA
KURUKSHETRA: The Vice President of India, C.P. Radhakrishnan, on Sunday attended the 20th Convocation of the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Kurukshetra, Haryana, as the Chief Guest, as per a release from the Vice President's Secretariat.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice President expressed his privilege to be a part of this important event at one of India's premier technical institutions. He praised NIT Kurukshetra as an institution with a rich heritage, a vibrant present, and a future that is shaping the standards of technical education in the country.

He said that Kurukshetra is a holy land that reminds us that Dharma always triumphs over Adharma, no matter how powerful the latter may be.

The Vice President said that convocation is not just a ceremony but a moment when years of dedication transform into a new beginning filled with pride, hope, and opportunity.

Speaking on the pace of global change, he discussed developments in artificial intelligence, renewable energy systems, space technology, biotechnology, cybersecurity, and semiconductors. VP Radhakrishnan emphasised that technology has become a powerful tool for reshaping industries and redefining how society functions. He urged students to innovate responsibly, saying, "The true purpose of technology is not just progress, but progress with purpose." Encouraging students to delve deeper into research, innovation, and India-specific problem-solving, he said these two engines will drive India's technological leadership. He urged young innovators to pursue research in emerging areas of national importance, such as sustainable manufacturing, smart mobility, quantum technology, healthcare technology, agricultural innovation, and green infrastructure.

The Vice President said that India is moving from being a technology user to a global manufacturer of advanced solutions. He credited initiatives such as Digital India, Startup India, and Make in India for fostering a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem and urged graduates to turn their ideas into enterprises that create jobs and contribute to national development.

Acknowledging contemporary global challenges - climate change, cybersecurity threats, equitable access to technology, and the ethical use of AI - he said these also offer immense opportunities for innovation and leadership. He praised the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in implementing the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. This policy provides opportunities for multidisciplinary education and is deeply rooted in India's culture, heritage, and ethos. The Vice President said that NEP 2020 has put India on a transformative path by breaking the colonial imprint of the Macaulay education system. He said that Macaulay's education system was introduced to rule India and only produced clerks. Appreciating the institute's focus on holistic education, he commended the establishment of the Centre for Holistic Personality Development (CHPD), which promotes intellectual, emotional, and moral development through courses on the Bhagavad Gita, universal human values, cognitive science, and mental health. Referring to the national vision of a developed India @2047, the Vice President expressed confidence that NIT Kurukshetra graduates will play a key role in realising this goal. He commended the Institute for having been granted 64 patents to date, reflecting its strong culture of research, innovation, and intellectual property creation.

CT Group Hosts Weekend of Wellness to Promote Drug-Free Punjab and Support Flood Victims



J S SODHI
JALANDHAR : CT Group of Institutions, North Campus Maqsudan, in collaboration with the District Administration Hoshiarpur and Punjab Police, organised the Weekend of Wellness (WOW), a community event aimed at promoting a Drug-Free Punjab and supporting families affected by recent floods. The programme saw enthusiastic participation from students, citizens, performers, and fitness experts. The event was graced by MP Raj Kumar Chabbewal and Cabinet Minister Brahm Shankar Jimpa, along with MLA Ishank Kumar, Dental Surgeon Dr. Pankaj Shiv, Hoshiarpur Mayor Surinder Kumar Shinda, and former MP Avinash Rai Khanna, who all extended strong support to the anti-drug and relief initiatives. Activities such as Bhangra, Yoga, Self-Defence demonstrations, Nukkad Natak, Zumba, Fun Cricket, and a T20 match between DC XI and SSP XI added energy and social impact. Dr. Gagandeep and Mr. Vikas Rai coordinated various segments, while Campus Director Dr. Anurag Sharma said such events inspire youth to stay active and responsible. The event concluded with a collective pledge for a Drug-Free Punjab and continued support for flood-affected families.

Shalby Hospital Mohali Unveils Advanced Robotic Joint Replacement System



MOHALI : Shalby Hospital Mohali has introduced its state-of-the-art Robotic Joint Replacement System, bringing next-generation, highly precise and minimally invasive joint replacement surgery to the region. The advancement is expected to significantly benefit patients across Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and the Chandigarh Tricity. The new technology enables AI-guided, patient-specific knee and hip replacements with accuracy measured in fractions of a millimetre. This precision improves implant alignment, reduces surgical trauma, minimises complications and supports faster recovery with greater long-term implant durability. It is particularly valuable for patients with complex deformities, advanced arthritis and those requiring highly customised orthopaedic care. Former Punjab Health Minister Sardar Balbir Singh Sidhu graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Senior leadership and the orthopaedic team of Shalby Hospital Mohali, including Dr Pradeep Aggarwal (Chairman – Orthopaedics & Joint Replacement) and Dr GS Natt (Senior Joint Replacement Surgeon), were also present. Speaking on the occasion, Gladwin Sandeep Nayyar, Unit Head, Shalby Hospital Mohali, said, "Shalby has led the country in joint replacement excellence for more than three decades. With the introduction of robotic surgery in Mohali, we are expanding access to world-class joint replacement.

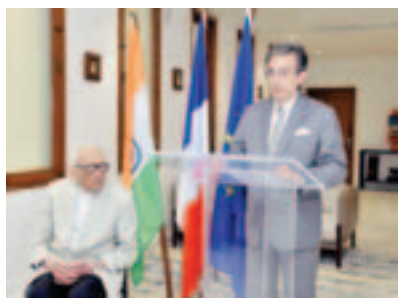
Gujarat Tourism Received Best Stall Award as India Travel Mart Jaipur 2025 Concludes



CHANDIGARH: The three-day travel exhibition, India Travel Mart (ITM) Jaipur 2025, concluded successfully today at the BM Birla Auditorium, with Gujarat Tourism taking center stage. The board was awarded the 'Best Stall Award' for its visually stunning and informative representation of the state's dynamic tourism offerings.
The Gujarat pavilion was a crowd-puller, effectively highlighting the ongoing preparations for the famous Rann Utsav, the majestic Statue of Unity, and the state's rich wildlife sanctuaries and heritage circuits. The stall provided Jaipur's travelers with exclusive insights and packages for winter vacations.
Celebrating Excellence The valedictory ceremony saw multiple accolades presented. Alongside Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir Tourism was also recognized with a 'Best Stall Award' for its exceptional promotion of Himalayan tourism. Additionally, India Tourism was bestowed with the 'Best Tourist Information Award' for its comprehensive traveler support.

Architect Shivdatt Sharma conferred the prestigious French honour Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres

CHANDIGARH: H.E. Mr Thierry Mathou, Ambassador of France to India, today conferred the insignia of Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) on eminent architect Shivdatt Sharma at the Residence of France. The prestigious French honour came in recognition of his exceptional contribution to modern architecture, his lifelong engagement with Swiss-French architect Le Corbusier's legacy, and his role in strengthening the cultural dialogue between France and India.



A self-taught architect of remarkable talent, Shivdatt Sharma began his career in Chandigarh at a defining moment in the city's history. Identified early on for his gifted hand and sensitivity to form, he joined the team of Le Corbusier and Pierre Jeanneret, taking part in one of the most ambitious urban projects of the twentieth century. This formative period would go on to mould his architectural vision, and its lessons influence him during his tenure as Chief Architect of the Indian Space Research Organisation, where he demonstrated his skill in reconciling high-performance technological requirements with contextual and sustainable design. Lauding the distinguished architect, Ambassador Thierry Mathou said: "In honouring Shivdatt Sharma, France pays tribute to a visionary practitioner whose career continues to shape public understanding of modern architecture and its cultural value. Anchored in honesty, rootedness, humanity, and dedicated to providing public good, his work reflects the values that defined the Chandigarh experiment.

Kullu BJP Demands Apology from Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi Over Remarks on RSS

ASHISH SHARMA
KULLU: The Kullu BJP has strongly objected to the comments made by Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi in the Assembly against the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), demanding that he issue an apology for his remarks. In a press statement, Kullu BJP District President Amit Sood criticised the Minister, stating that before commenting on the RSS, Jagat Singh Negi should study history and understand the organisation's long-standing contribution to the nation. He said the RSS, since its formation in 1925, has consistently worked with the motto of nation-building, social harmony, and national unity. "This organisation has always stood firm during difficult times and served the nation selflessly. It does not support actions like partition, emergency-era dictatorship, or violence, as witnessed under the Congress regime," Sood said. He added that instead of targeting the RSS, the Revenue Minister should focus on the worsening situation in the state. Sood further stated that by repeatedly criticising a particular ideology in the Assembly, the Minister seems to forget that the people of India have given the same ideology a mandate to govern at the Centre for the third consecutive term.

Shemrock World School Shines on Day 3 of 'Parivartan 2025' with Culture, Creativity & Celebration



ZIRAKPUR: Day 3 of Parivartan 2025 was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Shemrock World School, Zirakpur. The event was graced by Sardar Kuljit Singh Randhawa, MLA Derabassi, Punjab, whose presence greatly encouraged and inspired the students. The programme commenced with the auspicious Lamp Lighting ceremony, followed by a warm welcome address. A soulful rendition of the Shabad "Mitr Pyare Nu" and melodious singing performances added serenity to the morning. The Hindi poem "Dwapar Se Kalyug Tak" and the graceful Meera dance prayer further enriched the cultural and devotional atmosphere. A thrilling Karate performance showcased the strength, discipline, and dedication of the students. The stage then came alive with a series of vibrant group dances, from folk to patriotic and contemporary themes, each reflecting creativity, confidence, and artistic expression. The English plays "Mobile Mania" and "The Social Dilemma" entertained the audience while conveying strong and meaningful social messages relevant to today's youth.

Jammu & Kashmir Tourism Receives 'Best Stall Award' as ITM Jaipur 2025 Concludes



CHANDIGARH: The three-day travel and tourism exhibition - India Travel Mart (ITM) Jaipur 2025, concluded on a high note today at the BM Birla Auditorium, with Jammu & Kashmir Tourism emerging as the star attraction. The department was conferred with the prestigious 'Best Stall Award' for its vibrant showcase and proactive engagement with the travel trade of Rajasthan. Being an accessible destination, the J&K pavilion was a hub of activity, drawing massive crowds with its focus on the upcoming Winter Carnival, adventure conventions, and the upcoming Jammu Marathon and much more. Receiving the honor, Mr. Waseem Raja, JKAS, Joint Director Tourism Kashmir, reiterated that J&K is closer than ever. "With excellent flight frequency and new rail connectivity, reaching paradise is now just a matter of a few hours," he stated. The delegation, including Mr. Atul Gupta, JKAS, CEO, Bilawar Dugan Development Authority, Ms. Savita Chouhan, JKAS, Deputy Director Publicity, Jammu, and Mr. Sheikh Enayattullah, JKAS, Deputy Director Publicity, Kashmir, actively promoted new verticals like Border Tourism and spiritual circuits (Mata Vaishno Devi & Amarnath Yatra), positioning the UT as a safe, 365-day destination.

Himalaya BabyCare Celebrates its Leadership as a Brand 'Loved by Babies'

SHIMLA: Himalaya BabyCare celebrates its position as a brand 'loved by babies'* with a heartwarming new campaign that puts babies at the front and centre of its story. Titled "Prescribed by Doctors, Trusted by Moms, and Loved by Babies," the campaign highlights the brand's unique strength of being loved by babies, trusted by mothers, and recommended by doctors. Built on this strong foundation of trust, the campaign reaffirms Himalaya BabyCare's leadership in the category through a playful and emotionally resonant narrative which captures the innocent yet powerful voices of babies, placing them at the heart of the brand's message of trust and care. Using creative visualization, the film imaginatively gives a voice to babies, expressing what parents already believe—making the narrative both heartwarming and symbolic. Rajesh Krishnamurthy, Business Director, Himalaya Wellness Company, said: "At Himalaya BabyCare, our journey has always been guided by the belief that babies come first. This campaign beautifully captures that sentiment by giving a voice to the very ones we care for the most—babies.

Chandigarh register second win in SMAT, beat Maharashtra by five wickets

CHANDIGARH: UT boys continued their impressive run in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy Elite Group with a confident five-wicket victory over Maharashtra at the Salt Lake, Kolkata. This win marks Chandigarh's second win in the tournament. After winning the toss, Chandigarh skipper Shivam Bhambri opted to field first. Maharashtra managed 139/7 in 20 overs with Arshin Kulkarni (47). Late fireworks from Vicky Ostwal (28 off 16) helped them reach a competitive total.Sandeep Sharma was the standout performer with an excellent spell of 2/18 in four overs while Jagjit Singh Sandhu, Nikhil Sharma and Rahul Singh contributed with a wicket each, Chasing 140, Chandigarh were once again powered by a magnificent knock opener Manan Vohra, who remained unbeaten on 72 off 48 deliveries by striking nine fours and two sixes. Despite early setbacks with Nehal Pajni (9), Shivam Bhambri (1) and Arjun Azad (2) falling cheaply, Chandigarh regained control through a crucial 55-run partnership between Vohra and wicketkeeper-batter Nikhil Thakur (36 off 30). Their stand stabilised the innings and set the platform for a comfortable finish.



Punjab press club annual function: Senior journalists raise concern over growing pressure on media

BUNNY SODHI
JALANDHAR: At the annual function of the Punjab Press Club, senior journalists expressed serious concern over the increasing pressure being exerted on the media by government as well as non-government groups. They warned that such interference is weakening freedom of expression and making it difficult for journalists to perform their duties freely, fearlessly and impartially.



Speakers emphasized that only collective action by media institutions and professionals can preserve the legacy of unbiased journalism and strengthen democratic values. They also pointed to the decline in media standards, urging journalists to safeguard their credibility by resisting social exploitation and maintaining public trust. Senior journalists including Kuldeep Singh Bedi, Surinder Pal, Prithipal Singh Marimegha, Jasbir Singh Sodhi, Gurmeet Singh, Sunil Rudra, Bittu Oberoi, Rakesh Shantidoot, Geeta Verma, Jatinder Sharma, Mahavir Seth, Jasvir Singh Sandhu, Davinder Kumar, Paramjit Rangpuri, Pushpinder Kaur and Sunny Sahota addressed the gathering and highlighted the urgent need for ethical and responsible journalism. Earlier, Punjab Press Club President Satnam Singh Manak presented a detailed report on the club's activities over the last three years, including renovation of the club building, seminars on major national and state issues, discussions on media challenges.

Dev Samaj College of Education Holds Convocation



CHANDIGARH: Dev Samaj College of Education, Sector 36B, Chandigarh organized its 18th Convocation function in the college campus. Prof. Renu Vig, Vice Chancellor, Panjab University was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Dr. (Mrs.) Agnese Dhillon ,The Chairperson , Management ,DSCE and Sh. Maanvinder Singh Mangat , Secretary management DSCE also graced the occasion with their worthy presence. The function started with the College prayer. Dr. (Mrs.) Richa Sharma, Principal ,delivered welcome address and declared the convocation open. Prof. Renu Vig in her convocation address said that the acquisition of a degree in higher education is testimony to thinking independently. She said that one must think twice before adopting an easy way and that the need is to listen to our inner voice and conserve our energy for more useful things. Dr. (Mrs.) Agnese Dhillon , Secretary , Dev Samaj and

teachers. Prof. Renu Vig gave away degrees to all students of the sessions 2020-22, 2021-23 , 2022-24 of B.Ed., M.Ed. and Post Graduate Diploma in Guidance and Counseling , Post Graduate Diploma in Child Guidance & Family Counselling. The toppers of four sessions were facilitated for their academic excellence. 225 students were awarded degrees on this occasion.

World AIDS Day: FPAI TI Project Maulijagran Holds Awareness Health Camp in Hallomajra



CHANDIGARH: Today, on the occasion of World AIDS Day, the Family Planning Association of India (FPAI) TI Project Maulijagran, in collaboration with the Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society, organized a comprehensive health camp at Hallomajra. During the session, both the general public and members of the MSM community were sensitized about HIV prevention, early detection, and the importance of regular health check-ups. Dr. Suresh Kumar, Assistant Director Kamaljeet Singh, Constable Yogesh, Lady Constable Monu, Project Manager Poonam Sharma, and Program Officer Vandana Sharma were present at the event and shared their insights on promoting equality and reducing stigma associated with HIV/AIDS. Project Manager Poonam Sharma also addressed the gathering, spreading awareness about sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and HIV/AIDS. She encouraged individuals to stay informed, practice safe behaviours, and avail free testing and treatment services.

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NEWS BRIEF

Golf: Avani, Aditi rise to sixth after third round in Spain

Malaga :Avani Prashanth rose to tied sixth place after three rounds, and she was joined by Aditi Ashok at the Andalucía Costa del Sol Open de España. Avani shot 68, and Aditi carded 69, and they were 8-under for three rounds. Among other Indians, Pranavi Urs (71) was T-44th, Hitaashee Bakshi (70) was T-55, and Diksha Dagar (75) was T-69. Avani had five birdies against one bogey, while Aditi also had five birdies but gave away two bogeys.

Avani was tied sixth with Aditi, Anna Huang, Italy's Alessandra Fanali, plus the two players battling it out for the LET Order of Merit crown, Shannon Tan and Mimi Rhodes.

Thailand's Trichat Cheenglab sits at the top of the leaderboard with a score of 15-under-par and holds a three-shot lead heading into the final day of the Andalucía Costa del Sol Open de España. After a steady start, Cheenglab rolled in her first birdie of the day on the seventh and added another on the ninth hole at Real Guadalhorce Club de Golf. The Thai star had a trickier back nine, making bogeys on the 15th and 17th holes, but signed for a round of 72 (E) to lead by three in Malaga. Cheenglab, who won the 2023 LET Order of Merit and Rookie of the Year titles, is aiming to win her second LET title tomorrow.

France's Perrine Delacour sits in solo second place on 12-under-par after a round of 66 (-6) to put herself into contention ahead of the final day. The two-time LET winner dropped her only shot of the day on the last rolling birdies on the fourth, sixth, ninth, 10th, 13th, 14th, and 16th holes. France's Nastasia Nadaud is in outright third place, two shots further back on 10-under after a round of 69 (-3) in Spain.

Thailand's Poosit clinches title with birdie on final hole, Baisoya finishes third

Ahmedabad, Poosit Supupramai of Thailand won the inaugural $500,000 Bharath Classic Gujarat, finishing one shot ahead of aggressive Korean Woo-young Cho at Kensville Golf Resort near Ahmedabad on Sunday. Poosit (69) birdied the 18th and final hole of the day to hold off Wooyoung Cho (65), even as Sachin Baisoya dominated Kensville Golf Resort with a 10-under 62. His impressive round included two remarkable birdie streaks – one with six consecutive birdies and another with four in a row.

His brilliant performance on the final day saw him tied for third place, making him the best Indian finisher at the event co-sanctioned by the Asian Tour and the Indian Golf Premier League (IGPL). Poosit's final round of 69 secured his first Asian Tour victory, finishing with a total score of 18-under par 270. Cho (65) ended just one shot behind on 17-under 271. Poosit also earned the Asian Tour card with this win. Baisoya, a frequent participant on the IGPL Tour yet still seeking his first victory, was tied for the lead at 15-under par with overnight leader Jazz Janewattananond, as well as Thailand's Panuphol Pittayarat and Ekpharit Wu.

Focused India ready to kick off FIH Jr Women's World Cup campaign against Namibia

Santiago: The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team is prepared to start its journey at the FIH Junior Women's World Cup Santiago 2025, beginning on December 1 at the Centro Deportivo de Hockey Césped, Estadio Nacional, in Chile. India, under Captain Jyoti Singh, will play Namibia in their first match. The teams haven't recently faced each other in FIH events, making this an exciting opener as India aims to overcome initial nerves in this prestigious global tournament.

The team reached Santiago a week early to acclimatise and finalise their preparations before the competition. This edition is historic because it is the first time the tournament includes 24 teams, expanding from the previous 16-team format used until 2023.

Speaking about the team's readiness, Captain Jyoti Singh said, "We arrived a week early to begin our preparations. The team has adjusted well to the local conditions, and the morale is high. Our first match is against Namibia, and we want to build momentum from the very start.

"The group has been training with great intensity, and every player is eager to execute the plans we've worked on. We are fully focused on taking it one match at a time and delivering our best hockey throughout.

Rohit Sharma breaks Shahid Afridi's record for most sixes in ODI history

Ranchi:) India's stalwart Rohit Sharma played a superb innings against South Africa in the first ODI on Sunday and another feather to his already illustrious cap by breaking the former Pakistan cricketer Shahid Afridi's world record for most sixes in ODIs by hitting three maximums at the JSCA International Stadium Complex on Sunday.

While the Afridi ended his career with 351 ODI sixes, Rohit went one up and notched up his ODI career's 352nd maximum to script history.

Batting first, Rohit put on a show for India while also building a brilliant 136-run second-wicket partnership alongside Virat Kohli. After Yashasvi Jaiswal's early dismissal, the duo powered Team India's scoreboard and took on the bowlers with style. In the 15th over, Rohit hit Prenelan Subrayen for back-to-back sixes. With the first hit, he completed 350 career maximums, becoming the only Indian batter to achieve the feat in the 50-over format. After the second hit, the 37-year-old equalled Afridi's record for most ODI sixes. After getting to his 60th ODI half-century in the 19th over, Rohit notched up his 352nd ODI six to climb to the top of the elite list. Only three cricketers have scored over 300 sixes in the format, with Chris Gayle being the third, besides Rohit and Afridi.

Bangladesh add Shamim Hossain for third Ireland T20I

NEW DELHI Bangladesh have recalled middle-order batter Shamim Hossain for the third and final T20I against Ireland, a decision that follows an unusual public disagreement between captain Litton Das and the national selectors. The match is scheduled to be played on Tuesday.

The recall comes just days after Litton openly questioned Shamim's exclusion from the squad, saying neither he nor head coach Phil Simmons had been consulted. Litton expressed surprise before the first match, noting that captains are usually kept informed about selection decisions.

"I think it would have been better if (Shamim) was in the team. But this is not my call, (it is) totally the selectors' call. I don't know why, but the selector dropped Shamim without giving us notice. I have known that a captain would know which player would be in the team, and which player would be out of the team. I don't see any reason behind Shamim getting dropped. It would have been better if he was in the team," Litton had said before the first game. Chief selector Gazi Ashraf Hossain, however, dismissed the need to seek the captain's approval, explaining that Shamim had been left out to give Mahidul Islam Ankon an opportunity in the middle order. His remarks appeared to deepen tensions that have lingered since Litton .



Kohli leads India to 349 /8 against SA in 1st ODI

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RANCHI: A record-breaking 52nd ODI century by Virat Kohli, his 136-run stand with Rohit Sharma and half-century from KL Rahul took India to 349/8 in their 50 overs during the first ODI against South Africa at JSCA Stadium in Ranchi on Sunday. Virat Kohli's brilliant 135 in 120 balls, with 11 fours and seven sixes, led India to a massive score, with Rohit Sharma (57 in 51 balls, with five fours and three sixes) and KL Rahul (60 in 56 balls, with two fours and three sixes) also chipping in useful fifties. SA needs 350 runs to win. After the Proteas opted to bat first, openers Yashasvi Jaiswal and Rohit Sharma gave Team India a solid start. Jaiswal cracked a boundary, cutting a Marco Jansen delivery past point on the first ball of the innings, while the left-armer gave India some freebies on the next ball as his extra bounce went through above everyone's heads for a four, and a bye signal was given. Just when it seemed that Jaiswal was looking completely at home against left-arm pacers, he nicked one to wicketkeeper Quinton de Kock, scoring just 18 in 16 balls, with two fours and a six. India was 25/1 in 3.1 overs. Virat Kohli found a lucky four on his first delivery, edging the ball towards the third man boundary

. The right-hander looked in amazing touch, with an off-drive against Burger. At the same time, Rohit added to India's festivities with two fantastic boundaries against Jansen in the next over, one being a delightful cut. India was at the 50-run mark in seven overs. Virat upped the ante against Burger in the next over, ending the over with a six over mid-off and a cover drive. It was cheers and horns ringing all over the field as Virat looked in fine touch. The Ro-Ko continued their sublime touch, with Rohit finding two successive fours against Bosch in the eighth over, one being his trademark pull, and in the next over, Virat crunched Ottneil Baartman for another six. India was 80/1 in 10 overs, with Rohit (20*) and Virat (30*) unbeaten.India reached their 100-run mark in 13.3 overs. Prenelan Subrayen's spin was feasted on by Rohit with two absolutely brilliant slog-sweeps over the mid-wicket region, levelling the record of Shahid Afridi for most ODI sixes. The duo brought up their 100-run stand, their second-successive century stand in two matches in just 82 balls. ,The 'Ro-Ko' carnival continued for Indian fans as, in the 18th over, Virat unleashed two successive sixes against Bosch, one a flick over mid-wicket and the other an upper cut over deep point, reaching his 76th ODI fifty in 48 balls, with four boundaries and three sixes.

In the next over, Rohit brought up his 60th ODI fifty in 43 balls, with five fours and two sixes. The 20th over brought another moment to cheer for the Ranchi crowd, as Rohit not only crunched Jansen for a six over the long leg region but also went past Afridi for most sixers in ODIs. 150 runs were up for India in 19.4 overs. Jansen broke the 136-run partnership between the duo, trapping Rohit leg-before-wicket for 57 in 51 balls, with five fours and three sixes. India was 161/2 in 21.2 overs. Baartman pushed India on the back foot, with Dewald Brevis taking a diving catch near the backward point region to remove a returning Ruturaj Gaikwad for a 13-ball 8, while he also removed Washington Sundar for an 18-ball 13, caught by Bosch at mid-off. India was 200/4 in 30.3 overs. India had reached the 200-run mark in 30.2 overs. India continued to milk singles, with a short ball pulled by Kohli for four releasing a bit of pressure, with the Proteas managing to put the shackles on Indian batters, particularly KL Rahul, who needed some time to settle, getting India to hit just 60 more runs till the 37th over. Virat glided a Jansen delivery through deep extra cover for four, bringing up his 52nd ODI century in 102 balls, with seven fours and five sixes. Having crossed the milestone, it was on Virat to switch gears. In the 39th over, bowled by Subrayen, Virat made a mockery out of him, scoring two sixes and two fours each to bring up the 250-run mark in 38.5 overs. Also, he hammered Baartman for two fours in the next, taking the score to 264 at the end of 40 overs. Burger finally got the coveted wicket of Virat when he went too high in the air, and Ryan Rickelton, running from the covers, took a brilliant catch to remove him for 135 in 120 balls, with 11 fours and seven sixes. India was 276/5 in 42.5 overs. In the 45th over, KL finally managed to get some rust off and hit two sixes against Burger, one over deep backward square leg and the other an inside-out hit. India was 300 runs up in 44.5 overs. In the next over, Jadeja hit another six over deep backward square leg, and India looted another 12 runs. Runs were coming thick and fast for India, and the 350-run mark looked possible. Rahul brought up his half-century in 50 balls, with two fours and sixes. Just when Rahul and Jadeja were looking to brutalise even more, Jansen got KL's wicket a ball after he was launched for a reverse scoop six by KL over third man. The right-hander made 60 in 56 balls, with two fours and three sixes. India was 341/6 in 48.5 overs. Bosch got Jadeja caught by Aiden Markram near the boundary for 32 in 20 balls, with two fours and a six. India was 347/7 in 49.4 overs. On the next ball, he cleaned up Arshdeep Singh for a golden duck and was on a hat-trick. Kuldeep Yadav managed to get two on the final ball, setting 350 to chase for the Proteas. Brief Scores: India: 349/8 in 50 overs (Virat Kohli 135, KL Rahul 60, Ottneil Baartman 2/60) vs South Africa.

Gayatri-Treesa retains women's doubles title, Srikanth settles for silver in men's singles



LUCKNOW: The women's doubles combination of Gayatri Gopichand and Treesa Jolly retained their title in the Syed Modi International with a hard-fought win over Japan's Kaho Osawa and Mai Tanabe, while former World No.1 Kidambi Srikanth went down in the men's singles final.

In the women's doubles final, Gayatri and Treesa came back from a game down to beat Osawa and Tanabe 17-21, 21-13, 21-15 in an hour and 16 minutes to clinch the title, while Srikanth went down 16-21, 21-8, 20-22 in the men's singles final at the Babu Banarasi Das U.P. Badminton Academy Hall in Lucknow on Sunday.

Playing only their second tournament after a long injury lay-off, which resulted in the absence of Gayatri, the Indian combination had reached the final without dropping a game. But in the summit clash.

Jugraj stars in India's 14-3 win against Canada

AGENCY

IPOH : In a high-scoring encounter, the Indian senior men's hockey team outclassed Canada 14-3 to top the pool standings and make the final of the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup here on Saturday. Having lost only to Belgium by a goal earlier in the tournament, India were upbeat after a sensational 3-2 win against New Zealand in their previous game. The match began with an early goal by Nilakanta Sharma in the fourth minute, followed by a 10th-minute goal by Rajinder Singh, who has been in good nick since his debut in the senior side. It was a thrilling start to the game with Canada responding to the early goals by creating PCs and even converting from them. In the 11th minute, almost soon after Rajinder's goal, Brendan Guraliuk converted a fine PC. Two more goals were scored in the following minutes through Jugraj Singh and Amit Rohidas in the 12th and 15th minutes, respectively. This 4-1 lead put India in good stead to build on their performance in the second quarter. With senior stars in the team rested for this tournament, the onus to outshine was on a younger lot and they did well to hold off pressure from Canadian defence. A flurry of goals continued in this quarter with Rajinder scoring in the 24th minute, Dilpreet Singh in the 25th minute and Jugraj scoring his second goal in the 26th minute. Ahead by 7-1, India were unstoppable but Canada came into the third quarter with slight modifications in their attack that led.



Root works on strategies to counter Starc ahead of pink-ball Ashes Test

BRISBANE : Joe Root faced a left-handed thrower during England's first training session at The Gabba in Brisbane, ahead of the second Ashes Test, a pink-ball match, as he worked on strategies to counter Australia's Mitchell Starc, who has frequently troubled the England batter, according to ESPNcricinfo.Starc and Root have faced each other 23 times across red- and pink-ball Tests, with Starc holding the advantage in their ongoing rivalry. Root, the second-highest run-scorer in Test cricket, averages just 17.36 against Starc, who has dismissed Root 10 times in Tests, including twice in last week's Ashes opener.



Mitchell Starc dismantled England in the first Test at Perth, claiming 10 wickets in the game, giving Australia a 1-0 lead. The tourists struggled to counter Starc's mastery. Notably, no bowler comes close to Starc's tally of 81 pink-ball wickets at an average of 17.08.Joe Root acknowledged that his dismissal by Mitchell Starc in the first innings of the Perth Test came from an excellent delivery. He noted that the ball moved sharply on the lively Perth wicket and added that the same delivery likely wouldn't have carried on an English pitch, where it would have dropped short.

"I think the first innings, to be honest, it was a pretty good ball.

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Panchayat Samiti, Zila Parishad Mohali polls adjourned

CHANDIGARH : The State Election Commission has been informed by Department of Rural Development and Panchayats that in view of the notification dated 28.11.2025 issued by Department of Local Government, 15 villages adjoining Municipal Corporation, Mohali have now been merged into the boundaries of Municipal Corporation, Mohali. The Department of Rural Development and Panchayats has clarified that due to this notification, the 15 Gram Panchayats of Panchayat Samiti, Mohali, are now excluded from the jurisdiction of the concerned Panchayat Samiti/Zila Parishad Mohali area. As there is now a significant change in the boundaries of Panchayat Samiti Mohali as well as Zila Parishad area, the Department of Rural Development and Panchayats is required to carry out the fresh reorganization of the same. The State Election Commission, on the recommendation of Department of Rural Development and Panchayats as well as Deputy Commissioner Mohali has decided that the election process for carrying out the elections for the members of Panchayat Samiti Mohali, as well as for the members of Zila Parishad Mohali, be adjourned till such time as fresh reorganization of these zones is not carried out by the Department of Rural Development and Panchayats. To clarify further, the election to elect members of Panchayat Samiti DERA BASSI, Panchayat Samiti KHARAR and Panchayat Samiti MAJRI will proceed as scheduled.

NEWS BRIEF

Gurdev Singh Dhamm assumes charge as SDM Morinda

RADHE SHYAM SHARMA



MORINDA: Gurdev Singh Dhamm has taken charge as the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) of Morinda. He has replaced Sukhpal Singh, who has been transferred to Dudhansada in Patiala. Before this posting, Dhama was serving as CMFO in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ferozepur. After assuming charge, Dhama said that the doors of the SDM office will always remain open for the residents of the area. He urged people to meet him without any hesitation on any working day for their concerns and official matters.

Drug peddler arrested with 13.75 grams heroine

CHANDIGARH: As per directions of Ms. Kanwardeep Kaur, IPS, W/SSP/UT, Chandigarh, under the close guidance of Ms. KM Priyanka, W/SP/City Chandigarh and under the supervision of Sh Anurag Daru, SDPO/South a team of police officials of Police Station, Sector-31, Chandigarh headed by Insp. Rajiv Kumar, SHO/PS-31, got major success by arresting a drug peddler namely Sunit Parsad S/o Santu parsad, R/o Near gurdwara Village jagatpura Mohali Punjab age 22 years BRIEF OF CASE:-
It is submitted that on 29.11.2025, SI Dalvir Singh along with police party of PS 31 Chd were on patrolling duty, at about 5.30 PM, when they reach near C/D sector 47 Chandigarh. They saw a person near govt toilet.

We will sit on indefinite hunger strike if authorities attempt to cut even single tree: Shub Sekhon

TILAK RAJ



MOHALI: Shubham Singh (Shub Sekhon), President of Youth Congress Mohali,has demanded an immediate halt to the proposed land swap of the Sector 90 forest patch in Mohali with land 100 km away in Ludhiana. The decision, taken by the Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA), is being challenged before senior Punjab government officials.Shub submitted the representation to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) – Punjab, Chief Secretary, Punjab, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), Punjab, Conservator of Forests (CCF), Plains Division, Punjab, and Chief Administrator, GMADA.He argued that the swap is not only illogical but violates constitutional guarantees under Article 21 (21) (Right to Life) and Article 14 (Right to Equality).

PGIMER once again turns tragedy into hope

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, NOV 30



In a deeply moving act of generosity amidst overwhelming grief, the family of a 44-year-old male patient from Haryana admitted to PGIMER on 23rd November, after a severe fall leading to a fatal head injury chose to donate his organs. Their magnanimous decision gave the gift of life to three terminally ill organ failure patients and restored vision to two corneal blind individuals . What began as a moment of heart-breaking loss transformed into a powerful legacy of hope and healing for five recipients.

Despite all possible medical interventions, the patient's condition deteriorated, and brain death was declared following THOA protocols on 27 November 2025. Displaying extraordinary strength and compassion, the patient's wife consented to organ donation, motivated by her husband's lifelong spirit of helping others, ""My husband always believed in helping people," she shared. "Even though he is no longer with us, I wanted his goodness to continue. Knowing that he has saved lives gives me strength to move forward." Recognizing the family's noble intent, PGIMER immediately activated its Organ Retrieval and Allocation System under the National Organ Transplant Programme.

The liver was allocated through the national network to the Punjab Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (PILBS), where a suitable recipient in urgent need was identified. This facilitated PILBS's first cadaver liver transplant, marking a historic advancement for Punjab's transplant ecosystem. At the same time, the two kidneys retrieved were successfully transplanted at PGIMER, saving the lives of two terminally ill renal failure patients. The corneas restored sight to two individuals suffering from corneal blindness—extending the donor's legacy to five grateful recipients. Expressing gratitude to the braveheart donor family, Prof. Vivek Lal, Director, PGIMER, said, "The donor family's noble gesture stands as an extraordinary message of humanity.

Their willingness to rise above their grief has saved multiple lives and strengthened the organ donation movement in our region. Supporting PILBS in achieving their first cadaver liver transplant is a proud moment for PGIMER and a major milestone for Punjab's healthcare landscape." Echoing this, *Prof. Vipin Koushal, Medical Superintendent and Nodal Officer, ROTTO (North), PGIMER, stated, "Organ donation is the greatest gift one can offer. The family's courage is profoundly inspiring. This case also demonstrates the exceptional coordination between PGIMER and PILBS, ensuring organs were allocated swiftly, ethically, and to the most suitable recipients."

Punjab real estate sector warns of crisis after steep hike in EDC/IDC

SHASHI JAIN
KHARAR, NOV 29



Real estate developers across Kharar, Mohali and nearby regions have cautioned that the recent 300–400 per cent hike in External and Internal Development Charges (EDC/IDC) will cripple the sector, stall upcoming housing supply and drive investment out of Punjab.

Builders argue that despite the government collecting hundreds of crores as development charges, ground infrastructure shows no visible progress.An emergency meeting of the Builder Association Kharar was convened today under the chairmanship of Amrit Bansal and attended by prominent developers. Harminder Singh Mavi, Convener of the Aam Aadmi Dhar Bachao Morcha, participated as the principal guest, and extensive deliberations were held on the policy implications.Members said the situation was transforming from difficult to unviable. With the recent rise in GST on bricks, escalating sand and gravel rates, an additional ?300 per truck entry charge on sand, rising collector rates and expensive land costs, developers claim it has become nearly impossible to sustain new projects without passing the burden on to buyers.

The Association flagged that more than 400 residential units are currently stuck or unsold in the region, creating acute cash flow distress and delaying construction. Concerned developers are already shifting capital to Haryana, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh, where policy frameworks are seen as more stable.Members warned that the crisis is no longer about profit but survival. A slowdown in the sector, they noted, will impact government revenues, housing supply and the livelihoods of thousands employed in construction and allied industries. They pointed out that Punjab collected approximately ?5,750 crore through registry and stamp duty fees in 2025 alone, underlining the sector's financial importance to the state. Industry experts predict that if the notification is not withdrawn, property prices may surge 20 to 50 per cent due to cumulative cost escalation.

Homi Bhabha cancer hospital & research centre Punjab hosts 'MicroScope 2025'

CHANDIGARH, NOV 30



The Department of Microbiology, Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre (HBCH&RC), Punjab, successfully conducted MicroScope 2025 – a one-day academic event focused on "The Era of Antimicrobial Resistance – Combating Superbugs" on 29th November 2025 in its New Chandigarh Campus.

The conference brought together renowned clinicians, researchers, academicians and healthcare professionals to address the urgent global challenge of antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

The scientific sessions featured impactful keynote lectures on emerging resistance mechanisms, innovative treatment strategies, diagnostic advancements, and stewardship practices. Engaging activities such as a quiz competition, poster/oral paper presentations, and case-based panel discussions further enriched the learning experience. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ashish Gulia, Director, HBCH&RC Punjab, expressed his appreciation for the participants and the initiative.

He stated, "I am grateful to everyone who joined us and truly partnered with HBCHRC. Each participant carries a part of TMC's ethos—our principles, education, service, and clinical commitment—forward into their own work. I congratulate the organizing team, and I am delighted to see the Department of Microbiology taking such strong strides. I hope MicroScope continues to grow in its vision and inspires other departments to follow suit."The event provided an excellent platform for knowledge exchange, collaboration, and generating ideas to promote responsible antibiotic use and strengthen the fight against drug-resistant infections.

The Organizing Committee expressed gratitude to all faculty, delegates, sponsors, and participants for making MicroScope 2025 a resounding success.

Akali Dal gears up for ZP, Block Committee polls



J K BATTA
CHANDIGARH, NOV 30

As soon as the State Election Commission announced the Zila Parishad and Block Committee elections in Punjab, the Akali Dal (SAD) completed all administrative preparations for the Zila Parishad and Block Committee elections. With the Zila Parishad and Block Committee elections approaching, the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) has begun preparing. The SAD has begun appointing election incharges. Senior Akali leader and SGPC member Charanjit Singh Kalewal and senior Akali leader Chaudhary Shyam Lal Majrian stated that observers will play a key role in everything from ticket allocation to election campaigning. Today, senior Akali leader and SGPC member Charanjit Singh Kalewal and senior Akali leader Chaudhary Shyam Lal Majrian presented a Siropa to Hans Raj Hansa, a hardworking Akali Dal worker from Kane Ka Bada, and declared him the Akali Dal's Block Committee candidate. Hans Raj Hansa has been declared the Akali Dal's Block Committee candidate from villages Badi Karora, Kane Ka Bada, Tandi, Tanda, Masol, Patch and Chhoti Padchh.

DBU's Abhijit Panday lifts gold at khelo India, Parveen shines with silver



AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, NOV 30

Desh Bhagat University (DBU), Mandi Gobindgarh, has once again showcased its sporting excellence as its talented weightlifter Abhijit Panday clinched the gold medal at the prestigious Khelo India University Games held in Rajasthan. Abhijit competed in the men's 94 kg weightlifting category and delivered a stellar performance that left a strong impression on spectators and officials alike. He successfully lifted 129 kg in the Snatch event and an impressive 159 kg in Clean & Jerk, bringing his total to 288 kg, a score that secured him the top position. Abhijit, a dedicated student of the B.P.E.S. programme at DBU, has consistently demonstrated determination, discipline and excellence in his training. His victory reflects not only his personal commitment but also the robust sports culture and support system available at Desh Bhagat University. In another proud moment for the university, Parveen, also a student of DBU, won the Silver Medal in Men's Freestyle Wrestling (74 kg category) at the same event. His achievement further strengthened DBU's reputation for nurturing competitive athletes across diverse sports. Extending their heartfelt congratulations, Dr. Zora Singh, Chancellor; Dr. Tajinder Kaur, Pro-Chancellor; and Dr. Harsh Sadawarti, Vice Chancellor, praised both athletes for their outstanding performances.

Accused dies in police custody in Zirakpur



VICKY BHABAT
ZIRAKPUR, NOV 30

An atmosphere of panic was created in Bakshikhana located within the limits of Zirakpur police station when an accused died in police custody due to his health suddenly deteriorating.

The deceased has been identified as 23-year-old Rajneesh Sharma, a resident of Shakti Enclave Dhakauli, who had been living with his maternal uncle in Rail Vihar Society located on VIP Road for some time. According to the police, the youth was addicted to drugs and no place was found on his body where traces of drug injections were not found. Rajneesh was arrested on Saturday in a snatching case. Initial interrogation revealed that he was involved in about seven to eight incidents. Police say that the face seen in the CCTV footage of old incidents in their possession matches Rajneesh, so his arrest is expected to reveal many theft incidents. According to the police, Rajneesh's health suddenly deteriorated at around 9.30 pm on Saturday night. He was immediately taken to the hospital, where the doctors declared him dead. As soon as the information about the incident was received, the Judicial Magistrate First Class reached the police station for investigation on Sunday morning.

Jagrata organised in Ward 11, devotees gather for devotional offerings



MORINDA (RADHE SHYAM SHARMA): A jagrata was organised by the residents of Chhakandi Mohalla in Ward No. 11, where devotees offered prayers and paid obeisance at the darbar of Mata Rani.

Sharing details, Mani Mahindru and Jaspal Singh Rana said that Sandeep Barad and Party from Morinda sang devotional bhents in praise of the Goddess. Devotees danced to the hymns and marked their presence with complete devotion. An Akhand Band also played during the event, adding to the spiritual ambience.

A large number of people including Vijay Chaudhary, Gagandeep Singh Goldy, Jacky Khan, Rohit Kumar, Happy, Gaurav Sood, Monu Verma, Radhe Shyam Sharma, BJP Local Body Cell Punjab Secretary Sanjeev Sood, Sandeep Kumar, Haripal, Mangal Sain, Shamsher Singh Rana, Sonu, Youth Brahmin Sabha City President Umesh Sharma, Suraj, Shanky Rana, Rajan, Manoj Mahindru, Sachin Dhiman, Davinder Sharma, Jang Singh, Monu Shukla and Bali Shukla attended the event along with a significant number of women devotees.

793 schools, Principals, teachers & staff members get 'Pride of School Award' on concluding day of FAP National Awards 2025 at Chandigarh University



ARVIND PATHAK
SULTANPUR LODHI, NOV 30

In recognition of their invaluable contribution in elevating the stature of education, sports and culture in the country, 793 schools, principals, teachers and school staff members from over 800 schools across 18 States and Union Territories received 'Pride of School Award' on the concluding day of the 5th edition of the FAP National Awards 2025 held at Chandigarh University campus.

Punjab School Education Board (PSEB) chairman Amarpal Singh graced the Awards presentation as Chief Guest along with Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and Chancellor, Chandigarh University, Satnam Singh Sandhu.

The other dignitaries who attanded the event included guest of honor and singer Jasbir Jassi and President of FAP, Dr Jagjit Singh Dhuri. On concluding day of 2-day FAP National Awards 2025, besides 170 principals and 265 teachers, the recipients of the 'Pride of School Award' included 32 accountants, 36 clerks, three gardeners, five peons, 20 support staff, 19 transportation staff and 32 non-teaching staff members of private schools.

GD Goenka toddler house celebrates 5th annual function showcasing India's Journey from tradition to modernity"



VICKY BHABAT
ZIRAKPUR, NOV 30

GD Goenka Toddler House, Zirakpur celebrated its 5th Annual Function with great pride and enthusiasm on at the Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration, Sector 26, Chandigarh. The event reflected the school's commitment to nurturing cultural roots while embracing modern values.

This year's theme, "Bharat – Parampara se Adhunikta Tak," highlighted India's rich heritage and its graceful evolution into a progressive nation. The celebration beautifully blended tradition with contemporary learning, creating a memorable and enriching experience for all in attendance.

The school had the honour of welcoming Ms. Shuchi Gupta, a distinguished Arts-Based Therapy Practitioner and Applied Theatre Educator, as the Chief Guest.

Her esteemed presence added immense value to the occasion.

Shivraj Singh Chouhan visits Punjab, holds direct interaction with MGNREGA workers in Jalandhar



VERMA
GURDASPUR, NOV 30

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, during his Punjab tour, held a direct interaction with MGNREGA workers in Jalandhar today. During the dialogue, the minister discussed in detail the issues faced by workers, the functioning of MGNREGA, and employment-related concerns.

He stated that the Central Government is continuously working for the welfare of farmers and rural laborers, and grassroots feedback is extremely important for making schemes like MGNREGA more effective. On this occasion, Punjab BJP Working President Ashwani Sharma, State President Sunil Jakhar, State General Secretary Anil Sareen, State General Secretary Rakesh Rathore, former MLA K.D. Bhandari, Jalandhar District President Sushil Sharma, former MLA Jagbir Singh Brar, and senior leader Sarbjit Singh Makkar were also present.

The leaders and workers welcomed Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. BJP Working President Ashwani Sharma expressed gratitude to all the guests, MGNREGA workers, and party workers who attended the event. He said that the Central Government gives top priority to rural development, and such interactions help in understanding the real issues faced by rural communities.

Shiv Sena Punjab new core committee formed: Sanjeev Ghanauli



TILAK RAJ
MOHALI, NOV 30

An important meeting of the Mohali district unit of Shiv Sena Punjab was held today in Kharar under the chairmanship of the National President, Sanjeev Ghanauli. During the meeting, the existing Kharar committee was dissolved, and a new core committee was constituted.

Several key office-bearers, including Rajesh Malik, Punjab Youth Chairman Arvind Gautam, Legal Advisor Mudit Bharadwaj, Karan Jain, Bhupinder Sharma, Sanjeev Singla, Narottam Bhatia, and Ajay Pandit, were present during the session. District Chairman Ropar Sachin Ghanauli also attended the meeting.National President Sanjeev Ghanauli stated that following the formation of the new core committee, new appointments in the Mohali district will be announced soon. He also added that a special meeting of the entire team with Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann will be organized in the near future.

Furthermore, Shiv Sena Punjab indicated that the party is preparing to stage a protest against the district administration regarding several key issues related to Mohali district.

People instal reflectors on Nabha circular road



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, NOV 30

Nabha residents installed reflectors on the divider at Bauran Gate Chowk on Nabha Circular Road. According to the people, these dividers are often not visible during foggy weather and vehicles hit the divider.

The bill for the cost incurred on installing the reflectors will be sent to the government and a demand will be made for payment of the bill. People are angry that four deaths have occurred on this road in the last 40 days and people have been injured in many accidents. Led by the Samvad Group, people today stood on the roadside with banners and also motivated people to follow traffic rules. On this occasion, senior lawyer and active leader of Samvad Group, Advocate Reet Iqbal Singh Majhail said that the administration should have done this work before the onset of winter, but the lax attitude of the local administration is being exposed time and again. He said that illegal encroachments on the road have again increased and no effort is seen from the traffic police to control the speed of speeding vehicles. Gurmeet Singh said that the administration has not yet started the work of white stripes on the road, which is the most important thing in fog. He said that next week, we will also send the quotation for white stripes to the government and by asking for funds for it, people will be forced to get this work done themselves.

Akali Dal to contest district and block committee elections with full strength: Bajwa



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, NOV 30

The Shiromani Akali Dal has declared its intention to contest the upcoming district council and block committee elections with full vigor. This announcement was made by the party's district president Jatinder Singh Lali Bajwa, who also officially declared Iqbal Singh Gopi as the party candidate from the Jahan Khelan district council seat.The announcement took place in the presence of senior leaders including Sanjeev Talwar, Shamsher Singh Bhardwaj, Jagtar Singh, Sukhjinder Singh Aujla (Pradhan Soy Doaba), Japinder Atwal, Inderjit Kang (Youth Pradhan Dehati), Babbu Bajwara, among others.Lali Bajwa stated that under the stewardship of party president Sukhbir Singh Badal, the Akali Dal remains united and strong. However, he added that the opposition government is making efforts to suppress Akali Dal leaders due to this unity. He further revealed that the party's high command will soon announce the candidates for all district council and block committee seats, following which the party will conduct its election campaign with utmost dedication.

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