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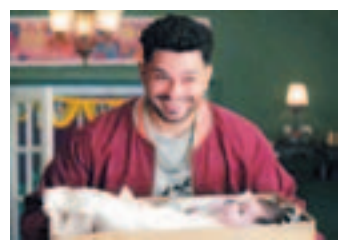


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NEWS BRIEFS

Kashmir freezes as sub-zero temperatures drop further

SRINAGAR: The cold conditions intensified across Kashmir as the minimum temperature dropped further below the freezing point, and a thick layer of fog engulfed most parts of the valley, officials said on Wednesday.
Srinagar recorded a low of minus 4.4 degrees Celsius on Tuesday night, down from minus 2.5 degrees Celsius the previous night, they said. A thick blanket of fog wrapped Srinagar and other places in the valley, especially around water bodies.

13 Indigo flights cancelled from Hyderabad, flyers frustrated

HYDERABAD: A chaotic situation unfolded at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport here after Indigo airlines cancelled 13 flights to various destinations, including Delhi and Bengaluru from here, airport sources said.
The airport said that some IndiGo flights have been impacted due to airline-related technology and operational issues, resulting in delays and cancellations. Similarly, the airline also cancelled 18 incoming flights from various destinations, the sources said.

Ashes of Dharmendra immersed in Ganga in Haridwar



HARIDWAR: The family of veteran actor Dharmendra immersed his ashes in the Ganga at Har Ki Pauri in Haridwar on Wednesday, the family's priest said. Known affectionately as the "He-Man" of Indian cinema, the legendary actor passed away on November 24 at the age of 89. The rituals were kept completely away from the media and public, the family priest Sandeep Parashar Shrotriya told.

India ramps up rescue, medical support in SL

COLOMBO: India on Wednesday highlighted ongoing humanitarian assistance in Sri Lanka through coordinated rescue, medical, and relief operations under Operation Sagar Bandhu, according to posts shared on X by the High Commission of India in Sri Lanka.In a post on X, the mission said, "In close coordination with Sri Lankan armed forces, @NDRFHQ teams continue rescuing stranded people from critical areas, providing urgent assistance and relief to those affected. added that NDRF personnel have evacuated vulnerable individuals, including a visually challenged senior citizen.

Centre withdraws order on mandatory pre-installation of Sanchar Saathi App

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The government on Wednesday afternoon rolled back an order mandating pre-installation of the Sanchar Saathi cybersecurity app on smartphones sold in the country.

The order to manufacturers - including Apple, reportedly prepping a legal challenge - stands withdrawn because the "the number of users who have downloaded the app (over six lakh in the past 24 hours and 1.4 crore users overall) has been increasing rapidly", the government said.

The mandate to pre-install "was meant to accelerate this process", the government said.

The statement also confirmed what Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said yesterday and repeated in Parliament this morning - the app can be deleted if needed.

"The government, with an intent to provide access to cyber security to all citizens, mandated pre-installation of Sanchar Saathi app on all smartphones. The app is secure and meant to help citizens from bad actors in the cyber world. There is no other function other than protecting the users in the app and they can remove the app whenever they want," the government said.

Earlier today Scindia told the Lok Sabha, "Snooping is neither possible nor will it happen with the Sanchar Saathi app. And I can delete it like any other app... as every citizen has this right in a democracy. We took this step (mandatory pre-installation) to make it accessible to all."

"The success of the app is based on public participation. But now, based on feedback from the public, we are ready to bring a change in the order," the BJP leader said.

The rollback followed two days of protests from opposition leaders and civil activists over concerns the pre-installation directive violates privacy rights and that the application itself could be used to spy on people, an echo of the 2021 Pegasus spyware scandal.

The government has come under fire from the opposition over concerns the Sanchar Sathi app can be used to spy on private citizens, an echo of the 2021 Pegasus spyware scandal.

Congress MPs Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Karti Chidambaram were among those to express such concerns. "It is ridiculous. Citizens have the right to privacy. This isn't just about snooping on telephones - overall, they are turning this country into a dictatorship," Gandhi Vadra said. "This has been done in Russia and North Korea (and) now they want to snoop on our private photos and videos," Chidambaram told NDTV.

Priyanka hits out at Centre over Labour Codes

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Wednesday slammed the central government over the four new Labour Codes, alleging that the government has snatched away the rights that workers and new avenues for their exploitation have been opened.Opposition parties, including Congress, held protests outside the Parliament today against the Labour Codes. Priyanka Gandhi said in a post that protections previously granted to workers "have been taken away"."In the name of simplifying labour laws, the central government has brought in 4 new Labour Codes. Under this pretext, the government has snatched away all the rights that workers had. The protections previously granted to workers have been taken away, and new avenues for their exploitation have been opened," she said. "Through these laws, Narendra Modi ji's pro-capitalist and anti-worker mindset has once again come to the fore. The country does not accept these laws," she added.

Hry CM releases second installment of 'Deen Dayal Lado Laxmi Yojana'

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Haryana Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini today released the second installment of the Deen Dayal Lado Laxmi Yojana. With today's disbursement, approximately Rs 148 crore has been transferred to the accounts of 7,01,965 beneficiary women.

The Chief Minister was addressing a press conference here on Wednesday. Social Justice, Empowerment, Scheduled Caste and Backward Class Welfare, and Antyodaya (SEWA) Minister Sh Krishan Kumar Bedi was also present on the occasion.

The Chief Minister stated that the government has decided to release benefits under this scheme at three-month intervals, with the total amount for the quarter transferred in a single installment. He said that the scheme is not merely a means of financial support but a significant initiative aimed at promoting women's social empowerment and economic self-reliance.

He informed that the Deen Dayal Lado Laxmi app was launched on September 25, on the 109th birth anniversary of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya. Subsequently, on November 1, the first installment was transferred to eligible women.

The Chief Minister said that as of November 30, a total of 9,00,592 women had applied through the app. Of these, 7,01,965 women were found eligible. Among them, 5,58,346 have completed their Aadhaar KYC, while verification for 1,43,619 applicants is pending.

He urged women whose final stage of Aadhaar KYC is incomplete to finalize the process at the earliest. Once their verification is complete, they too will begin receiving the benefits of the scheme.

The Chief Minister stated that the scheme is available to all women aged 23 years or above whose family's annual income is less than Rs 100,000. A unique feature of this initiative is that all eligible women within a family can benefit from it. The application process is fully transparent and entirely online, allowing women to apply easily from anywhere and at any time through the Lado Laxmi Mobile App.

He explained that once an application is submitted, the verification process is completed within 24 to 48 hours, after which eligible women receive an SMS notification. This message urged them to revisit the app during the final stage of verification to capture and upload a live photograph. After the e-KYC is completed through the Aadhaar database, the SEWA Department issues a scheme ID.

The Chief Minister said that the scheme has received an excellent response, with an average of 3,000 to 4,000 women applying each day. This initiative not only strengthens social security but also reflects the Haryana Government's commitment to "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas."

Multi-layered security blanket over Delhi ahead of Putin's visit today



UNI
NEW DELHI, DEC 3

The national capital is under an extraordinary, multi-layered security cover ahead of Russian President Vladimir Putin's two-day visit to India, beginning December 4. The high-profile visit comes exactly 25 days after a terror attack in Delhi near the Red Fort that had sent shockwaves across the nation.

According to security sources, President Putin's security is considered a major challenge. In light of this, a massive seven-layered security grid has been established. Teams from Russian intelligence and security agencies have already arrived in Delhi, and every aspect of his itinerary has been finalized with security considerations in mind.

The security deployment at the Russian President's residence will consist of three key layers.

The innermost security ring will be managed by Russian agencies, while the outer layers will be guarded by Delhi Police Special Commandos and other Indian security agencies. Delhi Police SWAT teams, Anti-Terror Squads, and Quick Reaction Teams (QRT) have been deployed at sensitive locations across the city.

Technology is being leveraged extensively. Drone monitoring, CCTV surveillance, and technical intelligence systems have been upgraded to ensure real-time situational awareness.

Chhattisgarh: 7 Maoists, 3 DRG jawans killed in Bijapur clash

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BIJAPUR, DEC 3



Seven Maoists were killed in an exchange of fire amid ongoing anti-Naxal operation along the Bijapur-Dantewada border in Chhattisgarh's Bastar region, officials said on Wednesday.Superintendent of Police (SP) Bijapur Jitendra Yadav said a joint search operation was launched in the West Bastar Division area by teams of District Reserve Guard (DRG) Dantewada-Bijapur, STF, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA), during which intermittent firing began around 9:00 AM.Inspector General of Police (IGP) Bastar Range Sundarraj P said that bodies of seven Maoist cadres have been recovered from the encounter site so far. SLR rifles, .303 rifles and other arms and ammunition were seized from the spot. Identification of the deceased cadres is yet to be confirmed.Three DRG personnel, including Head Constable Monu Vadadi and Constable Dukaru Gonde, were killed in action during the encounter, officials confirmed.Two DRG jawans, including Somdev Yadav, sustained injuries. Authorities said Yadav is out of danger and arrangements have been made for further medical treatment.Police said reinforcement teams have been deployed and the area remains cordoned off as the operation continues.Further details are awaited.Meanwhile, the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has completed a year-long strategic expansion into the dense and previously inaccessible Abujhmad region of Chhattisgarh, sealing what is believed to be the last major interstate movement corridor used by Naxal insurgents.The latest milestone in this operation came on November 28 with the establishment of the Lanka Company Operating Base (COB), located around 135 km from Narayanpur. This is the ninth camp set up by the ITBP and Chhattisgarh Police in under three months, marking a rapid and coordinated push along the Orchha-Lanka axis, once regarded as a fortified Naxal sanctuary.

Haryana renames Raj Bhavan as 'Lok Bhavan'

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The Haryana government has officially renamed the state's Raj Bhavan as Lok Bhavan, with the change coming into effect from December 1.

Governor Asim Ghosh issued the notification, confirming that the new name will now be used for all administrative and official purposes.

According to a formal order released by the Governor's Secretary, IAS Dushmanta Kumar Behera, the decision follows a directive from the union Ministry of Home Affairs. The communication from the Centre stated that the term "Raj Bhavan" reflects a colonial-era identity, and therefore, the premises will now be addressed as Lok Bhavan (Chandigarh).

With this change, Haryana becomes the tenth state in the country to adopt the "Lok Bhavan" nomenclature. Nine other states, including Rajasthan, have already implemented similar renaming. The notification comes a day after the Prime Minister's Office was officially renamed Seva Teerth.

CM Mann ropes in investment worth Rs 400 crore for Punjab

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, DEC 3:



In a major boost to industrial development in the state, the leading Japanese company Toppan Speciality Films Private Limited (TSF) on Wednesday signed Memorandum of Agreement with the Punjab Government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann to invest Rs 400 crore in the state as a part of their expansion plan.

Giving the details, the Chief Minister, who is on tour to Japan, said that TSF and Invest Punjab has agreed to support and collaborate in initiating a Skilling Excellence Centre in Punjab, to provide utmost level of training and development of skilled/ semi-skilled persons/ workers/ youth. He said that this will be pivotal for strengthening industry-relevant skills and enhance employability opportunities within the State of Punjab. Giving details of areas of Collaboration Bhagwant Singh Mann said that it will give thrust on imparting training aligned with current and emerging industry needs.

Likewise, the Chief Minister said that it will also focus on high-end and technical skills not widely available and imparting training certifications to meet industry and global standards. He said taut the MoU will also facilitate Apprenticeship opportunities and consideration for absorption in TSF's and other large scale industries in and around Punjab & across India. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that it will also lay thrust in academic collaboration in terms of joint development and delivery of training with a Polytechnic/ Technical Institute.

The Chief Minister further said that TSF will also provide financial assistance, technical inputs, training support, and curriculum designing based on needs of industry. Likewise, he said that it will also facilitate apprenticeships and consider suitable trainees for employment.

Bhagwant Singh Mann said that due to strenuous efforts of the state government TEF has formally expressed its intent to expand its existing manufacturing facility in Punjab with an estimated investment of approximately Rs 400 Crores.

The Chief Minister said that the investment aims at enhancing capacity, facilitating fresh employment, integrating advanced technologies, and strengthening their long-term presence in India. He said that the objective of investment is Capacity expansion, Increase Employment Opportunities and technology enhancement as TSF has reaffirmed its long-term commitment to the state. Bhagwant Singh Mann assured fulsome support and cooperation to the TSF for their operations and expansions in the state.

Meanwhile, sharing their experience of operating in the state, the TSF group said that it has been characterised by a strong industry government partnership, seamless facilitation, high-quality workforce availability, stable power supply, and a consistently investor-friendly environment. They said that the group looks forward to further strengthen this partnership through their proposed expansion in the state. They expressed continued support from the Government of Punjab and Invest Punjab to facilitate necessary approvals.

King Kohli strikes second successive century



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RAIPUR, DEC 3

India's star batter Virat Kohli struck his second successive century and 84th hundred overall internationally in the second ODI against South Africa here on Wednesday, reinforcing his status as one of the world's top players despite playing only one format now.

After South Africa put India in, Kohli blazed away to a 93-ball 102 while sharing a mammoth 195-run stand for the third wicket with Ruturaj Gaikwad (105 off 83 balls), who notched up his maiden hundred in the format.

The 37-year-old Kohli, who has retired form Test and T20Is, came into the match after scoring a 135 off 120 balls in the series opener in Ranchi.

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Seminar held in Una to promote cooperative initiatives ahead of International Year of Cooperatives 2025

BANGANA (JOGINDAR DEV ARYA): A seminar was organised at the Ambehra Sabha auditorium in Una under the aegis of Una District Cooperative Development Federation (Uncofed) to create awareness among cooperative societies about the objectives of the International Year of Cooperatives 2025, declared by UNESCO. The event also focused on expanding business activities and implementing schemes directed by the Union and State Cooperative Ministries.

A large number of representatives from cooperative societies across the district participated in the programme. Assistant Registrar of the Cooperative Department Sandesh Bala along with her staff, Deputy Director of Animal Husbandry Department Dr Virender Patial, Deputy Director of Horticulture Department Dr Kamlesh Kumar, Himcaps Law and Nursing College Chairman Vikramjeet, Himfed Director Prakash Chand, State President of Cooperative Societies Employees Union Vijay Sharma and Vice President Praveen Sharma were among those present.

NEWS BRIEF

Mahendra Singh President's Medal awardee promoted; Dr. KK Khandelwal pins star



DALBIR MALIK

KURUKSHETRA: Sub-Inspector Mahendra Singh, a resident of Kurukshetra, was recently promoted to the rank of Inspector in recognition of his meritorious service to the police department. In a simple but dignified ceremony, Dr. KK Khandelwal, IAS (Retd.), Chief National Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides and Dheera Khandelwal, IAS (Retd.), Member, Police Complaints Authority, Chandigarh, congratulated Mahendra Singh by pinning the Inspector's star on his shoulders.

Mahendra Singh, a resident of Alampur village in Kurukshetra, has previously been awarded the President's Commendable Service Medal for outstanding and meritorious service. This medal was presented to him by Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya during Police Investiture Ceremony held at Indradhanush Auditorium in Panchkula. Mahendra Singh stated that he joined the Haryana Police in 1991. During his long service, he diligently served as a personal security officer for Principal Secretary BD Dhaliya, former Chief Minister's OSD Dr. KV Singh and former PSCM Dr KK Khandelwal, discharging important administrative and police responsibilities. Dr. KK Khandelwal and Dhira Khandelwal heartily congratulated Mahendra Singh on his promotion to post of Inspector and expressed hope that he would continue to serve society and department with same dedication, honesty and devotion to duty.

MC Commissioer Dr Vaishali Sharma holds review meeting on various subjects

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DEC 3



After assuming charge again, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dr. Vaishali Sharma held a review meeting on various subjects with the corporation officers and employees on Wednesday. During this, points like Swachh Survekshan 2025, sealing of illegal animal dairy, stray animals, checking of bulk waste generators, Cand D waste plant and tagging of animals were included.

Focus on Swachh Survekshan 2025 - The Municipal Commissioner directed Additional Corporation Commissioner Ashok Kumar to focus completely on Swachh Survekshan 2025. Prepare an action plan as to what needed to be done regarding this and start working on it. She said that this time the Municipal Corporation should aim to bring Karnal to the first place in the results of Swachh Survekshan.

Seal illegal cattle dairies - She instructed Deputy Municipal Commissioner Abhay Singh and Chief Sanitation Inspector Surendra Chopra that the cattle dairies running illegally in the city will be sealed. Regarding this she asked to take a major action soon. Sanitation inspectors will keep an eye on illegal dairies running in the concerned zone. The Municipal Commissioner also stressed on the issue of cattle dairy shifting. She said that city residents have to face a lot of problems due to such dairies.

Stray animals will be removed from public places and roads - She directed the Chief Sanitary Inspector (CSI) to remove stray animals from public places, roads, national highways, educational institutions, hospitals and market areas. A special campaign should be run for this. She also instructed all the cows and Oxes present in Phusgarh Gaushala to get tagged.

Check bulk waste generators - She told CSI to inspect all the bulk waste generators in the city regarding waste disposal management.

HIMUDA contributes cheque of Rs. 11 Lakh towards Mukhyamantri Sukh Aashray Kosh



SHIMLA: Town & Country Planning and Technical Education Minister Rajesh Dharmani today presented a cheque of Rs. 11 lakh on behalf of HIMUDA to Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu towards the Mukhyamantri Sukh Ashray Kosh at Dharamsala in Kangra district.

The Chief Minister appreciated the noble gesture and said that such contributions would go a long way in supporting the welfare initiatives being undertaken for orphaned children, destitute women and other vulnerable sections. He said the State Government was committed to ensure a secure and dignified life for all beneficiaries under the scheme.

YS public school for agricultural learning visit to Krishi Vigyan Kendra organised

BARNALA (KARANPREET KARAN): YS Public school recognised Among the Top 50 Schools of India Organises Practical Exposure Visit to Krishi vigyan kendra for Grade 9 Students. In continuation of its strong legacy of experiential and hands-on education, Y.S. Public School, Handiaya organised an enriching educational visit for Grade 9 students to the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK). The visit was aimed at providing real-world exposure in alignment with the school's commitment to practical learning, especially in subjects such as Biology and Environmental Science. The primary objective of the visit was to help students understand agricultural concepts beyond textbooks and witness live demonstrations of farming advancements. Throughout the visit, students interacted with agricultural scientists and experts, gaining valuable insights into: Modern farming techniques & seed improvement, Organic and sustainable agricultural practices, Soil testing, crop nutrition & irrigation methods, Livestock care, dairy, poultry & apiculture and Use of modern agricultural machinery & scientific tools.



CU of Punjab commissions 'CU Punjab Radio 89.6 FM' community radio to strengthen education, empowerment and community development

ANIL VERMA
BATHINDA, DEC 3



The Central University of Punjab on Wednesday commissioned its community radio station, 'CU Punjab Radio 89.6 FM', establishing a powerful new platform for education, empowerment and community development that connects the University directly with the people. The community radio station was commissioned by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari, at the University campus in Village Ghudda, District Bathinda, in the august presence of the Special Guest, AICTE Chairperson, Prof. T. G. Sitharam. The broadcasts will cover an approximate radius of 10 km, reaching surrounding villages and communities with meaningful, informative and inspiring programmes. The station will air four hours a day, from Monday to Friday, between 9:30–11:30 AM and 3:00–5:00 PM. The Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Punjab, Prof. Raghavendra P. Tiwari, described this development as a transformational step towards inclusive education and social awareness.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

My son Karandeep Singh and his wife Samarjeet Kaur do not obey me. I have disowned and disinherited them from my movable and immovable properties. Harjeet Singh son of Gurmukh Singh, resident of Ward 15, Shiv Colony, Safidon, Distt. Jind (Haryana).

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ਅਸੀਂ ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਦਰਬਾਰਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਪਰਮਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਪਤਨੀ ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀਆਨ ਪਿੰਡ: ਲਲਹੇੜੀ ਤਹਿ: ਖੰਨਾ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਸਾਡਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਰਨਬੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਸਾਡੀ ਨੂੰਹ ਪੂਨਮ ਰਾਣੀ ਸੋ ਕਿ ਸਾਡੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹਨ। ਅਸੀਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ-ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਸਾਡਾ ਜਾਂ ਸਾਡੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਤਾਲੁਕ ਵਾ ਵਾਸਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

63372

I, Harbans Kaur W/o Dayal Singh R/o Fatehpur Kanian Teh-Dharamkot Distt. Moga declare that my daughter Sandeep Kaur is out of my control. I disown with her from my moveable/immoveable property. If anybody dealing with her at his/her own risk.

63372

I Ashok Kumar S/o Deep Chand R/o Ward No. 7, Lalheri Road, Ambedkar Colony, Khanna, Tehsil Khanna, District Ludhiana have evicted my son Ravi from all his movable and immovable property because he is beyond my control and is a victim of wrong company and does as he pleases. From today onwards, I and my family will not be responsible for any of his good or bad deeds or transactions.

63372

I, Santosh Rani W/o Dalip Chand R/o Teur Teh-Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali declare that my younger son Narinder Kumar and his wife Jyoti is out of my control. So I disown with them from my moveable/immoveable property. If anybody dealing with them at his/her own risk.

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I Bhupinder Singh s/o Jaswinder Singh Vill. Mehtabpur, P.O. Gogon Teh. Garhshankar, District Hoshiarpur Pin:144527 Punjab, India have changed my name from Bhupinder Singh to name as Bhupinder and surname as Singh

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PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Mamchand, is legally father of service No. 3017609W Rank L/NK, Name Rajendra prased, of (Unit) 21 Rajput C/O 56 APO, Resident of Villgee Untoli, Po. Koharana, Tehsil Behror Distt. Kotputali Behror, State Rajasthan 301713. Have changed my date of birth from 01/07/1955 TO 01/01/1975. Due to wrongly entered in service document of my son. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it.

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I, Ishwar singh is legally father of No. 3013397Y, Rank L/NK, Ajendra singh of Unit 21 Rajput, C/o 56 APO, Residing at Ward No.2, Alayla, Po. Alayala, Tehsil Taranagar, District Churu, State Rajasthan 331304. Have changed my name from Ishwar Singh to Ishar Singh and Date of birth From 11/05/1970 To 01/01/1953. Due to wrongly entered in the service record of my son. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it.

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I, Raju Kanwar is legally Mother of No. 3013397Y, Rank L/NK, Ajendra singh of Unit 21 Rajput, C/o 56 APO, Residing at Ward No.2, Alayla, Po. Alayala, Tehsil Taranagar, District Churu, State Rajasthan 331304. Have changed my name From Raju Kanwar To Rajesh Kanwar and Date of birth From 05/05/1973 To 10/07/1958. Due to wrongly entered in service record of my son. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it.

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I, army no 14944246L, Rank HAV Talwinder Singh R/O Vill Chuchak Wind, District Ferozepur, Pin 142047 Punjab now serving at unit 4 Mech Inf (1 Sikh) declares that in my army records my mother Rajwinder Kaur DOB is wrongly recorded as 10.11.1970 instead of 01.01.1971. But her correct DOB is 01.01.1971.

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I Harkiranpreet Singh S/o Jagraj Singh R/o Vill Cheema Kalan P.O. Dakoha Teh. Batala Distt. Gurdaspur. I Declare that Harkiranpreet is my given name and Singh is my surname. Please concerned note.

10005

I Seeta Ajay yashpaul, W/o Ajay yashpaul resident of house no, 9-D first floor, sector 125, sunny enclave, Kharar, Mohali, Punjab 140301 hearby, declare that my name is changed from SEETA A YASHPAUL to SEETA AJAY YASHPAUL.

60017

PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Gurname Singh S/o Amarjit Singh R/o R/o Bhadson Patiala, declare that in my wife Passport my name wrongly entered Gurname Singh Saini. But my correct name is Gurname Singh. So amended my name from Gurname Singh Saini to Gurname Singh in my wife Passport.

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I, Sheela bai, is legally mother of Service No JC-483744P Rank Nb/Sub Name Parashram Singh,of (Unit) 21 Rajput C/o 56 APO, Resident of Hoon Ka Pura Sukand, Sukand, PO Gormi, Distt. Bhind, State Madhya Pradesh 477660. Hereby declare that I have changed my date of birth from 01/07/1960 TO 01/01/1951. Due to wrongly entered in service document of my son. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it.

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I, No. JC-483744P Rank Nb/sub Name Parashram Singh of (Unit) 21 Rajput C/o 56 APO, Resident of Hoon Ka pura sukand, Sukand, Po Gormi, Distt. Bhind, Madhya Pradesh 477660. Have changed my daughter's name from KARISHMA TO KARISHAMA. Due to wrongly entered in my service documents. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it.

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I, Kripa Devi, is legally mother of service No.3017609W Rank L/NK, Name Rajendra Prasad, of (Unit) 21 Rajput C/O 56 APO, Village Untoli, PO. Koharana, Tehsil Behror, Distt. Kotputali Behror, State Rajasthan, 301713. Have changed my date of birth from 07/05/1965 TO 01/01/1976. Due to wrongly entered in service document of my son. Vide Affidavit Attested by Notary Public (GOVT OF INDIA) Kindly Correct it.

63372

I, Sukhpreet Singh s/o Ranjit Singh r/o Village Gurhe tehsil Nakodar district Jalandhar have changed my name to Sukhpreet Singh Nahal.

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I, Salender S/o Ram Svrup R/o Village Johar Majra khurd, Tehsil Indri, District Karnal, Haryana I have changed my Name from Salender to Salender Kumar.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

I Pritam Kaur wife of Late Shri Karnail Singh resident of village Talwara , district Kapurthala, Punjab, India declare that my sons namely Narinderjit Singh and his wife Manpreet Kaur, Gurnam Singh and his wife Sarabjit Kaur and their children are out of my control and fallen into bad company. Due to their act and conduct I disown them from all my movable and immovable properties. If any body deal with them shall do at his/her own risk. I and any member of my family will not be responsible for their act and conduct. They will be responsible for their act and conduct.

98706

I, Om Prakash, son of Shri Lilu Ram, resident of Sanjay Colony, Cheeka, Tehsil Guhla, Hallabad, Subhash Nagar, Khurana Road, Kaithal, District Kaithal, Haryana, hereby inform the public that I hereby evict my 37-year-old son, Gulab Singh, and his wife, Santosh, who have been out of my sight and hearing for quite some time, from my movable and immovable property. Anyone dealing with them will be held responsible. They have no dealings with me or any member of my family.

40001

I, Paramjit Singh S/o Inder Singh R/o Village Theri ,Tehsil Giddarbaha, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that on 29-11-2023, I had disowned my son Paramparteek Singh Bhaika from my movable and immovable property because he went abroad without our permission and was out of my control. Now my son Paramparteek Singh Bhaika listens to me and lives abroad. Therefore, I cancel his disownment, and from today onward, Paramparteek Singh Bhaika will again be entitled to my movable and immovable property as before.

63372

I, Vikram S/o Jainarayan, R/o village Sirsal, Tehsil Pundri, District Kaithal, declare that I have changed my daughter's name from Hasika to Hansika. In the future, my daughter will be known and recognized by the name Hansika.

100070

I, Kamaljeet Kaur W/o Gurjinderpal Singh, Village Alipur have changed my name to Kamaljit Kaur.

98724

I, Nisha W/o Ashok Kumar R/o House No. 651/2, Sethan Mohalla, Near Gurudwara, Kaithal, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I have changed my name from Nisha to Nisha Rani. In future, I will be known by the name of Nisha Rani. All concerned please note.

100047

I Karamjit Kaur W/o Jasvir Singh R/o Village Badla, PO Kotla Badla, Tehsil Khamanon, District Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab, have changed my name from Karamjeet Kaur to Karamjit Kaur.

524479

I, Harwinder kaur Sandhu W/o Shivraj singh R/o numberdar Enclave, street no -2, multania road, Bathinda have changed my name Harwinder kaur Sandhu to Harwinder kaur

524479

I, Khushdeep singh Sandhu S/o Shivraj Singh R/o numberdar Enclave street no-2, multania road Bathinda have changed my name Khushdeep singh Sandhu to Khushdeep singh

524479

I, Maghar Singh S/o Kirpal Singh R/o Bala Patti, Ward No.1 Sanghera Distt Barnala Declare That In My Passport In Place Of Birth Village Name Mentioned As Sangerha. My Village Correct Name Is Sanghera

524479

I, Satyam S/o Ram Milan R/o H.No. 58, Deol Nagar, Jalandhar, have changed my name from Satyam to Satyam Maurya. All concerned noted.

900026

I Jaideep Singh S/o Davinder Singh R/o village bohja, post office Bhoma, Tehsil Batala, district Gurdaspur, Punjab, India. My given name is Jaideep and surname is Singh, concerned to the noted.

989666

I, Mandeep Singh Sidhu S/o Badal Singh R/o H.No. 158 Near Atta Chakki Vpo. Rai Khana Distt. Bathinda have changed my name to Mandeep Singh.

63372

I Sonia W/o Amandeep R/o Vpo Alachaur Teh-Nawanshahr Distt SBS Nagar-144514 Pb have changed my minor son name from Rajveer to Rajveer Singh.

63372

I, Pardeep Singh S/o Nachhtar Singh R/o Patti Bada Vill: Kaunke Kalan Teh-Jagraon (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Pardeep Singh Grewal.

63372

I Simran kaur W/o Shingara Singh R/o Village: Sherpur Sadha, Tehsil: Sultanpur Lodhi , Distt: Kapurthala have change my name from Simran Kaur to Kaur Simran. All concerned may be please note.

63372

I, Nav S/o Harbans Lal R/o Vill: Turna Teh-Shahkot Distt. Jalandhar have changed my name from Nav to Nav Gharu.

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I Sawarn Singh S/o Mahinder Singh R/o Vill-Noorpura Teh-Amloh (Fatihgarh Sahib) Have changed My Name Swaran Singh. All Concerned Note.

63372

I, Harjot S/o Sukha Ram R/o Vill: Jadli Po. Gerle Dhahan Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Harjot to Harjot Singh.

63372

I Mohammad Shafique Khan S/o Mohammad Sadiq Khan R/o outside Delhi gate, Near Urdu academy, Malerkotla Teh and Distt Malerkotla have changed my Name Mohammad Shafique Khan to Mohammad Shafiq Khan.

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I, Hukam Din S/o Abdul Hamid R/o New Grain Market, Malerkotla Distt: Malerkotla have changed my name from Hukam Din to Hukam Din Chouhan.

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I, Razia W/O Hukam Din Chouhan R/O New Grain Market, Malerkotla, Distt: Malerkotla have changed my name from Razia to Razia Chouhan.

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I, Surjeet Singh Grewal S/o Kapoor Singh R/o V.p.o Ballowal (Ludhiana) have changed my name Surjeet Singh Grewal to Surjeet Singh.

63372

I, Surinder Kaur D/o Magar Singh W/o Malkiat Singh R/o Dehlon, Teh-Dehlon, Distt Ludhiana declare that I am known by both the names Surinder Kaur and Manjit Kaur. Both the above names are mine.

63372

I hitherto known as Tansukh Ram S/o Sukh Ram R/o Vill-Kallar Khera, Teh-Abohar, Distt. Fazilka (Punjab) have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rajinder Kumar.

63372

I Rimpy Modi W/o Amit Modi R/o Somsons Colony, Dhuri Road, Malerkotla have changed my Name Rimpi.

63372

I, Hitherto Known As Kulwant Rai Sharma S/O Bhagat Ram Residing At Patti Bada, Kaunke Kalan, Jagraon, Ludhiana, Punjab-142035, Have Changed Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kulwant Rai For All Future Purposes.

63372

I, Hitherto Known as Sarabjit Sharma D/o Bhagwan Dass & W/o Kulwant Rai Sharma Residing at H.No. 171, Vpo Kaonke Kalan Tehsil, Jagraon (Ludhiana), Punjab-142035, Have Changed My Name and Shall Hereafter Be Known as Sarbjit for All Future Purposes.

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I, Navdeep Singh Bath S/o Nirmal Singh R/o H.No. 123 Vpo. Dholewala Distt. Moga, Pb, India, have changed my name to Navdeep Singh.

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I, Simranjit Singh S/o Sarabjit Singh R/o Vill-Sandhra Teh-Patti Distt Tarn Taran have changed my name from Simranjit Singh to Simranjit as my Given Name and Singh as my Surname.

63372

I, Gursewak Singh S/o Lakhbir Singh R/o Village Mughal Chak Pannuan, Patti Road, District Tarn Taran have changed my name from Gursewak Singh to Gursewak as my Given Name and Singh as my Surname.

63372

I, Jaspreet Singh Dhaliwal S/O Jagtar Singh R/O Vpo Madoke Tehsil Moga Distt Moga, Punjab, India Changed My Name To Jaspreet Singh.

63372

I, Jagjit Singh Bhatti S/O Darshan Singh R/o Kotkapura Road, Dr. Kehar singh Marg, Muktsar, Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib have changed my name to Jagjit Singh.

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Principal scientist Dr Ritu Mittal Gupta joins as head of EECM at PAU

LUDHIANA: Dr Ritu Mittal Gupta, Principal Scientist and Unit Coordinator, All India Coordinated Research Project-Women In Agriculture, has joined as Head, Department of Extension Education and Communication Management (EECM) at Punjab Agricultural University (PAU).



With over 20 years of experience, Dr Gupta has made notable contributions in teaching, research and extension. Throughout her career, Dr Ritu has guided 12 M.Sc/Ph.D students and taught 127 UG/PG courses. She has published more than 162 scientific and extension works including 66 research papers in national and international journals, 11 book chapters, 28 extension publications and several manuals. She has also presented 42 research papers in various national/international conferences/seminars and delivered nine radio/TV talks during this period. Additionally, she has organized 88 trainings and 50 camps/campaigns for the rural community, besides conducting 32 workshops/conferences for faculty and students. Dr Ritu has successfully handled seven externally funded research projects including four as Principal Investigator. She along with her AICRP-WIA team has successfully established five Customer Hiring Centres for capacity building of rural women and signed five MOAs besides establishing more than 500 kitchen gardens in various adopted villages.

NEWS BRIEF

MC Chandigarh enforces strict Aadhaar-based biometric attendance

R N KHERA

CHANDIGARH: Taking a firm stand on transparency and accountability, the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh has mandated strict compliance with the Aadhaar-based biometric attendance system for all its officials and employees. Despite earlier directions to implement Aadhaar-linked salary disbursement starting November, the system could not be fully operationalized due to technical and administrative delays. Reviewing the matter seriously, MC Commissioner Sh. Amit Kumar, IAS convened a high-level meeting today to assess the progress of the biometric integration. Expressing dissatisfaction over the repeated delays, he issued clear and strict instructions that salaries for the month of December will be released only after linking the Aadhaar-based biometric attendance system for every MCC employee, without exception. The Commissioner directed all Heads of Departments and branch incharges to ensure immediate compliance with this mandate. He cautioned that failure to adhere to these instructions would invite appropriate disciplinary action against the responsible officers. He further emphasized that from December onward, no physical verification of attendance will be accepted for salary processing under any circumstances. Highlighting the significance of the biometric system, the Commissioner stated that this step will not only curb the issue of ghost employees but will also significantly enhance transparency within the organization.

Senior PCS Officer Nayan appointed as Election Observer for District Jalandhar



PARAMJIT SINGH

JALANDHAR: The State Election Commission has appointed Senior PCS Officer Madam Nayan, Joint Secretary Water Supply and Sanitation Punjab, as Election Observer for the upcoming Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samiti elections in District Jalandhar.

As per the schedule issued by the State Election Commission, elections to 21 zones of Zila Parishad and 188 zones of 11 Panchayat Samiti are to be held in District Jalandhar on December 14.

For any information/notice regarding the elections, the Election Observer can be contacted on the email ID obszilaparishad2025@gmail.com. Apart from this, he will also hear complaints related to the elections from 2 pm to 4 pm at Room No. 116, located on the first floor of the District Administrative Complex.

It is noteworthy that after reaching Jalandhar today, the Election Observer also reviewed the ongoing nomination process for Panchayat Samiti Jalandhar West at the Court Room, Sub-Divisional

EO for SAS Nagar holds meeting with DC, SSP and other officials regarding Panchayat Samiti Elections

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, DEC 3



The Election Observer appointed by the Punjab State Election Commission for the smooth conduct of Panchayat Samiti elections in Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar district, Ms Amrit Singh, IAS, Director, Employment Generation and Training Department, Punjab, today held a meeting with Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal, SSP Harmandeep Singh Hans, ADC (Rural Development) Sonam Choudhary and other officials to ensure that the Panchayat Samiti elections in the district are conducted in a free, fair and transparent manner.

She said that the district administration and police must ensure that voters are able to elect their representatives without any fear or inducement. Issuing a contact number and email ID for lodging complaints in case of any violation, she informed that any person may file a complaint at mobile number 62397-34578 or email Liaisonofficergram2025@gmail.com. In addition, complaints addressed to the Election Observer may also be submitted in Room No. 257, First Floor, District Administrative Complex, Mohali. She assured that immediate action will be taken to maintain the transparency and fairness of the election process.

Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal informed that the nomination process is underway for 22 zones of Panchayat Samiti Dera Bassi, 15 zones of Panchayat Samiti Kharar and 15 zones of Panchayat Samiti Majri, the last date for which is December 4. Scrutiny of nomination papers will be carried out on December 5, while withdrawal of nominations will be allowed on December 6, 2025. The timing for filing, scrutiny and withdrawal of nomination papers has been fixed from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the designated offices of the respective Returning Officers. Polling will be held on December 14, 2025 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and counting will take place on December 17. Training of polling parties will be conducted on December 8, 10 and 13.

She further said that voting will be conducted through ballot papers, and to ensure transparency of the entire polling process, videography will be done, including on the counting day.

Akali Dal candidate from Badi Karoran, Hans Raj Hansa files his nomination papers for Block Panchayat Samiti elections

J K BATTA
CHANDIGARH, DEC 3



Preparations for the Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samiti elections have begun in Punjab. The State Election Commission has scheduled the nomination process from December 1st to December 4th. Candidates can file their nominations between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Scrutiny of nomination papers will take place on December 5th, while voting is scheduled for December 14th. Results will be declared by December 17th. Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad elections in Mohali have been postponed due to the expansion of the Mohali Municipal Corporation.

However, elections for the Panchayat Samitis in Dera Bassi, Kharar, and Majri are being held as scheduled. On which Hans Raj Hansa of Shiromani Akali Dal Badal from Badi Karoran area presented his nomination papers before Kharar SDM Mrs Divya. P. and handed it over to her. Before that, he presented his nomination papers and ticket to senior Akali Dal Badal leader Shyam Lal Majriaan, and Shyam Lal Majriaan also congratulated him for his victory. On this occasion along with Hans Raj Hansa his supporters Kesar Singh former Sarpanch Badi Karoran, Jai Singh Tanda, Rajesh Kumar Raju, Govind Singh Badi Karoran, Amrik Singh, Satnam Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Gurbachan Singh Kane ka Bada, Manpreet Singh Mani Kaneka Bada, Kashmira Singh Masol, Bhindi, Ashok Kumar Kane ka Bada, Shyam, and Ram Lal along with hundreds of people had reached Kharar Tehsil. Akali Dal candidate Hans Raj Hansa stated that his constituency includes Badi Karoran, Village Kane Ka bada, Village Masol, Village Tandi, Village Tanda, Village Padchh, and Chhoti Padchh. After being declared the Akali Dal candidate, Hans Raj Hansa stated that if the Akali Dal party trusts him and gives him the party ticket, he will win this seat and, through senior Akali leader and SGPC member Charanjit Singh Kalewal and senior Akali leader Chaudhary Shyam Lal Majrian, will put it in the lap of Akali Dal President Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal.

Safai Sevak Union to hold 'large-scale' protest in Dhuri



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, DEC 3

Safai Sevak Union is set to conducted a large-scale protest rally in Dhuri against the Punjab Government. District President of Union Arun Gill, on the call of Safai Sevak Union Punjab, all sanitation workers, sewer men and outsourced employees across the state will gather for a massive protest on 10-12-2025 regarding their demands.

Their main demands include restoring the old pension scheme, regularising contractual employees, ending the contract system and making permanent recruitments.

For this rally, under the leadership of District President Arun Gill, sanitation workers, sewer men and outsourced staff of Municipal Council Jagraon, Municipal Council Mullapur and Municipal Council Raikot have announced that they will participate in large numbers. Present on the occasion were Union Secretary Rajinder Kumar, President Sunny Sundar, Sandeep Kumar, Pradeep Kumar, Bhushan Gill, Sukhwinder Singh, Sukhwinder Khosla, Bikram Gill from Municipal Council Jagraon; Bobby Gill and President Raja Gill from Municipal Council Raikot; and President Ashok Kumar, Mukesh Kumar and employees from

Approval of plan for upgradation, conservation of Govt Museum and Art Gallery, Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH, DEC 3

A joint meeting of the Museum Advisory Committee and the Sub-Committee of the Chandigarh Heritage Conservation Committee was held today under the chairpersonship of Sh. H. Rajesh Prasad, Chief Secretary, UT Chandigarh.

During the meeting, the plan for the upgradation and conservation of the Government Museum and Art Gallery, Chandigarh was approved. The Detailed Project Report (DPR), prepared by the Development and Research Organization for Nature, Arts and Heritage (DRONAH), aims to secure a grant from the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, under the Museum Grant Scheme.

The Government Museum and Art Gallery, a Grade-I heritage building designed by Le Corbusier, houses an exceptional collection comprising Gandhara sculptures, Indian miniature paintings, and modern and contemporary Indian art.

This proposal has been under consideration for the last seven years, and its approval marks a significant step forward. Chandigarh will witness a revitalized museum aligned with contemporary museological standards while preserving its architectural and cultural legacy.

The meeting was attended by Shri. Mandip Singh Brar, Home Secretary, Diprava Lakra, Finance Secretary and members of the Museum Advisory Committee, including Dr. Usha Bhatia, Mr. Diwan Manna, and Dr. Sanjay Dhar, as well as members of the Sub-Heritage Committee, Ms. Sumit Kaur and Mr. Wattas. Senior officials of Chandigarh Administration including Ms. Isha Kamboj, Director Museum; Sh. C B Ojha, Chief Engineer; and Sh. Rajiv Kumar Mehta, Chief Architect, were also present.

Outstanding performance by Mirpur Kalan Scouts at National Jamboree



KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH, DEC 3

The Scouts and Guides team of Govt Sec School, Mirpur Kalan brought laurels to the region with their remarkable performance at the 19th National Jamboree, organised by the Bharat Scouts and Guides on the occasion of its Diamond Jubilee in Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh.

The Jamboree was inaugurated by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, while the valedictory ceremony was graced by the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, who extended her blessings to all participants. Around 35,000 Scouts and Guides from across India and several neighbouring countries took part in this prestigious national event. A 48-member contingent from Mansa district, led by District Organising Commissioner Darshan Singh Bareta and District Training Commissioner Mandeep Singh Goldy, participated in the event. With the blessings of Principal Dilpreet Singh Sandhu, six Scouts and six Guides from Mirpur Kalan School showcased exceptional talent under the guidance of Scout Master Jagsir Singh.

Grand support rally marks nomination filing of AAP's Bir Davinder Singh Ballan



SANJEEV TEJPAL
MORINDA, DEC 3

Senior Aam Aadmi Party leader and Punjab Cricket Association Apex Council Member Bir Davinder Singh Ballan, the Zila Parishad candidate from Morinda Rural Zone, received an overwhelming show of support as he departed for Rupnagar to file his nomination papers. Accompanied by hundreds of supporters in a large convoy of vehicles, Ballan began his journey from the local T-point amidst enthusiastic cheers.

Addressing a sizable gathering before the departure, Bir Davinder Singh Ballan expressed heartfelt gratitude to the residents of the region for turning out in such impressive numbers. He said that just as he has always worked for the welfare of the people under the guidance of MLA Dr. Charanjit Singh, without any bias, he is now committed to serving the community with even greater dedication and vigour. MLA Dr. Charanjit Singh, who was present on the occasion, expressed satisfaction over the strong public response. He urged the local residents to put in their full efforts to ensure the victory of Bir Davinder Singh Ballan and all Block Samiti candidates from the area.

Students of Baba Pakhar Singh Government Senior Secondary School Dhudike organize educational tour



MOGA (JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA): As per the instructions of SCE RT Department Punjab, today, the students of class VI of Baba Pakhar Singh Government Senior Secondary School Dhudike, under the leadership of School Incharge Mr. Gulshan Singla Ji, went on an educational tour to Punjab Agricultural University Ludhiana. In which the children visited the museum, library and Dr. Uppal Museum.

During this, the tour incharge Mrs. Sukhwinder Kaur, Mrs. Harwinder Kaur connected the children with the rich heritage and heritage related items of Punjab. Along with this, Mr. Mahinder Kumar S. S. Master shared detailed information with the children about the definition of the university and how to make the agricultural profession profitable with the help of the university, the scope of getting into the study of the agricultural profession, the recommendation of different types of crop seeds by the university, etc. and connected the children with it. The children enjoyed this educational tour a lot.

ZP and Block Samiti polls will be held peacefully and fairly: Brar



SURINDER DAMDAMI
FARIDKOT, DEC 3

The Observer appointed by the State Election Commission for the Zila Parishad and Block Samiti elections-2025 in Faridkot district, Manjit Singh Brar, Commissioner of Faridkot Division, held a special meeting with District Election Officer–cum–Deputy Commissioner Poonamdeep Kaur and all officials related to the elections. During the meeting, he reviewed the arrangements made for the smooth conduct of the elections. Mr. Brar directed all officers to ensure that the Zila Parishad and Block Samiti elections scheduled for 14 December are conducted in a fully transparent, fair, and peaceful manner, and that no party /candidates should face any inconvenience in this regard. He reviewed all aspects related to nominations, polling parties, polling booths, security arrangements, and also obtained detailed information regarding the counting of votes on 17 December and the counting centres.

He instructed that all officers will be fully accountable for conducting free, fair, and transparent elections as per the guidelines of the State Election Commission.

Police arrest four accused in firing in Nabha



RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, DEC 3

Nabha Police got a big success, yesterday four persons tried to kill a person named Jarnail Singh alias Lali by shooting him with a pistol, but the bullet went over Jarnail Singh Lali's head, this incident was also captured in the CCTV camera. The police arrested the four accused within a few hours. An unlicensed pistol was also recovered from them.

On this occasion, Nabha DSP Gurinder Singh Bal said that when they committed the incident, the SHO of Nabha Kotwali immediately formed teams and arrested them within a few hours. This incident was committed due to old enmity. A Dzire vehicle and an unlicensed pistol have also been recovered from them. The person from whom they had taken the pistol has also been named in this case. Cases have been registered against all of them in different police stations earlier. All of them are residents of Nabha constituency. Who have been identified as Hardeep Singh Grewal, Gurdeep Singh alias Deepu, Davinder Singh, Jagsir Singh alias Jaggi.

Their police remand will be taken and more important revelations are expected to be made. Many cases have been registered against them in different police stations earlier.

Maharshi Narad asks Lord Krishna where can he be found



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, DEC 3

Baba Bal Ji Addresses Devotees on the Third DayIn Kot Fatuhhi town of Hoshiarpur district, a grand Shri Mad Bhagwat Katha event was organized by the Mata Bhagwati Jagran Committee along with multiple local groups. On the third day, Baba Bal Ji Una Sahib Wale attended with his devotees and delivered an inspiring discourse.He emphasized the infinite significance of the Shri Mad Bhagwat Katha, explaining that every chapter covers the divine plays (Leelas), teachings, and sermons of Lord Krishna in great detail. He noted the scripture's unique ability to explain various life events with clarity and simplicity. Spiritual Significance and Benefits of Bhagwat Katha Baba Bal Ji stated that chanting, listening to, and narrating the Shri Mad Bhagwat Katha leads to spiritual liberation (Moksha) and brings happiness and prosperity. He narrated the story of Maharshi Narad's visit to Lord Krishna, highlighting that Krishna meets His devotees wherever His holy scriptures are recited with love and devotion.

MCM shines at Punjab State Inter-Varsity youth and heritage festival 2025



CHANDIGARH: Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women has once again proven its cultural and artistic prowess by winning top honours at the prestigious Punjab State Inter-Varsity Youth and Heritage Festival 2025, held at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. Showcasing exceptional creativity and talent, the college secured first prize in Bagh Embroidery, second prize in Poster Making, and third prize in Mime. Gaganjot Kaur, B.Sc. (Computer Science) 3rd year, clinched the first prize in Bagh Embroidery under the Heritage Art and Craft Items category. Her remarkable achievement follows her consecutive wins at both the Zonal and Inter-Zonal rounds of the Panjab University Youth and Heritage Festival, paving her way to the state-level platform. Bringing further pride to the institution, Ritika Bose of B.A. 3rd year, achieved second prize in Poster Making after attaining first positions at the Zonal and Inter-Zonal levels.

The college's Mime team, comprising Saina, Diya, Angel, Simran, Divya, and Anjita, added to this triumphant streak by securing the third prize. The team had earlier demonstrated outstanding performance by winning at both the Zonal and Inter-Zonal Youth Festivals, maintaining their winning momentum at the Inter-University stage as well.

Guru Ke Atut Langars run daily by social worker Benipal Group at PR-4 Marg and New Chandigarh



J K BATTA
CHANDIGARH, DEC 3

Guru Ke Atut Langars run daily from morning to evening by the social worker Benipal Group at PR-4 Marg and New Chandigarh, contributing their due contribution to the service, the successful PR-4 Marg and New Chandigarh social worker Benipal Group, a successful businessman associated with real estate, organized a daily luncheon by Pargat Singh Fatwan and his partner Lakhvir Singh Lakhi. Among the personalities present were Mewa Singh Pabla, Baba Ranvir Singh, Darshan Singh Manakpur, Gurinder Singh Fategarh, Jagdish Singh Disha and Harmanjit Singh Fatwan, Dilbar Singh Khairpur, Sarpanch Malkit Singh.

Only five candidates file nominations on day three; four-way contest expected



DEEPAK KUMAR
MACHHIWARA, DEC 3

With the nomination process underway for the Zila Parishad and Block Samiti elections in Punjab, the political battleground has now reached its peak as candidates from different parties intensify their campaigns. Interestingly, no candidate had filed nomination papers during the first two days.

Election officer and ARO Gurdeep Singh informed that only five candidates submitted their nomination papers on the third day.

He added that most candidates are expected to file their papers on the final day tomorrow, as no nominations will be accepted after the deadline. The election officer appealed to all candidates to ensure their paperwork is complete before submission so that no one faces any difficulty during scrutiny. He said the scrutiny of nomination papers will take place on December 5, and any errors or missing documents may lead to objections.

This election is expected to witness a four-way contest, with candidates from the Aam Aadmi Party, Shiromani Akali Dal, Congress and the BJP all in the fray.

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Green field convent school's Sukhraj Chahal receives FAP Award

BARNALA DEHATI (BALWINDER AZAD): Recently, at the FAP Awards ceremony at Chandigarh University (Gharuan), Mohali, Sukhraj Chahal, Media Incharge of Green Field Convent School, was honored with the FAP Award for his services to the institution. Chahal, who has been serving as Media Incharge and IT Wing Head for a long time, has made a very valuable and commendable contribution to the school during his duty. This state-level program was organized under the leadership of Dr. Jagjit Singh Dhuri, President of the Federation of Private Schools and Associations of Punjab. On this occasion, Dr. Amarpal Singh, Chairman Punjab School Education Board, attended as the chief guest. Apart from this, famous singer Jasbir Jassi was also present. On receiving this award, Sukhraj Chahal said that he is very grateful to the management of Green Field Convent School who have selected him from the school for this award. He said that such awards boost the morale of a person and become a source of inspiration for others.



NEWS BRIEF

SHO Ranjeet Singh takes charge at Morinda Sadar police station

RADHE SHYAM SHARMA

MORINDA: Sub-Inspector Ranjeet Singh has officially taken charge as the SHO of Morinda Sadar Police Station following his recent transfer. On assuming the new role, he was warmly welcomed by the police station staff.



SHO Ranjeet Singh said that strengthening the law-and-order situation in the Morinda Assembly segment, maintaining peace, and cracking down on drug trafficking and criminal activities will be his top priorities. He added that ensuring the safety of residents and resolving their issues promptly will be strictly followed. He also appealed to the people of the area to cooperate with the police in further enhancing law and order.

Congress files nominations across various Block Samiti zones in Payal constituency



AMRISH ANAND

DORAHA: In view of the upcoming Block Samiti and Zila Parishad elections, the Congress Party today filed significant nominations across various Block Samiti zones of the Payal constituency. The proceedings were carried out under the able leadership of Khanna, District Congress President, former MLA S. Lakhvir Singh Lakha, and Payal constituency coordinator and Chairman Bant Singh Doburji.From the Rauni Block Samiti zone, former Sarpanch S. Rupinder Singh Goldy of Bharthala Randhawa filed his nomination papers. Meanwhile, in the Rampur zone, former Panch Gram Panchayat Rampur S.Sukhvir Singh submitted his nomination in the presence of District President Khanna, former MLA S. Lakhvir Singh Lakha, Chairman Bant Singh Doburji, former Sarpanch Kuldeep Singh, and several Congress workers.

Congress candidate Hanish Hani seeks public support in ZP polls

VERMA

GURDASPUR: Political activity in the region has intensified ahead of the Zila Parishad elections. Congress party candidate from the Narot Mehra zone, Hanish Hani, has appealed to the public to vote in his favor. Hanish Hani, who is considered very close to



Joginder Pal, the former Congress MLA from Bhoa, said that if the people bless him with victory, he will take it as an opportunity to play an important role in addressing public grievances.He stated that the path of development strengthens only with the cooperation and support of the people. He appealed to the public to give him their valuable vote so that he can raise the voice of every village and every family strongly before the administration.Hanish Hani assured that if he wins, he will bring every issue of the region to the attention of the administration and make every possible effort for their resolution.

Avikesh Gupta takes over as ADC Rupnagar

BAHADURJEET SINGH

RUPNAGAR: Avikesh Gupta, a 2014 batch PCS officer, today took charge as Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) of Rupnagar. While taking



charge, he said that his priority would be to deliver benefits of government schemes to the common people, working with transparency and making the administrative system more effective. Avikesh Gupta said that under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Varjeet Walia, he will work with full dedication for early redressal of public problems, effective implementation of government schemes and strengthening departmental coordination.

Cleanliness is essential for our physical and mental health: Dr. Anil Garg

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GURDASPUR: Staying clean helps us stay healthy, and maintaining a clean environment contributes to good health and protection from diseases. Cleanliness also saves us from many illnesses, and the first step toward



cleanliness is keeping our body clean. These views were expressed by Dr. Anil Garg, MD of Raj Hospital Pathankot and a neurosurgeon. He said that cleanliness holds great importance in our lives and should be everyone's primary responsibility. Just as food, water, oxygen, and other necessities are essential for our existence, cleanliness is equally important.

While describing the various incarnations of Lord Krishna, he elaborated on the Ram Avatar, emphasizing that cleanliness is important for both physical and mental well-being. Dr. Garg stated that it is our responsibility to maintain cleanliness around us. A clean body keeps us healthy and protects us from diseases.

Govt to establish advanced horticulture technology development centre at Ladhowal: Bhagat

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, DEC 3



In a major boost to the horticulture sector, Horticulture Minister Mohinder Bhagat on Wednesday announced that the Punjab Government is establishing a state-of-the-art Horticulture Technology Development Centre at Ladhowal, Ludhiana

Inaugurating the State-Level Seminar-cum-Exhibition organised by the Department of Horticulture in Ladhowal, the Minister stated that the upcoming Horticulture Technology Development Centre will serve as a one-stop knowledge hub for farmers across Punjab. The latest hi-tech cultivation practices for every type of fruit, vegetable, and flower will be demonstrated live, and hands-on training will be imparted at the demonstration sites here. The centre will motivate farmers to adopt horticulture on a large scale. Mr.Bhagat, while addressing hundreds of progressive farmers, emphatically stated that Punjab government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann is fully committed to shifting farmers from the wheat-paddy cycle to high-value horticultural crops. He added that the horticulture alone has the potential to double farmers' income in the shortest possible time and bring prosperity. He emphasized that this centre will become the heartbeat of that transformation. The Minister urged farmers to diversify into horticulture without any hesitation and assured them of complete departmental support at every step. He personally listened to individual problems raised by farmers on the spot and directed officers for immediate redressal. He also inspected all the stalls and upcoming infrastructure units at the Ladhowal centre. Director Horticulture Mrs. Shailinder Kaur reiterated that the department stands shoulder-to-shoulder with farmers and is ready to extend financial assistance under Horticulture Mission, RKVY, and all other schemes. She laid special emphasis on reducing input costs through adoption of precision and digital technologies. During the exhibition, Topcon Company showcased GPS-based Auto-Steering technology through a live field demonstration, highlighting uniform sowing, spraying and harvesting with drastic savings in time, fuel, seeds, fertilizers and pesticides.

One more held in connection with Gurdaspur grenade attack case

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GURDASPUR, DEC 3



In yet another major breakthrough in Gurdaspur Grenade Attack Case amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Counter Intelligence (CI) Bathinda, in coordination with Gurdaspur Police, has apprehended one more key accused involved in the attack, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Wednesday. The arrested accused has been identified as Mohan Singh, a resident of Ramuwal in Bathinda.

The development came close on the heels of Punjab Police arresting four accused persons— Pradeep Kumar, Gurdit, Naveen Chaudhary and Kush— in connection with a grenade attack at Gurdaspur City Police which took place on November 25, 2025 at around 7.30 pm. Police teams had recovered one P-86 hand grenade and two pistols from their possession. With this arrest, the total number of persons held in the case has risen to five. DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary investigation has revealed that Mohan Singh was in contact with Pakistan-based ISI-sponsored gangster Shehzad Bhatti.

Acting under his instructions, the accused played a role in carrying out the grenade attack with the intention of spreading terror in the state of Punjab, he said.

The DGP said that the investigation remains active, and further leads are being pursued to dismantle the entire network. Sharing operational details, AIG CI Bathinda Avneet Kaur Sidhu said that based on technical and human intelligence, CI Bathinda shared secret information with the Gurdaspur Police, on the basis of which accused Mohan Singh was apprehended. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Gurdaspur Aditya said that on the disclosure of arrested accused Mohan police teams have also recovered one .32 bore pistol along with live cartridges, besides, impounding a black Splendor motorcycle, which the module had used in the crime.

In this regard, a case FIR no. 289 dated 26/11/2025 had already been registered under sections 109, 324(4) and 111 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Explosives Substances Act at Police Station City Gurdaspur.

Navneet Kaur, student of Akal College of Education, Mastuana Sahib, first in debate contest



BARNALA DEHATI (BALWINDER AZAD): Navneet Kaur, a student of Akal College of Education, Mastuana Sahib, secured first place in the debate competition at the Inter-University Youth Festival organized by Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.

During this competition, Navneet Kaur expressed her views in favor of Artificial Intelligence, while her fellow participants shared their views on the topic "Artificial Intelligence Against Artificial Intelligence".

By securing the first place, Navneet Kaur has brought glory to the college, students, teachers and parents.

Celebrating her achievement, Akal College Council Secretary Jaswant Singh Khaira, College Principal Dr. Sukhdeep Kaur, College teachers and management members honored and congratulated her. The university also presented a trophy to Navneet Kaur and praised her excellent performance.

Partap World School Pathankot celebrates Grandparents Day 2025

SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, DEC 3



Partap World School, Pathankot celebrated Grandparents' Day 2025 with great enthusiasm, adopting a theme dedicated to the roots of the family.

On this occasion, more than 2,000 parents and grandparents enthusiastically participated in the event, making it one of the most exciting and memorable events of the year. Students from pre-nursery to grade 6 showcased their talents through colorful and interesting programs. Ramesh Lal, Additional District and Sessions Judge Sopore Baramulla, Dr. Shobha Prashar, Principal Rama Chopra Sanatan Dharam Kanya Mahavidyalaya and Satish Mahindru Chairman The Hindu Urban Cooperative Bank, Pathankot were present as special guests in the event.

The program enthralled the audience with a musical evening, brass band, Ganesh Vandana, Western dance, sports dance, ballet, theatre drama, Arabic dance, contemporary dance, patriotic performances, Kathak, yoga, prop dance and energetic Bhangra.

Among these, theatre performances were the main attractions of the program, captivating the audience with their emotional messages and impressive performances.

Director Sunny Mahajan said that the main objective of this program was to instill in the students the values of love, respect, gratitude and care for grandparents - the moral foundation and guide of every family. At the end of the ceremony, Ramesh Lal, Dr. Shobha Parashar and Satish Mahindru said that grandparents are pillars of strength and wisdom in every home. Honoring them teaches our children to appreciate their blessings and selfless love.

Finally, Director Sunny Mahajan, Director Oshin Mahajan and Principal Shubra Rani said in a joint message that we are proud of the excellent participation and spiritual performances of the students. Grandparents Day is not just a celebration, but a reminder of the love, wisdom, and values that grandparents pass on to future generations.

Blood donation camp held at SLIET Longowal in collaboration with Civil Hospital Sangrur



RAVI GARG
LONGOWAL, DEC 3

A successful blood donation camp was organized at Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology (SLIET), Longowal, in collaboration with the Civil Hospital, Sangrur on 2nd Dec 2025 at Sant Longowal Institute of Enginering and Technology. The event, coordinated jointly by the institute's Health Centre and SLIET NCC Unit, witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, staff, and faculty members.

The camp formally began at 10:00 AM with the arrival of the senior medical team lead by by Dr. Pallavi Garg, BTO, from Civil Hospital Sangrur and Director SLIET Prof. Manikant Paswan and other institute officials. After a brief orientation on the importance of voluntary blood donation, the medical staff commenced the screening and donation procedures. Throughout the day, a steady stream of volunteers turned up to contribute to the humanitarian cause. According to the organizers, around 42 donors participated, resulting in the collection of 42 units of blood. The camp maintained strict health and safety protocols, with proper hygiene, medical supervision, and post-donation care for all donors.

80 families from Sujanpur constituency leave AAP and join Akali Dal



PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): A special program was organized by Shiromani Akali Dal Badal at village Manwal under the chairmanship of District Pathankot President Surinder Singh Kanwar Mintu. In which District Gurdaspur President and District Pathankot Observer Gurbachan Singh Babbehali were the special guests. During the program, 80 families from Sujanpur constituency, under the leadership of Aam Aadmi Party leader Sanjeev Sharma, bid farewell to the Aam Aadmi Party and joined the Shiromani Akali Dal. They were warmly welcomed upon joining the Akali Dal. On this occasion, District Pathankot Observer Gurbachan Singh Babbehali announced 20 candidates for the Sujanpur constituency under Pathankot district, keeping in mind the Zila Parishad and Block Samiti elections. These include the names of Narinder Bhamlada (General), Manisha Dhar West and Kuldeep Ranipur (General), Sanjay Dubey Lamini General, Ujagar Singh Attepur General, Gagan Singh Jaini General, Balwinder Singh Dunera General.

Dasmesh school student Daksh wins silver medal in state karate championship



KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH, DEC 3

Daksh, s/o Surinder Singh, a resident of Khaira Khurd, a student of Dasmesh Convent Senior Secondary School in Sardulgarh, brought pride to his school, parents, city and whole district by winning a silver medal in the state karate competition.

Notably, in the Under-19 boys' category held at Jalandhar, Daksh showcased exceptional skill and defeated competitors from Sangrur, Barnala, and Pathankot districts to secure his place in the finals, where he clinched the silver medal.Upon his return with the state-level achievement, the talented student received a warm welcome at the school. On this occasion, Principals Bhupinder Singh Sandhu and Parminder Kaur Sandhu stated that Daksh will be honoured at the upcoming school function.

Sant Seechewal leaves Parliament Session to help farmers

ARVIND PATHAK
SULTANPUR LODHI, DEC 3



Leaving the winter session of Parliament aside, Rajya Sabha member Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal has dedicated himself to restoring the fields of flood-affected farmers in the Mand region. Sant Seechewal stated that the first two days of the session were wasted due to disruption. According to an estimate, each day of the Parliament session costs over Rs 10 crore.

The disruption over two days caused a loss of nearly Rs 20 crore of public money, yet no party seems concerned. Earlier, Sant Seechewal had written to the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, urging him to take steps to prevent the waste of taxpayers' money caused by parliamentary deadlock.In the village of Sangra in the Mand area, wheat sowing has begun in the 1.5-acre field of Granthi Kabal Singh. The family owns 5 acres of land, but it had been covered with sand and silt due to flooding. Satinder Singh Bagga, a member of Sant Seechewal's team, arranged for large tractors and free diesel to level the land and make the fields cultivable again. In Baupur Kadeem, a thick layer of sand had settled on the land belonging to farmer Major Singh. To level this land, an excavator and tractors have been deployed. Hard soil is being dug up to a depth of four feet, then refilled with sand, and finally covered again with topsoil.

Music of fusion' marks inter-cultural folk festival at Khalsa Public School



CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA
AMRITSAR, DEC 3

The 'fusion of Music' marked the inter-cultural folklore as the Columbian artists today enthralled the audience with their foot-tapping performances during the 12th Amritsar International Folk Festival held at Khalsa College Public School (KCPS). The Latin American musicians and dancers intermixed with the Punjabi artists as they shared the stage, depicting world class multicultural mileage. The festival organized by Khalsa College Governing Council in collaboration with Punjab Cultural Promotion Council (PCPC) exhibited fusion of two cultures as Punjabi and Columbian group of dances set the stage on fire. Along with their presentations, the artists exhibited the message of peace and harmony as they performed together during their gripping musical extravaganza. Wearing their traditional, colorful dresses, the artists took to the stage with full enthusiasm and won the heart with the well-orchestrated dances and melodious singing. The Columbian group Palma Africana, while giving folk presentations of their native country, also joined the host school students in Gidda, Bhangra.

Guru Kashi University signs MoU with univer sity of Limpopo, South Africa, to strengthen global academic collaboration

ANANTDEEP KAUR
BATHINDA, DEC 3



Guru Kashi University has taken a significant step toward expanding its global academic footprint by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University of Limpopo, South Africa. This partnership marks a major milestone in fostering international cooperation in education, research, and cultural exchange.

The MoU establishes a strong framework for collaboration between the two institutions, enabling opportunities such as faculty and student exchange programmes, joint research projects, curriculum development, and cross-cultural academic engagement. The initiative aims to create an enriched academic environment that supports innovation and global learning. The Vice Chancellors of both universities, along with the management of Guru Kashi University, expressed that this MoU will be highly beneficial for both institutions. They emphasized that the collaboration will strengthen academic offerings, open doors for advanced research initiatives, and contribute to building a globally competitive education ecosystem. With this agreement, both universities are set to embark on transformative academic endeavours that will offer students and faculty members broader exposure, shared expertise, and enhanced opportunities for international engagement.

The partnership reflects a shared vision of promoting global citizenship, fostering innovation, and advancing knowledge beyond borders.

DBU Americas earns prestigious A+ equivalence from NAB; emerges among top India-origin caribbean medical universities



FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): Desh Bhagat University Americas (DBU Americas) has achieved a historic academic milestone by securing a 3.11/4 rating from the National Accreditation Board (NAB) of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. This score, officially equal to an A+ grade, places DBU Americas among the highest-rated India-origin medical universities in the Caribbean. Interacting with media persons, Dr. Zora Singh, Chancellor of Desh Bhagat University, congratulated the DBU Americas leadership and faculty, stating that the achievement highlights the university's unwavering commitment to excellence, integrity, and the preparation of globally competent medical professionals. Pro-Chancellor Dr. Tajinder Kaur and President Dr. Sandeep Singh also praised the institution's academic vision, quality systems, and its growing international reputation. Dr. Sandeep Singh further said that this accreditation strengthens DBU Americas' standing among elite Caribbean medical institutions known for strong quality assurance frameworks and globally benchmarked medical education systems.

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Strict orders issued in Una to regulate business activities and curb encroachments

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: The Una district administration has issued strict directives to regulate commercial activities in markets, prevent encroachments and strengthen law and order. District Magistrate Jatin Lal said that growing festive-season crowds, illegal temporary structures and their impact on public order have necessitated close monitoring. The DC stated that several traders arriving from other districts and states have been found renting shops without prior approval and setting up unauthorized temporary sheds.

Such activities lead to congestion, traffic obstructions and potential law-and-order issues. He asserted that any behavior compromising public safety and orderly conduct will not be tolerated.

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Computer accounting training program from Dec 15

AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: A 38-day Assistant Bookkeeper (Computer Accounting) training program is scheduled to commence on December 15th at the Punjab National Bank Rural Self-Employment Training Institute, Una. Participants between the ages of 18 and 50 and from any village in Unna district are eligible for admission. Participants will receive free training, including free hostel accommodation, lunch, tea, training materials, notes, and uniforms. Participants will also receive bank loans after completing the training, and a government certificate will be provided, enabling them to become self-reliant as trainers and earn a living. This training program will provide information on computer basics, Tally, accounting, online GST filing, air and train ticket booking, PAN card and Aadhaar card applications, enabling them to establish their own businesses. Participants will also be educated on marketing, time management, banking, and entrepreneurship.

CM inaugurates Regional Laboratory building of HPSPCB in Dharamshala

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, DEC 3



Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today inaugurated the newly constructed Regional Laboratory building of the Himachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (HPSPCB) at Dari, near Dharamshala. The state-of-the-art facility has been built at a cost of Rs. 3.5 crore. The laboratory complex comprises a basement, ground floor, first floor and top floor, each spread over 234.61 sq. m, with a total built-up area of 938.44 sq. m. The basement has been designated for parking and is equipped with essential services such as electricity, water supply and other modern amenities to support the functioning of an advanced analytical laboratory. Purpose-built sections have been established for water and wastewater quality analysis, ambient air quality monitoring and microbiological examination, enabling comprehensive environmental monitoring activities. The building also houses a dedicated sample storage room, chemical and glassware storage facilities, a record room, a meeting hall and adequate seating arrangements for staff, ensuring a fully functional and efficient laboratory environment.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the State Government has provided adequate budgetary support to complete the project, which has been developed in accordance with the requirements for National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) accreditation. "With its modern infrastructure, enhanced analytical capacity and improved safety provisions, this new laboratory will significantly strengthen the technical capabilities, operational efficiency and service standards of the State Pollution Control Board," he said.

Ayush Minister Yadvinder Goma, Vice Chairman HP State Planning Board Bhawani Singh Pathania, MLA's Sanjay Awasthy, Harish Janartha and Suresh Kumar, Congress leader Devender Jaggi, Chairman APMC Kangra Nishu Mongra, Mayor Municipal Corporation Dharamshala Neenu Sharma, Chief Secretary Sanjay Gupta, Member Secretary HPSPCB Praveen Gupta and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

CBI flags surge in fake "Whatsapp-CBI" scams; citizens urged to exercise caution

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SHIMLA, DEC 3

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has sounded a nationwide alert after an unprecedented rise in cybercriminals impersonating CBI officers through WhatsApp messages, video calls, emails, and spoofed phone numbers. These organised rackets are intimidating citizens with fabricated allegations and extorting money under the guise of settling non-existent investigations. According to officials, fraudsters are now deploying advanced tools such as AI-generated summons, forged arrest warrants, doctored ID cards, and deepfake voices and videos to lend credibility to their threats. Several individuals, unfamiliar with official procedures, have fallen victim to these manipulative tactics and suffered significant financial losses. Issuing a strong warning, Additional SP (State Cyber Crime & Vigilance) Shri Narvir Singh Rathour, HPS, recipient of the union Home Minister's Medal, stated that such impersonation scams are among the most psychologically coercive crimes witnessed in recent years. He emphasised that CBI or any law-enforcement agency never sends notices through WhatsApp, demands payments, or threatens arrest over calls. Rathore informed that the Himachal Pradesh Cyber Police is actively tracking VoIP-based networks and fake digital identities operating behind these frauds. He urged citizens to disconnect immediately from suspicious calls, avoid responding to threatening messages, and report such incidents promptly to the national cyber helpline 1930. The warning follows deliberations during a national-level meeting convened by the union Home Ministry with State Home Secretaries, DGPs, senior IPS officers, and central intelligence agencies, where multiple cyber-extortion patterns were flagged for urgent coordinated action.

National Lok Adalat to be held in Bilaspur on Dec 13



AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR: District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Bilaspur, has announced that a National Lok Adalat will be organized on December 13, across all court complexes in the district. Secretary Prateek Gupta informed that the Lok Adalat will be held simultaneously at the District and Sessions Court Bilaspur, Sub-Divisional Court Ghumarwin, and Sub-Divisional Court Jhanduta. He stated that the National Lok Adalat will take up both pre-litigation cases and cases already pending before the courts. These include disputes related to banks, labor issues, electricity and water bills, matrimonial matters, and motor vehicle challans. Motor vehicle challan cases can be settled either through the digital online system or by appearing in court before the Lok Adalat date. Prateek Gupta appealed to the public to take full advantage of this opportunity, as Lok Adalats offer a swift, amicable, and cost-effective way to resolve disputes through mutual agreement. He emphasized that even individuals whose cases are not currently pending in court can submit their applications to have their disputes listed for resolution. The Secretary added that the District Legal Services Authority is committed to ensuring access to justice for all, especially for economically and socially weaker sections. Free legal aid and advice can be obtained through the DLSA helplines.

Training for Aadhaar authentication operators and supervisors at MSHIPA



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) organized one day State level mega training for Aadhaar authentication operators and supervisors at Dr. Manmohan Singh Himachal Pradesh Institute of Public Administration (MSHIPA), Mashobra. Around 70 participants from various departments of Himachal Pradesh including Department of Digital Technologies & Governance, Food & Civil Supply, HP Gramin Bank, HP Building & Other Construction workers amongst others took part in the workshop. The program covered the Aadhaar authentication ecosystem, rules, procedures, best practices, and security protocols essential for efficient and compliant service delivery. The session emphasized skill enhancement, data integrity, confidentiality, and practical problem-solving through interactive discussions, demonstrations, and real-world case insights. The event was inaugurated by Tejinder Pal Singh, Deputy Director, UIDAI, from regional office Chandigarh. Anil Sharma from UIDAI head office, Kuldeep Sharma, AM Compliance and Vijay S. Singh, State Project Manager, conducted detailed technical and practical sessions.

Delegation from Nawar area calls on Education Minister



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: A delegation from the Nawar region of the Jubbal-Kotkhai assembly constituency in Shimla district called on Education Minister Rohit Thakur here today. The delegation appreciated the steps being taken to make the constituency an educational hub providing broader academic opportunities and improved facilities for students nearer to their homes. The delegation expressed gratitude to the Education Minister for announcing a four-year Integrated B.Ed course at Government College, Tikkar. They said this landmark decision would significantly strengthen educational standards in the region besides learning opportunities to students. They also thanked the Minister for commencing postgraduate courses at Sawra College which would enable the students to now pursue undergraduate programmes such as BVoc (Hospitality & Tourism) and BVoc (Retail & Finance).

Students came to watch proceedings of Legislative Assembly



DINESH AGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: About 500 students of Government Senior Secondary School Mahnuta, Raipur, Rait, Dardh, Jwalamukhi, Barbata, Modern Public School Dharamshala, Himalayan Public School Chuwadi and Government High School Baluhi Khas visited the Legislative Assembly Secretariat on Wednesday and met HP Legislative Assembly Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathani and watched the proceedings of the House. During the meeting, the students asked the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly many questions related to the parliamentary system, the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly, the role of the Presiding Officer in the House and the conduct of the session. The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly gave full information about this to all the students and also informed them about the proceedings taking place in the House on Wednesday.

OBC Sangharsh Samiti protests at Zorabar stadium on 6th day of Assembly Session



SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: On the sixth day of the Dharamshala Assembly session, the OBC Sangharsh Samiti again took to the streets in support of its demands. The committee held a strong protest at Zorabar Stadium, alleging that the government was avoiding discussing their 21 key demands. The committee stated that despite a rally of 20,000 people in September, the government had not engaged in dialogue. Now, it has warned that if OBC demands are not discussed in the winter session, a larger-scale agitation will be launched. On the sixth day of the Assembly session, the OBC Sangharsh Samiti's slogans reverberated throughout the Dharamshala stadium. Protesters stated that they have been agitating for their demands for several months, but the government has yet to make a single move. The committee claims that on September 20, 20,000 people took to the streets from Kangra to Dharamshala, but despite such a large rally, the government did not even consider it appropriate to engage in dialogue with the OBC community. They say that six days into the session, not a single OBC demand has been discussed in the House.

AICC begins process to appoint new Bilaspur Congress Chief under nationwide reorganization drive

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, DEC 3



All India Congress Committee's (AICC) Secretary and Bilaspur Observer Hina Likhiram Kaware announced that the new district Chief of Congress will we with consultation of all rank and files of the party including the sympathizers.

Kaware briefing Media at Indira Bhawan Party office said that congress has formally launched a nationwide Organization Creation Campaign, a major structural strengthening initiative whose blueprint was finalized at last year's national convention in Ahmedabad. The year 2025 has been designated as the Organization Creation Year, marking an important phase of organizational rebuilding across all states. Kaware confirmed that the process to appoint the new District Congress President has begun. She said that all contenders will undergo one-on-one interviews and discussions will be held with grassroots workers to ensure maximum transparency and consensus. She emphasized that any Congress worker from the district can apply for the post, and applications will be accepted until December 7. Kaware added that she would strive to ensure that the district unanimously proposes one name, but if consensus is not achieved, a panel of six names will be prepared and forwarded to the high command. The final decision regarding the District President will rest with the national leadership. Kaware underlined that the new District President must be capable of strong decision-making and must be ready to shoulder organizational accountability. After selection, the candidate will also receive formal training from the party. Adding that Bilaspur reflects strong coordination between the government and organization, as evident from her interactions with district-level leaders and workers.

Police use force to disperse ABVP workers during protest

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, DEC 3



On the sixth day of the Dharamshala Assembly session, the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) once again took to the streets. The ABVP held a vigorous demonstration in Dharamshala today, alleging mismanagement of the education system, unemployment, and neglect of student interests. A tense situation prevailed for three hours between police and students as they attempted to lay siege to the Zorabar Stadium and the Assembly. Two days ago, ABVP workers were recently detained by police during a Chief Minister's program in Dharamshala. In protest, hundreds of the council's workers reached Zorabar Stadium and insisted on laying siege to theAssembly. Police deployed tight security and barricaded the road leading to the stadium. In protest, the workers sat on the road and began a protest. The ABVP says the state's education system is steadily deteriorating. The failure to appoint permanent vice-chancellors in universities, delays in the evaluation process, lack of research facilities, ambiguity in employment policies, and campus politics have put the future of the youth in jeopardy. The organization alleges that the government is not serious about students' problems and is buying time by offering "hollow assurances" on education and youth issues. Police used mild force to disperse the crowd of students. The government continues to ignore student interests. Our universities are becoming centers of chaos. Without a permanent Vice Chancellor, no research facilities, and no clear policy on employment—the future of the youth hangs in the balance.

There is no section of state that is not dissatisfied with Sukhu government: Dr. Rajeev Bindal

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, DEC 3



Addressing reporters at the Zorawar Stadium in Dharamshala on Wednesday, Himachal Pradesh BJP President Dr. Rajeev Bindal said that on December 4th, the Bharatiya Janata Party is holding a massive protest against the Congress government at Zorawar Stadium. "We observed that when the BJP reached out to the people of the state with the three-year performance of the state government, there was a tremendous enthusiasm for the BJP. As soon as the three-year celebrations came to the public's mind, the number of people who were originally supposed to attend the BJP's Zorawar Stadium protest has now grown to thousands. There is immense resentment among the people of the state against the Congress government. There is no section of the state that is not dissatisfied with the Sukhu government," Dr. Rajiv Bindal said. "There is anger and resentment in the society, and there is a resentment among the people against the current Congress government." He said that the state's youth are unemployed. The unemployed are on the streets. Youth seeking employment are distressed. They were deceived by false guarantees and formed the Congress government, but today the youth have taken to the streets to take revenge on the Congress government. A large number of women will join the protest tomorrow because the government has robbed them of their rights. People were duped by false guarantees; today, each woman owes 54,000 rupees to the government. 28 lakh women in the state have been waiting for 1,500 rupees for 36 months. Deteriorating law and order, and shootings have become commonplace in the state.

Chamboh school's Scouts and Guides team returns safely after excelling at Nationals



ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR: A team of three Scouts and two Guides from Government Senior Secondary School, Chamboh — representing Bharat Scouts & Guides, Hamirpur district — returned safely today from Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, after showcasing an outstanding performance at the 19th National Jamboree. The National Jamboree was held from November 23 to 29, 2025. The event was inaugurated by Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel, while President of India Droupadi Murmu graced the closing ceremony as the chief guest. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was also present on the stage during the concluding day. A total of 20 Scouts and 17 Guides from various schools of Hamirpur district actively participated in the jamboree. The students engaged in several activities and competitions including pioneering, rangoli, Sustainable Development Global Village, dance performances, parade, Skill-O-Rama, traditional costume fashion show, state exhibition, physical exercise display and handicraft exhibition.

CM to lead mega walkathon against chitta in Hamirpur

RAJNEESH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR, DEC 3



To raise public awareness and unite people against the consumption and trafficking of chitta (a synthetic drug), Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu will personally lead a mega walkathon in Hamirpur, his home district. After successful walkathons in Shimla and Dharamshala, a similar large-scale event will now be held in Hamirpur. The event is likely to take place on December 16, and Himachal Pradesh Police, in coordination with the district administration and various departments, has already begun preparations. The final date will be confirmed soon. Inspector General of Police Vimal Gupta and Deputy Commissioner Amarjeet Singh on Wednesday reviewed the preparations at the Shaheed Captain Mridul Sharma Memorial Boys Senior Secondary School ground.

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District admin committed to safeguarding natural resources: DC

SHANTI GAUTAM



BADDI: Deputy Commissioner Solan, Manmohan Sharma, has said that the district administration is fully committed to protecting Solan district's natural resources, particularly mineral wealth, and that all concerned departments have been instructed to ensure that mining activities are carried out strictly in accordance with legally established norms. He was presiding over a meeting on mining operations held in Baddi. The Deputy Commissioner said that various regulations have been put in place to govern mining and approvals are granted only under these rules at the state and district levels.

NEWS BRIEF

Bhoranj native Kashmir Singh appointed new Divisional Planning Officer in Dharamshala

ANIL KUMAR



DHARAMSHALA: The Himachal Pradesh Department of Town and Country Planning has promoted Kashmir Singh to the post of Planning Officer and posted him in Dharamshala. Kashmir Singh hails from Hayod village of Bhoranj block in Hamirpur district. He began his service with the department in 2011 as a Junior Engineer in Shimla. Over the years, he has served in several key districts, including Bilaspur in 2013, Hamirpur in 2017 and again in Shimla in 2023. During his nearly 14 years of service, Kashmir Singh has earned recognition for his dedication, integrity and effective planning approach. His promotion has been warmly welcomed by his family, friends and colleagues not only in Hamirpur but across the state.

Una admin orders strict enforcement of food safety standards



KISHORI LAL BAINS

UNA: Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal has directed officials to ensure strict enforcement of food safety standards across Una district. He instructed authorities to increase the number of food samples collected and take stringent action against food business operators who violate regulations. The Deputy Commissioner also directed the Assistant Commissioner, Food Safety, to coordinate with the State Taxes and Excise Department to ensure that all liquor vendors in their jurisdiction obtain mandatory food licences. He said fines will be imposed on those who fail to secure the required licence. He was reviewing the implementation of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, during a district-level advisory committee meeting held on Wednesday. Lal said the administration is committed to ensuring the availability of healthy, safe and hygienic food products.

Rahul, Sonia Gandhi join INDIA bloc protest against labour codes at Parliament

AGERNCY
NEW DELHI, DEC 3



Top leadership of the Congress party, including party President Mallikarjun Kharge, Legislative Party leader Sonia Gandhi, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, and MP Priyanka Gandhi attended the INDIA bloc protest on Wednesday against the 4 labour codes at Parliament premises. Claiming that the four labour codes propagate "corporate jungle raj," the INDIA bloc MPs held up various banners, and a bigger banner reading "No to Corporate Jungle raj- Yes to labour justice"The INDIA bloc protest comes after the Opposition's repeated demands for a discussion was accepted by the Government. The Central government is set to hold a discussion on electoral reforms on December 9. Since the Parliament winter session started, INDIA bloc MPs have been protesting against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), with the government urging for cooperation amid a stalemate in the house. Earlier today, INDIA bloc floor leaders held a meeting ahead of the third day of the Winter Session of the Parliament, to chalk out the strategy after the Centre accepted the Opposition's demand to hold a debate on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral roll.Leader of Opposition Rajya Sabha and Congress President, Mallikarjun Kharge, and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, were present in the meeting.Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, earlier, informed that during the All Party Meeting Chaired by Lok Sabha Speaker, it was decided to hold a discussion in Lok Sabha on the 150th Anniversary of the National Song 'Vande Mataram' on December 8 and a discussion on election reforms on December 9.As the Parliament session enters day 3, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is likely to move the Central Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2025, for consideration and passing in the Lok Sabha, as per the list of business. The Bill aims to raise excise duties and cess on tobacco products, with an amendment to the Central Excise Act, 1944.As per the Industrial Relations Code, 2020, trade unions with 51 per cent membership get recognition as the Negotiating Union. According to the Centre, such an arrangement strengthens collective bargaining. The code also expanded the definition of a strike, including "mass casual leave also within its ambit", to prevent flash strikes and ensure lawful action.

Congress government's non-cooperation delaying railway projects in Himachal: Anurag Singh Thakur

DINESH AGARWAL
NEW DELHI, DEC 3



Former Union Minister and MP from Hamirpur, Anurag Singh Thakur, on Wednesday expressed serious concern in the Lok Sabha over prolonged delays in major railway and infrastructure projects in Himachal Pradesh due to the state government's lack of cooperation. Raising the issue through unstarred questions, he said crucial infrastructure projects are being hindered as the state government is not fulfilling its commitments in time.

In a written reply to his question, the Ministry of Railways stated that delays and disruptions in the project work are occurring because the Himachal Pradesh government has not been providing timely support nor adhering to agreed terms.

Thakur said he has consistently pushed for expansion of railway services and new railway projects in Himachal Pradesh, but several strategically important projects have slowed due to the Congress government's apathetic approach. Citing the ministry's response, he said that for the Bhanupali–Bilaspur–Beri new railway line—approved under a cost-sharing arrangement—Rs 5,252 crore has already been spent, but the state still owes Rs 1,843 crore as its contribution, which is holding up the remaining work.

The Ministry informed that out of the required 124.02 hectares of land, only 82 hectares have been handed over so far, meaning that construction can continue only on the land already available.

Trident's 'Blessing' medical camp final round; heartfelt blessings to Gupta family

KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA, DEC 3



The sixth and final round of the 'Free Mega Medical Camp 2025' started by Trident Group from October 29 has started today. Despite the camp's end approaching, the enthusiasm and enthusiasm of the people who came to get treatment has increased instead of decreasing. Today, on the first day of the last round of the camp, a large number of people attended and got their check-up done by the expert doctors of CMC Hospital Ludhiana. The patients who reached here were also provided free medicines. People sincerely appreciated this social service work of Trident Group and the founder of the group, Rajya Sabha member Padma Shri Rajinder Gupta, CSR Head Madam Madhu Gupta and CXO Thanked Shri Abhishek Gupta Ji very much. He prayed to God that Trident Group would continue to contribute in the field of social service in the same way. Speaking on this occasion, Dr. Sanjay Kashyap, a cardiologist who arrived from CMC Hospital Ludhiana, said that heart attack (myocardial infarction) is a serious health problem, which is very important to avoid. The risk of heart attack increases in winter. Which is very important to protect yourself from. Apart from this, the problem of gas or acidity should not be taken lightly. If you have severe pain in the middle or left side of the chest, excessive shortness of breath, increased heartbeat, excessive nervousness, excessive sweating, get checked by a cardiologist immediately, these can be symptoms of a heart attack.

National seminar on Punjab's unsung freedom fighters commences at IIAS Shimla



DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA: A two-day national seminar on the theme "Forgotten Legends: Punjab's Unsung Heroes in the Freedom Struggle" commenced today at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla. The inaugural session was graced by Prof. Kuldeep Chand Agnihotri, Former Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Himachal Pradesh and Vice President of the Sahitya and Sanskrit Academy, Haryana, who delivered the keynote address as the Chief Guest. In his address, Prof. Agnihotri emphasized that remembering the countless unsung heroes of the freedom struggle is not merely the responsibility of historians, but also serves as a vital source of inspiration and awareness for future generations. He particularly highlighted the diverse streams of Punjab's freedom movements—revolutionary, religious, and agrarian—and their significant role in the national struggle. Distinguished guests included Prof. S. Ragnath, Fellow at IIAS; Dr. Nitin Vyas from the Department of Tourism, Himachal Pradesh University; and Shri Gaurav Attri, North Zone Organising Secretary of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), who also shared their views.

SI Balveer Singh assumes charge as SHO of Bassi Pathana

AJAY MALHOTRA



FATEHGARH SAHIB: Sub-Inspector Balveer Singh has officially taken charge as the Station House Officer (SHO) of Bassi Pathana. Speaking today, SHO Balveer Singh said that under the directions of District Police Chief Mr. Shubham Aggarwal (IPS), the Bassi Pathana police is fully prepared to ensure peaceful conduct of the upcoming Block Samiti and Zila Parishad elections without any discrimination. During a conversation at the Bassi Pathana police station, he added that preparations are also underway to ensure that devotees face no inconvenience during the Shaheedi Jor Mela after the elections. Acting on the guidelines issued by senior officials, the police is committed to providing all necessary assistance and ensuring public convenience. He further emphasized that the Punjab Police is working rigorously under the anti-drug campaign 'War Against Drugs' to eliminate drug abuse from society. Warning those who violate traffic rules, he said strict action will be taken against anyone found breaking road safety norms. Making a special appeal to parents, the SHO urged them to prevent children below 18 years of age from driving, as minors are more prone to accidents and can pose a danger to themselves and others. He encouraged citizens to follow the law and share information about any unlawful activities with the police, stressing that community cooperation is essential for building a safe, clean, and healthy society.

BJP Punjab gears up for Block Committee and District Council Polls in strategy meet

VERMA
GURDASPUR, DEC 3



A significant meeting was held today at the BJP Punjab Headquarters in Chandigarh under the leadership of BJP Punjab Executive President Shri Ashwini Sharma to discuss the upcoming Block Committee and District Council elections. The meeting was attended by BJP Punjab Co-Incharge Dr. Narinder Raina along with all esteemed members of the core committee. The primary objective of the meeting was to formulate strategies for the upcoming Block Committee and District Council elections and to assess organizational preparations. Discussions focused on strengthening the party's presence in the electoral arena, motivating workers, and enhancing the party's reach and influence in rural areas. In his address, Shri Ashwini Sharma stated that BJP Punjab approaches every election with utmost seriousness from both organizational and public engagement perspectives. He directed all leaders and workers to directly engage with the public in their respective areas, understand their issues, and make them aware of the party's policies and programs. Dr. Narinder Raina emphasized that the upcoming elections are not merely a means to achieve victory but also an opportunity to strengthen the party's vision, organizational capability, and connection with the people. He urged all block and district-level workers to perform their duties with dedication and integrity. All senior leaders present at the meeting shared their strategies for the elections and motivated the workers, stating that organizational strength and public service remain BJP's top priorities. It was decided to hold regular review meetings to monitor preparations for the upcoming elections.

BJP to hold massive protest in Dharamshala on Dec 4 against three years of Cong misrule: Sanjeev Katwal

DINESH AGARWAL
JAWALAMUKHI, DEC 3



BJP State General Secretary Sanjeev Katwal, while reviewing the arrangements at Agarwal Dharamshala in Jawalamukhi, stated that on completion of three years of the Congress government in Himachal Pradesh, the Bharatiya Janata Party will organize a massive protest against its failures, corruption and anti-people policies on December 4, 2025, at Joravar Stadium, Dharamshala. He informed that the protest will be held under the leadership of BJP State In-charge Shrikant Sharma, Co In-charge Sanjay Tandon, State President Dr. Rajeev Bindal and Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur. Thousands of BJP workers from across the state will reach Dharamshala in hundreds of vehicles and will gherao the Congress government during the ongoing Assembly session. Katwal termed the present Congress government as the most inefficient and directionless government in the history of Himachal Pradesh. Recalling a statement of former Chief Minister late Virbhadra Singh, he said that even Virbhadra Singh had warned that if power goes into the hands of Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, darkness will prevail in the state — a prediction that has now clearly come true. He alleged that during the Dehra by-election, the Model Code of Conduct was blatantly violated and in order to ensure the victory of the Chief Minister's wife, women's self-help groups were given Rs. 50,000 each, which is a direct assault on democratic values. Katwal stated that the liquor policy of the Congress government has completely failed, causing a loss of crores of rupees to the state exchequer. Development works worth thousands of crores have been stalled, bringing the growth of the state to a standstill and leaving the public deeply disappointed.

Employees from various departments burn copies of FIRs in protest: Puneet Sagar



VERMA

GURDASPUR: Puneet Sagar, District President of the CPF Employees' Union, Gurdaspur, stated that an FIR had been registered by the Delhi government against State President Sukhjit Singh and other members in connection with the grand rally held recently in Delhi by NMOPS for the restoration of the old pension scheme. In protest, employees across the country burned copies of the FIR filed against their leaders and strongly condemned the government's action. The employees demanded that if the FIR against their leaders is not withdrawn, the struggle will be intensified further. Those who actively participated and supported this protest included Arvind Sharma (District General Secretary), Onkar Singh (Senior Meet President), Navjot Singh (District Finance Secretary), Amanjeet, Shahul, Satish Kumar, Nanit, Rahul, Shivraj, Inderjit, Gurpreet Kaur, Meera Thakur, Surekha Thakur, Ashok Kumar, Prabdeep Singh, Gurpreet Babbar, Palwinder Singh, Amar, Navneet, Harpal, Ganesh, Baljinder Singh Ball, and many others.

Pensioners' pending dues spark anger, warn of agitation



AVINASH CHAUHAN

AMB: The monthly meeting of the Him Anchal Pensioner Branch, Amb, was held in the Devi Mandir premises under the chairmanship of President Kailash Chandra. A large number of pensioners attended the meeting and expressed deep anger towards the government. Pensioners alleged that the gratuity, leave encashment, commutation, GPF and other dues have not yet been directly released to the employees who retired between January 1, 2016, and January 31, 2022. They said that the government is continuously ignoring these payments, which have been pending for years, due to which deep dissatisfaction is growing among the pensioners. The pensioner leaders present in the meeting clearly said that if the government does not take immediate action, they will be forced to adopt the path of struggle and will take to the streets and start a movement. Amb Block members stated that they support the 17 unions that raised pensioners' issues with the government in Dharamshala on November 28.

Rajinder Kaur Bhattal claims huge victory for Cong in Zila Parishad and Block Samiti elections

GURNAM SINGH SANGATPURA
LEHRAGAGA, DEC 3



Former Chief Minister of Punjab Bibi Rajinder Kaur Bhattal, while addressing a large gathering of Congress workers at her residence today, expressed confidence that the Congress party will win the upcoming Zila Parishad and Block Samiti elections with a resounding and overwhelming majority. She said that although these elections are being delayed considerably from their scheduled time, there is huge enthusiasm among the people for the Congress and the party's candidates will undoubtedly win by a huge margin. Bibi Bhattal said that hardworking, honest and fearless candidates will be fielded in all zones and the party has three to four strong faces for each seat, while other parties (especially the AAP government) are not even finding suitable candidates to field. During the interaction with the workers, Bibi Bhattal listened carefully to everyone and assured them that "there is no need to fear anyone, the people of the entire Punjab want Congress. The people of Lehragaga constituency are my family members and they are my true asset. Strongly attacking the deteriorating law and order situation in Punjab, she said that "the funeral of law and order has begun in Punjab. Incidents of murder, robbery and gangsterism are increasing day by day, but the current government is completely indifferent to this problem."

PPS hosts high-octane day 1 & 2 of all India IPSC hockey girls (U-19) championship

RAKESH JINDAL
NABHA, DEC 3



The All India IPSC Hockey Girls (U-19) Championship, being hosted by The Punjab Public School (PPS), Nabha, unfolded with remarkable enthusiasm and competitive fervour over the first two days. The tournament has brought together four distinguished institutions-Motilal Nehru School of Sports (MNSS), Rai; Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls' School (MGD), Jaipur; Welham Girls' School (WGS), Dehradun; and the host school The Punjab Public School, Nabha. The opening day set an exciting tone for the event as Motilal Nehru School of Sports, Rai showcased exceptional dominance in their maiden fixture, defeating Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls' School, Jaipur 5-0 through disciplined teamwork, pace, and clinical finishing. In the day's second match, The Punjab Public School, Nabha displayed determination and balance as they held Welham Girls' School, Dehradun to a hard-earned 1-1 draw. PPS continued their consistent form in their second outing, securing another 1-1 draw against Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls' School, Jaipur, despite dominating large phases of the game. Day 1 concluded with MNSS, Rai registering a commanding 6-0 victory over Welham Girls' School, Dehradun, clearly emerging as the strongest contenders with an impressive goal difference.

Day 2 added further intensity to the championship as Welham Girls' School, Dehradun began with a solid comeback, defeating Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls' School, Jaipur 4-0 in Match No. 5.

NEWS BRIEFS

'Sanchar Sathi' app termed biggest threat to democracy and privacy

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
CHANDIGARH: Congress senior leader and Rajya Sabha MP Randeep Singh Surjewala launched a sharp attack on the Modi government in Parliament on Monday, calling the "Sanchar Sathi" app the most serious threat to the privacy of every Indian citizen. Surjewala alleged that the government is installing this app in citizens' phones without their permission, enabling surveillance of the entire population.
Directly questioning Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the House, Surjewala asked, "Modi ji, have you started considering every citizen of this country as your enemy? Why are you monitoring 140 crore Indians through the Sanchar Sathi app?" He said the app can track the real-time location of any smartphone user, including details of where a person travels, whom they meet and how long they stay there.

Govt intensifies Yamuna pollution control efforts

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, DEC 3



Haryana has intensified its ongoing efforts to clean the Yamuna River, with the latest review held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Sh. Anurag Rastogi here today. The review meeting highlighted improvements in wastewater treatment, industrial compliance, and sewerage infrastructure. The Board informed that out of the 1511.55 MLD of wastewater flowing through the 11 major drains that ultimately join the Yamuna, nearly 1000 MLD is already being treated, demonstrating the State's strong commitment to river rejuvenation. Regular water quality monitoring is being carried out in all drains to ensure that pollution levels continue to decline.

Chief Secretary Sh. Anurag Rastogi directed to form separate committees for each drain, having members from all the departments concerned with the Divisional Commissioner as its chairman. The committee will hold meeting every 10 days (thrice a month) and submit reports to Chairman, Haryana Pollution Control Board.

The meeting was informed that the State has undertaken a major expansion of sewage treatment capacity in the Yamuna catchment. At present, Haryana has 90 Sewage Treatment Plants with a combined capacity of 1518 MLD, along with four STPs of 107 MLD under construction, expected to be completed by March 2027. Nine additional STPs of 227 MLD capacity are under upgradation, and nine new plants of 510 MLD have been proposed to further strengthen the treatment network. Industrial wastewater management has similarly improved, with 17 Common Effluent Treatment Plants of 184.5 MLD already operational, two CETPs undergoing upgradation, and eight new CETPs of 146 MLD capacity proposed. Almost all major industries in the region are now connected to CETPs or have installed individual Effluent Treatment Plants, ensuring near-complete compliance with environmental norms.

Drain-wise action plans presented during the meeting showed steady progress across all major drains, including Dhanaura Escape, Drain No. 2, Drain No. 6, Mungeshpur Drain, KCB Drain, Drain No. 8, Leg I, Leg II, Leg III, Budhiya Nala and Gaunchi Drain. Large-scale sewer tapping operations have been initiated to prevent untreated effluent from flowing into the river, while several new STPs—such as the 77 MLD plant at Yamuna Nagar, the 60 MLD plant proposed at Rohtak, and the 100 MLD plant planned in Gurugram—are expected to further reduce pollution load in the coming years. Upgradation work on major STPs in Rohtak, Faridabad and Gurugram is also progressing steadily.

The State has also achieved near-completion of its sewerage network in the 34 towns falling within the Yamuna catchment area. Out of a total proposed 1632 kilometres of sewer line, 1626.6 kilometres have already been laid, and the remaining stretch of 5.4 kilometres in Faridabad is scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2025.

Saini to participate in the state- level celebration of the birth anniversary of Sant Shiromani Sain Maharaj: Vishram



RINKU SAINI
LADWA, DEC 3

Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena said that the administration has completed all preparations for the state-level celebration of the birth anniversary of Sant Shiromani Sain Maharaj, to be held at the grain market in Ladwa, the constituency of Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini. This event will be historic and will create a new history by breaking all the records of birth anniversaries so far. Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini will participate in this birth anniversary and will inaugurate the development works done in Ladwa constituency. Along with this, he will lay the foundation stone of new developmental works.

He was reviewing preparations for the celebrations on Wednesday. The birth anniversary of Sant Shiromani Sain Maharaj will be celebrated on December 4 in Ladwa, Kurukshetra, for which a state-level program is being organized. The birth anniversary will be celebrated as a grand yagya, and full support from the community is expected.

He said that the district administration has completed preparations for the event. Officials have been assigned various responsibilities to ensure the success of the event. All officials have fulfilled their duties. The Sant Shiromani Sain Jayanti celebrations will be celebrated with great pomp in Ladwa. Through such religious events, we learn about the events that occurred in the lives of our great men, which inspires us to follow the path shown by them, says he.

Yashpal Thakur, Chairman of the Hair Art and Skill Development Board, stated that the state's illustrious Chief Minister, Nayab Singh Saini, would be the chief guest at the birth anniversary celebrations of Sant Shiromani Sain Maharaj. Other ministers and thousands of people from all communities across the state will also attend. This celebration is a significant occasion not only for the Sain community, but for the entire state.

He said that he brought a large number of people from his village to attend the Sant Shiromani Sain Maharaj Jayanti celebrations to be held in Ladwa today. Before the BJP, no government had initiated the state-level celebration of the birth anniversaries of great men. Our government is continuously working to spread the message of saints and great men by celebrating their birth anniversaries at the government level.

Foundation Day of Divyang Ekta Samiti celebrated with former Mayor Madan Chauhan as chief guest

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, DEC 3



A grand event was organised on Wednesday at the Vishwakarma Temple in Bishandas Colony to mark the completion of three years of the Divyang Ekta Samiti. The large attendance of disabled people, social workers, and local citizens made it a significant social event. Former Mayor and State President, OBC Morcha, BJP Haryana, Madan Chauhan, was the chief guest at the event. Committee President Gurpreet Kaur welcomed him and informed him about the committee's service journey and future plans. In his address, Madan Chauhan said that disabled people are the inspiring force of society. Their willpower and positive thinking, even in difficult circumstances, serve as a guide for everyone. Praising the committee's efforts, he said that the organization is setting a new example of sensitivity and cooperation in society. Key committee members Gurpreet Kaur (President), Shravan Chauhan (District President), Ashish, Karamjeet, Satish Rana, Jatin Arora, Mohan, Deepak, Sanjeet, Atul Saini, and Junior Jaspal Bhatti were actively present at the event.

Ward No. 17 Councillor Dixit Dhiman, senior BJP leader Rochak Garg, social worker Dr. Satpal Bahamani, and Mamta Sain, State General Secretary of the Haryana Sain Samaj, were also present as guests, adding to the grandeur of the event. On the occasion of the foundation day, the committee distributed tricycles and wheelchairs to Savita, Jagdish, Rachna, and Pradeep. The applause and well-wishes of the audience during the distribution boosted the enthusiasm of the beneficiaries. Disabled brothers and sisters shared their experiences on stage, filling the atmosphere with sensitivity and inspiration.The event concluded with the distribution of Prasad and best wishes for all.

Four-day Skill Tech Industrial Expo to begin in Karnal from December 5: Harmit Singh

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DECEMBER 3:



A press conference was held today at the MSME office to provide detailed information about the upcoming Industrial Expo 2025. It was announced that under the guidance of the Federation of Export and with the support of the Government of India's MSME Unit and the Haryana Chamber of Commerce, the second edition of the four-day Skill Tech Industrial Expo will be organised by Sun Cast Ventures Private Limited at the New Grain Market in Karnal from December 5 to December 8.

Additional Development Commissioner of MSME, Sanjeev Chawla, informed media representatives that just like last year, this year too, the four-day industrial expo will witness significant participation. Over 100 industries from across Haryana and various parts of the country will be taking part, and more than 100 stalls will be set up. A dedicated pavilion has also been arranged for emerging entrepreneurs. Participants in the expo will receive financial assistance from MSME. Entertainment facilities have been arranged for visitors of all age groups, and seminars will be conducted specially for new entrepreneurs.

Highlighting the importance of the event, Haryana Chamber of Commerce Secretary Harmit Singh Happy said that the expo will serve as a bridge between buyers and sellers from different industrial sectors—all under one roof. He added that the expo will prove beneficial for traders as well as citizens.

Sanjeev Chawla further stated that MSME supports such expos with the aim of bringing buyers and sellers together on a common platform. The expo will also feature a talent hunt competition where participants can showcase solo singing or dance performances, with cash prizes and hourly gifts to be awarded. The event will include an exhibition, talent shows, sale and purchase stalls, and an opportunity for visitors to explore new products in the market.

Satyam School students visit Brahma Sarovar during Gita Jayanti Mahotsav in Kurukshetra

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
BAPOLI: Students and teachers of Satyam Public School, Jalalpur Pratham, visited the ongoing Gita Jayanti Mahotsav in Kurukshetra as part of an educational trip organised under the guidance of the school director. During the journey, students were informed that Kurukshetra is a renowned historical and religious city, revered globally due to its deep roots in Vedic culture and ancient scriptures. They were told that Kurukshetra is the sacred land where the Mahabharata battle was fought and Lord Krishna delivered the divine teachings of the Bhagavad Gita to Arjuna at Jyotisar. According to Hindu mythology, Kurukshetra spans across 48 kos and is home to several pilgrim sites, temples and holy water bodies. The students first visited the Brahma Sarovar, where they explored various stalls and exhibitions with great enthusiasm and also made purchases. This was followed by tours of the Panorama and Science Centre, Shri Krishna Museum, Jyotisar Temple, Mata Bhadrakali Temple, Jindal Park, a light and sound show based on the Gita, Haryana Heritage and several other historically significant locations. The group was accompanied by Principal Satyavan Sharma, Monu Rawal, Renu Bala, Priyanka Lakda, Kshama Rawal, Aarti Sharma, Shalu, Kajal, Beena Rawal, Sapna and other staff members.



Indira Gandhi PG College for Women, Kaithal, receives NCC unit

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL: As part of the recently approved NCC unit at Indira Gandhi PG College for Women, Kaithal, a team from 10 Haryana Battalion NCC, Kurukshetra, conducted an inspection and selection process at the college. The inspection was led by Colonel Nitish Kumar. Subedar Dilbar Khan and Havildar Devendra from the battalion evaluated the students based on a physical test and written examination. A large number of students enthusiastically participated in the selection process, and 18 first-year students were selected. College Principal Shri Ram Bahadur Khurania welcomed the battalion team and said that the addition of the NCC unit will open up new opportunities for the students. College Principal Dr. Aarti Garg stated that NCC plays a vital role in fostering discipline, leadership skills, and a sense of national duty among female students. Calling it a historic achievement for the college, she expressed her gratitude to the inspection team.



The college's NCC Chief Executive Officer, Prof. Shagun Sharma, made a significant contribution to the successful conduct of the selection process. The college's evening Principal-in-Charge, Shweta Tanwar, was also present. Retired English professor and Major Meenakshi Kaushal also participated in the inspection. Also present from the faculty were Dr. Salindra Acharya, Prof. Seema Suneja, Prof. Nandita, Prof. Reena, Prof. Shweta Gupta, Prof. Neeru, and Prof. Monica.

Seminar held on International Day of Disabled Persons by Haryana HR Commission

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DECEMBER 3



The Haryana Human Rights Commission and the district administration organised a seminar on International Day of Disabled Persons in the auditorium of Kalpana Chawla Government Medical College here today. Justice Lalit Batra, Chairperson of the Haryana Human Rights Commission and former Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, presided over the seminar. Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan attended as the chief guest. Kalyan said on this occasion that International Day of Disabled Persons is being celebrated with the resolve to have an inclusive society and continuous social progress. This day sends a message about the direction we want to take society. The right to equality is one of the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution. The more sensitive a person is, the more aware they will be of their rights and concerned about the rights of others. There should be no sense of favoritism between those who give and receive rights.

The Assembly Speaker said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has pledged that the country will become a developed nation by riding on the shoulders of the youth. The participation of youth in this effort must be ensured. A saint once said, "Whatever you become in life, first become a good human being. Humanity will keep you conscious of your responsibilities and sensitive towards others." Mr. Kalyan said that society also has a civilized nature. If our feelings and behavior towards the poor, needy, and the weak are right, we are civilised.He said that today we should pledge to contribute to building an inclusive and good society. We must move forward by embracing the message of saints and sages. He is pleased that the central and state governments, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, are working seriously in this direction. Former Chief Minister Manohar Lal, from this city known for its generous Karna, embraced the message of the Gita and worked to reform the system in nine and a half years. He praised the annual report of the Human Rights Commission.

Expressing concern over increasing global warming and drug addiction, Mr. Kalyan urged sensitivity towards the environment and urged youth to avoid drug abuse.

Sanjeev Chauhan appointed state spokesperson, says his mission is to oppose Christian missionary influence

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: The Bhartiya Valmiki Dharam Samaj – Bhaavdhas (Bhim) organised a meeting of the Bhagwan Valmiki Upasana Sabha at Bhagwan Valmiki Temple, Paara Mohalla, Rohtak, with the objective of selecting state-level members and office-bearers. During the meeting, Sanjeev Chauhan from Tarawadi in Karnal district was appointed as the state spokesperson of Bhaavdhas, while Rajkumar was named co-ordinator for Karnal district.



Speaking to the media, newly appointed state spokesperson Sanjeev Chauhan expressed gratitude to the organisation for placing their trust in him. He said he would work in accordance with the rules of the organisation, protect the interests of the community, and spread awareness among people. He said the Valmiki community has made significant progress in education and is performing strongly in every field today, contributing to the progress and direction of society. However, he added that certain issues still persist and it is their duty to address them. Education, he stressed, is the most powerful tool for empowerment. Chauhan further stated that learning about the rich history of Maharishi Valmiki and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar is essential, as it guides society towards discipline, moral values, and the removal of social evils. He alleged that Christian missionaries are attempting to lure and convert those who are unaware of their heritage by offering money, jobs, and other temptations.

54-year-old mother gets a second life after Heart Transplant at HCMCT Manipal Hospitals Dwarka, Delhi

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In a significant medical achievement, doctors at HCMCT Manipal Hospitals Dwarka, New Delhi, successfully performed a life-saving heart transplant on a 54-year-old woman from Haryana who was battling end-stage heart failure. After years of struggling with cardiac dysfunction despite optimal medical therapy and advanced interventions, the transplant of a healthy heart from a brain-dead donor offered her a renewed chance at life and hope for her family.

She arrived at the hospital in a critical state with an extremely low ejection fraction of 15%, repeated hospitalisations, whole-body edema (swelling), severe fatigue and breathlessness that left her barely able to walk or lie down comfortably. She was on intra-aortic balloon pump (IABP) support that helps in pumping of the heart for 10 days, and even after undergoing cardiac resynchronisation therapy (CRT-D) – an advanced type of a pacemaker, her condition continued to worsen, making heart transplantation the only option.

Following a month-long critical wait, a compatible donor heart became available from a private hospital in Gurgaon, which was transplanted into the patient by Dr. Yugal Kishore Mishra, Chairman - Manipal Institute of Cardiac Sciences and Chief Cardiovascular Surgeon, Dwarka, Delhi and his team. A green corridor ensured the donor heart reached Dwarka within the safe window, and the complex surgical procedure completed in 3 hours and 20 minutes and the new heart began beating strongly soon after the transplant.

Dr. Yugal Kishore Mishra, Chairman - Manipal Institute of Cardiac Sciences and Chief Cardiovascular Surgeon, Dwarka, Delhi shared, "This milestone is the result of years of focused work in building a comprehensive, self-reliant heart failure and transplant program. By treating patients medically and surgically across all stages of heart failure, we ensure the right intervention is provided at the right time. The transplant has not only added years to the patient's life but has also restored hope.

NRI couple from Dubai shows mirror to the people to become world leader

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: NRI Umesh Suri and his wife Neha Suri, who came from Dubai, said that if India has to become a world leader then the country would have to include cleanliness and old values in its life. They said that unless the people of the country included cleanliness, mutual brotherhood and family values in their lives, the country will not prosper. To compete with China and America, every citizen of the country will have to improve his/her habits from the leader to the common man and from the PM to the peon will have to decide their responsibilities. We talk about duties. But do not fix accountability. Umesh Suri, who left the country in the seventies and set up his industrial empire in Dubai said that a lot has changed in the country but what has not changed was the habit and culture-less society of spreading filth everywhere. These days he is on a trip to Haryana. He saw the projects of Seva Bharati and Swalambi Bharat and Swadeshi Jagran Manch. He saw the projects being run by Swarnim Swalambi Bharat. He saw the makeup center and the computer center. He appreciated these efforts. He saw the Self-reliant India Center in Sector 14 and the Roop Sajja Center being run in Krishna Temple. He appreciated them.



Relief provisions of Indian Civil Defence Code have not been fully realised even after 2 years

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DECEMBER 3



The amendments made by Parliament to the Indian Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure, as well as the Indian Civil Defence Code, have not reached the common man. Section 474 was added to the new Indian Civil Defence Code to provide relief to the people, giving the Chief Secretaries of the states the power to commute the death penalty, life imprisonment, and sentences of less than three years to a fine. This power, which previously rested with the President, has now been vested in the authorised state governments. It has been two years since this law came into force, but not a single person has received relief from it. Senior advocate Raj Kumar Sharma stated that the Chief Secretary of Haryana currently has more than two thousand applications seeking relief under this law due to the crime of accident. But not a single one of these petitions has been decided.

He explained that if we consider the entire country, the number of such applications would reach millions. If a nodal officer were appointed to consider these matters, the burden of cases on the courts would be reduced. He explained that over 600,000 cases are currently pending in the High Court. He explained that according to the new law, state governments have been given the power to commute a death sentence to life imprisonment, a life sentence to seven years, a sentence of seven years to three years, and a sentence of less than three years to a fine.

Unnecessary sections have been removed from the new Criminal and Criminal Code laws. The Indian Civil Defence Code contains over five hundred and fifty sections. Furthermore, the Indian Penal Code also has over five hundred and fifty sections. He explained that the signals given by Chief Justice Surya Kant Sharma will increase public confidence in the courts. He said that improvement in the judicial process will lead to early disposal of pending cases and will improve the matter of providing justice to the last person in the society and establishing his trust in the court.

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Good friends, good books and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life.

Mark Twain

EDITORIAL

India's digital economy growing at twice pace of GDP

India's digital economy is expanding at nearly twice the pace of the country's overall GDP, highlighting the rapid shift toward technology-led growth across the Asia-Pacific region, according to a research report released by India Exim Bank.The report highlighted that digital transformation has emerged as one of the most powerful drivers of economic growth in this region.It stated "Digital transformation is emerging as one of the most powerful drivers of growth in Asia-Pacific, with the digital economy of India, among others, expanding at nearly twice the pace of overall GDP".It also noted the rise of vibrant e-commerce ecosystems, with companies like Japan's Rakuten, China's Alibaba Group, India's Flipkart and Indonesia's GoTo Group becoming regional giants that now rival global players such as Amazon and Walmart.The report mentioned that as global economic structures undergo rapid change, the Asia-Pacific region stands at a pivotal juncture. For countries in the region, adapting to emerging trends and strategically positioning themselves will be key to harnessing future opportunities.The report observed that even as the world experiences a slowdown in economic integration, the Asia-Pacific region is moving in the opposite direction. Intra-regional trade in Asia has grown by 43 per cent over the past four decades, and today, more than half of Asia's total trade happens within the region. A similar trend is visible in foreign direct investment (FDI), with Asian economies increasingly investing in one another's markets.However, the report warned that regional supply chain integration continues to face challenges due to fragmentation, regulatory differences and concentration risks. It recommended policy reforms focusing on regulatory harmonisation, digitalisation and stronger financial tools to make supply chains more resilient.The report also noted that strengthening regional infrastructure is essential to support integrated and resilient supply chains.

It emphasised the need for interoperable transport networks linking ports, rail systems and inland logistics hubs. Coordinated investments, aligned regulations and sustainable financing would help build infrastructure that supports durable and inclusive economic integration.The report further noted that while manufacturing has been central to the Asia-Pacific's economic rise, a global shift toward services is reshaping future growth patterns. Governments must invest in education and skills suited to service-sector jobs, improve regulatory frameworks and promote innovation in service delivery. Enhanced digital infrastructure and cross-border agreements will also be crucial to unlocking services-led growth.Digital transformation is set to accelerate further with greater adoption of artificial intelligence (AI), which can boost productivity, efficiency and competitiveness across sectors.

Empowering every woman, uplifting every community—A new era of Nari Shakti in Amrit Kaal



Smt. Annpurna Devi

When women rise, the nation soars. In a society rooted in values of equality and justice, a woman's dignity must be non-negotiable.

The Government of India, under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has reaffirmed this belief by translating it into institutional frameworks through Mission Shakti—our comprehensive programme for safety, security, and empowerment of women. As Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has rightly said, "Our government places utmost importance on 'Samman' and 'Suvidha' for women."

These guiding words are not mere sentiments—they are the foundation on which the Modi Government has built robust institutional mechanisms for empowering women in every corner of India, under Mission Shakti.At the heart of this effort are the One Stop Centres (OSCs), operationalised under the "Sambal" sub-scheme of Mission Shakti. Launched in 2015, these centres offer a unified response mechanism to women affected by violence, ensuring they do not suffer in silence or navigate fragmented support systems. Till date, with 862 OSCs functional across India, more than 12.20 lakh women have received integrated support, including legal aid, medical assistance, police facilitation, shelter, and psychological counselling—all under one roof.From fear to freedom, from silence to support—OSCs are where healing begins.

These centres represent a shift from reactive to proactive governance. Whether a woman faces violence in her home, workplace, or a public space, OSCs stand as a testament to the Modi government's resolve to support her recovery, dignity, and justice. Importantly, these centres are located within or near hospitals to ensure immediate access to medical care—a crucial first step in crisis response. Equally important is the Universalisation of the Women Helpline (181), which complements the OSCs by ensuring 24x7 assistance for women in distress. Functional across 35 States and UTs, the helpline has handled over 2.56 crore calls and aided more than 93.48 lakh women (till 30th September).

Integrated with Emergency Response Support System (ERSS-112), the helpline bridges the gap between distress and relief.To reinforce systemic accountability and fast-track justice, we have established 745 Fast Track Special Courts, including 404 exclusive POCSO Courts. These have resolved over 3.06 lakh cases to date, ensuring that justice delayed is not justice denied. Every verdict delivered, every right restored—is a step towards a just and gender-equal Bharat. Justice delivery is no longer constrained by procedural delays, and every survivor can expect time-bound redressal.

In tandem, we are strengthening the grassroots with 14,658 Women Help Desks (WHDs) at police stations, of which over 13,700 are led by women. These desks foster confidence among survivors to report crimes, supported by trained personnel sensitised to gender issues.

The presence of women officers not only instils confidence but also strengthens institutional sensitivity and accountability.We are also tackling human trafficking through 807 operational Anti-Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) and ensuring safe mobility through the installation of emergency surveillance systems in railways and road transport services under the Nirbhaya Fund.

These interventions ensure that women can move safely, work fearlessly, and thrive in every sphere of public and private life.This integrated approach is not limited to response but extends to prevention, rehabilitation, and empowerment.

Through initiatives like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP), we are changing mindsets and instilling the values of respect, equality, and opportunity. Through PMMVY and Sakhi Niwas, we are creating systems that value women not just as survivors but as stakeholders in the nation's progress. Our Sakhi Niwas hostels are providing safe and affordable accommodation to over 26,000 working women—many of them in urban and peri-urban areas, allowing them to pursue their dreams without fear.Our strategy under Mission Shakti is built on convergence, coordination, and community ownership.

With the introduction of SANKALP: Hub for Empowerment of Women, we have added a strategic layer to local implementation, enabling women to access multiple schemes through one platform. Over 27 lakh women have already benefitted through these hubs, which serve as localised centres of empowerment and convergence. Violence against women is not just a women's issue; it is a national concern. Every OSC built, every helpline answered, and every case resolved reflects the collective commitment of the Ministry of Women and Child Development to create a Bharat where every woman lives with dignity, safety, and pride.

As we enter the Amrit Kaal—the golden era of India's growth and transformation—the empowerment of women is not just a goal, but a national mission. The vision of a Viksit Bharat by 2047 is incomplete without empowered women at the centre of it.Nari Shakti is not a slogan. It is our strategy.

It is our strength. It is our future. Women are the backbone of Viksit Bharat—as caregivers, change-makers, entrepreneurs, and leaders. Ensuring them dignity, safety, and opportunity is non-negotiable.Our journey continues—one empowered woman at a time, one safe space at a time. And with each step, we are building a stronger, safer, and more inclusive Bharat.

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India in talks with Israeli firm for world's first computerised rifle system

India and Israel Weapon Industries (IWI), the leading small-arms manufacturer, have opened discussions to explore the integration of the revolutionary Arbel computerised weapon system for Indian forces.Manufactured by IWI, Arbel is touted as the world's first fully computerised small-arms fire-control system, designed to significantly improve accuracy, lethality and decision-making for soldiers in complex battlefield scenarios.In an interview, IWI CEO Shuki Schwartz confirmed that talks are underway, saying: "We are now in the first conversations and talks regarding integrating the ARBEL systems in India."The Arbel system employs advanced sensors, real-time ballistic computation and target-acquisition capabilities to help soldiers achieve greater hit probability across varying combat environments. The system monitors the weapon's movement and trigger status to identify the user's tactical scenario and aiming pattern. Within milliseconds, its Micro Electro Mechanical System (MEMS) algorithm determines the optimal fire solution.Once the trigger is pressed and held after the first shot, Arbel analyses the shooter's behaviour and releases subsequent rounds only when the probability of a hit is high. The system can be integrated with any small-arms platform and does not require a dedicated optical component to function.Over the years, Indian armed and security forces have acquired a range of IWI weapons: assault rifles like Tavor TAR-21 Assault Rifle and its variant IWI X95 Assault Rifle, sniper rifles from the Galil Sniper Rifle family, and light machine guns such as Negev NG-7 Light Machine Gun. In recent years, contracts have been signed for thousands of Negev light machine guns to bolster frontline and paramilitary firepower.Schwartz also highlighted the expanding partnership between IWI and the Indian defence sector."In the last two decades, we have been working closely with India to equip different defence organisations, and we have seen the growth over the years," he said. "We are proud to be among the first to adopt the Make in India initiative, which has enabled larger quantities and a bigger market share in India."He added that IWI is already producing barrels in India and remains open to deeper technology cooperation as per India's requirements."We are absolutely open to deeper technology as the market and contracts require," Schwartz said.



Trump declares all Biden autopen-signed documents "null and void"



US President Donald Trump declared all official documents signed by his predecessor Joe Biden, using an autopen, "null, void, and of no further force or effect."Autopen is a device used to replicate a person's signature with precision. The Autopen has been used by both Republican and Democratic presidents in the past. "Any and all Documents, Proclamations, Executive Orders, Memorandums, or Contracts, signed by Order of the now infamous and unauthorized "AUTOPEN," within the Administration of Joseph R. Biden Jr., are hereby null, void, and of no further force or effect." Trump said in a post on his social media platform, Truth Social."Anyone receiving 'Pardons,' 'Commutations," or any other Legal Document so signed, please be advised that said Document has been fully and completely terminated, and is of no Legal effect. Thank you for your attention to this matter!" he further added.Trump has time and again claimed that Biden was unable to control the executive office, given his age and mental state. He has repeatedly criticised Biden for using an autopen during his presidency.While the practice has been routine in the White House, Trump has claimed that Biden's reliance on the device shows he was not in control of his presidency. He had earlier claimed that Biden aides made several decisions without his knowledge.

POEMS

Swimming after thoughts

Across the blackened pond and back again,
he's swimming in an ether all his own;
lap after lap, he finds the groove no
champion of motion would approve,
since time and distance hardly cross his mind
except as something someone else might find
of interest. He swims and turns, making his
way through frogspawn, lily pads, and shaking
reeds, a slow and lofty lolling stroke that
cunningly preserves what's left to stoke
his engines further, like a steamwheel plunging
through its loop of light. He knows that lunging
only breaks the arc of his full reach.
He pulls the long, slow oar of speech,
addressing camber-backed and copper fish;
the minnows darken like ungathered wishes,
flash and fade-ideas in a haze of hopes
ungathered into syntax, sounding tropes.
The waterbugs pluck circles round his ears
while, overhead, a black hawk veers
to reappraise his slithering neck and frogs
take sides on what or who he is: a log
or lanky, milk-white beast. He goes on swimming,
trolling in the green-dark glistening
silence and subtending mud where things begin, where thoughts amass in broken rings
and surface, break to light, the brokered sound of lost beginnings-fished for, found.

By Jay Parini

Modest outcome of Putin's visit will secure oil and defence

Russian President Vladimir Putin's upcoming visit to India is set to be shaped by risk, supply chains and economic security rather than any return to Cold War-style diplomacy, according to a report by the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI).The report said the visit is ultimately about managing dependence in a fractured world, with outcomes ranging from a modest upgrade in ties to an ambitious reshaping of regional economics.The GTRI report noted, "Putin's visit is not a nostalgic return to Cold War diplomacy. It is a negotiation over risk, supply chains and economic insulation. A modest outcome will secure oil and defence; an ambitious one will reshape regional economics. The visit is ultimately not about choosing sides--but about managing dependence in a fractured world."According to the report, the likely outcomes of Putin's visit fall under two scenarios.In the scenario One, the most probable outcome is a cautious strengthening of current engagements. India may secure firm timelines on defence deliveries, maintenance contracts, and technology upgrades for key military platforms, including aircraft, tanks and submarines.In return, Russia could push for long-term energy commitments from India, including renewed Indian equity in LNG fields, multi-year crude supply arrangements, and faster progress on nuclear plant construction.The two nations may also formalize a new payment mechanism using the UAE dirham or link Russia's SPFS system with India's RuPay network. This scenario, the GTRI report said, would help stabilize the partnership without creating major diplomatic repercussions.



In the second scenario, a more ambitious scenario would mark a larger strategic shift. This could involve joint production of defence equipment, Indian investment in large Russian oil and gas projects such as Arctic LNG 2 or Vostok, and expanding nuclear cooperation beyond existing reactor projects. Connectivity corridors like Chennai-Vladivostok or sections of the International North-South Transport Corridor could also see acceleration.A structured settlement system may be introduced to reduce idle rupee balances. While such moves would advance India's Eurasian integration, the report cautioned that they could also invite stronger reactions from Western countries.

The report highlighted that India exports barely USD 5 billion to Russia annually, compared with imports of nearly USD 64 billion, largely driven by energy. While pharmaceuticals and machinery perform well, India's presence in garments, electronics and consumer goods remains very limited.India's exports rose from USD 4.3 billion in FY24 to USD 4.9 billion in FY25, with USD 2.25 billion exported between April and September 2025. However, imports remain dominated by energy.Russia has emerged as India's largest crude supplier, making up nearly one-third of total oil imports in 2024. India's oil bill for Russian crude surged from USD 2.3 billion in 2021 to USD 52.7 billion in 2024, marking one of the fastest shifts in global energy sourcing.Payments between the two sides are increasingly de-dollarised, using dirhams, rupees and yuan. This reflects the growing workaround economy created by Western sanctions on Russia.Beyond symbolic optics, the report shared that the summit is centred on securing fuel, weapons and payments in a world facing financial and political fragmentation.For India, GTRI highlighted that the key challenge remains maintaining strategic balance, protecting autonomy while managing pressure from Washington and continued dependence on Moscow.

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MLA meets CM Saini over birth anniversary celebrations of Jagadguru Swami Brahmanand



RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL: MLA Satpal Jamba held a special meeting with Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and discussed birth anniversary celebrations of Jagadguru Swami Brahmanand Ji, to be held in village Chuhad Majra on December 24. He said that Jagadguru Brahmanand Ji Maharaj is considered a great saint, yogi and beacon of devotional tradition of the Indian spiritual tradition. His devotion, love, and self-knowledge provide direction to society. His birth anniversary celebrations will be celebrated with great joy and reverence. This time, a state-level event will be held in village Chuhad Majra, with Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini as chief guest. He said that preparations are underway to make the event a success. People from across state are being invited to the program. He also discussed various developmental projects underway in the Pundri Assembly constituency.

NEWS BRIEF

No trace of 34-year-old man so far

MEGH RAJ LUTHRA
KARNAL: Ravinder, a 34-year-old man from Saidpura village, who left home for a walk at 3 a.m. on Tuesday morning, did not return home. After a search, villagers found his jacket, cap, mobile phone and wallet on the banks of the Western Yamuna Canal near the railway underpass. No trace of him was found for the second day. Villagers kept a vigil on the canal bank from morning until evening. Ravinder's father, Parmanand, said he was his only son and owned a hardware shop in Vijay Nagar on Kachhwa Road. Everyone had dinner and slept peacefully that night. He went for walks every day, but today he left early. They waited for him until 6 a.m., hoping he would return. When he didn't, they became concerned and a search was launched. Teams of villagers were sent to various locations. Suddenly, a villager noticed his jacket, cap, and other items lying there. Police were informed. The police arrived at the scene, confiscated all the items and divers were called in.



BJP will hold meeting regarding self-reliant India campaign

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL, DEC 3

Bharatiya Janata Party is engaged in making Swadeshi Jagran Abhiyan a people's campaign under the Self-reliant India campaign. BJP will be holding a big meeting in Kaithal on December 7. Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, state in-charge Dr. Satish Poonia, Organization Minister Phanindranath Sharma will also participate in this meeting to be chaired by BJP State President Pandit Mohan Lal Badoli. In the meeting, along with organizational issues, there will be discussion on giving more momentum to the Self-reliant India campaign. On the same day, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini will flag off the Self-reliant India Sankalp Rath Yatra from Kaithal to make the Swadeshi campaign a resolution of the people.

BJP state president Mohan Lal Badoli said that every BJP worker was engaged in realizing the self-reliant India vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In the meeting to be held in Kaithal on





December 7, discussions will be held to give more momentum to the Self-reliant India Sankalp Abhiyan. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini will flag off the self-reliant India resolution campaign Rath Yatra. State in-charge Dr. Satish Poonia will also be present on this occasion.

He said that they have to make the Self-reliant India resolution campaign the voice of the people. We have to take the basic mantra of Swadeshi to every Indian. Mr Badoli said that the aim of BJP was to inculcate the spirit of Swadeshi in every person, promote local products and strengthen the feeling of self-reliance. He said that in this meeting the issue of taking the benefits of government schemes to the people would also be discussed. Planning to ensure that no eligible person is left out of the government's public welfare schemes will also be discussed. Mr Badoli said that on the call of PM Modi, a campaign for self-reliant India and adopting Swadeshi was being run in the country. BJP's campaign is continuing with the aim of taking this campaign to every home in Haryana and motivating the people. Mohan Lal Badoli said that Swadeshi campaign was a nation-wide campaign. Swadeshi has to be made a mass movement and linked to the lives of citizens. He said that with the increase in demand for indigenous goods, the country's micro, small and medium enterprises and our artisans will be empowered. Make in India initiative will get a boost. New employment opportunities will open for the youth. BJP state media in-charge Arvind Saini said that the meeting to be held in Kaithal on December 7 was going to be very important. Apart from Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, BJP State President Pandit Mohan Lal Barauli, Organization Minister Phanindranath Sharma, District Presidents of all the districts, District In-charges, Presidents of Fronts and Cells, State officials, Presidents of all the Mandals and Convenors of Self-reliant India Campaign will attend this meeting.

District Red Cross Society with ALIMCO distribute devices worth Rs. 1.8 crore to disabled in camp



HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA, DEC 3

On the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, and R.V.Y run by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India under the scheme, a free equipment distribution camp was organized on Wednesday by the District Red Cross Society in collaboration with Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) and District Administration and Naveen Jindal Foundation. In this distribution ceremony, Chief Guest Subhash Sudha, former Minister, Government of Haryana, while addressing the beneficiaries, said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister, MP Naveen Jindal he was dedicated to serving the disabled and needy people. Now Naveen Jindal Foundation has also joined hands to support Alimco and Red Cross to provide benefits to the needy people in the upcoming session in Kurukshetra. He also appealed to all the beneficiaries to take precautions in maintaining and using of these equipments. In his address at the distribution ceremony, Additional Deputy Commissioner Shambhu Rathi said that many welfare schemes were being run by the Central and State Government for the self-reliant and dignified life of the disabled.

MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora meets CM regarding developmental works in his constituency



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Giving information, BJP MLA from Yamunanagar assembly constituency Ghanshyam Das Arora said that his courtesy meeting with Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini took place at his residence Sant Kabir Kutiya in Chandigarh and he placed the main demands of his Yamunanagar assembly constituency before Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini. After the conversation with Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, MLA Ghanshyam Das told that the new building of Municipal Corporation in Yamunanagar, Chhath Puja Ghat yet to be initiated. The construction work of Hamida Park will be started soon and MRI facility in Civil Hospital Yamunanagar will be started very soon. BJP MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora said that along with this, he also highlighted the task of eradicating high tension wires from Yamunanagar city, to complete the number of class IV employees in Civil Hospital Yamunanagar, to build a separate electricity sub-station for a permanent solution to the electricity problem in Ghodo Pipli village and Tapu Majri village and to build a direct four-way road to reach the medical college being built in Yamunanagar.

IHM Jyotisar hosts 2057th health awareness camp led by Ayurveda expert Dr. Sanjay Sharma



HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: 2057th free medical and health awareness camp was organized at Institute of Hotel Management, Jyotisar under leadership of Dr. Sanjay Sharma. Ayurveda expert Dr. Sanjay Sharma, while educating students and teachers on true meaning of health, life values and mental strength, stated that a person's greatest wealth is healthy body and his greatest strength is his subconscious mind. He also clarified that cold weather affects not only body but also thinking, memory and morale. Dr. Sharma said that when mind is calm, path becomes clear and when subconscious mind is positive, a person can overcome every challenge. He emphasized that regular yoga and pranayama, a nutritious diet, adequate sleep and moderate use of mobile phones are invaluable nourishment for brain throughout life. He cautioned that poor sitting posture, irregular lifestyles and excessive use of digital devices weaken nervous system, therefore, positive thinking, self-confidence, and mental discipline are essential for students. Explaining Ayurvedic perspective, Dr. Sharma explained that our kitchens are full of natural medicines—ingredients like cumin, cinnamon, turmeric, dry ginger, basil, coriander, fennel, cardamom, fenugreek, carom seeds, black pepper, myrobalan, honey, and jaggery—all of which offer numerous health benefits.

Dr Arvind Sharma visits Shri Jayaram Vidyapeeth and gets blessings from Param Adhyaksha Brahmaswarup Brahmachari



HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: On occasion of Gita Jayanti Mahotsav 2025, Tourism Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma visited Shri Jayaram Vidyapeeth and received blessings from Brahmaswarup Brahmachari, Param Adhyaksha of Shri Jayaram institutions operating across country. He also extended greetings for Gita Jayanti. Tourism Minister Dr Arvind Sharma and Param Adhyaksha Brahmaswarup Brahmachari discussed in detail how to promote tourism in Kurukshetra and how to attract more devotees from India and abroad, similar to Haridwar and Vrindavan.Tourism Minister stated that arrival of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on occasion of Gita Jayanti in Kurukshetra has further enhanced its significance. Supreme Head Brahmaswaroop Brahmachari said that like Haridwar, Vrindavan and other religious cities, Kurukshetra should have guest houses and dharamshalas from all states of country. Haryana government and the central government should make efforts for this. Tourism Minister said that he will put forward a proposal in this regard to government.

CM Nayab Saini's priority is equal development of state: Subhash Kalsana



GOLDY CHUGH
SHAHABAD MARKANDA: Newly constructed development projects worth lakhs of rupees were dedicated to public in village panchayat of Thadauli in Shahabad assembly constituency. BJP leader Subhash Kalsana formally inaugurated three roads, two new rooms in primary school and newly constructed Kashyap Dharamshala building and assured that construction of the veranda of Dharamshala would commence soon. Addressing public gathering, Subhash Kalsana said that Chief Minister Nayab Saini is as concerned about the Shahabad assembly as he is about Haryana and Ladwa assembly constituency. Consequently, record-breaking development funds will be released for Shahabad in coming time. Chief Minister Nayab Saini's priority is unparalleled and equitable development of Haryana. BJP leader Ravinder Sangwan said that under Subhash Kalsana's leadership, a new pace of development has begun in Shahabad region. Roads, education, and social infrastructure are being strengthened at every level. Government's vision is clear: to ensure that basic amenities like water, electricity, roads and education reach every household. Work done in Thadauli exemplifies this commitment.

Quit Drugs–Save Life: Children from Narsingh Das Public School hold awareness rally



KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI: Narsingh Das Public School, Tarawari, organized an awareness rally in village Saunkra under aegis of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) as part of Drug-Free India Campaign. Rally aimed to spread awareness in society by informing public about ill effects of drug abuse.Former Sarpanch Major Singh, Didar Singh, Kewal Singh and Paramjit Singh flagged off rally. Seventh-grade students, holding placards in their hands, enthusiastically chanted slogans, including "No to Drugs, Never," "Drug Addicts Will Suffer Destruction," and "Drugs are Path to Destruction, Quit It – Choose Path of Life." Teachers Deepak Kumar, Aman Kumar, Hina and Payal, along with several others participated enthusiastically. Children's enthusiasm and dedication to awareness were palpable.

DC Tomar conducts surprise inspection of Mullana police station and sub-tehsil



JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
MULLANA: Deputy Commissioner Ajay Singh Tomar on Wednesday conducted a surprise inspection of the Mullana police station and sub-tehsil office to review operations and ensure proper functioning of public services. He also issued necessary instructions to improve efficiency and transparency. Beginning his inspection at the police station, the Deputy Commissioner reviewed the lock-up, women's help desk, malkhana, and the section where condemned vehicles are kept. He also examined overall security arrangements and ongoing administrative processes. Tomar inquired from SHO Pramod Singh about the number of FIRs registered each month and the nature of the cases. He reviewed the procedures related to the issuance of summons by the police and took stock of the facilities in the investigation room, mess and storage areas.

Shaheed Udham Singh Govt College holds oath-taking ceremony for World Disability Day



MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI: A successful oath-taking ceremony was held at Shaheed Udham Singh Government College, Matak Majri, on Wednesday to commemorate World Disability Day. It was organized under guidance of college's Principal, Dr Mahendra Singh Bagi, while Prof Dr. Rajkumar and Dr. Sumit Goyal handled organization and coordination. It began with a collective reading of pledge by all students and academic members, conveying message of compassion for persons with disabilities, access to equal opportunities and strengthening spirit of cooperation.Principal Dr. Bagi said, "Persons with disabilities are an integral part of society and protecting and empowering their rights is our collective responsibility." He urged students to always uphold spirit of sensitivity, respect, and cooperation.

Striking NHM workers submit demand letter to DC, Dharna continues at Civil Surgeon's office



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: After the strike, the National Health Mission employees working in the health department for a long time submitted a demand letter to DC Barnala demanding the release of their salaries that have been pending for the last two months. During the strike started under the leadership of NHM Employees Union Punjab, a dharna was also held at the Civil Surgeon Barnala office. The union's state leaders Sandeep Kaur Barnala, Gulshan Sharma Faridkot, Dr. Wahid Malerkotla said that all the unskilled workers working under the National Health Mission (NHM) by the Aam Aadmi Party before the elections have been forced to face financial hardship due to non-payment of salaries for the last two months and are also going through severe mental distress due to departmental and government apathy.

Barnala begins first randomization of polling staff for Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samiti Elections



KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA: In view of the upcoming Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samiti elections, the first randomization of polling staff for the election process in the district was held here today under the leadership of Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samiti General Elections District Election Officer-cum-Deputy Commissioner Barnala Mr. T. Benith and in the presence of Assistant Returning Officers. During this, the District Election Officer said that there are 369 polling booths in the district. He said that the first randomization of polling staff has been done today. He said that the duties of polling staff have been assigned to conduct elections in a fair manner in the district and in addition to this, 20 percent additional polling staff will be kept so that the election process can be carried out peacefully and in a better manner. He said that there will be 2 more randomizations of polling staff in the coming days. He said that the returning officer of the Zila Parishad is Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development) Harjinder Singh. Similarly, the returning officer of Panchayat Samiti Barnala is Sub Divisional Magistrate Barnala Dr. Ajitpal Singh Chahal, Sub Divisional Magistrate of Panchayat Samiti Shahna is Tapa Ayush Goyal and the returning officer of Panchayat Samiti Mehal Kalan is Sub Divisional Magistrate Mehal Kalan Beant Singh Sidhu.

Children of Pratap Public School stage play on eradication of violence against women



KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI: A drama on the topic 'Elimination of Violence Against Women' was staged by the students of class 11th Commerce at Pratap Public School, Tarawadi on Wednesday. This program was organized in the conference hall of the school. The aim of the play was to spread awareness about the increasing violence, inequality and mental and physical exploitation towards women in the society. The students presented important issues related to domestic violence, dowry system, child marriage, workplace harassment and women's rights with great sensitivity and strength. The dialogues, acting and message of the play deeply impacted the audience present. The students gave the message that eradication of violence against women was possible not only through laws, but through positive changes in the thinking of society and family. School directors Pithi Chaudhary and Vikas Utreja were especially present in the program. Appreciating the efforts of the students, both of them said that such programs develop a sense of social awareness and responsibility among the students.

Rotary Club presents fans to Hanuman Temple



GOLDY CHUGH
SHAHABAD MARKANDA: Rotary Club Shahabad Markanda presented nine fans to Shri Sanatan Dharma Mahavir Hanuman Temple located in old vegetable market. It was inaugurated by Rotary Secretary Vikram Gupta. Rotary President Dr RS Ghuman said that Rotary Club organizes such social service programs from time to time and will continue to do so. This project was sponsored by Rajkumar Garg and his wife Sunil Garg. Project Chairman Rajkumar Garg said that service to humanity is greatest religion and this project is a small effort in that spirit. Dr. S.S. Ahuja said that Rotary's objective is to empower and facilitate society and today's event is an important step in that direction. Dayanand Wadhwa, President of Shri Sanatan Dharma Mahavir Hanuman Temple, thanked the Rotary Club and said that the fans were long-standing needs of temple. Rotary Club has done a great job for devotees by providing this facility on time.

Rajya Sabha MP Rajinder Gupta secures assurance on timely completion of Malerkotla Link to Delhi–Katra expressway



KARANPREET KARAN
BARNALA: Member Parliament, Rajya Sabha Rajinder Gupta, from Punjab met Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways. Many issues related to Punjab were discussed at length. Gadkari explained that Delhi-Katra Expressway is already connected with Khanauri in Punjab State. Gupta highlighted that there is delay in connecting Bhawanigarh and Malerkotla Exit & Entry points, despite the fact that work is near completion to connect it with Sangrur & Malerkotla Districts in State of Punjab. Gadkari told that he shall inspect site along with Rajinder Gupta to ensure that Malerkotla is connected & functional by end of March, 2026 and remaining work shall be completed in next 3 months. This road network shall give relief to lacs of Citizens travelling in this area by reducing travel time & cost substantially.

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LUDHIANA / AMRITSAR: Sting Energy, the electrifying energy drink by PepsiCo and the Official Team Partner of Formula 1, shifts into a new gear as it partners with the Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS F1 Team. In a first-of-its-kind moment for both Formula 1 and brand partnerships, Sting Energy and Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS F1 Team let the car d
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more energy, more speed, and a deeper connection between fans and the Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS F1 Team. Soon after the video dropped, leading creators . "This partnership unites performance, energy, and flavour under one banner - connecting three of PepsiCo's most iconic brands with the world's most successful Formula 1 team, said Eugene Willemsen, Chief Executive Officer, International Beverages at PepsiCo. "Through Gatorade, Sting, and Doritos, we're inside the culture of the sport, fueling both the athletes and the fans who live for the thrill of F 1. Partnering with Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS Formula 1 Team reflects our shared commitment to performance, innovation, and excellence - values that define both our organizations."

NEWS BRIEF

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HARYANA : Sting Energy, the electrifying energy drink by PepsiCo and the Official Team Partner of Formula 1®, shifts into a new gear as it partners with the Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS F1 Team. In a first-of-its-kind moment for both Formula 1 and brand partnerships, Sting Energy and Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS F1 Team let the car deliver the news through a digital film. No podium. No script. Just a precision-tuned lap where the engine's roar sharpened into an unmistakable "STINGGGGGG." The announcement not only announces the partnership but also sets the tone for what Sting will bring to race weekends – more energy, more speed, and a deeper connection between fans and the Mercedes-AMG PETRONAS F1 Team.

Kotak Mutual Fund Annual Outlook 2026: Structural Trends to Drive Earnings Growth

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company Ltd ("KMAMC"/ "Kotak Mutual Fund") today released its Market Outlook 2026, offering a comprehensive view of the macroeconomic environment and key investment themes expected to shape India's financial markets in the coming year. The report underscores opportunities across equities, fixed income, and thematic sectors, while highlighting global and domestic trends that investors should watch closely. Nilesh Shah, Managing Director, Kotak Mahindra AMC, said, "Equity returns in FY2026 are likely to be anchored in earnings growth, with India Inc expected to deliver double-digit growth in FY27.

Samsung Powers India's Digital Workforce from Uttar Pradesh

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today strengthened Uttar Pradesh's position as a rising technology talent hub with the felicitation of 550 students under its flagship Samsung Innovation Campus (SIC) programme at Noida International University. This milestone takes the total number of SIC-trained students in Uttar Pradesh to 2,150 in 2025, marking strong progress toward the state's 5,000-youth target and reinforcing its role as a digital-skills accelerator for India.The ceremony was joined by Dr. Vikram Singh, Chancellor, Noida International University; Dr. Uma Bhardwaj, Vice Chancellor, Noida International University; and Mr. Saroj Aapto, Vice President, Strategic Partnerships, Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI).

Sonalika sold 1,26,162 tractors in Apr-Nov '25 duration

CHANDIGARH, India's No. 1 tractor export brand Sonalika Tractors has achieved a new record breaking performance to clock highest-ever overall YTD sales of 1,26,162 tractors in Apr–Nov '25. The exceptional performance reflects on Sonalika's relentless leadership and the pivotal role in driving accelerated farm mechanisation across India and global landscape. The new robust performance signals India's accelerating shift from conventional farming to technology-powered agriculture.
Farmers are increasingly relying on heavy duty tractors for better efficiency and enhanced productivity. Sharing his views on the new record performance, Raman Mittal, Joint Managing Director, International Tractors Limited, said, "The future of agriculture belongs to stakeholders who innovate with purpose, and we remain committed with continued investments across next-gen R&D for developing smart farming solutions. Our new record performance of highest-ever YTD overall tractor sales of 1,26,162 units in Apr-Nov '25 is a powerful sign of the transformation underway in Indian agriculture.

Review Meeting Held for U -23 men's team

CHANDIGARH, A review meeting of the Chandigarh Under-23 Men's Cricket Team was held at the Cricket Stadium, Sector 16, Chandigarh. The session was convened by Sanjay Tandon, member of the Governing Council (WPL), BCCI and former President of the UT Cricket Association (UTCA) along with Secretary, Hari Singh Khurana.
The meeting focused on evaluating the team's performance in the recently concluded Under-23 ODI tournament with an emphasis on player development, match awareness and strategic planning. Coaches, selectors and support staff presented comprehensive feedback on the squad's performance, identifying strengths as well as areas requiring improvement. Special attention was given to batting temperament, bowling consistency and fielding standards.
Addressing the attendees, Tandon encouraged the players to adopt a professional mindset towards training and competition. He acknowledged the talent within the squad and stressed on the importance of continuous learning to excel at higher levels. Khurana also emphasised UTCA's commitment to nurturing young cricketers by providing better facilities, structured coaching pathways and increased match exposure.

Manan Vohra completes 10,000-Run milestone in BCCI Domestic Circuit

CHANDIGARH, City cricket star Manan Vohra has reached a remarkable career landmark by completing 10,000 runs in the BCCI domestic circuit. The right-handed opener, currently representing Chandigarh in the ongoing Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy in Kolkata is in impressive form and struck two half centuries in the tournament.
Manan, who made his first-class debut for Punjab in the 2011-12 season has transitioned to Chandigarh after the UT Cricket Association (UTCA) earned BCCI recognition in 2019. Since then, he has been a cornerstone of Chandigarh cricket and leading the senior team as captain since its inception.
Manan has amassed 3879 runs in 105 innings of 68 matches in First-Class cricket, 2630 runs in 74 innings of 75 matches in List A games, and an impressive 3494 runs from 131 innings in 136 T20 appearances. His journey has also seen him don colours at higher levels, representing India Under-19, India A, and featuring in the Indian Premier League (IPL) for teams such as Kings XI Punjab, Rajasthan Royals, Royal Challengers Bangalore, and Lucknow SuperGiants.

ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company Limited gets final Sebi nod for IPO

CHANDIGARH : Mumbai-based ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company Ltd has received final approval from the capital markets regulator, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for its initial public offering (IPO). The Company had filed its IPO papers with Sebi on 8 July 2025.The IPO consists of an offer for sale by promoter, Prudential Corporation Holdings.As on the date of the DRHP, the issued, subscribed and paid-up share capital of the Company is 17,652,090 shares of Rs 1. Post completion of the proposed bonus issuance, the issued, subscribed and paid-up Equity Share capital of our Company shall increase from 176,520,900 Equity Shares of face value of Rs 1 each to 494,258,520 Equity Shares of face value of Rs 1 each.

Multipurpose Hall inaugurated at Girls Senior Secondary School, Gharaunda



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan today inaugurated the multipurpose hall, built at a cost of approximately Rs 50 lakh, at the Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Girls Senior Secondary School in Gharaunda. On this occasion, he said that to progress in life, every student must set goals and work hard. The programme began with the lighting of lamps and a welcome song. Prior to this, the Assembly Speaker was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

The 86.5-foot-long and 36-foot-wide multipurpose hall was constructed by the Haryana Education Project Council. The Assembly Speaker said that he wants every student to progress and achieve new heights. To do this, they must set goals and work hard. Shortcuts are not the path to success.

Former President APJ Abdul Kalam came from a poor family. Current President Draupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi also come from poor families. But these personalities have achieved new heights through hard work. He promised the students that their demands at the annual festival would be met. Mr. Kalyan announced a donation of 21,000 rupees for the students' refreshments. He instructed the Block Education Officer to repair the school's broken windows and doors. The students presented a grand cultural program at the event.

Speaking to reporters later, Kalyan said that the courage he saw among the students today will carry them forward in the future. He wished them a bright future. He also said that he wants as many students as possible to participate in the annual festival as it instills confidence in them. "We need to instill values in the students to face future challenges. He is ready to meet all their educational needs." SDM Rajesh Soni, BEO Ravindra Kumar, Principal Paramjit, Market Committee Chairman Rajkumar Paliwal, Seema, and staff members were present on the occasion.

Naresh Markanda re-elected for the third consecutive term as a member of the Governing Body of ICA



CHANDIGARH Mr. Naresh Markanda, Senior Advocate, has been re-elected for the third consecutive term as a member of the Governing Body of the Indian Council of Arbitration, New Delhi. He was elected from the Individual Members constituency, which has more than 5500 voters. The ICA was established in 1965 as a specialized arbitral body at the national level under the initiatives of the Government of India and apex business organizations like FICCI. The main objective of ICA is to promote amicable, quick and inexpensive settlement of commercial disputes by means of arbitration, conciliation, regardless of location. ICA is not only the leading arbitral institution in India, it is one of the most important arbitration centers in the Asia Pacific, handling more than 4500 domestic and international arbitration cases each year. ICA is tasked with the mission of promoting and building capacity in the area of ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution). In its continuous effort in capacity building and disseminating information on ADR, the ICA organizes various courses and forums on the different avenues of ADR. ICA has distinguished members comprising of Former Chief Justices of India, Former Judges of Supreme Court, High Courts, District Judges, Chairman of Tribunals, Senior Advocates, Advocates, Former Bureaucrats, high-ranking Technocrats, Chartered Accountants and other experts.

District PR and Grievance Redressal Committee Meeting: 7 complaints resolved on the spot

KARNAL(SHIV KUMAR SHARMA): The monthly meeting of the District Public Relations and Grievance Redressal Committee was held today at the Panchayat Bhawan here under the chairmanship of Haryana's Public Health and Public Works (Buildings and Roads) Minister Ranbir Singh Gangwa. Six pending and seven new complaints were included in the meeting agenda.



Speaking to the media after the meeting, Public Health and Public Works Minister Ranbir Gangwa said that a total of 13 complaints were heard in the District Public Relations and Grievance Redressal Committee meeting in the presence of the district administration and all officials, of which seven were resolved on the spot. The officials were given necessary guidance on the remaining six complaints and asked to submit a progress report in the next meeting. Speaking to the media, Gangwa said that in Sambhali village, a person named Ishwar leased Panchayat land and, in collusion with other non-agricultural land, illegally registered the land on the Meri Fasal Mera Byora portal during the wheat and paddy seasons of 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25, thereby obtaining financial benefits. The Patwari had not locked the non-agricultural land. He also directed the recovery of the land from Ishwar. Responding to a journalist's question, Minister Ranbir Gangwa said that the second installment of the Lado Laxmi Yojana was released today by Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini.

Gourmet Investments Brings UK's No. 1 Pizzeria, PizzaExpress, to Nexus Elante Mall, Chandigarh



CHANDIGARH: Gourmet Investments Private Limited (GIPL), a leader in bringing the finest international restaurants to India, has brought PizzaExpress, the UK's No. 1 Pizzeria and a global Britalian icon, to the Tricity with the launch of its first-ever restaurant in Chandigarh at Nexus Elante Mall.
This opening marks PizzaExpress's 37th restaurant in India and extends the brand's 60-year legacy to one of North India's most discerning and well-travelled markets.
The Chandigarh opening of PizzaExpress by GIPL (the food and beverage vertical of Bharti Family Office), follows the strong response the brand has seen in Punjab, particularly in Mohali and Ludhiana, where guests have embraced the brand's blend of authenticity, freshness, and flair.
"PizzaExpress has grown into a globally loved dining experience across 13 countries, and we're delighted to bring this heritage to Chandigarh," said Ramit Bharti Mittal, Chairman and Director, GIPL. "The city values authenticity and craft, which is exactly what PizzaExpress stands for. Our Britalian identity, iconic menu, and commitment to quality align beautifully with the way Chandigarh dines. This launch is also a key step in our strategic North India expansion."

CT Institute of Architecture and Planning Partners with Global Sikhs and CRCI India to Support Post-Flood Rehabilitation in Punjab

JALANDHAR: CT Institute of Architecture and Planning, Shahpur, Jalandhar has formalised a strategic collaboration with Global Sikhs, Patiala, and CRCI India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at integrating academic expertise with humanitarian action for the rehabilitation of flood-affected communities in Punjab. This partnership focuses on empowering students with real-world learning experiences while contributing meaningfully to community rebuilding efforts. The initiative will involve the documentation, analysis, and design of resilient housing solutions for families whose homes were damaged or lost during the recent floods in the Fazilka and Gurdaspur districts.



Under the guidance of specialists appointed by Global Sikhs and CRCI India, students will undertake an immersive, multi-stage programme that includes: Documenting housing typologies across flood-affected settlements Studying local building practices and integrating them with modern resilience strategies Developing context-appropriate, sustainable design solutions
Engaging with communities through consultations, interviews, and on-site interactions
Creating comprehensive process documentation through drawings, graphics, essays, and reports This collaboration reflects CT Institute of Architecture and Planning's commitment to socially conscious education, equipping future architects with the skills to respond to real-world challenges through empathy, innovation, and community engagement. By working alongside Global Sikhs and CRCI India, the institute aims to contribute to long-term, meaningful recovery efforts while enhancing student learning through hands-on field exposure.

Axis Max Life undertakes Green Belt development in Gurugram



GURUGRAM : Axis Max Life Insurance Limited ("Axis Max Life" / "Company"), formerly known as Max Life Insurance Company Limited, has undertaken to develop a green belt across an 800-meter stretch near its office situated in Sector 18, Gurugram. As part of the Company's CSR commitment - Pehal, the project aims to restore the local ecosystem through sustained tree planting and dedicated long-term maintenance.
The initiative commenced with a ceremonial lamp lighting led by Shri Mukesh Sharma, MLA, Gurugram, along with Mr. Sumit Madan, Managing Director & CEO of Axis Max Life, accompanied by the senior leadership team and volunteering employees of Axis Max Life .Symbolizing a shared commitment to environmental stewardship, Shri Mukesh Sharma and Axis Max Life volunteers then planted the first set of saplings along with landscaping activities that reinforced public support for community-focused green development, and responsible nature conservation.

PhonePe's Indus Appstore and Motorola India announce Partnership

Chandigarh: Indus Appstore, India's homegrown Android app marketplace, announced today that it has entered into a partnership with Motorola. This partnership enables Indus Appstore to be available on Motorola devices in India. It enables wider distribution for Indus Appstore and delivers a personalised app discovery experience to Motorola users in India.
Indus Appstore offers Indian consumers a meaningful alternative in the app ecosystem, designed specifically around user preference and the country's diverse cultural context. The platform is committed to reaching every Indian smartphone user by offering the experience in 12 Indian languages and English, complete with an AI-powered voice search feature that bypasses the need for typing complex vernacular compositions. Additionally, the video previews feature allows users to visually experience an app's functionality before downloading. Indus Appstore creates a favourable environment for developers and apps in India with its fair app store policies. It reduces dependency on a single source of distribution and has paved the way for a viable.

vivo X300 Series Debuts in India



CHANDIGARH: vivo India today announced the launch of its latest flagship smartphones, the vivo X300 and X300 Pro. Building on its legacy of vivo ZEISS co-engineered imaging excellence and design innovation, the X300 series combines professional-grade ZEISS optics, the all-new, intelligent OriginOS 6 out of the box, with enhanced productivity and AI features, and flagship performance powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 9500. Crafted with precision and made in India, the series reflects vivo's continued focus on delivering premium design, advanced imaging technology, and a seamless user experience.
The two smartphones offer distinct imaging experiences for Indian consumers. The vivo X300 is tuned for natural portraits and everyday photography, while the vivo X300 Pro focuses on long-range precision with professional telephoto capabilities. Both continue vivo's collaboration with ZEISS, delivering consistent color accuracy, detail, and clarity across every frame.

Bharat Tex 2026 Announced

CHANDIGARH: Bharat Tex Trade Federation (BTTF) is gearing up to host the third edition of Bharat Tex - the country's premier global textiles and apparel event - from 14 to 17 July 2026 at the iconic Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
The First 2 editions of the Bharat Tex has already cemented its position as India's Global Mega Textiles Event. The second edition of Bharat Tex, held from 14 to 17 February 2025 at Bharat Mandapam and India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, was a resounding success. The event, spanning across 2.2 mill sqft., featured over 5,000+ exhibitors, 6,000 international buyers from 120+ countries, and attracted more than 1,20,000 visitors. With 80+ knowledge sessions, 8,000+ B2B/B2G meetings, and high-level policy dialogues, the edition generated export opportunities estimated at ~USD 2.5 billion and investment commitments of over Rs. 2,100 crore.



Mr. Naren Goenka, Chairman BTTF emphasized that with the remarkable success of Bharat Tex 2024 and 2025, the forthcoming 2026 edition is poised to take the platform to new heights as India's unified showcase for the textile value chain. The 2026 edition will continue to reflect the Hon'ble Prime Minister's transformative 5F Vision - Farm to Fibre, Fibre to Factory, Factory to Fashion, and Fashion to Foreign - bringing together every link of the textile value chain under one roof. It will also align with the broader governance ethos of "Reform, Perform, Transform and Inform" showcasing how India's textile ecosystem is advancing towards innovation, inclusivity and sustainability. Poised to be one of the largest gatherings of its kind, Bharat Tex 2026 will unite the world's leading textile manufacturers, buyers, and industry visionaries under one roof. The event will be a confluence of business, innovation, and knowledge exchange.

Lexus India Introduces the New RX 'Exquisite' Grade, Further Strengthening Its SUV Portfolio

CHANDIGARH : Lexus India has introduced a new 'Exquisite' grade to the RX 350h line-up, further strengthening the model's presence in the luxury SUV segment. This addition reinforces Lexus' ongoing commitment to offering guests mobility solutions that seamlessly combine advanced hybrid performance with refined design and enhanced comfort.
The introduction of the new RX 350h Exquisite grade starting at Rs 89,99,000 Ex-showroom onwards offers guests a wider range of options and features to choose from, while staying true to Lexus' commitment to advanced technology and exceptional comfort. The pricing of RX 350h and RX 500h, reflect Lexus' continued focus on delivering outstanding value. The Lexus Exquisite grade brings together Lexus' advanced hybrid system which combines a highly efficient and responsive 2.5 – liter inline 4-cylinder engine and high-output motor. A high-level balance between direct driving performance and excellent fuel economy has been enabled by effectively combining a highly responsive engine,.

Makers of Johnson's Baby Supports Training of Over 2 Lakh Healthcare Workers on Neonatal Resuscitation



PANIPAT / KARNAL : In India, every year 1.25 lakh newborns die within 24 hours of birth owing to critical conditions like asphyxia where the newborn is unable to breathe at birth which can be life threatening as well as can cause disabilities even if the child survives. Birth asphyxia is both preventable and treatable, however owing to lack of adequate training amongst healthcare professionals, this remains a big concern. The correct intervention in the first minute of birth can increase the chance of survival as much as 50%. With an objective to help reduce neonatal infant mortality in India due to birth asphyxia, makers of Johnson's baby have been supporting a leading paediatrician association by training healthcare professionals with Neonatal Resuscitation, a standardized and evidence-based approach to newborn care.

More than a weight-loss drug: Semaglutide helps protect heart, kidneys, and liver

CHANDIGARH : If you have been hearing about weight-loss injections and their impact on people's lives, you are not alone. Obesity medications have entered everyday conversations, WhatsApp groups, and even family dinners. Among them, semaglutide has become the most talked-about option for its dramatic weight-loss results. We have all seen the headlines, the viral stories, and the before-and-after photos. But here are the facts most people don't know. The real significance of semaglutide isn't just about shedding kilos; it is about safeguarding health from the inside out. New and emerging science shows that this therapy does far more than trim waistlines. It actively supports and protects the heart, kidneys, and liver, transforming obesity treatment into whole-body care. This is because obesity is a chronic, progressive disease that puts immense strain on the entire body. Medications like semaglutide, a GLP-1 receptor agonist, don't just help manage weight, they work with the body's natural systems to reduce inflammation and improve metabolic health, leading to organo-protective effects that go far beyond the scale.

Dr. Ashu Rastogi, Additional Professor, Department of Endocrinology, PGIMER, Chandigarh, explains, "We are entering a new era of obesity management. For years, the focus was purely on weight. Now, we understand that the goal is not just weight reduction, but risk reduction to be called as primary and secondary prevention of metabolic diseases. We are seeing evidence that semaglutide can lead to risk reduction of metabolic diseases associated with obesity." There is a profound shift in how obesity treatment is viewed.

Dr. Rastogi says, "We are no longer just telling patients to lose weight. With semaglutide, we are now offering a scientifically backed medical solution that can help them lose weight as well as protect the heart, kidneys, and liver. This is about adding years to life by preventing the most feared complications of obesity."

inDrive Reinforces Commitment to Fair, Transparent Mobility as Chandigarh Embraces Peer-to-Peer Ride-Hailing Model

CHANDIGARH— In a rapidly evolving mobility landscape where commuters increasingly value fairness, transparency and reliability, global ride-hailing platform inDrive is witnessing strong traction across Chandigarh. As the city experiences a rise in digital adoption and demand for flexible transportation choices, inDrive's unique peer-to-peer (P2P) model is emerging as a preferred option for both riders and drivers.
n an exclusive interaction, Mark Tolley, Regional Director – APAC at inDrive, shared insights into the city's mobility ecosystem and how the company is reshaping everyday travel experiences. Tolley describes Chandigarh as "a dynamic and fast-growing mobility market where students, professionals and intercity travellers depend heavily on app-based transportation." He notes that while demand is robust, commuters often face challenges with traditional ride-hailing platforms — from sudden surge pricing to limited fare flexibility and inconsistent earnings for drivers.
Fair Pricing and Transparency Drive User Adoption According to Tolley, a significant portion of Chandigarh's population is increasingly seeking predictable and honest pricing. "People simply want fair pricing and dependable availability, and they want to know they're not being charged based on an algorithm they can't see," he explains. With this shift in consumer expectations, inDrive has seen accelerated growth in both ridership and driver participation. We're seeing strong month-on-month growth in Chandigarh," Tolley notes. "The reason is simple: people prefer transparency. Riders appreciate that they can offer a fair price for their trip, and drivers value being able to choose rides that make sense for them." He adds that with a rapidly expanding driver pool in the city, wait times have fallen noticeably and overall service reliability has improved.
A Peer-to-Peer Model That Empowers Communities
What sets inDrive apart, Tolley emphasises, is its fundamentally different approach to pricing and decision-making. Unlike conventional ride-hailing models where fares are dictated by automated algorithms, inDrive operates on a real-time negotiation system.
"We don't hide prices behind opaque algorithms," he says. "Our peer-to-peer system lets passengers and drivers negotiate openly. Drivers set what they're comfortable with, and passengers propose what they consider fair." This model, supported by a lower service fee, ensures that a higher share of earnings reaches the driver — an important differentiator for gig-economy workers seeking meaningful income opportunities.
This transparent and flexible structure, Tolley says, leads to measurable benefits on both sides. "Drivers earn more because they have real autonomy, and riders feel empowered because they agree to the fare upfront. The result is fewer cancellations and significantly higher satisfaction for both parties."

Photography is a part of my life: Jaymin Sinha



CHANDIGARH: Good photography adds to the beauty of any film or music video. This is the belief of Jaymin Sinha B. Parmar, an emerging photography director from Gujarat who has been active in the world of music videos and short films for several years. Jaymin Sinha B. Parmar, a young director of photography from the Bhavsor area of Mehsana, Gujarat, says he has been passionate about photography since childhood. Over time, this interest grew, and he purchased a small camera and began shooting stills. After graduating from Gujarat University, Jaymin Sinha decided to pursue music and photography after being encouraged by his parents and friends.
The calm young director, Jaymin Sinha, initially honed his craft by working with several experienced photography directors and producers of Gujarati music, gaining technical knowledge. He also demonstrated his photography talent in filming traditional folk songs. He also collaborated with Punjabi singers, which proved to be a boon for him. Jaimin Singh B Parmar has worked as a director of photography with many renowned Punjabi singers. Among these artists are Balraj's song "Shamla," Hoor Kaur's song "Chan Te Chakor," Kamal Khan's song "Teri Ho," and Labh Hira's song "Toot Gee."

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Harmanpreet's inputs were crucial in auction planning, says Jhulan Goswami

Mumbai: Mumbai Indians' (MI) bowling coach and mentor Jhulan Goswami explained the franchise's auction strategy at the Women's Premier League (WPL) 2026 mega auction that took place on November 27.She highlighted the importance of maintaining continuity, making smart purchases and skipper Harmanpreet Kaur's vital contributions during the auction.Mumbai Indians successfully reacquired several of their key players, including Amelia Kerr, Sajeevan Sajana, Saika Ishaque and Shabnim Ismail, after having released them earlier.Speaking on JioHotstar, Jhulan said the team's auction strategy focused on retaining their core group of players, which has been key to winning two championships in the past three years."The important thing for us was to retain our strong support group of players. That's how we've won two championships in the last three years. That was the basic plan, nothing more," she said. Jhulan Goswami said that Captain Harmanpreet Kaur's input was crucial during the auction, helping retain the team's core, with the coaching staff supporting her decisions both on and off the field.Notably, under Harmanpreet's captaincy, MI won the inaugural WPL 2023 edition and then won their second in 2025 as well."As Captain, Harman's inputs are always crucial during auction planning. At the end of the day, she leads this team and has been incredibly successful. Her inputs have been the most important part of the entire auction process. Our job is to support her on and off the field. Having her at the auction table was a huge advantage, her thoughts mattered deeply, and they helped us retain the core of this team," the former Indian pacer said.Jhulan further said Amelia Kerr and Shabnim Ismail were excellent acquisitions, providing balance and experience. "Amelia Kerr was a great buy. She gives us so much, variation, volume and balance.

Rohit Sharma, Tilak Varma unveil India's jersey for 2026 Men's T20 World Cup



Raipur: Veteran opener Rohit Sharma and young batter Tilak Varma unveiled India's new jersey for the 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup during the innings break in the second ODI against South Africa at the Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Stadium in Raipur on Wednesday.
The 2026 Men's T20 World Cup will be played in India and Sri Lanka from February 7 to March 8. At the launch of the jersey with a deep blue and bold orange shade rolled out by kit provider Adidas, BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia was also in attendance. Rohit captained India to winning the 2024 T20 World Cup and immediately retired from the shortest format. "It's been a long journey. We won our first World Cup in 2007, and we had to wait more than 15 years to win the next one. It's been a long road with plenty of ups and downs, but it felt great to lift the trophy again," he said. "Now, with the World Cup happening in India, it's going to be an exciting tournament. My best wishes are always with the team, and I'm sure everyone will be behind them and supporting them for doing their best," said Rohit, who is now the brand ambassador for the 2026 T20 World Cup.

India pacer Mohit Sharma announces retirement from all formats of cricket

New Delhi :India pacer Mohit Sharma has announced his retirement from all formats of cricket, bringing the curtains down on a career that spanned nearly 14 years. Mohit made his international debut in 2013 and represented India in 26 ODIs and eight T20Is, claiming 37 wickets across formats.
He was part of India's squad reaching the semifinals of the 2015 Men's ODI World Cup, held in Australia and New Zealand, apart from representing Haryana in the domestic cricket circuit. "Today, with a full heart, I announce my retirement from all formats of cricket. From representing Haryana to wearing the India jersey and playing in the IPL, this journey has been nothing short of a blessing," wrote Mohit on his Instagram post on Wednesday.
"A very special thank you to the Haryana Cricket Association for being the backbone of my career. And my deepest gratitude to Anirudh Sir, whose constant guidance and belief in me shaped my path in ways words cannot express. Thank you to the BCCI, my coaches, my teammates, IPL franchises, support staff, and all my friends for their love and support," he added.



Virat's second successive ton, Ruturaj's maiden ODI century lift India to 358/5

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RAIPUR: It was once again festivities for Team India fans as Virat Kohli slammed his second successive and 53rd ODI ton, while Ruturaj Gaikwad also secured a long-overdue maiden ODI century, taking India to 358/5 in 50 overs against South Africa in the second ODI at Raipur on Wednesday.

Ruturaj (105 in 83 balls, with 12 fours and two sixes) and Virat (102 in 93 balls, with seven fours and two sixes) had a 195-run stand for the third wicket, while KL Rahul (66* in 43 balls, with six fours and two sixes) also had a fine partnership with Ravindra Jadeja (24*) towards the end, taking India past the 350-run mark. After being put to bat first again by the Proteas, opener Yashasvi Jaiswal started off with a first-ball four against Nandre Burger.

But the pace duo of Lungi Ngidi and Burger were generous with the extra runs, producing six wides within the second and third overs, with Ngidi throwing four of them in the second over. In the fifth over, Rohit collected a hat-trick of fours against Burger, with two of them being thick outside edges. However, after three successive fifty-plus scores, the law of averages caught up with him as the pacer trapped him leg-before-wicket for 14 in eight balls. India was 40/1 in 4.5 overs. Virat Kohli was up next and continued from where he had left at Ranchi, getting off the mark with a brilliant swivel pull for a six to end the sixth over. In the next over, Jaiswal unleashed a pull against Burger, bringing up the 50-run mark in 6.5 overs.

Once again, Jaiswal threw away a start, not getting the right amount of elevation while going for a pull shot, succumbing to a left-arm pacer, Burger, yet again, with Corbin Bosch taking the catch at square leg to remove him for 22 in 38 balls, with two fours and a six. India was 62/2 in 9.4 overs. India ended the 10 overs at 66/2, with Ruturaj Gaikwad (4*) and Virat (13*) unbeaten.

With Ruturaj gaining some confidence with a four and six, India steadily moved to the 100-run mark in 15.3 overs. The duo completed their 50-run stand in 55 balls, putting on a fine masterclass of strike rotation, with Virat finding an odd boundary in between. India reached the 150-run mark in 23.4 overs, courtesy of a fine boundary from Ruturaj. Ruturaj completed his second ODI fifty in 52 balls, with four boundaries and a six.

In the next over, Virat completed his half-century too, in 47 balls, with three fours and a six. Halfway through their innings, India were standing at 158/2, with both Ruturaj and Virat unbeaten at 51* each. In the 26th over, Keshav Maharaj was greeted with two boundaries by the duo, one a sublime glance by Virat and the other a remarkable inside-out loft over extra cover by Ruturaj. India had these two stars completing their century stand in just 93 balls. The duo picked up on their aggression, with Virat steering a Ngidi delivery towards third man to end the 27th over with a four. In the next over, Ruturaj made an absolute meal out of Maharaj, getting two fours and a six off him and fetching India 16 runs in the over.

In the over, with a pull, loft and a sweep, Ruturaj showcased his versatility. Ruturaj also saved some punishment for Bosch, ending the 30th over with two fours, moving into the 80s. Ruturaj-Virat kept collecting boundaries at will, inching towards their respective centuries and completing a 150-run stand in 127 balls.

Virat was at his most attacking against the pace of Marco Jansen and Bosch. Ruturaj pulled a Bosch delivery wide of mid-on, reaching his maiden ODI ton in just 77 balls, with 12 fours and two sixes. India brought up the 250-run mark in 34.1 overs. The 195-run stand came to an end, with Jansen producing the breakthrough for the Proteas. Ruturaj holed the ball out towards deep backward square leg, where Tony de Zorzi took a catch, removing him for 105 in 83 balls, with 12 fours and two sixes. India was 257/3 in 35.4 overs.

KL Rahul was up next. He seemed to have switched on his attacking mode right from the start, getting a four against Maharaj and a six towards mid-off against Jansen in the first nine balls he faced. Virat continued his rampaging run in ODIs, bringing up his 53rd ODI ton, his second successive ton and 84th international ton in 90 balls, with seven fours and two sixes. But unlike the last time, he could not give himself enough time to accelerate, finding Aiden Markram at long-on while going big against Ngidi. Virat was gone for 102 in 93 balls, with seven fours and two sixes. India was 284/4 in 39.1 overs. This was the first time he was dismissed by Ngidi in ODIs. Washington Sundar's poor ODI run continued as he was run out by Bosch and Quinton de Kock for an eight-ball one. India was 289/5 in 41 overs. Ravindra Jadeja and KL once again built a crucial partnership, with Bosch leaking 12 runs in the 44th over, bringing up India's 300-run mark in 43.4 overs. Jadeja and KL managed to get a four each against the pacer. A four over deep backward point brought up KL's second successive fifty in just 33 balls, with five fours and a six. The duo completed yet another fifty stand in just 46 balls. The duo finished off in style, with Jadeja collecting a boundary in the final over and KL getting a four and six.

against Bosch. The last over generated 18 runs, taking India to 358/5, with KL (66* in 43 balls, with six fours and two sixes) and Jadeja (24* in 27 balls.

Kohli moves up to No. 4 in ICC ODI rankings

DUBAI: Star Indian batter Virat Kohli on Wednesday moved up to No. 4 in the latest ICC rankings with a match-winning hundred against South Africa in the first ODI at Ranchi boosting his ascend. Kohli made his 52nd hundred in the 50-over format, a 120-ball 135 that propelled India to a 17-run win over the Proteas on Sunday. The 37-year-old now has 751 ranking points, and trails former India skipper Rohit Sharma (783), who retained his top spot, New Zealand batter Daryl Mitchell (766) and Afghanistan's Ibrahim Zadran (764).

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Our Dabwali Road branch, which is presently functioning at Property No. B16/1106, 1105, KAR House, Opp Bajaj Showroom, Dabwali Road - 125055 will be shifted to the following address with effect from 9th February 2026

New Address

AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED
Ground and Second Floor, SRS/B-16/1099, Opp Hotel Aroma Inn, Dabwali Road, Sirsa, Haryana - 125055

Place: Sirsa, Haryana
Date: 28th November 2025

Branch Manager, Branch Banking
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Hardik Pandya returns for SA T20I; Gill picked with subject to fitness



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MUMBAI: The Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI) senior men's selection committee has picked India's squad for the upcoming T20I series against South Africa. ODI and Test skipper Shubman Gill and all-rounder Hardik Pandya are set to mark their return from injuries, but the former's participation is subject to fitness clearance from the BCCI CoE (Centre of Excellence).

Gill sustained a neck injury during the first Test between the two sides in Kolkata and was subsequently ruled out of the red-ball games as well as the ODI series.

Pandya, meanwhile, picked up an injury during India's Asia Cup Super Fours contest against Sri Lanka and has been out of the international setup since then.

The fifth T20I, to be played on December 19, will also mark the end of South Africa's tour of India, which commenced on November 14 with a two-game Test series and was followed by the ongoing ODI series.

Regular skipper Suryakumar Yadav will continue to lead the side, with Gill as his deputy. Most of the T20I squad remains the same as to the contingent that travelled to Australia for India's most recent T20I series. However, Rinki Singh, who didn't get much of a chance in the previous tour, has been dropped.

The T20I series will commence on December 9 in Cuttack, with action moving to New Chandigarh for the second T20I on December 11. The second T20I will also see two new stands being inaugurated by the Punjab Cricket Association at the venue in honour of India captain Harmanpreet Kaur and former all-rounder Yuvraj Singh.

The third T20I will be hosted by the HPCA Stadium in Dharamsala, while the fourth game will be played at the Ekana Stadium in Lucknow. South Africa's tour of India will conclude at the world's largest ground - the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. The Indian team is currently involved in a three-game ODI series against the Proteas and lead them 1-0.

India squad for T20I series against SA: Suryakumar Yadav ©, Shubman Gill (VC)*, Abhishek Sharma, Tilak Varma, Hardik Pandya, Shivam Dube, Axar Patel, Jitesh Sharma (WK), Sanju Samson (WK), Jasprit Bumrah, Varun Chakaravarthy, Arshdeep Singh, Kuldeep Yadav, Harshit Rana, Washington Sundar

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



The General Public is hereby informed that unknown person namely Chingy S/o Bhagwan Tegh R/o Colony No. 05, Chandigarh age-55 yrs, Hight 5'7" Wheatish complexion and wearing Kurta Pajama, information received in this Police Station on 24.11.2025 one unknown person was admitted in GMCH Sector 16 Chandigarh Vide Cr No. 251113044 dt. 23.11.2025, he has been died during treatment. In this regard a DDR No. 27, dated 24.11.2025 has been lodged in Police Station Sector-34 Chandigarh. The legal heirs of deceased are not known. His photograph is given above.

In case of any clue about the whereabouts of deceased, please inform to SHO Police Station, Sector-34, Chandigarh on mobile No. 9779580934 Phone or 0172-2676034, 2925534 or Police Control Phone No. 0172-2749194 or 112.

Chandigarh Police

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[RULE-8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the **Axis Bank Ltd.**, Retail Asset Centre, Sco 370, IInd Floor, Sector 20, Panchkula under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued **demand notice dated 09th-August-2022** calling upon **M/s Gupta & Sons through its partners Mr Manoj Kumar & Mrs Rama Gupta to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 2,67,32,411/- (Rupee Two crore sixty seven lakhs thirty two thousand four hundred and eleven Only)** together with further unapplied interest thereon at the contractual rate of interest from **09/08/2022** till the date of payment, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **3rd day of Dec of the year 2025.**
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Axis Bank Ltd., Retail Asset Centre, Sco 367-368, sector-34A, Chandigarh 160022 for an amount of being **Rs. 2,67,32,411/- (Rupee Two crore sixty seven lakhs thirty two thousand four hundred and eleven Only)** together with further unapplied interest thereon at the contractual rate of interest from **09/08/2022** and other Charges/ Expenses thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of residential property measuring 533 Sq Yards built up on plot No 9-10 comprised in Khasra No.95/17,22/2,24,44/3/2,4,38/18,44/7/1/1,7/2/1/7/3/1,7/5/1,14/3/2 Khata No 87/95, 86/94, as per jamabandi for the year 1998-99 situated at village Bhattian locally known as Nisant Bagh Colony Backside Metro G.T. Road, Jalandhar Bye pass Ludhiana in the name of Mrs Manoj Kumar Gupta S/o Hem Raj Gupta together with all the buildings and structures thereon, fixtures fittings and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth, both present and future. **Bounded As Under: East:** Plot No 1, **West:** Plot No 8, **North:** Road 25' wide, **South:** Neighbour
Dated: 04.12.2025, Place: Ludhiana **Sd/-, Authorized Officer, Axis Bank Ltd.**

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e-TENDERING

OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO. NIT-43/UMB-2025-26 DATED 02.12.2025

Open tenders through e-tendering are invited on & behalf of President of India by Sr. Divisional Engineer/Coordination, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing contractors for following work upto 15.00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter.

S. No.	Name of Work	Approx. Cost (Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Date of closing & opening
1	Augmentation of existing STP in Rail Vihar colony (Phase-III) in the section of SSE/W/RW/UMB under ADEN/UMB.	2,81,98,686	2,91,000	04 Months	24/12/2025
2	Welding of Rail at site with Mobile Flash butt welding Plant in the section of ADEN/BTI & ADEN/PTA in c/w TRR (S) of 25.396 & CTR(S) of 24.585TKm in the section of Sr.DEN-II/UMB and conversion of loop line from SWR to LWR with MFBWP in the section of Sr.DEN-II & III.	4,77,08,135	3,88,600	18 Months	24/12/2025

NOTE_1. Tenderers are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN/GST as per conditions. 2. The required Bid Security will be acceptable On-line payment through Net Banking/or Payment Gateway payment only well. 3. Tenderers should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in e-Tendering of works tenders. 4. For detail, please log on IREPS website www.IREPS.Gov.in. 5. GST will be levied as per GST Act, 2017. 3736/2025

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer, (S&R) Division, HPPWD, Baijnath on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, invites the percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost Rs.	Starting Date for downloading (09:00 Hrs)	Earnest Money	Time limit	Deadline for submission End date (10:30 Hrs)	Cost of Tender Form
1	Restoration of rain damages on Chobin Marh Sansai Road (SH: Repair of Pot Holes & P/L C-II at various reaches)	6,43,745/-	04.12.2025	12,900/-	Two Months	12.12.2025	350/-
2	Restoration of rain damages on Barot in Polling road km 0/00 to 8/050 (SH: C/O Rhaal at RD 3/960 to 3/975, 4/385 to 4/398, 5/870 to 5/885, 6/510 to 6/520 & 6/590 to 6/610 and essential Parapets)	34,40,266/-	04.12.2025	68,900/-	Two Months	12.12.2025	2000/-

The bidders are advised to note others details of tenders from the department Website www.hptenders.gov.in

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HPPWD Baijnath

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Trailer of Kunal Kemmu's 'Single Papa' unveiled



The trailer of Kunal Kemmu-starrer 'Single Papa' was unveiled on Tuesday. Created and co-produced by Ishita Moitra and Neeraj Udhwani , with Shashank Khaitan as executive producer, Single Papa is directed by Shashank Khaitan, Hitesh Kewalya and Neeraj Udhwani, and produced by Aditya Pittie and Samar Khan under the Juggernaut Productions banner.Manoj Pahwa, Neha Dhupia, Prajakta Koli and Ayesha Raza are also a part of the Netflix show. The trailer gives audiences a first look at Gaurav's hilarious yet heartfelt journey as he tries to balance baby bottles with bad decisions, often at the same time. From fumbling with diapers, dodging unsolicited advice from everyone within a 10-km radius, to trying to convince his shocked parents that this is not a prank, the trailer delivers humour, sensitivity, and unapologetic desi drama.Check out the trailer here

Kunal Kemmu, who steps into the role of Gaurav Gahlot said, "Playing Gaurav has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career. The character is flawed, funny, and fiercely loving... just like so many real-life single parents. I think audiences will see themselves and their families in this show. The warmth of every character is what makes this show so special and wholesome!"Prajakta Koli, as Namrata, Gaurav's sister and occasional voice of reason, added, "Single Papa highlights what a perfectly imperfect Indian family looks like. Noisy, loving, opinionated, dramatic but always there for each other. I am a single child so I never understood what bickering with siblings felt like before Single Papa. The banter with Kunal, the arguments, the affection, just flowed naturally. I think it's a perfect show to binge watch with your family."Neha Dhupia, who joins the ensemble as the assertive no-nonsense Romilla Nehra, shared "As a parent myself, what touched me the most about Single Papa is how honestly it portrays the chaos, tenderness and imperfections that make families what they are. Parenting is never linear, never perfect, and the show captures that beautifully. It blends humour and heart in a way that feels deeply real. Being a part of this world was incredibly fulfilling, and I can't wait for audiences to feel the warmth, madness and love we've created."Single Papa will be out on December 12.

KFC India's chicken krisper meal now at just Rs. 99

AMBALA: Year-end just got crispier, crunchier & finger lickin' good! KFC is bringing the much loved Chicken Krisper, as a meal at an unbeatable price of ₹99. Chicken lovers can enjoy their favourite Chicken Krisper - which has juicy peri peri chicken strips, a creamy, tangy sauce & lettuce in a soft sesame bun - paired with crispy, golden fries & chilled Pepsi. Priced at just ₹99, the Chicken Krisper meal is now available in Maharashtra (excluding Mumbai), Chandigarh Tricity and select cities in Haryana and Uttar Pradesh for dine-in and takeaway. KFC fans can also pre-order on the KFC app while dining in to skip the wait and get straight to enjoying their finger lickin' good food at just ₹99/-.

Srikanth, Srushti Dange-starrer 'The Bed' to release in January next year

The makers of director S Manibharathi upcoming thriller 'The Bed', featuring actors Srikanth and Srushti Dange in the lead, have now disclosed that they were looking to release their film in January next year. The film, bankrolled by V. Vijayakumar on behalf of Srinidhi Productions, has now got a boost with Anjaneya Productions of Coimbatore all set to release it.
The film features Srikanth and Srushti Dange in the lead with actors John Vijay, Black Pandi, Pappu, and Devi Priya portraying impactful supporting characters. Sources say that the 'The Bed', which has been written and directed by S. Manibharathi after his notable films 'Vettu Vettu' and 'Parivarthanai', will belong to a new genre made with the intention of offering a never-before cinematic experience to audiences.
The film has been shot amidst the awe-inspiring natural grandeur of the Nilgiris, deep forest trails drenched in mist and expansive tea estates breathing tranquility.

Taylor Swift unveils trailer for 'The Eras Tour: The Final Show'



Singer Taylor Swift has released the trailer for her upcoming concert movie, Taylor Swift/The Eras Tour/The Final Show."I want to thank every single one of you for being a part of the most thrilling chapter of my entire life to date," Swift said in the trailer to the crowd at her final December 8, 2024, Vancouver show during her record-breaking tour.The full concert film includes the complete live set from The Tortured Poets Department, Swift's 2024 studio album that was incorporated into the Eras Tour following its release, as per The Hollywood Reporter.

The Eras Tour | The Final Show will be accompanied by a six-episode behind-the-scenes docuseries, The End of an Era, about the inner workings of the concert tour.. In an October 2025 Instagram post, Taylor Swift announced that a new concert film and accompanying docuseries would debut on Disney+."It was the End of an Era, and we knew it. We wanted to remember every moment leading up to the culmination of the most important and intense chapter of our lives, so we allowed filmmakers to capture this tour and all the stories woven throughout it as it wound down. And to film the final show in its entirety," she had posted. The docuseries will include appearances by concert guests Gracie Abrams, Sabrina Carpenter, Ed Sheeran and Florence Welch, along with Swift's band, dancers, crew and family members. Two episodes of the docuseries will be released weekly, beginning with the December 12 release.

A New Chapter Begins: Gashmeer Mahajani's Entry in Lakshmi Niwas

CHANDIGARH: Zee TV's upcoming family drama Lakshmi Niwas brings to television a heartfelt story rooted in the everyday realities of India's middle-class joint families. Staying true to the channel's brand promise Aapka Apna Zee TV, the show captures the dreams, struggles, and values that bind families together, especially the universal aspiration of owning a home.



The story follows Lakshmi and Srinivas, a couple who have spent 35 years in a rented house while nurturing two goals close to their hearts: building a home of their own and securing their daughters' futures. Just as they finally begin working toward their dream, life takes unexpected turns, testing the strength of their bond and the foundation of their family.
Following the introduction of Manasi Joshi Roy as Lakshmi and Rajendra Chawla as Srinivas, Lakshmi Niwas now welcomes popular actor Gashmeer Mahajani in a pivotal role as Aditya Sahu. Aditya is a self-made, well-grounded man raised by his stepmother after losing his birth mother early in life. Though he comes from a wealthy background, he values relationships far more than money. Sensitive, honest, and emotionally aware, Aditya intuitively understands people and carries a calming influence wherever he goes.
Gashmeer Mahajani shared, "I was truly drawn to this character because of the depth and purpose he brings to the story. Aditya is a beautifully written role, calm, sincere, emotionally aware, and incredibly grounded. What excited me was how pivotal he is to the narrative; his journey creates a significant shift that shapes what happens ahead." Adding to it, he further said, "Unlike the layered or grey-shaded roles I've portrayed earlier, Aditya is an absolutely straight, good-hearted man, the quintessential 'right person' whose honesty and warmth define him. Playing someone, so pure and uncomplicated feels refreshing and challenging in its own way because it requires a different approach to performance. I'm genuinely looking forward to bringing this character to life and being part of a story that feels so relatable and heartfelt."
Produced by Rashmi Sharma Telefilms, Lakshmi Niwas is all set to premiere soon. Viewers will witness how dreams, responsibilities, and relationships intertwine, and how one family's journey toward apna ghar becomes a reflection of countless Indian households.

Jeetendra Ji celebrates the evergreen Dharmendra Ji on Indian Idol

CHANDIGARH : Bollywood's evergreen superstar Jeetendra Ji graced the Indian Idol stage for a special episode, celebrating unforgettable memories, iconic music, and his deep-rooted friendship with legendary actor Dharmendra Ji.



Speaking about the experience, Jeetendra Ji said, "Music has been a constant companion throughout my life. That's why every time I step onto the Indian Idol stage, I feel a deep connection with my own memories of rehearsals, recordings, and moments when a song shaped an entire emotion on screen. Seeing these contestants chase their dreams with such dedication fills me with immense pride. It shows that the future of Indian music is in very talented hands. This episode was special as I got to relieve memories of Dharam ji, who is remembered and loved by everyone."
Don't miss this special episode of Indian Idol every Saturday and Sunday on Sony Entertainment Television and Sony LIV

Kartik Aaryan shares a glimpse of his dance practice for sister Kritika's sangeet, says 'free ka performance karwa rahe hai'

Bollywood actor Kartik Aaryan is totally gearing up for his younger sister Kritika Tiwari's wedding. The bride-to-be is said to tie the knot this week in their hometown, Gwalior.
On December 3, Kartik shared a rehearsal clip on his official social media account and gave viewers a first look into performance practice. The actor is seen dancing with all dedication along with his family members and friends who have joined him in the performance. In the video, the actor is seen dancing to the title track of his upcoming movie, Tu Meri Main Tera, Main Tera Tu Meri.
The actor is seen dressed in a casual denim outfit and is trying his best to do complete justice to the choreography set by the choreographer. Sharing the video, Kartik posted a funny caption alongside. He wrote, "Free ki performance karwa rahe hai ghar waale. Sangeet Season On #Tikki," referring to his sister Kritika's nickname. Earlier this week, photos and videos from Kritika's pre-wedding events had gone viral.

Chandigarh Tricity's Real Estate Market Surges on Strong GDP and Expanding Office Stock: JLL

CHANDIGARH : Chandigarh Tricity is rapidly emerging as one of India's most promising real estate destinations beyond traditional metros, supported by strong economic fundamentals, expanding commercial activity, and large-scale infrastructure investments, according to JLL's latest report, "Beyond the Metros: Insights into India's Emerging Real Estate Stars."
With a GDP of nearly INR 880 billion and a high per capita income of INR 440,000, the Tricity region provides a powerful economic base for sustained real estate growth. Its working-age population of 1.3 million includes more than 30,000 graduates—over 7,500 of them in STEM—forming a skilled talent pool that continues to attract corporates and technology firms.
Surekha Bihani, Senior Managing Director – East and Emerging Markets, JLL India said that, "Chandigarh Tricity represents a compelling investment story that goes beyond India's traditional metros. The convergence of the region's strong economic fundamentals, 6.4 million sq. ft of office stock, transformative infrastructure projects, and strategic development corridors positions it as a premier destination for real estate investment and business expansion."
The commercial office market continues to perform strongly, with 6.4 million sq. ft of existing stock and robust leasing activity. Rentals range from INR 30–120 per sq. ft, while vacancy levels at 19% reflect balanced market dynamics. The city recorded 0.8 million sq. ft of gross leasing in 2024, driven by major occupiers and continued interest from IT and GCC players in Mohali's established hubs such as Quark City, Aerocity, and IT City. Flexible workspaces are gaining traction, offering more than 13,300 chargeable seats.

It's a wrap for the third season of 'Maxton Hall'



The shooting for the third season of Prime Video's 'Maxton Hall - The World Between Us' has come to an end. First photos released by the makers already gave fans an exclusive look into the last chapter of the epic love story between Ruby (Harriet Herbig-Matten) and James (Damian Hardung). The third season of the series produced by UFA Fiction is based on Save Us, the third part of the bestselling novel series by author Mona Kasten published by LYX. Alongside Harriet Herbig-Matten and Damian Hardung, the cast includes Sonja Weisser as Lydia, Eidin Jalali as Graham, Ben Felipe as Cyril, Fedja van Huet as Mortimer, Runa Greiner as Ember, Justus Riesner as Alistair, Govinda Gabriel as Kesh, , Andrea Guo as Lin, Frederic Balonier as Kieran, Eli Riccardi as Elaine, and Dagny Dewath as Ophelia.Martin Schreier returns as director, with Markus Brunnemann and Ceylan Yildirim as Executive Producers. The third season was written by Sandra Stockmann, Ceylan Yildirim, Marlene Melchior, Catharina Junk and Aylin Kockler. Producers are Eike Adler and Valentin Debler.Official synopsis of the third season read,

Ranveer Singh apologises after criticism over 'Kantara' row

Actor Ranveer Singh on Tuesday issued an apology after receiving criticism for reportedly mimicking actor Rishab Shetty from the film 'Kantara: Chapter 1' at the closing ceremony of the 2025 International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.Addressing the issue on Instagram Stories, Ranveer wrote, "My intention was to highlight Rishab's incredible performance in the film. Actor to actor, I know how much it would take to perform that particular scene in the way that he did, for which he has my utmost admiration."He further added, "I have always deeply respected every culture, tradition and belief in our country. If I've hurt anyone's sentiments, I sincerely apologise."



In the viral video from the ceremony, Ranveer was seen praising the actor, saying, "I saw that in the theatres, Rishab, it was an outstanding performance, especially when the female ghost gets inside your body, that one shot..." He then imitated the scene, leaving Shetty laughing, but many social media users found the act disrespectful and insensitive.'Kantara: Chapter 1' revolves around the origins of Daiva worship in Tulunadu, tracing its roots back to the fourth-century Kadamba dynasty. Shetty plays Berme, the protector of the Kantara forest and its tribal communities. The film also stars Rukmini Vasanth, Gulshan Devaiah, and Jayaram in key roles. The storyline follows the struggle between a royal family attempting to seize control from the Daivas and the local tribals who resist their rule.The supporting cast includes Rakesh Poojari, Hariprashanth MG, Deepak Rai Panaje, Shaneel Gautham, and Naveen Bondel. Talking about his upcoming projects, Ranveer Singh will next be seen in Dhurandhar, a spy-action thriller written, directed, and co-produced by Aditya Dhar. Produced under Jio Studios and B62 Studios, the film also stars Sanjay Dutt, Akshaye Khanna, R. Madhavan, and Arjun Rampal, with Sara Arjun and Rakesh Bedi in supporting roles.

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