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NEWS BRIEFS

Market settles lower for second straight session

MUMBAI: The stock market on Tuesday settled lower for a second straight session. The development comes as caution prevailed ahead of the US Federal Reserve's policy announcement. At close, the Sensex settled 436.41 points or 0.51% lower at 84,666.28, while Nifty slipped to 25,839.65, down 120.90 points or 0.47%. The BSE Midcap index ended 0.60% higher, while the Smallcap index jumped 1.27%. Across sectors, most indices ended in the red. Those clocking gains were Nifty Consumer Durables (1.31 %), PSU Bank (1.29%), Realty (0.95%), and Media (0.70%). Among the losers, the key ones were Nifty IT, which was down by 1.19%, Auto by 0.72%, and Financial Services by 0.50%. Nifty Bank ended with a nominal loss of 0.03% at 59,222.35. On the BSE, out of 4,331 stocks traded, 2,619 advanced, while 1,554 declined, and 158 stocks remained unchanged. Some of the key gainers on Nifty were Eternal - up by 2.28%, Titan Company (1.94%) and Adani Enterprises (1.53%).

Punjab BJP chief wants probe into proceeds of corruption

CHANDIGARH: Asserting that corruption has become the bane of the society, Punjab BJP chief Sunil Jakhar asked Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Tuesday to probe the leaders of all political parties in the state to ascertain if anyone received money from corrupt practices. He also produced his June 16 letter to Mann, seeking a probe to find the end beneficiaries of drug money and alleged that several "MLAs who would come on bicycles now own luxury cars and many have farmhouses".

Another doctor arrested by NIA in Delhi bomb blast case

SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday arrested another doctor — an alleged key accused in connection with last month's Delhi bomb blast case. Dr. Bilal Naseer Malla, a resident of Jammu and Kashmir's Rafiabab area in Baramulla district, was arrested from Delhi in connection with Red Fort bomb blast case. Malla, is the eighth accused in the case — including four doctors — to be arrested in the case. Official sources said that he was also working in the Al-Falah University in Haryana's Faridabad district. NIA said that they found Malla involved in the conspiracy behind the suicide terror bombing that killed 15 persons and injured over 30 others in the Red Fort area on November 10. As per NIA investigations, Malla had knowingly harboured the suicide bomber and fellow doctor Umar Un Nabi — who detonated his car near the Red Fort — by providing him logistical support. He is also accused of destruction of evidence related to the terrorist attack, the NIA said.

IndiGo flight schedule to be cut by 10% to stabilise operations: Naidu



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Union Civil Aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu said that IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers and top management officials of the airline were summoned once again on Tuesday amid an ongoing enquiry on the inconvenience faced by passengers due to the airline's "internal mismanagement of crew rosters, flight schedules and inadequate communication." The Union Civil Aviation Ministry has ordered the airline to curtail its overall operations by 10 per cent, up from an earlier order of 5 per cent, citing the necessity to "stabilise the airline's operations". The airline is ordered to continue covering its usual destinations. The ministry also gave "strict instructions" to expedite baggage return and complete remaining

refunds for the passengers. "The Ministry considers it necessary to curtail the overall IndiGo routes, which will help in stabilising the airline's operations and lead to reduced cancellations. A curtailment of 10% has been ordered. While abiding with it, IndiGo will continue to cover all its destinations as before. IndiGo has been instructed to comply with all the directives of the Ministry, including fare capping and passenger convenience measures without any exception." Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu Kinjarapu posted on X. According to the union minister, IndiGo CEO Elbers has confirmed that the airline has confirmed 100 per cent of its refunds for flights affected till 6th December. "While the enquiry and necessary actions are underway, another meeting with IndiGo's top management was held to review the stabilisation mea-

Airlines back on its feet, our operations stable : CEO

NEW DELHI: IndiGo airlines has established its operations nearly a week after Indian airports were engulfed in chaos due to hundreds of flight cancellations and delays across the country, with Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the airline, Pieter Elbers, apologising to the passengers in a new statement released on Tuesday. Saying that IndiGo is "back on its feet," CEO Elbers has apologised to the thousands of affected passengers for "letting them down" due to "major operational disruptions" of the airline. "Following our earlier communication, I am here to share that our airline, IndiGo, is back on its feet, and our operations are stable.

Today again, IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers was summoned to the Ministry to provide an update. He confirmed that 100% of the refunds for flights affected till 6th December have been completed. A strict instruction to expedite the completion of the remaining refunds and baggage handover was given," he said. Additionally, the airline was ordered to comply with "all the directives of the Ministry, including fare capping and passenger convenience measures without any exception." Earlier, the airline said it would deliver 8,500 pieces of stranded luggage to its passengers by 7 PM on Tuesday.

CBI books Jai Anmol Ambani in Rs 228 cr bank fraud case

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The CBI conducted searches at the residence of Jai Anmol Anil Ambani, the son of industrialist Anil Ambani, on Tuesday after registering an FIR against him and Reliance Home Finance Ltd. (RHFL) for allegedly cheating the Union Bank of India of Rs 228 crore, officials said.

The CBI acted on a complaint from the bank (erstwhile Andhra Bank) against Reliance Home Finance Ltd., the then director Jai Anmol and ex-CEO Ravindra Sharad Sudhakar, alleging that the company did not repay the credit availed from the bank that turned the account into a non-performing asset in 2019, they said. The bank had laid down the condition to maintain financial discipline including timely repayment,



service of interest and other charges and submission of position of security and other required papers in time and routing the entire sale proceeds through the bank account.

The company failed to pay the instalments to the bank and hence, the said account was classified as a non-performing asset (NPA) on September 30, 2019, the officials said. A forensic examination of the accounts was carried out by Grant Thornton (GT), for a review period from April 1,

2016 to June 30, 2019, which showed that borrowed funds were mis-apportioned and considered as diversion of funds, they said. "The accused persons in their capacity of erstwhile promoters /directors of the borrower Company committed fraudulent misappropriation of funds through manipulation of accounts and criminal breach of trust and diverted/siphoned off the funds for the purposes other than the purpose for which finance was extended," the bank alleged.

Cong-led govt will change law providing immunity to CEC, ECs against action: Rahul

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday accused the BJP-led government of "capturing institutions including the Election Commission" during the debate on Electoral Reforms in Lok Sabha and said when a Congress-led government comes to power at the Centre, it will retrospectively change the law that gives immunity to CEC and ECs against legal action for decisions taken while in office. "We will find you," he warned. Rahul Gandhi, who is the



Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, claimed that the Election Commission has no answer to allegations he made concerning bogus voters in the voter list in different states. Suggesting electoral reforms, he said that the Election Commission should give machine-readable voter list to political parties one month before the

NDA leaders felicitates PM Modi at Parliamentary Meeting



NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi was felicitated by the NDA leaders at the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Parliamentary Party meeting being held today at the GMC Bhalayogi Auditorium in the Parliament Library Building (PLB). The leaders of the National Democratic Alliance presented a huge garland to PM Modi upon his arrival to attend the meeting on Tuesday. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, JDU MP Sanjay Jha, NCP MP Praful Patel, Union Minister S Jaishankar, L Murugan, and other leaders also arrived for the meeting. Meanwhile, PM Modi is likely to host a special dinner for all National Democratic Alliance (NDA) MPs on December 11 as part of efforts to strengthen coordination, enhance engagement and streamline floor strategy during the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament. According to a senior BJP leader, the proposed dinner meeting is intended to create a platform for an open and constructive exchange of ideas among alliance partners. It is expected to provide the Prime Minister with an opportunity to discuss legislative priorities, review the government's broader agenda for the session and reinforce the NDA's collective political roadmap.

Navjot Kaur escalates attack on Punjab Congress Leadership

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A fresh political confrontation erupted in Punjab on Tuesday as former legislator Navjot Kaur Sidhu, who was suspended from the state Congress unit, launched a sharp public offensive against senior party leaders while responding to a defamation notice served by MP Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa.

Speaking in Amritsar, Kaur dismissed her suspension order, claiming it was issued by "a president whom no one accepts." She alleged that irregular decisions within the state unit were being taken by a handful of leaders, adding that she would "not stand with those involved in

wrongdoing."

Commenting on Randhawa's legal notice sent after she accused him of links with criminal elements, Kaur reiterated her allegations, questioning the source of his land holdings and claiming that ticket distribution in Rajasthan had been compromised. She further accused him of "betraying" former Punjab Congress chief Navjot Singh Sidhu.

Kaur also targeted the party leadership over what she described as large-scale land irregularities in the Shivalik belt, asserting that she had raised these issues with top leaders in Delhi. According to her, the matter was delayed due to poor advice around the central leadership.

She said she had discussed the situ-



ation with her husband, who reportedly told her to "decide independently," stating he had stepped away from active involvement. Kaur claimed that internal sabotage had weakened the party, asserting that multiple senior leaders were working at cross-purposes in Punjab. On the question of money in poli-

tics, Kaur maintained that she had never been asked for funds but alleged that chief ministerial ambitions in the state required "massive financial backing." She refused to elaborate on her conversations with the high command. Randhawa, meanwhile, has demanded an apology within seven days for what he calls "baseless" accusations. He questioned Kaur and her husband's own rise in the party, countering that Congress workers had endured hardships for years while others were now damaging the organisation through public statements. Kaur continued her attack on state Congress chief Raja Warring, accusing him of dividing the organisation and mishandling electoral challenges. She claimed that while senior leaders worked on the ground,

Trump threatens fresh tariffs on Indian Rice

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WASHINGTON, DEC 9

US President Donald Trump has threatened to slap fresh tariffs on agricultural imports, singling out rice from India and fertiliser from Canada, as trade negotiations with both countries dragged on.

"India should not be dumping rice in the US," Trump said during an event at the White House, where he announced a multibillion-dollar relief package for American farmers.

The remarks made during the event marked a fresh round of escalation in the Republican government's long-running critique

of foreign agricultural suppliers, particularly those in Asia including India and Thailand.

Unveiling what he described as "USD12bn in economic assistance" for US farmers, Trump insisted the programme would be financed through tariff revenues already collected from trading partners.

He argued that rising imports were placing pressure on domestic farmers and vowed to continue using tariffs as a primary tool to shield American agriculture.

The latest comments come in the wake of Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit to India to discuss bilateral defence and trade ties. Trade talks are expected to continue this month between Indian and US officials.

Haryana calls high-level meet amid doctors' strike



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CHANDIGARH, DEC 9

The Haryana Health Department convened a high-level emergency meeting on Tuesday as a two-day strike by government doctors disrupted medical services across the state.

Health Minister Aarti Rao, Additional Chief Secretary Sudhir Rajpal, and Director General of Health Services Dr Manish Bansal reviewed the situation and sought district-wise reports on the impact of the strike.

Minister Rao directed officials to ensure that essential healthcare services remain functional and that patients do not face undue hardship. The department informed that doctors from other regions had been temporarily deployed in 11 districts to mitigate the immediate shortage, yet several government hospitals continued to operate with vacant consultation

rooms.

In Mahendragarh, the absence of medical staff halted the post-mortem of a six-year-old girl, forcing authorities to shift the case to Naraula. At the Panchkula Civil Hospital, patients reportedly waited for hours without being examined. A youth who travelled by bus to Hisar after a road accident discovered that no doctor was available to treat his leg injury.

Similar scenes unfolded in Kaithal, where a woman seeking an ultrasound for gallstone pain was turned away due to staff shortages. Hospital staff told her they could not predict when a doctor would be available.

Fearing disorder and public inconvenience, the administration imposed Section 163 in Bhiwani, Karnal, Jhajjar, Hisar, Fatehabad, and Gurugram, prohibiting any protests or gatherings linked to the strike.

Microsoft chief Nadella meets PM Modi, commits largest-ever investment in Asia

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NEW DELHI, DEC 9

Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella met Prime Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday evening and committed the United States-based software giant's largest ever Asia investment over US\$ 17.5 billion, or Rs 1.5 lakh crore towards developing Artificial Intelligence capabilities.

"Thank you PM Narendra Modiji for an inspiring conversation on India's AI opportunity. To support the country's ambitions, Microsoft is committing US\$ 17.5 billion — our largest investment ever in Asia — to help build the infrastructure, skills, and sovereign capabilities needed for India's AI-first future," he said.

The Prime Minister re-



sponded, "When it comes to AI, the world is optimistic about India!"

"Had a very productive

discussion with Satya Nadella. Happy to see India being the place where Microsoft will make its largest-ever invest-

ment in Asia. The youth of India will harness this opportunity to innovate and leverage the power of AI for a better planet."

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In a press statement released shortly after the two leaders met, Microsoft said the US\$ 17.5 billion it will invest in India follows an earlier investment of US\$ 3 billion — towards establishing cloud and AI infrastructure in Bengaluru over the next two years, which includes upskilling and new data

centres — and will ensure the company has "the largest hyperscale presence in India".

"India stands at a pivotal moment in its AI journey... one defined by impact at scale, determined to lead. As technology becomes a catalyst for inclusive growth and economic transformation, the country is emerging as a frontier AI nation. Against this backdrop... today we are announcing our largest investment in Asia — US\$17.5 billion over four years..." the company statement said. Microsoft's nearly US\$20 billion investment across four years underlines India's position as an uber-valuable market for global software behemoths racing to build digital infrastructure.

NEWS BRIEF

PAU's NIDHI-TBI team participates in ISF 2025 to strengthen innovation linkages and Deep-Tech Entrepreneurship

LUDHIANA: The NIDHI-Technology Business Incubator (TBI) team from Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) participated in the inaugural day of the India International Science Festival (ISF) 2025, held at Panchkula. The team attended an interaction session at the Golden Jubilee Hall, where policymakers, innovation leaders, scientists, and startup founders deliberated on building a self-reliant, innovation-driven economy.

Tanvi Verma wins gold medal at Roller Skating Championship

J K BATT
CHANDIGARH, DEC 9

Tanvi Verma won the gold medal at the 63rd National Roller Skating Championship 2025 in Visakhapatnam. As every year, Tanvi Verma showcased her talent, demonstrating her talent as Chandigarh's best in-



line hockey goalkeeper, winning the gold medal at

the 63rd National Roller Skating Championship 2025. Tanvi's father, Santosh Kumar Verma, an advocate, said that Tanvi has been playing roller hockey at the national level since 2019 and has consistently won medals. To date, Tanvi has won a total of 3 gold, 2 silver, and 3 bronze medals

at the national and 6 state levels. Tanvi's mother, Mrs Narinder Verma, said that Tanvi excels in both sports and studies, consistently scoring above 90 per cent, even though she is one grade ahead of other students her age. We all wish that God would always support her.

Legal awareness program on drug de-addiction held at Hoshiarpur

HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): Under the guidance of District and Sessions Judge Rajinder Agrawal and Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Hoshiarpur, Neeraj Goyal, a legal awareness program focusing on drug de-addiction was organized today. The event took place at the District Drug De-addiction Center in Hoshiarpur as part of the National Legal Services Authority's (NALSA) initiative titled "Drug Awareness and Wellness Navigation for a Drug-Free India Scheme-2025." The program aimed to foster awareness about the importance of a drug-free society and educate participants on the challenges of drug abuse, relevant legal provisions, and the support services available for affected individuals.



Classified

I, Nisha Devi W/o Karambir Singh R/o Village Jakhoul Distt Kaithal (Haryana) have changed my name From Nisha Devi To Nisha. Concerned Please Note. 84451

I, Ashwani Kumar Wadhawan son of Sh. Kishore, resident of House No. 153, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh have changed his name from Ashwani Kumar Wadhawan to Ashwani Wadhawan. 60013

PUBLIC NOTICES

I Neelam wd/o Sant Kumar, R/o H.no 1154/A, Sant Nagar , Ladowali Road, Jalandhar declare that my son Akash Deep , his wife Sweta , their children Arjun and Naman all are out of my control. So I disown them from my moveable and immoveable properties. Anybody deals with them at their own risk and responsibility. All concerned may note. 900026

I, Bhupinder Singh S/o Amar Singh R/o Vill: Hayatpur Rurki Teh-Balachaur Distt. SBS Nagar declare that in my Punjab Board 10th class certificate and old certificate's my mother and my father name wrongly entered Jagdish Kaur and Abnasa Singh. But my mother correct name is Udhm Kaur and my father correct name is Amar Singh. 900026

I, Paramjit Kaur W/o Baljinder Singh R/o Dandrala Kharoud Teh-Nabha Distt. Patiala declared that in my son Happy Singh army record my DOB wrongly entered 08-04-1978. But my correct DOB is 01-01-1966. So amended my DOB from 08-04-1978 to 01-01-1966 in my son army record. 63372

I, Baljinder Singh S/o Dev Singh R/o Dandrala Kharoud Teh-Nabha Distt. Patiala declared that in my son Happy Singh army record my DOB wrongly entered 07-10-1976. But my correct DOB is 04-01-1976. So amended my DOB from 07-10-1976 to 04-01-1976 in my son army record. 63372

I, Rupinder Kaur daughter of No 1584243M Ex Sep Mangal Singh resident of VPO- Rauke Kalan, Tehsil- Nihal Singh Wala Distt Moga (Pb) have change my date of birth is 05 Nov 2001 vide Affidavit No IN-PB96205716575007X dated 26 Nov 2025 63372

I, Manpreet Kaur d/o Gurneje Singh of Patti Falia Di VPO. Khadour Sahib Distt. Tarn Taran & W/o Akashjot Singh Sandher o/o Vill. Baiton Tehsil Samrala Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name and address Manpreet Kaur Sandher after marriage. 63372

I, Amandeep Kaur W/O Rishi Dyal R/O Ekta Colony, Thuhli Road Nabha, Teh. Nabha, Distt. Patiala, Declare That My Son's Mohit And Jashanpreet Father Names Had Been Wrongly Written In School Record As Sukhchain Singh Where As Father Of My Son's Correct Name Is Rishi Dyal. 63372

I, Jagroop Singh S/o Jai Singh, R/o Village Bangaspura, Tehsil Jagraon, District Ludhiana, hereby inform that my father's name is Jai Singh in the Revenue records. And was known in the village as Ajab Singh. He was the same person having both names. Related notes. 63372

I, Parminder Kumar S/o Joginder Pal R/o Village Thbalkhe tehsil Nakodar district Jalandhar have changed my name to Kumar Parminder. 100066

I, Kamal Kant Kalyan S/o Sh. Ram Murti R/o H. no- 2183, Baldev Nagar, Ambala City, Distt Ambala, Haryana have changed my name from Kamalkant Kalyan to Kamal Kant Kalyan. All concerns Note. 78645

I Partap Singh son of Lakhmi Chand resident of village Karkhana, Distt. Jind (Haryana) have changed the name of my son Ankush to Ankush Singh. 98732

PUBLIC NOTICES

I Manish Kumar S/o Jasvir Singh R/o Village Rahda Tehsil Assandh Distt Karnal declare that I appeared for the 10th class examination in the March 2021 Session. My 10th class Marksheet no AW-581443 lists my date of birth as 25/01/2004 which is incorrect. My Aadhaar card and birth certificate list my date of birth as 25/01/2007 which is correct. My date of birth should be recorded in my 10th class marksheet according to my Aadhaar card and birth certificate. All concerned should note this. 524479

I, Subhash Kumar S/o Ram Parkash R/o H.no 84 Urban Estate Sector 13 Karnal Haryana Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Satish Kumar S/o Ram Dimple D/o Avtar Singh R/o Khokhar, Rupnagar Have Changed My Name From Dimple To Dimple Patwal 524479

I Satish Kumar S/o Ram Parkash R/o H.no 84 Urban Estate Sector 13 Karnal Haryana Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Seema Ishpunani To Satish Kumar. 524479

I Seema Rani W/o Sh Satish Kumar R/o H.no 84 Urban Estate Sector 13 Karnal Haryana Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Seema Ishpunani To Seema Rani. 524479

I, Harvinder Kaur Aulakh D/o Malkeet Singh R/o H.No. 118 Shivallik City Sector-127 Kharar Teh-Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar have changed my name from Harvinder Kaur Aulakh to Harvinder Kaur. 63372

LOST & FOUND

I, Anand Singh Negi S/o Shyam Singh Negi R/o H-302, 3rd F, Sudhna Elite Cross Zirkapur Distt. SAS Nagar declare that lost possession Letter, Buyers Agreement and Affidavit Letter, Receipts of Payment of Flat No. H-302, 3rd Floor, Sudhna Elite Cross, Zirakpur, SAS Nagar, Punjab has been lost in Zirakpur Distt. SAS Nagar dated 30-11-2025. If anybody found then contact at my above address/mobile No. 9815066652. 63372

LOST & FOUND

I, Anand Singh Negi S/o Shyam Singh Negi R/o H-302, 3rd F, Sudhna Elite Cross Zirkapur Distt. SAS Nagar declare that lost possession Letter, Buyers Agreement and Affidavit Letter, Receipts of Payment of Flat No. H-302, 3rd Floor, Sudhna Elite Cross, Zirakpur, SAS Nagar, Punjab has been lost in Zirakpur Distt. SAS Nagar dated 30-11-2025. If anybody found then contact at my above address/mobile No. 9815066652. 63372

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice for Public in target that (1) Smt. Surjeet Kaur W/o Sh. Jasevnt Singh S/o Sh. Jasevnt Singh, (2) Sh. Gurcharan Singh S/o Sh. Jasevnt Singh S/o Sh. Ragbir Singh R/o Village Mulla Wala Road, Zira Tehsil Zira Distt Ferozepur (hereinafter referred to as customer) have approached to my client Fivest Capital Pvt Ltd. Branch Ferozepur for availing a Loan which is sanctioned vide Application No. 00634252 in favour of above customer. That the Original of registered sale deed bearing waika no 2019-2011/15/1261 dated 31-07-2019, executed by Sh. Balwinder Singh S/o Sh. Jagan Nath S/o Sh. Kishor Ram in favour of Smt. Surjeet Kaur W/o Sh. Jasevnt Singh S/o Sh. Ragbir Singh and Sale deed bearing waika no. 88 dated 09-04-2010, Executed by Sh. Jasevnt Singh S/o Sh. Ragbir Singh S/o Sh. Bagga Singh in favour of Sh. Gurcharan Singh S/o Sh. Jasevnt Singh S/o Sh. Ragbir Singh vide has lost & same is not traceable. As per the declaration furnished by the present owner namely (1) Smt. Surjeet Kaur W/o Sh. Jasevnt Singh S/o Sh. Ragbir Singh, (2) Sh. Gurcharan Singh S/o Sh. Jasevnt Singh S/o Sh. Ragbir Singh R/o Village Mulla Wala Road, Zira Tehsil Zira Distt Ferozepur above said the said property is an unencumbered and no mortgage, Charge & Loan etc. Created over the said property in favour of any bank or any financial institution. If anyone from public in large has the concern, Please contact in writing to the undersigned with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned below within 7 days from the date of publication, failing which the claim, if any of such person will be concerned to have waived and my client shall proceed with the Disbursement of loan and creation of mortgage to respect thereof. Gaurav Dharia Advocate 63372

I, Jasbir Kaur W/o Kuldeep Singh R/o Bigarwal Road Near Sun City Sunam Teh-Sunam Distt. Sangrur have changed my name from Jasbir Kaur to Jasvir Kaur. 63372

I Mann Singh S/o Manjeet Ram R/o W.No.09, Balachaur, Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab, Pin-144521 have changed my name spellings and hereafter be known as Maan Singh. 63372

I, Ranjit Singh S/o Kewal R/o Vpo. Yusafpur Darewal Jalandhar have changed my name to Gill Ranjit Singh. 63372

I, Kirandeep Kaur W/o JC-581718K Ex-Sub Nirmal Singh R/o Vpo. Landheke Teh & Distt. Moga (Pb) Pin-142001, declare that I have changed my name Kulwant Kaur to Kirandeep Kaur. 63372

I Bhajan Ram S/o Sant Ram Vill Bagrian Distt malerkotla state that Bhajan Ram and Bhajan Singh both are my names. I wish to be know by both names. 63372

I, Sahil S/o Kulwinder Singh R/o Mohalla Sarhandian Rahon SBS Nagar have changed my name from Sahil to Sahil Kumar. and Kumar is my surname. 63372

I, Sat Pal Singh S/o Gurbachan Dass R/o Vpo. Mahalon Po. Mahalon Distt. SBS Nagar Nawanshahr have changed my name as Satpal Singh. 63372

I, Karanvir Singh S/o Paramjit Singh R/o Nawanshahr Road Khoohan Wali Gali Banga Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Karanvir Singh to Singh Karanvir. I have used Singh as my surname. 63372

COURT NOTICE

In the Court of, District Marriage Officer, Moga V/S General Public Subject: Issuance of Marriage ability Certificate Applicant Name: TEJA SINGH Father/Husband Name: LACHMAN SINGH R/o: VPO MACHHKE, Village - Machhi Ko / Tehsil: Nihal Singh Wala / District - Moga, Punjab has applied (submitted the application) in Suedha Center for Issuance of Marriageability Certificate for son whose details are given as follows: Name: PARAMINDER SINGH Permanent Address: VPO MACHHKE, Machhi Ko Nihal Singh Wala, Moga, Punjab Age/DOB: 30 /24/11/1994) The applicant has stated that he/she has no marital relation in India. Notice is hereby given to the general public that if there is any objection to any person regarding issuance of above said certificate then the person or his representative can put their objection/ grievance with in 30 days from the issuance of this notice. No objection shall be entertained thereafter. The advertisement issued on 12-11-2025 through my signature under court seal. No / Reader Dated: 12-11-2025 District Marriage Officer, Moga Punjab, India 63372

I Kamaljit W/o Mukesh R/o Vill-Bharo Mazara, Distt Sbs Nagar Punjab India-144511 Want To Change My Name From Kamaljit to Kamaljit Kaur. 63372

I Parwinder Kaur W/o Jasmail Singh R/o Majewala (Moga) have Changed My Name To Parvinder Kaur. 63372

I, Jagjit Singh S/o Mahinder Singh R/o Hassanpur Distt Mansa, have changed my name to Jagjit Singh Bhangu. Please note the following. 63372

I Jitendra Kumar S/o Ompal Singh R/o H.No-C-25 CSIO Colony Sector 30 C Chandigarh have changed my Son name from Ayushman to Ayushman kumar. 63372

I' Monika Jain W/O. Khalid Kureishy R/o. Mohalla Sunami Gate, Malerkotla have changed my name to Monica. 63372

I Manjit Kaur W/o Amar Singh R/o Bajigar Basti, Village Kotbhai, Tehsil Gidderbaha, Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib have changed my name to Manpreet Kaur. 63372

I, Jasvir Singh S/o Nirmal Singh R/o Vpo. Rode Teh-Bagha Purana Distt. Moga have changed my name to Jasvir Singh Brar. 63372

I, Dharamveer Singh S/o Kuldeep Singh R/o Baba Jivan Singh Patil, VPO Malliana, Distt.Moga, 142037, Punjab, India, have changed my name to Dharmveer Singh. 63372

I, Amarjeet Kaur W/o Agwar Nanak Nagri Ghal Kalan Distt. Moga Pb-142048 have changed my name from Amarjeet Kaur to Amarjit Kaur. 63372

I Lakhwinder Singh Gill S/O Balwant Singh R/o Agwar Nanak Nagri, Ghal Kalan Distt. Moga Pb-142048 I have changed my name Lakhwinder Singh Gill to Lakhwinder Singh. 63372

I, Gurpreet Singh Wallia S/o Joginder Singh R/o Vpo. Datawal Teh-Dharamkot Distt. Moga, Pb, India, have changed my name to Gurpreet Singh. 63372

I, Naresh Kumar S/o Rattan Lal R/o W.No. 5 Mallan Wala Teh-Zira Distt. Ferozepur have changed my name to Naresh Kumar to Rattan Chand. 63372

I Monia Sandhu W/O Kanwaljit Sandhu R/O Village Nagra Po Dosanjh Khurd Sub Tehsil Aur Distt Sbs Nagar 144511 Pb Declared That My Given Name Is Monia And Surname Is Sandhu. 63372

I, Rani Kaur alias Sukhjeet Kaur W/o Jagtar Singh R/o Moola Singh Wala (Mansa) declare that above both names belong to me (Same person). 63372

I, Jagwinder Pal S/o Harbans Lal R/o Village and Post Office Sal Khurd, Distt. S.B.S Nagar - 144505, Punjab have changed my name from Jagwinder Pal to Jagwinder as Given name and Pal as Surname. All concerned please note. 63372

I Sonu S/o Nikku Ram R/o Prem Nagar Mohalla , ward no. 6, Sultanpur lodhi, Distt: Kapurthala have changed my name from Sonu to Kumar Sonu. All concerned may please note. 63372

I, Mohd Amjad S/O Mohd Anwar R/O Guru Teg Bahadur Colony, Malerkotla, Distt: Malerkotla have changed my name to Mohammad Amjad. 63372

I, Kanta Devi W/o Satish Kumar R/o H.no. 325, Hira Enclave Nabha, Teh. Nabha, Distt. Patiala-147201, Punjab have changed my name kanta Devi to Kanta Rani. 63372

I, Gulshan Kumar Gulati S/O Beli Ram R/O H. No. 323, Ripudamanpura Mohalla, Nabha, Dist. Patiala-147201, Punjab, India Have Changed My Name Gulshan Kumar Gulati To Gulshan Kumar. 63372

I hitherto known as Pushkar S/o Nathu Ram R/o Street No.19, Nai Abadi, Abohar Distt. Fazilka (Punjab) have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Pankaj Kumar. 63372

I, Achar Pal S/o Rattan Chand R/o W.No. 11 Deep Colony Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur Pb, India, have changed my name Pal Achar and surname as Pal. 63372

I Vijay Kumar S/o Jagdish Singh R/o Fatte Wala Hithar Distt. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name Vijay Kumar To Kumar Vijay. 63372

I Parampal Singh S/O Nachhatter Singh R/O Salabatpura Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Parampal Singh Dhaliwal. 63372

I Jagdeep Singh S/o Balvir Singh R/o VPO Dakha Distt Ludhiana Have changed my name to Jagdeep Singh Sekhon. 63372

I, Jaspreet Kaur W/o Sukhdeep Singh R/o Vill: Chahal Khurd Teh-Banga Distt. SBS Nagar, Pb, have changed my name from Jaspreet Kaur to Kaur Jaspreet. I have used Kaur as my surname. 63372

I, Sandeep Singh S/o Nirbhaj Singh R/o Vill: Ratolan Teh-Sunam Distt. Sangrur have changed my minor son name from Mankirt Singh to Mankirt Singh Ratol. 63372

I Sweena Rani W/O Rakesh Kumar R/O H.No.88, Patti Baloi Vpo Chauke Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Savina Rani. 63372

I, Charnjit Paul S/o Gurnam Chand R/o Vpo. Mahil Gailan Teh-Banga Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name to Charanjit Pal. 63372

I Sarbjit Kaur W/o Raheem Baksh R/o Village Binjoki Khurd, Tehsil Malerkotla Distt. Malerkotla have changed my Name Sahin Begum. 63372

I Afreen W/o Mohammad Saleem R/o Islam Ganj Chowk, Malerkotla Distt. Malerkotla have changed my Name Aafreen. 63372

I Kaushlya Devi W/O Ruldu Ram R/O Namoli, PO: Datarpur, DIST: Hoshiarpur, Punjab - 144222 have changed my name to Kushalya Devi. 63372

I Mohammad Aziam S/o Akbar Ali R/o Saroud Road, Bhuru Shah Dera, Malerkotla have changed my Name Mohammad Aazam. 63372

I hitherto known as Dharmandra Singh S/o Mandroop Singh, residing at Dhurkot Road, VPO Nihal Singh Wala, Distt. Moga, Punjab, India- 142055, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Dharminder Singh. 63372

I, Jagsir Singh Bagoria S/o Satpal Singh R/o Vpo. Janer (Moga) have changed my name from Jagsir Singh Bagoria to Jagsir Singh. 63372

I Baldev Ram S/o Bhagat Ram R/o Village Sotran, Tehsil Banga, Distt S.B.S Nagar, Punjab India-144505 have changed my name of minor son from Karanvir to Karanvir Banger. 63372

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Congress holds impressive rallies across Payal ahead of Zilla Parishad & Block samiti elections

AMRISH ANAND DORAH: Ahead of the Zila Parishad and Block Samiti elections, the District Congress Committee Khanna, led by president and former MLA S. Lakhvir Singh Lakha, held massive rallies across several villages in the Payal constituency. Coordinator S. Bant Singh Doburi also participated. The rallies supported Zila Parishad candidate S. Avtar Singh Taari (Ramgarh Sardaran Zone) and Block Samiti candidates Mrs. Jaswinder Kaur Hans (Kila Hans Zone), Mrs. Jaspal Kaur (Lehl Zone), and S. Laabh Singh (Ber Kalan Zone). Large crowds and enthusiastic participation signaled strong public support for the Congress candidates. Party leaders, including S. Lakha, Yadwinder yandali, S. Bant Singh Doburi, Gurmali Singh Gill Berkalan, and Madam Deepinder Mangat, thanked the people for their overwhelming response.

MCM's insightful career session on Mathematics empowers students

CHANDIGARH: The Mathematics Club-Infinite Insight, under the aegis of the Postgraduate Department of Mathematics at Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women organised an enriching career counseling session titled 'Exploring Career Paths in Mathematics'. The session was conducted by Dr. Chitra Malhotra, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, who delivered an insightful and engaging talk on the vast spectrum of career opportunities available to the students of Mathematics. Dr. Malhotra shed light on prominent fields such as data analytics, actuarial sciences, finance, research, and academia, while also highlighting the growing impact of Mathematics in emerging domains including artificial intelligence, machine learning, and quantitative modeling. She encouraged students to embrace interdisciplinary learning and helped them draw meaningful connections between mathematical concepts and their real-world applications. The event received an enthusiastic response, leaving students informed, inspired, and more confident in planning their future trajectories. Principal Ms. Neena Sharma highlighted the importance of this session as she said that such sessions not only broaden students' understanding of career prospects but also motivate them to view Mathematics as a gateway to intellectually stimulating and fulfilling professional paths.

First successful liver transplant at government run institute in Mohali

SHASHI PAL JAIN MOHALI, DEC 9

Marking a transformative leap in tertiary healthcare, the Bhagwant Singh Mann-led Punjab Government has scripted history with the successful conduct of the first liver transplant surgery at a state-run institute Punjab Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (PILBS) in Mohali. Presenting the successfully operated patient to the media on Tuesday, Punjab Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education and Research Minister Dr Balbir Singh, stated that this is the first time in Punjab's medical history that such a delicate and complex surgery has been accomplished successfully in a government institute. The Minister was accompanied by Principal Secretary Health Kumar Rahul. He highlighted that this lifesaving interven-



tion was provided to the patient at approximately Rs 12 lakhs, which costs around Rs 45-50 lakhs at the private hospitals. The transplant was performed on November 27, 2025, and the recipient is recovering well, expected to be discharged in a day or two, he added. Congratulating the medical team led by Director of PILBS and Professor & Head of Hepatology Dr Virendra Singh and Professor & Head of Liver Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgery Dr K Rajasekhar, the Health Minister termed this a major milestone for the institute. Dr Bal-

bir Singh also expressed profound gratitude to the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh, for providing the organ from a brain-dead person from Haryana. He also extended heartfelt thanks to the donor's family for their exemplary act of organ donation, which has given a new lease of life to multiple individuals. He said that the PILBS continues to expand its role as Punjab's first dedicated liver and biliary sciences centre, offering comprehensive care, advanced procedures, and 24x7 emergency and ICU services. An upcoming

175-bedded patient care block is also in the pipeline, further expanding the Institute's capacity and services, he added. He said that the newly built Diagnostic Block is now operational with the installation of a Digital Subtraction Angiography (DSA) machine. The supply order for new CT scanner has already been placed, while, the tender process for a new MRI is in progress, and a new automated biochemistry analyser will be fully functional within one week. A state-of-the-art blood bank has also been established, which will be one of the most advanced in Punjab.

Gillco International School hosts tricity's biggest "Gillco Summit 2025" to empower students with dynamic learning platform

SHASHI PAL JAIN KHARAR, DEC 9

Gillco International School, known for its commitment to holistic education and meaningful student engagement, took yet another remarkable initiative this year by providing students a powerful platform to explore, express, and elevate their talents. With this vision, GIS successfully hosted the Tricity's biggest and most vibrant multi-event conclave — Gillco Summit 2025 in collaboration with Aspirant Learning. With 300+ participants, the summit's biggest highlight was the presence of its distinguished chief guests on both days. Rahul Singh, popularly known as the Math Mentalist, presided over as the chief guest on day 1. His interactive and energetic session captivated students and encouraged them to view mathematics with curiosity and confidence. Day 2 was honoured by the presence of Major Muham-



mad Ali Shah, an acclaimed motivational speaker and former army officer. Dr. Kritika Kaushal, Principal of Gillco International School, congratulated the students of participating schools on not only contributing sincerely in the event but also on shouldering leadership and organizational responsibilities as well. She applauded the titanic efforts made

to make Gillco Summit the grandest event of Tricity. Gillco Summit 2025 concluded on a high note with the distribution of awards and exciting cash prizes, standing as a testament to Gillco International School's continuous efforts to create enriching, experiential platforms where students can discover their strengths, build confidence.

Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman conferred with lifetime achievement award at international conference

ANANTDEEP KAUR BATHINDA, DEC 9

At the two-day international conference EduCon-2025, jointly organized by the Global Education Research Association (GERA) and the Central University of Punjab, (CUP), Guru Kashi University's Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Jagtar Singh Dhiman delivered the prestigious Passi Memorial Lecture. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to education, agriculture, literature, university administration, and social service, he was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

The award was presented by Prof. Pankaj Arora, Chairperson, NCTE, New Delhi, along with other distinguished dignitaries. GERA Presidents Prof. S.P. Malhotra, Prof. S.K. Bawa, Dr. Bhupinder Singh, CEO, Calgary, Canada, and Prof. R.K. Vasoorika, Dean Academics, CUP, Bathinda were also present on the occasion. Congrat-



ulating Dr. Dhiman on this well-deserved recognition, GURU Chancellor S. Gurbal Singh Sidhu, Managing Director S. Sukharaj Singh Sidhu, and Vice Chancellor Dr. Rameshwar Singh said that this will inspire young scientists, researchers, and agriculture professionals. In his address, Dr. Dhiman highlighted India's rich heritage of knowledge in spirituality, philosophy, science, and agriculture forming the crux of Indian knowledge system. He emphasized the global impact of Indian scholars and referred to eminent personalities such as Dr. Gurdev

Singh Khush & Dr. M.S. Swaminathan in agriculture, Dr. Narinder Singh Kampani in the domain of Optic Fibre, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam in the field of missile technology, Dr. Hargobind Khurana in the area of Biotechnology, and others whose work has illuminated the world. He also underlined India's philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and Sarbatt Ba Bhal and its all-time relevance in guiding global harmony and progress. Dr. Dhiman was presented with a citation and a shawl, along with best wishes for his good health and bright future.

Deputy medical commissioner inspects de-addiction rehabilitation center in Hoshiarpur



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, DEC 9

The De-Addiction Rehabilitation Center located in Fatehgarh, Hoshiarpur, has emerged as a remarkable model in combating substance abuse. Rehabilitation at this center goes beyond mere detoxification; it aims to reintegrate individuals into mainstream society by equipping them with sustainable livelihood skills. Today, Deputy Medical Commissioner Dr. Swati Seemar conducted an inspection of the facility, engaging with patients to understand their concerns and holding discussions with their family members, who expressed satisfaction with the quality of care provided. Dr. Swati highlighted that under

the Punjab Government's robust anti-drug campaign, the center imparts specialized training to foster self-reliance among patients. Training modules include salon services, cooking, gardening, alongside new skill sets like mobile repair and fabric dyeing. Patients receive certificates upon completion, enabling them to regain independence and rebuild their lives with dignity. The center is well-equipped with amenities such as a gymnasium, playground, library, prayer hall, music room, and comprehensive dining facilities. Recently, the state government sanctioned Rs 27 lakh for the establishment of a computer lab at Balival Ground, further enhancing the facility's capabilities.

PAU conducts nutrition awareness camps in salempura and halwara to strengthen rural health and diet literacy



LUDHIANA: The Department of Food and Nutrition, College of Community Science, Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), organised a series of Nutrition Awareness Camps in the villages of Salempura and Halwara on December 3 and 5, respectively, to improve the nutritional well-being of rural women and elderly residents.

At Salempura, the camp focused on the rising incidence of anaemia among women. Faculty and students sensitised participants to its symptoms, causes and prevention, highlighting locally available iron-rich foods such as jaggery, green leafy vegetables, millets, roasted gram and seasonal fruits. Students also showcased informative posters offering practical dietary suggestions for improving iron intake.

The camp at Halwara centred on increasing cases of diabetes and lifestyle-related disorders. The PAU team emphasised the importance of six essential nutrients — Calcium, Vitamin D, Vitamin C, Iron, Vitamin B12 and Dietary Fibre — while sharing actionable guidance on glucose control, muscle strength, and healthy ageing practices.

National CME workshop organised at RBU



LK BANSAL MOHALI, DEC 9

Rayat Bahra University conducted the 1st National CME Workshop on "Clinical Andrology Meets Reproductive Immunology". The event was organised by the Department of Clinical Embryology & Reproductive Genetics (CERG) in collaboration with Origin LIFE Healthcare, with academic support from the Indian Immunology Society. Over 200 participants from reputed institutions including Lovely Professional MMU Mullana, GNA University, CT University, Dolphin PG College,

Chitkara University, and several other universities across India took part in this national academic initiative. The workshop opened with an inaugural ceremony led by Dipneet Kaur, Director & Head, CERG; Prof. Sunil K. Arora, Professor of Eminence & Convener; and Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Group Vice-Chancellor, Rayat Bahra University, who presided as the Chief Guest. The day featured expert talks by eminent speakers, including Dr. Satish K. Gupta, former Deputy Director, National Institute of Immunology; Dr. Prabhneet Kaur; Dr. Harjeet Kaur; Santoshi Kadam.

Large number of devotees participate in third day of Shri Ram Katha which will continue till December 12



KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN): Aggarwal Sabha Kharar is organizing Shri Ram Katha at Shri Ram Bhawan here till December 12. A large number of devotees participated in the event on the third day of this Katha today. Yesterday Kathavachika Vidushi Anjali Arya narrated the Ram Katha in a very effective manner. Today, she gave detailed information about Shri Ram's journey to Mithala city and Shri Ram's marriage with Mata Sita. Giving information in this regard, Agarwal Sabha President Ravi Garg, Davinder Gupta and Jatinder Gupta Rinku said that this Katha is narrated every day from 4 to 8 pm. They said that on December 11, an impressive Deepmala will be organized by the city residents and in this regard, arrangements have also been made to take selfie at the under-construction Shri Ram Mandir. They said that a Bhandara has been organized at the end of the Katha.

Impact of action helpline; district administration resolves 376 complaints



JS SODHI JALANDHAR, DEC 9

The District Administration has successfully resolved 376 complaints received on the Action Helpline WhatsApp number 96462-22555 issued to resolve problems related to cleanliness of vacant plots, loose and damaged wires and stray animals. Chairing a review meeting regarding the disposal of complaints received on the Action Helpline, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Agarwal asked the officers to give priority to the complaints received on the Action Helpline and work more actively for their immediate and appropriate resolution. Dr. Agarwal said that 291 com-

plaints received through the Action Line WhatsApp number related to the cleaning of vacant plots have been resolved and the people have been provided relief. He further said that the administration is also taking action against those who do not get the plots cleaned, under which apart from issuing 159 notices to the plot owners, red entries have also been made in 8 cases. The Deputy Commissioner also reviewed the campaign being run by the district administration to remove the hanging, loose, unusable and damaged wires of the companies providing telecom and internet facilities in the city for the safety of the people.

Rose public school, Suliali, sizzles with MasterChef competition!



VERMA SULIALI, DEC 9

Rose Public School, Suliali, recently played host to a thrilling MasterChef competition that had the young culinary stars of Senior KG showcasing their skills and creativity! The event was a gastronomic extravaganza, with tiny tots transforming into master chefs, presenting delectable dishes prepared by their parents. The competition was inaugurated by Principal Mr. Sanjay Kumar Sharma and Vice Principal Mrs. Babita Sharma, who encouraged the young participants to explore their culi-

nary talents. The event saw an array of mouth-watering dishes, each one more appetizing than the last! Teachers, including Mrs. Nancy, Manju, Shabnam, Kiran, Sapna, Reena, Shivani, Kashish, and Santosh, evaluated the dishes based on nutrition and quality, making it a truly comprehensive learning experience. The proud winners of the MasterChef competition were: Advik, Jiansh, Samayra, Ritik, Varmit, Pranavi, Kanishka, Aman, Anirudh, , Shreya, Vinayak. Principal Mr. Sanjay Kumar Sharma and Vice Principal Mrs. Babita Sharma congratulated the winners.

Zila Parishad Elections: Aam Aadmi Party strengthens grassroots outreach



SUMER GARG SANGRUR, DEC 9

In the run-up to the Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samiti elections, Chairman of Punjab Small Industries & Export Corporation Dalvir Singh Dhillon and Chairman of Dhuri Market Committee Rajwant Singh Ghullu have taken full charge of the campaign in Dhuri. Both leaders are extensively touring the constituency, visiting village after village from early morning until late evening to mobilize strong support for Aam Aadmi Party candidates. Addressing gatherings across several villages, Chairman Dalvir Singh Dhillon said that people have closely

observed the Aam Aadmi Party's work over the past four years. The visible development carried out during this period forms the firm foundation on which AAP is contesting the current Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samiti elections. Campaigning in favour of Zila Parishad candidate Harjinder Singh Kanjla, and Block Samiti candidates Joginder Singh, Kulwinder Singh, Jagseer Singh, and Ranjodh Singh, Dhillon shared that AAP volunteers are conducting an intensive door-to-door campaign to build direct communication with the public and make them aware of the party's progressive reforms.

Truck overturns on Raahon-Machhiwara Sutlej bridge; major damage narrowly avoided



DEEPAK KUMAR MACHHIWARA SAHIB, DEC 9

The Raahon-Machhiwara stretch over the Sutlej bridge continues to witness frequent accidents. Last week, a tractor-trolley carrying sugarcane had overturned, and last night, a truck loaded with goods fell into a ravine. The roads on both sides of the bridge are in a dilapidated state, the guardrails damaged, and the edges have started collapsing. Despite repeated alerts to the administration, no effective action has been taken, raising concerns that authorities might be

waiting for a major accident to occur. According to Jasveer Singh, who was travelling with five family members, he had recently retired after 21 years of service as a Granthi at a Gurdwara in Patiala. While returning to Amritsar, their truck reached the bridge where a police constable demanded money for passage. The driver paid ₹200, but another constable allegedly struck the truck with a baton and also demanded money. While trying to reverse, the truck slipped due to the damaged road edge and overturned into the ravine, along with the passengers.

Vijay Sharma Tinku holds election meetings in favor of Congress candidates



J K BATTACHANDIGARH, DEC 9

Congress candidates will win with a big lead in the block samiti elections. These words were expressed by Vijay Sharma Tinku, Halka Incharge Kharar, while addressing the election meetings in favor of Congress candidates of Block Kharar here today. Addressing the election meetings in favor of Congress party candidate Satish Kumar Sharma Sethi from Mullapur New Chandigarh Zone and Bibi Rani Kaur Milk from Siunk Zone, he said that in the coming time, people are ready to support the Congress party.

Mr. Vijay Sharma Tinku Halka Incharge Kharar said that you should make Congress party candidates win for the development of your zone in your constituency and strengthen the hands of Congress high command. Mr. Tinku said that the current Punjab government has not done any kind of development work in Kharar constituency so far, this government could not fulfill even the false promise of 1000 made to women, but on the contrary, this government has burdened the treasury of Punjab by spending a lot of money on advertisements and wasteful expenditure. On this occasion, among

Sarabjit Singh Bhatti elected state secretary in Punjab and Chandigarh Journalists Union

J K BATTACHANDIGARH, DEC 9

In the fourth state conference of the Punjab and Chandigarh Journalists Union held in Barnala, senior journalist Sarabjit Singh Bhatti was unanimously elected as State Secretary, Balbir Singh Jandu Chairman, Jai Singh Chhibber President, Santokh Gill Secretary General and Bindu Singh Treasurer. Apart from this, Bhushan Sood was elected Senior Vice President, Rajan Mann, Gagandeep Arora, Jagsir Singh Sandhu, Jaswant Singh Thind, Vice President, Davinder Singh Bhangu, Organising Secretary, N.P. Dhawan, Balwinder Singh Sipre, and Veerpal Bhagta were elected Secretaries. On this occasion, some amendments in the constitution of the organisation were also unanimously approved. Speaking on the occasion, Balwinder Jammu, National President of the Indian Journalists Union, condemned the increas-



ing attacks on journalists not only in the country but also internationally and demanded the restoration of press freedom. He also demanded that the Central Government form a Media Commission to protect journalists. Senior journalists Jagtar Singh Sidhu, Pritam Rupal, Gurdeep Singh Lali, Nirmal Pandori, J K Batta Press Reporter Kharar - Majri-New Chandigarh, Balwinder Singh Dhalwal, Ravinder Ravi, Vipin Rana, Balwinder Singh Bhangu, Harjit Singh, Bharat Bhushan Dogra, Malkit Singh Tony, Navkant Bhayromajra, Manpreet Singh Malleana, Gurinder Singh Mehndiratta, Karamjit Singh Chilla, Amarpal Singh Bains, Prabhat Bhatti etc.

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Condolence meeting for senior BJP leader Karam Chand to be held on Dec 11

SHARANJEET PATHANKOT: A condolence meeting for the late Karam Chand (Pradhan), former president of the Bharatiya Janata Party Sujampur Mandal, will be held at Sharma Celebration Hall in his native village of Firzpur Kalan on Thursday, December 11, from 1 PM to 2 PM. This information was given by his eldest son, Arvind Mohan Labba, former president of BJP Aartri Cell, Pathankot district. It is noteworthy that the late Karam Chand Pradhan was a prominent leader of the party and had been associated with it since the Jan Sangh era. He had been ill for several months and passed away on November 29. The late Karam Chand Pradhan dedicated his entire life to strengthening the BJP in the Sujampur Mandal. The BJP will always feel his absence.

S. Maheshinder Singh Grewal leads strong campaigner for Akali Dal candidates in village Maksudra



AMRISH ANAND DORAHA: Former Punjab Minister and senior Akali Dal leader S. Maheshinder Singh Grewal, along with Payal Incharge Jatheadar S.Manjit Singh Madnipur, S. Jagdev Singh Bopara (Vice President, Shiromani Akali Dal), S. Gurpreet Singh Lapran, Bibi Jaspreet kaur Arricha and the entire local leadership, visited Village Maksudra today to campaign for party candidates in the upcoming Block Samiti and Zila Parishad elections.Grewal addressed the gathering in support of S. Nirmal Singh, Akali Dal candidate from Block Samiti Zone Maksudra, and S. Baldev Singh Doburji (Former Sarpanch), candidate from Zila Parishad Zone.In his address, S.Grewal emphasized that village development, employment opportunities for youth, resolving farmers' issues, and providing better facilities have always been the priorities of the Shiromani Akali Dal. He said that honest and development-oriented candidates like Nirmal Singh and Baldev Singh Daburji must be elected with a strong mandate for the progress of the region.

Senior Delhi Public School Rupnagar organises annual prize distribution function



BAHADURJEET SINGH RUPNAGAR: Senior Delhi Public School Rupnagar organized its annual prize distribution function titled 'Little Heart Big Dream' with great enthusiasm and pomp. The colorful function organized at 'Dream Destination Resort' Rupnagar was attended by the Rupnagar MLA Advocate Dinesh Chadha as the Chief Guest .Ashok Wala ,president Municipal Council Rupnagar was the Guest of Honor and eminent industrialist Manish Sharma was the Special Guest. The Chairman of the school J.K. Jaggi, CEO, Manmohan Kalia, Principal.Pavneet Kaur and the students welcomed both the guests with bouquets.

RTI Commission expresses displeasure over conduct of PCS officer

CHANDIGARH: The Punjab State Information Commission has expressed displeasure over the conduct of a PCS officer from the state. Sharing details, a spokesperson of the Commission said that in case number 5555/2023, which was listed for hearing before State Information Commissioner Mrs. Pooja Gupta, the Regional Transport Officer Amritsar was summoned multiple times but did not appear before the Commission even once. The spokesperson stated that despite the issuance of bailable warrants against this officer, he still failed to appear before the Commission. The spokesperson further informed that due to non-compliance with the orders of the Commission, State Information Commissioner Mrs. Pooja Gupta has directed that the penalty previously imposed on the then officer (under whose tenure the RTI application was filed) be increased from Rs10,000 to Rs 25,000.

Students of school of eminence, Doraha shine at national level, win silver and bronze medals



AMRISH ANAND DORAHA: Two students from School of Eminence, Doraha brought pride to their school and region by winning silver and bronze medals in a national-level weightlifting competition. Upon their arrival at Beant Singh Chowk, Doraha today, the school staff and local residents warmly welcomed them with traditional drum beats.School Principal Madam Harvinder Roop Rai congratulated the students, their parents, and the school staff on this remarkable achievement, calling it a proud moment for the entire institution. Madam Jasveer Kaur from the School FTI shared that four girls from the school participated in the national 'Kheho India' competition, among whom Sukhpreet Kaur won the silver medal and Jasmin Kaur secured the bronze.

65 entry, exit points sealed to keep vigil around drug smugglers

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, DEC 9

Amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Punjab Police on Tuesday carried out a special operation 'OPS Seal-XXIII' aimed at checking all the vehicles entering or exiting the border state of Punjab to keep vigil around anti-social elements, drug traffickers and bootleggers.

During the operation, conducted simultaneously in all the districts on the directions of Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav, all the SSPs of border districts were directed to organise joint Naka operations at strategic places in their respective districts and mobilise a maximum number of manpower to lay strong 'nakas' at sealing points under the supervision of Gazetted officers/SHOs. Sharing details, Special DGP Law and Order Arpit Shukla said that well-coordinated strong nakas involving over 600 Po-



lice Personnel were set up under the supervision of Inspectors/DSPs at least 65 entry/exit points of 10 districts, which share boundaries with four border states and UT Chandigarh. The 10 inter-state border districts include Pathankot, Sri Muktsar Sahib, Fazilka, Rupnagar, SAS Nagar, Patiala, Sangrur, Mansa, Hoshiarpur and Bathinda. He said that as many as 1182 vehicles enter-

ing/exiting the state were checked, of which 234 were challaned and two were impounded during the operation. Police teams have also registered five FIRs and arrested three persons during the operation. Apart from this, Police teams have continued its cordon and search operation (CASO) against drugs on Day 283, and conducted raids at 346 locations on Tuesday leading to

the arrest of 95 drug smugglers after registration of 68 first information reports (FIRs) across the state. With this, the number of total drug smugglers arrested has reached to 39,864 within 283 days. The Special DGP said that the raids have resulted in recovery of 1.5 kg heroin, 429 grams opium, 6 kg ganja, 21 kg poppy husk and Rs 2.95 lakhs drug money from the possession of arrested drug smugglers. He informed that over 120 Police teams, comprising over 1000 police personnel, under the supervision of 70 gazetted officers have conducted raids across the state and checked as many as 340 suspicious persons during the day long operation. The Special DGP said that with the state government has enforced a three-pronged strategy— Enforcement, Deaddiction and Prevention (EDP)— to eradicate drugs from the state, the Punjab Police as part of 'De-addiction' has convinced 40 persons to undergo de-addiction and rehabilitation treatment today.

God incarnates for the salvation of universe

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, DEC 9



Sadhvi, Vaishnavi Bharti Ji, the disciple of Shri Guru Ashutosh Maharaj Ji, during Katha gave a lecture on Samudra Manthan incident in the fourth day meeting of Shrimad Bhagwat Weekly Katha Gyan Yagya organized by Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan at anaj mandi gaushala road.

She said 'Samudra Manthan' was done by gods and demons. According to Lord Vishnu, many gems were recovered from the ocean, of which nectar (Amrit) was also one, by drinking which immortality can be achieved. During the manthan, firstly, poison, came out from the ocean's womb.

Which started spreading in all directions. The gods prayed to Mahadev, who is a god of gods. Bholenath drank poison for the welfare of the universe and stopped the poison in his throat, due to which the throat went blue, for this reason Lord Shiva is also popularly known as 'Neelkanth'. The Lord taught us that even

if you hear bitter words like poison, do not take them to heart but keep them in your throat. In this way one can remain happy in life. Lakshmi Ji appears from the sea and accepts Shri Narayan Ji as her husband, which gives us a lesson that try to attain Narayan. Lakshmi Ji will automatically come, as Lakshmi Ji herself follows Narayan. From Samudra Manthan (churning of ocean), horse, the Parijat tree, the nymphs, the Kamdhenu cow, the chariot, the quiver, the arrows and the nectar come out from the ocean, the gods and demons divided these among themselves. She further said that Balram Ji comes to earth be-

fore God (Lord Krishna) to assist Lord Krishna in his activities. In our scriptures Balarama is shown holding a plow in his hand. He has also been called the god of farmers and inspires us for organic farming.

Organic agriculture is beneficial for the environment and health. In this, chemical pesticides are not used but natural fertilizer is prepared from cow dung and urine. It is made at low cost. It also increases the income of the farmer. Then she added that God comes in every era to protect religion. He incarnates in every age to provide welfare to the devotees and to save the wicked.

Health department holds felicitation ceremony for sterilization fortnight

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, DEC 9

A felicitation ceremony was organized today at the Civil Surgeon's office in Hoshiarpur to mark the conclusion of the Sterilization Fortnight. The event was chaired by Dr. Balbir Kumar, Civil Surgeon of Hoshiarpur, and conducted under the leadership of Dr. Ranjit Singh, District Family Welfare Officer.

The ceremony was attended by Deputy Medical Commissioner Dr. Swati Shimar, District Vaccination Officer Dr. Seema Garg, Assistant Civil Surgeon Dr. Ajay Basra, District Dental Health Officer Dr. Kapil Dogra, senior medical officers from various health institutions, and Deputy Mass Media Officers Ramandeep Kaur and Ravinder Jassal.During the program, surgeons who made exemplary contributions to the Sterilization Fortnight, male health workers who motivated community members for



sterilization, and senior medical officers from the respective blocks were honored for their outstanding service.

Dr. Balbir Kumar highlighted that the Sterilization Fortnight aims primarily to increase public awareness about family planning services and to enhance maternal and child health in the district. He commended the district health teams for their responsible and committed efforts throughout the campaign. He reaffirmed that sterilization services play a crucial role in strengthening family health and expressed ap-

preciation for the doctors and field staff whose dedication ensured the campaign's success.

He urged the public to embrace family planning options for healthier families with an open mind and expressed confidence that the district will continue to improve its family planning initiatives with sustained dedication and cooperation.District Family Welfare Officer Dr. Ranjit Singh emphasized the extensive outreach of health teams, from urban to rural areas, who have educated people about safe.

Ravinder Sharma urges Hindu unity to increase representation in Punjab

RADHE SHYAM SHARMA
MORINDA, DEC 9

Shri Hindu Takht national propagator Ravinder Sharma has appealed to the Hindu community in Punjab to rise above party affiliations and support Hindu candidates in elections to ensure greater representation in the state legislature and Parliament.

In a statement issued here, Sharma said that whichever political party fields a Hindu candidate, it should be the collective duty of Hindus in that area to unite and work towards ensuring that candidate's victory.

He said increased numbers of Hindu MLAs and MPs were essential for strengthening the community's voice in Punjab. Expressing concern

over the prevailing situation in the state, Sharma said Punjab was witnessing alarming incidents in which Hindus

were allegedly being targeted. He referred to incidents of firing, snatching, robbery and attacks with s h a r p - e d g e d weapons, claiming that such acts were creating an atmosphere of fear among Hindus.

He alleged that the Bhagwant Mann-led Punjab government had failed to effectively deal with the situation and that the law-and-order condition in the state was deteriorating. Sharma said the need of the hour was for Hindus living in Punjab to organise themselves and demonstrate unity.



Dasmesh School Scouts lead with pride at national jamboree in Lucknow

KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH, DEC 9

The Bharat Scouts and Guides successfully organized the Diamond Jubilee and 19th National Jamboree in Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh. The prestigious event witnessed the participation of nearly 35,000 Scouts and Guides from 28 Indian states along with contingents from Nepal, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Maldives, the United States, the UAE, and several other countries.

The Jamboree was inaugurated by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, while the closing ceremony was graced by the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, who blessed the young Scouts for their remarkable spirit and



discipline. Under the guidance of State Organizing Commissioner S. Ukar Singh, a contingent of 55 students from Mansa district participated in the Jamboree. The team was led by District Organizing Commissioner Darshan Singh Baretta, District Training Commissioner Mandeep Singh Goldy,

Madam Nirlep Kaur, and S. Jasvir Singh Mirpur. Inspired by Principal S. Bhupinder Singh Sandhu and Madam Kirandeep Kaur, six Scouts from Dasmesh School, Sardulgarh—Snehdeep Singh, Deepinder Singh, Mahakpreet Singh, Rajnoor Singh, Abhijeet Singh,

Guru Nanak Mission Senior Secondary School Kotkapura gets FAP National Award 2025



SURINDER DAMDAMI
KOTKAPURA, DEC 9

Under the able leadership of the visionary, versatile personality and beacon president of the Federation of Private Schools and Associations, Dr. Jagjit Singh Dhuri, the fifth season of the prestigious event, FAP National Awards 2025, was organized at Chandigarh University. Schools across the country registered for this award in various categories, but after the selection process of the award was completed, this award went to a few selected schools. The 37-year-old educa-

tional institution, Guru Nanak Mission Senior Secondary School, Kotkapura, won the FAP National Award 2025. School Principal Gurpreet Singh Makkar had the honor of receiving the award from Rajya Sabha member Satnam Singh Sandhu. Principal Makkar, while adding to the information, said that this award was given to the school after evaluating various activities of the school such as two students of class X securing 94 percent marks in academic achievements, many first and second places at the block and zonal level in sports.

DBU holds legal aid awareness camp at Sohag Heri to promote 'Nasha Mukti Abhiyan' and human rights protection

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, DEC 9

Desh Bhagat University organised a Legal Aid Awareness Camp at Village Sohag Heri under the theme "Nasha Mukti Abhiyan & Human Rights Day", led by the ADR Centre, Legal Aid Cell and Pro Bono Legal Service Club of the University School of Law, in collaboration with the Women Grievance Redressal Cell and NSS Unit.

Over 70 law students from LLB and BALLB (Hons.) participated, engaging with villagers to build awareness on drug de-addiction, fundamental rights and access to justice. The programme commenced with a welcome by Dr. Anu Mutneja, followed by insightful remarks from faculty members Dr. Arti, Dr. Prabhjot Kaur Ghuman,



Ms. Manpreet Kaur and Mr. Sushan Bali. Experts highlighted the significance of Human Rights Day and sensitised attendees to the severe physical, social and psychological consequences of drug abuse. A detailed legal literacy session covered constitutional safeguards, Article 39A, services of Legal Aid Authorities, and legal protections for women, children and senior citizens. Villagers actively participated in an interactive Q&A, seeking guid-

ance on land disputes, domestic violence and welfare schemes. Pamphlets on drug prevention and legal rights were distributed, followed by a collective pledge for a drug-free society. Village Sarpanch Gursewak Singh praised the initiative for empowering rural residents. DBU Chancellor Dr. Zora Singh and Pro-Chancellor Dr. Tajinder Kaur lauded the effort, calling such outreach vital for strengthening legal awareness and ensuring justice for all.

Satnam Sandhu demands recognition of teachers' fraternity from private schools & institutions on lines of honours given to government educators

SULTANPUR LODHI (ARVIND PATHAK): Raising the issue of granting formal national recognition to the teachers of private educational institutions in the country, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Satnam Singh Sandhu strongly advocated the matter during Zero Hour in the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament, stating that their contributions in improving the quality of education,



consistent rise of Indian institutions in global rankings, strengthening research output and elevating India's global academic standing, have not received 'due recognition in all these years'.

Urging the union government to formally recognize the invaluable contributions made by teachers serving in private educational institutions, speaking in Rajya Sabha, MP Satnam Sandhu emphasized that "issue is not merely about numbers but about quality". MP Sandhu further added From the freedom struggle to working towards the realizing the vision of Viksit Bharat, teachers have shaped the destiny of the nation for decades and remained deeply engaged in nation-building even today. Highlighting India's growing global academic recognition, Sandhu said, "Stanford University in the United States, which annually releases the list of the world's top 2 percent scientists, has included the names of 6,239 Indian teachers in its latest list which indeed is a moment of immense national pride.

NEWS BRIEF

Police crack home theft case; technology helps expose daughter as accused

RAJNISH SHARMA
HAMIRPUR: Hamirpur Sadar Police have solved a house theft case with swift action and the help of modern technology. The case began when Sumna Devi, a resident of Ropa village, reported that gold and silver jewellery along with cash were stolen from her home on the night of November 27. Acting promptly on the complaint, the team led by Additional Superintendent of Police Rajesh Sharma and SHO Inspector Kulwant Singh initiated an investigation. Police inspected the crime scene, recorded statements and thoroughly analyzed technical data, including mobile call details. During the investigation, suspicion grew around the victim's daughter, Komal, who was called for questioning. Under the pressure of mounting evidence, she eventually confessed to committing the theft. Police arrested her and obtained remand. Based on her disclosure, the team successfully recovered gold and silver jewellery worth nearly Rs. 17 lakh from Barnala, Punjab.

Vinay Kumar pledges to uphold the dignity of party workers



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, DEC 9

Pradesh Congress President Vinay Kumar assured party workers that he will be a strong voice for them and pledged to address their concerns as part of his responsibilities. Traveling from Chandigarh to Mandi today, he met with party workers across Swarghat, Bharadi, Sundernagar, Nachan, and Balh assembly areas. Vinay Kumar said that the party high command has entrusted him with an important organizational responsibility in the state. He

expressed gratitude to the central leadership, including Congress National President Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi, and MP Rajni Patil, for the trust placed in him, and vowed to fully live up to it. He urged party workers to strengthen their efforts and assured them that they would receive full recognition and respect within the organization. This was his first visit to the Mandi region, and he announced plans to soon tour all blocks to directly engage with party workers.

Sanjeevani foundation emphasizes collective action for "Chitta-free Himachal"

DINESH AGARWAL.
SHIMLA: The Sanjeevani Foundation held a press conference at the Shimla Press Club today, highlighting the latest efforts to make Himachal Pradesh free from the abuse of the narcotic 'Chitta' and sharing the key outcomes of a recent state-level workshop. Addressing the media, Foundation President Mahendra Dharmani said that a state-level workshop on "Chitta par Chot" was held on December 7, inaugurated by Governor Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla. The Governor urged coordinated and collective action for drug elimination. Experts including Dr. Nidhi, Head

of Psychiatry at IGMCH, senior police officer Arvind Negi, and senior advocate Piyush Verma discussed medical, administrative,



and legal aspects of tackling drug abuse. Mr. Dharmani outlined the Foundation's strategy moving forward: Collective effort: Success in making Himachal "Chitta-free" requires collaboration among government, administration, social organizations, and the enlightened sections of society.

Trees on private land to ensure regular income as carbon credit scheme launched in Una

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, DEC 9

Farmers and landowners of Una district have received a major boost with the launch of the carbon credit scheme, under which income can be generated not by cutting trees but by protecting and nurturing them. District Forest Officer, Una, Sushil Rana shared details of the initiative, stating that farmers would now be able to earn sustainable income by safeguarding trees planted on their private land.

He said that earlier, farmers earned money only by cutting trees, but the new scheme focuses on environmental conservation while ensuring financial benefits. With the objective of promoting environmental protection and enhancing farmers' income, the Himachal Pradesh government has signed a significant memorandum of understanding



under the "Evergreen Project" with Prockline Services Limited Company. Under this agreement, a target has been set to plant 2.5 million saplings across 50,000 hectares in the state. For Una district, the plantation target has been fixed at five lakh saplings in 2026 and another five lakh in 2027. The plantation will be carried out entirely on private land, enabling farmers to gain direct economic benefits. As per the new arrangement, farmers will receive Rs 20 per sapling at the time of plantation and Rs 50 once the sapling successfully grows.

Sukhu government has ruined Himachal Pradesh in 3 years: Trilok Kapoor

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: BJP state senior spokesperson Trilok Kapoor launched a scathing attack on the Congress government, saying that the people of the state are suffering today for their rights and facilities, but the Congress government is shamelessly going to celebrate "three years of decline and downfall" on December 11th. He said that the Congress high command is also well aware that a "government of misery" is running in Himachal Pradesh today, which is why even the national leaders of the Congress are shying away from attending this so-called celebration. This clearly shows that the central leadership of the Congress has also accepted the complete failure of its Himachal government. Trilok Kapoor said that the Congress government is staging a celebration to cover up its three years of failures, while the truth is that the government has pushed the Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC), considered the lifeline of the state, into a deep crisis. The total loss of HRTC has crossed Rs. 2200 crore. More than Rs. 500 crore in payments to over 9000 pensioners is pending. Employees are struggling to get their medical bills paid, while accident victims are not receiving timely compensation. Despite this, the HRTC is sinking into a loss of approximately Rs. 70 crore every month. He said that celebrating in such circumstances is the height of financial hypocrisy and insensitivity. For the Congress government, only political showmanship is paramount, not public welfare.



BJP Himachal gears up for JP Nadda's visit, Dr. Rajeev Bindal reviews preparations



DINESH AGARWAL.
SHIMLA: With the visit of BJP National President and Union Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda to Shimla confirmed, state BJP President Dr. Rajeev Bindal has gone into full action mode. Dr. Bindal convened an important review meeting at the party's state office at Deep Kamal to finalize the arrangements for the upcoming programs scheduled on December 12-13, including the grand felicitation ceremony and the foundation stone laying of the new state-level BJP office at Peterhoff Ground. BJP General Secretary and program coordinator Sanjeev Katwal informed the media that the review meeting, chaired by Dr. Bindal, covered all aspects of the December 13 events, emphasizing discipline, grandeur, and seamless execution. Dr. Bindal instructed all party units, cells, and fronts to complete their assigned responsibilities in a timely manner to ensure the events run smoothly. He highlighted that this visit is particularly significant as it is Mr. Nadda's first trip to Himachal following the BJP-NDA's historic victory in Bihar. In parallel, a special meeting of the Shimla district BJP Mahila Morcha was held under the chairmanship of state Mahila Morcha President Daisy Thakur.

Dy CM inspects state's first sensor-based driving training track and traffic park



KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri on Monday evening inspected the progress of the driving training track and traffic park being developed at Rora in Haroli at a cost of Rs 6.50 crore. During the inspection, he directed officials to speed up the work while ensuring that there is no compromise on quality standards. The Deputy Chief Minister clearly instructed the construction agency and departmental officers to complete all works within the stipulated time frame and with high quality. He said that this model traffic park would serve as a benchmark for the entire state. This facility is being developed as the state's first sensor-based, ultra-modern traffic park. It will be equipped with the latest technology for driving licence trials, sensor-enabled automated systems for vehicle passing and inspection, as well as modern arrangements for road safety training and awareness programmes.

National executive meeting of Media Council of Journalists concludes in Haridwar



SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: The two-day national executive meeting of the Media Council of Journalists concluded at the holy Dham in Bhupatwala, Haridwar, under the chairmanship of the Council's national vice-president Shanti Kumar. Journalists from across the country participated in the meeting. The proceedings of the meeting were conducted by the national general secretary of the Media Council of Journalists, Pradeep Sharma. Sharing details, Sharma said that Tanmay Vashisth, general secretary of Shri Ganga Sabha, Haridwar, and Pandit Anshul Shrikunj, president and director of Pawan Dham Ashram, along with Nitin Gautam, were present as chief guests. During the meeting, the national executive was expanded, and senior journalist Shivkumar Kaushik from Bhiwara, Rajasthan, was unanimously appointed as national vice-president of the Media Council of Journalists. Various important issues concerning journalists were discussed in depth, including the long-pending demand for a journalist protection law and other key welfare-related matters. Following deliberations, a detailed memorandum of demands was prepared, which will be submitted to the Government of India in the near future.

Nauni varsity to hold 14th convocation today

DINESH AGARWAL.
SHIMLA: Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry (UHF), Nauni, will hold its 14th Convocation on December 10, marking another milestone in its journey of educational excellence. The Governor of Himachal Pradesh and Chancellor of the University, Shiv Pratap Shukla, will preside over the convocation function. Dr Sanjay Kumar, Chairman, Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, GOI will be the Guest of Honour and deliver the convocation address. The event will take place at the Dr. LS Negi Auditorium of the university, with several dignitaries from the state also in attendance. During the convocation, a total of 855 degrees will be awarded, including 470 undergraduate, 177 postgraduate, and 208 doctorate degrees in disciplines such as Horticulture, Forestry, Biotechnology, and Agribusiness management programmes. Additionally, 12 gold medals and 518 Certificates of Merit will be presented to deserving students in recognition of their academic achievements. Established on December 1, 1985, the university was founded to promote education, research, and extension education in Horticulture, Forestry and allied fields. While formally established in 1985, the roots of the university trace back to the College of Agriculture, Solan, which began its operations in 1962.



State govt rekindles hope for Koldam displaced families after 15 years, launches time-bound action plan

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, DEC 9

After nearly 15 years of uncertainty, the long-pending concerns of Koldam displaced families received a major push as the State Government convened a crucial meeting of the State-Level Koldam Displaced Rehabilitation and Advisory Committee at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Bilaspur. Chaired by Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi, the meeting signaled a renewed, action-oriented commitment to comprehensive rehabilitation. Revenue Minister Negi stated emphatically that the government is fully committed to safeguarding the rights of every displaced family. "Not even the last displaced person will be left behind. All rights and entitlements will be delivered without fail," he said, assuring that the government will remove every



bottleneck that has persisted for years. To accelerate progress, the Minister directed the Deputy Commissioners of Bilaspur and Mandi to form a joint committee headed by SDM Bilaspur Sadar and SDM Sundernagar. The committee will conduct a ground-level assessment — with video evidence and documented facts — and submit a detailed report within one month. He clarified that this probe will be accountability-driven, not a formality. One of the key issues discussed was the

alarming rise of silt in Koldam from Tatapani to Sunni and the related risk of flooding during monsoons. The Minister instructed NTPC to devise a permanent technical solution, while directing Deputy Commissioners to issue notices under the Dam Safety Act and Disaster Management Act. Concerns over inadequate employment opportunities for displaced families were also raised strongly. The Minister ordered preparation of a detailed list of all displaced persons provided jobs since the project began, enabling corrective action in the next meeting. Negi further directed NTPC to utilize LADF and CSR funds strictly according to the real needs of affected communities. He also mandated that no project in affected areas will be approved without joint consultation involving local residents, panchayat representatives, and the administration.

Dr Sikander Kumar flags youth migration from Himachal, seeks start-up and work-from-Himachal mission



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Rajya Sabha MP and BJP state general secretary Dr Sikander Kumar on Monday raised serious concern in the House over the migration of youth from Himachal Pradesh due to the lack of industries and employment opportunities in the state. Speaking during the proceedings, Dr Kumar said that educated youth from Himachal are increasingly moving to cities such as Noida, Chandigarh, Delhi and other major urban centres in search of work. He pointed out that this migration adds to their financial burden, wastes productive time and forces young people to live away from their families. He said Himachal does not lack talent, but suffers from a shortage of opportunities. Urging the government to take concrete steps, Dr Kumar proposed the launch of dedicated start-up and "Work-from-Himachal" missions. He stressed the need to provide special incentives to small industries, IT services, e-commerce ventures and tourism-related businesses to generate employment within the state.

Target set to make Una drug-free district, DC underscores key role of educational institutions



KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, DEC 9

With the aim of accelerating the Himachal Pradesh government's anti-drug campaign and making Una a drug-free district, Deputy Commissioner Jatinder Lal on Tuesday chaired an important meeting at the DRDA conference hall. Principals of all colleges in the district along with heads and administrative officers of ITI institutions were present at the meeting. Highlighting the crucial role of educational institutions in eradicating drug abuse, the Deputy Commissioner stressed the need for a coordinated, strong and practical strategy. He said the fight against drugs could only be won when

educational institutions, parents, society and the administration worked together in a joint effort. He urged college and ITI authorities to closely monitor students' behaviour and ensure timely counselling and necessary action if any student showed signs of abnormal behaviour, stress, sadness or social withdrawal. The Deputy Commissioner instructed that if anyone was found attempting to sell drugs to students near school, college or ITI campuses, the police should be informed immediately so that such illegal networks could be eliminated at the root. Referring to the growing impact of mobile phone usage, Jatinder Lal said excessive and unnecessary use of mobile phones was

contributing to drug tendencies, bad company and stress among children. He appealed to parents and teachers to discourage unnecessary mobile use and motivate students to engage in positive activities. He also emphasised that students lagging behind in any activity should be encouraged and given responsibility instead of being scolded, to help build their confidence. He directed educational institutions to regularly organise activities such as Swachh Bharat Abhiyan drives, sports competitions, yoga sessions, music, dance, art and other physical and creative programmes within their campuses to channelise the energy of youth in a positive direction.

Jan Sankalp is people's movement, not celebration; BJP uneasy ahead of Mandi mega event: Sandeep Sankhyan

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, DEC 9

Former State Congress Media Coordinator Sandeep Sankhyan launched a sharp political attack, asserting that the BJP is visibly uncomfortable with the upcoming state-level Jan Sankalp event scheduled to be held in Mandi. He claimed that the event is not a celebration of three years of governance but a renewed struggle for public amenities and people's rights. Sankhyan said that ever since the announcement of the Jan Sankalp program, the BJP — already divided into factions — has been on the back foot. "Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu and the Congress government have completed



three impactful years. The BJP, defeated even after its failed Operation Lotus attempt last year, is now venting frustration by blocking funds meant for the people of Himachal," he alleged. He said the central government is withholding Rs, 12,000 crore that belongs to state employees. "In the past three years, disaster relief funds have not been

released despite full assessments. During his visit to disaster-hit areas, the Prime Minister announced Rs, 1,500 crore, but the state has received only Rs. 451 crore so far. Is the Prime Minister misleading the people of Himachal?" he questioned. Sankhyan stated that despite severe financial constraints, the Congress government has stood like a warrior for the people of the state, "Jan Sankalp is not a celebration of tenure; it is a reaffirmation of commitment to the people's welfare," he said. He further added that BJP leaders and Himachal MPs at the Centre are still troubled by the fact that, despite Operation Lotus, they were unable to topple the elected Congress government.

NEWS BRIEF

Sanjay Sood appointed as Head of Forest Force in Himachal

AGENCY SHIMLA: Himachal Government has appointed senior Indian Forest Service officer Sanjay Sood (IFS-1993) as Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force). The appointment has been approved on the recommendations of the Special Selection Committee, according to an official notification issued here on Tuesday. Sood, who has been serving as Managing Director of the H.P. State Forest Development Corporation Ltd., has been placed in the Apex Scale with a fixed pay of Rs 2,25,000. His appointment takes effect immediately. The officer would also hold the additional charge of Managing Director, H.P. State Forest Development Corporation Ltd., and Chief Project Director, JICA, in the public interest.

Winter Festival to be held in Dalhousie from Dec 25 to 31



BALKRISHAN PRASHAR CHAMBA: Deputy Commissioner of Chamba Mukesh Repaswal today said that the administration is going to host Dalhousie Winter Festival-2025, which would be held from December 25 to 31 at the Dalhousie hill station. Presiding over a meeting in this regard, DC stated that this festival is crucial in promoting winter tourism in Dalhousie, and asked the officials that all preparations must be completed in a timely manner. He directed the SDM, Dalhousie, to ensure all necessary arrangements for the event at Subhash Chowk and Gandhi Chowk. DC also said that heritage walks should be organized every morning during the festival in collaboration with the Hotel Association, so that tourists and locals could experience Dalhousie's ancient heritage and cultural significance. He directed that cultural programs would be presented for two to three hours each evening from December 25 to 30. On December 31, the final evening of the festival, cultural performances would continue until midnight, so that the New Year could be welcomed in a festive atmosphere.

50 NDPS cases registered in Barnala during last month, DC holds meeting regarding work of various departments

KARANPREET KARAN BARNALA, DEC 9

Deputy Commissioner Barnala T. Benith held a meeting with the officials to review the work of various departments of the district. During the beginning of the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner said that under the Punjab Government's campaign 'War on Drugs' in Barnala district, the district administration, police department and health department are making people aware and are also cracking down on drug smugglers. On this occasion, SP (D) Ashok Kumar said that during the last month, Barnala police recovered 3231 narcotic tablets, narcotic capsules, 365 grams of heroin, and other narcotics. He said that during the last month, 50 cases have been registered under NDPS. He

EC has no legal right to conduct SIR: MP Manish Tewari

AGENCY NEW DELHI, DEC 9

A heated debate on electoral reforms is on in Parliament on Tuesday, with the opposition led by Congress MP Manish Tewari launching a sharp attack on the Election Commission of India (ECI), questioning both its neutrality and its legal authority to conduct the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter lists. Addressing the House, Tewari said, "It is unfortunate that many members here are having to raise questions on the neutrality of the Election Commission of India." Tewari suggested that the first reform should be an amendment to the law concerning the selection of EC members. "The first reform that should happen is an amendment to the law governing the selection of members of the Election Commission. My suggestion is that the LoP Lok Sabha and the Chief Justice of India should be added to



the committee of the Election Commission," he said. The Congress MP also criticised the ongoing Systematic Internal Reforms (SIR) process in various states. "SIR is ongoing in many states in the country, but the Election Commission of India has no legal justification to hold SIR," he remarked, questioning the Commission's authority to implement such reforms. The lower house of Parliament has begun

discussions on election reforms, including the SIR exercise initiated by the Election Commission of India (ECI) across various states. The opposition parties have been demanding a debate on SIR for months, with Congress alleging discrepancies in the voter list. Congress MP and Leader of Opposition (LoP) Lok Sabha is likely to intervene on the discussion. The LoP has been a vocal critic of SIR, alleging that the government is using the process to delete genuine voters. KC Venugopal is one of the senior Congress leaders participating in the debate on election reforms. Others include Manish Tewari, Varsha Gaikwad, Mohammed Javaid, Ujjwal Raman Singh, Isa Khan, Ravi Mallu, Imran Masood, Gowaal Padavi, and S Jyotimani. In Rajya Sabha, Union Home Minister Amit Shah is likely to initiate the discussion on SIR. A total of 10 hours has been earmarked for the entire discussion in the Lok

Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. Meanwhile, the Election Commission of India will conduct the second phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls across 12 states and Union Territories, with the final voter list scheduled to be published on February 21, 2026. The first phase of SIR was completed in Bihar in September ahead of the Assembly elections. The exercise covers Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal. According to the ECI, printing and training for the exercise were conducted from October 28 to November 3, followed by an Enumeration Phase from November 4 to December 4. Draft Electoral Rolls will be published on December 9, followed by a claims and objections period from December 9 to January 8, 2026.

Technical session organised on second day of ongoing national training under Indo-Israel Project



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, DEC 9

A technical session was organized on the second day of the ongoing 3-day national training under the Indo-Israel Project at the Horticulture Training Institute, Uchani. In the technical session, bee expert Moran Siti, who came mainly from Israel, while addressing the horticulture officials from all over the country, said that not only in India but in the whole world, the demand for honey was continuously increasing. He further says that while the demand is high, but the production is not as per the demand. This is the reason why

farmers can earn more profits in beekeeping. As the field of beekeeping is growing, many challenges are also emerging accordingly. It is very important to know how to deal with these challenges, which need to be dealt with in time. He said that there are many challenges faced by beekeepers in Israel and how they were dealt with was explained in detail in the technical session. Dr. OP Choudhary, Regional Director of CCS HAU Karnal informed about pest and disease management. Assistant Expert of MHU, Dr. Gaurav said that he informed the participants about the importance of pollination through beekeeping.

PAU Principal agronomist awarded ISA fellow

SHASHI PAL JAIN LUDHIANA, DEC 9

Dr Sohan Singh Walia, Principal Agronomist-cum-Director, School of Organic and Natural Farming, Punjab Agricultural University, has been awarded "ISA Fellow" by The Indian Society of Agronomy, New Delhi, during the Sixth International Agronomy Congress on "Re-envisioning Agronomy for Smart Agri-food Systems and Environmental Stewardship", held at CSIR-NPL, New Delhi, from November 24-26, 2025. Dr Walia is working as Principal Agronomist in the School of Organic Farming. He started organic farming research as a pioneer work at PAU as Ph.D. student (2001-04) and then worked on organic farming and integrated farming systems in the All India Co-ordinated Research Project on "Integrated Farming Systems and



Network Project on Organic Farming." Besides, he has played a foremost role in developing infrastructure, state-of-the-art model of an integrated farming system, and other research facilities in AICRP-Integrated Farming System project. He has also handled 24 projects and currently five projects are in hand. Additionally, he is involved in 35 product testing. Dr Walia has published 495 research and extension papers in reputed journals/magazines/newspapers; co-authored nine books; 21 book chapters; nine

practical manuals; one research bulletin; four extension bulletins, and delivered 43 TV and Radio talks besides guiding 11 M.Sc and four Ph.D. students. He has also participated in 44 national and international conferences/ meetings. For his outstanding contributions to organic farming, Dr Walia has been decorated with the Best Organic Farming Centre Award (2019) by ICAR; Dr MS Randhawa Best Book Award (2017); Fellow, Indian Ecological Society (2016); Gold Medal by the Society of Recent Development in Agriculture (2013); ISA Best Paper Award alongwith a cash prize of Rs 5,000/- by the Indian Society of Agronomy (2011); S. Deshmukh Young Agronomist Award (2005) by the Indian Society of Agronomy; and Fellow, Society of Environmental Sciences (2004).

Instructions to identify place for shelter for stray dogs



KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: As per the instructions of the Supreme Court, a meeting was held under the Animal Birth Control Program and Management of Stray Animals under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Barnala T. Benith regarding the care of stray animals, especially stray dogs, in the district. During the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner asked the officials to make arrangements to set up shelters for the care of stray dogs. He said that after vaccination or sterilization of dogs, a place should be identified and appropriate arrangements should be made to keep them in the shelter so that the common people do not face any problem. Meanwhile, he instructed the Health Department to ensure the storage of vaccinations to protect them from rabies. He instructed the Municipal Council, Animal Husbandry Department and other concerned departments to fulfill their due responsibility for the care of dogs as per the instructions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Members of expert committee aware students of Navyug Sr Sec School, Mohan Nagar about cleanliness



HANS RAJ YADAV KURUKSHETRA: On Monday under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan being run by the Municipal Council Thanesar at Navyug Senior Secondary School, Mohan Nagar, Kurukshetra, the members of the Information, Education and Propagation Expert Committee, Birendra Kumar Bhardwaj, Vijay and Mati Preeti explained in detail to the students about the importance of keeping wet and dry garbage separate. They told that the citizens should segregate wet and dry waste and put it in the Municipal Council bins so that compost and other useful things can be made and the pollution can be reduced. Keep kitchen waste like vegetable and fruit peels, left over food, egg shells, tea leaves separately. Plastic, paper, cardboard, metal, rubber, thermocol, old clothes, medicines should be kept separate from wet waste. Biogas can be made from this waste. On this occasion, Principal of the school, Dr. Devendra Arora said that it was very important to separate waste as it increased recycling, reduced the burden of landfills, pollution, saves natural resources and avoided soil and water contamination hence thereby protecting both the environment and human health.

National CME workshop organised at RBU

LK BANSAL MOHALI, DEC 9

Rayat Bahra University conducted the 1st National CME Workshop on "Clinical Andrology Meets Reproductive Immunology". The event was organised by the Department of Clinical Embryology & Reproductive Genetics (CERG) in collaboration with Origin LIFE Healthcare, with academic support from the Indian Immunology Society. Over 200 participants from reputed institutions including Lovely Professional MMU Mullana, GNA University, CT University, Dolphin PG College, Chitkara University, and several other universities across India took part in this national academic initiative. The workshop opened with an inaugural ceremony led by Dipneet Kaur, Director & Head, CERG; Prof. Sunil K. Arora, Professor of Eminence & Convener; and Dr. Sanjay



Kumar, Group Vice-Chancellor, Rayat Bahra University, who presided as the Chief Guest. The day featured expert talks by eminent speakers, including Dr. Satish K. Gupta, former Deputy Director, National Institute of Immunology; Dr. Prabheet Kaur; Dr. Harjeet Kaur; Santoshi Kadam; and Dr. Vikal Jagveer Singh. Sessions covered immune mechanisms in infertility, human fertilisation and placenta, IVF workflow, reproductive endocrinology, and AI innovations in male infertility. A Poster Walk Session and an in-depth panel discussion featuring experts including Dr. Sunil K. Arora, Dr. Surjeet Kumar, and Dr. Nina Gupta enhanced scientific interaction and academic dialogue. Day 2 emphasised advanced laboratory-based training, offering two hands-on modules on sperm preparation using density gradient centrifugation and microfluidics, and sperm DNA fragmentation testing conducted by specialists, including Aditi Shirsat, Dr. Ritu Gupta, Dr. Vikal Jagveer Singh and Dr. Priyanka Sharma.

'Healthy Food Competition' organised at Stepping Stones School



AMRISH ANAND DORAHA: A Healthy Food Competition was organized at Stepping Stones School today, in which students presented nutritious and creatively prepared tiffins, impressing everyone with their efforts. The main objective of this competition was to create awareness among children about the importance of healthy eating. Students showcased their creativity and understanding of nutrition by including fruits, sprouts, healthy sandwiches, and homemade nutritious food items in their tiffins. Teachers said that such activities inspire children to adopt a healthier lifestyle. School Principal, Ms. Jyoti Sharma, stated that Stepping Stones School will continue to organize such educational and creative activities for the character-building and overall development of students.

Bear intrusions create panic in Khalkupar Village; residents urge immediate action

SUBHASH MAHAJAN DALHOUSIE: Residents of Khalkupar village on the Jandri Ghat road near the popular tourist destination Dalhousie are living in fear after repeated bear intrusions over the past two nights. According to locals, wild bears have been entering homes, causing extensive damage and creating an atmosphere of panic in the area. Villagers have appealed to the administration and the Forest Department to take urgent action to ensure their safety and prevent any potential loss of life or property. The homes of Jagdish Kumar, Satish Pradhan, Jwala, Joginder Tandon, Subhash Kumar and C.L. Tikku were targeted by bears on consecutive nights. While no injuries were reported, the animals damaged windows, doors and security grills. CCTV footage from some houses—now viral on social media—shows the bears breaking security nets, attempting to enter through windows, and then leaving after causing destruction. Houses without CCTV cameras are relying on eyewitness accounts to describe the terror caused by these incidents. Jagdish Kumar, a resident, shared that he and his family were asleep on the upper floor of their house when a bear entered the vacant lower floor. The bear even tried to climb to the upper floor and broke the door in an attempt to enter.



Seva Trust UK (India) organises drug prevention awareness campaign in various schools

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER BARARA, DEC 9

Seva Trust UK (India) organized a drug prevention awareness campaign in various government schools in the villages of Adhoya, Ugala, Kambasi, Kambas, Holi, Duliana, Simbla, Tangail, Gaganpur in the Barara block, under the chairmanship of Principal Rajesh Parashar, Bimla Devi and school in-charges. Members of Seva Trust UK's State President Pawan Parashar, Dr. Balwant Singh, Veerbhan, Jitendra Kumar, Rishabh Jain, Harvinder Chhabra, Vinod Kumar, Ravindra Singh and others, sensitized students to stay away from drugs and take their education seriously. Addressing the students, they explained that drugs destroyed a student's life, while



education provided a bright future. Therefore, students should completely distance themselves from drugs and focus solely on their education. This is their duty and the key to a bright and successful future. On this occasion, Parashar informed that for the past several years, under the leadership of Mr Naresh Mittal, various types of social works were being done by Seva Trust and now a multi-facility home is being constructed on one and a half

acre land in village Saha of district Ambala, in which children suffering from DMD will be treated free of cost. Along with this, for the empowerment of women, they will be given free sewing, embroidery and computer education and they will be made capable of self-employment. Day care centre and diagnostic lab are being constructed for the elderly. He appealed to everyone to contribute enthusiastically in this construction work.

Block-level campaign seminar on Mission Buniyaad and Haryana Super100 organised

RK KASHYAP CHHACHHRAULI, DEC 9

A block-level campaign seminar on Mission Buniyaad and Haryana Super 100 was successfully held at the local Government Senior Secondary School, with active participation from 107 schools in the block. Approximately 300 students and teachers attended the seminar. Each school included three students from grades 8th and 10th and one teacher. During the seminar, the students were provided detailed information about the registration process, examination dates and various aspects of the program of Mission Buniyaad and Haryana Super 100. Online registration for Mission Buniyaad has started and the last date for which is



December 16 and the examination will be held on December 24. The registration deadline for Haryana Super 100 is scheduled for February 11. Emphasis was placed on ensuring that only students scoring 60 per cent or more are enrolled in both programs. It was reported that more than 100 students have secured admission to IITs through Haryana Super

100. Similarly, Mission Buniyaad's residential program has also begun, under which selected students will study in hostels located in Hisar and Kurukshetra. The chief guest of the program, Block Education Officer Ashok Dhiman, gave clear instructions to all schools to ensure 100 per cent registration of eligible students from the Pataudi block.

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Meeting will be held at Rajput Dharamshala on December 14 to discuss election

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: A general body meeting of Maharana Pratap Smriti Bhawan Committee is being organized on Sunday, December 14, in view of upcoming elections. Meeting, which will be held at 10:00 AM at Rajput Dharamshala in Sector 8, will be presided over by chairman of ad-hoc committee, Rajendra Singh. On same day, grand statue of Maharana Pratap which has been installed in premises of Dharamshala, will also be unveiled. Collegium prepared for elections will also be approved and discussions will be held regarding upcoming elections. He informed that office bearers of Rajput Sabha are elected either by consensus or through general elections which are always conducted peacefully. This meeting has been called to discuss upcoming elections of Rajput Sabha.

North Railway Mazdoor Union honours outstanding railway sportspersons in Panipat

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA PANIPAT: The North Railway Mazdoor Union organised a meeting at the Panipat railway station on Tuesday and felicitated railway employees who have delivered outstanding performance in sports and service. Providing details, Panipat branch representatives Sachin and Mahender Kumar said the Railway Mazdoor Union has been consistently working to safeguard the interests of railway employees, ensuring their morale remains high and that no injustice is done to them. They said regular meetings are organised to review issues related to employees' welfare. As part of this initiative, a review meeting was held under the chairmanship of branch organisation secretary Sushil Mahla. During the meeting, GPFO employee Jagroop, RRP employee Rakesh Kumar and volleyball player Aman Chaudhary were honoured for their commendable contributions and achievements. The organisers said such recognition motivates employees and sportspersons to perform better.

Officers and employees perform outstanding work will be rewarded on Good Governance Day: DC

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: Under Haryana Government, officers and employees who have performed exceptionally well during year 2024-2025 will be given 'Good Governance Award' on December 25. Last date for applying is December 13. DC Preeti said that Haryana Good Governance Award Scheme launched by Haryana Government aims to promote excellence in governance by rewarding those officers and employees whose innovative practices and exceptional efforts contribute to better governance across the state. She informed that all eligible employees (regular or contractual) of various departments, boards, corporations, societies, universities and undertakings under Haryana Government can apply for Haryana Good Governance Award through their respective office heads, heads of departments or concerned administrative secretaries on online portal haryanagoodgovernanceawards.haryana.gov.in by December 13. After selecting project/scheme/program, nominations will be made. She clarified that Administrative Secretaries, Heads of Departments and IAS officers are not included in this scheme.



Congress launches national talent hunt campaign

SANJAY SHARMA KAITHAL, DECEMBER 9:

The Indian National Congress has launched a nationwide talent hunt programme under its organisational rejuvenation drive to identify and appoint spokespersons and social media office-bearers as part of its "Save Democracy" campaign. The initiative is being coordinated by the party's Communication and Media Department and aims to provide a platform to new and capable voices aligned with the Congress ideology.

The programme was formally held at Koyal Campus in Kaithal, where state convenor and coordinator Rai Singh Gurjar participated as the chief guest. The event was presided over by Kaithal District Congress Committee president Ramchandra Gurjar Dhand, while state-level representative of the talent hunt committee and Pradesh spokesperson Suresh Road was also present.

CM Flying raids unrecognised private school in Madanpura, orders immediate closure

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA HISAR, DEC 9

A CM Flying team on Tuesday conducted a raid on a privately run, unrecognised school in Madanpura village of the Uklana area in Hisar district and ordered its immediate closure after finding serious violations of education norms.

During the surprise inspection, the team discovered that a school operating under the name Pal Middle School was running classes from nursery up to Class X without any official recognition. The inspection revealed an unorganised environment and blatant disregard for prescribed rules, following which directions were issued to shut down the institution with immediate effect.

The raid was led by CM Flying Hisar Range in-charge Sunaina, accompanied by Sub-Divisional Education Officer Vijender Singh, SI Jitender, Head Constable Jitender and Vijay. Sunaina stated that the team had received information about an unauthorised school functioning in Madanpura village, where students were allegedly being taught without basic facilities and in an unsuitable educational environment. Upon reaching the spot, the team found that around 62 students were enrolled from nursery to Class X. Adequate



seating arrangements were missing, and the campus did not meet the minimum standards required for an educational institution.

During the inspection, documents related to Sunrise Senior Secondary School, Khairi, including DMCs, some blank character certificates and records linked to Swami Vivekanand School, Uklana, were also recovered from the premises. When school operator Pankaj was asked to produce recognition-related documents, he failed to submit any valid approval.

In view of these irregularities, Sub-Divisional Education Officer Vijender Singh ordered the immediate clo-

sure of the school. The students were sent home safely, and arrangements are being made to shift them to nearby recognised schools as per cluster norms to ensure that their education is not disrupted. A detailed report has been prepared and forwarded to the Education Department for further action.

CM Flying in-charge Sunaina said the state government is committed to ensuring that every child receives quality and modern education. She added that necessary facilities are being strengthened in government schools across villages and urged parents to remain vigilant and avoid enrolling their children in illegal or unrecognised institutions.

Jan Kalyan Manch distributes shoes and socks to students at Raogarh School

DALBIR MALIK KURUKSHETRA, DEC 9

Social service organization Jan Kalyan Manch Kurukshetra is continuously engaged in social service activities. Continuing this endeavor, today, Jan Kalyan Manch Kurukshetra distributed shoes and socks to students at government school in Raogarh village. School in-charge, Vijay Pal, warmly welcomed organization's president, Dalbir Malik, General Secretary Master Baldev Singh Saini, Senior Vice President Ramesh Dutt Sharma, Patron D.R. Bhatnagar, Treasurer Dharam Singh Jognakheda, Project Coordinator Anil Kapoor, Shiv Kirmach, and Secretary Kuldeep Singh Saini upon their arrival at the school. Dalbir Malik of Jan Kalyan Manch Kurukshetra said that helping the needy and helpless is a very virtuous act and therefore, every



capable person should definitely help needy and helpless during winter season. Organization's General Secretary, Sardar Baldev Singh Saini, said that students should acquire good values along with education. Senior Vice President Ramesh Dutt Sharma said that excessive use of mobile phones is harmful for students. He advised them to read biographies of great personalities to become well-mannered. Organization's patron DR Bhatnagar and advisor, Rajkumar Walia, enlightened stu-

Public participation essential for real reform: Harvinder Kalyan



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA GHARAUNDA, DEC 9

Haryana Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan stopped his convoy late Sunday evening and went for a walk in markets of Gharaunda city with his staff and other residents. He closely examined various activities in city where he noticed several shortcomings which he took seriously and discussed with city residents present there. Walking through city, Speaker connected idea of making Gharaunda cleaner and more developed with public participation. He discussed shortcomings and instructed prominent citizens present to share this matter with various city organizations and enlightened citizens of society. He appealed to Municipal Chairman Happy Lak Gupta and all city councilors to engage in dialogue with general public on all these issues. He also said that he himself would hold a meeting with the officials and councilors to prepare a blueprint for city's planning so that Gharaunda can be made even better with everyone's participation and cooperation and more facilities can be provided to the people. He said that the government can provide budget, but en-

suring cleanliness and beauty of city and establishing a good system and environment requires public participation, which is only possible through combined efforts of prominent individuals and organizations of society. Matter was about freeing city from traffic congestion and making it better, more beautiful and cleaner on which Speaker appeared quite serious. Late Sunday evening, when Speaker Kalyan saw city choked with traffic, he asked people present to engage in dialogue with all social and religious organizations of city as well as prominent citizens, so that everyone can discuss making city encroachment-free, clean and beautifying it, and ensuring public participation. He said that he too would hold a meeting with everyone and urge for increased public participation. During this walking tour, people also shared their views on various issues with Speaker Kalyan. It is worth noting that late Sunday evening, Kalyan stopped his convoy and along with his staff walked through city's markets, closely observing city's infrastructure and services. During this time, he and his companions also ate golgappas (a popular Indian street food) at request of some shopkeepers.

Congress holds meeting in Indri regarding preparations for Delhi rally



MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: An important meeting of Congress workers was held at Irrigation Department guesthouse in Indri. It was chaired by Sachin Budhanpur, and detailed discussions were held regarding preparations for Congress's "Vote Thief, Leave Throne" rally to be held in Delhi on December 14. Dr. Sunil Pawar, National President of Rajiv Gandhi Panchayati Raj Organization, and Rajesh Ved, Rural District President who attended meeting were welcomed with garlands by Congress workers. During meeting, Congress leaders also celebrated Sonia Gandhi's birthday by cutting a cake and extending their best wishes. Dr. Sunil Pawar said that a large number of Congress workers from across state will participate in this rally being organized in Delhi under leadership of Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi. He assigned responsibilities to all Congress office-bearers of Indri region and urged them to reach Delhi in large numbers. Dr Pawar launched a scathing attack on BJP government in Haryana. He said that despite more than a year having passed, no major development work is visible on ground in state. Incidents of robbery, murder, and kidnapping are continuously increasing, which exposes government's failure. Taking a dig at Chief Minister Nayab Saini, he said that despite making big claims, his influence is nowhere to be seen. Meeting was attended by former minister Bhi Sain Mehra, constituency president Karam Singh Khanpur, former candidate Dr Navjot Kashyap along with numerous other workers including Yadwinder Sheoran, Prashant Arora, Sanjeev Panjokhra, Dhanpat Maur, Nahar Sandhu, Kiranpal Gheer, Nathi Ram Valmiki, Naresh Sandhu, Manjit Goldy, Sanjay Chandel, Bhushan Hansu Majra, Sunil, Balbir, Rohit Sheoran, Raju, Sucha Singh, and Rameshwar.

Teachers participate in capacity building programme

NIRMAL SAINI

RADOUR: Capacity building program on topic of Happy Classrooms was organized by CBSE at Maharaja Agrasen Senior Secondary Public School, Gumthala Rao as part of teacher training. Sapna Sharma and Taran Preet Kaur were main speakers at program. Principal Dr Sudesh Bansal presided over event. 60 teachers from different schools received training. Dr. Sudesh Bansal explained in detail how to create happy classrooms by fostering harmony between students and teachers. He expressed his gratitude to main speakers for making program a success.



Anti-Drug Campaign to run until January 6, active cooperation from all is essential: CJM

RANVIR PARASHAR

KAITHAL: Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) and Secretary of District Legal Services Authority, Kanwal Kumar, said that an anti-drug campaign has been launched by District Legal Services Authority under guidance of District and Sessions Judge Ajay Parashar. This campaign will run until January 6. All concerned departments should participate actively and contribute to making state drug-free. This campaign is an important step towards building a healthy and drug-free society, for which the active cooperation of all is essential. CJM Kanwal Kumar was giving information about the outline of the campaign in a meeting with various departments at his office today. He informed that under campaign, District Legal Services Authority will create awareness among students and the general public about ill effects of drugs through special programs. Authority will organize awareness camps at various places, villages, and schools in district under Drug-Free Haryana Mission. He informed that coordination has been established with various departments to make this campaign successful and to expand its reach at grassroots level. Health Department, Women and Child Development Department, Education Department, Higher Education Department, Police, and NGOs, among other departments, have been included in this initiative.



Prisoners' hard work gives new dimensions from Petrol Pump to Furniture Showroom

RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR, DEC 9

Haryana government's efforts towards reform are now clearly visible on ground.

Petrol pump started this year near Yamunanagar Central Jail where prisoners themselves work has become a center of attention. Significantly, a showroom for goods manufactured by prisoners is also being started on first floor of this petrol pump, so that general public can easily purchase their products. Currently, a large number of prisoners in jail are manufacturing products such as bakery items, furniture, iron racks, cupboards, beds, aloe vera juice, candies, rose water, and basil extract. Among these, wooden furniture is most popular and its quality is said to be even better than that available in market. District Jail Deputy Superintendent Vivek Sagwan informed that sheesham wood is purchased

from Forest Department, which allows products to be manufactured at a lower cost. Products made by prisoners have previously been displayed at various prestigious events. These include Kurukshetra



Gita Jayanti, Jagadhri, Surajkund Mela, Kapal Mochan Mela, Panchkula and other locations. Moreover, these goods were also sold at Gurugram jail, where sales worth lakhs of rupees were recorded. Jail man-

agement says that prisoners' craftsmanship is so strong that if a customer shows a photograph, prisoners can create exactly same furniture. This not only provides prisoners with skills but also earns them wages from government, which is especially helpful for those prisoners who do not receive family support from outside. Haryana government aims to develop jails as "reformatories"—where inmates not only learn discipline but also receive inspiration to move forward in life and stay away from crime. Prisoners also say that such efforts give them new confidence and open the way to a respectable livelihood upon their return to society. Significant aspect of all this is that prison management's objective is not only to create a crime-free society. Role of Director General of Prisons is crucial in this; it is through his efforts that all this has been made possible.



EDITORIAL

Crisis in the air

The IndiGo fiasco that led to chaos at airports across the country once again proves that it is always the common people who will end up paying the price for systemic failures in India, be it on the part of government regulators or private companies. Ironically, the regulations that were meant to protect the interests of the passengers turned out to be the reason for their untold hardship. IndiGo's famed tagline "On-Time, Every Time" sounded like a cruel taunt at thousands of stranded passengers who were left confused, angry and helpless. Among them were the hapless patients who missed their doctor appointments, job-seekers who missed their interviews and a couple who missed their own wedding. India's largest carrier, which controls over 60% of the domestic market, came as a completely clueless and unprofessional entity in the face of the meltdown following the abrupt cancellation of nearly 2,000 flights, causing all-around panic and confusion. Though IndiGo management has apologised for the serious "operational crisis" which it attributed to "misjudgement and planning gaps", it cannot shirk from taking full responsibility for the avoidable disruptions. It must be made accountable for the suffering caused to the passengers. The problem was much more than a duty-scheduling issue or a pilot shortage. It was a complete collapse of communication as passengers — most of them had booked their tickets well in advance—were kept in the dark about the impending crisis. Clearly, the trouble resulted from underestimating the new Flight Duty Time Limitation rules, miscalculating crew requirements, and watching helplessly when the entire system buckled. IndiGo, which operates about 2,200 flights a day, has been facing pilot shortages after it failed to adapt to the new pilot rest and duty rules introduced by the government early last year to improve the working hours of the pilots. The Flight Duty Time Limitations (FDTL) were originally meant to be implemented from June 1, 2024, but were deferred in March 2024 following resistance from airlines. Finally, the new FDTL was to be implemented in two phases — July 1, 2025 and November 1, 2025 — as informed by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). When the deadline arrived, there was complete chaos. IndiGo simply did not plan, though the norms were public knowledge for months. As a result, it was first forced to delay and later cancel flights, as there were not enough pilots available. At airports across the country, travellers were left to wonder what was going on. No proper announcements. No clear updates. No realistic timelines. No honest explanations. Despite a two-year preparatory window before full FDTL implementation, the airline inexplicably adopted a hiring freeze, entered non-poaching arrangements, maintained a pilot pay freeze through cartel-like behaviour, and demonstrated other short-sighted planning practices. It is this lackadaisical and nonchalant attitude in adapting to the new rules that led to the crisis.

Breaking the silence over mental healthcare

For decades, mental health in India remained trapped in silence, confined to overburdened psychiatric hospitals, misunderstood by the public, and overshadowed by deep-rooted stigma. But across the country, a quiet revolution is underway. Community-based mental health movements are reshaping how India understands, treats, and supports psychological well-being by bringing care closer to where people live, work, and endure their daily struggles. India faces an undeniable mental health crisis. According to national estimates, nearly 14 per cent of the population requires active mental health interventions, yet the country has only about one psychiatrist per 100,000 people. The gap between urban and rural access is even wider: while major cities have private clinics, counselling centres, and awareness campaigns, nearly 65 per cent of India's population lives in rural regions with little or no mental health infrastructure. In such a scenario, the community becomes not simply a support network; it becomes the first line of response. Community-based mental health models acknowledge this reality and attempt to bridge the treatment gap through decentralised, culturally sensitive, and locally owned solutions. One reason why community matters is that mental health cannot thrive in isolation. It is deeply shaped by social relationships, local norms, economic pressures, and access to resources. Community-based initiatives recognise that healing is not only medical but also emotional, social, and collective. They work on the three pillars of accessibility, where services meet people where they are, homes, schools, panchayat halls, workplaces; affordability, with most services being free or low-cost, reducing dependence on expensive private care; and acceptability, where interventions are rooted in cultural understanding, reducing stigma and resistance. By placing the community at the heart of care, these



models make mental health visible, normalised, and embedded in daily life. A defining feature of India's community mental health movement is the mobilisation of local volunteers: ASHA workers, Anganwadi workers, schoolteachers, youth leaders, self-help groups, and even panchayat members. With basic training in psychological first aid, early detection, and supportive communication, these volunteers become the essential "first responders" in villages. Their advantage is profound: they are trusted. People who may never visit a psychiatrist are far more willing to confide in a neighbour, teacher, or community worker. Early identification of symptoms, whether depression, anxiety, substance use, or trauma ~ becomes more organic and less intimidating. Also, western biomedical treatment in this area often struggles to address India's

diversity of beliefs surrounding mental distress. Many communities interpret mental illness through spiritual, familial, or social lenses rather than purely medical ones. In this intriguing context, community-based approaches bridge this gap by engaging local healers, elders, and community influencers, religious and spiritual leaders, and traditional systems of support. Rather than dismissing cultural narratives, these models integrate them with scientific care, ensuring that treatment feels familiar, dignified, and non-threatening. It is a common experience that women form the backbone of India's caregiving ecosystem, and the community mental health movement is no exception. Women's self-help groups have emerged as safe spaces where emotional labour is acknowledged, stress is shared, and collective solutions are crafted. These groups often detect domestic violence, postpartum depression, and emotional

distress long before formal systems do. In doing so, they redefine resilience, not as silent endurance, but as community-supported strength. A significant number of people requiring mental health intervention are young men and women. India's young population faces unprecedented stress, academic competition, unemployment fears, digital overload, and family pressure. Community-based initiatives recognize schools as crucial entry points. Mental health clubs, peer counsellor networks, and teacher sensitization programmes have begun replacing old punitive models with supportive environments. This not only protects children at risk but also helps build emotionally intelligent generations who carry awareness into adulthood. Significantly, rural India's digital transformation has offered new opportunities for mental health outreach. Tele-counselling, smartphone-based

screening tools, AI-powered chat support, and virtual support groups now link remote communities to trained professionals. Importantly, the community remains the grounding force ~ technology simply expands the reach of human support. The National Mental Health Programme and the District Mental Health Programme (DMHP) have created an important policy backbone, but community engagement gives these initiatives life. NGOs, academic institutions, and state governments are increasingly collaborating to scale community models — from Kerala's pioneering neighbourhood mental health groups to Maharashtra's village mental health champions. India's future mental health system cannot depend solely on psychiatrists, psychologists, or urban hospitals. The real transformation will emerge from villages where neighbours notice the silent suffering of a senior citizen, schools, where children learn empathy before equations, and workplaces where stress is addressed, not hidden. Another crucial force multiplier would be school-going children, if their curriculum is reshaped with information on the contours of mental health, symptoms of stress and mental illness, knowledge of first responders, and the value of reaching help early. School children, armed with the basics of mental health knowledge, can form the backbone of future community-based movements on mental health. Community-based mental health movements offer India a model that is humane, sustainable, culturally rooted, and scalable. They shift the narrative from crisis to care, from fear to understanding, from stigma to solidarity. In the end, the essence of the community mental health movement is simple: no one should struggle alone. By transforming ordinary people into allies in healing, India is building a mental health ecosystem that is not only larger than the formal health system but more deeply human.

By Rudrashis Datta

RBI plans long-term USD/INR swap to boost liquidity

The Reserve Bank of India is set to inject liquidity into the banking system through a long-term USD/INR Buy/Sell Swap auction, marking a key move to ease financial conditions at a time when liquidity needs closer attention. According to an RBI press release on Monday, the central bank will hold a 36-month swap auction of USD 5 billion on December 16, 2025. In the swap auction, market participants will submit bids based on the premium they be accepted at the exact premium quoted, as the auction follows a multiple-price format. "The market participants would be required to place their bids in terms of the premium that they are willing to pay to the

Reserve Bank for the tenor of the swap, expressed in paisa terms up to two decimal places," it said. The auction's near leg, or spot date, is scheduled for December 18, 2025, while the far leg, when the swap unwinds, falls on December 18, 2028. The operation comes as part of a broader liquidity plan for December 2025. Earlier on Friday, the RBI, after reviewing current financial conditions, decided to conduct several measures to support orderly liquidity. It stated that two Open Market Operation (OMO) purchase auctions of Government of India securities worth a total of Rs 1,00,000 crore will take place on December 11 and December 18, with each tranche carrying Rs 50,000 crore. The USD/INR swap on December 16 forms the second leg of this effort. It notes that detailed instructions for each operation will be issued separately, ensuring participants have clarity in the bidding process. "The Reserve Bank will continue to monitor evolving liquidity and market conditions and take measures as appropriate to ensure orderly liquidity conditions," the RBI press release said on Friday.



Israel raids UNRWA Jerusalem headquarters

Israeli forces raided the headquarters of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) in occupied East Jerusalem, seizing items and replacing the UN flag with Israel's flag. In a statement on X, the agency's Commissioner-General, Philippe Lazzarini, said Israeli police, accompanied by municipal officials, forcibly entered its compound in Sheikh Jarrah early on Monday morning. "Police motorcycles, as well as trucks and forklifts, were brought in and all communications were cut. Furniture, IT equipment and other property was seized," he said. "The UN flag was pulled down and replaced with an Israeli flag." UNRWA has not used the building since the beginning of the year after Israeli authorities ordered the agency to vacate all of its premises and halt operations inside Israel. Lazzarini said this follows "months of harassment that included arson attacks in 2024, hateful

demonstrations and intimidation, supported by a large-scale disinformation campaign, as well as anti-UNRWA legislation passed by the Israeli parliament in breach of its international obligations". Israel barred UNRWA from operating on its soil after claiming some employees had participated in the Hamas-led attack on southern Israel on October 7, 2023. UNRWA denied the allegations, while in October the International Court of Justice (ICJ) found that Israel's allegations against UNRWA were unsubstantiated, as per Al Jazeera. Still, Israel's claims prompted the United States, historically UNRWA's largest donor, to suspend funding. UNRWA was forced to repatriate its international staff from Gaza and the occupied West Bank, severely limiting aid distribution at a time when Palestinians are facing extreme shortages of food and shelter, as per Al Jazeera. In October, the ICJ issued an advisory opinion reaffirming Israel's legal obligation to support UN relief efforts in Gaza, including those carried out by UNRWA, and to cooperate with UN agencies operating in the occupied territories. Lazzarini condemned the latest attack on UNRWA as a direct violation of international law, saying it showed "a blatant disregard of Israel's obligation as a United Nations Member State to protect & respect the inviolability of UN premises." Al Jazeera quoted. While Israel has attempted to strip the compound of its UN status, Lazzarini said its actions have no legal effect.



POEMS

Sonnet 19: When I consider how my light is spent

When I consider how my light is spent,
Ere half my days, in this dark world and wide,
And that one Talent which is death to hide
Lodged with me useless, though my Soul more bent
To serve therewith my Maker, and present
My true account, lest he returning chide;
"Doth God exact day-labour, light denied?"
I fondly ask. But patience, to prevent
That murmur, soon replies, "God doth not need
Either man's work or his own gifts; who best
Bear his mild yoke, they serve him best. His state
Is Kingly. Thousands at his bidding speed
And post o'er Land and Ocean without rest:
They also serve who only stand and wait."

By John Milton

3rd India-Nepal Cultural Festival held in Lumbini focusing on Buddhism

Senior Indian official Munu Mahawar, Additional Secretary (North), Ministry of External Affairs, India on Monday evening attended the 3rd India-Nepal Cultural festival in Lumbini, the birthplace of Gautam Buddha. The third edition of the cultural festival organized by the Embassy of India in Nepal, in collaboration with the Lumbini Development Trust and Lumbini Buddhist University, focused on Buddhism. "Our two countries share not only close civilizational and cultural ties but also a shared reverence for lord Buddha and his teachings. Lord Buddha was born in the sacred city of Lumbini and he delivered his first sermon in Sarnath. His life

and journey formed an enduring and unparalleled bond between our two countries that add to the unique relationship between India and Nepal," Munu Mahawar, Additional Secretary (North), Ministry of External Affairs, India said addressing the event. The one-day festival celebrates the rich cultural heritage and traditions of both India and Nepal, with a special focus on Buddhism. The event was jointly inaugurated by Krishna Bahadur Gharti Magar, Governor of Lumbini Province; Senior Indian Official Munu Mahawar, Dr. Lharkyal Lama, Vice Chairman of Lumbini Development Trust, and Dr. Rakesh Pandey, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of India in



Kathmandu. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation, including, by civil society members, academics, senior monks, and members from the Lumbini Development Trust. "Our Prime Minister

Narendra Modi Ji visited Lumbini in 2022 and he emphasized during that visit the importance of

developing this shared heritage together. During that visit Prime Minister Modi Ji and the then Prime Minister of Nepal laid the foundation stone of India International Center for Buddhist Culture and Heritage in Lumbini. I had the opportunity to visit the project site today. It was really satisfying to see that lot of work already has been completed and we are now nearing to the full completion of this important structure which will become symbol of our friendship and partnership," Mahawar said. The event featured a cultural program, with performances by renowned artists from both India and Nepal. An Odissi dance recital with a Buddhist theme was

presented by a six-member ICCR troupe led by Sandhya Kunjan Menon Das. The evening also included traditional musical performance by a Nepali band 'Ghugu Mugu'. As a part of this festival, an academic seminar titled "India-Nepal Buddhist Heritage: A common Legacy" was organized at the Lumbini Buddhist University in the forenoon of Monday. The seminar brought together eminent Buddhist scholars from India and Nepal, who shared their insights on the significance of Buddhist heritage in strengthening cultural ties and fostering people-to-people connections between the two countries.

YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI PEHOWA: A silver jalhari weighing nearly 38 kilograms was ceremonially installed on Lord Shiva at the Sangameshwar Mahadev Temple in Arunai on Tuesday for ritual abhishek. The installation was carried out amid Vedic chants by learned Brahmins in the presence of saints and seers, creating a deeply devotional atmosphere at the temple. Temple secretary Mahant Vishwanath Giri said the



jalhari was installed as per the directions of Mahant Ravindra Puri, Secretary of Shri Panchayati Akhara Mahanirvani and National President of the Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad. Addressing the gathering, Shri Mahant Bansi Puri said the Sangameshwar Mahadev Temple holds special spiritual significance, as devotees believe that performing jalabhishek and worship here fulfils all wishes.

NEWS BRIEF

Sports boost youth confidence: Vikram Rana



KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI: The cricket tournament organised by the Yuva Cricket Club Padhana at village Padhana witnessed tremendous enthusiasm among players and spectators alike, with teams from Man Singh Khedi, Padhana, Rajepur and several neighbouring villages showcasing their cricketing skills. District Council Member representative Vikram Rana inaugurated the tournament by greeting the players and encouraging them. He said the objective of such events is to provide a platform to rural talent and motivate youth to excel through sports. As the matches progressed, spectators witnessed thrilling contests, with every boundary and six drawing loud applause from the crowd. In an impressive final performance, the Rajepur team emerged champions, clinching the trophy along with a cash prize of Rs 31,000.

CM Dhami distributes appointment letters to 142 assistant professors in Dehradun

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Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, while participating in a programme held on Tuesday at the Chief Minister's Residence, distributed appointment letters to 142 Assistant Professors selected through the Medical Services Selection Board for various government medical colleges. Congratulating the newly appointed Assistant Professors, CM Dhami said, "This opportunity would prove to be a significant step toward strengthening the medical sector. This would help them become skilled and efficient medical professionals who responsibly fulfil their duties toward society and humanity."

He urged all newly appointed faculty members to provide their students with quality education and training, while also instilling in them sensitivity, empathy and a spirit of service. The Chief Minister further said, "Under the leadership of Prime Minister



Narendra Modi, the state government is continuously working to expand and strengthen healthcare services in Uttarakhand. Quality medical facilities are being provided to every citizen at affordable rates. Under the Ayushman scheme, around 61 lakh Ayushman cards have been distributed so far, enabling cashless treatment worth more than Rs 3,300 crore for over 17 lakh patients in the state."

He added that the state

government is establishing a medical college in every district so that people in remote areas can have access to modern healthcare within their own districts. Five medical colleges are already operational, while construction of two more is underway. Super-speciality departments have also been established at the medical colleges in Dehradun, Haldwani, and Srinagar. The Chief Minister further said, "The construction of the state's first modern Cancer

Institute in Haldwani is progressing rapidly. The state's heli-ambulance service has also proven to be a lifesaver for people in remote areas during emergencies. Patients in the state are being provided free pathological diagnostic facilities, and telemedicine services are offering specialist medical consultations to residents of far-flung villages."

He stated, "Staff shortages in government hospitals and medical colleges are being addressed. Appointment letters have been issued to 142 Assistant Professors, and recruitment for 356 more is currently underway. Additionally, 1,248 Nursing Officers and 170 Technicians have already been appointed, while the selection process for around 600 more Nursing Officers is also in progress."

The Chief Minister said that earlier, recruitment processes were plagued by bias, irregularities and corruption. The government has implemented the strictest anti-cheating law in the country.

STP construction inaugurated in Bapoli



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
PANIPAT, DEC 9

Gajendra Saluja, parliamentary representative of Union Minister Manohar Lal, inaugurated the construction work of a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) in Bapoli by breaking a coconut on Monday. The project, to be built at a cost of ₹5.78 crore with a capacity of 2.5 MLD, aims to strengthen sanitation facilities in the village. Addressing the gathering, Saluja said that when Manohar Lal served as the Chief Minister of Haryana, it was his dream and firm resolve that people living in rural areas should also receive facilities similar to those available in cities. He said that the initiative to lay sewerage systems in villages was conceived during that period, something which, he claimed,

earlier governments had never even imagined for rural development. According to him, providing such facilities to villagers was a significant achievement of Manohar Lal's vision. Saluja stated that the STP would prove to be a milestone in village cleanliness and urged people to contribute at their own level to further Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Swachhata Mission. He added that Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini is carrying forward Manohar Lal's mission of rural development with full dedication. On arrival at the venue, Saluja was welcomed with a bouquet by the Executive Engineer, while village elders honoured him by draping a shawl. The inauguration was preceded by traditional Vedic rituals and chanting of mantras.

680-ft newly constructed road inaugurated for public in Dera Lal Singh, Dayal Nagar



GOLDY CHUGH SHAHABAD: Residents of Dera Lal Singh in Dayal Nagar now have a smoother commute as their long-pending demand for a proper road has been fulfilled. BJP leader Subhash Kalsana inaugurated the newly constructed road, approximately 680 feet in length, built under the supervision of the Block Committee. Several dignitaries from the area were present at the event, and locals expressed their happiness over the development work. Local resident Rajdeep Cheema said that the previous road was in poor condition, with potholes and muddy stretches, especially during the rainy season, causing major difficulties for children, elderly people, and women. Some time ago, villagers had approached Subhash Kalsana with this issue, requesting construction of a proper road. Speaking at the inauguration, Subhash Kalsana emphasized that resolving local issues is his top priority. He said the goal is to ensure basic amenities reach every village and to improve the standard of living of the residents. He also noted that under the leadership of Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini, development work in Shahabad Assembly constituency has gained new momentum, and several ambitious projects are planned in the near future to further strengthen local infrastructure.

Jagadhri's development remains top priority, says Kanwarpal Gurjar



RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: Former cabinet minister Kanwarpal Gurjar has said that the overall development of Jagadhri city remains his foremost commitment. Sharing details of recent development work, Gurjar said that during his tenure in the previous government, he had approved the construction of a park in Ward No. 2, Gaumti Gali, to provide relief and recreational space to local residents. He informed that the grant for the park has now been sanctioned and construction work will begin shortly. The park will be developed at an estimated cost of Rs. 8.67 lakh and is expected to be completed in the near future. Kanwarpal Gurjar said that development work is being carried out in every ward, colony and neighbourhood of Jagadhri in coordination with councillors and concerned officials. He said efforts are being made to ensure basic amenities along with other essential facilities in all areas of the city.

Drug control team seals medical store for illegal sale of Pheniramine Maleate injection

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Under Operation Hotspot Domination, the ongoing statewide campaign to realize the resolution of Haryana Government as a "Drug Free State", the Karnal Unit of Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau (HSNCB) jointly with the Drugs Control Officer Kamal-1, while taking action against the sale of illegal drugs, sealed M/s Guru Nanak Medical Store, located on Kaithal Road, opposite the Central Jail. Bureau Chief and Director General of Police, O.P. Singh guidelines a continuous campaign was being run against drug smugglers in the entire state. In this context, this action has been carried out under the leadership of Superintendent of Police Mr. Mohit Handa. Giving detailed information about the proceedings, Inspector Rishipal Singh, in-charge of Karnal Unit of the Bureau, said that a team of the unit accompanying ASI Balinder Singh received secret information about the irregularities in the medicines being sold at the medical store. Acting immediately on the information, the team jointly with Drugs Control Officer Kamal-1 raided the store. During investigation, when the records were scrutinized, it was found that the said medical store had purchased approximately 1500 vials of Pheniramine Maleate Injection (100 ml, Veterinary use) from April 2023 till now, which were being sold illegally without any sales record.



Congress's National Talent Hunt campaign starts in Karnal aims at channelizing talent of youth in politics



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: With the aim of channelizing the talent of youth into politics and social welfare, the Media and Communication Department of All India National Congress has started the National Talent Hunt campaign. Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee is giving impetus to this ambitious initiative across the state. In this sequence, a press conference was organized at Dr. Mangal Sen Auditorium in Karnal, in which district level officials and a large number of youth workers were present. Talking to journalists, Social Media In charge Monica Dhumra, National Talent Hunt program delegate Dr. Manish Parvez Rana, Rural District President Rajesh Vaidya and Urban District President Parag Gaba said that this campaign has brought special opportunities for those youth who have the potential to move forward in areas like media, debate, public relations and public dialogue. He said that this initiative of the Congress Party was a historic step towards providing platform, training and opportunities to talented youth. He said that Rahul Gandhi's clear message was that talented youth should join Congress and raise their voice. Many times, due to lack of platform, capable youth are not able to showcase their talent, but Congress will work to find such youth, groom them and take them forward.



KAMAL SHARMA TARAORI: Ram Singh Chaudhary, Professor of Practice at NDRI and ICAR, stated that the indigenous cow has a paramount place in India's agricultural tradition. Jeevamrit, Ghanjeevamrit, and organic solutions prepared from cow dung and urine not only enrich the soil but also protect crops from diseases. He says that natural farming completely eliminates the cost of

chemical fertilizers and toxic pesticides. Soil fertility increases, water is saved and farmers receive higher and purer production at lower costs. Therefore, adopting indigenous cow-based farming is crucial for the future of sustainable agriculture and a healthy society. He was addressing a delegation from Uttar Pradesh while showing them a model of natural farming at the Farmers Dairy Farm in

Sonia Gandhi's birthday celebrated with pomp in Yamunanagar



RAHUL KOHLI YAMUNANAGAR: The birthday of former Congress National President Smt. Sonia Gandhi was celebrated with great pomp and enthusiasm on Monday in the office of former Congress candidate Raman Tyagi of Yamunanagar. After cutting the cake, the workers wished her for long life, good health and continuous contribution in the country's politics. Addressing the workers present in the program, Raman Tyagi said that Congress was not just a political party but the guardian force of the democratic values of the country. He said that Congress's struggle against increasing injustice and anti-people policies in the country was continuing. In the same sequence, while giving information, he said that "Congress' 'Vote Chor, Gaddi Chhod' mega rally organized by Rahul Gandhi will be going to be held in Delhi on December 14, which will prove to be a historic moment in the country's politics. He said, "I make a humble request to all the district residents, workers and supporters of Yamuna Nagar to participate in this important mega rally in large numbers and contribute." A large number of workers were present in the program, mainly Ashok Kohli, Surendra Bhatia, Vijay Pal, Suresh Anand, Sardar Kashmir Singh, Balkishan Aneja, Om Prakash, Kamal Vinayak and many senior workers were present.

Congress workers meet in Indri regarding preparations for Delhi rally, Sonia Gandhi's birthday also celebrated



MAINPAL KASHYAP INDRI: An important meeting of Congress workers was organized on Sunday at the rest house of the Irrigation Department of Indri. The meeting was presided over by Sachin Budhanpur in which the preparations for Congress's Vote Chor Gaddi Chhod rally to be held in Delhi on December 14 were discussed in detail. National President of Rajiv Gandhi Panchayati Raj Organization, Dr. Sunil Pawar and Rural District President Rajesh Ved, who reached the meeting were welcomed by Congress workers with flower garlands. During this, Congress leaders also wished Sonia Gandhi by cutting a cake on her birthday. Dr. Sunil Pawar said that a large number of Congress workers from across the state would participate in this rally to be organized in Delhi under the leadership of Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi. He handed over responsibilities to all the Congress officials of Indri region and called upon them to reach Delhi in maximum numbers. Dr. Pawar made a scathing attack on the BJP government of Haryana. He said that despite more than a year having passed in the state, no major development work was visible on the ground. Incidents like robbery, murder and kidnapping were continuously increasing, which exposed the failure of the government.

'Liquid Gold' for crops: The power of cow urine and dung



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Taraori. The group included Padma Shri awardee progressive farmer Chandrashekhra Singh, Dr. Ajay Yadav, Dr. Keshav Kumar and several other farmers. Prof Chaudhary said that their ancestors used to farm without any chemicals.

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As the Loan Account Became NPA therefore The Authorised Officer (AO) Under section 13 (2) Of Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 had issued 60 day demand notice to the borrower as given in the table. According to the Notice if the Borrower does not deposit the Amount within 60 days, the amount will be recovered from Auction of the security as given below. As the demand Notice send to the borrower/guarantor has not been served, copy of demand notice has also been affixed on the secured assets as given below. Therefore you the borrower is informed to deposit the loan amount along with future interest and recovery expenses within 60 days, otherwise under the provisions of section 13 (4) and 14 of the said Act, the AO is free to take possession of the Security as given below.

Name of the Borrower	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of Mortgaged property
LATE MR. SHIVESH JAYANT NOW DECEASED THROUGH HIS LEGAL HEIRS & MRS. SANGITA, SANGITA, MALTI DEVI (A/C NO.) 201218801769751 & 231218803267636	6 DEC 25 Rs. 1004700/- Rs. 408153/- 5 DEC 25	RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SITUATED AT PLOT NO 33A AND PLOT NO 33-B, KHASRA NO 864, RAMDHAM COLONY SHIVAJI NAGAR BAHADRABAD VILL RAWALI MEHOOD,PARGANA JWALAPUR, TESHIL & DIST- HARIDWAR 249402 ADMEASURING 654.125 SQ.FT + 678.125 SQ.FT

Place : UTTARAKHAND Date : 10.12.2025 Authorised Officer Aavas Financiers Limited

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis. The details of the cases are as under:

Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagors	Dues As on	Date & Amount of 13(2)Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of Property	Reserve Price For Property	Earnest Money For Property	Date & Time of Auction	Place of Tender Submission, Tender Open & Auction at Aavas Financiers Ltd.
CHAMAN DASS, VINITA DEVI GUARANTOR :- BHEEM SINGH (A/C NO.) LVNKN00722-230242905	Rs. 10,64,138.00/- DUES AS ON 03 DEC 2025	9 MAR 24 Rs. 743980/- DUES AS ON 09 MAR 2024	26 JUL 25	KHATA NO.72 KHASRA NO. 413 SITUATED AT MAUZA SHAHAPUR KALYANPUR, PARGANA PACHHWA DOON, TESHIL VIKASNAGAR, DIST. DEHRADUN UTTARAKHAND ADMEASURING 131.72 SQ. MTR.	Rs. 923520/-	Rs. 92352/-	11.00 AM TO 01.00 PM 12 JAN 2026	CAPTAIN TOWER, RASOOLPUR - CHAKRATA ROAD, TESHIL - VIKASNAGAR, DIST. - DEHRADUN, - 248198,UTTARAKH AND-INDIA
RAKESH KUMAR, VIJAY KUMAR (A/C NO.) LVNKN00621-220208127	Rs. 11,08,850.00/- DUES AS ON 03 DEC 2025	7 OCT 24 Rs. 809521/- DUES AS ON 04 OCT 2024	11 JUN 25	KATTA NO 603, KASRA NO 3073, NEAR SMILE STORE GOODOWN, ASANBAGH, FATHPUR ROAD, HESTUPUR, TESHIL- VIKAS NAGAR, DISTIC-DEHRADUN, UTTARAKHAND (INDIA)- PIN-248142 ADMEASURING 148. SQ. MTR	Rs. 1786640/-	Rs. 178664/-	11.00 AM TO 01.00 PM 12 JAN 2026	CAPTAIN TOWER, RASOOLPUR - CHAKRATA ROAD, TESHIL- VIKASNAGAR, DIST. - DEHRADUN, - 248198,UTTARAKH AND-INDIA

Terms & Conditions: 1). The person, taking part in the tender, will have to deposit his offer in the tender form provided by the AFI, which is to be collected from the above branch offices during working hours of any working day, super scribbling "Tender Offer for name of the property" on the sealed envelope along with the Cheque/DD/pay order of 10% of the Reserve Price as Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in favour of AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED payable at Jaipur any/before time of auction during office hours at the above mentioned offices. The sealed envelopes will be opened in the presence of the available interested parties at above mentioned office of AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED The inter-se bidding, if necessary will also take place among the available bidders. The EMD is refundable if the bid is not successful. 2). The successful bidder will deposit 25% of the bidding amount adjusting the EMD amount as initial deposit immediately or within 24hrs after the fall of the hammer towards the purchase of the asset. The successful bidder failing to deposit the said 25% towards initial payment, the entire EMD deposited will be forfeited & balance amount of the sale price will have to be deposited within 15 days after the confirmation of the sale by the secured creditor; otherwise his initial payment deposited amount will be forfeited. 3). The Authorised officer has absolute right to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone the sale process without assigning any reason therefore. If the date of tender depositing or the date of tender opening is declared as holiday by Government, then the auction will be held on next working day. 4). For inspection and interested parties who want to know about the procedure of tender may contact AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED 201,202, 2nd Floor, South End Square, Mansarovar Industrial Area, Jaipur-302020 or Ramesh Choudhary - 8690061158 or respective branch during office hours. Note: This is also a 15/30 days notice under Rule 9(1)(b)(i) to the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagor of the above said loan accounts about tender inter se bidding sale on the above mentioned date. The property will be sold, if their out standing dues are not repaid in full.

Place : UTTARAKHAND Date : 10-12-2025 Authorised Officer Aavas Financiers Limited

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-TENDERING				
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 (₹)	Bid Security(₹)	Period of Completion & Date of closing & Opening
1.	Balance work for Upgradation of Goods shed at LHA, SFMU, SAG and BXC over UMB Division.	₹9,84,67,674/-	₹6,42,300/-	06 Months 31.12.2025
2.	Repair to water out water supply pipe lines, approach paths, small platform shelters at KTPK, BFE, BKWA, BWX, KLWL, FSR station and divyangyan amenities on HMK, FTH, BHK, KTPK, BFE, BWX, BKWA, FSR, KLWL, MOPR, ORK stations on BTI-SGMR section in the section of ADEN/BTI.	₹69,39,010/-	₹1,38,800/-	08 Months 31.12.2025
3.	TRR & other miscellaneous works in the section of ADEN/PTA under Sr.DEN-B/UMB and Through Turnout Sleeper Renewal in the section of ADEN/PTA in c/w TSR of 155 Turnout in DFCC route over Ambala Division.	₹2,21,34,789/-	₹2,60,700/-	12 Months 31.12.2025
4.	Balance works for the construction of Driver and Guard running room at Bathinda.	₹2,67,70,346/-	₹2,83,900/-	12 Months 31.12.2025
5.	Construction of LHS (single lane) span (1x5x4.5 mtr) in lieu of manned Level crossing No. 3-C at Km 2/10-11 between RPJ-KLI stations on RPJ-PTA Sections under ADEN/RPJ.	₹3,99,19,412/-	₹3,49,600/-	08 Months 31.12.2025
6.	Cess repairing work under ADEN/SRE in the jurisdiction of Sr. Divisional Engineer/B/UMB.	₹60,47,225/-	₹1,21,000/-	06 Months 31.12.2025
7.	Miscellaneous track repair including vegetation removal, shallow screening with cess cleaning, causal sleeper renewal, ERIC greasing, hiring of tractor / JCB etc., filling and pecking of plain track turnout etc. in the section of SSE/PW/SRE & YJUD under ADEN/SRE.	₹81,13,542/-	₹1,62,300/-	06 Months 31.12.2025
8.	Improvement to protection work against scouring for bridge no. 1307 UP & DN, 1317 UP & DN, 219 UP & DN, 245 UP & DN etc. by providing boulder apron and stone pitching work, Ballast Retainer, Retaining Wall, Jacketing, water way clearance, Inspection Steps, river training works, spandrel wall and other repairing works at various bridges under ADEN/SRE.	₹2,93,75,215/-	₹2,96,900/-	12 Months 31.12.2025

Big B tries breathing exercise with yoga instructor on 'Kaun Banega Crorepati'

MUMBAI: Veteran Bollywood megastar Amitabh Bachchan, who hosts the quiz based reality show 'Kaun Banega Crorepati', tried breathing exercises during the recent episode of the show. Yoga instructor Pratibha Singh from Udaipur, Rajasthan brought focus to mindfulness and well-being as she was welcomed on the hot seat by the Bollywood legend. The interaction turned into a calm and thoughtful moment, reminding viewers of the power of simple breathing practices. Pratibha spoke about the importance of mental balance and demonstrated Bhramari Pranayama, a yogic breathing technique known for its calming effect. Using the 'KBC' stage as a platform, she guided Amitabh Bachchan and the audience through the exercise. Explaining the technique, Pratibha said, "You may place your hands in any mudra, such as Prana Mudra or Gyan Mudra. Sit comfortably in Sukhasana with your legs crossed, place your hands gently on your knees, close your eyes, take a deep breath in, and then exhale while making a humming sound like a bee". The moment became one of the high-lights of the episode as Amitabh Bachchan followed Pratibha's instructions. She added that the breathing practice helps calm the mind and is easy to incorporate into daily routines. The moment stood out as a meaningful pause from the game, reinforcing how simple mindfulness practices can bring balance and clarity. Earlier, on the show contestant Sheetal Snigdha Mohrana, a plant pathology student from Odisha graced the show, and her interaction with Big B became one of the most talked-about moments from the show. During a chat with Big B, Sheetal mentioned that no one had ever given her flowers. Listening to this, Big B immediately handed her the flowers and made her smile.

Arjun Rampal expresses gratitude to audience for 'Dhurandhar'



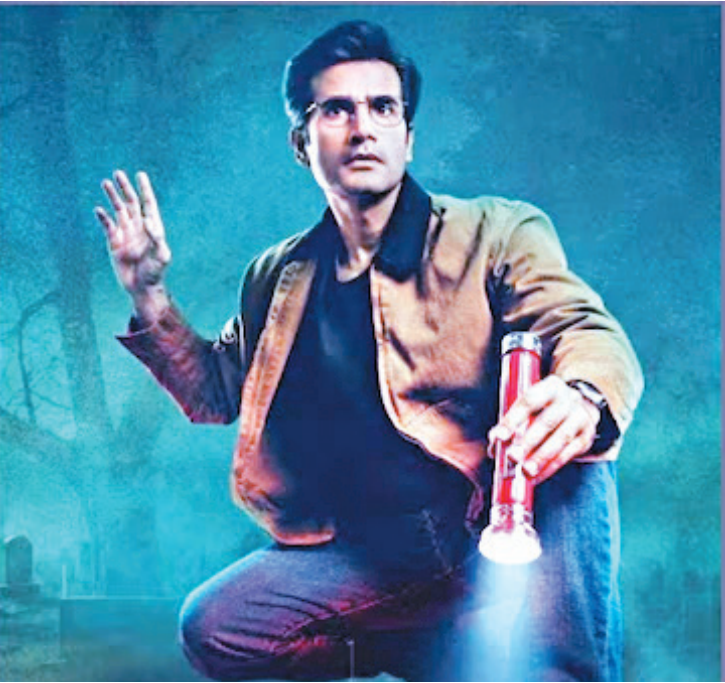
Filmmaker Aditya Dhar's latest release, Dhurandhar, which arrived in theatres last Friday, has been creating a strong buzz online, drawing enthusiastic praise from both audiences and critics. Seeing the audience's abundant love, Arjun Rampal, who plays a pivotal role in the film, took to Instagram and penned a note of gratitude. "Ladies&Gentlemen, we were not ready for this. Thank you Thank you Thank you for this incredible love, support and acceptance you have given #dhurandhar which is a vision and passion of one man, my Boiya (Kashmiri for brother) @adityadhar-films the day you narrated me the film I realised what an important film you wanted to make, a story would unfold, in the unique narrative style, the level of research, the depth in all characters, the creation of each character from their look to their attitudes. You surprised, kept surprising. But most importantly you soaked up all the pressure while filming and never had a bad day. Thank you Boiya. Love you," he wrote. Arjun further gave a shout-out to the entire cast and crew. "The man whose lens I would give anything to be captured by @vik_now Wow man. You are poetically brutal. Can't wait to do more. Another warrior the youngest one @ojas_gautam I can't thank you enough for the hours you spent with me prepping for Maj Iqbal. Your future is brighter than all the stars. @shashwatology I



am still grooving. @castingchhabra paaji thank you for all the confidence you have in me. @preetisheel @smriti.schauhan you were the angels of the angel of death @lakshsingh @flaviagiumua ty for being my rocks @sainis-johray for the world u created. Ur passion. #MrOh and his whole team for the incredible action. #akshaykhanna you owned it. Ruled it. Hit it out of the park. More power to you. @ac-tormaddy you are pure genius. Can't wait to do scenes with you one day. @duttisanjay you know I love you. Thank you for just being you. Big Jappi. @therakeshbedi Mazza agaya brother. What a full circle," he wrote. "@saraarjunn congratulations onwards and upwards. To the beast, the wrath of God. @ranveersingh Hamza. Man it was a beautiful journey to watch your focus, determination, mad methods, to stay in character. You were unabashed, fearless and endearing. Thank u for the ice baths. The last dance belongs to me. Love you. None of this would have been possible without the support of the silent Angel jyotideshpande and @officialjostudios whose belief and grit, saw us through. Thank you Jyoti. I know this is long,

kya kare baddi picture hain. To all those who read till here. All I can say is welcome to the cult," Arjun added. According to trade analyst Taran Adarsh, the film posted a Day 1 collection of Rs 28.60 crore nett in India, marking one of the strongest openings for a Hindi film this year. As per Adarsh, the film showed significant momentum as the day progressed. While the mass belts started slower, there was a noticeable pickup toward the evening shows. Adarsh wrote, "#Dhurandhar takes a superb start on Day 1. The film has opened stronger at major centers, with national chains contributing a substantial chunk of the business. The mass pockets and heartland markets also showed improvement as the day progressed... However, the film needs to make up for the shortfall in these markets on Saturday and Sunday to post an impressive opening weekend total. Given its hefty price tag, #Dhurandhar [Week 1] Fri Rs 28.60 cr. #India biz | Official Nett BOC | #Boxoffice. "Dhurandhar is directed by Aditya Dhar and stars Sanjay Dutt, Arjun Rampal, Akshaye Khanna, R. Madhavan, and Ranveer Singh in lead roles.

Karan Tacker, Kalki open up about their roles in their upcoming series 'Bhay - The Gaurav Tiwari Mystery'



Actors Karan Tacker and Kalki Koechlin are gearing up for the release of their show 'Bhay - The Gaurav Tiwari Mystery', which is inspired by real events tied to the life and work of India's first paranormal investigator, Gaurav Tiwari. On Monday, the trailer of the show was unveiled. Check it out here. The actors also opened up about their characters. For Karan, it was not easy to portray the role of Gaurav Tiwari in the show. He said, "Taking on this role was one of the toughest experiences I've had, because I was portraying someone who genuinely believed he was dealing with forces far beyond what we can fully

grasp, and who tragically left this world under unsettling circumstances. Filming his story shook me in ways I didn't expect; he was someone who wanted to be understood and acknowledged, and I'm grateful that, in some small way, I could help bring his journey to light. To understand Gaurav, I had to recognise the courage it takes to follow a calling most people question. His life was filled with doubt, pressure, and real danger, yet he never stopped chasing the truth. Portraying him was intense and changed me as an artist. I'm thankful I got to bring India's first paranormal investigator to the screen and step into a world that is both real and eerily unexplainable, and I'm excited

for viewers to experience the emotion, mystery, and sheer intensity that shaped his path." Kalki Koechlin, who plays Irene Venkat, added, "Irene's journey is about looking beyond perception. She begins with skepticism, but as she learns about Gaurav after his passing, she realizes the numerous layers that were a part of his life and work. That emotional shift was one major factor that drew me to the role. Playing Irene allowed me to explore that balance between curiosity and vulnerability, and it was a privilege to bring that to screen." Bhay - The Gaurav Tiwari Mystery will premiere from 12th December exclusively on Amazon MX Player

Jagadhatrī actress Sonakshi Batra calls her first scene with Sayantani Ghosh 'an enriching experience'

CHANDIGARH: Zee TV's newly launched show Jagadhatrī has been receiving immense love from viewers for its gripping storyline filled with drama, suspense, and high-octane action. The show stars popular actors like Sonakshi Batra (Jagadhatrī), Farman Haider (Shivaay), Sayantani Ghosh (Maya), and others. It follows the journey of Jagadhatrī (played by Sonakshi Batra), a seemingly invisible girl who evolves into a fearless undercover agent. Its gripping storyline has quickly made it a favourite among viewers. As the story progresses, audiences are now witnessing one of the most thrilling tracks yet. In the recent episodes, the narrative has taken a major turn with the engagement of Tapasya (Jagadhatrī's sister) and Rudra (Maya's cousin). This sequence marks a significant moment as the show's two powerful female characters, Maya and Jagadhatrī, come face-to-face for the very first time. The anticipation surrounding this encounter has been sky-high, and viewers are eager to see how the dynamic between Jagadhatrī and Maya unfolds from here. Speaking about shooting this pivotal sequence, actress Sonakshi Batra, shared her enriching experience of working opposite TV's popular star Sayantani Ghosh. She said, "It's great working with Sayantani Ghosh. She has remarkable poise and a natural flair and ease with which she performs. She brings a sense of calm confidence to every situation." Reflecting on their first major confrontation scene, Sonakshi added, "When Maya and Jagadhatrī finally came face-to-face, I genuinely felt what a powerful moment it was, not just for the story, but for me as an actor. Sharing the frame with someone as seasoned as Sayantani ma'am was an enriching experience. There was so much to learn from her. Her precision, her energy, her ability to switch into character so effortlessly. Performing opposite her pushed me to bring my best to the scene. She was warm, supportive, and incredibly inspiring throughout." With such gripping drama and strong performances, Jagadhatrī continues to keep audiences hooked as the storyline moves into even more intense territory. Are you ready to find out what fireworks await between Maya and Jagadhatrī in the upcoming episodes? Stay hooked to the story that's winning hearts, watch Jagadhatrī every day at 10 PM only on Zee TV!



'The Housemaid' to be released in India on January 2

Sydney Sweeney and Amanda Seyfried-starrer The Housemaid is all set to be released in India on January 2, 2026. Adapted from Freida McFadden's best-selling novel, the film brings a high-impact suspense story to the big screen, exploring the hidden truths behind seemingly perfect homes. The Housemaid marks their first psychological face-off - two of Hollywood's strongest female leads navigating a tense, intricate web of secrets and deception. The film also stars Brandon Sklenar (Andrew Winchester), Michele Morrone (Enzo), and Elizabeth Perkins (Evelyn Winchester), adding layers of intensity and complexity to this domestic thriller. Set inside the Winchester household, the story follows Millie (Sweeney) as she steps into what appears to be a dream job as a live-in housemaid, only to discover that the family's polished exterior conceals manipulation, hidden motives, and startling revelations. Blurring the line between trust and betrayal, the film immerses audiences in a world where every corner holds a secret - a chilling exploration of control, deception, and domestic power dynamics, read a press note. Directed by Paul Feig, who makes an exciting creative shift from comedy to psychological thrillers, The Housemaid is brought to India by PVRINOX Pictures.



Putzmeister announces Cricket Legend Jonty Rhodes as Brand Ambassador

BENGALURU: Putzmeister Concrete Machines, a global leader in concrete pumping and construction equipment solutions, today announced the onboarding of legendary South African cricketer Jonty Rhodes as its Brand Ambassador. Recognised worldwide for his unmatched agility, precision, and performance on the field, Jonty Rhodes embodies the same values that define Putzmeister's engineering and innovation excellence. Through this strategic partnership, Putzmeister India aims to strengthen its brand presence, deepen customer engagement, and inspire trust in its next-generation, high-performance product portfolio. Speaking about the association, Mr Kanjanabha Bhat-tacharyya, Managing Director, Putzmeister India, said: "We are delighted to welcome Jonty Rhodes to the Putzmeister family. He stands for reliability, discipline, hard work and agility. These are qualities that align with our commitment to our internal and external stakeholders. As Putzmeister, we look forward to continuing to bring sustainable change and raise the bar for superior performance in the construction industry, much like how Jonty Rhodes brought to the game of cricket." On joining Putzmeister as Brand Ambassador, Jonty Rhodes shares: "Putzmeister represents excellence in engineering and a passion for pushing boundaries something I have always believed in as an athlete. I cherish values of trust, reliability and being concrete leaders of Putzmeister strongly relatable to me. I am excited to partner with a brand that is shaping the future of the construction industry in India with innovation, technology, and customer focused solutions."



Joyful memories of our life together can never be erased," says Hema in emotional post on Dharmendra's 90th birth anniversary

Actress-politician Hema Malini remembered her husband, the iconic Bollywood star, Dharmendra, on his 90th birth anniversary, reflecting on their life together and the heartbreak of losing him. Hema expressed her pain and how she is "slowly gathering up the pieces and trying to reconstruct my life" after his demise. "Dharam ji Happy birthday my dear heart More than two weeks have passed since you left me heartbroken, slowly gathering up the pieces and trying to reconstruct my life, knowing that you will always be with me in spirit," she wrote on her Instagram. Hema expressed gratitude for their joyful years together, their two daughters, and the moments that continue to bring her "solace and happiness." "The joyful memories of our life together can never be erased and just reliving those moments bring me great solace and happiness. I thank God for our lovely years together, for our two beautiful girls who reaffirm our love for each other and for all the beautiful, happy memories that will remain with me in my heart," she added in the post. She prayed for Dharmendra's peace, acknowledging his humility, kindness, and love for humanity. "On your birthday My prayers for God to grant you the wealth of peace and happiness that you richly deserve for your humility and goodness of heart and your love for humanity. Happy birthday dear love Our happy 'together' moments," Hema wrote while concluding the post.



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— Hema Malini (@dreamgirlhema) December 8, 2025 Abhay Deol also paid tribute to his uncle, Dharmendra, with a throwback picture and a special message. "Must've been 1985 or '86. I had just been scolded so I was upset. He called me to him, sat me down by his side and said,

"look at the light", and had the photographer click this pic. I look forward to the moment I hear him say those words to me again, when my time comes. Today was his birthday." Earlier, Hema Malini shared heartfelt throwback photos of late actor Dharmendra, offering a rare glimpse into her personal memories, which also featured her daughters, Esha Deol and Ahana Deol. Taking to her Instagram, Hema Malini shared a series of photos while remembering the actor and her precious "family moments" with him. The series of images featured photos of Dharmendra and Hema Malini. It also included candid snaps of Esha Deol and Ahana Deol with their father. While sharing the photos, the actress wrote, "Some lovely family moments... simply treasured photos. I know it is a surfeit of photos but these have not been published and my emotions are unfolding as I see these," wrote Hema Malini. Bollywood legend Dharmendra, fondly known as the industry's 'He-Man', passed away on November 24, 2025, leaving a void in Hindi cinema. Known for his gentle smile, charismatic screen presence, and six-decade-long career, Dharmendra remained a beloved figure on and off screen. To honour his life and legacy, the Deol family organised a prayer meet, titled 'Celebration of Life', at Seaside Lawns, Taj Lands End in Bandra, Mumbai, on Thursday. In an emotional moment, the entire Deol family, including Sunny Deol, Bobby Deol, and Karan Deol, expressed their gratitude to the attendees, with the family members folding their hands in appreciation for the outpouring of support.

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