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Amit Shah inaugurates multiple initiatives in Haryana, lauds CM for bold decisions

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
PANCHKULA, DEC 24

Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Sh. Amit Shah, who was in Panchkula on Wednesday to attend the Mega Cooperative Conference, announced several major initiatives for the state of Haryana. Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini was also present on the occasion.

Amit Shah digitally inaugurated several projects from Panchkula, including a milk chilling centre at Salempur in Bhiwani district, the HAFED flour mill at Jatusana in Rewari district, and the IYC portal developed by the Ministry of Cooperation.

The Union Minister distributed RuPay Platinum debit cards to five beneficiaries of Haryana State Cooperative Banks and handed over registration certificates to the presidents of two newly established M-PACS set up by KRIBHCO in Haryana. He also released an annual publication based on IYC-related events prepared by KRIBHCO. Prior to this, a corporate film of KRIBHCO was screened.

He also lauded Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini for his decisive leadership and farmer-friendly policies, calling him a transformative force in the state's governance. Speaking at the event as the Chief Guest, Union Home Minister highlighted how the Chief Minister's initiatives have not only empowered farmers but also set Haryana as a national model for transparent, efficient, and visionary administration. He also praised Sh. Nayab Singh Saini's courage and determination, noting that he has accomplished what very few governments dare attempt. When the proposal to procure 24 crops at Minimum Support Price (MSP) was announced in the election manifesto, I had personally confirmed it over a late-night phone call from Sh. Nayab Singh Saini and with full confidence, he assured me that I should announce it; the responsibility of procurement is mine, said the Home Minister as he praised that Haryana is the first state in India to ensure MSP procurement for all 24 crops.



The event was attended by Union Minister of State for Cooperation, Sh. Krishan Pal Gurjar, Vidhan Sabha Speaker, Sh. Harvinder Kalyan, Cooperation Minister, Dr. Arvind Sharma, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister, Sh. Shyam Singh Rana, Public Works Minister, Sh. Ranbir Gangwa, Education Minister, Sh. Mahipal Dhanda, Social Justice and Empowerment Minister, Sh. Krishan Bedi, Industries Minister, Rao Narbir Singh, Health Minister, Ms. Arti Singh Rao, Irrigation Minister, Smt. Shruti Choudhry, Minister of State, Sh. Gaurav Gautam, Chief Secretary, Sh. Anurag Rastogi, KRIBHCO Chairman, Sh. V. Sudhakar Chowdary, and Managing Director, Sh. S. S. Yadav, among other dignitaries.

Govt to launch 'Bharat Taxi' with profit-sharing model for drivers

PANCHKULA: Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said that the government will soon introduce the 'Bharat Taxi' service, under which profits will be shared with drivers. Addressing the Sahkari Sammelan in Panchkula, Shah said the initiative aims to improve customer convenience while boosting drivers' earnings. "Through the initiative of the Ministry of Cooperation, we will soon launch 'Bharat Taxi', every bit of whose profit will go to the driver brothers. This will enhance customer convenience and also increase drivers' profits," Amit Shah said. The Union Minister highlighted Haryana's contributions to the nation, stating that the state has played a vital role in ensuring food security, boosting dairy production, and achieving sporting excellence.

ISRO's 'Bahubali' rocket places 6,000 kg US communication satellite into orbit

SRIHARIKOTA (ANDHRA PRADESH): (Dec 24) In a historic Christmas eve mission, ISRO's heaviest rocket, LVM3-M6, successfully placed a heavy US communication satellite into orbit on Wednesday, a feat described by the space agency chief as a season's gift to the country.



The 6,100 kg BlueBird Block-2 satellite is part of a constellation of global Low Earth Orbit (LEO) mission to provide direct-to-mobile connectivity through satellite that would enable 4G and 5G voice and video calls, texts, streaming and data for everyone, everywhere at all times.

ISRO said the LVM3-M6, nicknamed 'Bahubali' for its heavylift capability, injected the satellite into its intended orbit in a textbook launch.

The launch took place from the Satish Dhawan Space Station in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh, at 8:55 AM IST.The mission will deploy the next-generation communication satellite designed to provide high-speed cellular broadband directly to smartphones worldwide. The BlueBird Block-2 spacecraft would be the heaviest payload to be launched into Low Earth Orbit in the history of the LVM3 rocket.

Make every endeavour to benefit common people: CM Mann to officers

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH: Setting a clear benchmark for people-first governance, Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Tuesday urged officers of the All India and Central Services to ensure that every administrative decision translates into tangible relief and benefit for common people. Interacting with 32 IPS, IRS and other officers undergoing training for Special Foundation Course (SFC) at the Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration (MGSIPA), the Chief Minister emphasized that authority carries responsibility, and governance must be judged by its impact on citizens' lives. He also congratulated MGSIPA for earning a place among the top five state administrative training institutes in the country to host such a programme, a recognition that reflects Punjab's growing emphasis on professional, accountable administration. The trainee officers appreciated several path-breaking initiatives of the Punjab Government, noting their visible outcomes on the ground. Interacting with the officers, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said that it is heartening to learn that the MGSIPA, in collaboration with the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie, is conducting a 10-week Special Foundation Course (SFC) for officers of the 2021 batch.



CM Sukhu inaugurates Shimla 'Winter Carnival'

BUREAU
SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Wednesday inaugurated the Shimla Winter Carnival organised by the Shimla Municipal Corporation at the historic Ridge in Shimla. He also flagged off a vibrant cultural parade featuring folk troupes from all districts of the State.

The Chief Minister also visited the painting exhibition at the Gaiety Theatre and witnessed the Maha Nati performance, as well as the Home Guards Inter-Battalion Band Competition held near the Town Hall. He congratulated the organizers and extended his best wishes for the successful conduct of the carnival, which is being organised on the theme of a 'Drug-Free Himachal'.



Welcoming tourists to Himachal Pradesh, Sh. Sukhu said that the State's serene and pollution-free environment not only offers peace and recreation but also promotes good health. He interacted with tourists, enquired about their experiences and assured them that visitors to the State would not face any inconvenience during their stay. The Chief Minister said that Himachal Pradesh has been richly endowed by nature with exceptional scenic beauty, and its picturesque valleys attract crores of tourists every year. He added that while the State Government was strengthening basic infrastructure to boost tourism, special efforts are also being made to showcase the rich cultural heritage of Himachal Pradesh.



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Nayagaon Municipal Council ward delimitation map still not released, all councillors upset



CHANDIGARH (J.K. BATTA): With only a short time left before the Nayagaon Municipal Council elections, residents, councillors, and the administration are criticising the current government, alleging that while ward maps, notifications, and objections regarding new ward delimitations are being sought everywhere by December 12, 2025, the Nayagaon Municipal Council has not yet issued any notification or even displayed a new ward map. Manjit Singh Sidhu, Senior Vice President of the Congress party, stated that neither objections have been sought from the public, nor has the new ward delimitation map, prepared after the survey, been made public or displayed on the notice board at the Nayagaon Municipal Council office, which is incorrect.

RCS organizes commemorative langar to honour safar-e-shahadat

GURDARSHAN SINGH PRINCE
BEAS, DEC 24



To solemnly commemorate the supreme sacrifices of Guru Gobind Singh Ji and his family,RCS Beas organized a community Langar on 23.12.25 and served milk to the devotees. Also,the School organised competitions like Kavishri,Punjabi Quiz and conducted morning assemblies throughout the month to inculcate the values of brotherhood and cultivate a sense of selfless sacrifice among the students.

Chairman Mr. Gaurav Anand, President Mr. Paramvir Anand and Principal Ms.Dharwinder Kaur emphasized that serving the community in December is a tribute to the martyrdom of the Guru Ji's family, who stood firm against tyranny. They further highlighted the importance of educating the youth about this history.

Upcycling workshop on eco-herbal soap held at DAV School

MANSA (KULWINDER KARWAL) : Mansa: An upcycling-based eco-herbal soap making workshop was successfully organized at SDKL DAV Senior Secondary Public School, Mansa, under the Environmental Education Programme (EEP). The workshop aimed to promote the concept of "Waste to Wealth" and environmental conservation among students. Students of Classes VII and IX were given a step-by-step demonstration through a presentation on making organic soaps using natural waste materials such as neem, aloe vera, and citrus peels. They were informed about the skin-friendly, chemical-free, and eco-friendly benefits of these products. The programme was organized under the guidance of the Punjab State Council for Science and Technology with support from the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.



Classified

I, Jaswinder Kaur w/o Jarnail Singh r/o Village Damla, Tehsil Radaur, Distt Yamunanagar state that in my LIC policy no. 177664322 My name written as Pinki devi. Jaswinder Kaur & Pinki Devi both are one & same person.

511363

I Nishu Choudhary allias Guradab insan w/o Gurazeez Randhawa , Shah Satnam Ji dham, SIRSA hai have changed my name Guradab Randhawa

40009

I No 15620869N Hav (Clk) Jayakumar PK R/o Village Muzhakkunnu, Tehsil Iritty, District Kannur, (KERALA).Pin 670673.Declare that in my Army Service Record My Mother Name Mentioned GOWRI Which is incorrect her Correct Name is GOURI V.

9000A

I No 15620869N Hav (Clk) Jayakumar PK R/o Village Muzhakkunnu, Tehsil Iritty, District Kannur, (KERALA).Pin 670673.Declare that in my Army Service Record My Father Name Mentioned PK BALA KRISHNA PILLA Which is incorrect his Correct Name is BALAKRISHNAPILLAI PK.

9000A

I, Ravi Kumar S\o late Sham Lal resident of House No. 1884, Small Flats, Dhanas, U.T., Chandigarh I declare my father name was wrongly publish in my Passport Shayam lal but Correct name is Sham lal pls noted.

60013

I Gaganjeet Singh S/o Mandeep Singh R/o H.No. 144, Sector 4, Near Dheer Cement Store, Mundi Kharar, Tehsil Kharar (Mohali) have changed my name from Gaganjeet Singh to Gaganjeet Singh Aulakh.

100071

I, Rani Kaur (ADHAAR No.2279 0336 2199) w/o Late Hardeep Singh R/o Vill.-Mann (Distt.-Mukatsar) at present Vill. Gobindgarh Tehsil-Abohar (Distt.-Fazilka) have changed my name to Kuldeep Kaur

451256

I Param jit Pinderwal W/o Avtar Singh Village Ghillour, Tehsil Radaur Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from PARAM JIT PINDERWAL to PRAMJIT KAUR.

100074

I, Kamla Devi W/o Satpal, R/o Vill. Chak Dana Distt. Nawanshahr, Punjab, India do here by changed my Name from Kamla Devi to KAMLA as given name and DEVI as surname with immediate effect. All concerned note please.

989666

I, Jai Ram, son of Shri Budh Ram, resident of House No. 42, Ward No. 4, Village Nawa Nagar, Tehsil Kalka, District Panchkula, hereby declare that my name in my Aadhaar card (Aadhaar Card No. 742841943561) should be changed from Jai Ram to Jai Ram Atlas.

989666

I, Sangita W/o Subhankar Biswas, R/o Village Bilanwali Gujran, P.O. & Tehsil Baddi, Distt. Solan, H.P. have changed my name from Sangita to Sangita Biswas.

89984

I,Manjeet Singh S/o Piara Singh Village Sandpura Tehsil Patti District Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name From Manjeet Singh to Manjit Singh pl note it

524479

I Gurpreet Rahul S/o Daljit Kumar, R/o Street no. 6, New Mansa Devi Nagar, Phagwara , Satnampura, Kapurthala,Punjab have changed my name from Gurpreet Rahul to Gurpreet Ralh. All concerned may note.

900026

I Kuldeep Kaur W/o Manjit Singh,R/o H.no.74, Dilbagh Nagar Extension , Basti Guzan , Jalandhar declare that Kuldeep Kaur and Kuldip Kaur is one and the same person. All concerned may note.

900026

I Asawan S/o Shinda R/o Near Valmiki Mandir , Vill. Nagra , P. O. Basti Guzan , Distt. Jalandhar-144002, Punjab , India, have changed my name from Asawan to Asawan Kumar. All concerned noted.

900026

I Mandeep Kumar Ahuja S/o Kailash Ahuja, R/o H.no.30, Raja Garden Extn., Backside Malhotra Hospital, Jalandhar -144021, have changed my name from Mandeep Kumar Ahuja to Mandeep Ahuja.

900026

I Darshan Lal s/o Tulshi Ram R/o Vill. Hira Pur P. O. Basti Guzan Distt. Jalandhar-144013, Punjab , India, have changed my name from Darshan Lal to Darshan Lal Ralh. All concerned noted.

900026

I Ashina W/o Pavish Gupta R/o H.No. B-25/237, Preet Nagar, Kapurthala -144601, Punjab, India, have changed my name from Ashina to Ashina Bansal. All please note.

900026

I Rohit Saini S/o Ram Rattan R/o-1814 New Indira Colony Manimajra Chd Chandigarh-160101, Have Changed My Name To Rohit Thakur.

9998876

I Madan Singh Jeena S/o Pratap Singh House No, 6292-C, Sector 56, Chandigarh have changed my name Madan Singh to Madan Singh Jeena

100014

I Balwinder Kaur W/o Charna Singh Orf Kada Singh R/o Siryewala (Bathinda) have changed my name to Jaswinder Kaur.

63372

I, Pawan Kumar S/O Som Nath R/O VPO Tabba, Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India, have changed my minor son's name from Vansh to Vansh Sharma.

63372

I, Pawan Kumar S/O Som Nath R/O VPO Tabba, Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India, have changed my minor son's name from Avinam to Avinam Sharma.

63372

I, Balihar Singh S/o Nazar Singh R/o Vill: Mehrampur Po. Khankhana Teh-Banga Distt. SBS Nagar Pb-144509 changed my name to Balihar as given name and Singh as surname.

63372

I, Gurteg Singh S/o Surjeet Singh R/o Vill: Ramgarh Po. Bhadson Distt. Patiala have changed my name to Gurtag Singh.

63372

I, Sanjeev Kumar S/O Sat Paul from #457, Ward no 12, Mohalla Gorian Wala Sunam District Sangrur have changed my name Sanjeev Kumar to Sanjeev Kumar Kansal.

63372

I Sanjeev Kumar Garg S/o Tarsem Chand R/o W.No.01, Lehragaga, Tehsil Lehra, Distt.Sangrur. I have changed my name Sanjeev Kumar.

63372

I, Ramesh Chand S/o Maman Ram R/o 196/B-25/2 St.No.3 New Kartar Nagar Model Town Ludhiana have changed my minor daughter name Geetika to Geetika Dulgaj.

63372

I, Ramesh Chand S/o Maman Ram R/o 196/B-25/2 St.No.3 New Kartar Nagar Model Town Ludhiana have changed my minor daughter name Deepanshi To Deepanshi Dulgaj.

63372

I, Surinder Kaur Sohal W/o Karan Singh R/o Patti Dhillon, VPO Buttar, Distt.Moga, 142040, Punjab, India, have changed my name to Surinder Kaur.

63372

I, Amritpal Kaur W/o Kulwinder Singh R/o Vill: Dholewala Teh-Dharamkot (Moga) have known by both names Amritpal Kaur and Amritpal one and the same person.

63372

I, Dilpreet Singh S/o Bhupinder Singh R/o Balair Road Near Nirankari Bhawan Bhikhiwind Distt. Tarn Taran Pb-143303 have changed my first name to Dilpreet and Singh as a surname.

63372

I Niranjan Singh S/o Dalip Singh R/o Vill-Gujjarwal Distt Ludhiana Declare That I Am Known By Both Names Niranjan Singh And Naranjan Singh.

63372

I, Nawab Malik S/o Ahmed Ali R/o Vill: Mulepur Teh & Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib have changed my name from Nawab Malik to Tauseef Ahmed.

63372

I, Manjit Kaur W/o Sukhjinder Singh R/o Amlu Patti Kishanpura Kalan Teh-Dharamkot have known by both names Manjit Kaur and Baldev Kaur one and the same person.

63372

I Sarabjit Mall S/o Paramjit, Vpo. Kaleran, Teh-Banga, Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab 144505, have change My Name from Sarabjit to Sarabjit Mall. Note it.

63372

I, Bhupinder Singh S/o Sohan Singh R/o Vill. Bariana, PO. Kukran, Tehsil Garhshankar, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab India, declare that my given name is Bhupinder and in which Singh is my surname.

63372

I, Gurpreet Singh S/o Malkit Singh R/o Vpo. Ghal Kalan (Moga) have known by both names Gurpreet Singh Rakhra and Gurpreet Singh one and the same person.

63372

I Tufail S/o Rehmat Tulla R/o Village Takhar Kalan, Tehsil & District Malerkotla have changed my name Tufail to Tufail Khan.

63372

I, Ashish Kumar S/o Surinder Pal R/o H.No. 28 Masanda Patti W.No. 1 Banga Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Ashish Kumar to Kumar Ashish. I have used Kumar as my surname.

63372

I, Paramjit Kaur @ Komal Kaur W/o Shingara Singh R/o 9271 Poojan Wala Mohalla Bathinda have known by both names one and the same person.

63372

I, Sahil Chijjer S/o Ram Lubhaya R/o Vill: Ramgarh Teh-Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur I have changed my name from Sahil to Sahil Chijjer. Sahil as given name and Chijjer as surname.

63372

I, Jitender Singh S/o Jaspal Singh R/o Vill: Bal Po. Balpurian Teh-Batala Distt. Gurdaspur have changed my wife name from Jasavindra Kaur to Juswinder Kaur.

63372

I, Chhinder Kaur Kahlon W/o Kashmir Singh R/o Vill. Marur, Po. Chuchak Wind Teh-Zira Distt Ferozepur, Punjab-142047 have changed my name from Chhinder Kaur Kahlon To Chhinder Kaur.

63372

I, Boota Singh S/o Bhajan Singh R/o Vill: Mahitpur Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my minor daughter name from Baani Kaur to Baani Kaur Thandi.

63372

I, Mukesh Kumar Kahlon S/o Kuldip Singh R/o Vill: Garlon Bet Teh-Balachaur Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name from Mukesh Kumar Kahlon to Mantej Singh Kahlon.

63372

I, Naina D/o Jaspal Singh R/o H.No. B-4/227 Kaiyan Mohalla Nawanshahr Teh-Nawanshahr Distt. SBS Nagar-144514, have changed my name from Komal to Naina.

63372

I, Nisha Rani W/o Kamal Paramjit Singh R/o Vpo. Musapur Distt. SBS Nagar have changed my name to Nisha.

63372

I, Mehak Bansal W/o Rahul Bansal, R/o H. No. 1122, Patel Nagar Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana, Have changed my name from Mehak Goyal to Mehak Bansal.

63372

I Jaswinder Singh S/o Jai Singh R/o Vpo Rattowal Tehsil Raikot Distt Ludhiana, Have changed my name from Jasvinder Singh to Jaswinder Singh.

63372

I Amanpreet Singh Hansra S/o Jagtar Singh R/o Vpo Kamalpura Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Amanpreet Singh.

63372

I Baljit Kaur W/o Jaswinder Singh R/o Vpo Rattowal Tehsil Raikot Distt. Ludhiana, Have changed my name from Baljeet Kaur to Baljit Kaur.

63372

I, Arshi W/O Mohd Zuber Usmani R/O Mohalla Sheikha Usmani Manzil, Inside Delhi Gate, Malerkotla, Distt. Malerkotla have changed my name Arshi to Arshi Usmani.

63372

I, Gagandeep D/o Veer Bhan R/o Masitan Road, Baba Total Wali Street, Kot Ise Khan (Moga) hereby declare through affidavit that I have changed my name from Gagandeep to Gagandeep Batta. Please note the following.

63372

I, Mohamad Yakub S/O Attardin R/o Vill-Begowal Teh-Payal Distt Ludhiana have changed my name from Mohammad Yakub to Mohamad Yakub.

63372

I, Amandeep Singh Somal S/o Darshan Singh R/o Vill: Uksi Po. Dudhal Teh-Payal Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name from Amandeep Singh Somal to Amandeep Singh.

63372

I, Sarbjit Kaur W/o Amandeep Singh R/o Vill: Uksi Po. Dudhal Teh-Payal Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name from Sarbjit Kaur to Sarabjit Kaur.

63372

I, Sapna W/o Krishan Kumar R/o Vpo. Model Town Ramgarh Sardaran Teh-Payal Distt. Ludhiana have changed my name from Sapna to Sapna Rani.

63372

I Shamim W/O Awan Ahmed R/o Inside Sunami Gate Opposite Bholu Wali Masjid, Shaheed Abdul Hameed Road, Malerkotla have changed my name to Shamim Akhtar.

63372

I Mohd Aasif S/O Mohd Jamil R/o Bhaini Kamboan,Po Khanpur, Malerkotla Have Changed My Name To Mohammad Aasif.

63372

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Tokid Ahmed, son of Mr. Mohammad Hanif, residing at House No. 1452/2, Sector-29 B, Chandigarh, states that his son, Janam Kabir Ahmed, and his wife, Ghazala, are beyond his control and do not heed his advice. Therefore, he is disinheriting both of them from all his movable and immovable property. I and my family will not be responsible for any good or bad deeds done by them.

989666

We, Anand Saroop, s/o Kaka Ram and Anju Bala, w/o Anand Saroop, r/o #478Q-U-2, ward no 9, Baba Bhai Mool Chand Colony, near Amarjit Singh Joshi Sunam, Tehsil Sunam, District Sangrur, our son Parvesh Garg,his wife Meghna Verma are out of our control so we disowned from our movable and immovable properties anybody dealing with them own risk

524479

I, Gurcharan Singh S/o Pritam Singh R/o W.No. 11 Kurali Teh-Kharar Distt. Mohali declare that my son Puneet Singh Lali is out of my control. So I disown with him from my moveable/immoveable property. If anybody dealing with him at his/her own risk.

63372

I, Gulzar Mohammad S/o Sadiq Mohammad R/o Vill: Shekhupur Kalan Teh & Distt. Malerkotla declare that my youngest son Arshad Mohammad is out of my control. So i disown with him from my moveable/immoveable property. If anybody dealing with him at his/her own risk.

63372

I, Ram Singh S/o Sadhu Singh R/o Vill: Bhaini Gahi Teh-Ludhiana Distt. Ludhiana declare that in my service record my wife name wrongly entered Manjeet Kaur and wrongly entered DOB 20-01-1977. But my wife correct name is Manjit Kaur and correct DOB is 01-01-1975. So amended my wife name & DOB in my service record.

63372

I, Mohinder Singh F/o of No. 3389082F Hav Jarnail Singh (Retd) R/o Vill: Alipur Po. Rurki Khas Teh-Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur Pb-144532 have changed his name from Mohinder Singh to Mahinder Singh. His DOB is 01-01-1941 as per Aadhar Card, PAN Card.

63372

PUBLIC NOTICES

ਮੈਂ ਕਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਗੁਰਦੇਜ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਗਹਿਲੇਵਾਲਾ ਤਹਿਸੀਲ ਤਲਵੰਡੀ ਸਾਬੋ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਹਲਫ਼ ਨਾਲ ਬਿਆਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮੇਰਾ ਵੱਡਾ ਲੜਕਾ ਧਰਮਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੇਰੇ ਕਹਿਣੇ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ ਤੇ ਗਲਤ ਸੰਗਤ ਦਾ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਰ ਹੋ ਚੁੱਕਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਲੜਕੇ ਧਰਮਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ (ਸੰਪਤੀ) ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਖੁਦ ਜ਼ੁੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਮੇਰਾ ਤੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਕੋਈ ਤਾਲੁਕ ਵਾਸਤਾ ਨਹੀ ਹੈ।

60018

I, Army No. 14433872M Ex Nk Gurdeep Singh R/o Vill: Mandi Khurd Po. Ramanivas Teh-Phul Distt. Bathinda declare that in my army record my mother Bharpur Kaur wrongly entered DOB 01-07-1962. But my mother correct DOB is 10-12-1962. So amended my mother DOB from 01-07-1962 to 10-12-1962 in my army record.

63372

It is for general information that I, Baksho W/o Gudawar Ram R/O H.NO: 310/4 Santokh Nagar Banga, Distt. S.B.S Nagar, Punjab-144505 declare that name of my husband has been wrongly written as Gudawar, but the Actual name of his is Gudawar Ram, which may be amended accordingly.

63372

It is for general information that I, Jagir Singh S/o Simra Singh, R/o Nawa Pasa, Nathuwala Garbi,PO Nathuwala Garbi, Distt. Moga, Punjab-142038, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Jangir Singh in my Aadhar Card no 4044 7786 0019 . The actual name of mine is Jagir Singh , which may be amended accordingly.

63372



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PUBLIC NOTICE

ਪੀ.ਐਚ.ਡੀ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਨੈਸ਼ਨਲਿਕ ਮੈਮੋਰੀਅਲ ਸਕੂਲ ਕੁਠਾਲਾ
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ਫੋਨ ਨੰ:81469-97967
Email: gsschothala.mlk@gmail.com
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Criminal Courts, Amritsar

IN THE COURT OF DR. GURDARSHAN SINGH
Judicial Magistrate First Class, Amritsar

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
(See section 82)
CNR No: PBAS030068023617
U/S: 406,498-A IPC
Next Date: 09.01.2026

Harpreet Kaur
VERSUS
Tarsem Lal

WHEREAS complaint has been made before me that Tarsem Lal Sharma s/o Karam Chand Sharma R/o village Dabasa, Bala da Peer Larathi, Mehli Nurpur, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence punishable under section 406,498-A IPC and it has been returned as a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Tarsem Lal Sharma cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused has absconded (or is concealing himself/herself to avoid the service of the said warrant);

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Tarsem Lal Sharma is required to appear at Criminal Courts, Amritsar before Judicial Magistrate First Class to answer the said complaint on the day of 09.01.2026

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Dated: 28.11.2025

DR. GURDARSHAN SINGH
(Judicial Magistrate Ist Class), Amritsar

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Guv Kataria extends Christmas greetings

CHANDIGARH: The Governor of Punjab and Administrator of UT Chandigarh, Shri Gulab Chand Kataria, today extended warm and heartfelt greetings to the people of Punjab and Chandigarh on the joyous occasion of Christmas, commemorating the birth of Lord Jesus Christ. In his message on the eve of Christmas, the Governor said that India, with its rich diversity of languages, cultures and faiths, has always shown the world the true meaning of peaceful coexistence and harmony. He emphasized that such occasions strengthen the bonds of unity, mutual respect and shared humanity. Shri Kataria further said, "On this sacred occasion, let us rededicate ourselves to imbibing the timeless teachings of Lord Jesus Christ, which inspire selfless service, compassion and love for all. Lord Jesus showed humanity the path of a noble, virtuous and altruistic life." He added that the true spirit of Christmas lies in sharing, caring and brotherhood, and these values should guide our thoughts and actions in everyday life. "May the spirit of caring and sharing pervade our hearts and minds. Let us continue to strive tirelessly for peace on earth and goodwill among all," the Governor said, while wishing everyone a happy and blessed Christmas.

NEWS BRIEF

Two-Day Judo Kurash tournament successfully concludes at Cambridge International School, Nakodar: Rajesh Bagha



DALJEET AJNOHA

HOSHIARPUR: The two-day District Jalandhar Kurash Championship, organized under the aegis of the Jalandhar Kurash Association, concluded successfully at Cambridge International School, Nakodar. This was an open competition, with 10 different schools participating with great enthusiasm. The closing ceremony, held on December 23, commenced with a welcome address by the organizing committee. The speech highlighted the success of the two-day event and appreciated the efforts of the players, coaches, referees, and all those present. The importance of sports, which promotes confidence, discipline, and sportsmanship, was also emphasized. The chief guest congratulated the winners and encouraged the players to continue participating in sports.

MCM's Baal Saarthi Club spearheads campaign for child-marriage-free India



CHANDIGARH: The Baal Saarthi Club and NSS Units of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh organised a weeklong awareness campaign on 'Baal Vivah Mukt Bharat' under an initiative of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. The campaign aimed to sensitise society to the adverse consequences of child marriage and to promote collective responsibility towards its eradication. As part of the campaign, a pledge ceremony was organised in which more than 50 participants, including students and staff members, took an oath to realise the vision of a child-marriage-free India. On this occasion, the participants reaffirmed their commitment towards the education, safety, and empowerment of children.
The Club also organised an awareness session on "Making India a Child-Marriage-Free Nation." Dr. Bindu Dogra, Assistant Professor in Sociology and Dean, Migration, was the Resource Person.The session witnessed active and meaningful participation from over 100 students. Dr. Dogra highlighted real-life examples of this social evil prevalent in certain sections of society and emphasised the crucial role of youth in creating awareness. She also apprised the students of the constitutional and legal provisions aimed at eradicating child marriage. Referring to the progressive ideals of Swami Dayanand Saraswati, she stated that the holistic development of society is not possible without the education and empowerment of women.

Chandigarh Mayor polls: AAP suffers setback as two Councillors switch to BJP

CHANDIGARH, DEC 24 (UNI)

AAP councillors Suman Devi and Poonam Devi formally joined the BJP in the presence of former Chandigarh mayor Sarabjit Kaur and BJP councillor Kanwar Rana. The induction comes ahead of the mayoral election scheduled for January.

The political equation in the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation witnessed a major shift on Wednesday, weeks before the mayoral election, after two women councillors of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) joined the BJP. The development has strengthened the BJP's position, making it the single largest party in the civic body.

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Sources said the timing of the move is politically significant, especially as Home Minister Amit Shah is scheduled to visit Panchkula on Wednesday.

Speculation is that the two newly inducted councillors may also be introduced to senior central leadership during the visit.The Chandigarh Municipal Corporation has a total strength of 35 elected councillors. In addition, the Chandigarh Member of Parliament has voting rights in the mayoral election, taking the total number of valid votes to 36. Nine nominated councillors do not have voting rights. Before the latest defections, the BJP had 16 votes, while AAP held 13.

The Congress, with six councillors, along with MP Manish Tewari, accounted for seven votes. Following the switch by the two AAP councillors, the BJP's tally has risen to 18, while AAP's strength has dropped to 11.

A total of 19 votes is required to secure the mayor's post. Currently, Harpreet Kaur Babla of the BJP is serving as the mayor.

In previous elections, despite the AAP-Congress alliance having a numerical advantage, cross-voting altered outcomes in favour of the BJP. In the recent mayoral election held on January 30, 2025, BJP candidate Harpreet Kaur Babla won by a margin of two votes on a women-reserved seat, despite the alliance enjoying a majority on paper.

The Chandigarh mayoral election, held annually through secret ballot, has frequently been marked by tight contests, cross-voting and legal disputes. With the latest political realignment, the BJP now stands just one vote short of a clear majority, setting the stage for an intense and closely watched mayoral battle.

Representatives of Sector 123, 124 and 125 of Sunny Enclave meet ADC regarding their demands

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, DEC 24



A delegation of representatives of various Residents Welfare Associations of Sector 123, 124 and 125 of Sunny Enclave Kharar, led by Hakam Singh Chairman, met Deputy Commissioner Mohali Komal Mittal and as per her directions, discussed in detail with Additional Deputy Commissioner Urban Development regarding the problems faced by the residents of these sectors.

On this occasion, the delegation told the officer that the population living in Sector 123, 124 and 125 should be brought under government control.

They said that the drinking water supply system should be brought under the Municipal Council Kharar. They said that the supply of Kajoli canal water should be provided in these sectors. They said that Sector 123, 124 and 125 should be included in the master plan of Kharar city.

The ADC assured them that he would soon issue instructions to the Municipal Council Kharar and GMADA so that the current problems facing the residents here regarding water can be resolved.

He assured that the department will soon complete its process and take over the tube wells installed in this area and the water related problem of the public will be permanently resolved.

On this occasion, Balwant Singh, Gian Singh Bajwa, Captain Surjit Singh, Pavitra Pal Brar, Harmel Singh, Vipan Bajaj, Harbans Singh Sidhu and office bearers of the residents' societies were present.

Sewer blocked in Fatehulapur village, dirty water accumulated on roads



SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, DEC 24

Sewer pipe blocked in Fatehulapur village of Ward No. 11 under Kharar Municipal Council and dirty water has accumulated on the roads. The residents have alleged that this dirty water is getting mixed with drinking water.

In this regard, residents of the area Surjit Singh, Makhan Singh, Amar Singh, Simranjit Singh, Bhajan Singh, Badal Singh, Kuldeep Singh etc. have also complained to the Executive Officer of Kharar Municipal Council.

Giving information in this regard, Surjit Singh, a resident of the area, said that this dirty water had also entered many houses.

He said that he had earlier complained on December 5 that sewage water was mixing into the drinking water and giving off a foul smell. He said that he has been very troubled for a week.

Meanwhile, when the councilor of that ward, Mrs. Namita Jolly, was contacted, she said that this problem has been going on since yesterday and suddenly the sewer water had come into the roads. She said that she is taking immediate action in this regard and is informing the council employees about this.

Central Bank of India celebrates its 115th Foundation Day at Mumbai



CHANDIGARH: Addressing the gathering, Shri M. Nagarajusaid,it is myprivilege to be part of 115th foundation day Celebration of Central Bank of India, the first Swadeshi Bank. He highlighted significant role played by Central Bank of India in strengthening the nation's banking ecosystem and supporting inclusive economic growth. He commended the Bank's sustained efforts in expanding financial access and delivering customer-centric services across India. Shri Nagaraju quoted saying of Sir Sorabji Pochkhanawala that "The benefits of a good bank are not restricted to the four walls of its banking hall, nor are they limited by the frontiers of its banking business; they transcend far into the realms of commerce and industry and every other branch of economic activity." He further said that the Bank has truly been part of the growth story of India. The RAM share in Loan of 72% is evident of banks commitment of serving the common man of India. Bank has improved its business and profitability. Earlier, while welcoming the Chief Guest in the presence of an august gathering comprising elite customers and Senior Executives from various banks, Shri Kalyan Kumar, Managing Director & CEO, Central Bank of India, spoke about Shri M. Nagaraju's distinguished career spanning over three decades, marked by rich administrative experience at the State, National, and International levels.

District and Sessions Judge pays visit to open agricultural jail Nabha



NABHA (RAKESH JINDAL): District and Sessions Judge, Patiala Shri Avtar Singh along with Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary District Legal Services Authority, Patiala Amandeep Kamboj, visited Open Agricultural Jail, Nabha. During this visit, District and Sessions Judge, Patiala, Shri Avtar Singh personally visited each and every barrack. In an effort to listen to and resolve the problems of the prisoners, the Hon'ble Judge had a meaningful interaction with them. Special emphasis was laid on resolving the complaints and problems of the prisoners and ensuring proper health and medical facilities for the prisoners. Necessary instructions were also given to the jail authorities and staff in this regard.

On this occasion, Chief Judicial Magistrate cum Secretary, District Legal Services Authority Patiala Amandeep Kamboj also highlighted the availability of free legal aid for the needy. He further informed that the persons seeking assistance can contact the District Legal Services Authority at Patiala in person or by phone at 0175-2306500. Apart from this, he gave information about contacting the NALSA helpline number 15100 for assistance.

Mist Hospital successfully organizes blood donation camp, 32 units of blood collected



VICKY BHABAT
ZIRAKPUR, DEC 24

Mist Hospital, Baltana, successfully organized a large blood donation camp today. The camp was held in collaboration with Vishvas Foundation, Panchkula, at the Mist Hospital premises, Furniture Market, near Shiv Mandir, Baltana (Punjab). The Indian Red Cross Society, Punjab State, Chandigarh, also presented certificates of appreciation to all the blood donors. The camp was held from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

People from various sections of society participated enthusiastically in this blood donation camp, and a total of 32 units of blood were collected, which will prove life-saving for needy patients. The main objective of the camp was to raise awareness about blood donation in society and to ensure the availability of blood for emergency situations.

On this occasion, the Chief Guest, SDM Derabassi, Mr. Amit Gupta (PCS), encouraged the blood donors and said that blood donation is the greatest act of humanitarian service, which every healthy person should embrace.

Office bearers submit representation to UT admin on Chandigarh Wine Association

CHANDIGARH, DEC 24



Three office bearers of an entity identifying itself as the Chandigarh Wine Association have submitted a joint representation to senior officials of the UT Administration, including the Excise Commissioner and Chief Secretary, raising concerns over the functioning and status of the Association.In the representation, the signatories—Krishan Garg and Ramesh Dogra (Vice Presidents) and Kulbir Singh (Secretary)—stated that they have resigned from their respective positions with immediate effect.

According to the document, the resignations were tendered due to what they described as procedural and organisational issues within the Association.The office bearers have stated that, to their understanding, the Association is not registered under any statutory framework and therefore does not hold formal authority to represent liquor licensees before government departments.

They further clarified that any representations or communications made by individuals claiming to act on behalf of the Association do not reflect their consent or mandate.

The representation also records support for the ongoing enforcement drive being undertaken by the Excise Department, stating that regulatory action is in the interest of compliance and fair trade.

The signatories have requested the Administration to consider entertaining representations only from duly registered and properly constituted bodies.

A list of liquor licensees and vending units has been appended to the submission, indicating support for the representation, according to the document.The matter is now with the UT Administration for examination and appropriate action, as per applicable rules and procedures. No official response was available at the time of filing this report.

Machhiwara Sahib resonates with 'Bole So Nihal' slogans during Shaheedi Jor Mela



DEEPAK KUMAR
MACHHIWARA SAHIB, DEC 24

The historic town of Machhiwara Sahib echoed with spirited chants of "Bole So Nihal, Sat Sri Akal" on the third day of the annual Shaheedi Jor Mela, commemorating the arrival of Sarbans Dani Dashmesh Pita Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji at Machhiwara Sahib and the unparalleled martyrdom of his four sons and Mata Gujri Ji.

On the occasion, devotees paid homage at the historic Gurdwara Shri Charan Kanwal Sahib. After offering ardas under the canopy of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, a nagar kirtan was taken out under the leadership of the Panj Piaras. Amid flower showers by devotees, the procession began from Charan Kanwal Chowk with resounding religious slogans. The nagar kirtan passed through Gurdwara Shri Chubara Sahib and Gurdwara Shri Gani Khan Nabi Khan, where the sangat was accorded a grand welcome and the Panj Piaras were honoured with siropas. At various points across the town, devotees showered flowers on the Panj Piaras and the beautifully decorated Palki Sahib.

Jalandhar ranks first in state in providing services through e-governance



PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, DEC 24

District Jalandhar has secured the top position in Punjab in disposing of e-governance services by disposing maximum applications related to citizen services within the stipulated time frame. This achievement reflects the continuous focus of the district administration on transparency, efficiency and timely delivery of public services.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Agarwal felicitated Dr. Sumita Abrol, Local Registrar (Births and Deaths), Municipal Corporation Jalandhar and Dr. Jyoti Phuleka, Assistant District Registrar (ADR), Civil Surgeon's Office, Jalandhar was felicitated for their exemplary contribution in this achievement. Their sincere efforts played a key role in making Jalandhar one of the best performing districts of the state. The Deputy Commissioner said that both the officers set an example in providing prompt and citizen-centric service by successfully disposing of more than 97 percent applications related to birth and death registration within the stipulated time frame. Dr. Agarwal also appreciated the officers/employees and staff of various service centers across the district, who played a vital role in ensuring smooth processing of applications.

St. Xavier's E-School proudly organises annual sports meet 2025



ISHWER GARG
TALWANDI SABO, DEC 24

St. Xavier's E-School proudly organised its Annual Sports Meet 2025, celebrating athletic excellence, discipline, and the true spirit of sportsmanship. The event was inaugurated with a ceremonial balloon release by the Chairman, Mr. Amit Gupta, along with the Principal, Ms. Prachi Sharma, and was graced by the presence of Madam Ramandeep Kaur Chatha and Mr. Dharmvir Singh, symbolising unity, enthusiasm, and fair play.The programme began with a colourful march past, followed by the torch relay, the flag hoisting ceremony, and the sports oath, creating an atmosphere of pride and discipline.

Students actively participated in various track and field events, including relay races, 200-metre race, 400-metre race, and other fun-filled competitions, showcasing their speed, stamina, and teamwork.Addressing the gathering, Mr. Amit Gupta congratulated all the winners and participants, appreciating their dedication and perseverance.

Rana KP Singh flays removal of Gandhi's name from rural employment guarantee scheme



BAHADURJEET SINGH
RUPNAGAR,DEC 24

Former Speaker of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha and senior Congress leader Rana KP Singh has strongly condemned the Central Government's decision to remove the name of Mahatma Gandhi from rural employment guarantee scheme by bringing new law in place of MGNREGA and said that the Central Government wants to gradually remove the name of father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi from India under a well-thought-out conspiracy, which is an alarm bell for the country.

He said that the Central Government should reconsider to maintain its original form. Addressing a press conference here today, Rana KP Singh said that in 2005 due to foresight of Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi,the central government had launched a MGNREGA scheme in the name of Mahatma Gandhi for rural people and agricultural laborers, through which a way was found to provide work to the needy rural people for 100 days in a year and earn a living.

This scheme was running very successfully in the country till now and its funds were released by the Center due to which there was no financial burden on the state governments.

Annual Junior Sports Meet 2025 at Rose Public School, Suliali



SULIALI (VERMA): The annual Junior Sports Meet 2025 was held at Rose Public School, Suliali. The event was inaugurated by Principal Mr. Sanjay Sharma and Vice Principal Mrs. Babita Sharma. The event began with a salute to the Principal and Vice Principal by the participating students, followed by a musical performance. The rendition of "Vande Mataram" filled the atmosphere with enthusiasm.

In his address, Principal Mr. Sanjay Sharma urged the students to participate in the spirit of sportsmanship and encouraged them. He announced that various games would be held for students from Nursery to Class 5, with around 500 students participating. The three-day event features games like Jumping with Rings, Puzzle Safari, Tumble Games, Ball Balance, Camel Race, and Bag Pack Challenge. Principal Mr. Sharma appreciated the efforts of Physical Education Teacher Mr. Sunil Kumar and other staff members involved in organizing the event.

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Cabinet Minister honours newly elected Block Samiti Member



HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): Former Cabinet Minister Sohan Singh Thandal felicitated newly elected Block Samiti member Ranjit Singh Harta during a simple yet impressive gathering.

He congratulated Harta on his victory in the recent elections.Prominent attendees included Dukhbhanjan Singh, Jorawar Singh, Malkit Singh, Paramjit Singh, Parminder Singh, Amar Singh, Pirthi Pal Singh, Balbir Singh, Harjinder Singh, Rohit, Jog Singh, Ranvir Singh, Gurm Singh, Vikramjit Singh, along with other villagers.

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Medical practitioners association Punjab Block Bajakhana meeting held



JAGDEEP SINGH GILL

JAITU: The meeting of Medical Practitioners Association Punjab Reg. 295 Block Bajakhana was held under the chairmanship of Block President Dr. Jaswinder Singh Gill at Bajakhana. In which the fruits of devotion were offered by reciting Waheguru for 2 minutes while remembering the Sahibzaadya and Shaheed Singhs of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Dr. Jarnail Singh, the state leader, gave information about the activities of the district and the state. Various issues were discussed in the meeting. Dr. Jaswinder Singh Gill, while narrating the meeting, said that yesterday, a delegation from the district and State President Vaid Dhanna Mal Gill and State Chairman Dr. HS Ranu led by Honorable Sardar Kaltar Singh Sandhwan, Speaker of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, met him at his residence.

Sandhwan condoles untimely death of teacher couple of Dhurkot Ransingh



JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA

MOGA: A couple of teachers Jaskaran Singh Bhullar, English teacher, Government High School, Khote, and his wife Kamaljit Kaur, DPA, Government High School, Girls, Patto, Hira Singh, died untimely while on election duty. Today, a Bhog and Antima Ardas were offered in their memory at Gurdwara Sahib, Dhurkot Ransingh, village, in Moga district. Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker Mr. Kultar Singh Sandhwan reached the house of the deceased and expressed deep grief. He said that may God give the family the strength to bear the loss in this hour of grief and grant the departed souls a place of rest at his feet.

Road revamp sparks uproar over undersized underground pipes



RAJESHWAR PINTU

Dhuri: The ongoing renovation of the city road from the Sangrur bypass to the Malerkotla bypass has come under the scanner, with Punjab Youth Congress general secretary and senior Dhuri leader Shubham Sharma 'Shubhi' and Dhuri Vyapar Mandal president Vikas Jain demanding a thorough probe into the quality of work. Raising serious questions over the project, the leaders alleged that underground pipes were being laid after blocking drains on both sides of the road from the main city gates up to MGM Cinema, in violation of approved specifications. They accused the contractor and officials of the Public Works Department (PWD) of misleading the public.
Sharing a copy of an official PWD letter with mediapersons, they claimed that 12-inch cement concrete pipes had been sanctioned for the project, but the contractor was instead installing 8-inch plastic pipes, which could severely affect water drainage in the area. They further alleged that if such large-scale irregularities were occurring in the Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's own constituency, the condition of development works elsewhere in the state could well be imagined. They also pointed out that the work was progressing at a snail's pace, causing inconvenience to residents instead of providing relief, and posing a risk of accidents, especially during the foggy season.

Hari Manav Ekta Sant Sammelan today

SHARANJEET

PATHANKOT: Swami Jagat Giri Charitable Trust Bhadroa is organizing Hari Manav Ekta Sant Sammelan on the occasion of Nivaran Diwas of Brahmleen Swami Jagat Giri Ji under the guidance of His Holiness Sri Sri 108 Swami Gurdeep Giri Maharaj Ji. Giving information in this regard, Sewadar Kewal Krishan said that the Nivaran Diwas of Brahmleen Swami Jagat Giri Ji is being celebrated with devotion on Thursday, December 25, at Swami Jagat Giri Ashram, Sri Guru Ravidas Chowk, Nawan Chakki Pul, Bhadroa, Pathankot. Many saints, great men and intellectuals are reaching this Hari Manav Ekta Sant Sammelan. They said that on December 25th, there will be yoga meditation at 6 am, followed by recitation of Amrit Bani at 8 am and Shabad Kirtan will be held from 10 am to 11 am. He said that the Sant Pravachan will continue from 11 am to 2 pm. During this time, Hazur Maharaj Swami Gurdeep Giri Ji will shower Amrit on the devotees. Guru's Langar will be served freely during the event. A free medical check-up camp will also be organized on this day for the convenience of the people. He appealed to the devotees to participate in the event in large numbers.



Complete work on 3,100 stadiums across Punjab by June 2026: CM to officers

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, DEC 24



At a high level review of the Sports and Youth Services Department held on Wednesday, Chief Minister Sardar Bhagwant Singh Mann issued clear, time bound directions to overhaul Punjab's sports infrastructure, asking officers to complete 3,100 stadiums across the state by June 2026 at a cost of Rs 1,350 crore.

The Chief Minister also rolled out a sweeping package that includes ultra modern gyms at nearly 3,000 locations, distribution of 17,000 sports kits worth Rs 50 crore, launch of a comprehensive sports portal, and construction of a new Yuva Bhawan at a cost of Rs 43 crore, stressing that the government's central objective is to channel the vast energy of Punjab's youth into productive, disciplined pursuits and pull them away from the menace of drugs.

Chairing a review meeting of the Sports and Youth Services department on Wednesday, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said that in consonance with the New Sports Policy 2023 these stadiums are being constructed in the villages across Punjab. "?1350 crore will be spent on these stadiums with fence, gate, jogging tracks, leveled playground, Trees, Volleyball court, Store and others. The work on these stadiums should be completed within the stipulated time frame adding that quality work should be ensured by all means," he asserted. The Chief Minister said that ultra modern gyms will be set up at around 3,000 locations across the state to channelize the energy of youth in a positive direction. "In the first phase Rs 35 crore will be spent on setting up such ultra modern gyms in 1000 locations across the state. These gyms will have ultra modern equipment like barbell, weight lifting Sets, benches, dumbbell sets, kettlebell Sets, racks, floor mats and others at all locations," he highlighted.

CM Bhagwant Singh Mann also said that 17,000 Sports Kits for players will be distributed by the state government at a cost of Rs 50 crore. "These kits will have Volleyball and Football (three balls and two nets each), Cricket (two Bats, Wickets, six Tennis balls) at every location."

The Chief Minister asked the officers to ensure that 5,600 sports kits are distributed in the villages by March 31, 2026.

He also said that it is a matter of immense pride and satisfaction that the Department is all set to launch a comprehensive Sports Portal. "The sports lovers and sportspersons will be able to get facilities like registry of Players, Online Gradation, Online DBT, organizing Sports Events, ground Reservation, e-Certificates, recording Results, pension / Scholarship and others on a single click. Trekking, adventure, team Activity Camps will also be organized in the state's nine Forest Areas for 10,000 youth," he said. The Chief Minister said that from coming January, camps will be held at Pallanpur, Siswan, Mirzapur (Mohali), Tibba Tapria (Ropar), Nara (Hoshiarpur), and Harike Pattan Wetland (Tarn Taran). "A New Yuva Bhawan will come up in Sector 42 A, at a cost of Rs 43 crore. This will have hostel facilities for 200 youth, auditorium with capacity of 400, a conference hall, seminar room and others," he added.

CM Bhagwant Singh Mann stated that the Punjab government has introduced Sports Policy 2023 and enhanced the budget from Rs 350 crore in 2023-2024 to Rs 1,000 Crore in 2024-25.

CM Mann-led punjab govt cultivates agricultural revolution, drives farmer prosperity & sustainability

CHANDIGARH, DEC 24

As the year of 2025 concludes, Punjab's agricultural landscape stands transformed, driven by Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann led the state government's bold initiatives. The year has been marked by record farmer remuneration, significant strides in crop diversification and a steadfast commitment to sustainable practices, setting a new benchmark for farm prosperity in the state.

Punjab's Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister, S. Gurmeet Singh Khudian, highlighted the year's landmark achievements, stating that the government's resolve to empower farmers is matched by its commitment to ecological sustainability. "Our schemes have driven transformative change, and the record sugarcane price reflects our pledge to reward farmers' hard work," he said.

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The Agriculture Minister informed that the state government's push for water-saving Direct Seeding of Rice (DSR) technology, backed by an incentive of Rs 1,500 per acre, witnessed widespread adoption.

Confluence of education, experience, and discipline: Jaipur–Ranthambore educational tour of students of mother teacher International School, Handiaya"

BARNALA DEHATI (BALWINDER AZAD): Mother Teacher International School, Handiaya organized a well-planned and high-standard Jaipur–Ranthambore educational tour for students of classes 8 to 12. The primary objective of this tour was to provide students with practical knowledge related to history, culture, science, geography, and wildlife conservation.

During the tour, students undertook an academic visit to Jaipur's renowned historical landmarks such as Amer Fort, City Palace, Jantar Mantar (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), and Hawa Mahal. Teachers provided detailed explanations about the historical significance, architectural features, and scientific aspects of each site.



In addition, students were taken to Ranthambore National Park, where they gained first-hand insight into India's rich wildlife diversity, environmental conservation, ecological systems, and the importance of maintaining natural balance. This experience proved to be both highly engaging and educational for the students. Accommodation for the students was arranged at a five-star hotel in Jaipur, where special attention was given to safety, cleanliness, and discipline. The entire tour was meticulously planned, coordinated, and successfully managed by the school's Senior Coordinator, Madam Shubhjinder Kaur, whose responsible and well-organized efforts ensured that the educational journey was completed smoothly.

Gulzarinder Singh Chahal assumes office as vice chairman of Economic Policy and Planning Board

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Gulzarinder Singh Chahal on Wednesday officially took charge as Vice Chairman of the Economic Policy and Planning Board, Punjab, with the status of Cabinet Rank, in the presence of Additional Chief Secretary Planning Jaspreet Talwar, Additional Secretary Planning Jagjit Singh, and Director Planning Anupam. He expressed his sincere gratitude to National Convenor AAP Arvind Kejriwal, Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann for the opportunity to serve.

Immediately following his assumption of office, the Vice Chairman Chahal held a brainstorming meeting with senior planning officers and said that the Punjab Government is already implementing Stong, pro people policies with positive results on ground and that Punjab is leading the way in India by undertaking revolutionary reforms through well thought out policies. In the meeting he along with senior officers strategised to develop a plan for his new role, focusing on furthering Punjab's development.

During the meeting, he acknowledged that Punjab's economy is fundamentally rooted in agriculture and Medium and Small Enterprises (MSME) and emphasized that his tenure will focus on providing inputs and recommendations to boost both these sectors further. Chahal also took the opportunity to commend the Punjab Government's e-Registry initiative, citing it as a successful model of corruption-free governance and transparency that should be replicated across other departments through technology-enabled reforms.

Looking toward the future, Vice Chairman Gulzarinder Singh Chahal highlighted the necessity of embracing the digital economy. He signaled a strong commitment to supporting startups, media and entertainment, while integrating emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and Robotics into government sectors to improve service delivery.

Arora salutes Shaheed Udham Singh on his birth anniversary



SUMER GARG
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Cabinet Minister to GoP, Mr. Aman Arora salutes before the portrait of a great freedom fighter, unsung hero and a great martyr Udham Singh. He was born in the land of Sunam, who kept the torch of repentance of Punjabis burning in his heart for 21 years. The great martyrs, who sacrificed their lives for freedom will be remembered till the end of the world. Mutual association and community unity can be strengthened only by following the path shown by the Martyrs.

The minister, while talking to the media after paying obeisance on the occasion of Shaheed Udham Singh's birth anniversary at his native home in Sunam and Shaheed Udham Park in Cheema Mandi said that great are the mothers, who gave birth to such warriors and the ideals found by these great warriors will always be a source of inspiration for our young generation. He said that Shaheed Udham Singh was the brave warrior who avenged the bloody massacre of Jallianwala Bagh, which can never be forgotten.

He said that it is our duty to follow the path shown by our great martyrs and create a righteous society. Today it is necessary that we make our children more aware of our great martyrs, so that our youth can stay away from social evils.

Christmas Day celebrated by students of Mount Litera Zee School Rampura



RAMPURA PHUL (KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA): In Mount Litera Zee School Rampura, many activities and competitions are organized daily for the all-round development of children so that children can move forward on the path of life. Along with educating children, every festival is celebrated with great pomp in the school to make them aware of the importance of festivals in life. In this series, Christmas Day was celebrated in the school today so that students can get a lot of information about this festival. In this regard, a special assembly was presented by students from kindergarten to fifth grade. In which the students presented morning prayers, vows and carol songs. Apart from this, to make this festival even more beautiful, a dance was presented by the kindergarten students on jingle bells in which all the children participated enthusiastically. These little children really looked amazing in themselves. Seeing which everyone was surprised because the students expressed their feelings in a very good way.

Human Rights Commission takes Suo Motu cognizance in missing dead body case

SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, DEC 24

The Punjab State Human Rights Commission has taken suo motu cognizance based on a report published in a leading newspaper regarding the disappearance of a woman's dead body from a hospital in Ludhiana and the attempt to hand over another body in its place. The matter came to light when the family noticed the face of the body, revealing the truth. The deceased's body had reportedly been kept preserved until her son arrived from abroad. According to information shared with the press by the Commission's Public Relations Officer, Mr. Rohit Chatrath, the dead body of a woman went missing from Orison Super Specialty Hospital, Ludhiana. Taking suo motu action in this matter, the Chairperson of the Punjab State and Chandigarh (UT) Human Rights Commission, Justice Sant Prakash, along with member Mr. Jitender Singh Shanty, has directed the Deputy Commissioner, Ludhiana; the Police Commissioner, Ludhiana; and the Principal Secretary, Health Department, Punjab, to submit their respective reports to the Commission before the fixed date of hearing, i.e., February 24, 2026. He further stated that apart from the suo motu proceedings, the victim's family also appeared before member Mr. Jitender Singh Shanty, who has issued a separate order in this matter. Welcoming the Commission's action, Mr. Satnam Singh Dhaliwal, President of the Universal Human Rights Organization, expressed hope for strict action against the guilty and justice for the affected family.

Saints fulfilling responsibilities neglected by Government with true spirit of service: Dr. Dholewal

AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, DEC 24



Fatehgarh Sahib, revered across the world as a sacred and historic land for the Sikh community, witnesses the arrival of lakhs of devotees during the Shaheedi Jorh Sabha. Every year, countless followers bow their heads in remembrance of the unparalleled martyrdom of the Younger Sahibzadas and Mata Gujri Ji. However, it is unfortunate that while the present government is busy installing publicity boards everywhere, it has paid little attention to repairing the dilapidated roads leading to this holy site.

Dr. Dholewal expressed deep concern, stating that many families have already lost their loved ones due to the poor condition of these roads, yet the government continues to remain indifferent. She said that the responsibilities which should rightfully be handled by the government are now being fulfilled by revered saints and spiritual leaders.

Baba Ranjit Singh Ji Bauli Sahib of Bathan Kalan, along with his dedicated volunteers, has undertaken the repair of roads connecting to Fatehgarh Sahib for the past several days. Dr. Dholewal said that through trolleys of clay, bricks, gravel, tankers, and necessary machinery, they have carried out a massive service initiative to ensure the convenience of the public. This noble effort is now providing significant relief to devotees arriving for the Shaheedi Jorh Mela. The local community is expressing heartfelt gratitude to Baba Ji for this selfless contribution.

This sacred service also saw important contributions from Baba Jasvir Singh Hargana, Amreek Singh Romi, Kala (JCB operator from Ucha Pind), Babandeep Singh Bath, and devotees from villages including Burj, Luhar Majra, Luhari, Bathan Kalan, Bhathe Wale, and Raipur.

The Unirise World School commemorates unbreakable spirit of Sahibzadas



SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, DEC 24

Through a poignant Special Assembly, the students of The Unirise World School paid tribute to the unbreakable spirits and sacrifices of four Sahibzaade - Baba Ajit Singh, Baba Jujhar Singh, Baba Zorawar Singh, and Baba Fateh Singh-the four brave sons of Guru Gobind Singh Ji. The event began with a prayer and a heartfelt tribute by the students. Speakers highlighted the unwavering courage and faith of the young martyrs, who laid down their lives for their faith and principles. Students presented songs and poems rendering how Sahibzaadas had fearlessly sacrificed their lives for the protection of religion. Also, the students were introduced to the lives of Sahibzaade, the whole atmosphere became emotional and the students chanted "Satnam Waheguru". On the occasion the Director, Dr. Pallavi Aggarwal, and the Managing Director, Mr. Shifu Aggarwal saluted the four Sahibzaade for their extraordinary sacrifices and wished that their legacy might continue to guide us towards a path of righteousness and courage.

State witnesses 53% drop in farm fires, signalling success of sustainability push

GAURAV GOEL
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Punjab Children Academy celebrates annual sports day with great enthusiasm



TARN TARAN (KULJEET SINGH HONEY): Punjab Children Academy celebrated its Annual Sports Day with great zeal and sportsman spirit on 27th and 28th November on the school premises. Students of Classes III to XII participated enthusiastically, showcasing discipline, stamina, and a strong sense of teamwork. The event began with a smart march past, followed by the oath-taking ceremony, reaffirming the values of fair play and integrity. A wide range of track and field events were conducted over the two days, creating an atmosphere of excitement and healthy competition. The program was honored by the presence of Director Mr. Harman Preet Singh and Principal Ms. Sandhya Khanna, who motivated the participants and appreciated the dedicated efforts of the teaching staff and coaches. Winners were awarded medals and certificates, encouraging young athletes to strive for excellence. The school has four houses — Daffodil, Orchid, Pansy and Tulip. Daffodil House emerged as the Overall Winner, proudly lifting the Overall Championship Trophy.

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GDH Industries, Devbhumi Glass to fill 69 posts in Basal; interviews on Dec 26

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Interviews will be conducted to fill 69 vacancies at GDH Industries, Basal, and Devbhumi Glass Private Limited, Basal, on December 26 at the District Employment Office, Una. The interviews will begin at 10.30 am. District Employment Officer Una Akshay Sharma said GDH Industries, Basal, will recruit 10 plant helpers, 25 press helpers, 15 furnace helpers, two supervisors, four press operators, two furnace operators, two table operators and five tool/die operators. Devbhumi Glass Private Limited will fill three posts of sales and marketing executives and one post of storekeeper. He said the educational qualification for plant helper, press helper and furnace helper posts is Class VIII or X, while Class X is required for press operator, furnace operator, table operator and tool/die operator posts.

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Shimla Nursing College, Shurala organises Pre-Christmas celebration



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Shimla Nursing College, Shurala organized a vibrant Pre-Christmas Celebration on its multi-purpose hall to welcome the festive season with great enthusiasm and joy. The celebration aimed to spread the message of love, peace, joy, and universal brotherhood among students and staff. The programme was held in the gracious presence of the esteemed Secretary- Dr. Kimi Sood, Principal-Dr. Krishna Chauhan, respected Heads of Departments, faculty members and students, creating an atmosphere filled with unity cultural harmony, and festive spirit. The hall was beautifully decorated with Christmas ornaments, stars, and lights, enhancing the festive ambience.

Sports given top priority, youth being channelized positively: CM Sukhu

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, DEC 24



The Himachal Pradesh Government has accorded top priority to the promotion of sports by strengthening infrastructure and enhancing incentives for sportspersons, said Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Wednesday. He said the State was making significant investments in modern sports facilities while offering improved prize money, higher diet allowances and assured employment opportunities to encourage youth to pursue sports professionally.

The Chief Minister said that these initiatives were helping channelize the energy of young people in a positive direction, promoting fitness and steering youth away from social evils. He added that better incentives and career security were motivating talented players to adopt sports as a full-time profession. Sukhu said that the present State Government was promoting sports activities on a large scale, unlike the previous regime which had neglected the sector. He said that a fixed three per cent sports quota had been provided for employment to outstanding sportspersons, under which 99 players had been given government jobs since 2024. The Chief Minister said that to strengthen youth engagement at the grassroots level, youth volunteers had been appointed in 68 block-level nodal youth clubs, with one volunteer also posted at each district headquarters. An amount of over Rs.3.2 crore was spent on youth and sports activities in 2024, while Rs.4 crore is being spent during the current financial year. He added that special emphasis was being laid on the construction and maintenance of playgrounds and modern sports infrastructure across the State. He said that an Indoor Multipurpose Sports Complex was being constructed at Nadaun over an area of about 9,735 square metres at an estimated cost of Rs.112.49 crore. The complex will include a shooting range, swimming pool, gymnasium, multipurpose hall for wrestling, boxing and kabaddi, yoga hall, table tennis facilities, four badminton courts, volleyball and tennis courts, along with essential supporting facilities such as cafeteria, waiting lounge and office spaces.

HC grants bail to IAS officer Harikesh Meena in Vimal Negi suicide case

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Himachal Pradesh High Court on Wednesday granted bail to IAS officer Harikash Meena, one of the accused in the alleged abetment to suicide case of HPPCL Chief Engineer. A single bench of Justice Virender Singh confirmed the bail after pronouncing its decision on Meena's bail application, on which orders had earlier been reserved. The court allowed Meena's release on bail, subject to conditions to be imposed by the competent court, while directing him to continue cooperating with the ongoing investigation. The case relates to the mysterious death of Vimal Negi, a senior officer of Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (HPPCL), who went missing from the corporation's New Shimla office in March this year. His body was later recovered from the Bhakra Dam, triggering allegations of workplace harassment and abetment to suicide against senior officials.

Following concerns over the fairness of the initial probe, the investigation was transferred from the State Police to the CBI.

During the proceedings, the High Court had repeatedly clarified that the investigation is being conducted exclusively by the CBI and that the agency alone is responsible for submitting status reports. The court also noted that the presence of the State Government as a party in connected proceedings does not interfere with the CBI's investigation. Meena had been enjoying the interim protection granted earlier by the court. With Wednesday's order, the interim relief now stands confirmed as regular bail.

Secure your wheat harvest before Jan 15: DC urges farmers to avail crop insurance

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY



BILASPUR: In a strong appeal to safeguard farmers' livelihoods, Deputy Commissioner Bilaspur Rahul Kumar has urged wheat growers to get their crops insured under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) by January 15, 2026. The scheme, being implemented through the District Agriculture Department, offers vital financial protection against crop losses caused by natural calamities and unforeseen agricultural risks. The Deputy Commissioner said the crop insurance scheme acts as a protective shield for farmers, ensuring compensation in case sowing or planting is adversely affected by abnormal weather conditions. Losses to standing crops—from sowing to harvesting—due to drought, floods, prolonged dry spells, pests, diseases, or waterlogging are fully covered. The scheme also provides insurance cover for post-harvest losses caused by natural calamities such as unseasonal rains or cyclonic conditions within two weeks of harvesting. In addition, localized disasters like hailstorms, landslides, and waterlogging in notified areas are included. Providing further details, Deputy Director Agriculture Prem Chand Thakur informed that the sum insured for wheat is Rs 60,000 per hectare, with a premium rate of 12 percent (Rs 7,200 per hectare). Farmers, however, need to pay only a subsidized premium of 1.5 percent, amounting to Rs 900 per hectare or Rs 72 per bigha, while the remaining premium is borne by the government.

PM Shri's educational tour of Govt Model Sr Sec School Amb successfully completed



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: An educational trip to Amritsar was organized for students from PM Shri Government Model Senior Secondary School, Amb. During the trip, the students visited sites of historical and national importance, such as the Golden Temple, Jallianwala Bagh, and the Attari-Wagah Border. On Tuesday morning, school Principal Vinod Vanyal flagged off the educational tour group at 7:00 a.m. and wished all the students well. A total of 155 students from the school participated in the tour. During the tour, the students first visited the Golden Temple, where teachers explained its religious and historical significance. They were also shown the Sikh Museum. Afterward, the students visited Jallianwala Bagh, where they were briefed on the Baisakhi massacre and the history of the freedom struggle. The students then proceeded to the Attari-Wagah border, where they witnessed the evening Retreat Ceremony parade. Patriotic slogans and an enthusiastic atmosphere filled the students with a sense of patriotism.

Sainj murder case: SC Commission recommends action, SHO suspended



ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR: The Himachal Pradesh State Scheduled Castes Commission held a hearing in connection with the murder and alleged sexual assault of a Scheduled Caste woman in the Sainj area of Kullu district at the multi-purpose building in Sainj. The hearing was chaired by Commission Chairman Kuldeep Kumar Dhiman, with member (advocate) Digvijay Malhotra and Member Secretary Vinay Modi also present. During the proceedings, the Commission conducted a detailed review of all aspects of the case and held extensive interactions with members of the victim's family. Dhiman said the Commission was constituted to safeguard the constitutional rights of the Scheduled Caste community and is committed to ensuring their protection. He said that inquiries conducted at various levels by the Commission revealed negligence during the police investigation, along with indications of attempts to suppress facts.

Chamboh school students leave for educational tour to Naina Devi and Rewalsar



ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR: Students of Classes VI to VIII of Government Senior Secondary School, Chamboh, left on a one-day educational tour to Mata Naina Devi and Rewalsar on Tuesday. The tour is being accompanied by lecturers Narendra Guleria and Jasbir Singh, along with TGT Medical Archana Thakur and TGT Arts Sushma Devi. Officiating Principal and Political Science lecturer Devendra Singh Thakur said such educational tours are essential for the mental and intellectual development of students. He informed that around 57 students are participating in the tour. He also said that the Education Department releases funds every year to facilitate educational tours for students. The students were flagged off by DPE Hoshiar Singh, lecturer Smriti Bhalwal and Physics lecturer Manoj Kumar, who wished them a safe and enriching journey.

Nagar Panchayat Amb has so far sent 43 tonnes of garbage to Ultratech



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: The Amb Nagar Panchayat is continuously striving to keep the city clean and beautiful. Consequently, the Nagar Panchayat has sent 3.5 quintals of dry waste to Ultratech. To date, the Nagar Panchayat has sent a total of approximately 43 tons of dry waste to Ultratech. Nagar Panchayat Secretary Harsh Gupta stated that this waste was collected from all nine wards of the city. He added that the Nagar Panchayat periodically encourages and educates residents to separate dry and wet waste for sanitation workers. As a result, residents are actively cooperating in keeping the city clean. He appealed to residents and shopkeepers to refrain from placing any items on drains or littering in the market to avoid obstructing drainage. Gupta stated that the Nagar Panchayat is regularly cleaning drains and sewers to ensure that water is not blocked at any point and that the Nagar Panchayat does not cause any inconvenience to citizens. Gupta stated that meetings are being held periodically with city residents and street vendors to raise awareness about cleanliness. To further improve the sanitation system, not only are suggestions being taken from citizens, but continuous efforts are also being made to implement them.

Central Tibetan Election Commission launches awareness program on voter registration updates

SANJAY AGGARWAL
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The Election Commission of the Central Tibetan Administration held a press conference at Lhakpa Tsering Hall, Department of Information and International Relations. The purpose was to provide updates on voter registration, inform the media about the awareness programs conducted by the Chief Election Commissioner and Additional Election Commissioners from October 14 to December 8, 2025, and discuss matters related to the upcoming Tibetan general elections. Following the successful conclusion of their awareness programs earlier this month, the Chief Election Commissioner read a press statement and addressed frequently asked questions and other important issues related to the elections during the press conference. Chief Election Commissioner Lobsang Yeshi announced that a total of 91,042 voters have registered for the 2026 elections of the Sikyong and the 18th Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile. This includes 56,749 registrations from India, Nepal, and Bhutan, and 34,293 registrations from abroad. The Election Commission had issued a 14-point guideline for candidates contesting the elections for Sikyong and members of the 18th Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile in its first official press conference on October 7. In addition, the commission has also issued eight supplementary guidelines outlining the expected conduct of local election commissioners and election officials, as well as the responsibilities of the general public to ensure the successful conduct of the upcoming elections. These eight additional guidelines were read out by Additional Election Commissioner Tsering Yudron during the press conference. Additional Election Commissioner Nangsa Choedon informed the media about the Election Commission's decision to revoke the voting rights and candidacy of Sikyong candidate Tashi Topgyal (also known as Lugji, meaning "shepherd") for the 2025-26 elections.

Leopard attack claims one life, injures three in Mandi

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Panic gripped the Balh Valley early Wednesday after a leopard entered residential areas and carried out two separate attacks across nearby villages, leaving one person dead and three others with paw injuries, officials said. According to the Forest Department, the first incident was reported at daybreak when the leopard strayed into human habitation in the Balh Valley area under Mandi district. The animal attacked villagers in quick succession, creating chaos in the settlements of Chandyal and Bhadyal. Three residents sustained injuries caused by the leopard's paws and were rushed for medical treatment. The situation turned fatal when the leopard later attacked a 40-year-old migrant worker, Balveer Singh, in Malwana village. Singh, a resident of Bhyuli who was visiting relatives in the area, suffered grievous injuries and succumbed while being taken for medical care. All the injured were admitted to the hospital, where doctors stated that their condition is stable. Mandi Divisional Forest Officer Vasu Dogar said that, prima facie, the leopard appeared to be disoriented and aggressive. "Forest Department teams rushed to the spot immediately after receiving information. During the incident, villagers acted in self-defence, and the leopard was killed. Its carcass has been taken into custody and sent for post-mortem to ascertain the exact cause of aggression," he said. Sub-Divisional Magistrate (Balh) Smritika Negi confirmed the death and injuries, stating that the district administration has provided immediate relief to the bereaved family and is extending all possible assistance to the injured.

AIIMS Bilaspur leads powerful anti-drug campaign, inspires future doctors to champion chitta-free society

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, DEC 24



In a strong and inspiring step towards building a drug-free society, a special awareness programme against drug abuse, particularly the menace of chitta, was organized at the auditorium of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bilaspur. The programme aimed at sensitizing medical students and healthcare professionals about the devastating impact of drugs and reinforcing their vital role as future custodians of public health. Registerar and Public Relation Officer Rakesh Singh told that the programme witnessed the presence of distinguished guest speakers, Director General of Police, Himachal Pradesh, Ashok Tiwari, and IPS officer Dr. Akriti Sharma, Commandant, 1st Indian Reserve Battalion, Bangarah. Both dignitaries shared impactful insights, urging the youth to remain vigilant, disciplined and committed to a drug-free lifestyle. At the outset, Executive Director of AIIMS Bilaspur, Lieutenant General (Dr.) Daljit Singh (Retd.), warmly welcomed the guests and honoured them with traditional Himachali shawls, caps and mementos. He lauded their dedication to social causes and appreciated their efforts to personally engage with medical students despite their demanding responsibilities.

Addressing the gathering, DGP Ashok Tiwari highlighted the grave threat posed by narcotics to society and called upon young medical professionals to become torchbearers of change.

Himachal Pradesh MP's book launched by Vice President of India

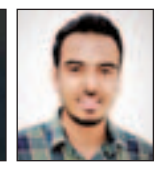
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Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan today launched the book "India's Economic Empowerment in the Modi Era," written by Rajya Sabha MP from Himachal Pradesh, Professor (Dr.) Sikander Kumar, on the achievements in the economic sector during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's last 11 years in office, at the Vice President's Enclave in New Delhi. C.P. Radhakrishnan said that due to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's economic policies, India has become the world's fourth-largest economy and is on the verge of becoming the third-largest. He said that due to the governance policies of the Modi government since 2014, India is emerging as a developed country by 2047. He said that with the implementation of GST in the country, the entire country has developed into a common market, which is directly benefiting small and medium-sized traders and farmers. He said that today a farmer from Punjab can sell his produce in Kerala, and a handloom trader from Himachal Pradesh can send his goods to Tamil Nadu, and all these processes can be done from their homes, whereas earlier they had to travel with their products themselves. He said that after becoming Prime Minister, Modi took practical steps to implement GST in the states, under which the central government made arrangements to compensate the states for their losses, due to which the GST tax system could be implemented throughout the country with common consensus, and bureaucracy was eliminated.

Former teacher-student duo from IIT Mandi and SPU Mandi bagged advanced research grant of 95 lakhs from ANRF





ANIL KUMAR
HARMIRPUR: Prof. Venkata Krishnan, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology Mandi, and Dr. Ashish Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Sardar Patel University Mandi, have jointly bagged a research project of 95 Lakhs from Anusandhan National Research Foundation research funding agency of Government of India. Dr. Ashish Kumar has worked in the research lab of Prof. Venkata Krishnan during his PhD tenure at IIT Mandi. Each of the institution will receive approx. 48 Lakhs from this project funding. In this project, 1 JRF will be recruited soon through advertisement on the website of SPU Mandi to meet the goals of the project and two major equipments of worth 41 Lakhs will be procured. In a discussion about the granted project entitled "Simultaneous Upcycling of Plastic Waste and Biomass using a Photoelectrochemical System" Dr. Ashish Kumar told that a vast quantity of plastic produced, approximately of the order of 500 million metric tons annually, and the waste generated by them persists in the environment for decades, contributing significantly to global pollution. Similarly, a huge amount of biomass waste is also generated annually from forestry, agricultural waste and industries, which possess high carbon content and could be utilized as a potential renewable feedstock.

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Assembly Speaker extends Christmas greetings to people of state and country



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Himachal Pradesh Assembly Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania has extended warm greetings to the people of the state and the country on the occasion of Christmas. In his message, Pathania said that the sacred festival of Christmas is celebrated across the country and the world in an atmosphere of joy, enthusiasm and brotherhood. He said Christmas is observed as the birth anniversary of Lord Jesus Christ, the founder of Christianity, whose life and teachings convey the message of love, compassion, sacrifice and service to humanity. Celebrated every year on December 25, the festival has become a symbol of harmony and peace not only for the Christian community but for people of all religions and sections of society. The Speaker said that on the occasion of Christmas, churches in cities and towns are beautifully decorated with lights, colourful ornaments, flowers and Christmas trees, and special prayer meetings are organised.

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MP Suresh Kashyap condoles demise of former MLA's mother



SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI: Lok Sabha MP from the Shimla parliamentary constituency, Suresh Kashyap, visited village Lehi to express condolences on the demise of Tulsa Devi (81), mother of former Dun Vidhan Sabha MLA Paramjit Singh. Kashyap paid his respects to the bereaved family and expressed deep sorrow over the loss, conveying his sympathies during the visit. He prayed for peace to the departed soul and strength to the family in this difficult time. Former BJP candidate from Shimla Rural Ravi Mehta, district general secretary Balbir Thakur, Captain D.R. Chandel, mandal president Maan Singh Mehta, Raju Sharma, Krishna Kaushal, Deepu Pandit and office-bearers of the BJP cultural cell also accompanied the MP and expressed their condolences to the family.

Distt admin issues advisory on safe use of heaters and braziers in offices and buildings

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: Keeping in view the winter season in Una district, the district administration has issued an advisory regarding the safe use of heaters and braziers (angithis). Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the District Disaster Management Authority, Jatin Lal, said that careless use of heaters, kerosene heaters and coal-fired braziers to protect against cold can lead to fire hazards and other serious accidents. He appealed to residents to ensure the safe and responsible use of such equipment during winters. The Deputy Commissioner said that during the cold season, the risk of fire increases in offices, government and private buildings, and residential complexes due to short circuits, overloading, overheating, poor-quality electrical appliances and faulty wiring. He said that by adopting necessary precautions in time, incidents of fire can be effectively prevented.

PM Modi to dedicate 'Rashtra Prerna Sthal' on Vajpayee's 101st birth anniversary today

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, on 25th December 2025, to commemorate the 101st birth anniversary of former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a government release said on Wednesday. During the visit, at approximately 2:30 pm, the Prime Minister is scheduled to inaugurate the Rashtra Prerna Sthal and subsequently address a large public gathering. Driven by the Prime Minister's vision to honor the legacy of the luminaries of independent India, Rashtra Prerna Sthal stands as a monumental tribute to the life and ideals of Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The memorial recognises his profound impact on India's democratic fabric, political evolution, and developmental trajectory. Developed as an inspirational complex of national significance, the project has been constructed at an approximate cost of Rs 230 crore. Spanning 65 acres in the Vasant Kunj area, the complex is designed to be a permanent national asset that fosters leadership values, national service, and cultural consciousness.

The memorial complex is distinguished by several landmark features, including towering statues. The site prominently features 65-feet-high bronze statues of three seminal figures in India's political history: Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, and Atal Bihari Vajpayee. A state-of-the-art museum, spread over 98,000 square feet, has been constructed in the shape of a lotus. It utilizes advanced digital and immersive technologies to showcase India's national journey and the contributions of these visionary leaders. The complex includes a massive rally ground with a capacity for nearly two lakh people, an amphitheater, a meditation center, and a yoga center, making it a hub for both reflection and public engagement. The inauguration of Rashtra Prerna Sthal coincides with Good Governance Day, observed annually on December 25 to honor Atal Bihari Vajpayee's birth anniversary. The site itself holds significant environmental value; a large portion of the 65-acre land was reclaimed from a massive legacy waste dump.

Harinagar's streets and drains will be constructed at cost of Rs 11.78 lakh, MLA and Mayor lay foundation stone

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, DEC 24



Another important step has been taken towards strengthening the infrastructure in the Municipal Corporation area. The Municipal Corporation will construct lanes number one and two in Hari Nagar Colony, Ward No. 15, under the D-Plan, at a cost of Rs11.78 lakh. Drains will also be constructed in both lanes for water drainage. On Wednesday, MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora and Municipal Corporation Mayor Suman Bahamani laid the foundation stone for this development. Councilor Manu Krishna Singla, former BJP District General Secretary Krishna Singla, Junior Engineer Narendra Gundal and a large number of area residents were present at the foundation stone laying ceremony. MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora stated that the primary objective of the state government and the Municipal Corporation was to provide better basic amenities to the public. The need for street and drain construction in the Hari Nagar area has been felt for a long time. During the rainy season, people faced significant difficulties due to water logging. The completion of this work will not only solve the drainage problem but also facilitate transportation. Municipal Corporation Mayor Suman Bahamani stated that the Municipal Corporation was carrying out development work equally in all wards of the city. Under the D-Plan, priority has been given to areas most in need of basic amenities. The construction of streets and drains in Hari Nagar will provide residents with a clean environment and improve their quality of life.

Robbers attack shopkeeper with knives, traders shut down market in protest

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, DEC 24



Robbers fatally attacked shopkeeper Ashok Kumar Singla on Roop Chand Road in Tapa Mandi last evening. The robbers tried to snatch cash and when Ashok Kumar resisted, they injured him badly with knives. However, Ashok Kumar fought bravely and saved the bag containing cash from being looted. After which the robbers fled from the spot. The injured shopkeeper has been admitted to a private hospital. Where he has 15-16 stitches on his body. After this incident, the anger of the city's traders and residents of the locality reached the seventh heaven. Fed up with the continuous incidents of theft, loot and snatching, all the traders have completely closed their shops. The traders who gathered in Agarwal Dharamshala raised strong slogans against the police administration and warned that if the incidents did not stop, the market would be closed for an indefinite period. Seeing the situation deteriorating, a team of SP (D) Barnala, DSP Tapa Gurpreet Singh Sidhu and police station chiefs reached Dharamshala. Meanwhile, the constituency MLA Labh Singh Ugoke also reached the spot and listened to the complaints of the people. The MLA strictly instructed the police to fulfill their responsibility with dedication to restore peace and tranquility in the area. The police assured that the culprits will be arrested within 24 hours. Permanent check posts will be set up at four sensitive points of the city from 6 pm to 9 pm. 4 teams of police have been deployed to trace the incident and patrolling has been increased 24 hours.

Development in country and state has created atmosphere of enthusiasm: Nepal Rana



NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: Under leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is taking country on path of development and possesses a visionary approach and Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is today counted among world's major political parties.These words were spoken by senior BJP leader Nepal Rana. Nepal Rana was addressing reporters before participating in various programs of Amit Shah in Panchkula along with BJP workers.Nepal Singh Rana said that today, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah is arriving in Panchkula to attend a conference on role of cooperatives in sustainable agriculture, Haryana Police passing out parade ceremony, unveiling of a statue of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and to participate in Atal Library, an exhibition, a blood donation camp and a state-level program organized on Veer Bal Diwas (Valiant Children's Day). He said that whenever Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah have visited Haryana, they have gifted state with projects worth crores of rupees, which is a matter of good fortune for every person in state and under their guidance, new dimensions of development are being established in every sector of country and state.

Cambridge International School celebrates Christmas



RADHESHYAM SHARMA
MORINDA: Cambridge International School celebrated Christmas with great joy, warmth, and festive spirit. The special Christmas assembly, beautifully reflected the true meaning of the festival. The assembly featured melodious Christmas carols, a meaningful story highlighting the value of sharing, and a thoughtful speech on the spirit of Christmas—love, kindness, and gratitude. The highlight of the assembly was an engaging skit that conveyed powerful messages of hope, compassion, and the joy of giving, leaving a lasting impression on everyone present. Festive fun continued in the early years. In Nursery, our little learners joyfully created hand-printed Christmas trees and took home cute snowman takeaways. KG 1 children enthusiastically participated in Christmas craft making and decoration, proudly carrying home their festive masterpieces. KG 2 stars decorated Christmas trees with sparkles and stickers, enjoyed a fun Christmas movie, and took home jingle bells.

Labour-killing amendments in MGNREGA Act will not be tolerated: Mazdoor Mukti Morcha Punjab

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, DEC 24



'We will never tolerate the labor-killing changes being made by the BJP's central Modi government under the guise of changing the name of MGNREGA Act.' These views were expressed by Mazdoor Mukti Morcha Punjab district leader Karnail Singh Thikriwala and Harmandeep Singh Himmatpura of CPI (ML) Liberation while addressing a gathering of laborers on the occasion of an earth-burning protest being held in Thikriwala village nearby on the call of Mazdoor Mukti Morcha Punjab Liberation.

The leaders said that not only has the name of MGNREGA Act been changed to 'Ji Ram Ji' but the right to employment has also been taken away from the laborers. He said that under the new law, the central government will release only 60 percent of the funds for MNREGA workers instead of 90 percent. As a result, doing MNREGA work for 125 days instead of 100 is nothing more than a hoax. Moreover, the path has been paved for increasing the working hours from eight to 12 hours in the coming time under the new act. The leaders said that the Modi government has killed the rights of the workers. They said that there is an urgent need for a massive public movement to achieve 200 days of work, Rs 1000 daily wage and 6 hours of work under the MNREGA Act. Under this, according to the decision of the Joint Workers' Front, the workers' struggle will be intensified across Punjab. Buta Singh, Manjit Kaur, Harmesh Singh Panch, Daljit Kaur, Gurmeet Kaur, Mandeep Kaur etc. also addressed on this occasion.

Christmas celebrations at RBU library highlight power of knowledge

LK BANSAL
MOHALI, DEC 24



Celebrating Christmas with a meaningful academic touch, the Central Library of Rayat Bahra University has introduced a special thematic decoration under the banner "Spreading the Light of Knowledge." The initiative creatively merges festive cheer with intellectual enlightenment through Christmas tree installations made of new books, encouraging a culture of learning and scholarly exploration.

By integrating the warmth of the Christmas season with an academic message of enlightenment, the Central Library has created Christmas tree installations with new books that encourage scholarly engagement.

The display will be held for a week starting today. This initiative reflects the library's role as a cornerstone of the academic ecosystem, dedicated to the dissemination of knowledge and the cultivation of informed, reflective learners.

On the occasion Librarian Sakshi Bahl said that the fundamental purpose of education is to illuminate minds, foster critical thinking, and eliminate the darkness of ignorance. In this context, the library emerges not merely as a physical space, but as an intellectual hub that supports research and lifelong learning.

The thematic decoration was inaugurated by Group Vice-Chancellor Prof (Dr.) Sanjay Kumar. Present on the occasion were Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr. Satish Kumar Bansal, many Deans, Directors, Heads of departments and faculty members of various schools of the university.

Green Valley Public School student wins gold in Open National Karate tournament



RK KASHYAP
CHHACHHRAULI: Two-day 9th Open Wado National Karate Championship, held in Model Town, Panipat, concluded successfully. Competition was held at Multan Dharamshala in Model Town. Approximately 300 players from across country participated. Participating states included Delhi, Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir, Assam, Bihar, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Haryana. Four students from Green Valley Public School participated with one winning a gold medal and three winning bronze medals. School coach Surender Rana informed that Green Valley Public School student Divyanshi won gold medal. Avneet, Harneet and Varnit won bronze medals. Director of Green Valley Public School Khadri, Param Chittor, congratulated all players and wished them a bright future. She also encouraged them to continue bringing glory to their school, their parents and their country in future.

Birth anniversary of Jagadguru Brahmanand celebrated

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DEC 24



On Wednesday the birth anniversary of Jagadguru Brahmanand was celebrated with traditional enthusiasm and pomp in Gharaunda area. Programs were organized at many places. Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan participated in the program organized in Kutel village, on Kutel-Uncha Samana road, Bastada and Ramdev Colony of Karnal. He paid homage to the statue of Jagadguru Brahmanand by garlanding it at all four places. Gave greetings and good wishes to the people on the birth anniversary and accepted the Prasad of Bhandara. The Assembly Speaker reached Jagadguru Brahanand Ashram of his native village Kutel this morning. Garlanded the statue of Guru ji there. Before this, a Havan-Yagya was organized there. Mr Kalyan also took information from the women about the development of the ashram. He said that whatever work they wanted to get done in the ashram, they should discuss about it and inform him. They should not be worried about money. Mr Kalyan took prasad with the villagers in the ashram and also inquired about their well-being. After this, Mr Kalyan reached Guru Brahmanand's Ashram on Kutel-Uncha Samana Road, then Bastada and later Ramdev Colony of Karnal. People welcomed him warmly at all three places. Also, presented him a memento. Kalyan garlanded the statues of Jagadguru Brahmanand at all three places.

Cut in import duty on apples under New Zealand FTA anti-national, against growers: Kuldeep Singh Rathore



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: All India Congress Committee spokesperson and Theog MLA Kuldeep Singh Rathore has expressed surprise and strong opposition to India's decision to reduce the import duty on apples from 50 per cent to 25 per cent under the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with New Zealand. He termed the decision anti-national and detrimental to domestic apple growers. Rathore said that while Prime Minister Narendra Modi repeatedly speaks of promoting indigenous products, reducing import duty on foreign apples would encourage imports and amount to strangling the livelihood of Indian apple growers. He described the decision as highly unfortunate. He said that during visits to Himachal Pradesh, the Prime Minister had made big promises about safeguarding the interests of apple growers, but those assurances have so far proved hollow. Rathore pointed out that Himachal Pradesh has an apple economy worth around Rs 5,000 crore, which would be adversely affected by the new decision. He said apple growers are already under severe stress due to rising input costs and drought-like conditions. The influx of cheaper imported apples, he added, would further depress prices of domestic produce, causing additional losses to growers in the state and across the country. Rathore urged the Union Commerce Minister to reconsider the decision in the national interest and refrain from implementing it.

Meditation and mental health awareness held at Jairam Women's BEd College

HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA, DEC 24



Inspired by Brahm Swaroop Brahmachari, head of Shri Jairam Institutions operating across country and Chairman of Shri Jairam Educational Institute, a successful meditation and mental health awareness program was organized at Shri Jairam Women's B.Ed College on International Meditation Day. It was presided over by college principal, Dr. Pratibha Shyokand. She said that meditation is not just a spiritual practice, but a powerful means of developing mental balance, concentration and positive thinking in today's stressful life. Regular meditation practice can lead to all-round development of students' personalities. Physical education teacher Babita Sharma played a highly commendable role in successful organization of program. She informed students about importance of meditation, its positive effects on physical and mental health and practical ways to incorporate meditation into daily life.Under her expert guidance, students enthusiastically participated in meditation practice. College faculty members Dr. Poonam Sharma, Dr Shalini, Dr Rozy Dhiman, Rozy Jatia, Sushma, Kusum and Deepali were also present and contributed to success of program. At end, all faculty members and students resolved to incorporate meditation into their daily lives. This event proved to be an important and inspiring initiative in promoting mental health of students.

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Seminar on de-addiction at Red Cross Bhavan



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL: Under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner and District Red Cross Society President Uttam Singh, a seminar on de-addiction was organized at Red Cross Bhavan on Wednesday. In this the youth took an oath not to take drugs. According to District Red Cross Secretary Kulbir Malik, the youth those were imparting first aid training were made aware about drug addiction. He said that addiction not only caused harm to the body but also wasted money. Everyone will have to come forward to eliminate the disease of drug addiction from the society. According to the interest of the youth, they will have to use their energy in other creative works. He appealed to the youth to give information against drug sellers on NCB's toll free number 1933 or on Manas portal. Keep away from drugs yourself and inspire others not to take drugs.

CM Saini flags off Atal Jan Seva dedicated run

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
PANCHKULA, DEC 24

Haryana Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini today flagged off a run dedicated to public service, organized by the trainees of Batch No. 93 of the Haryana Police, from Yavanika Park in Sector 5, Panchkula.

Addressing the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the run, organized to commemorate the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna and former Prime Minister, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, symbolizes unity, discipline, and the spirit of national service. He informed that later this evening, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah will administer the oath to the largest police passing-out batch in the history of the Indian Police.

The historic batch comprises a total of 5,061 personnel, including 4,191 men and 870 women. With women constituting 20.75 percent of the batch, this achievement marks a significant step forward in the direction of women's empowerment, he added.

He said that in 2014, women's participation in the Haryana Police stood at just 3 percent, which has now increased to over 10 percent. The state government has set an ambitious target to raise this figure to 25 percent in the coming years.

Sh Nayab Singh Saini further stated that the Haryana Police has played a commendable role in the extensive campaign against drug abuse across the state. The newly trained personnel will serve as brand ambassadors for this campaign, spreading awareness and strengthening societal resolve against drugs.



He said that the run marks the successful completion of 39 weeks of rigorous training and signifies the transition from training to the practical application of policing values and the 'Karma Yogi' philosophy imbibed by the personnel. In this run, 4,252 recruits from rural backgrounds and 809 from urban backgrounds are marching together, sending a strong message of social unity and harmony across Haryana.

The Chief Minister also highlighted that another notable feature of this batch is its strong educational background, with nearly 85 percent of the personnel being graduates and postgraduates. Of these, 2,390 recruits, more than 50 percent, are under the age of 26, and will infuse fresh energy, a modern outlook, and enhanced efficiency into the Haryana Police.

He said that the run was not merely a physical activity, but a reflection of the self-confidence, discipline, and resilience developed through training programs such as yoga, physical conditioning, and self-defense. He further said that the recruits set a remarkable example of social responsibility by voluntarily donating 1,356 units of blood on April 9, 2025. Kalka MLA Smt. Shakti Rani Sharma, former Assembly Speaker Sh Gian Chand Gupta, District President Sh Ajay Mittal, Director General of Police Sh O.P. Singh, Director of Haryana Police Academy Madhuban Dr. A.S. Chawla, Deputy Commissioner Sh Satpal Sharma, Inspector General of Police Sh Pankaj Nain, BJP State Vice President Smt. Banto Kataria, Sh Om Prakash Devinagar, Sh Deepak Sharma, and several other dignitaries were present on this occasion.

One nabbed with 146 kg poppy husk

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, DEC 24



Anti-Narcotics Cell team arrested one accused along with a Thar car and seized 146.230 kilograms of poppy husk (bhang) worth approximately Rs. 20 lakh. Addressing reporters, DSP Rajat Gulia said that under directions of Superintendent of Police Kamaldeep Goyal,Yamunanagar district police are continuously conducting a strict campaign against drug traffickers. In this connection, Anti-Narcotics Cell team arrested one accused along with a Thar car and seized 146.230 kilograms of poppy husk (bhang), worth approximately Rs. 20 lakh. This action is considered another major achievement in ongoing campaign against drugs in district. DSP Rajat Gulia said that Anti-Narcotics Cell in-charge Anil Kumar informed that his team was formed based on information about drug trafficking. Team included Sub-Inspector Satish Kumar, Jaypal, Head Constables Pankaj, Vimal, and Lalit. The team apprehended a young man along with a Thar vehicle during a roadblock at Hathini Kund Barrage. During the operation, all legal procedures were followed, and Duty Magistrate ETO Lalit Yadav was called to spot. In presence of Duty Magistrate, when accused was searched, 146.230 kilograms of poppy husk (bhang) were recovered from his Thar vehicle. During questioning, accused was identified as Sanjay Khan son of Mahmood Ali a resident of Bata Mandi, Paonta Sahib. Accused will be produced in court and taken on remand so that a thorough investigation can be conducted into this drug trafficking network. In-charge Anil Kumar said that during remand, it will be ascertained from where such a large quantity of poppy husk (bhang) was procured and to whom it was to be further supplied.

Block level training camp organised

RINKU SAINI
LADWA, DEC 24



A block-level training camp was organized at Da Konark Academy in Ladwa on occasion of International Meditation Day, a joint initiative of the Haryana Yoga Commission (Government of Haryana), AYUSH Department, Kurukshetra, and Education Department, Kurukshetra. A special meditation session was conducted at Da Konark Academy, Ladwa, for mental, physical, and emotional development of students. All students from classes 1 to 12 participated enthusiastically in this program. It began with a welcome address by Principal Anjani Singh, who highlighted importance of meditation. She explained that regular meditation increases concentration, memory and self-confidence, while also reducing stress and anxiety. Yoga Commission and meditation instructors Gulshan Kumar Grover, Kamal, Narendra and Satish Gola (AYUSH Department, Kurukshetra) guided students through simple breathing techniques, methods to calm mind and exercises to develop positive thinking. Throughout session, students experienced a deep sense of peace and energy. School's Director, Mr. S.S. Sharma, stated that from now on, everyone should practice meditation for 5 minutes every morning to ensure their holistic development.

Students sensitised under Operation Hotspot Domination at Karoda school

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL, DECEMBER 24:



Under Operation Hotspot Domination, launched to make the district crime-free and secure, Superintendent of Police Upasana visited the Government Girls Senior Secondary School in village Karoda on Wednesday and interacted directly with students to spread awareness.

During the interaction, SP Upasana sensitised the students about the harmful effects of misuse of mobile phones and social media. She told them that limited and positive use of mobile phones and social media is beneficial, while misuse can lead to cybercrime, mental stress and adverse impact on studies. She advised students to stay away from fake profiles, online fraud, cyberbullying and interacting with unknown persons on social media platforms.

The police spokesperson said that the SP also informed the students about crimes against women and girls and urged them to seek police help without fear in cases of harassment, violence or any other offence. She made them aware of women helpline services, Dial 112 and other emergency numbers, and briefed them about steps being taken by the police to ensure women's safety.

During the programme, shoes were distributed to needy students with the support of a social organisation, a gesture that was appreciated by the students and school staff.

SP Upasana said that creating awareness among children and youth is the foundation of a safe society, adding that Kaithal Police will continue to reach out to every section of society through such awareness programmes in the future. School principal, teachers, villagers, police officers and staff, and representatives of the social organisation were present on the occasion.

Jan Kalyan Manch distributes sweaters to dtudents in Kanthal Khurd Village

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, DEC 24



Considering winter season, Jan Kalyan Manch Kurukshetra is providing assistance to needy and helpless students and elderly people by distributing sweaters, shoes, socks and blankets at various locations. Today, Jan Kalyan Manch's State President Dalbir Malik, Senior Vice President Ramesh Dutt Sharma, General Secretary Sarpanch Baldev Singh Saini, Auditor K.C. Verma, Treasurer Dharam Singh Jognakhera, Advisor Rajkumar Walia, Publicity Secretary Sanjay Sharma, and Secretary Kuldeep Singh Saini arrived at Government Primary School, Kanthal Khurd, to distribute sweaters to students. School's head teacher, Amarjit Singh Bajwa, warmly welcomed all members and students chanted "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Vande Mataram." Members of Jan Kalyan Manch distributed the sweaters to students. Students looked very happy after receiving the sweaters. Organization's Senior Vice President Ramesh Dutt Sharma said that helping needy and helpless is no less than devotion to God, and therefore, all capable individuals should definitely help those in need. Jan Kalyan Manch's State President Dalbir Malik said that the organization will continue the work of distributing warm clothing, and the cooperation of all capable people is expected in this endeavor. Also present on this occasion were the village Sarpanch Master Baldev Singh Saini, Seva Singh Saini, Kuldeep Singh Saini, school in-charge Amarjit Singh Bajwa, Roshan Lal, Suman Rani, Vijay Kumar, and others.session, students experienced a deep sense of peace and energy.

Birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Bajyayee celebrated



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: The birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna and former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee was celebrated with great enthusiasm and a spirit of national service at Surindra High School Camp. Yamunanagar MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora was the chief guest at the event. The programme was presided over by Chaudhary Randhir Singh. A patriotic poster-making competition was organized to instill a sense of patriotism among the students. The children participated enthusiastically and conveyed the message of patriotism through their creativity. Students who performed exceptionally well were awarded prizes. During the program, speakers highlighted Atal Bihari Vajpayee's contributions to the nation, his patriotism, visionary leadership, and his role in strengthening Indian democracy. Students were inspired to follow Atal's ideals and dedicate themselves to the service of the nation. Shubham Rana (Mandal President), Shashi Dureja, Roshanlal Sharma, Dikshit Dhiman (Councillor), Rosie Malik, and others were present on the occasion.

Stray dogs to be removed from public places: DC

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL: DC Aparajita said that in accordance with directions of Supreme Court, work of vaccination and sterilization of stray dogs in district should be expedited. A location for a laboratory should be identified in Kaithal city and work should begin there. Currently, 172 dogs have been vaccinated and sterilized in Rajaund. Officials of concerned departments should prepare a proper plan to carry out work effectively. No negligence of any kind will be tolerated. Toll-free numbers should be issued for convenience of general public.She was giving necessary instructions to concerned officers during a meeting held in auditorium of Mini Secretariat regarding vaccination and sterilization of stray dogs. DC issued instructions to send letters to officers of departments who were absent from meeting. She said that when a meeting is scheduled, the concerned officers should ensure their presence at stipulated time. She reviewed the relevant issues with each department during meeting and gave necessary instructions, stating that all departments should ensure that they submit their reports on time. She said that according to rules, stray dogs should be removed from all public places such as schools, hospitals, bus stands, railway stations, sports stadiums, and all highways. Dogs will be removed from these places and kept in shelter homes.



Electricity Department to hold awareness camps in villages Mundri, Khurana, Shimla and Dhundwa

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL: DC Aparajita said that Electricity Department will organize awareness camps in villages of Mundri, Khurana, Shimla and Dhundwa on December 27. In these camps, villagers will be provided with electricity connections under the 'Mhara Gaon-Jagmag Gaon' (Our Village-Bright Village) scheme, and information about various other schemes will also be given. She was addressing a meeting with officers of Electricity Department and Sarpanches and Panches of concerned villages regarding 'Mhara Gaon-Jagmag Gaon' and 'Surya Ghar Free Electricity' schemes at auditorium of Mini Secretariat. DC said that Haryana government is extending benefits of 'Mhara Gaon-Jagmag Gaon' and 'Surya Ghar Free Electricity' schemes to common people. These schemes need to be implemented effectively in Kaithal district. In meeting, DC praised the excellent and commendable work done in Balu village under 'Surya Ghar Free Electricity' scheme, where more than 125 solar panels have been installed and congratulated the village of Balu. Haryana government had also given Balu village a reward of one crore rupees. Additionally, a subsidy of one and a quarter crore rupees has been allocated to this village. She requested the Sarpanches and Panches to also create awareness among villagers so that they can avail benefits of all schemes of the Haryana government. Department is also organizing awareness camps in the villages. Superintending Engineer Somveer Bhalothia of the electricity department explained in detail about 'Mhara Gaon-Jagmag Gaon' (Our Village-Bright Village) and 'Surya Ghar' (Solar Home) free electricity schemes during meeting. He said that the electricity department would organize camps in these villages on Saturday to enable villagers to apply for new connections.

Christmas celebrated with great enthusiasm at Little Millennium School, Sector-3

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA: Christmas was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm at Little Millennium School, Sector-3, Kurukshetra. Young students from Developing Roots to Ready to Fly-2 classes arrived at school dressed in colorful Santa Claus costumes, transforming entire school premises into a festive Christmas wonderland. A special attraction of program was a beautifully decorated Christmas corner, where a Christmas tree, decorative bells, Santa Claus, and colorful decorations captivated everyone. The children took pictures at this corner and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. During celebration, the children presented captivating dance performances to several Christmas songs, including "Jingle Bells" and "Chhan Chhan Chhan Ghanti Bajti Hai." The children's innocent performances and enthusiasm filled the entire atmosphere with joy. The teachers explained the significance of Christmas to the children, conveying messages of love, happiness, cooperation, and brotherhood. This Christmas celebration became a memorable, joyful, and inspiring experience for the children.



Langar organised

PEHOWA, YAGYADUTT SHASTRI: A community kitchen (langar) was organized in Diwan Colony by the congregation to commemorate the martyrdom of Sahibzadas (sons) of Guru Gobind Singh Ji and Mata Gujri. On this occasion, Ward Number 13 Councilor Mahant Deepak Prakash said that there has been no greater warrior and benefactor on this earth than family of Guru Gobind Singh J, who sacrificed their entire lineage for protection of religion and motherland. Following path shown by Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, the protector of India, his entire family sacrificed everything for protection of religion. He said that sacrifice of the Sahibzadas, who endured the atrocities of the Mughals, will continue to inspire courage and patriotism in Sikh community, especially among the youth. He said that it is our collective responsibility to connect the new generation with the glorious history of Sikhs. Residents of colony served in langar.



District Legal Services Authority conducts inspection and awareness drives in Karnal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DECEMBER 24:



Under the guidance of District and Sessions Judge and Chairman of the District Legal Services Authority Ajay Kumar Sharda, Chief Judicial Magistrate and Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority Dr Iram Hasan on Tuesday inspected Nari Niketan Shradha Nand Bal Ashram and MDD Bal Bhawan.

During the inspection, Dr Hasan interacted with the women and children residing in the institutions and reviewed the facilities being provided to them. She encouraged them to maintain cleanliness, take up plantation activities and avoid the use of plastic in daily life.

She said that as per the directions of the Haryana State Legal Services Authority, Panchkula, awareness camps are being organised at various locations in the district under the campaigns Nasha Mukt Haryana Mission, Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat and Protect Today–Secure Tomorrow. Through these programmes, the general public is being made aware of the harmful effects of substance abuse and the need to prevent child marriage.

She further stated that under the Protect Today–Secure Tomorrow initiative, awareness camps are being held to promote environmental protection and good health by emphasising cleanliness, plantation and avoiding plastic use.

As part of these efforts, para-legal volunteer Dr Neena organised an awareness camp at the Red Cross Society, where students and staff undergoing training were informed about the adverse effects of drug abuse. They were also administered a pledge to never indulge in substance abuse and to oppose child marriage. Participants were motivated to spread awareness among people around them about maintaining good health and protecting the environment.

In another programme, Inspector Rajesh Lata organised awareness camps at MS Senior Secondary School, Kutel, and Government High School, Kambopura. During these camps, students and staff were sensitised about the dangers of drug abuse, the need to curb plastic use, prevent child marriage and promote environmental protection through plantation.

MC takes action against shopkeepers who were in the category of rent defaulters, sealing many shops

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DECEMBER 24



Under the orders of Municipal Commissioner Dr. Vaishali Sharma, a major action was taken on Wednesday against defaulting shopkeepers who had not paid the rent for their municipal shops. During this action, 3 shops in Kambopura village, Novelty Road and Karn Tal Market were sealed and taken into possession. The Municipal Commissioner said that a list of 8 shops had been prepared for the action. Of these, 3 shops have been sealed. Rent arrears of Rs. 9,02,853 were due from them. She said that to avoid the sealing action, 5 tenants came to the Municipal Corporation office and paid Rs. 7,45,696. She said that before taking the sealing action, several notices had been issued to the concerned shopkeepers, but they did not take any notice of them. After this, the process of sealing and taking possession of the shops was started, which was carried out on Wednesday. She said that in view of the above, the action of sealing the said shops was taken under Section 408-A (1) of the Haryana Municipal Corporation Act, 1994.

To ensure that the sealing action was completed peacefully, Executive Engineer Pradeep Kalyan was appointed as the Duty Magistrate. The enforcement team included Secretary Ram Karan Bhardwaj, Rent Assistant Ram Singh, Assistant Manoj Man, Expert Karan Sharma, Sunil Rana and their team, and police force.Action will be taken soon on 15 shops - She said that final notices have been issued to tenants with outstanding rent above Rs. 50,000. The Municipal Corporation has prepared a list of 15 such tenants. If these shopkeepers do not pay their rent as soon as possible, the municipal corporation will take back possession of these shops. Notices also issued to tenants with outstanding rent above Rs. 10,000 - He informed that the rent department is also issuing notices to tenants with outstanding rent exceeding Rs. 10,000. Notices were sent to 105 such tenants, instructing them to pay their rent. If they do not deposit the rent at the municipal corporation office promptly, the corporation will take possession of their shops as well.

He stated that the sealing operation was completely peaceful. The action of sealing and taking possession of the shops of defaulting tenants will continue in the future. He also appealed to tenants who have made partial payments to deposit their remaining dues at the corporation office soon. He warned the defaulting tenants, saying that there is still time; they should deposit their outstanding rent in the municipal corporation's treasury, otherwise, the municipal corporation will take back possession of the shop.

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Opinion

The greatest day in your life and mine is when we take total responsibility for our attitudes. That's the day we truly grow up.

John C. Maxwell

EDITORIAL

Testing time for Indian diplomacy

With the civil unrest in Bangladesh, fuelled by political vacuum, anti-Indian sentiments and the rise of radical Islamic forces, spilling across the border, it is a testing time for New Delhi's diplomacy. There is a need to navigate the current turbulence with utmost caution and pragmatism. An already-strained bilateral ties took a further hit after the killing of youth leader Sharif Osman Hadi in Dhaka, a key face of last year's July uprising against Sheikh Hasina that led to her ouster and installation of an interim government headed by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus. The widespread violence that followed appears to be spinning out of control. The lynching of a Hindu worker, Dipu Chandra Das, in Mymensingh has raised serious concerns over the safety of minorities in the country. Amid mounting protests, Bangladesh suspended visa services at its High Commission in New Delhi and missions in Tripura and Siliguri, citing unavoidable circumstances. India has suspended visa services at its Chittagong mission after protesters attempted to storm the compound. The systematic attacks on minorities are a grim indicator of how rapidly the country is sliding into mob rule under the watch of an unelected interim dispensation. India, with its strategic commitment to a stable South Asia, must tread carefully. Dhaka must recognise that India's concerns about minority safety and political stability are not merely rhetorical but reflect broader regional stability imperatives.Political history books.

The rapidly deteriorating situation in Bangladesh poses multiple challenges to India, including growing insecurity and infiltration along the 4,000-kilometre border, the rising threat of anti-India forces establishing cross-border bases, and the exploitation of the bilateral friction by Islamabad and Beijing at a time when Bangladesh actively pivots towards a Pakistan-China axis in the region. India would closely watch the outcome of national elections, scheduled in February, and calibrate its diplomatic approach towards the new regime. Dhaka's demand for the extradition of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina could be a major sticking point in the relationship. For India, extraditing Hasina to her home country to face the gallows is simply not an option. It must adopt a pragmatic approach with the new dispensation to find a way out. India's engagement must be guided entirely by national interests. By all accounts, the February election appears to be a sham, with Hasina's Awami League being banned from participating in it. Any regime that takes over after such a dubious electoral process is bound to be hostile to India and is expected to give a free hand to the radical elements to whip up anti-India sentiments to cover up its governance failures. However, it must be pointed out that the two countries share strong people-to-people ties. This bond had translated into concrete cooperation during the Awami League regime on trade and security fronts. By focusing on shared interests and maintaining open communication, the two neighbours can ensure that their relationship remains resilient despite political turbulence.

Haryana forging ahead on road to Good Governance



Nayab Singh Saini, Chief Minister, Haryana

On the solemn occasion of Good Governance Day, I bow in reverence and pay my heartfelt respects to former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji, whose ideals continue to illuminate the path of public service.

Good governance, which essentially means effective, transparent, accountable, and inclusive management of public affairs and resources to meet societal needs, has been, and remains, the mantra of the Haryana Government. Charting the e-governance route, it has taken pointed and decisive steps in the last eleven years to modernise administration, facilitate delivery of services to the people in a time-bound and hassle free manner, and ensure inclusive growth.

Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji, Former Prime Minister and a great statesman, whose birthday, December 25, is observed as Good Governance Day (Sushasan Diwas), is remembered as an icon of good governance in India. His model of governance was characterised by his ability to balance ideological commitments with pragmatic, inclusive, and people-centric administration. He was of the firm conviction that the ultimate goal of governance is to improve the lives and ensure welfare of the people, especially the poor and the marginalised.

Shri Vajpayee Ji had a special emotional connection with Haryana. He visited and stayed in Haryana on several occasions. It is notable that on December 24, 1987, he also visited the Haryana Legislative Assembly to witness the proceedings during a session.

Taking a cue from the thinking of Shri Vajpayee ji, and drawing inspiration from the vision of our Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, who feels that good governance requires political will, transparency, accountability, and people's participation for which e-governance is a key tool, the Haryana Government has made systemic reforms. These have been designed to ensure that the administration bends to the needs and convenience of the people; goes to their doorsteps; services are made available on-line; doors are slammed shut on graft; and touts and middlemen who would undertake to do a job for a consideration, are shown the gate.

Levers have been pressed to ensure that policy matters are decided after feeling the pulse of the stakeholders. Decisions are taken to serve public interest by leveraging the principles of rule of law and participation to facilitate equitable development and empowerment of citizens. Efforts have been made to foster an ecosystem in which all citizens, especially the vulnerable, have a voice, and get equal opportunities.

The state government stands committed to serving the people; make the man in the street feel the ease of living; and industry, the ease of doing business. Multiple e interventions have been done to realise the vision of the Prime Minister of transforming

India through e-governance, and reduce the gap between people and welfare schemes to nil. Most of the services in Haryana are now just a click away.

Good governance reforms have facilitated the people to reap the benefits of all welfare schemes either from the comfort of their home, or by visiting the nearest Community Service Centre. Thanks to the flagship scheme Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP), gains from most schemes are now delivered to the people in an auto mode, and money is deposited directly into their bank accounts, courtesy the DBT scheme. As one becomes a senior citizen, he gets his pension credited into his account; property deals are registered online (50,000 so far); farmers get payment for the crops procured into their accounts now in 48 hours, not 72; and all staff transfers are made online.

From pioneering forensic set-up enabling the police to crack open intractable cases defying solutions for years to AI-enabled emergency response systems; and from women's safety initiatives to result-oriented cybercrime crackdowns; the Haryana Police are setting new standards in citizen-oriented policing with a human touch. With focus on innovation, transparency, and citizen-first strategies, Haryana Police have logged a perfect score of 100 in August 2025, retaining its top position in national performance rankings.

These initiatives are not isolated efforts; they form a part of a broader vision to use technology as a tool to ensure service delivery and transparency by minimising interface between the seeker and the giver. Haryana's tech-driven governance model demonstrates how digital platforms can help simplify complex administrative processes while empowering citizens.

Modernisation of land and revenue records stands out as a milestone reform. By scanning, verifying and digitising crores of pages of revenue records, Haryana has not only preserved vital documents but also ensured easy access to citizens. This has helped reduce the number of disputes and litigations, improve trust and streamline administrative processes. Setting up of modern revenue record rooms has further strengthened institutional capacity. Citizens now experience faster services, reduced paperwork and enhanced accountability, courtesy digitisation of registration services and e-stamping system.

Effective land governance is fundamental to economic stability and social justice. Recognising the fact that land ownership as a critical factor in economic inclusion and rural development, Haryana has implemented SVAMITVA scheme, a transformative step in securing property rights. Issuance of property cards has enabled landowners to access institutional credit. This reform not only strengthens economic empowerment but also enhances legal certainty and social security for families.

Since good governance thrives on transparency and accountability, Haryana has taken concrete steps to make administrative systems more open, accessible and citizen-friendly. Registration offices have been modernised, and services have been decentralised through e-Disha centres to take them nearer homes. The introduction of web-based platforms has significantly reduced delays and improved monitoring. Citizens can now track their applications, access records, and receive services without unnecessary administrative hurdles. Decidedly, these reforms have brought people and the government closer.

Determined to foster a culture of excellence and innovation in public administration, Haryana has introduced the Haryana Good Governance Award Scheme 2025 (Haryana Sushaasan Puraskaar Yojana 2025), to incentivise and recognise government employees who demonstrate extraordinary dedication and innovative approach at work.

This is just a beginning. The state government is determined to accelerate the pace of reforms to serve the people better. Haryana is forging ahead on the highway to good governance, and there is no stopping and stalling on this journey.

Committee raises alarm over disappearances of Baloch women



The Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC) has called on the public in Balochistan to mobilise against what it refers to as an escalating trend of enforced disappearances affecting Baloch women. This plea follows a statement from its senior leader, Sabiha Baloch, who urged the Baloch populace to break their silence and voice their concerns over these actions, as reported by The Balochistan Post (TBP).In a video message shared on Sunday, Sabiha Baloch highlighted that enforced disappearances in Balochistan have extended beyond men and young activists, now increasingly impacting Baloch women. She noted that in recent days, numerous women have reportedly been forcibly taken by Pakistani forces, the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD), and intelligence agencies, including an eight-month pregnant woman, two youths with disabilities, and a mother with her child, as per the TBP report.Sabiha condemned the abduction of a pregnant woman, describing it as not only a grave injustice but also tantamount to a crime against humanity. She indicated that the targeting of women signifies a troubling escalation in state practices and has exacerbated the suffering of families already affected by such actions.

She announced that the BYC is initiating a five-day campaign to protest the enforced disappearances of Baloch women. Outlining the campaign, Sabiha mentioned that it would involve launching an online petition advocating for justice and an end to enforced disappearances. Victims, activists, students, writers, and families of the disappeared will contribute their stories, testimonies, and campaign materials, which will be shared globally via social media. According to her remarks, the campaign will also incorporate art, poetry, writing, music, and visual art to underscore what she termed as alleged state brutality and oppression related to enforced disappearances. Additionally, peaceful protests and symbolic actions will be organised to highlight the plight of Baloch women and demand accountability. The campaign will culminate in a webinar that will feature activists, families of the disappeared, and voices from all over Balochistan.

US Supreme Court refuses deployment of National Guard in Chicago

The United States Supreme Court on Tuesday (local time) refused the deployment of the National Guard in Chicago over the objection of Illinois officials, amid doubt on the viability of such deployments in other cities, the New York Times reported. The preliminary order barred the Trump administration from directing a state-based military force

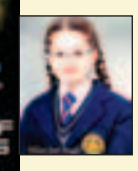


to the Chicago area, where an immigration enforcement drive had triggered arrests and confrontations between residents and federal authorities.The court declined to grant the president wide-ranging discretion to deploy the military in American cities.The New York Times reported that at this stage in the case, the court said the Trump administration had not shown that the statute at issue "permits the president to federalise the Guard in the exercise of inherent authority to protect federal personnel and property in Illinois."Three conservative justices, Clarence Thomas, Samuel A Alito Jr and Neil M Gorsuch, dissented.

Donald Trump had earlier ordered the National Guard to Portland, Los Angeles, and Washington DC.Federal law allows the president to federalise the National Guard without the permission of state officials in certain circumstances, including in cases of "rebellion or danger of a rebellion" against the government or when law enforcement cannot execute US law.An appeals court in Washington had allowed troops to remain in the US' capital while litigation continues, citing the city's unique status as a federal district. Meanwhile, the Pentagon decided in November to withdraw several out-of-state soldiers from Illinois and Oregon, while keeping local troops activated.This comes in the backdrop of street protests against the National Guard and incidents of violence in Washington, including a targeted attack on November 26 in which two National Guard personnel were assaulted, leaving one dead and another critically injured.

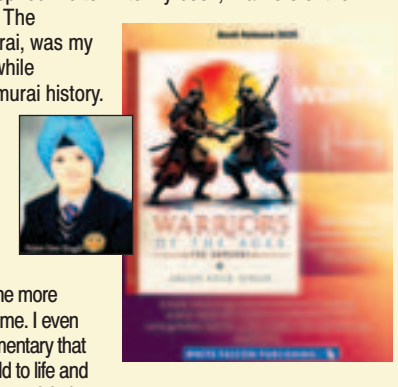
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When exam time came, I felt nervous and restless. Whenever I had a little free time, I began writing a story instead. It helped me think more clearly. I remembered my father's advice: never give up, and never stay up too late. At first, I ignored it, but slowly I saw he was right. Those lessons found their way into The House of Secrets, shaping the story as much as they shaped me.

Milan Jeet Singh



What inspired me to write my book, Warriors of the Ages: The Samurai, was my deep curiosity while researching samurai history. I spent weeks reading articles, studying their code, and learning about their battles and traditions. The more I learned, the more fascinated I became. I even watched a documentary that brought their world to life and helped me understand their values and discipline. After gaining so much knowledge, I wanted to share what I had discovered with others. At first I wondered how to do that, then an idea struck me: I would write a book for young readers.

Arjan Veer Singh

India can emerge as global hub for digital infrastructure with data embassies, data cities

India has a strong opportunity to position itself as a global leader in digital infrastructure innovation by adopting emerging models such as data embassies and data cities, according to a report by PwC.The report highlighted that India can attract foreign governments and international organisations by offering "data embassy" arrangements.

Such a model would require the creation of tax-neutral zones, sovereign immunity frameworks, and robust cybersecurity guarantees. By doing so, India could position itself as a trusted host for the critical digital assets of other nations.It stated "India can attract foreign governments and international organisations by looking at opportunities such as offering 'data embassy' arrangements, sovereign data hosting under diplomatic protections".I

n addition, the report proposed the development of dedicated "data cities" built specifically for digital infrastructure. These data cities would bring together data centres, cloud service providers, artificial intelligence labs, and digital services under a single policy and tax regime. With targeted incentives, regulatory sandboxes, and ready-to-use infrastructure, these hubs could make it easier for businesses to set up and scale operations in India.According to the report, the combined impact of data embassies and data cities would be the creation of a powerful ecosystem that attracts global capital, accelerates innovation, generates high-quality jobs, and strengthens India's position in the global digital value chain. A phased and



forward-looking taxation approach, addressing current uncertainties while encouraging sustainable and localised growth, would be critical to building a competitive and future-ready data centre ecosystem.

Data centres are emerging as a key infrastructure segment supporting the global digital economy. The report noted that India's digital economy contributed 11.74 per cent, or USD 0.402 trillion, to the country's GDP in FY 2022-23. This share is expected to grow at nearly double the pace of the overall economy and could account for around 20 per cent of national income by FY 2029-30, surpassing agriculture and manufacturing.As digital adoption rises, demand for data centres in India has increased by nearly nine times. The country's current installed data centre capacity stands at 1.5 GW and is projected to grow at a CAGR of about 20-24 per cent between 2025 and 2035. Total capacity is expected to reach around 14 GW by 2035, supported by investment commitments from Indian and global operators. The report also pointed out that India benefits from lower data centre construction costs compared to hubs such as Singapore, Taiwan, Malaysia, and South Korea. India's high potential for clean power generation further strengthens its appeal, as reliable and sustainable energy is a critical requirement for data centre development.To sustain growth, the report stressed the need for a predictable, investment-friendly tax and regulatory environment, with clear tax policies across the entire project lifecycle to boost investor confidence.

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Brahma Kumaris organises Special Raja Yoga Program in Mohali on World Meditation Day

TILAK RAJ

MOHALI: A special program was organized at Brahma Kumaris Sukhshanti Bhawan, Phase 7, Mohali, on the occasion of World Meditation Day. The program was presided over by Brahma Kumari Premlata, In-charge of the Mohali-Ropar Circle, and attended by approximately 350 people, including the Chief Guest, Mr. Rakesh Kumar Popli, PCS, Additional Chief Administrator, PUDA. Mr.



Pawan Kumar Gupta, Chief Engineer, CPWD, participated as a special guest, and Raja Yoga teacher Brahma Kumari Aditi shared her thoughts as the main speaker. Brahma Kumari Rama, Co-in-charge of the Raja Yoga centers in the Mohali-Ropar Circle, explained and conducted a Raja Yoga meditation session during the program. Mr. Rakesh Kumar Popli, PCS, Additional Chief Administrator PUDA while speaking as chief guest said that the Brahma Kumaris organization is doing a very commendable job of bringing peace, unity, and faith to the world.

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Tulsi Pujan Day celebration today at ISKCON Temple

RAHUL KOHLI

YAMUNANAGAR: Under the joint aegis of ISKCON Temple Yamunanagar and Gulmohar Academy Yamunanagar, Tulsi Pujan Day will be celebrated with reverence and devotion on December 25 from 10 am to 1 pm at ISKCON Temple, Yamunanagar. Yamunanagar MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora will be the chief guest, while HG Shrikarta Das, General Manager, ISKCON Yamunanagar, will be the special guest. Students from grades 1 to 8 will participate in the event. Children will be informed about the religious, cultural, and scientific significance of Goddess Tulsi. Through dance recitation, general knowledge quizzes and other religious activities, the message of values, positive thinking and reducing screen time will be conveyed to children. Parents and grandparents have also been invited to the event. Prasad, return gifts, and prizes for the winners of the competitions will also be presented by the guests. Director-Principal of Gulmohar Academy, Param Duggal appealed to all the respected members of the media to attend the program and help in the publicity of the event.

"Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" policy being carried forward: MLA Jagmohan Anand

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, DEC 24



MLA Jagmohan Anand said that the government has worked on the principle of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas" over the past two terms and that public representatives are continuing to carry this policy forward. He said equal development of villages and towns is being ensured.

The MLA was addressing residents on Tuesday after inaugurating and laying foundation stones for several development works worth crores of rupees in village Kachhwa. Jagmohan Anand said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former Haryana Chief Minister and Union Minister Manohar Lal had taken a firm resolve to implement the policy of inclusive development. He added that under the leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, ministers, MLAs and public representatives are continuing to work with the same vision. During the programme, more than a dozen development projects were inaugurated and launched. These included construction of a road from Gugamadi to the stadium at a cost of Rs 1.30 crore, foundation stone laying of the reconstruction of the village phirni up to Gurdwara Behlolpur Road costing around Rs 75 lakh, foundation stone of a community centre to be built at Raifarm at a cost of Rs 10 lakh, inauguration of the Kashyap Choupal built at a cost of Rs 15 lakh, foundation stone of the Harijan Choupal to be constructed at a cost of Rs 25 lakh, foundation stone for completion of a community hall near Khera at a cost of Rs 10 lakh, foundation stone of the first floor construction of Ror Choupal at a cost of Rs 10 lakh, inauguration of the Sunar Choupal built at a cost of Rs 15 lakh, foundation stone of the Raisikh Choupal to be built at a cost of Rs 10 lakh, foundation stone of the Odh Choupal costing Rs 10 lakh, foundation stone of boundary wall construction at Gogamadi costing Rs 10 lakh, along with renovation works of the Bhatt Choupal and Valmiki Choupal.

On the occasion, village sarpanch Sushila Devi, sarpanch representative Deepak Kumar, mandal general secretary Bansi Lal Kalamapura, former sarpanch Bittu, Joginder Singh, Rajbir Khokhar Kalamapura, Devender Gurjar Pundrak, Gurmeet Bazigar, Pradeep Bhatia, Paleram Dhanakhar, Nishant Sharma Shanu and a large number of villagers and dignitaries were present.

SJVN achieves COD of 1000 MW Bikaner Solar Power Project in Rajasthan





DINESH AGARWAL
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Bhupender Gupta, Chairman & Managing Director, SJVN informed that SJVN has successfully achieved the Commercial Operation Date (COD) of the 1000 MW Bikaner Solar Power Project today, marking the significant milestone in the Company's journey towards strengthening the nation's power generation capacity.

Gupta congratulated all employees for this remarkable accomplishment and highlighted that this success not only showcases the technical excellence of SJVN, but also reflects the dedication and coordinated efforts of employees, contractors and all stakeholders.

Gupta further stated that 1000 MW Bikaner Solar Power Project is located at Bikaner district of Rajasthan and is being implemented by SJVN through its wholly owned subsidiary SJVN Green Energy Limited (SGEL).This project will generate 2,454.55 million units of electricity in its first year of operation, and approximately 56,838 million units cumulatively over 25 years. The maximum usage charges have been fixed at ?2.57 per unit, thereby contributing to the availability of affordable green power to consumers. The generated solar power from the project will be supplied to the States of Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand.

Ajay Kumar Sharma, Director (Personnel), appreciated the collective efforts of all involved and stated that the project has been developed on 5,000 acres of outright-purchased land near Village Banderwala in Bikaner District, Rajasthan, one of the highest solar-yield regions in the country. He further stated that the commissioning of this project contributes significantly towards achievement of the Government of India's target of 500 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030.

Under "Child Marriage Free India" campaign students and villagers sensitised



ASHOK CHUGH

PANIPAT: Under the 100-day campaign "Child Marriage Free India," students and villagers were sensitized against child marriage in schools, colleges, Anganwadi centers and Panchayats at various locations in the district. Under this campaign, students and villagers were made aware about child marriage in Government Senior Secondary School Nimbari, Government High School Babail, Ugrakhedi, Rokseda, and Basada. Addressing the students and villagers, Sanjay Kumar, District Coordinator of MDD of India a partner organization of Just Rights for Children, said that child marriage remained a harsh reality in our society, resulting in over 1.5 million child brides in the country. Even today, girls and women are considered second-class citizens, leading to physical, mental, emotional and social abuse. A large-scale awareness campaign and strict enforcement of the law are needed. Nimbari Government High School Headmaster Krishna said that the right to education, health and recreation was a fundamental right of all children but child marriage deprives them of these rights.

Door-to-door awareness campaign in Budhera village held under drug-free India campaign



MAINPAL KASHYAP

INDRI: With the aim of making the Drug-Free India campaign a success, the police administration is continuously taking strict measures against drug abuse. In this regard, a door-to-door public awareness campaign was conducted by the anti-drug team in Budhera village, under the Nigdu police station area of Karnal district. During the campaign, Sub-Inspector Sukhbir Singh, in-charge of the anti-drug team, and Dr. Harsh, a member of the counseling team, informed the villagers, including women, men, youth, and children, about the harmful effects of drug abuse. They explained that drug addiction not only harms a person's physical health but also severely affects their family, social, and economic life. Drug addiction also becomes a major obstacle in a person's bright future. The team also raised awareness among the villagers about following traffic rules. They appealed to people to wear helmets and seat belts while driving, not to drive under the influence of drugs, and not to use mobile phones while driving. The police team also informed the villagers that if they receive any information related to illegal drug trafficking, drug use, or sale, they can share it on the anti-drug helpline number 1933.

Pratap Public School students celebrate Christmas with love and service



KAMAL SHARMA

TARAORI: Christmas was celebrated at Pratap Public School, Taraori. The school premises were beautifully decorated with Christmas trees and colorful lights, creating a joyful atmosphere. The programme began with a prayer. The students presented melodious Christmas carols, which captivated everyone. The main attraction of the programme was a meaningful skit presented by the students. This skit conveyed the beautiful message given by Lord Jesus Christ that God can be found in any form, and we should help every needy person. Through their simple acting, the children showed that when we feed the hungry, support the sorrowful, and help the needy, that is true service and worship of God. After this, the children presented an enthusiastic Christmas dance. The innocent performances of the children dressed in colorful costumes delighted all the spectators. The school's director, Pithi Chaudhary, said that the Lord's message is based on love, compassion, and service. Children should understand from a young age that service to humanity is the greatest religion. The school principal, Vikas Utreja, said that such programs develop moral values in children and make them sensitive towards society.

Grand inauguration of AIAC Season 2 in Jaipur; Yoga and spiritual consciousness take centre stage



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

JAIPUR: As a significant initiative to connect ancient Vedic sciences with modern life, the Almighty International Astrology Conclave (AIAC) Season 2 was grandly inaugurated in Jaipur. Organized by Almighty International in collaboration with the International Vastu Academy, this national-level event served as an effective platform to integrate the combined application of yoga, astrology, and Vastu Shastra into people's lives. The participation of Shri Yog Abhyas Ashram Trust (SYAAT) was a special highlight of the conclave. This institution, continuously engaged in humanitarian service since 1888, is considered a leader in India's ancient yoga traditions. Following the tradition of Yog Yogeshwar Mahaprabhu Ramlal Ji Maharaj, SYAAT considers yoga not merely a physical exercise, but a path to self-purification, mental balance, and social welfare. The institution aims to bring yoga to the last person in society without any commercial motive. The dignified presence of Swami Amit Dev, the chief Yogacharya of SYAAT, provided a clear yoga-spiritual direction to the entire conclave. In his address, Swami Amit Dev said that yoga is the fundamental science that balances a person from within, and only then does the positive influence of astrology and Vastu Shastra become evident in life.

Kurukshetra's Karan Kashyap wins Silver in state-level Taekwondo

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KURUKSHETRA: Karan Kashyap, a talented tenth-grade student from Shaheed Jaswinder Singh Government Senior Secondary School, Talhedi (resident of village Kainthla), has brought glory to the district by securing second place in the state-level Taekwondo competition held in Ambala. This achievement has not only made the school proud but also the village of Kainthla and the entire Kurukshetra district. A special felicitation ceremony was organised at the school premises to celebrate this historic success, where Karan Kashyap was grandly welcomed and honoured with a medal. School Principal Ramendra Singh, Physical Education teachers Labh Singh and Rohit Kumar said that Karan Kashyap had already proven his mettle by securing first place at the block and district levels before the state-level competition, and now, by securing second place at the state level, he has further enhanced the school's prestige. Principal Ramendra Singh said that the school's students have previously performed exceptionally well in various academic and sports competitions.



Ramp demolished by mistake near shops



PRITI SAINI

SADHAURA: During the drain construction work in Sadhaura market, the ramps in front of the shops were demolished. One of the shopkeepers, Sandeep Jain, informed that he owns a shop in the unpaved market in Ward No. 10, and its ramp was wrongly demolished by the contractor appointed by the municipality, Da Rao Majra Co-operative Society Limited. Sandeep Jain stated that he had complained about this several times to the municipality and the SDM office in Bilaspur during the grievance redressal camp. In this regard, in letter number 4205/mcs issued by the municipality, the contractor admitted to the municipality on November 10, 2025, that he had wrongly demolished Sandeep Jain's shop's ramp and would rebuild it.

Focus should be on martyrdom of the four Sahibzadas, not Christmas celebrations: Sanjeev Chauhan



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Valmiki Aadi Dharam Samaj Bhim state spokesperson Sanjeev Chauhan on Tuesday said that instead of celebrating Christmas, people in India should remember and pay homage to the supreme sacrifice of the four Sahibzadas of Guru Gobind Singh Ji.Chauhan said that in India, Christmas is celebrated with great enthusiasm not only by Christian missionaries but also by many non-Christians, despite Christianity being a foreign religion. He questioned why such importance is given to a religion whose scriptures and origins are outside the country, while the sacrifices made for the protection of India's indigenous faiths are often overlooked.He said many non-Christian Hindus are unaware of the heroic martyrdom of Guru Gobind Singh Ji's four sons—Ajit Singh, Jujhar Singh, Zorawar Singh and Fateh Singh—who laid down their lives at a very young age to protect Dharma. Chauhan said their sacrifice was not only for a religion but for truth, righteousness and humanity, and should be a source of inspiration for every Indian.

Awareness Program organised on National Consumer Day



YAGYADUTT SHASTRI

PEHOWA: An awareness program was organized in Pehowa today on occasion of National Consumer Day, under the guidance of Assistant Food and Supply Officer. It aimed to inform consumers about their rights and government schemes. Food and Supply Inspector Rinku Jangra, Data Operator Yogendra Sharma and CONFED In-charge Manish Kumar were specially present. It was attended by Depot Holder President Shobhit Mehta, Pankaj Sharma and all depot holders of area. Officials emphasized consumers' rights, transparency in ration distribution system and timely availability of food grains in correct quantity. Depot holders were also instructed to follow rules and ensure that general public does not face any inconvenience.

Veer Bal Diwas held at St. Paul Divine School



KAMAL SHARMA

TARAORI: Veer Bal Diwas was held at St. Paul Divine School, Taraori. On this occasion, tributes were paid to the courage, determination, and supreme sacrifice of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh. The school children participated in prayer meetings, short plays, essay competitions, and displayed artwork such as paintings, which depicted the bravery of the Sahibzadas. The teachers told the children that Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the tenth Guru of the Sikhs, had four sons, of whom Zorawar Singh and Fateh Singh were the two younger sons, and they sacrificed their lives fighting against the Mughals, displaying immense bravery. They inspired the children with the sacrifice of the Sahibzadas and encouraged them to follow the path of truth, righteousness, courage, and patriotism. Principal Preeti Gupta said that this day symbolizes the strength of Indian culture and values and prepares the youth for future challenges.

Tulsi Diwas celebrated at Royal Arya Shiksha Niketan



HANS RAJ YADAV

KURUKSHETRA: Tulsi Diwas, observed every year on December 25 in the Hindu tradition, was celebrated at Royal Arya Shiksha Niketan on December 24 with an awareness programme for students. School principal Rakesh Gera addressed the students during the morning assembly and explained the significance of Tulsi Diwas. He said that Tulsi is not an ordinary plant but is regarded as dear to Lord Vishnu and holds a special place in Hindu culture. He also highlighted the medicinal properties of the Tulsi plant and spoke about the importance of worship and remembrance associated with it. Morning Star director Kiran Gera also spoke to the students about the importance of Tulsi Diwas and its cultural relevance. On the occasion, the management and teachers of both schools participated and encouraged students to stay connected with their cultural roots and traditions.

Tulsi Day celebrated at Kidzee School with devotion



RINKU SAINI

LADWA: Tulsi Day was celebrated with great devotion at Kidzee School on Wednesday. The children were very excited while worshipping Tulsi Mata. In the scriptures, the Tulsi plant is considered a form of Goddess Lakshmi. Homes where Tulsi plants are planted and worshipped regularly always blessed with happiness and prosperity. The Tulsi plant also holds special significance in Vastu Shastra. The Tulsi plant has the ability to dispel negative energy. The Tulsi plant has many medicinal properties. Worshiping Tulsi creates good thoughts in the mind. Kidzee School keeps on increasing the religious growth of children by organizing such programs. So that today's children understand Indian culture well and take their tradition forward.

Special assembly held on birth anniversary of Jagat Guru Brahmanand Ji



HANS RAJ

KURUKSHETRA: A special prayer assembly was organized with reverence and devotion at Baba Siddhnath International Public School to commemorate birth anniversary of Jagat Guru Brahmanand Ji Maharaj. Flowers were offered to the portrait of Guru Brahmanand Ji, filling entire atmosphere with spiritual energy. Following this, students were encouraged to follow principles, ideals, and values ??of life taught by Guru Brahmanand Ji. Children were made aware of importance of truth, service, discipline and morality. School's Managing Director Ishwar Singh said in his address that thoughts of Guru Brahmanand Ji are highly relevant even today and inspired students to follow his ideals. School's Principal, Geeta Sharma said in her message,"Such special assemblies cultivate values, morality and spiritual consciousness in children. Principles of Guru Brahmanand Ji inspire us to walk on path of truth, embrace spirit of service and maintain discipline in life."

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IndiGo to Connect Delhi and London Heathrow Starting 2 February 2026

Chandigarh/ Ludhiana: IndiGo, today, announced its new direct flights between Delhi and London (Heathrow), effective 2 February 2026. The airline will fly five times a week on the route using its Boeing 787 aircraft, taken on wet/damp lease from Norse Atlantic Airways, offering dual-class configuration with IndiGoStretch and Economy Class. IndiGo already operates daily, direct flights between Mumbai and London Heathrow, and will now operate a total of 12 weekly flights to London. The introduction of this new route marks a steady expansion of international connectivity from the National Capital, Delhi, after IndiGo's recently launched flights to Denpasar (Bali), Krabi, Hanoi, Guangzhou, and Manchester. IndiGo has already announced introduction of direct flights to Athens starting January 2026. Along with the international expansion from Delhi, as part of it's further internationalisation, IndiGo has added 10 new international destinations and more than 30 new international routes from various points in India over the past 12 months.

NEWS BRIEF

India Gets Premium and Health-Conscious: Says Croma

GURUGRAM : Croma, India's trusted omni-channel electronics retailer from the Tata Group, today released its Year-End Consumer Trends 2025, capturing a compelling look at how Indians embraced technology and home upgrades this year. The findings highlight how Indian consumers are opting for multi-brand larger formats, premium features, smart convenience and health-focused appliances across Croma's nationwide offline and online network. "Croma's year end data shows a clear shift in how Indians are upgrading their homes and lifestyles. Consumers today are confident, informed and willing to invest in technology that delivers tangible everyday value, whether it's larger screens, smarter appliances, energy efficient cooling or health led products. These trends reflect a maturing market where choices are driven by experience, relevance and long-term utility."

Global Defence OEM, Tonbo Imaging files DRHP with SEBI for IPO

GURUGRAM : Tonbo Imaging India Limited, a global defence electronics original equipment manufacturer (OEM), has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) with market regulator the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). The company's initial public offering comprises an Offer for Sale (OFS) of up to 18,085,246 equity shares of face value Rs. 2 each. The Offer for Sale comprises 1,960,000 equity shares by Promoter Selling Shareholders, 339,700 equity shares by the Promoter Group Selling Shareholder, and 15,635,046 equity shares by Investor Selling Shareholders. Founded in 2003 by technologists with prior experience at the U.S.

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HISAR : Iodised salt is more than just a government-mandated iodine addition that's found in our kitchens. It's a simple ingredient that not only adds taste to our meals but also contributes to our well-being in so many ways. Since salt is a widely used product, it became the most common medium for iodine addition through universal salt iodisation (USI) program and has been helpful in preventing iodine deficiency disorder (IDD). For decades, it has been the mainstay of public health initiatives worldwide, addressing iodine deficiency disorder (IDD) and its debilitating consequences. Tata Salt, launched in 1983, has been instrumental in India's fight against iodine deficiency disorder (IDD), a public health challenge that once affected millions. As the first national branded iodised salt.

Coke Studio Bharat LIVE Takes Over Delhi & Guwahati in January 2026

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Coca-Cola is set to create a landmark cultural moment as Coke Studio Bharat LIVE makes its first-ever public debut this January. This January in Delhi and Guwahati, Coke Studio Bharat fans will experience an all-new format that brings together music, food, and cultural expression in a way never seen before. Shantanu Gangane, IMX (Integrated Marketing Experience) Lead, Coca-Cola INSWA, said, "Coke Studio Bharat has evolved into a powerful cultural platform where consumers and artists unite around shared passions for music and storytelling, with Coca-Cola at its core.

Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Launches Special December EMI Offers

CHANDIGARH : Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Limited (TMPV), India's leading automobile manufacturer, has announced attractive monthly EMI plans for the month of December. With EMIs starting at just INR 4,999 per month for the Tiago and going up to INR 14,555 per month for the Curvv.ev, this is undoubtedly the best time to bring home your favourite Tata vehicle before the year ends. Below are the exclusive EMIs on applicable products: ICE Tiago Tigor Rs. 4999 , Punch Rs. 5999 , Altroz Rs. 6777, Nexon Rs. 7666 , Curvv Rs. 9999 EMI EV Tiago.ev Rs. 5999 , Punch.ev Rs. 7999 , Nexon.ev Rs. 10,999 , Curvv.ev Rs. 14,555 EMI.

Vi partners with Niyo Zero Forex Markup Cards for travellers

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA : Leading telecom operator Vi has partnered with travel banking fintech Niyo, to Provide Zero Markup Forex Card delivery for Vi customers travelling abroad this holiday season. This first-of-its-kind partnership by a telco, enables Vi customers travelling overseas on holiday, business or higher education to receive a Niyo Zero Forex Markup Card delivered to their doorstep within 24 hours. With the Niyo partnership, Vi is adding a strong financial convenience layer to this travel ecosystem. Vi Customers can request for the Zero mark-up Niyo Forex card on Vi App. A Niyo executive will assist Vi users with KYC verification, card setup and a trial transaction. Customers can input their name and pin code details to determine if their location is serviced by Niyo Express.

TATA.ev Surpasses 250,000 EV sales, Reaffirms Leadership in India's Electric Mobility Charge

MUMBAI : Tata Motors today marked a defining milestonein India's electric mobility journey, with over 250,000 TATA.ev vehicles plying on road, affirming its position as the pioneer and market leader in India's growing electric passenger vehicle segment. This milestone comes at a time when electric mobility is moving decisively from the fringes to the mainstream of India's automotive market, an evolution Tata Motors has played the central role in shaping. Since launching its first mainstream electric car, the Nexon.ev, in 2020, TATA.ev has consistently led the market and its evolution, with the Nexon.ev serving as the spearhead of this transformation and becoming the first electric vehicle in India to cross 100,000 cumulative sales. Today, Tata Motors commands a dominant share, accounting for nearly two-thirds (66%) of all electric passenger vehicles sold in India, a testament to its vision, leadership.

Immerse in Dubai's Winter Wonderland

CHANDIGARH: In the symphony of global winter festivities, Dubai emerges as a mesmerizing canvas where Arabian grandeur converges with playful enchantments. From shimmering souk bazaars and theatrical ballets to multicultural markets and mountain escapes, the City of Gold unveils its unique ways of celebrating the season, blending opulent shopping sprees and family adventures - proving that the desert city knows how to sparkle through the season.

Madinat Jumeirah Festive Market

No winter in Dubai feels complete without this free outdoor extravaganza at Madinat Jumeirah's Fort Island, the Arabian mini-city of five-star resorts. From 5th to 31st December, a towering 36-foot Christmas tree anchors the 1,750sqm sparkling wonderland with twinkling lights, homegrown market stalls offering artisan crafts, live music, mulled grape, mince pies, festively decorated abra rides past Burj Al Arab, Venetian carousel, North Pole mini train, snow fight zone, and endless festive vibes – the perfect Arabian escape blending heritage charm with holiday magic.

Cheema sets deadline for banks to complete pensioner sewa portal registration



CHANDIGARH: Punjab's Finance Minister Advocate Harpal Singh Cheema, chaired a high-level review meeting with pension-disbursing banks today to expedite the 100% registration of state pensioners on the Pensioner Sewa Portal, and issued specific deadlines tailored to each bank's caseload. The Finance Minister emphasized that this digital transition is a top priority for the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann-led government to ensure that the elderly population can access essential services from the comfort of their homes without the need for physical visits to government offices.

During the extensive progress review, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema noted that 1,11,233 pensioners have already successfully completed their e-KYC since the portal's launch and the subsequent district-level 'Sewa Melas,' the pace must be accelerated to ensure no one is left behind. He directed bank officials to take a proactive role in assisting retirees, specifically instructing branch managers to provide dedicated support to elderly citizens who may struggle with the digital interface. The Minister warned that any negligence or technical bottleneck at the bank level that hinders this registration process would be met with strict accountability measures.

Addressing concerns regarding potential service disruptions, Finance Minister Cheema reassured that pension disbursements will continue without any interruption during this mandatory registration phase. The Minister concluded the meeting by urging all stakeholders to work in a mission-mode spirit to transform Punjab into a leader for digital welfare services, ensuring that the transition for the state's 3.15 lakh pensioners is seamless, dignified, and efficient.

TVS Launches Service Campaign across India

MANDI,24,December, 2025, TVS Motor Company, a leading global manufacturer in the two and three-wheeler segment, has announced a Service Campaign, a nationwide initiative encouraging customers to start the year by prioritising vehicle health. The campaign, themed 'Resolve, Refresh & Ride', will run from December 20, 2025 to January 05, 2026 across authorised TVS Motor Company's service centres in India. The campaign highlights the importance of regular service and vehicle care to ensure safety, performance, and riding comfort. The campaign also reflects TVS Motor Company's customer-centric approach, underscoring its commitment to elevated ownership experiences that goes beyond the vehicle.Customers visiting TVS Motor's service centres during the campaign can avail a comprehensive vehicle health check, including engine, brakes, electricals, and suspension. Additional benefits include support on vehicle health reports for all TVS Apache and TVS Ronin portfolio, annual maintenance plans, extended warranty, roadside assistance, labour services, value-added services, genuine TVS Motor's parts, and engine oil.The pan-India campaign is open to all customers, who can book service appointments via the TVS Motor's website, QR code, or the TVS Connect App.

CT Group Organises Kavishiri Samagam to Honour Sacrifice of Chaar Sahibzade

J S SODHI

JALANDHAR : CT Group of Institutions, Shahpur Campus, organised a Kavishiri Samagam to pay tribute to the supreme sacrifice of the Chaar Sahibzade, remembering their courage, faith and martyrdom. The programme aimed to reflect on the hardships faced by the Sahibzade and their role in protecting Sikh values and identity. Through powerful Kavishiri performances, students and artistes narrated inspiring episodes from Sikh history, highlighting bravery, righteousness and spiritual strength. The event also featured Gatka performances, showcasing the traditional Sikh martial art that symbolises discipline, self-defence and resilience. Milk langar was distributed, reinforcing the Sikh principles of equality, selfless service and Sarbat da Bhala. CT Group management, including Managing Director Dr. Manbir Singh, Vice Chairman Harpreet Singh, Director Campus Dr. Shiv Kumar, DSW Dr. Arjan Singh and Davinder Singh, were present and appreciated the initiative. They encouraged students to stay connected with their cultural and spiritual roots. The event reaffirmed CT Group's commitment to value-based education and preservation of Sikh heritage.



PBPartners Hosts PBPathshala Event in Amritsar to Empower Insurance Agents Across Punjab

AMRITSAR:--With its easy-to-use platform, strong on-ground support, and continuous training, PBPartners, the PoSP arm of Policybazaar, is making it possible for individuals from every corner of the country to grow, earn, and become financially independent.

Carrying this commitment forward, PBPartners is reinforcing its focus on agent empowerment nationwide through its flagship initiative, PBPathshala. Recently, PBPartners hosted its flagship 'Pathshala Event' in Amritsar to equip agent partners with the knowledge and tools needed to offer smooth, end-to-end customer service.



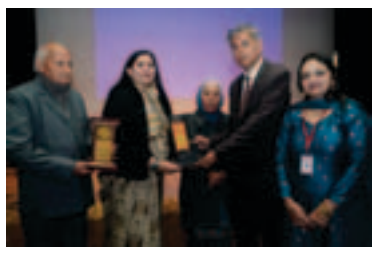
Currently, Punjab is home to approximately 17,888+ agent partners, with Amritsar alone accounting for over 1731+, a number that continues to grow steadily. PBPartners has brought its Pathshala initiative to several major cities in Punjab, including Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Bathinda, Patiala, and Chandigarh. Launched in April 2022, PBPathshala has emerged as a flagship initiative in PBPartners' agent engagement strategy. These events serve as a platform for knowledge sharing, skill-building, and direct engagement between the leadership team and on-ground agent partners, further strengthening PBPartners' commitment to bridging the insurance protection gap. PBPartners recognizes the growing potential of these regions in driving insurance awareness and adoption. By equipping agent partners with the right tools and knowledge, the brand aims to bridge the insurance protection gap and ensure every customer in Punjab has access to trusted and personalized insurance solutions.

By offering hands-on training, real-time insights, and a platform for peer learning, the event played a vital role in strengthening business potential at the grassroots level.

Dr. Monica B. Sood Highlights Role of Parents and National Values at Joyland Montessori Annual Function

CHANDIGARH: State Convenor, Intellectual Cell, BJP Chandigarh, Dr. Monica B. Sood graced the annual function of Joyland Montessori School, Sec 38 - 'Yeh Gulistan Hamara' as the Chief Guest. The event took place at the auditorium of Rani Laxmi Bai Mahila Bhawan, Sector 38, Chandigarh. The colourful performances by the young children beautifully showcased India's cultural diversity and national unity.

Dr. Monica B. Sood inaugurated the annual function and later addressed the gathering, comprising of members of the school management, teachers, parents, and a large number of students



While addressing parents, Dr. Monica B. Sood stated that children learn not from what is said, but from the behaviour and daily habits of their parents. She said, "Parents are the first and most influential role models for their children, so they need to lead by example. Children emulate parents, so if parents display ethical conduct in their daily lives, children will also follow suit. Parents need to do good deeds, this will help their kids grow up into upright citizens with well rounded personalities."

Mobile phones and television are increasingly becoming obstacles to children's mental and emotional development, she said. She urged parents to give children their time and communicate with them.

Dr. Monica further said, "India is rapidly moving towards becoming the world's third-largest economy and the country offers high-quality education, modern research facilities, and global-level opportunities. Children should therefore be encouraged to pursue education in India and link their talent with the nation's development. This would strengthen the country's intellectual capital and ensure that financial resources remain within the country."

Ola Electric Expands Hyperservice, Launches Hyperservice Centres with Same-Day Service Guarantee



LUDHIANA : Ola today announced the expansion of its Hyperservice initiative with the launch of dedicated Hyperservice Centres, designed to offer same-day service guarantee* to eligible customers at no additional cost. As part of this expansion, Ola will progressively upgrade its existing service centres into Hyperservice Centres, starting with Bengaluru. The first Hyperservice Centre is now operational in Indiranagar, Bengaluru. The Hyperservice Centre is designed to fundamentally simplify and speed up the service experience.

Customers can now get their vehicles serviced within the same day, without paying anything extra, while experiencing a fully digital and transparent service journey end-to-end.

Spokesperson, Ola Electric, said: "As part of the ongoing service upgrade we are reimagining many of the fundamental aspects of the service experience. We see it as a core part of Ola ownership, and it needs the same level of innovation as the product itself. With Hyperservice Centres, we are setting a new benchmark – same-day service guarantee. At no extra cost for any customer. This is about using technology, process redesign and scale to remove friction and give every Ola customer a faster, simpler and more transparent service experience." Hyperservice Centre features will include a dedicated customer lounge, free Wi-Fi, and real-time digital visibility across every stage of servicing, from check-in to delivery, ensuring speed, clarity and trust.

Coca-Cola Brings the Original FIFA World Cup™ Trophy to India in January 2026

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: The Coca-Cola Company invites fans in India to see the most coveted Trophy in the world ahead of FIFA World Cup 2026™. The FIFA World Cup™ Trophy Tour by Coca-Cola will arrive in New Delhi and Guwahati on January 10–13, 2026, giving Indian fans the chance to experience football's most desired prize, the original FIFA World Cup Trophy.

"We're excited to bring fans closer to the heart of the action with the FIFA World Cup Trophy Tour by Coca-Cola. This year's tour offers fans an incredible opportunity to experience the thrill and connection of football up close," said Mickael Vinet, Vice President, Global Assets, Influencers and Partnerships, The Coca-Cola Company. "We are inviting fans to celebrate the full spectrum of emotions one experiences when watching a football match, starting with building excitement and anticipation by bringing the original FIFA World Cup Trophy to India."

Two-Day Annual Event 'Satluj Pride' concludes at Satluj Public School



PANCHKULA: The two-day annual event, Satluj Pride, concluded successfully at Satluj Public School, Sector 4, Panchkula. This year marked the 49th edition of the program, celebrating the theme, Nation Rising – The World Wakes up to the Glory of India'.

The final day of the event witnessed the presence of the Chief Guest, Sanjeev Kumar Jain, IPS, DGP Haryana, Human Rights Commission, Government of Haryana

Joining him on this occasion were Mr. Krit Serai, Co-Chair/ Director-Principal, Mr. Reekrit Serai, Managing Director, Satluj Public School, Panchkula & Satluj Group of Schools, Co-Principal Ms. Madhurima Serai, Mrs. Radhika Panickar Serai, entrepreneur and philanthropist. The ceremony began with the traditional lighting of the lamp and a Saraswati Vandana, followed by a series of inspirational performances by the students.

The programme featured a vibrant series of student performances showcasing creativity, cultural diversity and moral values. Highlights included "Winter Wonder: A Christmas Tale of Values" presented by Grade V students, "Kantara: Roots, Rituals & Rise" by Grade VI, and "Global Beats 2025: The World in Rhythm" by Grade VII, each reflecting themes of tradition, unity and global harmony.

Understanding the GBS and Gut connection: How a Gut Problem can actually be a Nerve Disorder

PATIALA: When we think of gut problems, the first things that come to mind are indigestion, bloating, or food poisoning. Rarely do we imagine that a stomach infection could trigger paralysis of the arms and legs. Yet, this is exactly what happens in Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS), a rare but serious neurological disorder where the body's immune system, often triggered by a prior gut or respiratory infection, mistakenly attacks the peripheral nerves.



Gut infections can sometimes trigger nerve damage leading to GBS. Dr. Nitti Kapoor Kaushal, Consultant- Neurology, Manipal Hospitals, Patiala, explains that one such case was seen at Manipal Hospital Patiala, which involved a patient who first reported abdominal pain that was thought to be a gastrointestinal issue. Within a short time, however, the patient developed unusual symptoms including aggressive behaviour, loss of balance, visual disturbances, and weakness in the arms, which raised suspicion of a neurological disorder. The patient was then diagnosed with GBS and immediately started on medical management with antibody-based immunotherapy. Remarkable improvement was seen within 10 days, and the patient recovered fully.

GBS often follows an infection caused by bacteria, which commonly affects the intestines. While the intestines heal quickly, the immune system can misfire and attack nerve coverings, disrupting signals between the brain and muscles. This is why even a simple diarrhea episode can, in rare cases, trigger weakness, tingling, or paralysis.

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AI Safety Conclave Releases Research Report on Guidelines for Critical Sectors



AMRITAPURI (KOLLAM): A comprehensive research report titled "Principles for Ethical and Safe Agentic AI Orchestration Across Infrastructure Gradients – Safety Guidelines for Critical Sectors in India and the Global South" was released at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Amritapuri campus. The research report was unveiled during the AI Safety Conclave, organised by the AI Safety Research Lab, part of the Amrita Center for Cybersecurity Systems and Networks, under the theme "Safe AI for the Global South." The conclave was convened with the objective of ensuring safe, ethical, and trustworthy artificial intelligence systems for developing nations, and was held as a precursor to the India AI Impact Summit 2026 to be organised by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India. The conclave featured eminent global and national leaders as chief guests, including Shri Abhishek Singh, Additional Secretary, Ministry of IT and CEO of the IndiaAI Mission; Ms. Gabriela Ramos, Assistant Director-General of UNESCO; Dr. Avinash Ramtohul, Minister of ICT, Mauritius; Dr. D. Seshagiri, Director and Scientist, NPOL–DRDO; Mr. Ankit Bose, Head AI, Nasscom; and Mr. Vinay Chandran, Partner, Quantum Black, AI by McKinsey, Middle East.

Axis Bank Launches Digital Merchant Cash Advance Loans for MSMEs

CHANDIGARH,:--Axis Bank, one of India's leading private sector banks, has announced the launch of Digital Merchant Cash Advance Loans, an industry-first, cash-flow-based lending solution designed especially for micro and small businesses across India. This innovative, fully digital product offers unsecured loans ranging from ₹2 lakh to ₹20 lakh, enabling merchants, particularly retail shops, to access quick credit and repay through everyday instalments aligned with their business cash flows.

Commenting on the launch, Vijay Shetty, President & Head - Commercial Banking Group, Axis Bank, said, "Digital Merchant Cash Advance Loans bring instant credit facility and current accounts together into one seamless, digital solution, supported by flexible daily repayments aligned to merchants' business needs. By leveraging cash-flow-based underwriting, we aim to make timely funding more accessible for MSMEs. This launch is a significant step in advancing our data-driven lending and reinforcing out commitment to empower India's MSMEs with simple, fast and reliable credit."

With this launch, Axis Bank further strengthens its focus on the MSME sector by widening credit access and enabling faster funding for businesses that traditionally struggle to obtain formal credit due to limited or no collateral or financial statements. MSMEs seeking to avail Merchant Cash Advance can apply through their nearest Axis bank branch or visit the website for further information.

The solution is entirely digital, with eligibility evaluated through cash-flow intelligence and other parameters rather than traditional financial statements. As part of the loan journey, customers will also be extended Axis Bank current account services, ensuring a seamless end-to-end experience from onboarding to disbursement. Applicants receive an instant credit decision within minutes, and funds are disbursed within few days. Repayments are automatically collected through daily instalments, allowing merchants to repay based on actual sales instead of hefty EMIs. This Everyday Instalment (EDI) model offers repayment flexibility and helps maintain steady working capital.

FICCI Mercedes-Benz India Launch 'Bharat Innovation & Business Ideas Challenge Programme' to Power Next Wave of Indian Innovators



NEW DELHI: Reinforcing India's position as a fast-emerging global innovation hub, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), in partnership with Mercedes-Benz India, today announced the launch of the FICCI Mercedes-Benz "Bharat Innovation & Business Ideas Challenge Programme", a national initiative aimed at nurturing early-stage innovators and strengthening the country's startup ecosystem.The Bharat Innovation & Business Ideas Challenge Programme has been designed as a comprehensive national platform to support innovators at the most critical phase of their journey. It will focus on priority sectors such as manufacturing, sustainability, decarbonisation, electric mobility and education—key pillars for India's development goals. Selected innovators will gain access to expert mentorship, industry exposure, opportunities to present at FICCI's flagship platforms, and for the top seven winners, innovation support of up to ₹30 lakh, along with year-long hand-holding and industry access.

BITSAT 2026: BITS Pilani announces new exam dates and application timelines

CHANDIGARH : The Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani, an Institute of Eminence announced the schedule and application details for the BITS Admission Test (BITSAT)-2026, the highly anticipated entrance examination for admission to its undergraduate programs. The application process has been started on 15 December, 2025, and the deadline to apply for Session-1 or for first sessions is March 16, 2026. Candidates are encouraged to complete their applications well before the deadline and to regularly check the official website for updates. The test will be conducted in two sessions, with Session-1 scheduled from April 15 to April 17, 2026, and Session-2 from May 24 to May 26, 2026. Candidates may choose to appear in either one session or both, and those attempting both will have the advantage of their best score being considered for admission.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

e-TENDERING

OPEN TENDER NOTICE No. NIT-47/UMB-2025-26, DATED: 24.12.2025

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

S. No.	Name of Work	Approx. Cost (Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Period of Completion	Date of closing & opening
1	Misc. Track repair works including vegetation removal, shallow screening with cess cleaning, casual sleeper renewal, ERC greasing, Hiring of tractor/JCB, etc, lifting and packing of plain track/turnouts, etc in the section of ADEN/RPJ.	80,57,268/-	1,61,200/-	06 Months	16.01.2026

1. Tenderers are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/TIN/GST as per conditions. 2. The required Bid Security will be acceptable On-line payment through Net Banking/or Payment Gateway payment only well. 3. Tenderers should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in e-Tendering of works tenders. 4. For detail, please log on IREPS website **www.ireps.gov.in**. 5. GST will be levied as per GST Act. 2017. 3990/2025

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MISSING



The General Public is hereby informed that a lady namely Radhika w/o Santosh R/o # 1797, Phase-2, Ram Darbar UT Chandigarh, age about 25 years, complexion fair, Height 5 feet and wearing white suit and Salwar went somewhere without infromed to anyone on dated 01.12.2025. In this regard, vide DDR No. 62 dated 01.12.2025, has been lodged in Police Post Hallomajra, Chandigarh. Photograph of missing lady is given above.

In case of any clue about above said missing lady, Please inform to I/C PP-Hallomajra on phone No. 7087116992, and SHO Police Station Sector-31, Chandigarh on Phone No. 9779580931, 0172-2921231, 2679023, and Chandigarh Police Control Room Phone No. 0172-2749194 or 112.

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PUBLIC NOTICE



Subject: Mutation/Transfer of allotment/ Registration of Ownership in respect of DU No.3238 of Category-LIG, Sector **47-D**, Chandigarh in the name(s) of (i) **SH. BARJINDER SINGH S/O LATE SH. AMAR DASS SINGH &** (ii) **SH. ROHAN SINGH S/O LATE SH. ARVINDER SINGH S/O LATE SH. AMAR DASS SINGH** from the name of **SH. AMAR DASS SINGH S/O SH. MIT SINGH** allottee/ Transfree on the basis of Registered WILL.

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that **(i) SH. BARJINDER SINGH S/O LATE SH. AMAR DASS SINGH & (ii) SH. ROHAN SINGH S/O LATE SH. ARVINDER SINGH S/O LATE SH. AMAR DASS SINGH** have applied after the death of its allottee/ transfree **SH. AMAR DASS SINGH S/O SH. MIT SINGH** to the Chandigarh Housing Board for transfer the DU **No.3238** of Category-LIG, Sector **47-D**, Chandigarh as **SH. AMAR DASS SINGH S/O SH. MIT SINGH** expired on dated **10.12.2025** at **CHANDIGARH** and left behind a WILL which was Registered with Sub Registrar, CHANDIGARH on **13.08.2021**, in their favour. They have further stated that the WILL of the deceased allottee/transferee is the last WILL executed by him which has neither superseded nor cancelled till the death of the deceased.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicants, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

Rohit , Virat smash statement hundreds on Vijay Hazare Trophy return



NEW DELHI: Star Indian batters Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli smashed centuries on their return to action in the Vijay Hazare Trophy on Wednesday. Rohit, in his first appearance in the tournament after seven years, slammed a sensational 94-ball 155 as Mumbai thrashed Sikkim by eight wickets in their Elite Group C match in Jaipur. Rohit hit 18 boundaries and 9 huge sixes. Kohli, who last played in the Vijay Hazare Trophy during the 2010-11 season, reached triple figures in 83 balls during Delhi's Elite Group D fixture against Andhra Pradesh. He made 131. Rohit was named 'Player of the Match' for his efforts after he helped Mumbai chase down a below-par target of 237 in 30.3 overs. Kohli, on the other hand, led the charge in Delhi's pursuit of 299 against the Nitish Kumar Reddy-led Andhra Pradesh side. During his knock on Wednesday, Kohli achieved the milestone of 16,000 List A runs. Kohli's 16,000-run feat makes him only the second Indian player, after legendary batter Sachin Tendulkar, to reach this figure in List A cricket. The 37-year-old now stands as the ninth player overall to breach this milestone, joining the ranks of cricketing legends like Tendulkar, Ricky Ponting, Kumar Sangakkara, Sir Vivian Richards, and others. Kohli's last appearance in the Vijay Hazare Trophy came during the 2010-11 season, where he captained Delhi. He would go on to play in the NKP Salve Challenger Trophy in 2013-14 but had not participated in the Vijay Hazare for nearly a decade before this comeback.

PUBLIC NOTICE



BEFORE SH. NAVEEN, DANICS, ASSISTANT ESTATE OFFICER, EXERCISING THE POWERS OF THE ESTATE OFFICER, UNION TERRITORY, CHANDIGARH.

Subject: - Transfer of Ownership Rights to the extent of 33.32% share in respect of Cheap House No. 3198, Sector 19-D, Chandigarh on the basis intestate death.

It is notified for the information of gemneral public and all concerned that as per record of this office Cheap House No. 3198, Sector 19-D, U/T, Chandigarh to the extent of 33.32% share stands in the name of Late Sh. Charan Singh.

It has been reported by Smt. Omwati, Ms. Nisha, Ms. Babita and Sh Anshul that Sh Charan Singh owner to the extent of 33.32% share of the above said property expired on 19.04.2023. They have also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner-

Sr. No.	Name of Legal Heir	Relation with Deceased
1.	Smt. Omwati	Wife
2.	Ms. Nisha	Daughter
3.	Ms.	Babita Daughter
4.	Sh. Anshul	Grand Daughters & Son

Now, Smt. Omwati & others have applied for transfer of Ownership Rights to the extent of 33.32% share of said property in their favour on the basis of intestate However if anybody has any information about the other legal heirs of the deceased other than Mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T. Chandigarh.

If, anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of above named applicants, he/she they may furnish in writing in the office of the undersigned within. 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.

Naveen, DANICS
Assistant Estate Officer
Exercising the powers of the Estate Officer,
U.T. Chandigar.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
(E-Auction Notice)

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Chg., Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt, for and on behalf of the president of India, invites bid through E-auction on IREPS website, Earnest money shall be 5% of the bid amount and minimum increase in bid amount shall be 0.2% Details of the invited bid through E-auction is as under.

A.C. No.: MET-Ctg-RR-1-25 Rate unit: Annual L/fee Date & time: 06.01.2026 at 12:00 hrs.

SN	Lot No. & Details	Auction close date & time
1	Catg-UMB-MET-SMU-174-25-1 (Refreshment Room-Special Minor Unit (SMU) (Size 47.44 sqm, i.e 8x5.93 sqm) for OBC women at Malerkotla (MET) Railway Station.	06.01.2026 at 12:30 hrs

For participation in E-auction process or for any other information related to E-auction process prospective bidders are advised to visit www.ireps.gov.in

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एचबीएनआई, एक मानद विश्वविद्यालय के तत्वावधान में जुलाई-2026 से आरंभ होने वाले परमाणु ऊर्जा विभाग के डी.ई.एफ.एस. कार्यक्रम में प्रवेश कर, पी एच डी करने के लिए, इंजीनियरिंग स्नातकोत्तरों से आवेदन आमंत्रित किया जाता है।

Invites applications from Engineering Postgraduates for admission to DAE Doctoral Fellowship Scheme (DDFS) programme of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) for pursuing PhD, commencing from July-2026 under the aegis of HBNI, a Deemed to be University.

चयन एक द्वि-चरणीय प्रक्रिया है: 1. ऑनलाइन कंप्यूटर आधारित परीक्षा (सीबीटी) और स्नातकोत्तर वैज्ञानिक विषयों के चयन अभ्यासक्रम के लिए स्क्रीनिंग और 2. चयन साक्षात्कार में प्रदर्शन। अंतिम चयन केवल चयन साक्षात्कार में योग्यता के आधार पर किया जाएगा। मेकेनिकल, केमिकल, मेटलर्जिकल/मैटीरियल्स, इलेक्ट्रिकल, इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स, कंप्यूटर, इंस्ट्रूमेंटेशन और सिविल इंजीनियरिंग में एम.ई/एम.टेक/समकक्ष डिग्री वाले अभ्यर्थियों से केवल ऑनलाइन आवेदन स्वीकार किए जाएंगे। एमसीए/आईटी डिग्री वाले अभ्यर्थी पात्र नहीं हैं। चयनित छात्रों को एचबीएनआई के पांच संघटक संस्थानों (सीआई): भाभा्र केंद्र (बार्क) मुंबई, आई.जी.सी.ए.आर. कल्पाक्कम, आईसीआर गांधीनगर, आर.आर.सी.ए.टी इंदौर एवं सीईसीसी कोलकाता; में से एक में प्रवेश दिया जाएगा। चयनित छात्रों को ₹8,000/- रुपये प्रति माह की अध्येतावृत्ति और 60,000/- रुपये का वार्षिक आकस्मिक अनुदान दिया जाएगा। डीडीएफएस अभ्यर्थियों (केवल सोल छात्रों) के लिए सीजीएचएस तहत मेडिकल लाभ भी उपलब्ध है। पीएचडी कार्यक्रम के दौरान छात्रावास में रहना अनिवार्य है।

Selection is a two-step process: 1. Screening in to selection interview through online Computer Based Test (CBT) & post-graduation academic record and 2. Performance in selection interview. **Final selection will be based on the merit of performance in the selection interview only.** Only online applications will be accepted from candidates with M.E./ M.Tech./ Equivalent Degree in Mechanical, Chemical, Metallurgical / Materials, Electrical, Electronics, Computer, Instrumentation & Civil Engineering. Candidates with degrees in IT or MCA are not eligible. The selected students will be admitted to one of the five Constituent Institutions (CIs) of HBNI: BARC Mumbai, IGCAR Kalpakkam, IPR Gandhinagar, RRCAT Indore and VECC Kolkata, based on the research proposals received from the various constituents. The selected students will be awarded Fellowships of ₹80,000/- per month and an annual contingency grant of ₹50,000/-. Medical benefits under CHSS are also available for DDFS fellow only. Hostel accommodation is mandatory during PhD programme.

अईलग डिग्री: अभ्यर्थियों को भारत का नागरिक होना चाहिए और एम.ई./एम. टेक/समकक्ष डिग्री के साथ-साथ बी.ई./बी. टेक में न्यूनतम 60 प्रतिशत अंक प्रतिशत (या 10.0 या समकक्ष के पैमाने पर न्यूनतम 6.0 सीजीपीए) होने चाहिए। एम.ई./एम. टेक के अंतिम सेमेस्टर के अभ्यर्थी भी आवेदन कर सकते हैं, लेकिन यदि ऐसे अभ्यर्थियों का चयन किया जाता है, तो उन्हें 31 दिसंबर, 2026 तक अपनी अवार्ड डिग्री के प्रमाण पत्र और अंक पत्र उपलब्ध कराने होंगे।

Qualifying Degree: Candidates must be an Indian citizen and have minimum 60% Marks (or minimum of 6.0 CGPA on the scale of 10.0 or equivalent) as per the ordinances of the respective university in M.E/M.Tech. / Equivalent Degree as well as B.E./B.Tech. Candidates in the final semester of M.E./M.Tech may also apply but such candidates, if selected, must provide certificates and mark sheets of their Master Degree, by December 31, 2026. The candidates who have acquired M. Tech. after obtaining the M. Sc. Degree are NOT eligible for DDFS-2026 programme.

आयु सीमा: 1 अगस्त, 2026 को आयु सीमा 28 वर्ष है अर्थात सामान्य श्रेणी के अभ्यर्थी का जन्म 1 अगस्त, 1998 को या उसके बाद हुआ होना चाहिए। आयु सीमा में ओबीसी-एनसीएल के लिए तीन वर्ष और एससी/एसटी आवेदकों के लिए पांच वर्ष की छूट है। सभी श्रेणियों के दिव्यांग व्यक्ति (40 प्रतिशत या उससे अधिक दिव्यांग) के लिए 10 वर्ष की अतिरिक्त आयु छूट के लिए पात्र हैं।

Age limit: The age limit is 28 yrs. as on Aug. 1, 2026 and hence should have been born on or after Aug. 1, 1998 for general category. Age limit is relaxable by three years for OBC-NCL and by five years for SC/ST applicants. Persons with Disability (with 40% or more disability) of all categories are eligible for additional age relaxation of 10 years.

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•ऑनलाइन आवेदन पोर्टल आरंभ होने की तिथि: 22 दिसंबर, 2025	•आवेदन की अंतिम तिथि: 21 जनवरी, 2026*
Launch of Online Application Portal: Dec. 22, 2025*	Last Date for Online Application: Jan. 21, 2026*
•स्क्रीनिंग परीक्षा (सीबीटी) : 14 एवं 15 मार्च 2026*	•चयन साक्षात्कार: जून 2026
•Screening Examination (CBT): 14th & 15th March 2026*	•Selection Interviews: June 2026*

• सभी तिथियां सांकेतिक तिथियां हैं और अभ्यर्थियों को अद्यतन सूचना के लिए निर्धारित रूप से https://www.barcoceseexam.in वेबसाइट को देखते रहें। All dates are tentative and candidates are required to regularly visit the website https://www.barcoceseexam.in for updates.

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CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING
8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE

SMT. PROMILA W/O SH. SATISH KUMAR approached to the Chandigarh Housing Board for the issuance of **Duplicate copy of Allotment Letter, Possession Letter, NDC & Transfer Letter** in respect of Dwelling Unit No **516-2, Category MIG, Sector 45-A,** Chandigarh due to loss of these documents. She has also furnished Lost Article Information Report in P.S. 34 at Serial No.234531 LAR No.2025/039362 registered with CHANDIGARH Police on dated 20.12.2025 regarding the loss of above said documents. Any person having any objection, against the issuance of **Duplicate copy of Allotment Letter, Possession Letter, NDC & Transfer Letter** in respect of above said Dwelling Unit to **SMT. PROMILA W/O SH. SATISH KUMAR,** he/she should file the objection before the undersigned in writing within 15 days from the publication of this notice, failing which the document shall be issued. Further, in case original document as mentioned above is found by anyone, the same should be submitted in the above noted Police Station or in the office of the undersigned.

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING
8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE

SH. KRISHAN GOPAL S/O SH. NATHU RAM, has approached to the Chandigarh Housing Board for the issuance of Duplicate Copy of Possession Letter and Possession slip, in respect of Dwelling unit No. 5346/2, Cat-IV, Modern Housing Complex Manimajra, Chandigarh due to loss of this documents. SH. KRISHAN GOPAL S/O SH. NATHU RAM has furnished the online Complaint at Police Unit: PS, Manimajra, Chandigarh vide S.no.234448 L.A.R. 2025/039279 on dated 19/12/2025 regarding the loss of above said document. Any person having any objection, against the issuance of duplicate copy of Possession Letter and No Due Certificate in respect of the above said Dwelling Unit to the said. he/she should file the objection before the undersigned in writing within 15 days from the publication of this notice, failing which the documents shall be issued. Further, in case original document as mentioned above is found by anyone, the same should be submitted in the above noted Police Station or in the office of the undersigned.

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING
8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE
Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh

Subject: Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No **2252-A** of Two Bed Room Category and Parking No B5-CSO-204 in Block No.B5 in Sector 63/Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of **SMT. KAVITA W/O SH. SANJEEV SHARMA** from the name of allottee/transferee **SH. ASHWANI VERMA S/O SH. HARDEV SINGH.**

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned the DU No.**2252-A** of Two Bed Room Category and Parking No.B5-CSO-204 in Block No.B5 in Sector 63, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee **SH. ASHWANI VERMA S/O SH. HARDEV SINGH.** Now, **SH. ASHWANI VERMA S/O SH. HARDEV SINGH** has sold the above said dwelling unit to **SMT. KAVITA W/O SH. SANJEEV SHARMA** vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh **19.12.2025. SMT. KAVITA W/O SH. SANJEEV SHARMA** has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in her name on the basis of sale deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING
8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE
Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh

Subject: XMutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit **No.3692** of Category-HIG in Sector 46-C, Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of **SH. SURESH KUMAR S/O SH. SHRI BHAGWAN BANSAL (SHRI BHAGWAN)** from the name of allottee/transferee **SH. RANJOT SINGH S/O SH. MOHAN SINGH.**

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned the DU **No.3692** of Category-HIG in Sector 46-C, Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee **SH. RANJOT SINGH S/O SH. MOHAN SINGH.** Now, **SH. RANJOT SINGH S/O SH. MOHAN SINGH** has sold the above said dwelling unit to **SH. SURESH KUMAR S/O SH. SHRI BHAGWAN BANSAL (SHRI BHAGWAN)** vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh **28.11.2025. SH. SURESH KUMAR S/O SH. SHRI BHAGWAN BANSAL (SHRI BHAGWAN)** has requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in his name on the basis of sale deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

ਗਮਾਡਾ ਮੋਹਾਲੀ ਏਰੀਆ ਡਿਵੈਲਪਮੈਂਟ ਅਥਾਰਿਟੀ
ਪੁੱਡਾ ਭਵਨ, ਸੈਕਟਰ-62, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ।

ਨਿਮਾਖ ਸਫ਼ਰਤ

ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ

LOI no. Gmada/23-24/LOI/614 Dated 15.02.2024, LP/GMADA/23-24/655, Shop Size 60 Sq. Yard, Industrial Park Sector- 101 SAS Nagar ਦੇ 0.79% ਹਿੱਸੇ ਦੇ ਅਲਾਟੀ Damanpreet Singh S/o Sohan Singh (Share 0.79%) R/o Vill Manauli, SAS Nagar ਦੀ Parvinder Kaur w/o Sohan Singh, R/o Vill Manauli, SAS Nagar ਨੂੰ ਅਪਣਾ ਜੀ.ਪੀ.ਏ. ਨਿਯੁਕਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ, ਜੋ ਕਿ ਰਜਿਸਟਰ ਨੰ: 1457 ਮੁੰਜ ਨੰ: 4 ਮਿਤੀ 21.09.2023 ਨੂੰ ਦਰਜ ਸਬ-ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ.ਨਗਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ, ਪੋਰ ਦੱਸਦੀ ਹੈ।

ਉਕਤ ਜੀ.ਪੀ.ਏ. ਦੇ ਅਧਾਰ ਤੇ Parvinder Kaur w/o Sohan Singh ਦੀਆਂ LOI no. Gmada/23-24/LOI/614 Dated 15.02.2024, LP/GMADA/23-24/655, Shop Size 60 Sq. Yard, Idustrial Park Sector- 101 SAS Nagar ਦੇ 0.79% ਹਿੱਸੇ ਨੂੰ MANPREET KAUR w/o MANPREET SINGH NARANG R/O #1588 SECTOR 79 SAS NAGAR MOHALI ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਦੇ ਰਜਾਮੰਦ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਐਪਲੀਕੇਸ਼ਨ ਅਲਾਟੀ ਜੀ.ਪੀ.ਏ. 455979 ਮਾਰਫ਼ੀ ਫੋਰ ਅਪਲਾਈ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ। ਹੁਣ ਇਹ ਫੋਰ ਮਿਲਣ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ (ਐ), ਗਮਾਡਾ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ.ਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਅਧੀਨ ਹੈ।

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AXIS BANK LTD.

AXIS BANK LTD., RETAIL ASSET CENTRE, 2ND FLOOR, PROPERTY # 7-E, MUNICIPAL 3603/1142/16, MALHAR ROAD, SARABHA NAGAR, LUDHIANA -141001

REGISTERED OFFICE: "TRISHUL" – 3RD FLOOR OPP SAMARTHESWAR TEMPLE, NEAR LAW GARDEN, ELLISBRIDGE, AHMEDABAD – 380006.

APPENDIX IV [Refer Rule – 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Axis Bank Ltd.** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued **demand notice dated 16th-Aug-2024** calling upon **Mr. Surjit Singh s/o Shekher Bidla** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs 24,24,771/- (Rs. Twenty Four Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy One Only)** together with further unapplied interest and cost thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) above said having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s) and the Public in General that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **23rd day of Dec 2025.**

The Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower (s)/ Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s) above said in particular and the Public in General is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **Axis Bank Ltd.**, for an amount of **Rs 24,24,771/- (Rs. Twenty Four Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy One Only)** together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate of interest till the date of payment & expenses thereon.

The Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s)'s attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the Property/House No. 54-A, (70 Sq Yrd) measuring 00 Kanal 02 Marla 03 Sarsahi Khewat Khata No. 745/770 Khasra No. 56//5(7-12) Kite 01 Rakba 07 Kanal 12 Marla 's share of 21/1368, situated at V-City 2 Village Bhabbat MC, Zirakpur District SAS Nagar in the name of 1) Mukesh Devi Bidla w/o Shekher Bidla 2) Surjit Singh s/o Shekher Bidla 3) Ranjeet Singh s/o Shekher Bidla 4) Vijay Bidla s/o Shekher Bidla vide sale deed no. 2026-21/13/1/7756 dated 14-12-2020. **Boundaries (As Per Site): East-** Other Owner, **West-** Rasta, **North-** House No. 54, **South-** Plot No. 55

Dated: 23-Dec-2025, **Sd/-, Authorized Officer,**
Place: Zirakpur **Axis Bank Ltd.**

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
A CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION UNDERTAKING
8, Jan Marg, Sector 9-D, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE
Before Secretary, CHB Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, UT Chandigarh

Subject: Mutation/Transfer of ownership right in respect of Dwelling Unit No.**4800-A** of EWS Category in Sector 38(W) Chandigarh on the basis of Sale Deed in the name of **(i) SMT. SHOBHA YADAV W/O SH. BRIJESH YADAV & (ii) SH. BRIJESH YADAV S/O SH. NANDLAL YADAV** from the name of allottee/transferee **SH. PARVEEN PAPREJA S/O SH. SUNDER LAL PAPREJA.**

It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned the DU No.**4800-A** of EWS Category in Sector 38(W), Chandigarh stands in the name of allottee/transferee **SH. PARVEEN PAPREJA S/O SH. SUNDER LAL PAPREJA.** Now, **SH. PARVEEN PAPREJA S/O SH. SUNDER LAL PAPREJA** has sold the above said dwelling unit to **(i) SMT. SHOBHA YADAV W/O SH. BRIJESH YADAV & (ii) SH. BRIJESH YADAV S/O SH. NANDLAL YADAV** vide Sale Deed Executed and registered in office of Sub-Registrar Chandigarh **23.10.2025. (i) SMT. SHOBHA YADAV W/O SH. BRIJESH YADAV & (ii) SH. BRIJESH YADAV S/O SH. NANDLAL YADAV** have requested this office for transfer the above said dwelling unit in their name on the basis of sale deed.

If any body has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of applicant, he/she/they may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the ownership of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of above said claimant(s).

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board,
Chandigarh

GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG
"NOTICE INVITING TENDER"

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Kangra invites online tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work(s) through e-tendering process:-

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of from
1	Name of work:- Providing Sewerage Scheme to Adjoining Panchyat Birta, Ghurakuri, Lalehar, Matour, Natehar etc. of Kangra Town in Tehsil and Distt. Kangra (HP). (SH:- Laying, Jointing and Testing of DI K-7 pipe 200mm dia and C/O RCC Manhole Chamber).	2928382/-	51430/-	1500/-	Six Months
2	Name of work:- Providing Sewerage Scheme to Kangra Town, Tehsil and Distt. Kangra (HP). (SH:- Providing & Supply all accessories/ Material safety body apparatus for sewer man).	236000/-	4720/-	500/-	Two Months
3	Name of work:-Restoration of Rain Damages to LWSS Daulatpur Jalari, Takipur and Samella Scout in Tehsil and Distt. Kangra (HP). (SH:- Providing and Fixing of 3 core Submersible cable flat at various sizes).	1045000/-	20900/-	500/-	One Month
4	Name of Work:- Restoration of Rain Damages of LWSS Kangra Town in Tehsil and Distt. Kangra HP. (Sub Head:- Providing, Laying, jointing & testing of MSERW pipe 200 mm dia from chamber (Right bank of Baner Khad) at Tanda along with WTP, C/O Anchor Block and C/O Intake Chamber near Tanda).	2665916/-	47490/-	1500/-	Three Months
5	Name of Work:- Restoration of Rain Damages various hand pumps under Jal Shakti Sub Division Kangra in Tehsil and District Kangra (H.P.) (Sub Head:- Repair and flushing of Hand Pump Mark-II & Mark-III at various locations).	343471/-	6870/-	500/-	Three Months
6	Name of Work :- Annual Repair and Maintenace of LWSS Bod Kawalu & Samela scout in Tehsil & Distt Kangra H.P. (SH): Repair of 25HP Centrifugal Pump)	125226/-	2505/-	500/-	One Month

Last date of filing/uploading the tender through e-tendering 06/01/2026 upto 11.00AM. The tender form and other detailed condition can be obtained from the website **www.hptenders.gov.in**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti Division,
Kangra

DPR-HP-5269/2025-2026

CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD
(A Chandigarh Administration Undertaking)
8, JAN MARG, SECTOR 9-D, CHANDIGARH

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the General Public that the following person(s) have applied for the transfer of allotment of the below said Dwelling Unit under the **Blood Relation Transfer Policy** in his/her names under Regulation 16 of the Chandigarh Housing Board (Allotment, Management and Sale of Tenements) Regulations 1979:-

Sr. No.	Name of the applicant (PROPOSED TRANSFEREE)	Name of the allottee/transferee (PROPOSED TRANSFEREE)	D.U. NO.	CATEGORY	SECTOR
1	SMT. KAMLESH SAINI W/O SH. SURINDER SAINI D/O TARSEM LAL BANGA (THROUGH GPA SMT. MAMTA BANGA D/O SH. TARSEM LAL BANGA)	SH. RAJAN BANGA S/O SH. TARSEM LAL BANGA	2067-E	ONE BED ROOM (PARKING IN BLOCK NO.24)	63, CHANDI-GARH

In case anybody has any objection for the Sale/Purchase in respect of above said dwelling Unit he/she may submit the objection, if any, in writing within 21 days of the publication of this notice before the undersigned alongwith documentary evidence, if any.

SECRETARY
CHANDIGARH HOUSING BOARD,
CHANDIGARH

AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED
(A SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANK)
Regd. Office: 19-A, Dhuleshwar Garden, Ajmer Road, Jaipur - 302001 (CIN:L36911RJ1996PLC011381)

APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) under the "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice on the date as mentioned below calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice as per the details given in below table:

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor/Guarantor / Loan A/c No.	13(2) Notice Date & Amount	Description of Mortgaged Property	Date of Possession Taken
(A/c No.) L90010604140117313 Jaswinder Singh (Borrower), Smt.Manjit Kaur (Co-Borrower), Kulwant Singh (Co-Borrower)	**16-Jan-25 Rs. 1049540/- Rs. Ten Lac Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Forty Only 10-Jan-25**	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Propoerty Situated At- Khasra No 85/25/2 105/1 Khatta No 1966/3334 Jamabandi Year 2015-16 Present Khatta No 2128/3403, Near Bus Stand Rampura Phul Maur, Tehsil- Rampura,Dist-Bathinda, Punjab **Admeasuring 100 Sqyd**, East: Major singh, West: vacant plot, North: Street, South: vacant plot	**19-Dec-25**
(A/c No.) L90010604133817601 Prem Singh (Borrower), Smt.Binder Kaur (Co-Borrower), Vipan Kumar (Guarantor)	**16-Sep-25 Rs. 354333/- Rs. Three Lakh Fifty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three Only 11-Sep-25**	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated At- Aabadi Gaushala Road Zira Municipality Zira, Vill:- Zira, Dist - Firozpur, Punjab **Admeasuring 90.75 Sqyard**, East: BALBIR SINGH, West: KALA, North: SWARAN SINGH, South: RASTA GALI	**20-Dec-25**

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, therefore notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein above mentioned table in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said (Act-2002) read with Rule 8 of the said rule on the date mentioned in the above table. "The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act **read with rule 8 (6), in respect of time available, i.e., 30 days from this intimation,** to redeem the secured assets." The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) for the amount and interest thereon mentioned in the above table.

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Place: PUNJAB **Date: 24-December-25** **Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited**

Saif, Kareena, Soha "officially" begin Christmas festivities



Bollywood actors Saif Ali Khan and Kareena Kapoor Khan, along with Saif's sister Soha Ali Khan, have ushered in the Christmas festivities with a warm and intimate family celebration, placing the focus firmly on togetherness and holiday cheer. Soha took to her Instagram handle and shared pictures from her glittering Christmas moments, with the festive joy appearing to be shining brightest at home. The photographs reflected a cosy, homely setting adorned with Christmas decorations, twinkling lights and a decorated Christmas tree.Speaking of which, Soha's first picture shows the actor at Saif and Kareena's residence, which was also decked up for Christmas. Joining the frame were little Taimur Ali Khan and Jehangir Ali Khan, popularly known as Jeh, adding to the warmth of the family moment.

Soha followed up with more family moments with her mother, Sharmila Tagore, and her daughter, Inaaya Naumi Kemmu. She essentially captured the festive fervour, with bright lights, decorated Christmas trees, gifts, and of course, a Santa Claus taking centrestage.In several pictures, Soha was also seen decorating the Christmas tree along with her daughter, reflecting the family-oriented nature of the celebrations. Sharing the pictures, Soha wrote in the caption, "And Christmas week has officially begun! #christmas #decor #christmasdecoration #christmastree."Meanwhile, the festive season has also been embraced by other members of the film industry. Actor Alia Bhatt recently hosted a Christmas gathering for friends and family. The actor's sister, Shaheen Bhatt, shared pictures from the family's annual Christmas gathering, capturing cute decorations, bright lights, a furry friend, and, of course, a Christmas tree decked up for the occasion.Shaheen also shared pictures from the celebrations, showing her posing with Alia and their mother Soni Razdan.

Alia Bhatt and her mother-in-law, veteran actor Neetu Kapoor, hosted the Christmas bash for the family, which was attended by many others, including Rima Jain and Alekha Advani Jain.Regulars at family gatherings, including Ranbir Kapoor, Kareena Kapoor Khan, and Karisma Kapoor, were absent from the photos.

Hrithik Roshan arrives in style at cousin's wedding



Actor Hrithik Roshan was seen at his cousin Eshaan Roshan's wedding celebration, where he arrived with his sons, Hrehaan and Hridhaan.The actor made a stylish entry and caught the attention of photographers waiting outside the venue. For the wedding bash, the actor opted for a classic and elegant outfit. The Krish actor looked dashing and happy as he made his way to the venue with his sons by his side. He was also seen greeting the photographers politely before heading inside.

Filmmaker Rakesh Roshan was also spotted at the venue with the bride. Both were seen smiling and posing for the cameras outside. Videos of the Roshan family dancing at the wedding have also surfaced online and are being shared widely.Earlier on Monday, Hrithik was seen attending his cousin's pre-wedding ceremony with his girlfriend, Saba Azad, and his sons. The actor was seen posing for the paparazzi alongside Saba and his two sons.For the pre-wedding event, Hrithik wore a light pink kurta, while Saba Azad opted for a yellow lehenga with traditional jewellery. Hrehaan and Hridhaan were seen wearing matching light yellow kurtas as the family posed together.Hrithik confirmed his relationship with Saba at Karan Johar's 50th birthday celebration when he entered the party hand in hand with her. Earlier, the actor was married to Sussanne Khan, and they have two sons, Hrehaan and Hridhaan. The two got divorced in 2014.On the work front, Hrithik was last seen in Ayan Mukerji's 'War 2,' which also starred Jr NTR and Kiara Advani.

Punjabi Stars Dazzle at BNW Developments and Tonino Lamborghini 's grand collaboration launch



CHANDIGARH: It was a glittering night at the Coca-Cola Arena, Dubai, as some of the biggest Punjabi stars gathered to celebrate BNW Developments' grand launch event. The evening marked the unveiling of Tonino Lamborghini Residences on Al Marjan Island, Ras Al Khaimah, a luxury waterfront project that blends Italian design heritage with BNW's modern architectural excellence. Stars who graced the event with their presence include Ammy Virk, Mouni Roy, Sehar Bamba, Sooraj Pancholi, Sargun Mehta, Pranjal Dahiya, Maninder Buttar, Happy Raikoti, and Mandy Thakkar.

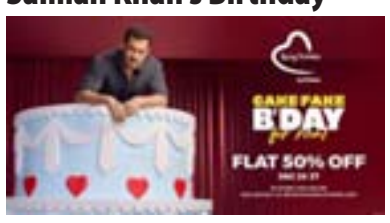
Speaking at the event, Vivek Anand Oberoi, Managing Director and Co-Founder of BNW Developments, said, "I'm overjoyed to celebrate this milestone surrounded by my friends. Their warmth, energy, and love have made tonight truly special. The spirit of Punjab brings life to every gathering, and I'm grateful they joined us to make this launch unforgettable."

Ankur Aggarwal, Chairman and Founder of BNW Developments, added, "Celebrating moments like these with our Punjabi family makes every achievement even more meaningful. They've become an integral part of our journey, and it's heartwarming to see this sense of togetherness at every milestone we reach."

BNW Developments has had a long-standing association with Punjab. Earlier this year, the company organised the international premiere of Ammy Virk's hit film 'Sarbala Ji' in Dubai and hosted an Investment Summit in Patiala for Punjabi high-net-worth individuals, offering insights into wealth creation and global investment opportunities.

The recent Dubai event, centred around the launch of Tonino Lamborghini Residences, celebrated the creation of new waterfront properties in Ras Al Khaimah. The star-studded night also featured Jubin Nautiyal, who delivered a soulful live performance, and Kantara star Rishab Shetty, who made a special appearance, adding to the evening's grandeur.

Being Human Clothing Announces Sale So Big, It's Readyyy: 50% Off for Salman Khan's Birthday



LUDHIANA :Being Human Clothing, the fashion and lifestyle brand founded by Salman Khan, is celebrating the actor's birthday in true Salman style, with energy, warmth, and a whole lot of fun. This year, the brand is marking the occasion with a special Birthday Sale, paired with a lively campaign that brings together fashion, surprise, and celebration.
Leading the celebrations is Being Human Clothing's playful new campaign, "Cake Fake B'day For Real," which looks at birthdays a little differently. Instead of predictable celebrations, the campaign adds an element of surprise, keeping things light, joyful, and true to Salman Khan's larger-than-life personality.
A key highlight of the celebration sees Sunil Grover stepping in to enact Salman Khan, delivering a moment filled with humour and familiarity that fans instantly relate to. The playful act is followed by Salman Khan himself, bringing the campaign thought to life and tying it directly to the birthday offer in a way that feels effortless and fun. "This year's "Cake Fake, B'Day for Real" campaign is our playful nod to the joy and energy that Salman Mamu brings into people's lives. By taking the celebrations live with a 50% exclusive birthday sale in stores and online, we wanted to create a digital moment that fans everywhere can be part of—no matter where they are. It's our way of saying thank you to everyone who continues to support the Being Human Clothing family and Salman Mamu," says Ayaan Agnihotri, Executive Director at Four Aces Fashion House, Being Human Clothing.

Blenders Pride Fashion Tour Crafts Fashion's New Revolution

AMBALA : Blenders Pride Fashion Tour brought the curtains down on this year's edition, with a breakthrough fashion narrative that shattered moulds of fashion craft as it is known. Set against the dramatic backdrop of iconic Howrah Bridge and transforming the city's historic Hooghly River into a spectacular runway, the finale edition presented an experimental collection by designer Anamika Khanna AK | OK, with the charismatic Ishaan Khatter as the showstopper, that pushed design beyond convention and made fashion move into the next era.



In collaboration with the Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI), the showcase challenged long-held notions of craftsmanship, treating it not as a static tradition but as a living, evolving force. Anamika Khanna's AK | OK dismantled familiar craft vocabularies — zardozi, chikankari and mirror work — pulling them apart and reassembling them through futuristic tailoring, metallic interventions and cosmic-inspired graphics. The show unfolded on a Barge, anchored in the midst of the Hoogly river, transforming it into a floating theatre of fashion. It opened with divers emerging onto the barge and scaffolding brought alive through light, smoke, and sound. Models appeared from within the structure to a high-energy score, as responsive lasers shifted with each step, amplifying the tension and momentum of the show. The narrative peaked with powerful chainmail looks presented as a unified statement, followed by sculptural silhouettes in motion. The finale delivered a dramatic crescendo with the Ishaan's arrival in a speedboat, culminating in a collective closing moment set against the iconic Howrah bridge. Adding a touch of gravitas to the evening was The Bengal Paddle vessel, with its museum-like interiors and historic detailing, that hosted the who's who of the city before they were brought onboard the barge. The Riverine Museum within its former boiler room, that houses rare marine artefacts and curated installations tracing the Hooghly's legacy, created an immersive cultural backdrop that complemented the sophistication of the showcase.

New year, new beginnings! COLORS' actors reveal their 2026 resolutions






CHANDIGARH: Ayesha Singh from COLORS' 'Mannat Har Khushi Paane Ki' shares, "As we bid farewell to 2025, there is so much to be grateful for. The audience has been incredibly generous with their love for Mannat Har Khushi Paane Ki, and that means a lot to me. I'm excited for viewers to experience the shocks and twists that the post-leap track has in store. While Mannat onscreen has stepped into her mom era, I'm personally in my self-care era more than ever. I think we all need to invest time in ourselves and be intentional about physical and mental wellness. Here's hoping 2026 is about embracing the little joys in life while staying focused on the bigger picture. I wish everyone a very Happy New year"

Deepika Singh, portraying Mangal in COLORS' 'Mangal Lakshmi', shares, "This year feels like a true turning point in my journey, marked by moments I will cherish forever. The immense love for Mangal Lakshmi has been very encouraging, and receiving the Dadasaheb Phalke Award for this role is a milestone I will always carry with pride. It was also a year that really tested and strengthened me - I had dengue, yet I resumed shooting after just two days, working eight-hour shifts for a week. My producer was extremely kind in ensuring those limited hours. I requested S.P. Raza sir not to alter the Mangal storyline, assured him I would show up, and I did. That same resilience carried me through our Georgia schedule as well, where I worked continuously for four days in sub-zero temperatures. Shooting in Georgia added a whole new dimension to portraying Mangal for the audience. Sharing screen space with Farah Khan ma'am was another defining moment; working with her brought fresh insight and inspiration to my craft. As I move into the New Year, I do so with a sense of fulfilment and confidence, knowing that viewers and fans stand beside me. I'm eager to see where Mangal Lakshmi goes next and how audiences continue to witness her journey. Enjoy the present moment, take care of one another, and cherish time with family and friends. Forgive, forget, and move forward - that's my mantra. Here's wishing everyone a year of happiness, growth, and moments worth celebrating. Happy New Year!"

Parth Samthaan, who essays the role of Mahid in COLORS' 'Seher Hone Ko Hai' shares, "Before the New Year, my journey of trying something new had already taken shape with Seher Hone Ko Hai. Mahid gave me the space to step away from the familiar and lean into a character who isn't the typical protagonist. He's a flawed hero, finding his way and that's what drew me to him. Playing Mahid has been super refreshing! Every day on set feels like an opportunity to discover something that I haven't depicted on screen before. What's been truly heartwarming is how open and generous the audience has been in embracing this change. Their kindness and empathy towards Mahid mean a lot to me as an actor. As I step into the New Year, my only resolution is to give back the love the viewers have given me. I wish everyone the courage to try something new, take risks, and grow through the challenges. Here's wishing all a very happy and positive 2026."

Eisha Singh from COLORS' 'Laughter Chefs Unlimited Entertainment' shares, "The end of this year has been COLORful for me in every sense. Being part of Laughter Chefs Unlimited Entertainment and Naagin 7 has ensured I'm signing off the year on a high note. Shooting for Laughter Chefs is the highlight of my week. The energy on set is infectious - the entire team brings such enthusiasm that it feels like laughter therapy on every shoot. What surprises me the most is how much I'm enjoying the cooking itself. I never imagined I'd be heading into the New Year whipping up dishes, facing cook-offs, and embracing the challenge with this much excitement. The love from viewers has been overwhelming and motivating, and it pushes me to keep giving my best. I'm excited to take on the cook-offs of 2026 and serve up my own version of 'dinner-tainment.' As the year turns, my hope is that everyone who's had a tough time finds peace, joy, and a fresh start in the days ahead."

Karan Kundrra from COLORS' 'Laughter Chefs Unlimited Entertainment' shares, "This year has been special in more ways than one. Watching Laughter Chefs come back and win the audiences all over has been the highlight of my year, and I couldn't be prouder of the entire team. One of the most unexpected joys has been cooking with Teja and learning about her kitchen personality; it honestly feels like a weekly rehearsal for the future. Nothing on this show feels put on. We argue, we panic, we laugh at each other and somehow land the dish just as time runs out. That honesty has connected with people, and I think audiences sense that. The kitchen troublemakers on this show make me laugh at the most ridiculous things, and I hope viewers continue to find themselves doing the same in 2026. Here's to

After 6 Years, Nia Sharma Is Back for Zee Rishton Ka Mela New Year Special



CHANDIGARH: As Zee TV ushers in 2026, the channel brings back the warmth of togetherness with Zee Rishton ka mela New Year special, reviving a tradition that once defined festive television viewing. Rooted in Zee TV's core values of family, emotions, and shared celebrations, the Mela transforms New Year's into a collective experience, where viewers can sit back with loved ones and welcome the year with their favourite stars, joyous performances, and heartfelt moments, all under one roof. Adding to the festive spirit is Nia Sharma, who returns to Zee TV after a six-year hiatus, making a special appearance at the grand New Year bash. Walking back onto the Zee stage after years, Nia was overwhelmed by nostalgia as memories of her early days with Jamai Raja came rushing back. Sharing her experience, she said, "Being back on Zee TV feels magical. I was just 23 when I joined Zee with Jamai Raja. I was a little girl then. Today, after 13–14 years, it feels like life has come full circle. I'm still known as Roshni, and that says everything about what this show and this channel gave me."
Nia revealed that the scale of her welcome took her by surprise. From being treated as a cherished member of the Zee family to performing an extended seven-minute act alongside the entire ensemble, the evening felt deeply special. "All you really need is respect, and that's exactly how Zee made me feel, like family. I never imagined I'd return to such love after all these years. These shows gave us our identity, and I'll always be grateful to Zee for trusting me at such a young age," she added.

Celebrating Culture & Connections: Zee Rishton ka Mela: New Year Special



CHANDIGARH: With Zee Rishton Ka Mela New year special, Zee TV continues its tradition of uniting audiences with beloved characters, heartfelt stories, and joyful New year celebrations. Evoking cherished memories of togetherness and shared experiences, Zee TV's New Year celebration encourages viewers to ring in 2026 with optimism, nostalgia, and the comforting sense of togetherness that only the Zee Kutumb can bring. 31st December will mark the return of a classic television new year special format that Zee Kutumb has revitalized for today's audience. Zee Rishton ka Mela New year special stands out as a fresh and vibrant showcase, where our beloved Zee TV stars step beyond their on-screen roles to celebrate India's rich cultural tapestry through music, dance, and artistry.
Jagadhatri's Sonakshi Batra kicked off the evening with a lively Marathi folk song, 'Mala Jau De'. Vasudha's Priya Thakur followed with an energetic Bihu dance to 'Sawar Loon', while Saru's Mohak Matkar performed a vibrant Bhangra to 'Nagada Nagada'. The festivities continued with Tumm Se Tumm Tak's Niharika Chouksey captivating the audience with a Garba performance to 'Dholi Tharo Dhol'. For the concluding performance, all the girls joined the new mom, Shraddha Arya, who was last seen as Preeta in Kundali Bhagya, for a group performance to the iconic Bollywood song 'Desi Girl'. Adding to the festive spirit is Nia Sharma, who returns to Zee TV after a six-year hiatus, made a special appearance at the grand New Year bash by sharing the stage with all the boys of Zee Kutumb for a mind-blowing group performance on 'Bijuriya'. With several other highlights including comedy gags, fun games and wonderful performances, Zee Rishton Ka Mela, Zee TV continues its tradition of uniting audiences with beloved characters, heartfelt stories, and joyful festivities.

It felt like one big celebration filled with warmth and love: Shraddha Arya



CHANDIGARH: Zee Rishton Ka Mela is back, and this time, the Zee Kutumb is all set to welcome 2026 in a grand and celebratory manner. The New Year Special brings together Zee TV's much-loved characters for an evening packed with entertainment, warmth, and joy. Airing on 31st December, Zee Rishton Ka Mela New Year Special promises a spectacular celebration filled with fun, music, and memorable moments.
Adding to the festive fervour, popular Zee TV actors, including Niharika Chouksey, Sonakshi Batra, Shagun Pandey, Arya Babbar, among many others, will step beyond their on-screen personas to set the stage ablaze with energetic and captivating performances. Staying true to Zee TV's values of family, emotions, and togetherness, the Mela transforms New Year's into a shared celebration, inviting viewers to unwind with their loved ones and welcome the year with their favourite stars, delightful performances, and heartfelt moments that truly touch the heart.
Elevating the celebration further, Shraddha Arya will be seen hosting the special alongside Jay Bhanushali. Loved across households for her iconic portrayal of Preeta in Kundali Bhagya, Shraddha continues to hold a special place in viewers' hearts, proving that while the show may have gone off air, the character remains truly unforgettable.

Social Hosts 'Social Animals' New Year's Eve Celebrations

CHANDIGARH: On 31st December 2025, 7 PM onwards, Social invites guests across its outlets pan-India to ring in the New Year with SOCIAL ANIMALS, a concept built around the idea that no two people party the same way. Designed as a celebration of instinct-led nights, Social Animals brings together the many personalities that come alive after dark from dancefloor regulars and snack hunters to drink collectors, social butterflies, quiet observers, and the ever-hopeful "just one more song" brigade. Instead of setting rules or formats for the night, the concept encourages guests to follow the music, the mood, and their own rhythm, making SOCIAL ANIMALS a New Year's Eve experience shaped by people, not instructions.
At the bar, the Social Animals concept continues through the way people choose to drink because every New Year's Eve personality has a pour to match. The Longest Long Island Iced Coffee caters to those who like coffee in their drinks. The Banarasi Patiala is for guests who like to party the desi way; bold, high-spirited, and unapologetic. Long-time SOCIAL loyalists will find comfort in the Longest Long Island Iced Tea, a classic that remains a staple across celebrations, while KamiKrazy is designed for groups that arrive together and plan to go all out. Rounding out the selection are SOCIAL Emotions, created to mirror the mix of excitement, nostalgia, and anticipation that builds as the countdown to the New Year begins. Alongside these favourites, the menu features a wide range of additional cocktails and pours, ensuring there's something to suit every mood and party instinct on the night.
The New Year's Eve experience is supported by SOCIAL's The Thand Szn Menu, a limited-period selection of garma garam comfort food created for extended evenings. The menu includes indulgent winter plates, familiar favourites, designed to pair seamlessly with the night's celebrations. Guests can also enjoy the Meltdown offer, offering reduced pricing on select #drnks for the festive period from 12PM to 7PM, up to 4th January 2026.
With food, drinks, and music forming the core of the experience, SOCIAL ANIMALS presents a New Year's Eve celebration focused on energy, movement, and shared moments as the year turns.

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