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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Hostility against minorities in Bangladesh a matter of great concern : MEA

**NEW DELHI:** India on Friday strongly denounced the recent incident of mob lynching targeting a Hindu man in Bangladesh, with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) voicing grave concern over what it described as persistent hostility towards minority communities in the neighbouring country. Reacting to the developments, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said India was deeply troubled by the killings and emphasised the need for those responsible to be held accountable. "The unremitting hostility against minorities in Bangladesh is a matter of great concern. We condemn the recent killing of a Hindu youth in Bangladesh and expect that the perpetrators of the crime will be brought to justice," Jaiswal said.

### Vaibhav Suryavanshi conferred with Rashtriya Bal Puraskar

**NEW DELHI:** The 14-year-old batting prodigy Vaibhav Suryavanshi, who has taken the cricket world by storm with his audacious stroke-play, and seven-year-old chess prodigy Vaka Lakshmi Pragnika were among a host of children who were on Friday conferred with the prestigious Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar by President Droupadi Murmu here. Swimming sensation Dhinidhi Desinghu was also among the recipients of the award given for exceptional achievements in the field of sports, bravery, social service and environment.

Just a few days back, Suryavanshi slammed 190 runs off 84 deliveries, studied with 16 fours and 15 sixes, for Bihar against Arunachal Pradesh in a Vijay Hazare Trophy Plate group match in Ranchi.

### CBI arrests Kendriya Vidyalaya official on bribery charges

**NEW DELHI:** The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday said that they have arrested a Senior Secretariat Assistant of Kendriya Vidyalaya, BNP, Dewas for allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs. 60,000.

The accused, identified as Ranjan Bharti was said to accepting the bribe amount for clearing bills related to the provision of security and manpower services. A senior CBI official said that they registered the case on December 23, on the basis of a written complaint alleging that the Bharti had demanded a bribe of Rs. 60,000 for clearing bills related to the provision of security and manpower services. The CBI laid a trap on December 25 and caught the accused red-handed while accepting the bribe amount through a banking channel.

Later, the accused was arrested and produced in Court on Friday, which remanded him to three days custodial remand.

## Efforts underway to include Rakhigarhi in UNESCO World Heritage list : CM Saini



**BUREAU CHANDIGARH, DEC 26**

Haryana Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini said that the Central Government has allocated Rs. 500 crore in the Union Budget to develop Rakhigarhi, a witness to India's ancient and glorious civilization, into a prestigious global landmark. Recognizing the historical, cultural and tourism significance of Rakhigarhi, the state government is also taking continuous and concrete steps to secure its prominent place on both the national and international tourism map.

The Chief Minister was addressing the gathering at the second state-level Rakhigarhi Mahotsav held today in Rakhi-

garhi, the sacred land of India's ancient civilization. On this occasion, he announced that all 13 demands presented by the Rakhigarhi Panchayat would be forwarded to the concerned departments for prompt action. Similarly, the five demands raised by the Rakhi Shahpur Panchayat would also be sent to the relevant departments for implementation. He also announced a grant of Rs. 21 lakh each for Rakhigarhi and Rakhi Shahpur villages. He also inaugurated the Harappan Knowledge Centre.

Sh Nayab Singh Saini said that Rakhigarhi holds a unique identity as a historical heritage site. This is the land where, thou-

sands of years ago, one of the world's oldest civilizations—the Harappan civilization—flourished. The artifacts unearthed during excavations demonstrate that Rakhigarhi was a major industrial and commercial hub, featuring a well-planned city layout, advanced sanitation systems, and remarkable water management. He said that this great center of the Indus-Saraswati civilization sends a message to the world about how deep-rooted, scientific, and prosperous India's heritage has been. The fact that the most important center of the world's largest and most developed ancient urban civilization is located in Haryana is a matter of immense pride for the people of the state.

### Pays homage to Sahibzadas at Gurdwara Sri Fatehgarh Sahib

**CHANDIGARH:** Commemorating the unparalleled sacrifice of the Sahibzadas, Haryana Chief Minister Sh Nayab Singh Saini visited Gurdwara Sri Fatehgarh Sahib, a site deeply etched in the most poignant and inspiring pages of history. This sacred land witnessed the supreme sacrifice of the younger Sahibzadas of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji—Baba Zorawar Singh Ji and Baba Fateh Singh Ji—who laid down their lives at a tender age to uphold their faith, truth, and self-respect. Veer Bal Diwas serves as a solemn occasion to remember their courage and inspire future generations.



## Sacrifice of Sahibzadas inspires humanity to stand against injustice: Punjab CM



**AJAY MALHOTRA FATEHGARH SAHIB, DEC 26**

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Friday morning bowed his head in reverence at the historic Gurdwara Sri Fatehgarh Sahib, paying homage to Mata Gujri Ji and the younger Sahibzadas, Baba Zorawar Singh Ji and Baba Fateh Singh Ji, for their supreme sacrifices.

Highlighting the significance of the days of Shaheedi Sabha, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said that all of Punjab observes these days as "Days of Mourning," as it was during this period that the tyrant rulers bricked alive the younger Sahibzadas of Dashedmesh Pitaah. "The entire world feels proud of this unparalleled and extraordinary sacrifice, an act not only revered by Punjabis and Indians, but by humanity across the globe. Nearly 50 lakh devotees visit Fatehgarh Sahib during the Shaheedi Sabha to seek blessings at the holy shrine," he added.

Interacting with the media persons after paying obeisance, the Chief Minister said that these great

sacrifices remain unmatched in human history and will continue to inspire future generations to resist tyranny, oppression, and injustice. "Every inch of this sacred land is blessed, drawing countless devotees who come to bow before this holy place. This pious soil is a source of inspiration not only for Sikhs but for the entire human race," he said. Referring to the sacrifice of Baba Zorawar Singh Ji and Baba Fateh Singh Ji, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann noted that their supreme act to uphold the human right to follow one's faith according to conscience stands unparalleled in human history. "The Sikh tradition remembers this as the 'Nikkian jinda, vadde Saake', a tragedy that, even after more than three centuries, continues to evoke deep pain among Sikhs worldwide," he stated.

CM Bhagwant Singh Mann added that he prayed to the Almighty for Punjab's continued prosperity, harmony, peace, and strengthening of human values of brotherhood and goodwill. The Chief Minister said that he considered himself fortunate that the Almighty blessed him with the opportunity to serve the people of the state.

### Bomb threat email targets Chandigarh District Court, premises evacuated



**CHANDIGARH:** Security agencies swung into action after the District Court complex in Sector 43 received a bomb threat via email, triggering an immediate evacuation and a large-scale security operation. The threat created panic in the area, prompting authorities to seal the entire court complex as a precautionary measure. Soon after the alert, all court staff, lawyers, and visitors were safely moved out as entry to the premises was completely restricted. Both gates of the court complex were shut, while police personnel cordoned off the area from all sides.

Bomb disposal squads, senior police officers, and multiple security teams were rushed to the spot to conduct thorough checks. According to officials, the threatening email warned of a bomb attack using a drone to target the court complex. Following this, a detailed search operation was launched inside the premises. Bomb squad and sabotage teams inspected courtrooms, offices, and surrounding areas for nearly two hours. A Chandigarh Police officer said the threatening email was received on the official court email address around late morning, after which the SSP office was immediately informed.

## Govt's reform trajectory will continue with even more vigour in coming times: PM

**AGENCY NEW DELHI, DEC 26**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the government's reform trajectory will continue with even more vigour in the coming times as it is committed to boosting 'Ease of Living'.

The prime minister made this observation on a series of posts by the central government on its various reform initiatives.

"Ours is a Government committed to boosting 'Ease of Living' and this thread below gives examples of how we have worked in that direction. Our reform trajectory will continue with even more vigour in the coming times," Modi said.



With the hashtags #ReformInAction & #GoodGovernance, the central government said in the posts that the real test of reform is whether it reduces stress for people and 2025 marked a clear shift in governance, with reforms focused on outcomes, not complexity.

Simpler tax laws, faster dispute

resolution, modern labour codes, and decriminalised compliance reduced friction for citizens and businesses alike. The emphasis was on trust, predictability, and long-term growth, showing how well-designed policy can quietly improve everyday life, the posts by MyGovIndia said.

For millions of Indians, tax relief became real. Incomes up to Rs 12 lakh attract zero tax. Middle-class families now retain more of what they earn, giving them flexibility to spend, save and invest with greater confidence, it stated.

It said the Income Tax Act, 2025 streamlined compliance and brought clarity, transparency, and fairness to the direct tax system, making it more taxpayer friendly and aligned with

today's needs.

Small businesses can now grow without fear of losing benefits. Higher investment and turnover limits allow MSMEs to expand while retaining access to loans and tax incentives. This encourages scaling up, hiring more workers, and building stronger local enterprises. Rural employment now creates assets, not just wages. With extended guaranteed employment and a focus on village infrastructure, rural labour is now building permanent assets that strengthen communities and livelihoods, it said. It observed that workers no longer need to navigate dozens of laws as 29 labour laws were simplified into four clear codes covering wages, safety, social security, and relations.

## Rupee falls 15 paise to close at 89.86 against US dollar

**MUMBAI:** The rupee depreciated 15 paise to close at 89.86 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday, tracking a negative trend in domestic equities and foreign fund outflows. Forex traders said a recovery in crude oil prices, significant dollar demand from importers, and risk-off sentiment amid trade deal uncertainties further dented investor sentiment. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee



opened at 89.84 against the US dollar, then touched an intra-day low of 89.94, registering a 23-paise loss from its previous close. At the end of the trading session on Friday, the rupee pared some of its losses and was quoted at 89.86 (provisional), down 15 paise from its previous close.

On Wednesday, the rupee pared initial gains and settled for the day lower by eight paise at 89.71 against the US dollar.

## Deodar trees illegally felled in HP; culprits flee under cover of darkness



**SHIMLA:** The illegal felling of valuable green deodar trees has been detected in a dense forest near Riyuni, around 5 km from the Chopal forest headquarters in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh.

Divisional Forest Officer Chopal, Jangvir Singh Dulta, said that eight green deodar trees were felled, and that the incident took place on Wednesday night. The culprits managed to escape under the cover of darkness when a police patrol team reached the area. Dulta stated that after receiving information from the police, a Forest Department team rushed to the site and initiated a detailed investigation. Efforts are underway to identify and apprehend those involved. Police sources said a patrol

team led by Chopal SHO Ambil Lal was patrolling the Chopal-Khiidki route on Wednesday night when they heard the sound of trees being cut inside the forest. As the police team moved towards the spot, the offenders took advantage of darkness and dense forest cover to flee. The matter was formally reported to the Forest Department on Thursday. Eyewitness accounts indicated that the illegal activity was not confined to a single night. Green deodar trees appear to have been cut over a considerable stretch of the forest, suggesting that the felling had been going on for several days. The number of people involved in the felling and their objective are under investigation.

## BJP makes history, VV Rajesh elected Thiruvananthapuram mayor

**UNI THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DEC 26**

Elections to mayoral posts in Kerala's municipal corporations were held on Friday as newly elected councillors, who had taken oath earlier, voted to choose their internal leadership. In the Thiruvananthapuram Municipal Corporation, VV Rajesh of the BJP was elected Mayor, securing 51 votes—50 from BJP councillors and one from an independent councillor, Patoor Radhakrishnan.

The LDF candidate, R.P. Shivaaji, polled 29 votes, while UDF nominee KS Sabarinathan received 17 votes. Two UDF votes—cast by councillors S. Lathika and K. R. Cleetus—were declared invalid due to errors in signatures. Independent councillor Sudheesh Ku-



mar abstained from the mayoral vote.

Ahead of the election, the CPI(M) raised objections alleging

procedural violations during the oath-taking of councillors, claiming that 20 BJP councillors had sworn in invoking the name of God, in deviation from the prescribed format.

CPM councillor SP Deepak submitted a complaint demanding that the election process be halted and the councillors concerned disqualified, stating that the party possessed digital evidence to support its claim.

However, District Collector Anita Kumari rejected the CPM objection, observing that such issues should have been raised before the oath-taking. She pointed out that the councillors had signed the oath documents, assumed office, and participated in the first council meeting, thereby validating the process.

The Collector clarified that any further dispute could be pursued

only before a court of law.

Mayoral elections were also completed in other corporations across the state. VK Minimol was elected Mayor of Kochi, Niji Justin assumed office as Mayor of Thrissur, and P. Indira was chosen as Mayor of Kannur. The mayoral posts in Kannur, Thrissur and Kochi were reserved for women candidates in the current election cycle.

Following the election of mayors, councils are scheduled to proceed with the election of Deputy Mayors. Meanwhile, elections to the posts of presidents and vice-presidents of district panchayats are slated to be held on December 27, as part of the next phase of leadership formation in Kerala's local bodies.



# Almond milk langar organised in memory of Martyrdom of younger Sahibzadas

GURDARSHAN SINGH PRINCE BEAS, DEC 26

In reverent memory of the martyrdom of the younger Sahibzadas, an almond milk (badam doodh) langar was organised in Beas on the high-way service road, continuing a tradition observed every year. The langar was collectively arranged by local shopkeepers and members of the sangat in a spirit of unity and devotion. During the programme, sevadars served almond milk to



devotees with deep faith and humility. The initiative re-

flected the ideals of sacrifice, service, and brotherhood asso-

ciated with the lives of the Sahibzadas.

## Chandigarh traffic police conductes traffic awareness session for swiggy delivery safely initiative

CHANDIGARH, DEC 26

Under the leadership of Dr. Sagar Preet Hooda, IPS, Director General of Police, U.T., Chandigarh, and the guidance of Sh. Pushpendra Kumar, IPS, Inspector General of Police, U.T., Chandigarh, Sh. Sumer Partap Singh, IPS, Senior Superintendent of Police (Security & Traffic), and under the close supervision of Sh. Lakshay Pandey, D&N, DSP/Traffic (R&D) Road Safety, Chandigarh Traffic Police organized a traffic awareness session as part of its ongoing road safety initiatives. In this regard, a Road



Safety Awareness Session was organized exclusively for Swiggy delivery partners at the Traffic Auditorium, Sector-29, Chandigarh.

The session witnessed the participation of over 110 Swiggy delivery partners and focused on enhancing awareness of traffic regulations and

promoting responsible road behaviour.

Mr. Shiva, Regional Manager, Rahul Thakur, City Manager, Jitender Singh, Operational Manager, Rohit Mehta, Operational Manager, Nitin Jain, Area Manger were prominent guests from Swiggy.

# Classified

I Abhishek Rahi S/o Vinod Kumar R/o House No 3743, Mauli Jagran Complex, Chandigarh Have Changed My Minor Son Name From Divyansh To Divyansh Rahi

I, Pallavi W/o Rajdeep R/o # 1176, Link Road, Near Patwar khaana, Saha, Barara, P.O. Saha, Distt Ambala, Haryana-133104 have changed my name from Pallavi Babbar to Pallavi.

I, Suresh Kumar S/o Sh. Ganpat Rai R/o B-2/61, Eldeco Society, P.O. Panipat, Distt Panipat, Haryana-132103 have changed my name from Suresh Mittal to Suresh Kumar.

I, Sumit S/o Rambir R/o Village Kakrod District Jind (Haryana), Have Changed My Name From Sumit To Sumit Kumar. Let Me Be Known As Sumit Kumar In Future. Concerned Please Note.

I, Harsh S/o Baljeet R/o Village Surbra (Surbrah) District Jind (haryana), Have Changed My Name From Harsh To Harsh Kumar. Let Me Be Known As Harsh Kumar In Future. Concerned Please Note.

I, Ex Service No. 287622A, Rank SGT Mohinder Singh in Airforce Unit No. 12FBSU S/o Late Sh. Bachittar Singh, Resident of H.No. 132, Gulmohar City, Badala Road Kharar, Distt SAS Nagar (Mohali) Punjab, Pin Code 140301 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that correct name of my wife from birth is Davinder Pal Kaur was wrongly sent to record office as Satwant Kaur her date of birth is 04/12/1953 and Adhar No is 473656755453.

I, Kamana d/o Vijaypal Singh R/o H.No 319 Surehti Paliania(22) District Mahendragarh-123024 have changed my name from Kamana to Kamana Paliania.

I, Charanjit Kaur Aujla daughter of Shri Kuldeep Singh resident of village Aujla, District Kapurthala have changed my name from Charanjit Kaur Aujla to Charanjit Kaur.

I, Suman W/o Rajender Singh R/o Gali No. 05, New Karnal Road, Balaji Colony, Kaithal, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that I have changed my name from Suman to Suman Lata. In future, I will be known by the name of Suman Lata. All concerned please note.

I, MD Manzoor Alam S/O MD Mojibur Rahman R/O Goual Toli Patharghat Distt: Kishanganj Bihar declared that my father name Mohd Mazabul in my Documents is wrong but actual correct name is MD Mojibur Rahman.

I, Jaspal Kaur D/o Malkit Singh R/o Jeeda Teh & Distt. Bathinda declare that in my Aadhar Card my father name mentioned as Malkit Singh and in my father revenue record my father name mentioned as Neela Singh. My father was known by both names Malkit Singh and Neela Singh one and the same person.

I, Pushpreet Singh Jawandha, S/o Nirmal Singh R/O Sandhu Patti, Barnala, have changed my name to Pushpreet Singh.

I, No 13695909Y NK Rajesh Kumar ( Retd), S/o Sh. Ajmer Singh resident Of Village Partapgarh, Post Office Sirsala, Tehsil Thanesar, Distt Kurukshetra ( Haryana) -136131 have changed my daughter name from Poonam to Poonam Rani vide affidavit before notary distt court , Kurukshetra.

I, Paramjit Kaur Wife Bagicha Singh Resident village Thakarpura Tehsil Patti district TarnTaran have Changed my name to Parmjit kaur

I Kirandeep Kaur W/o Dalraj Singh R/O. VPO Rajdhan, Tehsil Baba Bakala Sahib, District Amritsar, Punjab, India. I have changed my name as the first name is Kirandeep and surname is Kaur. note it.

I, Sandeep Singh, son of Shri Sukan Chand, resident of Village Kairmla, Tehsil Gharaunda, District Karnal, hereby declare that in all documents of my daughter Anvi, such as Aadhaar Card, Birth Certificate, and other records, her name is recorded as Anvi Choudhary. Therefore, in the future, my daughter shall be known by the name Anvi Choudhary only.

I, Darshan Singh S/o Ajit Singh R/o Vill: Malakpur Teh & Distt. Ludhiana declare that my son Sukhinder Singh alias Sona (married) 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.

I Banto Bai W/O Darshan Singh R/O Basti Ladhu Wali, Maste K, Teh & Distt Ferozepur. My Minor Son Name is Sukhchain Singh Written Wrong In Adhaar Card His Right Name is Supandeep Singh. Please Concerned Note.

It Is For General Information That I, Kashmir Singh S/O Jeet Singh, R/O Vill. Charan Patti, Khomowal, Post Office Jadia, Nawanshahr, Punjab, Declare That Name Of My Mother Has Been Wrongly Written As Surjit Singh In My Passport No. S9786334. The Actual Name Of My Mother Is Surjit Kaur, Which May Be Amended Accordingly.

I Somnath S/o Ram Murti R/o Hanuman Mandir Wali Gali Dharamkot Moga (Punjab) have changed my name Somnath to Somnath Singh.

I Monika D/o Kuldeep Kumar Vpo Thandian Tah-Banga Distt SBS Nagar I have changed my name Monika to Monika Kumari please note.

I, Jasbinder Kaur W/o Chaman Lal R/o Vill: Ladhana Ucha Po. Ladhana Jhikka Teh-Banga Distt. SBS Nagar, Pb, Pincode-144510 have changed my name from Jasbinder Kaur to Jaswinder Kaur.

I, Bakhshish Chand S/o Gurbachan Singh R/o H.No. CW-7/218, Model Town Kulam Road Nawanshahr SBS Nagar, Pb-144514 have changed my name to Bakhshish and surname to Chand for all future purposes.

I, Balbir Kaur W/o Bakhshish Chand R/o H.No. CW-7/218, Model Town Kulam Road Nawanshahr SBS Nagar, Pb-144514 have changed my name to Balbir and surname to Kaur for all future purposes.

I, Amarjeet Kaur W/o Late Nirmal Singh R/o Village Sangala Sakohpur Sangram Tehsil & District Malerkotla Have changed the Name of my Grand Daughter Avdeep Kaur Gill to Avdeep Kaur.

I Rajinder S/O Amar Singh R/O Bhagta Bhai Ka Tehsil Phul (Bathinda) Have Changed My Name As Pappu Singh.

This is to inform the general public that Mrs. Renu Dhawan, wife of Mr. Anil Kant Dhawan, resident of House No. B-6/184, 60/1-K/128, Mauli Colony, Nirmal Palace, Daba Road, Ludhiana, was married to Mr. Anil Kant Dhawan, son of Mr. Ramesh Chander, resident of House No. B-6/184, Luxmipura, Industrial Town, Jalandhar, on 11.08.2005. Due to continuous mental, physical, and financial harassment and demands for money, Mrs. Renu Dhawan has been living separately with her daughter at her parental home in Ludhiana for many years. Mr. Anil Kant Dhawan has not paid any maintenance or financial support and has been out of contact for a long time. All expenses including residence, medical treatment, medicines, and education of the daughter are being borne by Mrs. Renu Dhawan's parents and brothers. Mrs. Renu Dhawan hereby declares that she has no connection or liability with respect to any act, transaction, loan, or conduct—past, present, or future—of Mr. Anil Kant Dhawan. Any person dealing with him shall do so at their own risk.

I Parmjot Ladhra S/o Husan Lal R/o Vpo Musapur Sub Teh-Aur Distt SBS Nagar 144513 Pb declared that my given name is Parmjot and surname is Ladhra.

I Renu W/o Ranjit R/o Vpo Malpur Arkan Teh-Nawanshahr Distt SBS Nagar Pb have changed my minor daughter name from Tania to Tania Sidhu.

I, Paramjit Kaur W/o Chhinder Pal R/o H.No. 939 W.No. 9 Near Jamana Naras House Kurali Teh-Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name from Paramjit Kaur to Kuldeep Kaur.

I Bholla Singh S/O Babu Singh Village Bari Teh. Dhuri Dist. Sangrur Have Changed My Name To Bhola Singh.

I, Jasmeen Kaur W/o Bhupinderjit Singh Mann R/o Vill-Kulpur Po.Saroa Teh-Balachaur Distt SBS Nagar, Pin-144524, Punjab, have changed my name from Jasmeen Kaur to Jasmeen Kaur Mann After Marriage.

I Sandeep Kaur W/o Gulzar Singh Bath VIII Bari teh Dhuri Dist Sangrur have changed my name to Sandeep Kaur Bath.

I, Amarjeet Kaur W/o Late Nirmal Singh R/o Village Sangala Sakohpur Sangram Tehsil & District Malerkotla Have changed the Name of my Grand Daughter Avdeep Kaur Gill to Avdeep Kaur.

I Rajinder S/O Amar Singh R/O Bhagta Bhai Ka Tehsil Phul (Bathinda) Have Changed My Name As Pappu Singh.

I, Akshay Kumar Gaur S/o Satpal aged 43 years R/o H.No. 46A, Sapta Colony, Ward No. 7, Malerkotla, Punjab (in behalf of M/s The Teachers and Education Overseas Services) as its Proprietor/ legal heir of Proprietor declares that I am proprietor/legal heir of Proprietor of M/s The Teachers and Education Overseas Services, Bus Stand to Stadium Road, Malerkotla, Sangrur-148003. Punjab. That I had been issued a registration certificate no. B-2213/PUNP/ER/160/15/18022/2024 dated 26/02/2024 which is valid till 26/02/2028. That I intend to surrender the registration certificate as it will be expired on 26/02/2028. That I have not charged any person more than prescribed service charge. That my future correspondence address is H.No. 46A, Sapta Colony, Ward No. 7, Malerkotla, Punjab. That there is no civil or criminal case is pending against me in any Court of Law. That there is no complaint/grievance pending against me and M/s The Teachers and Education Overseas Services, Malerkotla, Punjab. That there is no Show Cause Notice has been issued against proprietor and M/s The Teachers and Education Overseas Services, Malerkotla, Punjab.

I, Lovely W/O Surinder Kumar Singla R/O H.No. 683 A, Near Bhagat Singh Market, Civil Lines, Moga (Pb), I Have Changed My Name Lovely to Lovely Singla.

I, Gurmukh Singh Dhiman S/o Karam Singh R/o H.No. 358 W.No. 40 Street Mistran Wali Teh & Distt. Moga have changed my name from Gurmukh Singh Dhiman to Gurmukh Singh.

I Hitherto Known As Ashwani Kumar S/O Chander Mohan R/O 724, Samraia Road, Sector 39, Ludhiana, Punjab, India, Pin-141001 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Ashwani Juneja.

I Hitherto Known As Kamlesh Kaur W/O Sudesh Kumar R/O Village Arazi Darya Bramad Tajawal, Distt. Sbs Nagar, Punjab, Pin-144522 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kamlesh.

I Kashmir Singh S/O Jeet Singh R/O VPO: Kangna Bet, Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab, Pin -144521, Punjab, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kashmir As First Name And Singh As Surname.

I, Tarsem Das S/o Ravi Singh R/o Vill-Pharwahi, Teh and Distt Barnala, Have Changed My Son's Name From Balvan Dass to Balwan Dass.

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I, Tarsem Das S/o Ravi Singh R/o Vill-Pharwahi, Teh and Distt Barnala, Have Changed My Daughter's Name From Soma to Soma Kaur.

I, Samir kaur W/O Mandandeep Singh House no-1402 Shivalik City, Sector 127 greter Mohali, Kharar, SAS Nagar (Mohali) Punjab 140301 have changed my name from Samir Kour to Samir Kaur.

I, Parveen Goyal S/o Nasib Chand R/o Bigharwal Road Near Shiv Dham Sunam Teh-Sunam Distt. Sangrur have changed my name to Parveen Kumar.

I Kirna W/o Parminder Singh R/o Vill-Baldev Nagar Morinda Teh-Morinda Distt Rupnagar have changed my minor daughter's name from Khushito Khushdeep Kaur.

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

I Rajni Bala Bansal W/O Manish Kumar Bansal R/O Rampura Phul Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Rajni Bala.

I Hitherto Known As Kirandeep Kaur W/o Boota Singh R/o Agwar Mandera Da, Patti Sanjhi, VPO Bhai Rupa, Distt. Bathinda, Punjab, India-151106, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Sukhveer Kaur.

I Hitherto Known As Navneet Kaur D/o Paramjit Singh R/O Vill. Ibrahimpur, PO. Kahlon, Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab-144517 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kaur Navneet.

I hitherto known as Jashandeep Singh S/o Paramjit Singh R/O Vill. Ibrahimpur, PO. Kahlon, Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab-144517 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Singh Jashandeep.

I hitherto known as Navneet Kaur D/o Paramjit Singh R/O Vill. Ibrahimpur, PO. Kahlon, Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab-144517 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kaur Navneet.

I hitherto known as Jashandeep Singh S/o Paramjit Singh R/O Vill. Ibrahimpur, PO. Kahlon, Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab-144517 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Singh Jashandeep.

I Hitherto Known As Binder Kaur W/o Sukhdev Singh R/o Dina Road, Khooch Patti, VPO Khali, Distt. Moga, Punjab, India-142046, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Chinder Kaur.

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I hitherto known as Poonam Sharma W/O Nitish Mohan Sharma residing at H.No. NH-148, Neela Mehal, Near Sheetla Mata Mandir, Jalandhar-144001, Punjab, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Jyoti.

I hitherto known as Major Singh S/o Daya Singh, residing at H.No. 43/3, Doordarshan Enclave, Opp. Partap Nagar, Jalandhar-144001, Punjab, India have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Major Singh Gill.

I hitherto known as Navneet Kaur D/o Paramjit Singh R/O Vill. Ibrahimpur, PO. Kahlon, Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab-144517 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kaur Navneet.

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## Police nabs 84 drug smugglers with 2.8kg heroin

**CHANDIGARH:** Continuing the war against drugs “Yudh Nashian Virudh” waged by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann to eradicate drug menace from state consecutively for the 300th day, Punjab Police conducted raids at 327 locations on Friday leading to the arrest of 84 drug smugglers after registration of 63 first information reports (FIRs) across the state. With this, the number of total drug smugglers arrested has reached to 41,881 in 300 days. The raids have resulted in recovery of 2.8 kg heroin, 1 kg opium, 518 intoxicant tablets/capsules and Rs 8890 drug money from the possession of arrested drug smugglers. Notably, CM Bhagwant Singh Mann has asked the Commissioners of Police, Deputy Commissioners and Senior Superintendent of Police to make Punjab drug free state.

## Plenary meeting of Nabha rice sellers association held



**RAKESH JINDAL**  
**NABHA:** A meeting of rice cellar owners of Nabha was held today at the Rotary Club located at the local Patiala Gate under the leadership of Karam Singh Matora, Darshan Arora, Hardeep Singh Buttar, Surinder Kumar Garg, Parveen Kumar Bhadson and Jagtar Singh Nowra, in which about 165 cellar owners participated. On this occasion, the gathered cellar owners unanimously elected Satish Kumar Bhara and Lavneet Kumar Lucky as the presidents who will try to solve the problems faced by the cellar owners. Later, both the newly appointed presidents Satish Kumar Bhara and Lavneet Kumar Lucky said that they will take the entire community along and make efforts for the welfare of the cellar trade so that the current season can be completed peacefully. Cellar owners like Karam Singh Matora, Hardeep Singh Buttar, Darshan Arora etc. said that the entire cellar community is with both the presidents and the entire community will fully support both the presidents in whatever they do for the welfare of the cellar trade. In the meeting held today, shelter owners like Gurbachan Singh Billu Mallewal, Sanjeev Silpa, Brij Lal Goyal, Praveen Bansal, Raman Jindal Bhole, Pushpinder Goyal Banera, Ramsaran Gupta, Tehal Singh, Gurkirat Singh Kalsana, Rattan Singh Jasso Majra, Nitian Bansal, Jagtar Singh Nowhra, Vikas Goyal, Gaurav Puri, Nikhil Gaba, Amit Jindal Sonu, Krishan Kumar Bhapa, Sarpanch Binder Bakhtara, Gaurav Garg Chnu, Karnail Singh Thuih, Burtly Singla, Sonu Rohiti, Gagan Buttar, Harpreet Singh Kaul, Sonu Garg, Aman Goyal, Shivam Goyal, Surinder Chaudhary, Mithu Bauran were present.

## Rotarians, MBCT and volunteers make Gurpurab route from Chandigarh to Fatehgarh Sahib, "Litter Free"



**R N KHERA**  
**CHANDIGARH, DEC 26**

Over 200 Rotarians and volunteers from Mehar Baba Charitable Trust (MBCT) worked throughout the day to keep the 28km stretch from Landran to Fatehgarh Sahib clean during the annual 'Jor Mela'. Jor Mela, Sakka Sirhind is an occasion where thousands of pilgrims congregate to pay tribute to Mata Gujri ji and Chhote Sahzadas at Fatehgarh Sahib.

Led by past president Rtn. Hassan Singh Mejie along with Rotarians of 12 Rotary clubs from the Rotary Districts 3080 and 3090 partici-

# Parents must connect children with gurbani and heritage through Sikh history: MLA Kulwant Singh

**SHASHI PAL JAIN**  
**MOHALI, DEC 26**

Thrilling and closely fought competitions of traditional martial art were witnessed during the 2nd district Gatka tournament organised by Gatka Association of district S.A.S. Nagar and Sarb Sanjha Welfare Society, dedicated to the supreme sacrifice of the younger Sahibzadas and Mata Gujar Kaur Ji.

The traditional tournament concluded at the ground near Gurdwara Nanak Darbar in sector-91 under the aegis of the Gatka Association of Punjab where Khalsa Sewa Dal Gatka Akhara, Mohali achieved first place. Misl Shaheedan Gatka Akhara secured second position while Mata Sahib Deva Gatka Akhara (Girls) finished third. In the girls' Soti-Farri (individual) category, Ishpreet



Kaur secured first position and Harmanpreet Kaur stood second. In the boys' category of the same event, Inderjit Singh claimed the top spot while Baghel Singh finished runner-up.

The final bout of this event was formally inaugurated by MLA Kulwant Singh in the presence of Phool Raj Singh, Chairman, Directorate of International Affairs of

World Gatka Federation. Advocate Harjeet Singh Grewal, President, National Gatka Association of India and office-bearers of the organising society.

Addressing the gathering, MLA Kulwant Singh recalled the unparalleled sacrifice of the Sahibzadas and urged the sangat to walk on the path shown by Guru Sahib, preserve Sikhi and Sikh heritage

## Punjab Wrestling Association honours wrestler Ravi Sharma

**CHANDIGARH (J.K. BATT):** Recently in Phagwara, wrestler Shri Ravi Sharma, a social worker, sports promoter, and president of the BJP Sports Cell, District Mohali, and proprietor of Das Associates New Chandigarh, was honoured by the Punjab Wrestling Association. The award was presented by Sanjay Kumar Singh, President of the Wrestling Federation of India. Speaking about the event, Shri Vinod Sharma alias Golu Pehalwan, proprietor of Akhara Mullanpur Garibdas New Chandigarh, said that an important meeting of the Punjab Wrestling Association officials was held at a local hotel in Phagwara. Giving further details, Shri Ravi Sharma said that Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh, President of the Wrestling Federation of India, stated that Indian wrestling was once number one in the world. He said that everyone needs to work together so that wrestling can regain its former glory. He assured that the Punjab Wrestling Association would receive all the necessary support from the central government. Whether it's coaches or mats, every need will be fulfilled.



## SIC Harpreet Sandhu's lirerary pictorial work on Veer Bal Diwas unveiled

**CHANDIGARH/DEHRADUN, DEC 26**

Governor of Uttarakhand, Lt. Gen (Retd.) Gurmit Singh today unveiled literary pictorial brochure dedicated to Veer Bal Diwas at Lok Bhawan, Dehradun, in the sacred memory of supreme sacrifice and martyrdom of the younger Sahibzadas Baba Zorawar Singh Ji and Baba Fateh Singh Ji and Mata Gujri, the revered mother of Guru Gobind Singh Ji during the Veer Bal Diwas Commemoration, held at Lok Bhawan Dehradun, the brochure has been authored by State Information Commissioner, Punjab Harpreet Sandhu as a noble contribution highlighting sanctity and historic significance of the three Shrines i.e. Gurdwara Thanda Burj, where Mata Gujri Ji and the Sahibzadas were kept in the extreme cold winter in year 1705, before their martyrdom, Gurdwara



Fatehgarh Sahib where the younger Sahibzadas, Baba Zorawar Singh Ji and Baba Fateh Singh Ji, were bricked alive and Gurdwara Jyoti Sarup, where the younger Sahibzadas, Baba Zorawar Singh Ji and Baba Fateh Singh Ji, along with Mata Gujri Ji, were cremated after their martyrdom, situated in Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab.

During the event Governor Uttarakhand Lt. Gen Gurmit Singh was presented

a Religious Heritage Book titled, "Spiritual Journey of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib", by the Harpreet Sandhu State Information Commissioner, Punjab and documentary dedicated to 350th Martyrdom Year of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib showcasing the journey of Ninth Sikh Guru from his birth till martyrdom depicting the holy shrines wherein he left his footprints was also screened for the congregation.

## Operations cell Chandigarh arrests drug peddler with 768 gm charas



**CHANDIGARH:** As per direction of Ms. Geetanjali Khandelwal, IPS, SP Operations, UT, Chandigarh, under the close guidance of Sh. Vijay Singh, DSP Operations and supervision of Inspector Jaspal Singh, I/C Operations Cell, a team of Operations Cell U.T Chandigarh succeeded in arrest of one drug peddler namely Ishan Sharma S/o Sh. Subhash Chand R/o village-Bahot, tehsil-Sunder Nagar, Distt-Mandi, HP, age-24 yrs from ziri mandi chowk sector 39 and 768 Gram Charas was recovered from his possession.

During his interrogation he revealed that he used to bring the contraband from Near Parasar Lake District Mandi Himachal Pradesh and further distribute and sell it in the area of U.T Chandigarh. He also disclosed that, for easy money he started narcotic dealings at larger level.

Case FIR No.152 dated 22.12.2025 U/s 20 NDPS Act PS-Maloya, UT Chandigarh.

On dated 22.12.2025, SI Satyawan 1649/CHG along with police party & ride in government vehicle and after

parking ride in government vehicle they started foot patrolling and when they reached near bus stop ziri mandi chowk sector 39 during patrolling team succeeded in arresting accused Ishan Sharma S/o Sh. Subhash Chand R/o village-Bahot, tehsil-Sunder Nagar, Distt-Mandi, HP, age-24 yrs from ziri mandi chowk sector 39 and 768 Gram Charas was recovered from his possession.

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## Veer Baal Divas celebrated: BJP honours Sahibzadas' sacrifice for faith and nation



**HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA):** The BJP observed Veer Baal Divas at a temple dharma sabha here on Friday, paying tribute to the young Sahibzadas who laid down their lives for the protection of country and faith. The event was held under the leadership of BJP district president Ranjit Singh Khojewal. Former SC Commission chairman and BJP state vice-president Rajesh Baga was the chief guest. Paying homage to Sahibzada Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh, Baga said their martyrdom for safeguarding religion will forever be etched in golden letters in Indian history. "This day reminds us of those brave young boys who cheerfully sacrificed their lives for the nation and dharma," he added.

Expressing gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Baga noted that declaring December 26 as Veer Baal Divas has increased awareness about national pride among children. He highlighted that the sacrifice of the sons of Sikhism's 10th Guru, Gobind Singh, halted forced conversions at the time and protected faith. Khojewal recalled that PM Modi announced this observance in 2022, marking the day the Guru's Sahibzadas—Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh—attained martyrdom.

## Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Rupnagar zone bags state-level award



**RUPNAGAR (BAHADURJEET SINGH):** Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Rupnagar has made an outstanding contribution towards farmers' welfare and the dissemination of modern agricultural technologies. In recognition of these efforts, ICAR-ATARI Zone-1 has honoured KVK Rupnagar as the Best KVK of Punjab for the year 2025.

The award was presented during the Annual Zonal Workshop organised by ICAR-ATARI Zone-1 at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST), Jammu, held from December 22 to 24, 2025. The workshop was attended by representatives from 72 KVKs of Zone-1 and 8 Directorates from various universities. Notably, Punjab has a total of 22 KVKs, of which 18, including KVK Ropar, function under the administrative control of the Directorate of Extension Education, Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana.

Providing details, Dr. Satbir Singh, Head and Associate Director of KVK Ropar, stated that under his leadership a team of five scientists—Dr. Aparna, Dr. Sanjeev Ahuja, Dr. Ankurdeep Preeti, Dr. Urvi Sharma, and Dr. Jagmanjot Singh—is actively delivering services. He added that the team is strongly supported by three Programme Assistants, along with administrative and support staff.

## YS college leads powerful youth-against-drugs awareness at Handiaya



**BARNALA DEHATI (BALWINDER AZAD):** YS College has once again proved its growing stature by emerging as one of the most promising and highest emerging Institutes of the Year, actively contributing to social awareness and youth empowerment. A strong message against drug abuse, YS College students performed a Nukkar Natak (street play) on "Youth Against Drugs" at Handiaya. The impactful performance drew the attention of the general public and effectively highlighted the harmful consequences of drug addiction. The awareness programme was conducted under the able guidance of Mrs. Anshul Berry, District & Sessions Judge and Chairperson, District Legal Services Authority, Barnala, whose presence added dignity and encouragement to the initiative. Mr. Madan Lal, Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) and Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Barnala, also graced the occasion and appreciated the students' efforts in spreading awareness. The campaign was strongly supported by Para-Legal Volunteers Lakhwinder Kumar and Raj Singh, who actively coordinated the programme and guided students throughout the event.

## Central Industrial Security Force organises study program for visiting officers of Nepal Armed Police Force: Ajay Dahiya



**J K BATT**  
**CHANDIGARH, DEC 26**

Ajay Dahiya (DIG-CPRO) informed that the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) organised a study program today for 19 visiting officers of the Nepal Armed Police Force (APF) at the CISF camp in Kansal, Nayagaon, Punjab and Haryana Civil Secretariat. The APF is the sole paramilitary force of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, entrusted with internal security, VIP security, and the protection of critical installations in Nepal. This study tour is part of the Officers' Course conducted for APF officers in Nepal and is

undertaken during the fourth semester of their training program. The interaction program, chaired by Shri Vijay Prakash, IPS, Additional Director General (Headquarters), was held in the Conference Hall of the CISF Headquarters, New Delhi. In his opening address, Shri Vinay Kajla, Deputy Inspector General (Training), briefed the visiting officers about the role, responsibilities, and functioning of the CISF in providing foolproof security to the country's critical assets. This was followed by a detailed presentation highlighting the operational, administrative, and welfare activities of the CISF.

## Gurdwara Singh Sabha Mamoon Cantt organizes hot milk langar dedicated to memory of Mata Gujri and the four Sahibzadas



**SHARANJEET**  
**PATHANKOT, DEC 26**

Gurdwara Singh Sabha Mamoon Cantt organized a hot milk langar dedicated to the memory of Mata Gujri and the martyrdom of the four Sahibzadas under the chairmanship of Sabha President Kuldeep Singh Saba.

Treasurer Manjit Singh Bains stated that today, December 26, 2025, commemorates the martyrdom of the four Sahibzadas (sons of Guru Gobind Singh Ji), especially the martyrdom of the younger Sahibzadas, Sahibzada Zorawar Singh (9 years old) and Sahibzada Fateh Singh (approximately 6-7 years old), who were bricked

into a wall in Sirhind (December 26, 1704). The day also commemorates the martyrdom of the elder Sahibzadas, Ajit Singh and Jujhar Singh (December 22, 1704), who were martyred in the Battle of Chamkaur. This day is a symbol of sacrifice and unwavering faith in the protection of the religion in Sikh history. On the occasion Manager Paramjot Singh, President Kuldeep Singh, Treasurer Manjit Singh, Secretary Jagjit Singh, Vice President Salwinder Singh, Storekeeper Darshan Singh, Chief Advisor Dr. Dalbir Singh, former Councilor Mamun Amit Dogra, Baljit Singh Mulkh Singh, Sukhlan Singh, Darshan Singh etc.

## Flags decorated at various places dedicated to Martyrdom Day



**JAGDEEP SINGH GILL**  
**JAITU, DEC 26**

Dedicated to the martyrdom day in the town of Bajakhana, Mata Gajari Ji, dedicated to the unparalleled martyrdom of the four Sahibjada's, all the shopkeepers of Brar Market on Bathinda Road Bajakhana and all the residents of the city, including the farmers, the farmers of Kotha Hari Singh farmers and the farmers of Malla Khurad, have been decorating the loggers for the last five days in a joint effort to commemorate the martyrdom of Mata Gajari Ji

and the four Sahibjada's. A logger of dal prasada, milk and bread cakes was set up on this occasion and distributed to the passers-by.

In this logger, a group of Sadhs, NRIs, With the help of the brave men and passers-by, the procession was carried out like every year. With the help of all the shopkeepers and residents of the town, the procession was carried out. The procession organizers thanked all the villagers, shopkeepers, NRI brave men and passers-by and expressed the hope of similar support in the coming times as well.

## 14th continuous langar organized by Sarbat Da Bhala Seva Mission in village Daun



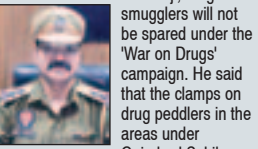
**MOHALI (TILAK RAJ):** On December 25, 2025, Sarbat Da Bhala Seva Mission organized its 14th continuous langar in Village Daun with deep devotion and a strong spirit of selfless service. The langar began on December 25 and continued uninterrupted for two days, during which tea, pakoras, and roti were served to all.

The event was smoothly managed under the leadership of President Prabhjot Singh, Treasurer Lavpreet Singh, and Secretary Kumar Gaurav. Volunteers carried out the service with dedication under the guidance of Bhai Jaswinder Singh Ji. Ranjitpal Singh, State Secretary of the Trade Wing of the Aam Aadmi Party, was also present on the occasion. Villagers from Daun and Ranghar offered full support to the initiative. Volunteers including Happy, Karan, Gaurav, Manjot, Harry, Sunny, Tony, Kaka, Sukhdev Singh, and Gurpreet Halwai, along with many others, played an important role in making the langar successful. Office bearers of the Seva Mission thanked all volunteers and villagers for their cooperation and support. They stated that such initiatives promote brotherhood, equality, and humanity, and reaffirmed their commitment to continuing similar service activities in the future.



Drug smugglers will not be spared under 'War on Drugs' campaign: SHO Raj Kumar

**SARBJOT SINGH SANDHA KHADOOR** : The newly appointed SHO of Goinadwal Sahib police station under Khadoor Sahib assembly constituency, Mr. Rajkumar, while talking to selected journalists, said that under the directions of Honorable District Police Chief Mr. Surinder



Lamba ji, drug smugglers will not be spared under the 'War on Drugs' campaign. He said that the clamps on drug peddlers in the areas under Goinadwal Sahib police station will be tightened completely. He said that the drug smugglers who are pushing people's lives into drugs should repent from their heinous acts. He said that the main objective of the Punjab Police is to bring criminals behind bars. SHO Rajkumar said that he will be ready to solve the problems of every citizen who comes to Goinadwal Sahib police station. He said that the police is committed to the safety of life and property of the people. He said that CCTV cameras are being scanned to trace the thefts in the town of Fatehabad and to catch the thieves. He said that the police will get the cooperation of the people to nab the criminal elements.

Ward reshuffle in Dhuri triggers confusion and public discontent



**RAJESHWAR PINTU DHURI**: The newly notified ward delimitation undertaken by the Punjab Government's Department of Local Government in Dhuri town, ahead of the forthcoming Municipal Council elections, has triggered widespread confusion and discontent among residents. Extensive alterations in ward boundaries, renumbering of wards, and the sudden inclusion and exclusion of streets and localities have left citizens perplexed, while opposition political parties have launched a sharp attack on the ruling dispensation over the exercise. Under the revised delimitation, several wards have been interchanged, further compounding public confusion. Ward No. 15 has been renumbered as Ward No. 16, while Ward No. 16 has been redesignated as Ward No. 15. Similarly, Ward No. 5 has been changed to Ward No. 6 and Ward No. 6 to Ward No. 5, causing uncertainty among residents regarding their electoral wards and civic representation.

Blood donation camp organised by Naujawan Sabha Doraha village



**AMRISH ANAND DORAH**A blood donation camp dedicated to the martyrs of the month of Poh was organised at Doraha village by Naujawan Sabha Doraha Village. Residents of Doraha village as well as Doraha town participated enthusiastically and donated blood. Former MLA S. Lakhvir Singh attended the camp and appreciated the noble initiative, describing blood donation as one of the greatest humanitarian services that helps save precious lives. Prominent members including Co-ordinator Payal Chairman Bant singh Doburji, Ex President Nagar council Doraha Rajvir Singh Rubal, Mandeep Mangat, Ekam Gill, Ranbir Singh Ravi, Jasiminder Singh Jassa, Jinderjit Singh Shalu Baba, Mandeep mangat Varun Sharma, Amar charma, Rajinder Gahir, along with representatives of various social and religious organisations, were present on the occasion.

Celebrating 'Veer Bal Diwas' in honour of Sahibzadas' Martyrdom is commendable step by Modi Government: Gill

**VERMA GURDASPUR** : Paramjit Singh Gill, National Executive President of the Himalaya Family Organization, has termed the Modi government's initiative to celebrate Veer Bal Diwas at the national level in honour of the



martyrdom of the younger Sahibzadas of the Tenth Sikh Guru, Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, as a highly commendable step. He said that organizing a religious and commemorative programme at the national level dedicated to the supreme sacrifice of the younger Sahibzadas reflects deep respect for India's spiritual and historical heritage. Veer Bal Diwas is observed every year on December 26 to remember the unparalleled courage and sacrifice of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji. Paramjit Singh Gill noted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi marked his presence on the occasion of Veer Bal Diwas and paid heartfelt tributes to Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji and the younger Sahibzadas for their martyrdom. He stated that remembering the nation's great martyrs and organizing such commemorative events at the national level is a true tribute to their sacrifices. He further said that on this occasion, Prime Minister Modi addressed thousands of children and highlighted the extraordinary bravery, unwavering faith, and devotion of the young Sahibzadas towards their religion.

State jails redefined from clean environments to high-tech security: Laljit Singh Bhullar

GAURAV GOEL CHANDIGARH, DEC 26

The Punjab Jails Department today issued its Year-End Achievement Report, highlighting a series of initiatives that have transformed correctional institutions across the state into centres focused on rehabilitation, stability and modern security systems.

Punjab Jails Minister S. Laljit Singh Bhullar said that Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann led Government is committed to expanding humane initiatives within the jails department, strengthening security through technology-driven solutions and scaling up vocational training to equip inmates with employable skills.

He informed that during this year, jails in Punjab have been redefined from clean and orderly surroundings to facilities backed by advanced security infrastructure. "Our core focus has been on ensuring prisoner safety while creating avenues for rebuilding their lives", he added.

Sharing key achievements of 2025, the Jails Minister informed that Punjab Prison Olympics were organised to encourage inmates towards sportsmanship and physical fitness. He said that plantation drives across jails have converted several premises into green zones, fur-



ther reinforcing the Clean and Green vision.

S. Bhullar said that to strengthen jails infrastructure, a new high-security jail is being constructed at Gorsian Kadarbakhsh in Ludhiana at a cost of Rs.100 crore. Similarly, construction work of the Jail Bhawan headquarters is underway at Mohali.

Detailing recruitment initiatives undertaken this year, the Cabinet Minister said that under the leadership of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, 815 wardens and 32 matrons have already been recruited, while the recruitment of 175 wardens and 4 matrons is nearing

completion. Besides this, the recruitment process for 13 Deputy Superintendents Grade-II, 29 Assistant Superintendents, 451 wardens and 20 matrons is also in progress and will be completed shortly. In addition, 509 PESCO personnel have been recruited and 359 more PESCO staff will be inducted soon.

He further informed that one additional company of CRPF has been deployed at Central Jail Bathinda. He said that modern security equipment including AI-based CCTV systems, X-ray baggage scanners and body-worn cameras are being procured for jails at a cost of Rs.126 crore. High-energy jammers are also being installed in 13 sensitive jails across Punjab to curb the use of mobile phones.

The Jails Minister further said that nine petrol pumps are being operated by inmates at Ludhiana, Ferozepur, Hoshiarpur, Patiala, Nabha, Rupnagar, Fazilka, New Nabha Jail and Sangrur. He said that three more petrol pumps will be made operational in the coming period.

He said that skill development programmes such as welder, electrician, computer operator, beauty services and tailoring have been launched in Punjab jails by opening ITIs in 11 jails, with a target to provide certified courses to nearly 1016 inmates.

Gurdaspur hosts district-level orientation on student safety

**GURDASPUR (VERMA)**: Under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, a comprehensive one-day district-level orientation program focused on student safety was held under the leadership of DEO Paramjit Kaur and managed by District Guidance Counselor Parminder Singh Saini. The training targeted BNOs, BPOs, and Block Guidance Counselors from across the district. During the session, experts including Parminder Singh Saini, Mukesh Verma, and Harish Kumar provided in-depth training on POCSO, disaster management, and cyber security. Counselor Saini emphasized that a safe educational environment is vital for a student's mental well-being and academic success. Additionally, District Resource Person Mukesh Verma detailed various legal frameworks—including the POCSO Act 2012, the Juvenile Justice Act, and Road Safety guidelines—to ensure officers are well-equipped to protect student rights. On this occasion, as per the instructions of District Education Officer Paramjit Kaur, Superintendent Prabodh Kumar also visited the ongoing orientation program at this DIET.



Foundation stone laid for "Shaheed Udham Singh skill development and entrepreneurship University, Kapurthala" by Aman Arora



ASHISHPURI KAPURTHALA, DEC 26

Punjab Cabinet Minister and President of the Aam Aadmi Party, Aman Arora, said that the expansion of education is a key agenda of the Punjab Government, under which special emphasis is being laid on promoting skill development and making children job creators.

Speaking on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of "Shaheed Udham Singh Skill Development and Entrepreneurship University, Kapurthala" near village Nizamapur on the birth anniversary of Shaheed Udham Singh, Shri Arora said that

the true tribute to Shaheed Udham Singh is to provide quality education to every child in the country.

He said it is a matter of pride for Punjab that the Kamboj community, through the Kamboj Foundation, is establishing a world-class university in the name of Shaheed Udham Singh, which will prepare students to face future challenges.

Shri Arora stated that this skill university will start its courses from 31 July 2026, and it will not only promote skill development in the Doaba region but across the entire Punjab, while also guiding youth towards self-employment. Answering a ques-

tion, he said that skill development will play a crucial role in stopping the large-scale migration of students abroad, and for this purpose, the Punjab Government will extend every possible support to this university. He further said that due to the efforts of the Punjab Government, a positive environment for education has been created in the state, and without any recommendations, 60,000 employees have been recruited. On this occasion, he was also honoured by the organizers. Present at the event were MLA Goldy Kamboj, MLA Jameel-ur-Rahman, MLA Rana Gurjeet Singh, and among others.

Christmas celebrated with enthusiasm at Partap World School



**PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET)**: Christmas was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Partap World School Pathankot. The school campus resonated with a joyful atmosphere filled with music, smiles and goodwill. The mesmerizing Christmas dance performed by the students was the center of attraction in the program.

Expressing happiness on this occasion, Director Sunny Mahajan said that such events play an important role in developing happiness, creativity and cultural values among the students. He said that festivals like Christmas instill in children the values of sharing, gratitude and mutual goodwill. This event is a beautiful reminder that Christmas is not just a festival, but a spirit of love, unity and shared joy.

Principal Shubra Rani and Headmistress Zeeta Govindan praised the students and teachers and said that such cultural programs provide students with the opportunity to express themselves with confidence and strengthen relationships within the school community.

GPU releases newsletter spotlighting research, cultural activities, and social outreach

ANANTDEEP KAUR BATHINDA, DEC 26

Guru Kashi University launched its first quarterly newsletter highlighting its academic, cultural, sports and social outreach initiatives. The publication was formally released by Vice-Chancellor Dr. Rameshwar Singh.

The event was graced by Editor-in-Chief of the newsletter Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr. Jagtar Singh Dhiman, Dean Academics Dr. Javed Ahmed Khan, Director I.T. Dr. Sunny Arora, and other university officials.

Congratulating Dr. Dhiman and his team, Chancellor Gurlabh Singh Sidhu and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Singh said the first volume had been prepared with dedication and foresight.

They said the newsletter effectively reflects the vibrancy, growth and academic ethos of the university and would serve as a valuable instrument of information for



readers. Dr. Dhiman said the newsletter had been aesthetically designed by Baljit Singh Mallan. He also appreciated the graphic and event inputs provided by Director I.T. Dr. Arora and Deputy Director, Public Relations, Lavlin Sachdeva, which enhanced its visual appeal.

The 36-page publication documents major university activities, including academic collaborations (MoU's) with institutions in Sri Lanka, Florida and Indonesia, national and international conferences, the creative reconstruction of Bhai Mar-

dana Ji's rabab, cultural programmes, an international youth festival, a national archery tournament, prominent campus landmarks, the Happiness and Well-being Centre, the community radio station and the success story of a progressive farmer.

It also highlights expert agricultural services for regional farmers, seed production initiatives, and notable achievements of university sportspersons, NSS unit and NCC cadets. The editorial board extended New Year and Gurburab greetings to its readers.

Over-indulgence of anything, even something as pure as water, can intoxicate :Romesh Mahajan



VERMA GURDASPUR, DEC 26

To address the growing concern of drug abuse among the youth, the Red Cross Integrated and Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts Gurdaspur under the kind guidance and support of Sh. Shiv Dular Singh Dhillon IAS Retd., Secretary Indian Red Cross Society Punjab State branch Chandigarh successfully hosted an extensive drug awareness and prevention lecture today at the Saheed Major Bhagat Singh

Sr Sec School village Kala Nangal, Gurdaspur. The initiative aimed to sensitize students about the devastating physical, mental, and social consequences of drug addiction.

The programme was headed by its Principal Mrs Alka Rani and attended by a large audience of students.

At this moment Mrs. Komalpreet kaur Counselor IRCA Gurdaspur delivered an insightful lecture explaining that drug addiction is a complex brain disease.

Sanmati School screens "Chaar Sahibzaade" movie for students



SUKH NAHAR JAGRAON, DEC 26

Under the leadership of Principal Supriya Khurana, students from UKG to Class V at Sanmati Vimal Jain Senior Secondary Public School, Jagraon, were shown the film "Chaar Sahibzaade" based on the martyrdom of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the Four Sahibzadas, and Mata Gujri Ji. The objective of screening the film was to keep students connected with their history and to inspire them

to never accept defeat while walking on the path of truth, and to raise their voice against oppression. Principal Supriya Khurana stated that the aim was to promote religious tolerance and mutual respect among students and to encourage them to always follow the righteous path. On this occasion, Parmjit Kaur, Gurmeet Kaur, Jyoti Rani, Rajni Rehal, Shelly Gabba, Shelly Arora, Diksha Hans, Gurjeet Kaur, Kulwinder Kaur, Rakhi Bansal, and others were present.

Shaheedi Sabha Day Two: SGGGS World University: Book fair, NSS camp & student competitions reflect vibrant participation

AJAY MALHOTRA FATEHGARH SAHIB, DEC 26

The second day of the Shaheedi Sabha-dedicated programmes at Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib, showcased an inspiring blend of academic excellence, cultural expression, and social responsibility. With the ongoing Book Fair, student competitions, the special NSS Camp, and Physiotherapy Camps, the campus buzzed with meaningful activities aimed at holistic development.

During the Book Fair and student competitions, winners from various categories were honoured. Addressing the audience, Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Prit Pal Singh underlined the importance of introducing the younger generation to Sikh heritage and



nurturing a deep connection with books. He said the enthusiastic participation from students and sangat reflects a heartening trend toward learning and cultural awareness.

Dean Academic Affairs Prof. (Dr.) Sukhwinder Singh Billing praised the students' performances and noted that such initiatives enhance intellectual abilities, confidence, and values among youth. Convener of the Book Fair and Student Competitions, Dr. Hardev Singh, announced

the results. In the 'Poetry Recitation Competition', Manreet Kaur of Gobindgarh Public School won the first prize. The second prize was jointly shared by Harinder Kaur (daughter of Prabhjot Singh), Jagjeet Singh (son of Amrinderpal Singh), and Anhad Singh (son of Gurdarshan Singh) from Dashmesh Academy, Ludhiana. In the 'Speech Competition', Japnjoit Kaur secured the first position, while Prabhseerat Kaur, also from Dashmesh Academy, stood second.

Strong public support for awareness drive against drugs and vices: Neeraj Goyal



DALJEET AJNOHA HOSHIARPUR, DEC 26

Under the directions of the Punjab State Legal Services Authority, SAS Nagar, and orders from District and Sessions Judge Rajinder Agarwal, the District Legal Services Authority, Hoshiarpur, is running awareness campaigns in various villages and sub-divisions of the district to keep youth away from drugs and other bad habits.

These efforts are receiving overwhelming public support. District Legal Services Author-

ity Secretary Neeraj Goyal shared this information, stating that under the campaign, awareness programmes were held today in several villages, including Gram Panchayat Gobindpur Khun-Khun, Gram Panchayat Haji Khanpur, Gram Panchayat Jhandi, Gram Panchayat Pipalanwala, Gram Panchayat Bhavani Pur, and Gram Panchayat Chabbeval Panel advocates informed participants about legal rights under the 'Child Marriage Free India' campaign, emphasising that a girl's marriage age should not be less than 18 years.

CHANDIGARH, DEC 26

Under the leadership of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Government remains firmly committed to the welfare of all sections of society. In this direction, sustained and focused efforts are being made to ensure the safety, dignity and holistic development of orphaned and dependent children in the state.

Sharing details, Punjab's Social Security, Women and Child Development Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur said that the Punjab Government has so far released ₹314.22 crore as financial assistance for orphaned and dependent children, bringing stability and security to thousands of young lives. She further informed that under this



scheme, 2,37,406 orphaned and dependent children across the state are being provided regular financial assistance, enabling them to pursue education, integrate into the mainstream of society and move towards a self-reliant future. Dr. Baljit Kaur emphasized that orphaned and dependent children are not merely government statistics but a collective responsibility

of society. She stated that the Mann Government is ensuring that no child is deprived of education or dreams due to compulsion, neglect or financial hardship. The Punjab Government stands firmly with every such child with sensitivity and responsibility. The Cabinet Minister added that children below the age of 21 years are eligible for benefits under the scheme if both parents are deceased, missing, or are physically or mentally incapacitated and unable to take care of the family. Dr. Baljit Kaur concluded by stating that this initiative of the Mann Government is not limited to financial assistance alone, but reflects a clear and strong commitment to securing a safe, dignified and bright future for every child in Punjab.

National Statistical Office organises regional training camp



**JALANDHAR (PARAMJIT SINGH)**: National Statistical Office organized a one-day regional training camp for regional officers on two survey schemes, 'Annual Survey of Unorganized Sector Establishments' and 'Periodic Labour Force Survey' at Regional Office, Jalandhar.

The training camp was inaugurated by Ms. Pallavi Agarwal Srivastava, Joint Director and Regional Head, National Statistical Office (Field Operations Division), Jalandhar. On this occasion, Mr. Ashok Kumar, Vikas Yadav and Arjun Kumar Gupta trained the participants.

On this occasion, Mr. Arun Kumar, Mrs. Harsha Chadha, Mr. Gurpreet Singh, Assistant Director, Mr. Umesh Kumar Limbu, Mr. Pramav Jain, Mr. Shivam Tyagi, Mr. Mohammad Tariq, Mr. Gaurandara Senior Statistical Officer' and Mr. Surinder, were also present.



NEWS BRIEF

National saint Baba Bal Ji accorded grand welcome at Hallana



**ANIL KUMAR HAMIRPUR:** National saint Baba Bal Ji Maharaj was accorded a grand and devotional welcome on his arrival at Hallana village in Hamirpur district, where he reached to hold a satsang at the residence of Prithi Chand Sharma. Baba Bal Ji arrived along with other saints from Unna, and thousands of devotees showered flower petals and raised devotional chants to welcome him. During the satsang, Baba Bal Ji Maharaj delivered a spiritual discourse, emphasising that the path to attaining God begins at one's own home. He said that parents and elders, including mother, father, parents-in-law, are a living form of God, and without serving them sincerely, true spiritual realisation is not possible.

# CM sounds clarion call against 'Chitta', to make 'Himachal Drug free'

DINESH AGARWAL  
SHIMLA, DEC 26

Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today led a massive anti-drug awareness walkathon in Bilaspur under the State-wide public campaign against 'Chitta', as the town echoed with strong and impactful slogans against drug abuse. The walkathon, organised from Government Senior Secondary School (Boys) to Luhnu Ground, witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, public representatives, officers and prominent citizens. The Chief Minister administered a solemn oath at the school ground, where participants pledged to collectively eliminate chitta and other narcotic substances from Himachal Pradesh. Addressing a large gathering at Luhnu Ground, the Chief Minister described chitta as a "slow poison" destroying the future of the youth and shattering families,



while also subjecting them to social stigma. He said the State Government had launched a mass anti-drug movement from the historic Ridge Maidan in Shimla on 15th November, followed by campaigns in Dharamshala and Hamirpur, with Bilaspur being another strong milestone in the people's movement today. Sukhu called upon every

section of society, especially the youth, to actively participate in the fight against drug abuse. He said that meaningful social change had always been led by young people and expressed confidence that the youth of Himachal Pradesh would once again stand shoulder to shoulder with the government to make the State drug-free.

## Dedicates development projects worth Rs. 110 crore in Bilaspur

**AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY**  
**BILASPUR :** Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu during his one-day visit to Bilaspur district today inaugurated and laid foundation stones of various developmental projects worth about Rs. 110 crore in Bilaspur. The Chief Minister laid the foundation stone of a sewerage scheme for Bilaspur town at a cost of Rs. 93.30 crore and staff quarters to be constructed in Police Lines, Bilaspur, at an estimated cost of Rs. 12.23 crore. He also inaugurated the CCTV Matrix DMFT (Netrum Surveillance and Crime Response Centre) for the Bilaspur and Ghumarwin areas set up under the PMKKKY scheme at a cost of Rs. 4.38 crore.

## Deemed regular teachers of 2008-11 batch intensify demand for promotion, submit memorandum to education minister



RAJNEESH SHARMA  
HAMIRPUR, DEC 26

Teachers appointed as deemed regular TGTs between 2008 and 2011 have stepped up their demand for long-pending promotions and formally submitted a memorandum to the education minister. The teachers expressed strong resentment over what they termed the education department's apathy in not promoting them from the TGT post to that of school lecturer despite their eligibility. In the memorandum, the teachers stated that they fulfil all

prescribed criteria, including the required educational qualifications, seniority and length of service, yet continue to be denied promotion. They pointed out that several teachers junior to them have already been promoted, which they said violates the principles of justice and equality. The teachers informed the minister that the matter has already been taken up in the High Court as well as the Supreme Court. However, despite judicial proceedings, the department has failed to implement the promotion process so far.

## Palampur Agriversity's KVK Mandi bags prestigious 'Best KVK Award'

**SANJAY AGGARWAL**  
**DHARAMSHALA:** Chaudhary Sarwan Kumar Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishvavidyalaya Palampur has achieved a significant milestone as its constituent Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Mandi has been conferred with the ICAR Zone-1 Best KVK Award for the year 2024-25 by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The prestigious award recognizes KVK Mandi's outstanding, innovative, and impactful contributions in the field of agricultural extension. ICAR Zone-1 comprises 72 Krishi Vigyan Kendras across Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, and the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir. KVK Mandi's selection among this highly competitive group is a matter of pride for CSKHPKV Palampur, Mandi district, and the state of Himachal Pradesh. The award was presented during the Annual Zonal Workshop of KVKs of ICAR Zone-1 held at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST), Jammu, and was bestowed by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST Jammu, Dr. B. N. Tripathi. KVK Mandi has played a transformative role in the district through focused interventions on crop diversification, mushroom cultivation, seed production, agri-entrepreneurship development, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), promotion of natural and sustainable farming, value addition, capacity-building trainings, on-farm trials, frontline demonstrations, and drone-based demonstrations of agricultural technologies. Its initiatives to link women and youth farmers with self-employment opportunities have contributed to enhanced farm incomes, reduced risks, and sustainable agricultural growth.

## Court upholds six-month sentence and Rs. 12 lakh fine in cheque bounce case

**SANJAY AGGARWAL**  
**DHARAMSHALA:** In a check bounce case, the Additional Sessions Judge court of Kangra district, Dharamshala, upheld the lower court's decision and dismissed the accused's appeal. The victim in this case was represented by senior advocate Ankur Soni of Dharamshala. Additional Sessions Judge Sheetal Sharma of Kangra district, Dharamshala, stated in her judgment that the sentence passed by the ACJM court of Kangra has been upheld. Two years ago, the ACJM had convicted a man in a check bounce case and sentenced him to six months of simple imprisonment. He was also ordered to pay Rs. 12 lakh to the petitioner. In the check bounce case, the ACJM court had sentenced vegetable vendor Rajee Syal to six months of simple imprisonment and ordered him to pay Rs. 12 lakh to the petitioner. Following this, the accused, Rajee Syal, appealed to the Additional Sessions Judge court in Dharamshala. Senior advocate Ankur Soni, representing the victim Rakesh Kathuria, stated that the Honorable Judge Sheetal Sharma upheld the ACJM court's decision, ordering six months of simple imprisonment and payment of Rs. 12 lakh in compensation. Rajee Syal must surrender to the lower court before January 12, 2026. Ankur Soni explained that Rajee Syal used to buy fruits and vegetables wholesale from Shyama Shyam Fruit Company, shop number 3, Sabzi Mandi, Kangra. He owed Shyama Shyam Fruit Company Rs. 9 lakh. He had given a check for this amount to Rakesh Kathuria in 2015, which bounced. Consequently, a case had to be filed in court. A case was registered against Rajee Syal under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, the judgment for which was delivered by the ACJM court two years ago.

# Ambulance workers on complete strike, health services hit across state

AGENCY  
MANDI/SHIMLA, DEC 26

Emergency health services were severely disrupted in the state on Friday as ambulance operators and Indira Gandhi Medical College (IGMC) doctors went on 48 hrs and 24-hour strike. According to CITU state secretary Vijender Mehra, 108/102 operators went on strike over non-payment of minimum wages, overtime, and holidays.

"The Call of strike was given by the ambulance workers' union affiliated with the CITU, began at 12 midnight last night and would continue till Saturday night." "As many as 169 ambulance employees in Mandi district participated in the strike, rendering 50 ambulances and bike ambulance services non-



operational across 28 locations." CITU press release said. Drivers and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) assembled at the district headquarters, staged a demonstration, and took out a rally through the town. union leaders claimed the strike was "100 per cent successful" in the district. The protest in Mandi was led by union district president Sumit

Kapoor and general secretary Pankaj Kumar, along with Santosh Kumari, Mamta Sharma, Rajni, Tilak Raj, Yogesh Kumar, Chaman Lal, Manoj Kumar, Rajneesh, and Hans Raj. CITU district president Bhupendra Singh and Rajesh Sharma also addressed the gathering. Union representatives said that nearly 1,300 employees working with 108 and 102 ambulance services across

were appointed by Medswan Foundation under the National Health Mission in 2022. Before this, they were engaged by GVK Company in 2010, which, they alleged, failed to provide retrenchment benefits, gratuity, and other statutory dues. They further claimed that despite repeated directions from the Himachal Pradesh High Court, the Labour Court, the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court in Shimla, and the Labour Department, violations continue. The workers alleged they are forced to work 12-hour shifts without overtime and are paid below the minimum wage. They also accused the company of mental harassment whenever demands are raised through the union.

## Ambuja Cements and NABARD revive irrigation, enabling farmers to triple cropping cycles in Barayali village



**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA:** Ambuja Cements, the 9th largest building materials solutions provider globally and part of the diversified Adani Portfolio, is fostering rural prosperity under its CSR initiatives through climate-resilient water management. In Barayali village, Solan district, Ambuja Cements along with NABARD has facilitated the revival of a traditional irrigation channel—defunct for over two decades—transforming 3 hectares of farmland into fertile ground for vegetables, spices, and fruit cultivation. Implemented through a 550 RM pipeline, supported by gabions, trenching, and farm bunding to enhance moisture retention, this intervention has enabled 22 farming households to grow up to three crops a year. With Ambuja Cements' and NABARD's support, families are now cultivating peas, tomatoes, ginger, garlic, and more—earning Rs. 20-25K annually through local market sales. Napier grass planted along the bunds has also improved green fodder availability, helping dairy farmers collectively sell 50 liters of milk daily.

## Every Indian is indebted to Sahibzadas for their sacrifice for protection of religion and self-respect: Govind Thakur

ASHISH SHARMA  
KULLU, DEC 26

Across the country, the unparalleled sacrifice of Baba Zorawar Singh Ji and Baba Fateh Singh Ji, the sons of the tenth Sikh Guru, Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, was remembered with reverence and respect on Veer Bal Diwas (Brave Children's Day). The Kullu district BJP also paid heartfelt tributes to the Sahibzadas on this occasion. Speaking on the occasion, former minister Govind Thakur said that the sacrifice of the Sahibzadas was made for the protection of humanity, religion, and truth, and this sacrifice is etched in golden letters in history. To sacrifice one's life for the protection of religion at an age when a child is still innocent is an example of patriotism and religious devotion that is rarely found in history. BJP State General Secretary Payal Vaidya said



that the sacrifice of the four Sahibzadas gives a message of courage, self-respect, and religious devotion to the coming generations. It inspires them to face tyranny and injustice bravely instead of bowing down to them. The sacrifice of the four Sahibzadas of Guru Gobind Singh Ji is not only an invaluable heritage of Sikh history but of the entire Indian history. This sacrifice teaches us that for the protection of truth, justice, and religion, age is not important, but unwavering resolve is. Sardar Tejinder Lamba, who was present as a special speaker, said that the sacrifice of the Sahibzadas is

an immortal sacrifice and holds a special place in Sikhism. This sacrifice shows that whenever the need arises for the protection of the nation and religion, every citizen, regardless of their community or class, should be ready to make a selfless sacrifice. District President Amit Sood said that the objective of Veer Bal Diwas is to strengthen the spirit of patriotism, moral values, and social responsibility in the new generation. Therefore, we should all resolve to follow his ideals and continuously strive together to establish brotherhood, harmony, and justice in society.

## Paonta Sahib market shuts in support of IGMC doctor; protests intensify

AGENCY  
NAHAN, DEC 26

The controversy surrounding the doctor-patient brawl at Indira Gandhi Medical College (IGMC) Shimla escalated further on Friday as Paonta Sahib, the hometown of terminated resident doctor Raghav Nirula, observed a market shutdown till 1 pm in his support. Traders, social organisations, and residents shut

down shutters following a bandh call given after a late-evening meeting on Thursday attended by intellectuals, representatives of social bodies, and members of the local Chamber of Commerce. The meeting resolved to protest what participants termed "undue haste" by the Himachal Pradesh government in dismissing Dr. Raghav Nirula from service after a preliminary inquiry into the December 22 incident at IGMC.

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## Sacrifice of Sahibzadas is an eternal inspiration for faith, culture and nation: Suresh Kashyap



**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA:** Former BJP state president and Member of Parliament Suresh Kashyap said that the sacrifice of Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Sahibzadas stands as an immortal source of inspiration for the protection of religion, culture and the nation. He was speaking as the chief speaker at a programme organised on Veer Bal Diwas, commemorating the martyrdom of the Sahibzadas, who laid down their lives for the defence of faith and human values. The programme was presided over by district president Keshav Chauhan, while Paramjit Chaddha served as the organiser. Addressing the gathering, Kashyap began with the salutation "Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh" and said that remembering the Sahibzadas and the Tenth Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji, fills the heart with both grief and pride.

## Chairman State Co-operative Bank presents CTB to CM



**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA:** Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu was presented a Coffee Table Book by Chairman of Himachal Pradesh State Co-operative Bank Devendra Shyam here today. The chairman apprised the Chief Minister that the book contains information regarding various schemes and achievements of the Bank. Revenue Minister Jagat Singh Negi, Deputy Chief Whip Kewal Singh Pathania, Managing Director of the Bank Shrawan Manta and other senior officers were present at the occasion.

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Sejal of Indira Gandhi Public School brings glory by winning medal



**SANJAY SHARMA**  
**KATHAL:** Sejal, a second class student of Indira Gandhi Public School, danced bringing glory to the school and the city by winning a medal in the competition. The competition was organized at Kidzee School. Sejal was given Rs 5000 and a trophy to the student as a reward. Besides, Haryana Got Talent also organized in Jat Dharamshala of Narwana. She got first place and got a prize of Rs 1100 and a trophy. On reaching school, the school management welcomed Sejal and Congratulated by Principal Jagdish Bahadur Khurania and Principal Ranju Gupta wished the student a bright future.

**Tauni Devi school initiative spreads road safety awareness**



**RAJNEESH SHARMA**  
**HAMIRPUR:** The Ideal Road Safety Club of Government Senior Secondary School, Tauni Devi, has been consistently organising activities to spread public awareness about road safety. As part of this initiative, students on Thursday took out an awareness rally in the local market area, drawing the attention of residents and commuters alike. The rally aimed to sensitise people about traffic rules and promote responsible civic behaviour to help prevent road accidents. Students carried posters, charts and slogans highlighting key road safety messages. Slogans such as "Follow traffic rules, make life safe", "Helmet is essential, life is precious" and "Drive safe, not fast" were raised to motivate pedestrians, shopkeepers and vehicle drivers to follow traffic norms.

## Solemn program organised at Kids Planet Prem Public School on birth anniversary of Udham Singh

**HANS RAJ**  
**KURUKSHETRA, DEC 26**

A solemn and emotional program was organized at Kids Planet Prem Public School on Friday to mark the birth anniversary of the nation's greatest martyr, Udham Singh. On this occasion, parents, teachers, staff members, and students paid tribute to the martyr Udham Singh by offering floral tributes to his image and honoring his sacrifice.

As part of the program, the school reverently remembered the great martyrdom of the Sahibzadas on the occasion of "Shahadat-e-Safar." It was explained that the younger Sahibzadas sacrificed their lives in childhood to protect their religion, truth and self-respect but never compromised on their



religion under any circumstances. Their unique sacrifice is an immortal symbol of courage, faith, and devotion, which even today inspires society and especially children, to follow the path of truth, patience and self-confidence.

The school administration also announced that a langar prasad will be served on December 27 in the school campus in memory of the younger Sahibzadas, for

parents, staff members and students. This event will be organized to strengthen the spirit of service, equality, and brotherhood. In this context, the school also organized a Parents Connect program, specifically targeted at Generation Alpha students. In this session, the school's director, Mrs. Cheshta Saluja, and the school's principal and school management member, Mr. Parminder Singh Bath, addressed the parents.

## State Committee meeting of Tarksheel Society Punjab held

**KULDEEP SOOD**  
**BARNALA, DEC 26**

The State Working Committee meeting of Tarksheel Society Punjab was held here at the state headquarters of the society, Tarksheel Bhawan, under the chairmanship of State Organizing Chief Ma. It was chaired by Rajinder Bhadour. Giving information about the discussions/decisions held, the State Media Department Head of the Society, Sumit Amritsar, said that during the meeting, it was decided to celebrate Magazine Week from January 5 to 12 to further expand the readership of the two monthly Tarksheel magazines and to organize a Krishna Bargari Memorial Honor Ceremony on February 8. State leaders Hem Raj Stanon, Rajesh Akalia, Governor



Bathinda, Sukhwinder Bagpur and said that in the meeting, apart from organizing a two-day special state awareness camp for cadres on March 14-15, decisions were also made to run a special campaign to connect the common people, especially women, youth and students, with the Tarksheel movement and to oppose strict restrictions on freedom of expression in the growing communal fascist atmosphere in the country and

to participate fully in the activities carried out by like-minded public organizations on important pro-people issues. State leaders Ram Swaran Lakhewali, Juhar Longowal and Mohan Badla emphasized the need to intensify the dissemination of scientific thinking and to intensify the public awareness campaign and organize an organized struggle to implement the 'Anti-Superstition Law' in Punjab.

## Jat Mahasabha Karnal starts campaign to enroll lifelong members

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
**KARNAL:** Jat Mahasabha Karnal has started a campaign to enroll lifelong members. People willing to work for the welfare of society by associating with Jat Mahasabha can enroll themselves as member of the Mahasabha. This information was given by Mahasabha President Bhupinder Lather (Bhuppi). He said that Jat Mahasabha Karnal was enrolling lifelong members. For this purpose a list of some important



documents has been released. In these, a person wishes to become a lifelong member will have to submit two passport size photographs, two identity cards, in which Aadhaar card is necessary, a cheque of Rs 2100, DD or bank draft (from his own account) in the name of Jat Mahasabha at Jat Mahasabha, Karnal Sector 12 Part 2. He said that any man or woman of Jat community whose age is 21 years or more can apply to become a lifelong member.

## Victim's family, activists protest outside Delhi HC against Kuldeep Singh Sengar's bail

**AGENCY**  
**NEW DELHI, DEC 26**

The family of the victim in the Unnao Rape case and other women activists staged a protest outside the Delhi High Court on Friday against the conditional bail granted to convict Kuldeep Singh Sengar in the Unnao rape case. While the police warned the protesters, saying, "Demonstrating here is prohibited and illegal. Legal action may be taken against you after five minutes. If you want to protest, go to Jantar Mantar." The mother of the victim said the bail should be rejected and asserted that she would approach the Supreme Court for justice, expressing loss of faith in the High Court's verdict. "His bail should be rejected... We will knock on the doors of the Supreme Court. We have lost faith in the High Court... If we don't get justice in the Supreme Court, we will go to another country... The person



guilty of my husband's murder should be hanged immediately," she told ANI. Women activist Yogita Bhayana said they approached the Delhi High Court peacefully to demand justice for the Unnao rape victim and urged that their petition be heard, adding that they will protest if justice is not served. Speaking to ANI, Yogita Bhayana said, "Today, we have come to the High Court peacefully to appeal that the injustice done to our daughter be revoked and that the petition we

are about to file be heard. If we do not get justice, we will protest, and that is our right..." Congress leader Mumtaz Patel criticised the Delhi High Court's decision, calling it a "huge setback" and said that the ruling undermines the confidence of women across the country. "This is a huge setback, the way the High Court has given Sengar a free pass on a technicality. This is setting a very bad precedent in the country... How much their confidence must have been shattered by this ruling.

Not just theirs, but that of women across the country," Patel said. The Delhi High Court granted bail (suspension of sentence) to former MLA Kuldeep Singh Sengar in the Unnao rape case. He was convicted by a Delhi CBI court in a minor's rape case and was serving a life sentence. He has been granted relief on the condition that he furnish a bail bond of Rs 15 lakh. However, he will remain in custody as he has not yet been granted bail in the victim's father's custodial death matter. An appeal and application for suspension of sentence is pending before the High Court of Delhi. He was awarded a 10-year sentence in that case. While granting bail, the High Court has directed that Sengar will not go into the 5-kilometre area where the victim resides in Delhi. It is also directed that Sengar Shall remain in Delhi. He shall not contact the victim's family members.

## Barnala Police arrests gang of looters after encounter

**KULDEEP SOOD**  
**BARNALA, DEC 26**

After the residents of the city, angered by the increasing incidents of looting in Barnala's sub-division Tapa city, staged a protest by closing the market, Barnala Police, which came into action, has arrested a gang of looters in the district within 24 hours. Giving information in this regard, Barnala SSP Mr. Mohammad Sarfaraz Alam said during a press conference that SHO of Police Station City-1 Inspector Lakhwinder Singh along with a police party surrounded the bad elements riding on two motorcycles in the cotton market of Barnala on the basis of secret information. He said that on seeing the police, these miscreants fired two shots at the police team, one of which



hit a government vehicle. After this, the police party fired in self-defense, one of which hit the left leg of Manpreet Singh alias Mani, who has been admitted to the Civil Hospital, Barnala for treatment. The SSP said that during the operation, Manpreet Singh Mani son of Satpal Singh, resident of Gandhi Nagar, Street No. 8, near Rambagh, Rampura, district Bathinda, Jasvir Singh son of Lal Singh, resident of Raikot Road, back side of Cashel Palace, Barnala,

Lakhwinder Singh Lucky son of Satpal Singh, resident of Gandhi Nagar, Street No. 5, near Baba Jiwan Singh Gurdwara, Rampura, district Bathinda and Sandeep Singh alias Timmi son of Bhola Singh, resident of Thulliwal Hall Abad Street No. 3, Dhillon Nagar, Barnala were arrested and on the basis of their interrogation, another accused Dinesh Bansal son of Bachan Lal, resident of Kachha College Road, Barnala was also arrested.

## MP Suresh Kashyap pays obeisance at Gurudwara Sahib on Veer Bal Diwas



**DINESH AGARWAL**  
**SHIMLA:** BJP Member of Parliament and former state president Suresh Kashyap paid obeisance at Gurudwara Sahib near the bus stand in Shimla on the occasion of Veer Bal Diwas and bowed in reverence to the unparalleled sacrifice of the Sahibzadas of Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Speaking on the occasion, Kashyap said that the martyrdom of the Sahibzadas stands as an invaluable example of sacrifice made for the protection of faith, culture and humanity, and will continue to inspire generations with ideals of courage, selflessness and patriotism. He said Veer Bal Diwas reminds the nation that even at a tender age, sacrifices made in defence of truth and righteousness earn an eternal place in the golden pages of history. Paying tribute to the Guru tradition, the MP called upon citizens to imbibe the ideals and values of the Sahibzadas in their lives and work towards upholding unity, faith and national integrity. Members of the Gurudwara Management Committee, including Jaswinder Singh, Kanwaljeet Singh, Harpal Singh, Parvinder Singh, Vinnie Singh and Inder Pal Singh, were present on the occasion.

## District Level Task Force holds meeting to curb construction of illegal colonies



**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
**KARNAL, DEC 26**

A meeting of the District Level Task Force has been organized in the auditorium of the Mini Secretariat under the chairmanship of ADC Yogesh Kumar Mehta. He directed the officials to curb the construction of illegal colonies. Illegal colonies should not be allowed to flourish in the district under any circumstances. Keep a close eye on such people who do not remove encroachment even after repeated explanations, then action should be taken against

them. In the meeting, DTP Gunjan Verma told that under the demolition program, the department carried out demolition action in 13 illegal colonies in the controlled area-urban area of the district in the months of November and December. Similarly, 35 illegal constructions were demolished. He said that a report has been sent to the police department to register FIR against 16 and recovery notices have been sent to 35. He said that the expenses incurred during the demolition of illegal colonies should be recovered soon through the concerned Tehsildar.

## Moving car catches fire on Indri-Kurukshetra road, driver narrowly escapes



**MAINPAL KASHYAP**  
**INDRI:** Panic erupted on Thursday when a moving car suddenly caught fire near the village of Budhanpur Bangar on the Indri-Kurukshetra road. Only the driver was inside. Fortunately, the driver showed presence of mind and saved his life by getting out of the car in time. The driver has been identified as Mohit, a resident of Sheikhpura Khadar village. Upon receiving information about the incident, a fire brigade team arrived at the scene and after considerable effort brought the fire under control. However, by then, the car had been completely reduced to ashes. The cause of the fire is currently unknown. The administration is investigating the matter. There were no casualties but the vehicle was completely damaged. Panic erupted on Friday when a moving car suddenly caught fire near the village of Budhanpur Bangar on the Indri-Kurukshetra road. Fortunately, the driver, showing presence of mind, got out of the car in time and saved his life. The driver has been identified as Mohit, a resident of Sheikhpura Khadar village.

## Chief Khalsa Diwan organises grand Nagar Kirtan with Khalsa splendour

**CHARANJIT SINGH ARORA**  
**AMRITSAR, DEC 26**

Chief Khalsa Diwan, the apex Sikh organisation, organised a grand Nagar Kirtan with traditional Khalsa splendour to mark the Prakash Purab of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji. The Nagar Kirtan commenced after Ardas from Sri Guru Harkrishan Senior Secondary Public School, GT. Road, where the Diwan management welcomed the devotees and extended greetings on the sacred occasion. Addressing the gathering, Chief Khalsa Diwan President Dr Inderbir Singh Nijjar highlighted that Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, through supreme sacrifice, created the Khalsa Panth and inspired humanity to live fearlessly with high moral values for the welfare of all. He urged the devotees to follow the Guru's path of justice, truth, and unwavering courage in their



daily lives. Honorary Secretary S. Ramneek Singh and Additional Honorary Secretary / Head Office Member Incharge S. Harvinder Pal Singh Chugh stated that the core mission of Chief Khalsa Diwan is the promotion of Sikhi and Sikhya(education), through which sacred Gurbpurabs are celebrated with deep devotion while connecting the younger generation with Sikh values through education. The Nagar Kirtan proceeded amidst resonating slogans of "Bole So

Nihal, Sat Sri Akal", led by Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji in Palki Sahib, accompanied by Panj Pyare and Nishan Sahib, reflecting the true Khalsa spirit. Students, staff, principals, and members from Chief Khalsa Diwan-run institutions, including Sri Guru Harkrishan Public Schools, CKD Institute of Management & Technology, CKD Nursing College, and Central Khalsa Orphanage, CKD Head Office, Directorate Office and Educational Committee participated in large numbers.

## Court stays encroachment on temple land



**VERMA**  
**GURDASPUR:** In Gurdaspur, various Hindu organizations jointly filed a petition in a respected court through renowned advocate Manoj Lumba against recent attempts to encroach upon the Maai Ka Talaab Temple. During the hearing, after listening to the arguments presented by the organizations, the Honorable Judge, while respecting Hindu sentiments and upholding the dignity of the temple, ordered a stay on the encroachment. For this, the organizations expressed their gratitude to the Honorable Judiciary. On this occasion, Advocate Manoj Lumba, representing the opposing side, stated that he studied the case thoroughly and found several discrepancies in the temple's documents. These discrepancies clearly indicate that land mafias, in collusion with the government machinery, have not only illegally encroached upon the temple land but are still continuously attempting to do so.

## Weekly review meeting of Samadhan Cell held at district secretariat to review pending complaints

**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
**KARNAL, DEC 26**

The weekly review meeting of the Samadhan Cell was held at the District Secretariat here on Friday. In the meeting, Additional Chief Secretary of Health and Family Welfare Department, Sudhir Rajpal reviewed the complaints pending in resolution camps in various districts of the state through video conferencing. He instructed the Deputy Commissioners to ensure the responsibility of a separate officer in their respective districts so that that officer kept taking reports on re-dressal of complaints from officers of all departments and also resolved their difficulties. The Additional Chief Secretary, through the VC, directed the officers to take the complaints received in the



Samadhan camps seriously so that the general public can feel the punch of effective functioning of the Samadhan Cell. He also said that there should be minimum rejection of the complaints received in Samadhan Shivir and in the complaints which are resolved, it is necessary to give information about the satisfaction of the complainant so that the complaint is not re-opened on the portal. In the meeting, Additional Deputy Commissioner Yogesh Kumar Mehta instructed the concerned officers to settle the pending

complaints on priority. Upload the action taken report also on the portal. He also instructed the Revenue Department, Panchayat Department, Haryana Urban Development Authority, Municipal Corporation and other departments to expedite the disposal of pending cases. City Magistrate Monica, Zilla Parishad CEO Amit Kumar, DSP Rajiv Kumar, DDPO Kanchan Lata, Additional Corporation Commissioner Ashok Kumar and officials of other departments were present in the meeting.



NEWS BRIEFS

Vajpayee was not just politician but a nation-builder: Dr. Ganesh



**KARAMBIR LADWA:** Birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee was celebrated with reverence and respect in Ladwa Anaj Mandi. It was organized at shop of Rajiv Arya, President of Anaj Mandi Arhati Association. Market Committee Chairman Dr Ganesh Dutt said that Atal Bihari Vajpayee was not just a politician but a nation-builder. He gave a new direction to country through his good governance, foresight and historic decisions taken in national interest. Atal Ji's contribution to strong foundations on which today's India stands is unforgettable. He said that Atal Ji's life was a symbol of national service, simplicity and principles. Even while in politics, he always prioritized human values and democratic norms. BJP Mandal President Shiv Gupta said that Atal Bihari Vajpayee's policies and ideas are still a guiding light for BJP workers. Under his leadership, country made historic progress in fields of roads, communication, nuclear power .

Govt gears up for Bar Council elections; polling on March 17-18

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, DEC 26

The elections to the Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana will be held in March 2026. Polling in Chandigarh will take place on March 17, 2026, followed by district-level elections across Haryana on March 18, 2026.

Additional Chief Secretary, Home, Jails, Criminal Investigation and Administration of Justice Departments, Dr. Sumita Misra, has directed all Deputy Commissioners to put in place the necessary administrative and logistical arrangements to ensure the smooth conduct of the elections across the state. The Returning Officer of the Bar Council has sought the deployment of officials from the Revenue Department to supervise and manage the polling process. Instructions will be issued to all Deputy Commissioners for timely deployment and coordination.

The Bar Council elections are conducted every five years under the provisions of the Advocates Act, 1961. The current exercise is being expedited to

comply with the order of the Supreme Court of India dated December 3, 2025, aimed at ensuring continuity of democratic governance within the statutory body regulating the legal profession.



State authorities have emphasized strict adherence to the prescribed schedule and procedures to facilitate a transparent and orderly electoral process. All Deputy Commissioners have been directed to ensure timely preparation of polling schedules, compilation of voter lists, identification of appropriate polling stations, and arrangement of necessary infrastructure and materials required for conducting the elections. Special attention will be given to security arrangements, voter facilitation measures, and real-time monitoring of the polling process to address any challenges that may arise. The administration is committed to providing full cooperation to the Returning Officer and ensuring that every eligible advocate can exercise their voting rights in a conducive environment.

Dr. Sumita Misra stated that the Haryana Government views this responsibility with the utmost seriousness and remains steadfastly committed to upholding the highest standards of election conduct. The state's proven administrative capabilities and experience in conducting various electoral exercises will be leveraged to make the Bar Council elections a model of efficiency, transparency, and fairness.

BJP MP Naresh Bansal felicitated on visit to Shiv Nath Kapoor's residence



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA NILOKHERI, DECEMBER 26

BJP Rajya Sabha MP from Uttarakhand and the party's national co-treasurer Naresh Bansal was accorded a warm welcome by party workers on his visit to the residence of BJP district spokesperson and Market Committee chairman Shiv Nath Kapoor in NiloKheri on Thursday.

Local MLA Bhagwan Das Kabirpanthi and BJP district president were among those prominently present on the occasion. Interacting with mediapersons, Bansal expressed gratitude to party workers for the reception and said the opposition in the country was directionless and devoid of issues.

Praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Bansal described him as not only India's but the world's most popular leader. He said decisive steps such as the construction

of the Ram temple at Ram Janmabhoomi and the abrogation of Article 370 had resolved issues pending for decades, reflecting the Prime Minister's strong willpower.

The Rajya Sabha MP further informed that the BJP had decided to observe former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's birth anniversary year as 'Atal Smriti Varsh' across the country. In this connection, he said, he had come to address a meeting of party workers of the NiloKheri Assembly segment.

Several senior party leaders and workers, including Professor Virendra Chauhan, district general secretary Subhash Kashyap, Rajbir Sharma, Jai Bhagwan Sikari, Market Committee chairmen Randeep Singh of Taraori and Nissing, Rohit Rana, Malkhan Singh, Rajesh Sharma, Naveen Kapoor, Prem Sachdeva and Chamel Singh, were present in large numbers at Shiv Nath Kapoor's residence.

Anil Vij pays homage to indomitable courage of the Sahibzadas on Veer Bal Diwas

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA AMBALA, DEC 26

Haryana's Energy, Transport and Labour Minister, Sh. Anil Vij, today paid homage to the indomitable courage of the Sahibzadas on the occasion of Veer Bal Diwas and said that the sacrifice of all four Sahibzadas continues to convey an eternal message of courage, self-respect and religious steadfastness, inspiring every generation.

Sh. Vij said that at a very young age, all four Sahibzadas made the supreme sacrifice to protect faith and truth, choosing martyrdom rather than bowing before oppression. The younger Sahibzadas were bricked alive, while the elder Sahibzadas attained martyrdom on the battlefield.

On the occasion of Veer Bal Diwas, Minister Anil Vij today rendered service at a langar organised near Ram-



pur Sarsehri Mod on Jagadhri Road in Ambala by BJP councillor Jasbir Singh and other devotees. Before this, he paid respectful homage to the Sahibzadas.

During the langar organised on Jagadhri Road, the Energy Minister reverently

distributed langar to devotees. BJP leader Jasbir Jassi, along with Sudarshan Singh Sehgal, Varinder Singh, Shyam Sunder Arora, Aarti Sehgal, Pakir Chand Saini, and a large number of devotees and BJP leaders were present on the occasion.

BJP medical cell pays floral tribute to former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, DECEMBER 26:

On the occasion of the 101st birth anniversary of former prime minister and Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the Bharatiya Janata Party's medical cell in Karnal paid floral tributes to his portrait and remembered him as a powerful orator and an inspiring poet.

Members of the BJP medical cell recalled Vajpayee as a towering national leader, a distinguished politician, a selfless social worker, an effective speaker, poet, litterateur, journalist and a multifaceted personality who left a lasting imprint on Indian public life.

Speaking on the occasion, BJP medical cell district convenor Dr Amit Kumar high-

lighted Vajpayee's life and contributions, noting that he was born on December 25, 1924, in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, into the family of a



schoolteacher. His father, Krishna Bihari Vajpayee, was a noted poet in Hindi and Braj, from whom Atal Bihari Vajpayee inherited his literary inclination. Dr Kumar said Vajpayee began his career as a journalist and edited publica-

tions such as Rashtradharm, Panchjanya and Veer Arjun.

Among those present were BJP medical cell state executive member Dr Ashok Kumar,

district convenor Dr Amit Kumar, district co-convenor Dr Mahender Pratap, Dr Inderpal Singh, district secretary Dr Vikram Tuteja, executive member Jai Bhagwan Poonia and Karnal mandal vice-president Akash Arora.

Modern Education Senior Secondary School and Bachpan Play School resonate with theme of 'Goonj'

JAIBEER RANA THAMBER

**BARARA:** The annual festival 'Goonj' was organised at Adhoya Modern Education Senior Secondary School and Bachpan Play School in Adhoya. Rajat Malik, Chairperson of Barara, and Sardar Harpal Singh, President of the Private School Association Barara, and Navdeep Kaur attended as the chief guests and guests of honour respectively. The programme began with a Ganesh Vandana (prayer to Lord Ganesh).

The children conveyed various messages through their performances. They explained the importance of traditional and modern games. They depicted the roles of parents and teachers. Through robotics, the children demonstrated the use of AI. The children captivated the audience with their presentations on Vishnu's Dashavatara (ten incarnations), Kaili Yuga, and the Mahabharata. The young children performed a folk dance on the Haryanvi song 'Chhoti Si Banri', showcasing the colors of their Haryanvi culture. The Haryanvi performance depicted the relationship between brother and sister. In the Mahabharata presentation, the children highlighted the power of women, emphasizing that where women are worshipped, deities reside. The little children of Bachpan School charmed everyone by their performance on the song "Papa Jaldi Aa Jana" (Dad, please come soon). The Punjabi Bhangra performance created a sensation in the pandal. School manager Indu Kapoor thanked all the parents for attending the programme.



Yoga practitioners celebrate Tulsi Puja Day

MEGH RAJ LUTHRA

**KARNAL:** The Indian Yoga Institute, Karnal, celebrated Tulsi Puja Day at the Panchmukhi Hanuman Temple hall near the Kachhwa Railway Overbridge on the anniversary of Women's Empowerment Day. Under the guidance of Dr. Minocha, the Karnal team, despite the biting cold, saw enthusiastic participation from 50 practitioners. The program began with a devotional song by social worker Sumita. Provincial President Shri Omprakash, Sushila, Suman Nagpal (President of the Women's Wing), Praveen, Dr. Pratibha, Pallavi, Anita, Shri Manoj Wadhwa, Suresh Kumar, Sangeeta, Poonam, and Pooja performed the Tulsi Puja by lighting lamps. Praveen and Reena sang two beautiful devotional songs, captivating everyone. Indian Yoga officials provided information about the effects and uses of yoga. Suresh Kumar, Gulshan Grover, Bhim Saini, and Omprakash led the meditation session. Manoj Wadhwa conducted the peace prayer. Vinita presented the annual report. District President Dr. Minocha said that we are all indebted to the homemakers. Thanks were extended to all the guests, practitioners, and center heads. Yukta, Rashmi, Ruby, Sumita, Madhusudan, and Chander Ji distributed prasad (offerings) to conclude the ceremony.



The sacrifice of Shaheed Udham Singh cannot be forgotten: Parag Gaba

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

**KARNAL:** The birth anniversary of the great martyr Udham Singh was celebrated with reverence across the country. Programmes were organised at various places. The District Congress Committee (Urban) Karnal also paid tribute to Shaheed Udham Singh on his birth anniversary. The program was led by Urban District President Parag Gaba. On this occasion, Parag

Gaba said that the sacrifice by Shaheed Udham Singh for the country can never be forgotten. The sacrifice of Shaheed Udham Singh is not only a part of the freedom struggle, but it is also the voice of the soul of the nation even today. He said that the sacrifices of the great martyrs who fought against British rule and brought freedom to India are being distorted and misrepresented today, which the Congress party will never accept. Parag Gaba said that by avenging the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, Shaheed Udham Singh proved that fighting against injustice, oppression, and tyranny is true patriotism.

He said that protecting democracy and the constitution is the biggest challenge today, and for this, the youth should draw inspiration from the ideals of the martyrs. He appealed to the youth to adopt the ideals of Shaheed Udham Singh and come forward to strengthen the unity, integrity, and social harmony of the country. Congress workers pledged that the sacrifice of Shaheed Udham Singh will never be forgotten and that the work of spreading his ideology to every person will continue.



Free health check-up camp organised by Manavta Jan Shakti Foundation on Shaheed Udham Singh's birth anniversary

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, DECEMBER 26

On the birth anniversary of martyr Shaheed Udham Singh, the Manavta Jan Shakti Foundation organised a large free health check-up camp on Friday at Kamboj Dharamshala in village Kambojpur, near Nagar Khara. A large number of villagers availed themselves of the medical services provided at the camp.

A team of experienced doctors conducted examinations related to general health, orthopaedics, cardiology, gynaecology, dental care and eye care. Screening for diabetes and high blood pressure was also carried out, and free medicines were distributed to patients. The camp was held from 10.30 am to 2 pm.

The camp was organised with the support of several reputed health institutions, including Ujala Cygnus Hospital, Amritdhara, My Hospital and Aroara Eye Centre. Office-bearers of the Manavta Jan Shakti Foundation said the organisation regularly conducts such health camps as part of its commitment to social service, with the aim of ensuring



better healthcare facilities for the needy. They also appealed to residents to actively participate in such social initiatives.

Those present on the occasion included foundation founder Hardeep Rana, councillor Subhash Kamboj, Sujita Mann, Gulab Poswal, Urmila Taya, Sandeep

Mann, Babita Mehla, Renu Kamboj, Vipul Mehla, Jitendra Kamboj, Amardeep Kamboj, Jagmal Kamboj, Manisha, Renu, Kavita and Sonia. Doctors and representatives from Ujala Cygnus Hospital, including Dr Rehana, along with Harshdeep Singh and Mohit from Arora Eye Centre, were also present.

Accused Vijay acquitted in serious POCSO case, justice delivered after four years

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA KARNAL, DEC 26

In a significant judgment, the Court of the Hon'ble Additional Sessions Judge and Special Fast Track Court (POCSO Act), Karnal, presided over by Ms. Gunit Arora, on \*20 December 2025, acquitted accused \*\*Vijay\* in the case State vs. Vijay, granting him the benefit of doubt and honourably exonerating him of all charges.

The case pertained to \*FIR No. 77 dated 13.02.2020, registered at Police Station Gharanda, under Sections \*\*328, 363, 366A, 376 of the IPC\* and Sections \*4 and 6 of the POCSO Act\*. From the very beginning, the accused maintained his innocence. However, based on the FIR lodged by the complainant's family, Vijay had to face grave allegations under the POCSO Act, resulting in his prolonged incarceration.

Due to the seriousness of the charges, the accused remained in \*judicial custody for nearly four years, during which he was unable to secure bail for a long period. This prolonged detention caused im-



mense \*\*social, mental, and legal hardship\* not only to the accused but also to his family.

When bail was repeatedly denied by the Special POCSO Court in Karnal, the accused appointed \*Advocate Shubham Kalia, a resident of Karnal, as his new counsel. After dismissal of the bail application by the District and Sessions Court, Advocate Kalia approached the \*\*Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court\*, where he successfully secured bail for the accused, arguing that Vijay had been falsely implicated in the case.

Subsequently, during the trial before the Special POCSO Court, Advocate Shubham Kalia conducted a \*strong, factual, and effective defence, subjecting the prosecution witnesses to detailed cross-examination and highlighting \*\*material contradictions, inconsistencies, and legal shortcomings\* in the prosecution's case. After carefully examining the entire evidence on record, the Hon'ble Court observed that the \*prosecution had completely failed to prove the charges against the accused beyond reasonable doubt\*. Consequently, Vijay was acquitted of all charges. Advocate Shubham Kalia, while welcoming the verdict, also acknowledged that the accused had already spent nearly four years in jail, reflecting the \*harsh realities of the criminal justice process\* in cases involving serious allegations.

The judgment is being widely seen as a \*victory of justice, reinforcing the principle that \*\*truth ultimately prevails when facts and law are presented with honesty and professional competence\*. The effective legal representation by Advocate Shubham Kalia has been appreciated in legal circles.





EDITORIAL

Army relaxes social media rules, allows 'View-Only' access to Instagram, X

In a transformative shift towards digital engagement, the Indian Army has revised its social media policy, permitting its officers and soldiers to access select platforms, including Instagram and X. The move, however, comes with strict guidelines, allowing personnel to only view and monitor content while prohibiting posting, commenting, or online interaction, in order to safeguard operational security. The letter issued by the army authorities states that with immediate effect, the use of Instagram, for purposes of viewing and monitoring only, by personnel of the Indian Army has been permitted. "No comments, views will be communicated on Instagram," the letter stated. Further, listing the limited use of the social media, the army has instructed to use Skype, Telegram, WhatsApp, and Signal for the exchange of unclassified info of a general nature, contents permitted. The letter further stated that the contents to be exchanged only with known persons, with the responsibility of correctly identifying the recipient lying with the user. For microblogging platform X, Quora, Instagram, and YouTube, only passive participation to obtain knowledge or information has been permitted. The new guidelines restrict the uploading of user-generated content and messages. The army has authorised its personnel to use LinkedIn, the employment-oriented social networking service primarily used for professional networking and career development. However, the platform is to be used only for uploading of resume for obtaining information on potential employees and employers. However, prior permission from the Permission be sought from Directorate General of Military Intelligence (DGM). The recent amendment also advises the personnel not to access or use generic sites, those with cracked, pirated software, free movie, Torrent & VPN Software' and web proxies, anonymised websites, chat rooms and file transfer sites. "The cloud data storing sites may also be used with extreme caution," the letter read. In July 2020, the Indian Army had imposed a sweeping ban on 89 mobile applications, among them Facebook, Instagram and TikTok, as part of a broader push to curb potential data leaks and strengthen its cybersecurity framework. The force continues to maintain strict controls over online activity, with detailed social media guidelines designed to safeguard sensitive information and prevent any unauthorised disclosure that could compromise national security. Recently, Army chief General Udaya Divedi has spoken about the use of social media sites. Stating that there was a difference between reacting and responding, the army chief said, "Reacting means you want to give an immediate, quick answer. Responding means thinking about it, analysing it seriously, and then giving a reply. We don't want our soldiers to get involved in this, so we have told them that we will only allow you to use Twitter [X] for viewing. Don't reply to anything right now. Reply after you retire. You can view it; there's no problem with that. I think there's a difference between reacting and responding.

Uncertain poll chances for homecoming Tarique Rahman

To the outside world, Tarique Rahman's return home on Thursday after 17 years in exile may be projected as the homecoming of a saviour for a poll-bound Bangladesh, which is in turmoil. The son of two-time Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and slain President Ziaur Rahman, Tarique's re-entry into politics is being closely watched. Yet, his road to power is fraught with uncertainty. To the outside world, today's homecoming after 17 years of exile may project Tarique Rahman—the son of two-time Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and slain President Ziaur Rahman—as a saviour of sorts for a poll-bound Bangladesh in turmoil, but his path to victory remains uncertain. Diverse forces are at work, including interim Chief Advisor Mohammed Yunus, who is backed by student leaders whose protests forced long-term premier, Sheikh Hasina, out of power. Many of them have ideological leanings close to radical Islamists who currently have full play and lead the National Citizens' Party (NCP). Floated with his blessings, the party is Yunus's political shield. With its Islamist orientation, it is unlikely to take kindly to the return of Rahman, whose Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) boasts a nationalist ethos of the freedom movement bequeathed by its founder. Despite that, the BNP had aligned with Jamaat-e-Islami, the largest mainstream Islamist Party, again, a thorn in the path of those who want the elections to cement their role following the July 2024 protest movement.



Tarique Rahman remains a controversial figure as a parallel power centre during Begum Zia's tenure as Prime Minister from 2001 to 2006. Besides corruption charges, he was behind Bangladesh's Islamist radicalisation and the emergence of Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) and Harkat-ul-Jihad Islami (HUJI). Tarique was prosecuted for the August 21, 2004, grenade attack on the opposition Awami League's rally to protest terrorism. 24 rallyists, including senior party leader Ivy Rahman, were killed. Hasina escaped but was left with ear impairment. Although Begum Zia was persecuted for many years by Hasina in subsequent periods, records indicate that Tarique's

own persecution occurred solely during the two-year, army-backed caretaker regime from 2006 to 2008, which had reneged on holding elections. He was jailed, convicted, and allegedly tortured. After his release, he migrated to London in 2008. His supporters say that this was part of the incumbent government's gambit. Known as the "minus-two" strategy, it was meant to push both Khaleda and Hasina out of the country, but it failed, forcing elections at the end of 2008. Hasina, who won those elections, ruled until 2024. In post-Hasina Bangladesh, there have been reports that Tarique is distrusted by sections of the army backing Yunus. In political terms, however, as his mother Khaleda is seriously ailing, Tarique is

seen as the inheritor of a political legacy that directly counters that of Hasina and the Awami League. The rivalry goes back to the freedom movement. This suits the present rulers, who want to keep Hasina and the AL out of the electoral arena. As it worked hard to ensure medical treatment for Begum Zia while she lay on a ventilator, the Yunus government has also gone out of its way to smooth Tarique's return, arranging a mass welcome. With this boost, Tarique can be expected to launch an organised campaign by a party enthused by his return. Helped by a well-oiled election machinery, possibly with foreign funds from quarters that would want Bangladesh to stabilise politically and economically, he can hope to

wrest power. Much would depend upon how he translates his personal charisma, having been away from the political scene, into votes. Yet, it may not be easy. Soon after Hasina's ouster, the BNP was seen as the largest mainstream party poised to take power. The exclusion of the rival Awami League, still the country's largest, from the election arena doubly made it so. However, as 2025 draws to a close with elections just two months away, that advantage looks less certain. Jamaat-e-Islami, once a BNP ally, has consolidated its position. Yet Jamaat itself faces challenges from the student-led BCP, which distrusts all mainstream parties and seeks to perpetuate its influence from the protest movement. The sympathy factor generated by the killing of one of its leaders, Shareef Osama Hadi, in a brutal attack earlier this month, in a violence-filled poll atmosphere, strengthens its role. But this divides the Islamist Phalanx. Tarique still has the aces in an election that remains largely a one-horse race since it does not have to counter the Awami League. But he will have to field provocations from traditional rival Hasina from across the border, resurgence from the Islamists, who seek their place under the political sun for the first time and, as it happens, in any party that is sure to do well, internal dissensions.

2025 a 'Tariff-ied' year, 2026 likely year of transition for economy

As the world approaches the end of 2025, the year is likely to be remembered as a "tariff-ied" one from a global trade and economic perspective, while 2026 may emerge as a crucial year of transition, according to a report by HSBC Asset Management. The report

cent. According to the report, global growth and world trade are likely to undergo tectonic shifts in this newly tariffed environment. It said 2026 could be the year when the implications of higher tariffs become visible across investment, economic growth, inflation, interest rates, and currencies. tariff surprise for India. While the initial impact appeared to be a short-term blip, the report noted that the sustained adverse effects over the course of the year began to weigh on several macroeconomic indicators. These included weakness in the Indian rupee, pressures on trade and balance-of-payments data, and additional challenges for the Reserve Bank of India's liquidity management. The report highlighted that, from July 1, the Indian rupee weakened by approximately 4.2 per cent, making it one of the weakest performers among emerging-market peers. Despite these concerns, the report said domestic macroeconomic fundamentals remain strong and suggest a "golden period" for the Indian economy. However, the report cautioned that market attention remains firmly fixed on the external front. It said uncertainty persists over the timing and outcome of a "good" trade deal with the US, with the wait becoming longer and more uncertain. As a result, external developments are likely to play a decisive role in shaping India's economic trajectory as the world transitions into 2026.



stated that 2025 marked a decisive shift toward higher tariffs and disrupted global supply chains, with countries adjusting to a new trade environment shaped by geopolitical developments. It noted that 2026 may be the first full year in which nations begin navigating the realities of a tariff-heavy global system. At present, the average effective tariff rate worldwide stands at 14 per

The report added that the growing number of bilateral trade agreements between nations, along with each country's individual relationship with the United States, is expected to complicate the global trade and commerce landscape further. Turning to the domestic economy, the report pointed out that the second half of 2025 took on a darker tone following a negative

14 nations condemn Israel's proposed new settlements in West Bank

A total of 14 nations have condemned the Israeli security cabinet's approval of 19 new settlements in the West Bank. According to the joint statement, the list includes the United Kingdom, Spain, France, Germany, Canada and Japan. The 14 nations argued that the Israeli decision violates international law, terming it "intensification of the settlement politics" in the West Bank. They demanded



that Israel take back the move. "We, States of Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Iceland, Ireland, Japan, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain and the United Kingdom condemn the approval by the Israeli security cabinet of 19 new settlements in the occupied West Bank," the joint statement shared by the United Kingdom's Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper said. The statement added, "We recall that such unilateral actions, as part of a wider intensification of the

settlement policies in the West Bank, not only violate international law but also risk fueling instability. They risk undermining the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan for Gaza amid efforts to progress to phase 2 and harming prospects for long-term peace and security across the region." The 14 nations reiterated their opposition to Israel's "annexation and the expansion of settlement policies." The statement said, "We recall our clear opposition to any form of annexation and to the expansion of settlement policies, including the approval of the E1 settlement and thousands of new housing units. We call on Israel to reverse this decision, as well as the expansion of settlements, in line with UNSC Resolution 2334." "We are resolute in our support of Palestinians' right of self-determination. We reaffirm our unwavering commitment to a comprehensive, just and lasting peace based on the Two-State solution in accordance with relevant UN Security Council resolutions, where two democratic states, Israel and Palestine, live side-by-side in peace and security within secure and recognised borders. We reaffirm that there is no alternative to a negotiated two-state solution," the joint statement read. Earlier, the Israeli Cabinet approved the establishment of 11 new settlements in the West Bank and intends to formalise eight additional settlements. All of the settlements are located in Area C of the West Bank.

POEMS

Banking Coal

Whoever it was who brought the first wood and coal

To start the Fire, did his part well;

Not all wood takes to fire from a match,

Nor coal from wood before it's burned to charcoal.

The wood and coal in question caught a flame

And flared up beautifully, touching the air

That takes a flame from anything.

Somehow the fire was furnaced,

And then the time was ripe for some to say,

"Right banking of the furnace saves the coal."

I've seen them set to work, each in his way,

Though all with shovels and with ashes,

Never resting till the fire seemed most dead;

Whereupon they'd crawl in hooded night-caps

Contentedly to bed. Sometimes the fire left alone

Would die, but like as not spiced tongues

Remaining by the hardest on till day would flicker up,

Never strong, to anyone who cared to rake for them.

But roaring fires never have been made that way.

I'd like to tell those folks that one grand flare

Transferred to memory tissues of the air

Is worth a like, or, for dull minds that turn in gold,

All money ever saved by banking coal.

By Jean Toomer

PAU brings Punjab's heritage crop - black carrot, find new-age markets through processing and entrepreneurship

Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana, has played a pioneering role in conserving, improving and popularising Punjab's traditional black carrot. Through sustained research and varietal development, PAU scientists have developed superior black carrot varieties such as Punjab Black Beauty, recognised for its high anthocyanin content, deep natural colour and enhanced nutritional profile. Complementing varietal innovation, the University has also developed scientifically validated processing and fermentation technologies, including controlled lactic acid fermentation using defined starter cultures. These advancements have enabled the production of safe, standardised and shelf-stable black carrot products such as Kanji, powders and ready-to-use mixes, making the health benefits of black carrots accessible throughout the year and opening new avenues for agripreneurs, food startups and rural enterprises in Punjab. Traditionally, black carrot has been an integral part of Punjab's winter food



culture, consumed fresh or in the form of kanji, a fermented probiotic drink prepared in households. Despite its nutritional richness, its consumption remained largely seasonal due to limited shelf life and lack of processing options. In recent years, however, rising awareness about healthy diets, functional foods and natural antioxidants has brought renewed attention to this heritage crop, positioning it as a year-round ingredient with strong commercial potential. Black carrots are naturally rich in anthocyanins, antioxidants dietary fibre and bioactive compounds that support digestion, immunity, heart health and overall wellness. With lifestyle-related health concerns increasing across all age groups, consumers are increasingly seeking foods that combine nutrition with traditional familiarity. This shift in consumer preferences has created a growing market for black carrot-based products that blend indigenous knowledge with modern food processing. Among the most promising value-added products is kanji. Traditionally prepared through natural fermentation, kanji is now being transformed into ready-to-use

mixes, bottled probiotic beverages and fermented concentrates. These products cater especially to urban consumers who value gut health but lack the time to prepare traditional foods at home. Standardised fermentation ensures consistent quality, safety and flavour, making kanji a reliable functional beverage for modern markets. Black carrot pickles also present significant market opportunities. Their distinctive taste, attractive colour and nutritional benefits appeal to consumers seeking traditional flavours with added health value. Similarly, black carrot halwa, desserts and sweets can be developed using reduced sugar or natural sweeteners, aligning festive foods with contemporary dietary preferences. Such products retain cultural appeal while addressing wellness concerns. Bakery and snack products offer another promising avenue. Cakes, muffins, brownies and baked snacks prepared using black carrots provide natural colour without artificial additives, enhancing visual appeal and nutritional value. These products are particularly attractive for children and young consumers, while

reassuring parents looking for healthier snack options. Convenience-oriented products are especially relevant for working households. Frozen cut black carrots, vacuum-sealed grated carrots and ready-to-cook packs reduce preparation time while preserving nutritional quality. Ready-to-blend smoothie mixes and soup bases further expand options for quick, healthy meals. Black carrot powder is emerging as a versatile functional ingredient with wide applications in beverages, soups, dough and health drinks. Its ease of use makes it particularly suitable for elderly consumers, allowing regular intake of antioxidants without major dietary changes. Clear market segmentation can help entrepreneurs position black carrot products more effectively. Health-conscious consumers can be targeted with probiotic drinks, antioxidant-rich snacks, and smoothie blends. Working mothers represent a key segment for frozen, ready-to-use, and minimally processed products that save time while ensuring nutrition. Children can be targeted through colourful baked goods

and mild desserts, while elderly consumers can benefit from powders, soups, and soft-textured foods. Diabetic consumers can be offered sugar-free or low-glycaemic desserts and beverages made from black carrots, responding to a growing demand for diabetic-friendly foods. Various PAU-trained agripreneurs, with technical support from Skill Development Center and MIDHI-TBI under the DST Gol project, brands such as RAV AGRO are actively strengthening the black carrot value chain. These initiatives are helping entrepreneurs adopt standardized processing technologies, improve product consistency and ensure food safety. Support in packaging, branding and labelling enables startups to meet regulatory requirements while creating strong market identity. Guidance on pricing, market linkage and promotion further helps agripreneurs reach urban and institutional markets, transforming black carrot into a viable commercial product. From an entrepreneurial perspective,

black carrot processing offers several advantages. The raw material is locally available, processing technologies are scalable, and value-added products command higher prices than fresh produce. Small and medium enterprises, self-help groups and farmer-producer organizations can enter this space with relatively modest investment. Strong branding that highlights traditional roots, health benefits and local origin can further enhance consumer trust. By focusing on processing and innovation, Punjab has the opportunity to transform the black carrot from a seasonal vegetable into a year-round health product. This shift can boost farmer incomes, reduce wastage, support food startups, and meet the growing demand for nutritious, convenient foods. In doing so, black carrots can become not just a symbol of tradition, but also a driver of sustainable agri-entrepreneurship in the state.

Dr. Tarsem Singh Dhillon, Dr. Ramandeep Singh and Dr. Navneet Kaur Gill



NEWS BRIEF

Public helpline number issued for water supply and sewerage complaints in Barnala

**KULDEEP SOOD**  
**BARNALA:** To ensure prompt resolution of water supply and sewerage related problems in Barnala city, a toll-free complaint number 01679-292620 has been issued by the Municipal Corporation Barnala. Barnala residents can register their water supply or sewerage related complaints at any time on this number. Apart from this, the complainants can also register their complaints by meeting Shri Manjit Singh (Sub Divisional Engineer), Shri Ajay Kumar (Junior Engineer, Sewerage) and Shri Gurpreet Singh (Junior Engineer, Water Supply) during office hours. Municipal Commissioner Shri T. Beniith has ordered all the concerned officers, such as XEN, SDO and JEZ, to be active in the field and resolve the complaints of the public without delay. The Commissioner said that if any negligence is found in the redressal of complaints, action will be taken against the responsible officials. This initiative will help in strengthening public services, improving the amenities of the city and addressing the problems related to drinking water and sanitation.

# Padhe Rohtak, Likhe Rohtak conferred state-level good governance award: DC Sachin Gupta



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA  
ROHTAK, DEC 26

On the occasion of Good Governance Day, Deputy Commissioner Sachin Gupta congratulated the departments and officers who were honoured at the State and District levels and exhorted all departments to continue working with innovation, accountability and citizen-centricity to strengthen public service delivery. Deputy Commissioner Sachin Gupta stated that the district administration's flagship education initiative, Padhe Rohtak, Likhe Rohtak, has been conferred the State-level

Good Governance Award in recognition of its measurable impact on improving foundational literacy and numeracy in government primary schools. Launched in July 2025 under the NIPUN Haryana Mission, the initiative addresses critical learning gaps in early grades through a structured, data-driven and outcome-focused approach. Key components include regular learning assessments, targeted remedial instruction, classroom-level pedagogical support, teacher mentoring, digital monitoring of student progress and active community engagement. Designed as a low-cost, easily scalable and



replicable model, the initiative has demonstrated visible improvements in reading ability, comprehension and basic numeracy skills among students. Owing to its innovative design and strong governance framework, Rohtak has emerged as a lighthouse district in education governance, with the model now being considered for replication across other districts of Haryana. The award was presented by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nayab Singh Saini on 25 December at a State-level ceremony held in Panchkula on the occasion of Good Governance Day. At the District level, the Health

Department was honoured for its Swasthya Vahini initiative — a dedicated mobile medical outreach programme focused on women's health and preventive care. The initiative aims to take essential health services directly to women in rural and semi-urban areas, with a special emphasis on breast cancer awareness, early screening and timely referral. Through mobile medical units staffed with trained medical personnel, women are provided on-the-spot consultations, clinical breast examinations, awareness sessions and referrals for further diagnosis and treatment wherever required.

# CM has implemented several policies to make women self-reliant: Suman Saini

KARAMBIR SINGH  
LADWA, DEC 26

Haryana State Child Welfare Council Vice Chairperson Suman Saini said that Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has implemented several policies under women's empowerment to make women self-reliant. Under Ladli Lakshmi Yojana, Rs 2100 is being given every month. Under this scheme, eligible women from eligible families can apply from their homes. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has given special attention to economic assistance schemes for women, health and maternal safety programs, self-employment and skill development. Haryana State Child Welfare Council Vice Chairperson Suman Saini was addressing public meetings held in villages Masana, Dudhla, Morthala and Marchehdi today. Vice Chairperson Suman Saini listened to problems of villagers and instructed officials to resolve them. Earlier, workers, office



bearers and villagers welcomed and honored her with garlands, bouquets and shawls. She said that for welfare of farmers, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini government has worked to increase income of farmers and give them a secure future. Several important steps have been taken such as compensation for crop damage, schemes to modernize agriculture and a timely and transparent procurement system. Vice Chairperson Suman Saini said that a social security scheme has been launched for elderly, widows and disabled persons. CM has increased pension schemes to Rs 3200 per month which is more than in other states. Simple and

digital process provides direct benefits to needy. She said that CM has resolved to improve health and education in state. Better and free health facilities in every district and quality education for children from poor and middle-class families will reach every citizen. Vice Chairperson Suman Saini said that jobs are being provided to youth without any bribery or favoritism. CM had fulfilled his promise by handing over appointment letters to youth even before taking oath of office. Foundation of a self-reliant Haryana is being laid through skill development schemes for the youth, new employment opportunities, and the promotion of digital initiatives and startups.

## Sahibzadas sacrificed their lives to protect religion, culture and humanity: Dharmendra Khera



**KAMAL SHARMA**  
**TARAORI:** A programme was organised at Narsingh Das Public School, Taraori, on the occasion of Veer Bal Diwas and the birth anniversary of the great revolutionary Shaheed Udham Singh. The school premises were filled with a spirit of patriotism, courage and sacrifice. The programme began with paying homage to the martyrdom of the four courageous Sahibzadas of Guru Gobind Singh Ji – Sahibzada Ajit Singh, Sahibzada Jujhar Singh, Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh – and Mata Gujri Ji. Students and teachers lit lamps and offered floral tributes to them. The school management informed that the day is observed in memory of the indomitable courage and supreme sacrifice made by the four Sahibzadas for the protection of their religion. Shaheed Udham Singh's birth anniversary is also celebrated on this day. He made an indelible contribution to the Indian freedom struggle by punishing General Dyer, the culprit of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre. Director Dharmendra Khera said that the glorious saga of the Sahibzadas teaches us that true courage is not bound by age. The Sahibzadas of Guru Gobind Singh Ji sacrificed their lives to protect religion, culture and humanity.

## DC gives strict instructions for robust safety measures including road marking



**RANVIR PARASHAR**  
**KAITHAL:** DC Aparajita announced unique initiative stating that special campaign will soon be launched in district. Under this campaign, drivers found without helmets on two-wheelers will not only be fined, but will also be provided with a helmet on spot. Additionally, photos of those violating traffic rules will be uploaded on social media to create awareness in society and encourage people to take traffic rules seriously. She was addressing a district-level meeting of Road Safety Committee at auditorium of Mini Secretariat today. She discussed each agenda item in detail and issued necessary instructions to concerned officials. SP Upasana also shared her views on road safety. DC said that human life is precious and our priority is to make roads safe and minimize accidents. She said that road safety is not only the responsibility of administration but also a shared civic duty. We want every person to return home safely. Taking a strict stance, DC gave clear instructions to officials that no negligence in road safety rules will be tolerated. She asked police administration and departments involved in road construction to work in coordination. She instructed police department to increase number of challans. Those not wearing helmets and those riding triple on two-wheelers should not be spared. Special focus should be given to areas outside educational institutions in morning, evening.

## Akshara International School observes Veer Bal Diwas with kirtan satsang



**YAGYA DUTT SHASTRI**  
**PEHOWA:** Bal Diwas was celebrated in Akshara International School. Kirtan Satsang was also organized in the school in the memory of four Shahibzadas. The School Chairperson Poonam Kahra told the children that the four Sahibzadas of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj Baba Ajit Singh, Baba Jujhar Singh, Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh sacrificed their lives to protect the religion. She said that through satsang and naman, they remembered the unique martyrdom of them for the protection of religion, nation and humanity who had refused to bow down to injustice at an early age. On this day, we take inspiration from their courage and devotion and especially remember the younger Sahibzadas Baba Zorawar Singh who was nine years old and Baba Fateh Singh who were seven years old who were crucified alive in the wall and resolve to follow their ideals. They gave everything to protect the religion. The elder Sahibzade Baba Ajit Singh who was 17 years old and the younger Sahibzade Baba Jujhar Singh who was 15 years old have fought bravely in the battle of Garhi of Chamkaur, sacrificed their life to protect the religion.

## Veer Bal Diwas organised with devotion, faith and patriotism at Doon Public School



**SHIV KUMAR SHARMA**  
**KARNAL:** In memory of the supreme sacrifice of the younger Sahibzadas of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji Veer Bal Diwas was organized with full devotion, deep faith and sacred feelings of patriotism at Doon Public School and Doon International School, Karnal. The program started with effective Shabd singing and Gurbani Kirtan by the students of the schools Kiran, Ishpreet, Simarpreet, Gunjan and Vaishnavi, which filled the entire atmosphere of both the schools with spiritual energy and sacred feelings of patriotism and also made the students remember and introduce the indomitable courage, unwavering religious faith and great sacrifice of the Sahibzadas. Adding to the dignity of the program, the talented students of Doon schools vividly described the stories of incomparable bravery, courage and sacrifice of four Sahibzadas through poetry. After this, an impressive Gatra performance was presented by Jashanpal Singh, a student of Doon School, in which a wonderful confluence of traditional Sikh martial arts and the spirit of bravery was seen.

## Improved services provided to citizens by Amritsar Postal Division



**GURDARSHAN SINGH PRINCE**  
**BEAS:** To ensure that corrections to Aadhaar cards are made as quickly as possible and that people do not have to rush or stand in long queues to get their cards made, Aadhaar centres are being activated in all post offices of the Amritsar Postal Division. Currently, two counters are functioning at the main post office in Amritsar, and Aadhaar counters are also operating smoothly at the sub-post offices in Gandhi Bazaar, Chheharta, Golden Temple, Guru Nanak Dev University, Raiya, Amritsar Kacheri, Khalsa College, Majitha Mandi, and Ajnala under Amritsar district. The Superintendent of Post Offices (Headquarters) Amritsar, Praveen Prasoon, stated in this regard that if needed, 2-3 counters will be opened in larger post offices so that people do not face any difficulties in getting their Aadhaar work done.

## Irregularities found in CSCs, action to be taken against more than 3000 centres

**PRITI SAINI**  
**SADHAURA:** Irregularities have been found in CSC centres. Action will be taken against more than 3000 centres. Officials involved in the investigation said that the investigation is still ongoing. Irregularities have been found at CSC (Common Service Centre) operators in Haryana.



In many districts, CSC operators are not working according to the rules. This is why action is being prepared against the CSC operators. After irregularities and shortcomings were found in some districts, a decision has been taken to take action against more than 3,000 centers. Haryana CSC head Ashish Sharma said that regular monitoring of the facilities provided to the general public in the state is being done. This regular action has been taken as part of that process. Currently, about 3075 CSCs have been included in the action, and their IDs may even be suspended. There was a huge crowd at CSC centres in Haryana for obtaining certificates for the Common Eligibility Test. At that time too, complaints had surfaced that some CSC operators were charging more than the prescribed fee.

## BJP office bearers remember Atal Bihari Vajpayee



**JAIBEER RANA THAMBER**  
**BARARA:** Today, the monthly meeting of the Barara Mandal was held at Shaheed Bhagat Singh Shakti Kendra, Siwan Majra. The programme was presided over by Mandal President Dimple Rana. The program began with District Vice President and Barara Mandal In-charge Gurpreet Kaur Dull and State Mahila Morcha General Secretary Richa Pahwa garlanding and offering flowers to the picture of Bharat Mata (Mother India). Hardeep Singh shed light on the life of Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Market Committee Chairman Kulraj Sharma shared information about Veer Bal Diwas and Shaheed Udham Singh Jayanti. BLA I Vipin Chandrapal Mulana gave information about SIR. Dimple Rana gave detailed information about the programs organized in the last one month and the upcoming programs.

## Sun Rise Public School pays tribute to Sahibzadas on Veer Bal Diwas



**R.K. KASHYAP**  
**CHHACHHRAULI:** Sun Rise Public School celebrated 'Veer Bal Diwas' with great reverence and enthusiasm, dedicated to supreme sacrifice of Sahibzadas of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh. Various competitions were organized for students on this occasion. Students presented story of Sahibzadas' bravery, their unwavering devotion to faith and sacrifice through poetry recitation, speeches and paintings. School principal said, "Veer Bal Diwas reminds us of those young heroes who chose death over bowing down to injustice. Courage and morality of Sahibzadas are greatest source of inspiration for today's youth." Winners were awarded, and everyone pledged to uphold unity and integrity of country.

## Grand Alumni Meet 2025 organised at Geeta Niketan Residential School



**HANS RAJ**  
**KURUKSHETRA:** Alumni Meet was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Geeta Niketan Residential School today. Event was organized in collaboration with school's Alumni Association with enthusiastic participation from alumni of batches from 1974 to 2019. 201 alumni participated in person and 312 alumni joined program online. Main objective of conference was to strengthen emotional bond between school and its alumni and to revive traditional values. Program commenced with lighting of lamp before idol of Goddess Saraswati. School principal Narayan Singh introduced esteemed guests, former teachers and alumni and highlighted school's progress and future plans. He explained that Geeta Niketan Residential School is run under guidance of Vidya Bharati Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Sansthan. He added that Vidya Bharati's value-based education is yielding excellent results in social awakening. Vidya Bharati alumni portal has 1.09 million registered alumni, making it world's largest alumni association. These alumni reside in more than 87 countries and are contributing to various fields, upholding values ??of service, culture and commitment instilled in them during their school education.

## Government fully committed for welfare of farmers and traders: Rajiv Narang

**KAMAL SHARMA**  
**TARAORI:** Rajiv Narang, Vice Chairman of Tarawadi Market Committee, has termed development works being carried out in Tarawadi grain market by Nilokheri MLA Bhagwandas



Kabirpanthi as historic and record-breaking. He said that significant steps have been taken towards reconstruction of public and parking platforms for booths, road repairs and a permanent solution to waterlogging problem during rainy season at approximately Rs. 2.30 crore. Rajiv Narang, Vice Chairman of Tarawadi Market Committee, was speaking to reporters at grain market. Chairman Randeep Chaudhary was also present. Rajiv Narang said that completion of these development works will provide great relief to farmers, commission agents and traders visiting grain market and market's operations will be much more streamlined than before. He clarified that no commission agent or farmer will face any kind of difficulty during crop season. He said that due to able leadership and continuous efforts of MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi, there is no shortage of development works in Tarawadi grain market. Basic infrastructure of market is being strengthened so that farmers do not face any inconvenience in selling their produce. Rajiv Narang said that Market Committee is fully committed to interests of farmers and traders, and similar work will continue to be done for all-round development of market in future as well.

# CM Dhama visits Gurudwaras in Dehradun, Nainital; Participates in 'Veer Bal Diwas' program

AGENCY  
DEHRADUN, DEC 26

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama on Friday participated in a programme organised on the occasion of 'Veer Bal Diwas' at Gurdwara 'Shri Guru Singh Sabha', Arhat Bazaar,



Dehradun. He also visited the Gurdwara in Mallital, the district headquarters of Nainital. On this occasion, the Chief Minister paid obeisance at the Gurdwaras and partook in the langar. He joined the congregation in offering the sacred Ardas and prayed for the peace, prosperity, and

well-being of the state. Paying tribute on the occasion of Veer Bal Diwas to the Tenth Sikh Guru, Dashmesh Pita Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, and his

four Sahibzadas, i.e. Baba Ajit Singh, Baba Jujhar Singh, Baba Zorawar Singh, and Baba Fateh Singh, the Chief Minister said that the lives of

Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Sahibzadas are a living example of sacrifice, valour, protection of faith, and patriotism.

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Samsung to Unveil Next Phase of AI Appliances, Push Boundaries of TVs at CES: JB Park

CHANDIGARH: Samsung is all set to rollout its vision for the Device eXperience Division in 2026 and its new AI-driven customer experiences at CES, the world's largest IT and home appliance exhibition. JB Park, President and CEO of Samsung Southwest Asia, said, "Samsung AI appliances are approaching another turning point, delivering differentiated experiences that more deeply understand users' daily lives and significantly enhance the value of everyday living. The next phase will be unveiled at CES 2026, the world's largest consumer electronics and IT exhibition. We will also push boundaries of TV at 'The First Look' event on January 4, 2026 at Las Vegas."

Samsung to Operate a Standalone Exhibition Hall at CES 2026 That Delivers an AI Ecosystem Experience

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's leading consumer electronics brand, today announced that it will boldly break away from the conventional exhibition framework and present a new exhibition paradigm with The First Look at CES 2026, the world's largest consumer electronics show, to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada on Jan. 6-9. For The First Look, the company is shifting from operating a public booth within the Las Vegas Convention Center (LVCC) to establishing a standalone exhibition hall at The Wynn Las Vegas. There, Samsung will curate an experience that adopts techniques used in art galleries and museums to unveil its new products and technologies.

VHT : Uttar Pradesh crushes Chandigarh by 227 Runs

CHANDIGARH: UT boys faced second consecutive defeat, this time against UP by a massive 227 runs at the ongoing Vijay Hazare trophy's match played at Rajkot on Friday. After winning the toss, Uttar Pradesh elected to bat and posted a mammoth total of 367/4 in their allotted 50 overs. Armaan Jyoti started for the side with a sensational 134 off 118 balls which was also supported by Dhruv Jurel's 67 and captain Rinku Singh's unbeaten 106. In reply, Chandigarh was bundled out for 140 in 29.3 overs wherein Zeeshan Ansari (4/29) took four wickets for the bowling side. Manan Vohra top-scored with 32.

Truecaller Launches Voicemail for Free in India

GURGAON: Truecaller launched a free and powerful AI-powered voicemail experience for Android users in India with instant transcription and automatic spam protection. Unlike traditional voicemail, messages are stored directly on the device, offering full control and privacy over recordings. It also offers smart call categorisation, spam filtering, adjustable playback speed and AI-powered voicemail transcription in 12 Indian languages. Truecaller users can simply set up unlimited voicemail in their Truecaller app for free in a few seconds. By placing voicemail at the centre of the calling experience, Truecaller is strengthening its position as a daily-use communication platform and its fight against spam and fraud. With Truecaller Voicemail, users can record, store, and play messages directly on their device, without dialing voicemail numbers or remembering PINs. The feature supports a wide range of Indian languages, ensuring deeper personalisation and local relevance. The feature supports transcription in 12 Indian languages, including Hindi, Bengali, Marathi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Gujarati, Nepali, Punjabi, Sanskrit and Urdu. Voicemails are transcribed in a few seconds, enabling anyone to read their messages discreetly or during moments.

Joint Awareness Campaign Against Human Trafficking and Child Labour Held at Panipat Railway Station

PANIPAT (ASHOK CHUGH): Under the able guidance of District Legal Services Authority Secretary Varsha Sharma, a joint awareness campaign against human trafficking and child labour was organised at the local railway station. The campaign was carried out with the participation of the Railway Protection Force (RPF), Government Railway Police (GRP), Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU), Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Labour Department, and MDD of India. During the campaign, railway vendors, porters, auto and e-rickshaw drivers, and passengers were made aware of the serious issues of human trafficking and child labour. They were also urged to report any suspicious activity related to these crimes to the administration or railway police. The programme saw active participation from the Station Superintendent, Station Master, Railway Protection Force, Government Railway Police, Child Welfare Committee, Labour Department, and representatives of child rights organisation Just Rights for Children partner MDD of India.

Students Introduced to Values of Courage, Sacrifice and Patriotism at Geeta Modern Senior Secondary School

TARAORI (KAMAL SHARMA): Veer Bal Diwas was commemorated with great enthusiasm at Geeta Modern Senior Secondary School, Tarawadi. On this occasion, the entire school campus was immersed in patriotic fervour. The programme aimed to acquaint students with the values of courage, sacrifice, and love for the nation. The event began with a shabaz recitation followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp. Students expressed their emotions through speeches, poetry recitations, and patriotic songs based on the extraordinary sacrifices of the Shaheedz. The stage performances deeply moved the audience, who paid homage to the indomitable courage of the young martyrs. School Principal Ragini Rai, while addressing the gathering, said that Veer Bal Diwas conveys the powerful message that even at a young age, one can make the supreme sacrifice for the nation and faith. She described the lives of the Shaheedz as a source of inspiration for today's generation and urged students to imbibe values of truth, bravery, and moral integrity in their lives.

220 Donate Blood at Blood Donation Camp Organised During Shaheed Jor Mela

DEEPAK KUMAR SRI MACHHIWARA SAHIB: On the occasion of the Shaheed Jor Mela organised in the memory of the Tenth Sikh Guru, Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, devotees arranged community kitchens (langars) at various places. Alongside these religious activities, a blood donation camp was organised at Gurdwara Shri Charan Kanwal Sahib by the local Machhiwara Sahib Social Welfare Society (NGO). Sharing details of the camp, Society President Shiv Kumar Shrivastava said that the blood donation camp was held over the last three days of the Jor Mela, from 9 am to 6 pm. The blood collection was carried out by the medical team of Karan Hospital and Blood Centre, Samrala, during which 220 voluntary blood donors donated blood. Several prominent personalities were present on the occasion, including Gurdwara Manager Jasbir Singh Mangli, Punjab State Women Commission member Amrit Puri, DSP Khanna Pritpal Singh, DSP Samrala Tarlochan Singh, Station House Officer Pavitar Singh, along with Narender Singh Bharta, Harinder Singh Sheria, Jasprender Singh.

PGIMER celebrates Veer Baal Diwas with inspiring activities for children at advanced paediatric centre



CHANDIGARH: In a significant public outreach initiative, PGIMER, Chandigarh organized activities on the occasion of "Veer Baal Diwas" at the Advanced Paediatric Centre (APC), PGIMER, on 26 December 2025. The celebrations were organized for children admitted to APC as well as those visiting

the hospital. A range of child-friendly and inclusive activities were conducted including drawing and colouring and poetry recitation competitions, which witnessed enthusiastic participation from children aged 6 to 12 years. The event was held in the

esteemed presence of \*Prof. Vivek Lal, Director, PGIMER, Prof. Ashok Kumar, Acting Medical Superintendent, Prof. Praveen Kumar, HoD, Pediatrics, and Dr. Mahesh Devnani, Joint Medical Superintendent\*. Speaking on the occasion \*Prof. Lal remembered the martyrdom of Sahibzadas and reminded

that India is a nation built on sacrifice and courage.\* He emphasized that their bravery inspires society to uphold strong cultural and moral values, and highlighted the role of parents in guiding children by instilling good values and character. Dr Ashok Kumar thanked all the participants for their enthusiastic participation.

The drawing competition saw participation from 75 children aged 6 to 12 years, including children visiting the APC outpatient department, admitted patients, and children of PGIMER staff. The poetry recitation competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from 50 children, who demonstrated remarkable confidence, effective oratory skills, and deep sensitivity while presenting poems on various themes.

The Drawing and Colouring Competition winners were Vihan (11 years), Naman (11 years), and Aavya (9 years), who secured the first, second, and third prizes respectively. The Poetry Competition, which saw an exceptionally high standard of participation, recognized seven outstanding winners who displayed remarkable depth and expression beyond their years. The winners were Nairiti (8 years), Jamisha (10 years), Sunidhi (11 years), Hiyan (6 years), Apriyam Roy (11 years), Jancy Nyol (9 years), and Khavya Sharma (10 years). The competitions were expertly judged by Prof. Jayshree M., Dr. Aastha Takkar, and Dr. Narinder Kumar, who praised all participants for their creativity, skill, and passion.

After 8-Year Struggle and 3 Failed IVF Cycles, Chandigarh Couple Conceive with Advanced IVF treatment

Chandigarh - A Chandigarh couple, Mrs. Anjali (41) and Mr. Rahul (42) (names changed for privacy), had been trying to conceive for eight years and had undergone three failed IVF cycles in India and the USA. Having been advised abroad to pursue egg donation due to reduced ovarian reserve and male infertility issues, the couple approached Nova IVF Fertility, Chandigarh, in the hope of having one final attempt. Repeated IVF failure is generally defined as the absence of pregnancy despite the transfer of good quality embryos. Reasons can vary from egg and sperm quality issues to uterine abnormalities, genetic factors, or even lifestyle influences. At Nova IVF Chandigarh, doctors observe atleast 15% of cases of couples who come with repeated IVF failures. At Nova IVF Fertility Chandigarh, a detailed and structured evaluation by Dr Manisha Jain, Fertility Specialist, and the embryology team at IVF lab identified the problem. Mrs. Anjali had age-related decline in egg quality and quantity as pointed by low AMH levels, coupled with previous IVF failures. At the same time, Mr. Rahul was diagnosed with teratozoospermia, where sperm count and motility (movement) is good, but morphology (shape of sperm) was abnormal. The test also indicated high levels of sperm DNA fragmentation, increasing the likelihood that earlier failed cycles were due to embryo quality and development. Dr. Manisha Jain, Fertility Specialist, Nova IVF Fertility, Chandigarh, added, "We frequently see couples who have lost hope after repeated cycles. In these cases, the key isn't just more treatment, but a precise diagnosis that eliminates guesswork and unnecessary tests. By understanding exactly where the block lies, be it in gamete quality or genetic factors we are able to offer a targeted solution that can help lead to a healthy pregnancy." For this couple, a deeply personalised treatment was planned as late age pregnancies require far more accuracy and precision. To support egg development, the clinical team at Nova IVF used high-quality fertility injections in carefully calculated doses, which are especially crucial in women who are attempting IVF in later age like 40s. Because the damage in husband's sperm was high, he was given antioxidants to help improve sperm quality in the weeks leading up to treatment. During the IVF cycle, an advanced microfluidics sperm-sorting device was used to select the healthiest sperm with the least damage.

Dense Fog Triggers Spike in Respiratory and Eye Irritation Cases, Doctor Warns

PATIALA: The dense fog and exposure to cold air result in an increased number of respiratory problems, as well as eye inflammation. Cold and foggy conditions mean that there is less moisture present, and therefore the lining of the passages and the surface of the eye feels dry and is susceptible to irritation and infection. Yet the effects of the cold and fog do not stop there but continue to impact people who have respiratory conditions. The effects are seen to be even greater in elderly people, children, pregnant women, and people with conditions like asthma, COPD, and allergies. Dr. Gurpreet Singh Dang, Senior Consultant- Internal Medicine, Manipal Hospital Patiala, says these weather conditions are now leading to a noticeable rise in respiratory and eye-related symptoms. These past days, an increase has been

noticed in people reporting the following symptoms: Throat irritation or cough Breathing discomfort or Shortness of breath Nasal congestion and rhinorrhea

Watery, itching, or burning sensation in the eyes Headaches and Eye Strains Here are a few precautions that one needs to follow: Limiting outdoor exposure: Early mornings and late evenings often have higher pollution levels, which can increase irritation in the eyes and lungs. Using masks or scarves to reduce inhalation of polluted

air: Fog traps fine dust and pollutants that can worsen cough and breathing discomfort. Avoiding direct exposure to cold winds: Strong winds can aggravate eye dryness and irritation, leading to redness and discomfort. Keep indoor air clean: Use air purifiers or ensure proper ventilation to reduce indoor pollutant exposure.

108 Ambulance Team Recovers and Returns ₹4 Lakh to Family of Deceased Accident Victim

PHAGWARA: The 108 Ambulance crew returned approximately ₹4 lakh in cash recovered from a deceased accident victim to his family after responding to a late-night road accident near village Darvesh. The ambulance, operated by Zenplus Private Limited, was dispatched at around 1:13 am after the 108 emergency control room received a call reporting the accident. The crew on duty comprised EMT Sukhmanjeet Singh and pilot Dhaminder Kumar. On reaching the site, the team found that a four-wheeler had met with an accident involving four occupants. Three of the injured had already been shifted to hospital by another ambulance. The crew attended the remaining patient and transported him to Civil Hospital, Phagwara, where doctors declared him brought dead. During routine verification of the deceased's belongings, the crew recovered a bag containing approximately ₹4 lakh in cash. The entire amount was subsequently handed over to the deceased's family members. The deceased has been identified as Chatinder Singh, also known as Chitta, son of Hardial Singh, a resident of village Balkona in Jalandhar district.

CBC Chandigarh's Exhibition Becomes Center of Attraction at Swadeshi Mahotsav, Concludes Successfully



PANCHKULA: The multimedia picture exhibition organized by the Central Communication Bureau (CBC) under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, at Parade Ground, Sector-5, Panchkula, on the occasion of Swadeshi Mahotsav 2025, successfully concluded today. Various public awareness activities conducted during the exhibition received enthusiastic participation from students, youth, and the general public. The exhibition, themed "Amrit Kaal of Developed India – 11 Years of Service, Good Governance, and Welfare of the Poor", effectively showcased the major public welfare schemes, policies, and achievements of the Central

Government over the past 11 years. A heavy footfall was recorded throughout the exhibition period, clearly reflecting growing public awareness about government schemes. As part of the exhibition, a painting competition on the topic "150 Years of Vande Mataram" was organized, in which students from Government Culture Senior Secondary School, Khatauli, District Panchkula actively participated. The students presented attractive and creative paintings on themes such as patriotism, national unity, development, cleanliness, and self-reliant India. Outstanding performers were honored by the Central Communication Bureau with

prizes and certificates. During the event, the program organized by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji on the occasion of Veer Bal Diwas was also displayed through an LED wall. In addition, a random quiz competition based on the Central Government's public welfare schemes was held at the exhibition venue, in which the general public and youth participated enthusiastically. Participants who gave correct answers were honored with attractive prizes on the spot, leading to an observable increase in both interest and knowledge about the schemes. Detailed information about the schemes was provided during the exhibition through information panels.

Pernod Ricard India launches Seagram's Xclamat!on in haryana



ROHTAK : Pernod Ricard India announces the launch of Seagram's Xclamat!on in Haryana, marking the company's most ambitious innovation in 30 years. Seagram's Xclamat!on is India's singular brand portfolio having five distinct spirit categories, Whisky, Vodka, Gin, Rum, and Brandy, all at a uniform price point, in the premium adult segment. The brand is strategically positioned in a sizeable white space at the entry-level premium price segment, catering to India's rapidly growing young adult consumer base. The target consumer is 26 – 30 years. These consumers are effortless statement makers and gravitate towards what's distinct. They connect in tribes and when they get together in mixed gender gatherings, everyone has a different preference of beverage. That explains the growth of categories beyond Whisky, such as Gin, Vodka, Rum and Brandy. With over 20 million consumers entering the legal drinking age category annually, Xclamat!on addresses an unmet market need for quality spirits at accessible premium pricing. The brand's proposition, "It's time for Xclamat!on", positions it as a catalyst that transforms ordinary moments into extraordinary experiences, for India's new generation of consumers.

PGIMER Chandigarh Resident Honoured with Prestigious International Epilepsy Research Award

CHANDIGARH: PGIMER Chandigarh has added another milestone to its expanding legacy of global academic excellence, as Dr Parth Lal, MD Paediatrics Resident, has been honoured with the "2025 Suzanne and Peter Berry International Travel Award" by the American Epilepsy Society (AES)—one of the world's most prestigious professional bodies dedicated to epilepsy research and care. This highly selective award is presented annually to only two outstanding young investigators worldwide from regions including Asia, Africa, Oceania, the Middle East, and Latin America, in recognition of exceptional contributions to clinical neuroscience research related to epilepsy. Dr Parth Lal's selection from over 1,500 international submissions highlights the global relevance and scientific strength of his research. Dr Lal received the honour for his original research paper titled,

Celebrate the Festive Season with a Wholesome Twist: Dark Chocolate Almond Orange Cake

CHANDIGARH: This New Year, add a touch of warmth and indulgence to your celebrations with a Dark Chocolate Almond Orange Cake that brings together almond flour, rich dark chocolate, fresh orange zest, and maple syrup. Thoughtfully crafted by Chef Kabita Singh, the recipe strikes a balance between festive flavours and mindful bak-



ing. Baked with ghee and eggs, and made using almond flour, the cake delivers a soft, moist crumb with rich chocolate-citrus notes, offering a nourishing yet indulgent end-of-year dessert that is easy to prepare, perfect

for sharing, and a modern take on festive baking. Sharing her perspective on festive eating, Ritika Samaddar, Regional Head- Dietetics, Max Healthcare, says, "Festive food does not have to mean excess or compromise. California Almonds are a natural source of protein, fibre, good fats, vitamin E, and essential minerals, making them a smart addition to festive recipes. They support heart health, help with sustained energy, and promote satiety, which is especially important during the holiday season when indulgence is high. Using almonds in baking allows people to enjoy celebratory foods while still supporting overall nutrition and well-being." Rich, comforting, and celebratory, this cake makes for a perfect holiday dessert that feels indulgent yet balanced, just right for the season. Here's how to achieve a cake that will keep people coming back for more.

GMBCA & GMCL to honour Local Cricket Coaches Nationwide Announces Prestigious National Cricket Coaches Award 2026-2027

DELHI: In a Press & Media meet held at GMCL headquarters, a Prestigious National Cricket Coaches Award 2026-2027 was announced by GM Box Cricket Association (GMBCA) & Gali Mohalla Cricket League (GMCL). Baba Inder Preet Singh, founder GMCL, said "It's a tribute to recognise & acknowledge the real hard efforts of Local Coaches at grassroots level who shape the future of Nations Cricket across India. Pan India State Wise these awards will create coaches profile awareness in masses about the hardships & years of dedication which lay the foundation of India's Cricket Aspiring Youth for future". Students can refer their Coaches profiles or coaches can directly submit their brief profiles at [www.gmbca.org](http://www.gmbca.org) or [www.gmcricketleague.com](http://www.gmcricketleague.com) and after shortlisting they would be awarded for the same. Along with awards their profiles in India & Internationally too will be shared as a token of recognition for their valuable contribution towards cricket like never before. Further Delhi State Leather Ball Trials for the age group of 14 years-19 years and from 20 years - 45 years have been announced. Also 1st 8 teams from academies in the category of Under 19 will play exhibition matches out of which players would be selected for further GMCL league. 24.25.26.31st January & 1st February 2026 have been planned for the trials & exhibition matches in Delhi. Along with Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Jammu Kashmir, Chandigarh, Haryana trial schedule will be announced on [www.gmbca.org](http://www.gmbca.org) month wise going forward in Session 2026-2027. Sukhwinder Singh Sokhi (Delhi State Co-ordinator), Rakesh Rastogi (UP State Co-ordinator) & Mukesh Chauhan (Punjab State Co-ordinator) too have initiated the awareness campaign for Coaches Award & finalisation of trials schedule in their respective states.

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SHIMLA: The Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Punjab National Bank, Shri Ashok Chandra, today undertook a banking visit to Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, during which he reviewed the progress of banking operations, quality of customer service, expansion of digital banking, and the status of financial inclusion. During a review meeting with officers and staff, Shri Chandra discussed the bank's performance, business growth, credit disbursement, deposit mobilisation, and NPA management. He emphasised maintaining quality in loan sanctions, effective risk management, timely recovery, and a balanced business approach for the bank's long-

term strength. Highlighting the importance of digital banking, he said technology has become an integral part of the banking system. He directed officials to expand internet and mobile banking, UPI, and digital payment services, encourage customers to adopt digital platforms, and raise awareness on cyber security and digital frauds. He also stressed the need for improved branch facilities, customer seating, digital counters, grievance redressal mechanisms, and security arrangements. Shri Chandra stated that human resources are the bank's greatest asset and appreciated the dedication and discipline of employees. He extended New Year greetings and

encouraged staff to achieve higher performance. He also lauded the financial literacy programmes and social initiatives undertaken by the Shimla Circle,

noting the significant contribution of Himachal Pradesh and its customers to the bank's growth. Circle Head Rajesh Kumar welcomed the Managing

Director's visit and reaffirmed the commitment of all branches in the Shimla region towards improved performance and business expansion.

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**MELBOURNE** Former England pacer Stuart Broad was not impressed with the condition of the MCG pitch on Day 1 of the Boxing Day Test, as the former England pacer said that "the amount of movement that this pitch has shown" has indicated that there is "something really wrong". Following the sensational bowling performance from English fast bowler Josh Tongue, who picked up superb figures of 5-45 during Australia's first innings of 152, with the hosts responding in style to skittle England for just 110 on an action-packed opening day's play in the fourth Test that saw a total of 20 wickets fall. It was the first time in 74 years that 20 wickets had fallen on Day 1 of a Test match down under. "The amount of movement that this pitch has shown has indicated to me that there is something really wrong. Test match bowlers do not require this level of movement to bowl effectively in a Test match. Good Test match pitches will have good bounce but not excessive sideways movements," Broad said on Sen Cricket. Meanwhile, Tongue created history at the Boxing Day Test when he became the first England bowler this century to collect a five-wicket haul in Men's Tests at the MCG. It was the first time an England bowler had claimed a five-wicket haul in a Test at the MCG since Darren Gough and Dean Headley did so in 1998 and Tongue was deservedly chuffed with his efforts. The spell was also Tongue's most productive in Test cricket, surpassing his previous best effort of 5-66 against Ireland at Lord's in 2023. There were 94,199 spectators at the MCG on Friday, which sets a new venue record, breaking the previous record of 93,013 for the 2015 Cricket World Cup final between Australia and New Zealand.

NEWS BRIEF

Renuka Singh, Deepti Sharma shine as India restrict Sri Lanka to 112/7 at Thiruvananthapuram

Thiruvananthapuram : Harmanpreet Kaur-led India Women restricted Sri Lanka for just 112/7 in 20 overs in the third T20 of the five-match series at the Greenfield International Stadium, Thiruvananthapuram on Friday. India won the toss and elected to bowl first. Women in Blue continued their dominant bowling form against Sri Lanka. The headlines were stolen by the returning pair of Renuka Singh Thakur and Deepti Sharma, who both made significant impacts in their comeback to the XI. Renuka, returning to the side after a long hiatus, was particularly lethal at the top, dismantling the Sri Lankan top order with a fiery spell to finish with figures of 4/21, while Deepti Sharma, returning to the XI after missing the previous game due to illness, maintained immense pressure from the other end, claiming 3/18. Sri Lanka's innings struggled to find any momentum as they were pinned back by the early breakthroughs, being 32-3 in six overs. Captain Chamari Athapaththu and Hasini Perera provided a brief flicker of resistance at the start, but the middle order once again failed to convert starts into a competitive score.

SG Pipers aim for redemption in Women's Hockey India League after tough debut season

New Delhi : After finishing last in the inaugural season of the Women's Hockey India League (HIL) with just two wins, one of them coming in a shootout, and managing only four goals across six league matches, SG Pipers will head into the upcoming season determined to turn things around and address their struggles in front of goal, as per an HIL release. SG Pipers will rely on a composed goalkeeping unit as they look to build a more resilient defensive structure this season. Argentina's senior goalkeeper Cristina Cosentino brings valuable international experience this season ,while Bansari Solanki provides a solid Indian option between the posts. In defence, the arrival of Udita is a significant boost for the Pipers, adding experience, leadership and quality in penalty corner situations. The most expensive player from last season, SG Pipers were lucky enough to secure Udita for the base price, who has 134 senior caps and 17 goals for her country. Young defender Jyoti Singh, captain of the Indian Junior Women's Team, will also be a crucial player in their defensive unit. International experience is further bolstered by Spain's Lola Riera and Argentina's Costa Biondi. Valentina Isabel, while Indian youngsters Manisha, Shilpi Dabas and Suman Devi Thoudam.



**AGENCY NEW DELHI:** Virat Kohli and Rishabh Pant struck contrasting fifties before Gujarat collapsed in the

closing stages as Delhi claimed a narrow seven-run victory in their Elite Group D encounter of the Vijay Hazare Trophy at the Board of

Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Centre of Excellence (CoE) Ground in Bengaluru on Friday. Kohli's aggressive 77 off 61

balls and Pant's measured 70 off 79 deliveries lifted Delhi to 254/9 in 50 overs. In reply, despite being well-positioned at 213/5, Gujarat's chase faltered in the final stages and were bowled out for 247 in 47.4 overs.

Kohli exhibited his trademark fluency after arriving at the crease following the early dismissal of opener Priyansh Arya. He raced to his half-century off just 29 balls in a knock laced with 10 fours and a six before falling to left-arm spinner Vishal Jayswal for 77. Pant, Delhi's captain, anchored the middle-order with an uncharacteristic display of restraint and showed his trademark aggression after reaching his fifty. His 73-run partnership with Harsh Tyagi (40) proved crucial before Jayswal claimed his fourth wicket and finished with 4-42.

Gujarat appeared comfortable in their chase thanks to solid partnerships of 67 between Urvil Patel (31) and Aarya Desai (57), and then for 54 runs between Aarya and Abhishek Desai. But a middle-order collapse saw Gujarat lose four wickets for 23 runs. Saurabh Chauhan (49 off 43) and Jayswal added 69 for the sixth wicket to revive the chase, but Simarjeet Singh's dismissal of Chauhan triggered another collapse.

With 12 runs needed off 17 balls and one wicket remaining, Prince Yadav (3-37) dismissed Ravi Bishnoi with a sharp delivery, with the catch taken by Kohli, as Delhi sealed a thrilling victory.

Meanwhile, Odisha pacer

Rajesh Mohanty became the first player from his state to claim a hat-trick in List A cricket as his side comfortably defeated Services by four wickets at Alur Cricket Stadium III.

Mohanty first dismissed opener Sagar Dahiya before trapping Amit Shukla and Ravi Chauhan lbw in consecutive deliveries to complete the hat-trick and reduce Services to 21/3. He finished with figures of 4-25 as Services were bowled out for 83 in 21.5 overs, which Odisha chased down easily.

Brief scores: Delhi: 254/9 in 50 overs (Virat Kohli 77, Rishabh Pant 70; Vishal Jayswal 4/42) beat Gujarat 247 all out in 47.4 overs (Aarya Desai 57, Saurabh Chauhan 49; Prince Yadav 3-37, Ishant Sharma 2-28) by seven runs

Services 83 all out in 21.5 overs (Rajesh Mohanty 4-25, Sambit Baral 4-21) lost to Odisha 84/6 in 24.3 overs (Sandeep Pattnaik 3/2 not out) by four wickets

Railways 266/9 in 50 overs (Ravi Singh 76, Ansh Yadav 59; Satyanarayana Raju 3-41, Narasimha Raju 3-68) lost to Andhra 271/4 in 44.4 overs (Ricky Bhui 76, Nitish Kumar Reddy 55 not out; Karn Sharma 3-46) by six wickets

Saurashtra: 253 all out in 50 overs (Harvik Desai 101, Sammar Gajjar 83; Anshul Kamboj 3-30) lost to Haryana: 256/4 in 39 overs (Yashvardhan Dalal 164 not out, Parth Vats 67; Ankur Panwar 3-51) by six wickets

Delhi & Gurugram Dominate CLAT 2026 with Four Ranks in Top 10; Produce Delhi and Haryana State Toppers

KARNAL:The CLAT 2026 results have once again underlined the growing influence of the Delhi-Gurugram region in shaping India's future legal professionals. As competition intensifies nationwide and law continues to emerge as a preferred career choice, students trained in Delhi and Gurugram have delivered one of the strongest city-wise performances in this year's Common Law Admission Test (CLAT). According to officially declared results, students from LegalEdge's Delhi and Gurugram centres together secured four All India Ranks (AIRs) in the Top 10—AIR 2 and AIR 8 from Delhi, and AIR 7 and AIR 9 from Gurugram. Significantly, the Gurugram centre also produced Haryana Topper 1 and Haryana Topper 2, corresponding to AIR 7 and AIR 9, highlighting the depth and consistency of preparation emerging from the NCR belt. Overall, LegalEdge centres in Delhi and Gurugram accounted for 14 ranks in the Top 100. With counselling currently underway, over 300 selections into National Law Universities

(NLUs) are expected from these two centres alone. Top CLAT 2026 Performers from Delhi & Gurugram AIR 2 – Parv Jain (Delhi) | Delhi Topper 1) AIR 7 – Gauransh Vats (Gurugram | Haryana Topper 1) AIR 8 – Argh Jain (Delhi) | Delhi Topper 2) AIR 9 – Manvi Yadav (Gurugram | Haryana Topper 2) Among the standout achievers are Parv Jain (AIR 2) and Argh Jain (AIR 8)—twin brothers mentored at the LegalEdge Delhi centre. Students of DPS School, the twins chose a long-term preparation strategy, enrolling in a structured two-year classroom programme immediately after Class 10. Their journey reflects a growing trend among serious law aspirants who prioritise early academic planning over last-minute preparation. Sharing their experience, the students credited consistency and academic structure as decisive factors.

**AXIS BANK**  
Retail Asset Centre: AXIS Bank Ltd, 2nd Floor, Property # 7-E, Municipal 3903/1142/16, Malhar Road, Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana - 141001, Corporate Office: 'Axis House', Block-6, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400025, Registered Office: 'Trishul', 3rd floor, opposite Samarbhawar Temple, Law garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-380008.

**Publication of Notice regarding possession of property u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002**  
Notice is hereby given 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 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount, within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account. 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 Axis Bank Ltd. for an amount and interest thereon. The borrowers 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.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-borrower	NPA Date	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)
1.	1. Mr. Anil Kumar S/o Jugal Kishore (Borrower), 2. Mr. Ajay Kumar S/o Jugal Kishore (Co-borrower), 3. Mrs. Shobha Rani w/o Jugal Kishore (Co-borrower/ Mortgagee)	08th Sep-2025	11th September, 2025	23rd Dec-2025	Rs. 1496361/- (Rupees Fourteen Lacs Ninety Six Thousand Three Hundred Sixty One Only)

**DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY**  
All that part and parcel of the Residential Property-Portion of House No.6, measuring 03 Marla -08 Sq.Ft. comprised in Khata No. 2176/2492-2493 Kharsa No. 1635, 1636, 1639, as per Jamabandi for the year 2009-2010 Hadbast No.307/2, situated at Shahid Babu Labh Singh Nagar, District Jalandhar registered in the name of Smt. Shobha Rani w/o Jugal Kishore vide Sale Deed having document No.2019-20/186/11/1989 dated 17-Feb. 2020. Boundaries (as per Documents) : EAST-House Bakhtish Kumar / 12'-4", WEST-Road 12'-4", NORTH-House No.5-Ashok Kumar/ 50'-4", SOUTH-House No.6-Sunder Singh /50'-4".  
Date : 23.12.2025  
Place: Ludhiana  
Sd/- (Authorized Officer),  
Axis Bank Ltd.

**NORTHERN RAILWAY E-AUCTION NOTICE**  
Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Cng., Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites bid through E-Auction for which detail is as under:-

SN	Catalogue & Details	E-Catalogue No.	Name of Station	Date & Time for E-auction
1	Operation & Maintenance (O&M) contract for normal Pay & Use toilets at 08 stations	UMS-PH/Toi/10-25	Shirna (PF No- 1A), Rajpura (PF No- 1), Ambala City, Abohar, Kaika, Sangrur, Amb-Andaura and Dhuri	01.01.2026 at 12:00 hrs

For Participation in E-Auction process or for any other information related to E-Auction process, visit [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in)

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**HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT CORRIGENDUM**  
The Bids re-invited vide this office letter No.PW/TLDIAB/Tender/2025- 10785-81 dated 18.12.2025 for the following works is hereby cancel due to administrative and technical reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	EMO	Cost of Tender	Time period	Eligible class of Contractor
1	R.R.D on Thaloat to Katalahi road Km. 0/0 to 11/00 (SH- Construction of R/Walls at RD 0/050 to 0/870, 1/055 to 1/070, 3/155 to 3/170, 3/910 to 2/020, 2/080 to 2/095 and 5/310 to 5/330) (PDNA-2023)	Rs. 29,26,757/-	Rs. 56,000/-	Rs. 2000/-	Three Months	D
2	R.R.D on Thaloat-Panjan-Thachi-Shattadhar road Km. 0/0 to 40/00 (SH- C/o R/Walls at RDs 21/290 to 21/305, 23/575 to 23/588, 24/945 to 24/960, 25/870 to 25/880, 26/945 to 26/965, 30/825 to 30/835, 30/910 to 30/925, 32/460 to 32/472 and C/o B/wall at RD 26/745 to 26/770) (PDNA-2023)	Rs. 32,41,039/-	Rs. 65,000/-	Rs. 2000/-	Three Months	D
3	R.R.D on Bati to Thachi road Km. 0/00 to 25/00 (SH- C/o B/Wall at RD 6/040 to 6/100) (PDNA-2023)	Rs. 14,50,791/-	Rs. 29,000/-	Rs. 500/-	Two Month	D

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
HPPWD Division (B&R),  
Thaloat at Pandoh  
DPR/H-P-527/12025-2026

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Registered Office: ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chokli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodra- 390007  
Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex Mumbai 400051  
GOLD E-AUCTION CUM INVITATION NOTICE  
The below mentioned borrowers have been issued notice to pay off their outstanding amount towards the facility against gold ornaments. ("Facility") availed by them from ICICI Bank Limited ("ICICI Bank"). We are constrained to conduct an E-Auction of pledged gold ornaments on January 08, 2026 as they have failed to repay the dues. ICICI Bank has the authority to remove account/change the E-Auction date without any prior notice. Auction will be held online-<https://jewel-auction.procureteiger.com> between 12-30 pm to 3-30 pm. For detailed Terms and conditions, please log into given website. In case of deceased borrower, all conditions will be applicable to legal heirs.

Loan A/C No.	Customer Name	Loan A/C No.	Customer Name	Loan A/C No.	Customer Name		
359462002406	Sunil Kumar	722462000277	Rajni Rajni	319562002247	Mr Jaawant		
0859462003035	Rajni Singh	Branch Name: Faridabad - Greenfields	Branch Name: Faridabad - Sector 79	Branch Name: Mansi Dalwadi	197962005488	Anjali Anjali	
635262602303	Kabir Shah	Branch Name: Bhawani	732362000545	Ravi Kant Purohit	419062000847	Rishabh	
072962003080	Vikash Singh	Branch Name: Gannaur, Haryana	359257000004	Sandeep	419057000089	Neelima Neelima	
072957000177	Suman Suman	Branch Name: Charkhadadi	369062001148	Saurabh Shukla	Branch Name: Munafgarh - Zero Mile	334562002639	Virend Kumar Pandey
211157000246	Suman Devi	Branch Name: Gurgaon-Sector 46	Branch Name: Hisar	Branch Name: Samana	152162006024	Sohan Singh	
211157000292	Suman Devi	Branch Name: Oharuhera	017262008653	Mohit Mohit			
162962002048	Manjeet Kumar	Branch Name: Elanabad, Haryana	Branch Name: Karnal				

Date : 29.12.2025  
Place : Ambala, Bhiwani, Gurugram, Hisar, Karnal, Sirsa, Sonapat, Faridabad, Kurukshetra, Mohendragarh, Fatehabad, Charkhi Dada, Rewari, Cheeka, Faridabad  
Sd/ Authorised Officer  
For ICICI Bank Limited

**HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**  
Tel: 01899-299216  
sewd@chowarihp.gov.in  
The Executive Engineer, Chowari Division, HPPWD, Chowari HP on behalf of Governor of HP invite the percentage rate bid in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractor registered with HP PWD for the following work as detailed in the table :-

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender form	Time limit	Eligible class
1	Restoration of damage on Shalpur Shuruta Chowari road Km 0/0 to 40/00 under PDNA (SH - Construction of Retaining wall with Pucca between at RD 23/910 to 24/00 & 24/060 to 24/160)	1759662.00	35133.00	500.00	One Month	Class-D & C
2	Restoration of damage on Shalpur Shuruta Chowari road Km 0/0 to 53/00 under PDNA (SH - Construction of Retaining wall with Pucca between at RD 43/250 to 43/800 & 43/900 to 44/200)	6947743.00	138955.00	2000.00	One Month	Class-C & above
3	Restoration of damages due to laying of OFC on Shalpur Shuruta Chowari road Km 40/00 to 53/00 (SH - removal of land slide Construction of Counterfort wall at Rd 43/850 to 43/880)	9420968.00	188418.00	2000.00	One Month	Class-D & C
4	Restoration of rain damage on Drammalah Chulara Rajan road Km 0/0 to 9/00 (SH - C/o B/wall at Rd 6/410 to 6/425)	248891.00	4978.00	350.00	One Month	Class-D & C
5	Restoration of rain damage on Gola to Shiora road Km 0/0 to 3/00 (SH - Construction of B/wall at Rd 2/280 to 2/310 and wing wall at Rd 2/258 to 2/279 and 2/281 to 2/286)	13880321.00	21381.00	500.00	One Month	Class-D & C
6	Restoration of damage on link road to village Hatti Km 0/0 to 0/545 under PDNA (SH - Providing and laying cement concrete pavement and road side drain in between RD. 0/030 to 0/051 and U-shape drain at RD 0/030 to 0/083)	756328.00	15127.00	350.00	One Month	Class-D & C
7	Restoration of damage due to laying OFC on Shuruta to Bakshi road under PDNA (SH - Providing and laying cement concrete pavement from RD 0/800 5/0 to 1/045 alongside drain at Kakira Bazar.	1798803.00	28996.00	500.00	One Month	Class-D & C

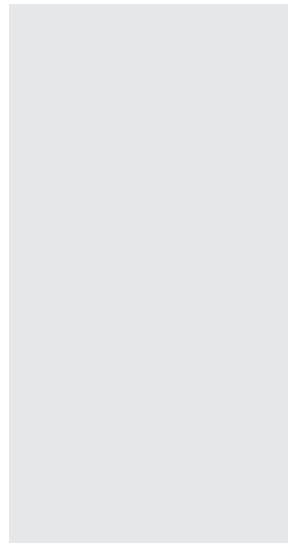
**KEY DATE:-**  
1. Starting Date for downloading bid 26.12.2025 at 5:00 PM.  
2. Deadline for submission of bid 02.01.2026 11:00 AM.  
3. The undersigned has right to extend or cancel the bid without declaring any reasons thereof.  
The bidders are advised to note other detail of tender from the department website [www.hptender.gov.in](http://www.hptender.gov.in)

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
Chowari Division,  
HPPWD, Chowari.  
DPR/H-P-529/12025-2026

**Kogta Kogta Financial (India) Limited DEMAND NOTICE**  
CIN No. U67120RJ1996PLC011406, Corporate Office: S-1 Copalbat, Near Amer Park, Opp. Metro Pillar No. 143, Jagur - 320021, Rajasthan, India | Tel: +91 141 8767067, Registered Office: Kogta House, Azad Mahala, Bijanagar - 305624, Rajasthan, India | Email: [info@kogta.in](mailto:info@kogta.in) | [www.kogta.in](http://www.kogta.in)  
DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SEC 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002. The following borrowers & co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from Kogta Financial (India) Ltd. the loans of below mentioned borrowers & co-borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms & conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loans were classified as NPA's as per the RBI guidelines. Amounts due by them to Kogta Financial (India) Ltd. are mentioned in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be payable as applicable and the same will be charged with effect from their respective dates.

Name of Borrowers & Co-borrowers/ Mortgagee	Outstanding as per 13(2) Notice Date/ Loan Account No./ Date of NPA	Details of Secured Assets
1.MR. MOHAMMAD INTZAR AHMED (Applicant/ Mortgagee) S/O MR. MANGA HASAN HOUSE NO. 178 STAR CITY COLONY, ST NO. 1 TIBBA ROAD, LUDHIANA, VILLAGE KULUEWAL, BASTI JOCHEWAL, LUDHIANA, PUNJAB 141007 MOB- 7837096872	RS-2768722/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Two Only) as on 24.11.2025/ Notice Date: 24.11.2025/ 0000206593/03.11.2025	SCHEDULE OF THE MORTGAGED IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY BEARING KHATA NO. 320/321, COMPRISED UNDER KHASRA NO. 15/212,204/1/1, 1/2, 2/8/2, 9, 10, 11, 12/1, 12/2, 12/3, 13, 18, 19,20, 21, 22/1, 23/1, 23/2, 23/15, 16, 25, 27/5/1, 5/2, 16/1, 25/2, 28/11/1/1, 1/1/2, 2/2, 3/1, 3/2, 8/1, 8/2/1, 8/2/2, 9/1/1/1, 9/1/2, 10/2, 12/1/2, 13/2/2 AS PER JAMBANCHI YEAR 2006-2007, SITUATED AT VILLAGE KULUEWAL, STAR CITY COLONY, TIBBSAL & DISTT. LUDHIANA PUNJAB. ADMEASURING 100 SQ. YARDS. ON DATED 26.10.2017 MRS. RENU W/O MR. KAMAL KUMAR EXECUTED SALE DEED IN FAVOR OF MR. MOHD. INTZAAR AHMED S/O MR. MANGA HASSAN VIDE SALE DEED BEARING VASKA NO. 13881 VIDE MUTATION NO. 55008. PROPERTY OWNED BY INTZAR HASAN. BOUNDED AS UNDER - EAST - OTHER PROPERTY, WEST - STREET NORTH - OTHER PROPERTY, SOUTH - OTHER PROPERTY.
2. MR. MANGA HASAN (Co-Applicant) S/O MR. MEHNDI HASAN HOUSE NO. 178 STAR CITY COLONY, ST NO. 1 TIBBA ROAD, LUDHIANA, VILLAGE KULUEWAL, BASTI JOCHEWAL, LUDHIANA, PUNJAB 141007 MOB - 8146456773		
3.MRS. MUNNI (Co-Applicant) W/O MR. MANGA HASAN HOUSE NO. 178 STAR CITY COLONY, ST NO. 1 TIBBA ROAD, VILLAGE KULUEWAL, BASTI JOCHEWAL, LUDHIANA, PUNJAB 141007 MOB- 9068693305		

Since the notices sent to you on the address in which you originally reside/carry on business/personally works for gain have returned to us, we are constrained to cause this notice to be published. You are hereby called upon u/s 13(2) of the above Act to discharge the above mentioned liability with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc. within 60 days of this notice failing which the KFL will be exercising all or any of the rights u/s Sec 13(4) of the above Act. The borrower'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. You are also put to notice that as per terms of Sec 13(13) of the above Act, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the aforesaid secured assets.  
Date: 26.12.2025, Place: LUDHIANA, PUNJAB  
Authorised Officer, Kogta Financial (India) Limited



**NORTHERN RAILWAY Open Tender Notice No. ETRU-T-10-2025-26**  
Open tender through E-tendering is invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD, Northern Railway, Ambala from the willing Contractors for following work on railway website [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in) up to 15.00 hrs. on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter

S. N.	Open Tender No.	Name of Work	Approx. Cost	Earnest Money	Completion Period	Validity Period	Cost of Tender Form
1.	ETRU-T-10-2025-26	Annual Comprehensive Maintenance Contract for Breakdown vehicles Tower Wagons over Ambala Division for the period of 3 years.	19.01.2026	₹ 4,62,09,502.78/-	₹ 3,81,100/-	36 Months	60 Days

1. Tenderer(s) are required to upload scanned copies of all related eligibility documents including PAN/GSTIN as per conditions.  
2. Tenderer(s) should have Class-II Digital Signature Certificate to participate in E-Tendering of Works Tenders.  
3. All Taxes i.e. GST, BOCWW, Income tax etc. are applicable as per extant rule.  
4. In the work, the condition of Similar Nature Work is applicable and is as, "OEM and their authorized dealers" OR "Manufacturer of Tower Wagon" OR Five years experience in Repair/Overhauling of "Engines of same capacity or above as used in Tower wagon/Transmission system of similar capacity or above as used in Tower wagon".  
5. For details, please log on IREPS website [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in)  
No. ETRU-T-10-2025-26 Dated: 26.12.2025  
Serving Customers with a Smile 4004/2025





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

CHANDIGARH::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.

Jamie Lever announces break from social media after Tanya Mittal mimicry backlash



Comedian and mimicry artist Jamie Lever has announced that she has decided to take a short break from social media. Jamie made the announcement days after facing heavy backlash from netizens over a video she shared on social media, mimicking Bigg Boss 19 contestant and social media influencer Tanya Mittal. The video did not go down well with many social media users, who felt she had gone over the top. Taking to Instagram on Thursday, Jamie spoke about her love for her work and the support she has received over the years. Talking about how she has al-

ways worked with honesty and has been "bringing joy" to people, she wrote, "Those who truly know me know how deeply I love my work and how honest I do it. I'm grateful to God for the gift of bringing joy to others and forever thankful for the love I've received over the years." "I've learned on this journey that not everyone will cheer for you or laugh with you. Recent events have made me feel like I've lost a small part of myself, this comes from reflection, not anger," she added. Jamie went on to say that she still loves entertaining people but needs time to "rest and reset." Announcing her break,

she wrote, "I love what I do and will always entertain. For now, I'm taking some time to rest and reset. See you next year. Thank you for the love, prayers, and support-always." Earlier this month, Jamie had shared a video on Instagram where she recreated emotional moments of Tanya Mittal from Bigg Boss 19. In the clip, Jamie mimicked Tanya's expressions while cutting between scenes of the contestant crying on the show. While some viewers saw the video as comedy, many netizens were upset and accused Jamie of "mocking" Tanya's looks and her "emotional vulnerability".

Katrina Kaif gives a sneak peek into Christmas celebration with husband Vicky Kaushal



Actor Katrina Kaif enjoyed a cosy fam-jam Christmas celebration. Taking to Instagram, she gave her fans and followers a sneak peek into Kaushal's and Kaif's Christmas bash. She shared an adorable picture of herself smiling with her husband, Vicky Kaushal, brother-in-law Sunny Kaushal, and brother Se-

bastien. Katrina looked radiant in a red sweater, exuding Christmas vibes. Vicky, Sunny and Sebastian embraced the Christmas spirit by donning Santa Caps. "Love joy and peace to all... It's a Merry Merry Christmas," she captioned the post. In November this year, Vicky and Katrina announced

the arrival of their son, leaving fans and their friends joyous. "Our bundle of joy has arrived. With immense love and gratitude, we welcome our baby boy. 7th November, 2025. Katrina & Vicky," the note read. They confirmed their pregnancy in September with an adorable picture from what

appeared to be a maternity photoshoot. "On our way to start the best chapter of our lives with hearts full of joy and gratitude," they wrote in a joint announcement on Instagram. Vicky and Katrina tied the knot on December 9, 2021, at Six Senses Fort Barwara in Rajasthan.

Sunidhi Chauhan enthralls Mumbai with her electrifying concert

Sunidhi Chauhan recently delivered a power-packed performance in Mumbai, enthralling the crowd with her blockbuster songs and her electrifying energy. Spotted in the crowd were a multitude of celebrities including Imtiaz Ali, Zakir Khan, Sunil Grover, Wamiqa Gabbi, Nushratt Bharuccha, Shriya Saran, Awez Darbar, Nagma Mirajkar, Ashnoor Kaur, Mithila Palkar, Nitanshi Goel, Meiyang Chang, Sushant Divgikar, Luv Ranjan, Shubhangi Atre, Hansika Pareek, Avinash Tiwary, Dhvani Bhanushali, Amit Tandon, Sajid Khan, Asees Kaur, Goldie Sohel, Salim Merchant, Abhishek Bajaj, Rohan Joshi and Divya Kumar amongst others. A major highlight of her concert was the surprise appearance of veteran singer Alisha Chinai, whose soulful performance captivated the audience. She delighted the crowd with her iconic tracks, including 'Tinka Tinka' and 'Aaj Ki Raat'. Alisha even took to Instagram and expressed her happiness about performing on stage



with Sunidhi. "A Surprise Xmass Guest Appearance ... with the Powerhouse @sunidhichauhan5... she rocked the house with her Mindblowing performance !!! Will always Cherish this Moment n her n all her Love Love you," she posted. About the successful show, Alaap Gosher, CEO & Co-Founder, TM Ventures stated, "I Am Home India Tour" was created to showcase the true scale of a generational talent. Sunidhi Chauhan has the rare ability to connect instantly with every fan in the room, and when that artistry is supported by exceptional production, it becomes an experience that stays with people for a lifetime. This tour is not just a concert series—it's a celebration of her journey and the love audiences across India have for her." Following a successful outing in Mumbai, Sunidhi's 'I Am Home India Tour' continues its run across major cities, including Delhi, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Chennai, Jaipur, Chandigarh, Indore, Lucknow and Kolkata, over the next few months.

Rakul Preet Singh calls husband Jackky Bhagnani "favourite human"

Actor-producer Jackky Bhagnani turned a year older on Thursday, his wife, actress Rakul Preet Singh, marked the special day with a loving message for her "favourite human" as she offered fans a glimpse into their life together. Taking to Instagram, Rakul shared a reel dedicated to Jackky, stitching together moments that reflected both companionship and comfort. In the video, she described him as her "pillar," "work buddy," "safe place," and the "calm in chaos," before signing off with a simple but affectionate birthday wish for the man she called her favourite person to do life with. Alongside the reel, Rakul added a caption that expanded on the emotions behind the post. In her note for husband Jackky, the actress mentioned how he has always been her source of strength and reassurance, crediting him for being steady, supportive, and a constant presence in her life. She wrote, "Happpppy Birthday my favorite human!! You are my strength, my comfort, and my biggest blessing. Thank you for being you, steady, supportive, and endlessly special. Wishing you a year full of success,



laughter, and moments that make you truly happy. Stay amazing and never stop being my happy place. Loveeeee you more than words can say, @jackkybhagnani The duo tied the knot in an intimate ceremony in Goa on February 21 last year. They had two ceremonies, one according to Sikh traditions and the other according to Sindhi traditions. For the wedding, Rakul wore a pink

peach lehenga adorned with enormous diamonds. Jackky wore an ivory chikankari sherwani featuring the intricate 'chinnar' motif. Meanwhile, on the work front, Rakul was last seen in the rom-com 'De De Pyaar De 2' alongside Ajay Devgn. The sequel, which also starred actor R. Madhavan, hit theatres on November 14. The film also stars Meezan and Jaaved Jaaferi in key roles.

'A villain like Kalikant had to meet his end': Aarya Babbar on Jagriti-Ek Nayi Subah's big turning point



CHANDIGARH: Zee TV's Jagriti-Ek Nayi Subah is heading towards an emotionally charged turning point as one of its most impactful characters, Kalikant, reaches his much-awaited conclusion. Over the course of the show, Kalikant emerged as a powerful, layered presence whose journey has been deeply entwined with the narrative. As the story prepares to bid farewell to the character, actor Aarya Babbar reflects on the end of a role that has been both creatively fulfilling and emotionally significant. He said, "I think I'm going to miss everything about Kalikant and the show, Jagriti-Ek Nayi Subah. Kalikant and the show are deeply intertwined, they truly go hand in hand. The way the writing and creative teams have worked on the show was remarkable. As a team, the effort put into shaping Jagriti-Ek Nayi Subah and especially Kalikant was incredible. They made Kalikant a larger-than-life character, and as an actor, I truly enjoyed playing him. At the same time, I understand as a performer that every role has a beginning, a middle, and an end. I'm genuinely excited for the audience to watch Kalikant's closure. I believe viewers will feel satisfied when they see how his journey concludes. A villain like Kalikant had to meet his end and receive a proper closure, just like the rest of the characters. That sense of completion made the farewell meaningful, even though it was difficult." What made Kalikant stand out was not just his menace, but the emotional depth with which he was portrayed. Aarya Babbar shares how approaching the character from a humane lens shaped his performance. "The most challenging part was finding an honest and authentic voice for Kalikant. I never approached him as a typical antagonist. Instead, I played him as a deeply human character. He genuinely believes that whatever he does is right. Much like how characters such as Ravan are perceived, in their own eyes and even by others, they don't see themselves as villains, that's how I viewed Kalikant. My perception and performance always came from the belief that he is humane. His emotions, his relationships, his romance with his wives, his unique way of speaking everything came together to shape him. There's also a layer of sarcasm and subtle humor to Kalikant, despite him being a negative character. Balancing all these aspects was both challenging and incredibly enjoyable," he shared.

COLORS owns 2025 as a year of landmark mass entertainment



CHANDIGARH: If 2025 had a remote control, chances are it was tuned to COLORS. The year unfolded as a celebration of everything Indian television does best—different emotions, bigger personalities, and stories that stayed with viewers long after the screen faded to black. From shows that sparked debates and memes to formats that turned everyday viewing into shared national moments, COLORS didn't just reflect what India wanted to watch—it shaped it. Serving the first big milestone property was 'Laughter Chefs Unlimited Entertainment'. Across two wildly popular seasons, the homegrown format dished out pure 'dinner-tainment'—celebrity first-time cooks, chaotic kitchens, and unfiltered humour that turned weekend viewing into a laughter-filled family ritual. Fueling the chaos right alongside was 'Bigg Boss 19'. With Salman Khan back at the helm, the iconic house once again morphed into a pressure cooker of raw emotions, power plays, and headline-making drama. Adding a refreshingly relatable layer to the reality slate was 'Dhamaal With Pati Patni Aur Panga', which ditched glossy couple goals for real-life chemistry, everyday pangas, and laugh-out-loud marital moments that viewers instantly recognized as their own. While reality kept the nation buzzing, fiction became the emotional backbone of 2025. COLORS continued to build a rich storytelling universe rooted in grit, transformation, and evolving relationships. 'Mangal Lakshmi' emerged as a moving portrait of modern womanhood and quiet resilience, while 'Mannat: Har Khushi Paane Ki' added a deeply emotional lens on fate, and inner strength. From the emotional intensity of 'Seher Hone Ko Hai' to the youthful chaos of 'Tu Juliet Jatt Di' where marriage happened first and love finds its way later and the supernatural intrigue of 'Noyontara', the slate delivered a compelling mix of depth, energy, and imagination—stories that resonated deeply while offering viewers constant freshness. Mythology and fantasy continued to command loyal audiences with 'Shiv Shakti: Tap Tyag Tandav'.

Suniel Shetty, wife Mana celebrate 43 years of togetherness

Actor Suniel Shetty and his wife Mana on Friday celebrated "43 years of togetherness." Taking to Instagram, Suniel penned a love-filled note for Manna, writing, "Happy anniversary, Nani! Here's to 43 years of togetherness... from crush; to girlfriend, to wife, to mother and now Nani! "He also shared an adorable snap of him and Mana spending time with their granddaughter Evaarah. Suniel and Mana Shetty tied the knot on December 25, 1991, after dating for nine years. They are parents to daughter Athiya Shetty and son Ahan Shetty. Meanwhile, on the work front, Suniel will be seen in the multi-starrer 'Welcome 3'. Earlier in the day, his co-star Akshay Kumar shared a special teaser, offering a glimpse of the star-studded cast of the film and their dramatic entry against the tune of a Christmas jingle. "Wishing one and all a very Merry Christmas from the giant cast of Welcome to the Jungle! In cinemas 2026. Never have I ever been part of something so big...none of us have. We can't wait to present our gift to you. It's a wrap, people! Well done, gang. Such a huge effort from everyone involved in making this happen. From our big family to yours at home, we wish you nothing but the best for 2026," Akshay wrote in the caption. The film is the third instalment of the hit franchise 'Welcome', which starred Feroz Khan, Akshay Kumar, Katrina Kaif, Anil Kapoor, Nana Patekar and Paresh Rawal in the lead roles. The second instalment, titled 'Welcome Back', was released in 2015.





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