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NEWS BRIEFS

ECI publishes UP's draft rolls, 2.89 crore names deleted

LUCKNOW: The Election Commission of India (ECI) published the draft electoral rolls of Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday under the Special Intensive Process (SIR) process and around 28.9 million (2.89 crore) names were dropped from the rolls. Now the total voters in the SIR draft rolls has come down to 12.56 crore from 15.44 crore, a deletion of around 18.70%. After rationalise of the polling booths from 1500 to 1200 per booth, now 15030 new booths had been added in the state, announced CEO Navdeep Rinwa on Tuesday. The number of polling stations in Uttar Pradesh will increase by 15,030 from 1,62,486 to 1,77,516. On December 23, the ECI had approved the proposal for allocation of polling stations based on 1,200 voters each in 403 assembly constituencies in 75 UP districts.

Senior Cong leader Suresh Kalmadi passes away

PUNE: Former union Minister and senior Congress leader Suresh Kalmadi passed away on Tuesday following a prolonged illness. He was 81.
Former Pune MP, a prominent figure in both politics and the sports world, had been undergoing treatment at Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital in Pune. His mortal remains will be kept at Kalmadi House in Erandwane for public darshan till 2 pm, after which his last rites will be performed at Vaikunth smashanbhumi in Navi Peth, Pune.
Several senior political leaders, party colleagues, and supporters have been gathering at his residence to pay their final respects.

Sonia Gandhi ill, admitted to Ganga Ram hospital

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Sonia Gandhi has been admitted to the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital here, sources said on Tuesday. She is doing fine and has been kept under observation of a chest physician, they said.
It is a routine admission, but she has this problem of chronic cough, and she keeps coming for check-ups, especially with this pollution in the city, a hospital source told a news agency, adding that she was admitted on Monday evening.

Adani raises Rs 1,000 cr, bond issue sold out in 45 mins

NEW DELHI: Adani Enterprises Limited's (AEL) Rs 1,000 crore public issue of non-convertible debentures (NCDs) was lapped up within 45 minutes of opening, according to stock exchange data.
The base issue of Rs 500 crore was snapped in just 10 minutes, and subscription crossed Rs 1,000 crore - after including the green-shoe option - in under an hour. According to BSE data, AEL received bids for 2.19 crore NCDs against an issue size of 50 lakh at the close on the first day.

Another Hindu businessman killed in Bangladesh

AGENCY
DHAKA, JAN 6

Another Hindu businessman named Mani Chakraborty was murdered in Bangladesh. Abdullah Al Faruque, Police Super (SP) of Narshigdhi, confirmed the incident."Mani Chakraborty, a resident of Palash upazila in Narsingdi district, was on his way home from his business after 9 pm on Monday night when assailants stabbed him right in front of his house", Abdullah Al Faruque told reporter over the phone on Tuesday. "We haven't been able to uncover the reason behind the murder yet, but we are trying to catch the suspects" he added, without elaborating.This is the second murder that happened on the same night in Bangladesh. Just a short while before Moni Chakraborty's killing, another businessman named Rana Pratap Bairagi was murdered in the Jessore district in the southern part of the country. A 40-year-old Hindu man, Sarat Chakraborty Mani, was killed on Monday night in Narsingdi, near Dhaka, after being attacked with sharp weapons by unidentified assailants, reported Bangladesh registered Newspaper Weeklyblitz.Residents and eyewitnesses claimed the attack occurred while Mani was operating his grocery shop at Charsindur Bazaar in Palash Upazila. The assailants reportedly arrived suddenly and assaulted him with sharp weapons before fleeing the scene. He sustained critical injuries and died while being taken to hospital, reported Local Media.The incident marks the sixth reported killing of a Hindu individual in Bangladesh within the past 18 days. Accoring to local media, on 19 December, Mani wrote a Facebook post expressing concern about violence in the country, describing his birthplace as having become "a valley of death." Police are investigating the incident.This killing comes after the reported killing of another Hindu Man on Monday in Jessore. An ice factory owner was shot dead in public in the Monirampur area of Jesore, reported Prothom Alo. According to local media, Rana Pratap Bairagi, owned an ice manufacturing factory in Kapalia Bazar, Monirampur, and served as the acting editor of the newspaper 'Dainik BD Khobor' published from Narail.



Developments may impact Assam, says CM Himanta Sarma

GUWAHATI: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday said the recent developments in Bangladesh is a matter of concern for Assam. In interaction with media, he said atrocities on Hindus in Bangladesh have been increasing and that it might have an impact on Assam.
Sarma appealed to everyone to be cautious, saying the situation needs to be monitored thoroughly. "We have to be cautious... we must also infuse hope among the Hindu 'samaj' in Bangladesh," Sarma said.
Asked about the recent arrest of some Jihadi elements from Assam, Sarma said such elements have been active in Assam for about a decade. "For the last 10 years, we have been witnessing jihadi activities here. Security of Assam has always been a concern. I am sure there are still some sleeper cells active in Assam," he said, adding the state's security will remain a concern untill there is a substantial improvement in geo-political situation.

Key operative among four held with 20kg heroin in Amritsar

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH/AMRITSAR, JAN 6

In a major crackdown on trans-border smuggling amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a drug-free state as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF), Border Range, in a joint operation with the Border Security Force (BSF) has recovered a haul of 19.980 Kg heroin and apprehended four accused, including the key operative managing the supply chain, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Tuesday.

Those arrested have been identified as Sahibjit Singh alias Sahib and Rajwinder Singh alias Golu, both residents of Old Naraingarh in Amritsar; Ashu Sharma alias Ashu, a resident of Chheharta in Amritsar and a 17-years-old Juvenile, a resident of Amritsar. Apart from recovering heroin haul, police teams have also impounded their Maruti Brezza car and two motorcycles.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary investigation has revealed that the accused is linked to Pakistan-based handlers and was coordinating the delivery and distribution of drug consignments across the region. Further investigation is underway to identify cross-border handlers, trace supply routes, and dismantle the entire network, he said.

Sharing operational details, SP ANTF Border Range Gurpreet Singh said that reliable information was received about the accused had gone towards the border area to retrieve a heroin consignment smuggled via drone. Acting swiftly on the input, a joint team of ANTF and BSF laid a naka at a strategic location and successfully intercepted all four accused along with a Brezza car used in the crime, he said.



The SP said that based on the disclosures of the arrested accused persons, a joint search operation was conducted at BOP Ghogga, falling under the jurisdiction of Police Station Bhindi Saidan, District Amritsar. During the search, 19.980 kg heroin— packed in five packets, was recovered from the agricultural fields near village Bhindi Aulakh, he said. In this regard, a case FIR No. 06 dated 06.01.2026 has been registered under sections 21, 25 and 29 of the NDPS Act at Police Station ANTF, SAS Nagar.

JNU seeks FIR over objectionable slogans raised by students

UNI
NEW DELHI: The Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) administration on Tuesday wrote to the local police over the allegedly objectionable slogans raised by certain students, seeking an FIR in the matter.

The varsity's chief security office in his letter to the Station House Officer (SHO) Vasant Kunj (North) Police Station said a programme was held Monday night near the university's Sabarmati Hostel by students associated with JNUSU, to observe the sixth anniversary of the violence that took place in the campus on January 5, 2020.



However, as per the security officer at the time of commencement, the gathering appeared to be limited to commemorating the said anniversary.

The number of students present at the spot was approximately 30-35, he said, and prominent ones included Aditi Mishra, Gopika Babu, Sunil Yadav, Danish Ali, Saad Azmi, Mehboob Ilahi, Kanishk, Pakeeza Khan, Shubham, and others.

However, he added that during the said programme, subsequent to the judicial verdict on the bail pleas of Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam, the nature and tone of the gathering changed, while some of them began raising objectionable, provocative, and inflammatory slogans, he alleged, adding that it was also contempt of the Supreme Court.

The official also alleged that raising such slogans is inconsistent with democratic dissent, and violate the JNU code of conduct, and also could affect public order, along with raising concerns regarding harmony, safety and the overall environment on campus. He claimed that the slogans were clearly audible, deliberate, and repeated, thereby indicating intentional and conscious misconduct, rather than a spontaneous or inadvertent expression.

Haryana will prove to be growth engine of developed India: CM Saini

BUREAU
GURUGRAM, JAN 6

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Tuesday said that Haryana will prove to be the growth engine of Developed India-2047, adding that work is being carried out in a planned manner to ensure that Haryana's contribution is useful in the national interest.

Haryana Vision Document-"2047 has been prepared through extensive consultation, in-depth study, and participation of experts, CM Saini said at the pre-budget workshop organised at the Gurugram University Auditorium.



The chief minister held discussions on every aspect during the pre-budget consultation meeting organised with stakeholders from the industry, health, IT, and education sectors for the financial year 2026-"27. Representatives of various organisations associated with industry and manufacturing units shared their suggestions for the upcoming budget.

CM Saini today launched the AI-based 'Haryana Budget Janbhagidari' Portal during the pre-budget session held in Gurugram, in line with Haryana Vision 2047. Through this portal, citizens will get a direct opportunity to participate in the state's budget-making process. Suggestions can be submitted on the portal in Haryanvi, Hindi, and English, languages ensuring participation from all sections of society. The Chief Minister said that this platform reflects the government's commitment to transparency, citizen participation, and participatory governance. Through this portal, citizens, experts, and stakeholders will be able to connect directly with the government, share practical suggestions, and help make the budget-making process more open, continuous, and dialogue-driven.

SC refuses to entertain Gautam Khaitan's plea

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed a writ petition filed by advocate Gautam Khaitan challenging the provisional attachment of his properties by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in the AgustaWestland VVIP helicopter case, holding that the legal issues raised by him are already under consideration in pending review petitions relating to the Vijay Madanlal Choudhary judgment.



A Bench comprising Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi declined to examine the validity of the attachment proceedings under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), noting that the legality of Section 44(1)(c) of the statute is a subject matter of review before the Court. "Since the issue of the applicability of the provisions of the PMLA is under consideration in review petitions in the Vijay Madanlal case, it seems to us that the legality of Section 44(1)(c) shall be examined in the course of those proceedings," the Chief Justice observed. The Bench said there was no justification to entertain a separate writ petition on the same issue and dismissed Khaitan's plea, while keeping the question of law open.Khaitan had approached the Supreme Court after the Delhi High Court rejected his challenge to the ED's provisional attachment of assets allegedly linked to proceeds of crime in the AgustaWestland case.

ED files charge sheet in Rs 800 cr Sahiti Infratec fraud case

UNI
NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday said it has filed a supplementary charge sheet before a special PMLA court in Hyderabad against B Lakshminarayana and Sandhu Purnachandra Rao, former officials of Sahiti Infratec Ventures India Pvt Ltd (SIVIPL).

The court took cognizance of the charge sheet on Monday.

The ED initiated a PMLA investigation based on an FIR registered by Telangana Police against SIVIPL, B. Lakshminarayana, and others for advertising a "pre-launch offer" for the construction of a world-class residential gated community and collecting large sums from prospective buyers.

The company, however, failed to deliver the flats or refund the money, thereby cheating buyers of their hard-earned savings. Subsequently, various other FIRs were registered based on complaints from investors and buyers of different projects undertaken by M/s SIVIPL and other group entities.

More than 700 home-buyers, who were promised delivery of flats or villas, were defrauded of a cumulative amount of nearly Rs 360 crore.

The ED investigation revealed that SIVIPL did not have the necessary RERA/HMDA permissions. Furthermore, there was no escrow account for the project, and funds received from investors were deposited into various bank accounts and also collected in cash.

The accused collected over Rs 800 crore through the sale of inventory in illegally launched projects of SIVIPL, cheating the public under the false pretext of selling inventory without obtaining required permissions and approvals.

They collected a substantial amount of cash from buyers, which was not entered into SIVIPL's books of accounts, with a clear intent to conceal and siphon funds. More than Rs 216.91 crore in cash was collected from buyers for the project Sarvani Elite. The ED investigation further revealed that the proceeds of crime were siphoned off by diverting funds from M/s SIVIPL to related .

India's first hydrogen train set to run between Jind and Sonipat

UNI
CHANDIGARH, JAN 6

Haryana is set to witness the launch of India's first hydrogen-powered train. Northern Railway's ambitious project, which will operate between Jind and Sonipat, is in its final stages of preparation. A stable and uninterrupted 11 kV power supply has been ensured for the hydrogen plant established in Jind, which will provide fuel for the train during its final commissioning and regular operations.

Chief Secretary Anurag Rastogi held a hybrid meeting on Tuesday with officials from Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (DHBVN) to review the project. The meeting covered detailed discussions on the plant's current power supply status, backup arrangements, and future requirements.



The Chief Secretary directed that regular reviews of the power supply system be conducted to prevent any obstacles to this ambitious project. He emphasized strengthening alternative arrangements and rapid response mechanisms. The meeting was informed that India's largest hydrogen plant with a storage capacity of 3,000 kilograms has been established in Jind for this hydrogen train project and is now in its final commissioning phase. Since the plant will operate on a 24x7 basis, uninterrupted and quality power supply is essential.

DHBVN officials assured the Chief Secretary that stable power supply is being provided to the plant, with additional monitoring and rapid maintenance arrangements in place as needed. The Northern Railway also expressed satisfaction with the quality of power supply being provided to the plant. The meeting was attended by DHBVN Managing Director Vikram Yadav via video conferencing, along with Chief Engineer Rajender Sabharwal.

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5 day faculty development program at SLIET



LONGOWAL, (RAVI GARG): The Mechanical Engineering Department of Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology (SLIET) inaugurated a 5-day Faculty Development Program (FDP) today. The program focuses on "Advanced Additive Manufacturing" and will run from January 5 to 9 Prof. Manikant Paswan Inaugurates FDP Professor Manikant Paswan, Director of SLIET, formally inaugurated the FDP.

He stated that the program will train faculty members in advanced techniques such as 3D printing, powder bed fusion, and directed energy deposition. Prof. Paswan emphasized that additive manufacturing will play a crucial role in making India's manufacturing sector self-reliant.

War on Drugs'; Illegal construction of drug smuggler demolished in Rajan Nagar

JS SODHI
JALANDHAR, JAN 6



Under the anti-drug initiative of the Punjab government 'War on Drugs', another decisive action was taken in Jalandhar today. An illegal construction related to drug smuggler was demolished in Rajan Nagar by the Jalandhar Municipal Corporation in collaboration with the Commissionerate Police. This action has been taken jointly by the Municipal Corporation and the Jalandhar Commissionerate Police. As per the guidelines of Police Commissioner Dhanpreet Kaur and instructions of ADCP-2 Harinder Singh Gill, the action was personally supervised by ACP West Atish Bhatia. The Police Commissioner said that this illegal construction belonged to Narinder Kumar alias Baba, a resident of Rajan Nagar, who is a notorious drug smuggler.

District level pest surveillance team holds review meeting regarding rabi crops

SURINDER DAMDAMI
FARIDKOT, JAN 6



An important meeting was held with the officers of the District Pest Surveillance and Advisory Unit and District Level Pest Surveillance Team under the leadership of Chief Agriculture Officer Faridkot Dr. Kulwant Singh. Officers of the Agriculture Department, Krishi Vigyan Kendra and Horticulture Department participated in this meeting.

During the meeting, Dr. Kulwant Singh said that pest surveillance teams have been formed at the district and block levels in Faridkot district, which are visiting the fields in different villages twice a week. The teams are continuously inspecting the rabi crops and providing technical information and guidance to the farmers regarding the prevention of pests and diseases as per the recommendations of PAU.

Classified

I, Hitherto Known As Varinder Kaur D/o Gulab Singh , R/o House No 257 Ward No-20 Street No -3, Near School Bazigar Basti, Distt Faridkot Punjab 151203 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Heena Rani
900013

I, Hitherto Known As Aarti W/o Arshdeep Singh , R/o Village Nurpur Sethan , Distt Ferozepur, Punjab 152004 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Jashanpreet Kaur
900013

I, Hitherto Known As Ganesh Kumar S/o Bhanwar Lal , R/o Near Valmiki Mandir,gandhi Basti ,kotkapura, Distt Faridkot Punjab 151204 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Papu Ram
900013

I, Pappu S/o Mia Ram, R/o H No-12 Ward No- 12 ,street No-3 Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar,distt Faridkot Punjab - 151203 Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Son Deepak Aged 15 Years And He Shall Hereafter Be Known As Deepu.
900013

COURT NOTICE

(Publication Under Order 5 Rule 20 CPC)
In the Court of Sh. Mandeep Singh, Tehsildar-Cum-Assistant Collector 1st Grade, Phillaur
Case No: 287 of 2025 Instituted on: 25-07-2025
Nature of Case: Partition Village: Lasara
Khewat No: 1563/1506, 1496/1442, 1304/1452, 1494/1440, 1493/1441, 1503/1507, 1629/1573
Case Title: Dilbagh Singh Vs Harbhajan Singh etc.
Notice to: 1) Parminder Kaur w/o Manjinder Pal Singh, 2) Hardyal Singh (died) s/o Amar Singh through L/R: (a) Veer Singh, son b) Sarabjit Kaur, c) Paramjit Kaur, d) Inderjit Kaur, e) Rinka daughters of Hardyal Singh; 3) Hardev Singh s/o Amar Singh through L/R: (a) Tarlochan Singh Son, (b) Harcharan Singh Son, 4) Surinder Kaur w/o Hukam Singh, 5) Gurwinder Kaur d/o Hukam Singh, 6) Jasvir Singh s/o Hukam Singh, 7) Harpalwinder Singh s/o Hukam Singh, 8) Hardeep Singh s/o Ravinderjit Singh, 9) Bhajan Singh s/o Gian Singh, 10) Harjit Singh s/o Sewa Singh, 11) Avtar Singh s/o Ratan Singh, 12) Kuldeep Singh s/o Ratan Singh, 13) Pavitar Singh s/o Ratan Singh, 14) Hardeep Kaur d/o Ratan Singh, 15) Jasvir Kaur d/o Ratan Singh, 16) Mahal Kaur w/d/o Ratan Singh, 17) Harbhajan Singh s/o Gian Singh, 18) Ranvir Singh s/o Kirpal Singh, 19) Nirmal Singh s/o Kirpal Singh, 20) Amarjit Singh s/o Kirpal Singh, 21) Sarwan Singh s/o Kirpal Singh, 22) Darshan Kaur d/o Kirpal Singh, 23) Harbhajan Singh s/o Kirpal Singh, 24) Baldev Singh s/o Ishar Singh through L/R: (a) Jagir Singh Son, (b) Harbhajan Singh Son, 25) Bir Singh s/o Hardyal Singh, 26) Banchit Singh (Died) s/o Ishar Singh through L/R: (a) Harjinder Singh, 31) Sucha Singh, (2) Amar Singh (Died) through L/R: (i) Palwinder Singh Son, (ii) Manjit Singh Son s/o Bant Singh s/o Banchit Singh, (27) Joginder Singh s/o Ganga Singh (Died) through L/R: (a) Surjit Singh, (b) Kanwaljit Singh, (c) Manjit Singh (Died) through L/R: i) Rami d/o Manjit Singh, (ii) Simi d/o Manjit Singh, (iii) Ravinder Singh s/o Manjit Singh, (d) Amarjit Singh, (e) Jagdish Singh s/o Joginder Singh, All R/o Village Lasara, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar (28) Surinder Kaur d/o Gian Singh (Died) through L/R: (a) Sarwan Singh, (b) Mandeep Singh, (c) Iqbal Kaur, (d) Bindar, R/o Village Nawa, Tehsil and District Nawanshahr, (29) The Phillaur Primary Co-operative Agricultural Development Bank, Branch Gessya, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar, (30) The Jalandhar Co-operative Bank Limited, Branch Lasara, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar, (31) Punjab and Sind Bank Branch Phillaur, District Jalandhar, (32) Oriental Bank of Commerce Branch Chaldana, (33) Canara Bank, Branch Lasara, Tehsil Phillaur, District Jalandhar.
Respondents.....
Whereas it has been proved to the satisfaction of this Court that the respondents named above cannot be served in the ordinary manner, therefore, this publication is issued against the respondent named above, to appear in this Court on 06-02-2026 at 10:00 am., either personally or through any authorised agent or pleader failure which, exparte proceeding shall be taken against them accordingly by law.
Assistant collector 1st Grade,
Phillaur
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I, Hitherto Known As Jashandeep Singh Chauhan S/o Sukhdarshan Singh , Residing At Village Hardialeana , Distt Faridkot , Punjab – 151203 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Jashandeep Singh .
900013

I, Hitherto Known As Rajwinder Kaur W/o Punjab Singh , R/o Thathi Jaimal Singh , Distt Tarn Taran, Punjab 143419 Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Raj Kaur
900013

I, Sudesh Kumari W/o Rajinder Kumar R/o House No. 380/2, Pipliwala Town, Manimajra, Chandigarh have changed my name from Sudesh Kumari to Sudesh
98745

I Rajveer Kumar S/o Rajpal R/o Plot No 57,Green Enclave, Baranhara Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Rajvir
666554

I Ram Saran Morya S/O Ram Naresh, R/O House No. 1434, Block -C, Janta Colony, Naya Gaon S.A.S Nagar(Mohali), Punjab-160103, Have changed my name From Ram Saran Morya to Ram saran.
60013

I Rupa devi W/O Ram Saran, R/O House No. 1434, Block-C, Janta Colony, Naya Gaon, S.A.S Nagar(Mohali), Punjab-160103, Have changed my name from Rupa devi to Roopa
60013

PUBLIC NOTICE

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I Amarjeet Kaur D/o Jagdev singh urf Bira singh r/o Vill - Kot Bakhtu Tehsil Talwandi Sabo Distt. Bathinda(Punjab) inhabited w/o Hardeep Singh R/o Hanumangarh (Rajsthan)have changed my Name Amarjeet kaur to Manpreet Kaur. Please note.
60018

I, Ravi Kumar S/o Ram Baksh R/o H.No. 313, Sector 13, Urban Estate, Kurukshetra, Haryana-136118 has changed her name from Ravi Kumar to Ravi Arora.
100074

I, Geetika Rani W/o Ravi Arora R/o H.No. 313, Sector 13, Urban Estate, Kurukshetra, Haryana-136118 has changed her name from Geetika Rani to Geetika Arora.
100074

I Bablu Singh S/o Surinder Singh R/o Near Gurudwara Jyoti Saroop Sahib Madofal Road Near Sagi General Store Mata Gujri Colony Mandofal. Po Mannupur Distt Fatehgarh Sahib Punjab Have Changed Myname Bablu Singh To Davinder Singh.
524479

I Mamta Begam w/o Barinder khan R/o H. No. 235, Raiwada Mahalla, W. No. 2, Chamkaur Sahib, Teh. Chamkaur Sahib Distt. Ropar, have changed my name from Mamta to Mamta Begam
524479

I Vaibhav S/o Kawaldeep Singh R/o # 12, New Govind Bihar, Near furniture market, Baltana , SAS Nagar (Mohali) have changed my name to Vaibhav Dhillon
989666

I Kawaldeep Singh S/o Amrik Singh R/o # 12, New Govind Bihar, Near furniture market, Baltana , SAS Nagar (Mohali) have changed my name to Kawaldeep Singh Dhillon
989666

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Kotli Kalan Multi-Purpose Agri: Service Society
The Kotli Kalan Multi-Purpose Co- operative Agriculture Seva Sabha Ltd. DC regularly in Kotli Kalan. Requests for recruitment of salesman on rates are requested.
1.Age of the candidate should be 18 to 37 years, 2. Candidate should possess Graduation Degree from a recognized University. 3. The candidate should be a resident of the constituency of the council (Village Kotli Kalan and Bhai Desa) should be of rural background. 4. Should have Punjabi educational qualification of tenth standard. 5. The candidate must have passed O level certificate course of Government of India Electronics Department or A minimum of 120 hours of Personal Computer Course/ Office Productivity Course in Information Technology from an organization recognized by the Government and certified as per ISO 9001. 6. Recruitment will be done purely on the basis of merit.7. Candidates should bring original documents at the time of interview incomplete documents will not be considered.
Note:- Interested candidates can submit their applications Dated 21-01-2026 in the Sabha office village Kotli Kalan Mansa to the President of the Sabha till 5 pm. The interview for the post of Salesman will be held on 23-01-2026 on Friday at village Kotli Kalan (Mansa) at Sabha office at 9 am.
Sukhwinder Singh President 94173-22166, Mangal Singh Secretary 98888-13350
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I, Ankush Mittal S/o Kapoor Chand, Resident of H.No. 408 Model Town, Jind Road, Kaithal, Tehsil & District Kaithal, (Haryana) declare that my old name is Ankush and I want to change my name to Ankush Mittal (new name). Concerned Please Note.
100039

I, Renu W/o Sh. Jasmehar Resident of Lakhan Patti, Village Dhanauri, Tehsil & District Kaithal, have changed my name From Renu To Reena. Concerned Please Note.
100039

I, Monika W/o Sh. Vikas Goyal, Resident of House No. 42, Employees Colony, Khurana Road, Tehsil & District Kaithal, have changed my name From Monika To Monika Gupta. Concerned Please Note.
100039

I, Parmjeet Kaur W/o Sh. Sewa Singh, Resident of House No. 556, Guru Teg Bahadur Colony, Tehsil & District Kaithal, have changed my name From Parmjeet Kaur To Paramjit Kaur. Concerned Please Note.
100039

I, Alka D/o Sh Surinder Pal W/o S. Amritpal Singh R/o Basti Ibrahim Khan, P.O. Mand Teh & Distt. Jalandhar have change my name Alka to Alka Sahota.
491262

I, Prinka Bhalla W/o Gaurav Chhabra R/o H.No. 103 St.No. 2 Hill View Enclave Nangal Township Teh-Nangal Distt. Rupnagar have changed my name to Prinka Chhabra after my marriage.
63372

I, Urmala Devi Sharma W/o Bharat Raj Sharma R/o 22236-A St.No. 3 Shant Nagar Bathinda have changed my name from Urmala Devi Sharma to Urmila Devi Sharma.
63372

PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Ajmer Singh S/o Karam Singh R/o H.N. 1576, Patti Kayasth Seth, Kaithal, Distt. Kaithal (Haryana) declares that my son Amarjeet Singh age 31 years is beyond my control. I have evicted /disowned him from my movable and immovable properties. Me and my family have no concerned with him. He will be fully responsible for his act and transactions, me and my family will have no responsibility in it. All concerned please note.
100047

I, Tarsem Lal Kumar S/o Babu Ram Kumar R/o H.No. 1523 Sector 22-B Chandigarh declare that in my PAN Card No. AAGPL4661C my father name wrongly entered Vir Bhan. But my father correct name is Babu Ram Kumar. So amended my father name from Vir Bhan to Babu Ram Kumar in my PAN Card.
63372

I, Sandeep Khurana S/o Kharati Lal Khurana R/o #19-20 Near Dabwali Road Ganpati Enclave Bathinda-151001, have changed my name to Sandeep Kumar Khurana.
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I, Chinder Kaur R/o Village Bhai Ke Pishore District Sangrur have changed my name to Sinder Kaur.
63372

I Bindia Bharti W/O Sanjeev Kumar Verma R/O 349, W.No-7, Narindra Colony, Teh & Distt. Malerkotla have changed my name from Bindia Bharti to Bindia Bharti Verma.
63372

I, Harwinder Singh S/o Fakiria, Vill-Kup Khurd (Dilawargarh) Teh-Ahmedgarh, Distt Malerkotla (Punjab) have changed my name Harvinder Singh to Harwinder Singh. Now Harwinder Singh is my correct name.
63372

I, Manpreet Singh S/o Jasvir Singh R/o Vpo. Gobindpur Teh-Banga Distt. SBS Nagar Pb, have changed my name from Manpreet Singh to Singh Manpreet. I have used Singh as my surname.
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I Jagdeep Singh Gabbi S/o Balwinder Singh R/o Talwandi Bhai, Distt Ferozepur have changed my name Jagdeep Singh.
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I, Parneet Kaur Gabbi W/o Jagdeep Singh R/o Talwandi Bhai, Distt Ferozepur, changed my name to Parneet Kaur.
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I Jagdeep Singh S/o Balwinder Singh R/o Talwandi Bhai, Distt Ferozepur, changed the name of my daughter Harleen Kaur Gabbi to Harleen Kaur.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

हम संतोष देवी पत्नी श्री राजबीर व राजबीर पुत्र श्री रामचंद निवासी म. 1548, सेक्टर चूक दिये बापौली , पानीपत। मेरी पुत्री नेहा हमारे परिवार के कहे सुनने से बाहर है व गलत संगत में पड़ी हुई है, इसी कारण से हमने नेहा को अपनी चल अचल संपत्ति से बेदखल कर दिया है। आज के बाद नेहा से कोई किसी प्रकार का लेन देन करेगा तो वह स्वयं जिम्मेवार होगें, हमारे परिवार की कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी।
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I Am Harbhajan Singh S/o Ram kishan Singh Address- House No-1, Village Dango, Teh- Raikot, Ludhiana141108 My father's name is wrongly entered in my pnbmetlife Policy (20477425) as Ram Kishan but actual father name is Ram Kishan Singh.
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I Jagdeep Singh S/o Balwinder Singh R/o Talwandi Bhai, Distt Ferozepur, changed the name of my son Ramjot Singh Gabbi to Ramjot Singh.
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I, Savita W/o Bhajan Lal R/o Kirpa Gate, Guru Ravidas Nagar, Nawanshahr,Distt. Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar-144514 (PB) india have changed my name to Savita Bains.
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I, Asha Rani W/O Yash Pal, H.No. 56, Ward No.1, Post Office: Hariana Village, Hariana District Hoshiarpur Punjab-144208 Declare That My Late Husband Was Known By Two Names Yash Pal And Yash Pal Hans one and the same person.
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I, Arti Sahota W/O Sandeep Sahota, R/O- H.No. 613, Nakodar Road , Near Innocent Hearts Hospital, Eldeco Greens, Malko, Jalandhar. Distt Jalandhar, Punjab, Pin Code 144026 Declare That I Known By Two Names Arti And Arti Sahota W/O Sandeep Sahota one and the same person.
63372

I, Harinder Singh, S/o Prakash Singh, R/o House No. 51, Gaushalla Road, Street No. 6, Sant Nagar, Mandi Gobindgarh, Tehsil Amloh, District Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab, declare That I am known by two names i.e. Harinder Singh and Harinder Singh Sohanpal are one and the same person.
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I Kamaljit Singh Kansla S/o Swaran Singh R/o Vpo Libra Teh Khanna Distt Ludhiana has been Changed my name Kamaljit Singh.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the information of all that Saraon Hospital Ahmedgarh is going to destroy it's record of indoor patient admitted from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 (excluding MLC and death files) as per rules and hospital policy. Any body having any objections or requiring and documents can contact the hospital within 15 day. There after the record will be destroyed permanently.
63372

LOST & FOUND

I, Aakanksha W/o Deepak Mittal R/o Sunam Distt. Sangrur declare that my Sale Deed No. 2018-19/123/366 dated 23-07-2018 in favour of Ramesh Kumar S/o Charan Dass R/o Samana has been lost in Near Bus Stand Sunam Distt. Sangrur dated 29-12-2025. If anybody found then contact at my above address/Mobile No. 7508083000.
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I, Gurtaran Singh son of Hardeep Singh resident of Guru Nanak Colony, Malerkotla declare that on dated 29-12-2025,when I was going on the way to Thandi Road, Malerkotla, my wallet, which contained my passport No. R2630455, got lost somewhere. Which I searched a lot but I couldn't find. If anyone finds it, please contact me at my address.
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I Sukhchain Singh Khattra S/O Kewal Singh Village Bibiwala Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Sukhchain Singh.
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I, Tarlochan Singh Dhillon S/o Bhan Singh R/o Village Ghungrana Distt Ludhiana have Changed my name to Tarlochan Singh.
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I Arwinder Singh Athwal S/o Tarsem Singh R/o Vpo Malsian Bajan Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Arwinder Singh.
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I Parveen Kumari W/o Dilbagh Pandey R/o H. No 2852 St: 9 New Tagore Nagar Haibowal Kalan Distt Ludhiana Have changed my name to Parveen Pandey.
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I Jagjot Singh Rahelu S/o Tajinder Singh R/o Village Leelan Tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Jagjot Singh.
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I Kuldip Singh S/o Kirpal Singh R/o H.No.1138/114-A, Guru Teg Bahadur Nagar St.No. 2 Jamalpur, Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Kuldeep Singh.
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I, Jugraj Singh S/o Tarinder Singh R/o Vill Faizgarh P.O Himtana Teh & Distt Malerkotla, declare that Singh is my Surname and Jugraj is name.
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I, Hargursimrn Singh S/o Gurmail Singh R/o Vill Mohamadpur Teh Dhuri Distt Sangrur, have changed my name to Hargursimran Singh.
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I Gurmeet Kaur W/O Jasvir Singh Gill Village Burj Duna Disst Moga Have Changed My Name To Gurmeet Kaur Gill.
63372

I Suraj Bhan alias Chandar Bhan S/o Naval Kishor S/o Gobind Ram R/o Moga Distt Moga have two name of one.
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LOST & FOUND

The general public is informed that in my name Rohnish Garg son of Mr. Rahish Garg resident of Arya High School Road Rampura Phul, a vacant plot whose registration document no. 2023-24/73/01/1509, date: 28/08/2023, actual area is at Farid Nagar Street No. 4 Rampura Phul. The registration of my said plot which has been lost.
524479

LOST & FOUND

I, Gulshan, wife of Imran, resident of Begumpur Pratap Nagar, have lost the registration document of my house. document number 2320 dated 19/01/2009, which went missing on 12/11/2020 near Begumpur village. The online report number is 132400382000239. Anyone who finds this registration document is requested to contact Advocate Nalin Gupta, Chamber Number 281, Mobile: 9416022974, or Gulshan at 9991065765.
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I Bicky alias Uday Bhan S/o Naval Kishor S/o Gobind Ram R/o Moga Distt Moga have two name of one.
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I Chanan Singh Bhullar S/O Jarnail Singh R/O Dhapali Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Chanan Singh.
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I Mandeep Kaur Bhullar W/O Chanan Singh R/O Dhapali Distt Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Mandeep Kaur.
63372

I, Shobha Rani Alias Shobha Bhutani W/O Ashok Kumar Bhutani, D/O Harbans Lal R/O Balachaur, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Punjab-144521. Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Shobha Rani.
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I, Kamaljit Kaur W/O Sohan Lal, R/O Ward No-6, Post Office Purhiran, Hoshiarpur, Punjab-146111. Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Kamla Devi.
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I, Monu, D/O Gagandeep R/O Katehra, Po: Katehra, Dist: Fazilka, Punjab-152121. Have Changed My Name And Shall Hereafter Be Known As Monika Devi.
63372

I, Veerpal Kaur W/o Balbahadar Singh Cheema R/o Vill: Chuhar Singh Wala alias Rajjiwala Distt. Moga have changed my name to Veerpal Kaur Cheema.
63372

I Onkar Singh S/o Gurbax Singh V-Soondh Teh-Banga Distt SBS Nagar I have changed my name Onkar is my given name and Singh is my surname please note.
63372

I Sandeep Kumar S/O Resham Lal R/O Vill Kajla Distt Sbs Nagar Declares That In My Name Sandeep Is My Real Name And Kumar Is My Surname.
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I, Gurwinder Singh S/o Surjeet Singh Vill-Binjoki Khurd Distt Malerkotla Have Changed My Name To Gurwinder Singh Dhanoa.
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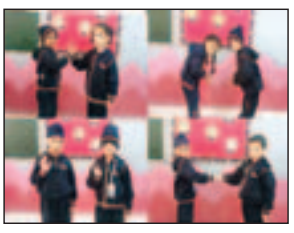
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Sealing of defaulting properties from today

MOHALI : The Municipal Corporation, Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar has intensified its ongoing drive against chronic Property Tax defaulters, particularly major commercial and industrial establishments that have failed to clear long-pending dues despite repeated notices and adequate opportunity. Divulging the details, Commissioner Parminder Pal Singh said that sealing notices under Section 138-C of the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976 have been duly served, and final warnings have been issued granting a last period of three days for clearance of outstanding Property Tax along with applicable penalty and interest. The Municipal Corporation will proceed with sealing of defaulting properties on 07.01.2026 (Wednesday) without further intimation. Joint Commissioner, Jasjit Singh added that during the current phase of the drive, four property owners/occupiers visited the office to finalize their property tax assessments, while three property owners have deposited dues amounting to approximately Rs 7 lakh. The Municipal Corporation appreciates this compliance but reiterates that further coercive action including sealing and subsequent auction of properties will be taken against those who remain in default.

NEWS BRIEF

Beautiful practice of etiquette and values through "Greetings Activity" in LKG class at BVM International School



BALWINDER AZAD

BARNALA DEHATI: A very interesting, educational and value-based "Greetings Activity" was organized for the younger students of LKG class at BVM International School. The main objective of this activity was to make the children aware of the importance of etiquette words used in daily life like Good Morning, Good Afternoon, Good Evening, Hello and Namaste. This activity proved to be a meaningful effort for the all-round development of the children.
During the activity, the classroom was decorated in a very attractive and colorful environment. The teachers explained to the children the correct way to greet in different situations through pictures, gestures, acting and dialogue. The children greeted each other with enthusiasm and confidence and demonstrated their understanding by using the etiquette words they had learnt. This activity not only enhanced the children's language skills but also strengthened their social and emotional development. Through small talk and role-play, the children learned that respectful behavior and kind words can beautify any relationship.

Cricket Association Pathankot hosts Kangra under-19 team for practice matches



VERMA

GURDASPUR: The Cricket Association Pathankot warmly welcomed the Kangra District Cricket Association's Under-19 team to the Kuter Cricket Ground for a four-day practice camp. During their stay, the Kangra Under-19 team will play a series of practice matches against the Pathankot Under-19 team, providing both sides with valuable match exposure ahead of the upcoming cricket season. The initiative aims to strengthen competitive preparation, improve match temperament, and build confidence among young cricketers through quality game time. Such inter-district practice matches are considered crucial for player development, as they allow athletes to assess their skills, adapt to different playing conditions.

PGIMER all set to inaugurate new academic session 2026

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, JAN 6



The Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh, is all set to formally inaugurate its New Academic Session 2026 tomorrow, January 7, 2026, at 4:00 PM, at the NINE Auditorium, PGIMER, Chandigarh. The ceremony will herald the beginning of another transformative academic year marked by rigorous training, cutting-edge research, and a steadfast commitment to patient-centric healthcare at one of India's foremost institutions of national importance.

Underscoring the significance of the occasion, Prof. Vivek Lal, Director, PGIMER, stated, "The inaugural programme signifies far more than the beginning of a new academic session. It reflects PGIMER's enduring legacy of excellence in medical education, clinical service, and scientific inquiry, while welcoming a new generation of aspiring healthcare professionals and reaffirming our responsibility to nurture compassionate, skilled, and globally competent leaders who will serve society with integrity, empathy, and purpose." Adding exceptional inspiration to the event, the prestigious inauguration ceremony will be graced by Shri Ajeet Bajaj, Padma Shri Awardee, celebrated mountaineer, adventurer, and motivational icon, who has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest. He will be accompanied by Ms. Deeya Bajaj, an accomplished mountaineer, as the Guest of Honour. Together, they hold the rare and remarkable distinction of being the first Asian father–daughter duo to complete the Seven Summits, including the ascent of Mount Everest—a feat that stands as a powerful testament to courage, discipline, resilience, and the relentless pursuit of excellence.

Their presence at PGIMER is expected to resonate deeply with the incoming students, as the values embodied by their extraordinary achievements closely mirror the ethos of PGIMER—academic rigour, perseverance, teamwork, and an unyielding commitment to excellence in the face of challenges.

A key highlight of the programme will be the Inaugural Address by Shri Ajeet Bajaj and Ms. Deeya Bajaj, where they will share compelling insights from their journeys of endurance, leadership.

Republic Day celebrations to be marked with devotion and enthusiasm: DC



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, JAN 6

A district-level meeting was held today in the conference hall at the Police Lines, under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Ashika Jain, to review preparations for the Republic Day celebrations on January 26. SSP Sandip Kumar Malik was also present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Deputy Commissioner issued clear instructions to all officials to discharge their duties with utmost seriousness, coordination, and accountability, ensuring the national festival is celebrated with devotion and enthusiasm in a dignified manner. DC Ashika Jain informed that, as in previous years, the district-level Republic Day function this year too will be organised at the Police Lines Ground, Hoshiarpur, on January 26. She added that families of freedom fighters, brave women, and distinguished personalities who have rendered exemplary service in various fields will be honoured on the occasion.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the district police to make foolproof security arrangements along with proper parking facilities. She also emphasised ensuring cleanliness at the venue, availability of drinking water, temporary toilets, and deployment of a medical team by the health department. Instructions were also given to conduct regular rehearsals for the police contingents for the march past.The DC instructed the District Education Officer to select schools well in advance for the cultural programmes to be presented by schoolchildren during the Republic Day event, to maintain quality and timeliness.

She stressed that all arrangements—including bands, tableaux by departments, barricading, pandal decoration, rehearsals, distribution of awards.

Media club urges govt to revoke cases filed against journalists

KULWINDER KARWAL
SARDULGARH, JAN 6



Media Club Mansa has strongly condemned the registration of alleged false cases against journalists by the police and has demanded their immediate withdrawal. A memorandum addressed to Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann was submitted through the Deputy Commissioner, Mansa, while a similar memorandum was sent to the Director General of Police (DGP), Punjab, through the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Mansa.

The demand was raised during a meeting of the Media Club Mansa held under the leadership of President Jagdish Bansal and Baldev Sharma.

Journalists from various media organizations across the district participated in large numbers. Speakers at the meeting urged the government to take immediate steps to safeguard press freedom and to revoke what they termed as false cases registered against journalists.

Prominent journalists present at the meeting included Parmdeep Rana, Jagsir Billu, Tarsem Semi, Suresh Pilot, Sanjeev Lucky, Gyan Singh, Puneet Garg, Sumit Sethi, Vicky Rana, Munish Sharma, Manga Ralla, Amandeep Singh, Sonu Kumar, among others. From Media Club Sardulgarh, President Budh Ram Bansal, Sanjeev Singla, Ranjit Garg, Gurjit Sandhu, Varinder Soni and Baltej Singh Gill were present. Representatives from Sardulgarh United Media Club and Jhunir Media Club also attended in significant numbers.

The Media Club reiterated its commitment to protecting journalists' rights and called upon the government to ensure the restoration and protection of press freedom.

Walkathon marks closing ceremony of "Youth Against Drugs" campaign at Mohali



LK BANSAL
MOHALI, JAN 6

A month long campaign 'Youth Against Drugs' was successfully completed by District Legal Services Authority, SAS Nagar, today. Closing ceremony was marked by a walkathon, started from Manav Mangal Smart School, Sector-88, Mohali to District Court Complex, Mohali led by Mr. Justice Harsimran Singh Sethi, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh and District and Sessions Judge, Atul Kasana and Ms Navjot Kaur, Member Secretary, Punjab State Legal Services Authority, SAS Nagar. Divulging the futher details, Surabhi Prashar, Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, SAS Nagar said that among other judges who participated, Ms Jagdeep Kaur, Additional Member Secretary, PULSA, judicial officers posted at Sessions Courts Mohali, Panel Lawyers, Para-Legal Volunteers and students of Chandigarh University Gharuan also participated in the walkathon. Mr. Justice Harsimran Singh Sethi distributed the certificates of appreciation to the participants.

Apprising about the campaign, 'Youth Against Drugs', she said that the campaign was launched by Punjab State Legal Services Authority led by Mr. Justice Ashwani Kumar Mishra, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman. During the campaign, rallies, workshops and seminars in collaboration with panel Lawyer.

Milk langar by Anmol Muskan trust marks the Prakash Purab of the Guru Gobind Singh ji



KHARAR (SHASHI PAL JAIN): On the sacred occasion of the Prakash Purab of the Tenth Sikh Master, Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the Anmol Muskan Kanti w/o Deep Singh Charitable Trust set a shining example of selfless service, dedication, and universal welfare by organizing a milk langar. A large number of devotees participated in the langar and received the blessings of the Guru's house, enriching the spiritual fervour of the occasion.On this auspicious day, the Chairperson of the Trust, Amarjeet Kaur Pooja, actively participated in the milk service, exemplifying the spirit of seva through her personal involvement. Addressing the gathering, she said that the life and teachings of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji inspire humanity with the ideals of sacrifice, justice, and service to mankind.In her message, Amarjeet Kaur Pooja urged people to walk on the path shown by the Guru Gobind Singh Ji emphasizing that only by embracing his principles can society be strengthened with equality, brotherhood, and peace. She also made a heartfelt appeal to the younger generation to remain connected with selfless service, meditation, and truthfulness.The Milk Langar organized by the Trust, in accordance with the revered traditions of the Guru's house, stood as a powerful symbol of Sarbat da Bhala , selfless service, and human unity.

DC reviews meeting for Republic Day's preparations



SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, JAN 6

The Deputy Commissioner (DC), Mr. Rahul Chaba today chaired a meeting regarding preparations for Republic day celebrations at the district administrative complex here today. The DC while issuing instructions to the officials said that the national festival should be celebrated with full enthusiasm, mutual harmony & enthusiasm and all the departments should ensure timely completion of all the arrangements at their respective levels. Chaba said that during the function to be organized at Police lines stadium on January 26, Speaker of Punjab legislative assembly, Mr. Kultar Singh Sandhwan would attend the function as the chief guest and perform the ceremony of hoisting the national tricolor. On this occasion, tableaux depicting various flagship programs and welfare schemes of the Punjab Government will be prepared, for which the concerned departments should ensure necessary preparations. The assistant commissioner, Kirpal Veer Singh informed the committees formed for various works in detail about the works and during the gathering instructed to implement every arrangement smoothly.

Session on quality service held



CHANDIGARH: Citizens Awareness Group in Association with Telecom Regulatory Authority of India organised a Consumer Awareness Program on ' Quality of Service at Post Graduate Govt Girls college in Sector 42 Chandigarh. In this Workshop 160 NSS Volunteers and NSS Cordinators participated.Representatives of leading Telecom Service providers ? S N L , Vodafone, Airtel and Reliance jio also attended this session.

The workshop aimed to raise Awareness about Consumer Rights and Responsibilities and to solve the common problems faced by the Consumers in their daily lives .Students were also educated on latest Cyber frauds and and were asked to use different apps of DoT and TRAI to be safe and secure.Surinder Verma Chairman Citizens Awareness Group in his opening remarks highlighted that C A G is National Organization regd in 1994 working continuously for Quality of Service.

Mrs Mohinder Kataria Secretary General Citizens Awareness Group hosted this event and emphasized on the importance of staying Alert and attentive always and report any suspicious incident to police without any delay.At the end Chairman Sh.Surinder Verma felicitated NSS Cordinators for helping to organize this Workshop.

Chandigarh police conduct mock drill at ISBT Sector-43 ahead of Republic Day



CHANDIGARH: The direction of Ms. Geetanjali Khandelwal IPS, SP/Operations and under the supervision of Sh. Vikas Sheokand, DSP/Operations to check the preparedness/readiness and coordination between the counter teams of Chandigarh Police and other emergency services of Chandigarh Administration, Chandigarh Police Operation Cell has conducted a Mock drill at ISBT Sector-43, U.T., Chandigarh, keeping in view of security scenario of U.T. Chandigarh and upcoming Republic Day celebration. All emergencies services of Chandigarh Administration are participated actively in the Mock exercise. During Mock drill, at ISBT Sector-43, U.T., Chandigarh was cordoned off and got evacuated by commandos of Operations Cell. A joint search operation by the HIT Teams of Operation Cell, Bomb Detection Squad and Dog Squad of Chandigarh Police was carried out and the dummy bomb was traced out successfully from ISBT Sector-43, U.T., Chandigarh. Quick Reaction Teams (QRTs) of Operation Cell, PCR Vehicles, ambulance from GMSH-16, Dog Squad team, Bomb Squad team, Ambulance from Police Hospital, Sector-26, Dial-112, Fire brigade vehicle, team of Civil Defense, Mobile Forensic Team, District Crime Cell, Crime Branch.

Rauri inaugurates link roads in various villages of Garhshankar constituency



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, JAN 6

Punjab Vidhan Sabha's Deputy Speaker and MLA from the Garhshankar constituency, Mr. Jai Krishan Singh Rauri, today formally inaugurated newly constructed link roads in various villages of the constituency, including Ghagon Rorhanwali, Bhammian, Mehtabpur, Dugri, Garhi Matto, Pahlewal, Birampur, Sadhowal, Sauli, Purkhowal, Rampur Bilron, Salempur, Satnaur, Pakhoval, Padrana, Badesaron, Akalgarh, Golian, Bhajjalan, Lallian, Kalewal, Mohanowal, Rawalpindi, Fatehpur Kala, Denowal Kala, and Dogarpur.

Addressing the inauguration ceremony, Deputy Speaker Rauri said that the link roads are the backbone of rural development and with the construction of these roads, transportation in villages will become more efficient. He stated that the Aam Aadmi Party led government is fully committed to providing basic amenities in villages on the lines of urban areas. Deputy Speaker informed that with the completion of link roads in these 28 villages, farmers will find it easier to transport their produce to markets, students will have better access to schools and colleges, and the general public will save both time and money.

DAV Sector-8 Panchkula ushers in 2026 with sacred hawan



PANCHKULA, JAN 6

DAV Senior Secondary Model School, Sector-8, Panchkula began the New Year on a divine note with a sacred Hawan ceremony held on Thursday morning.Led by the Head of the Institution Mrs. Ritu Dilbagi in the presence of dedicated staff members, the ritual invoked positivity, devotion, and divine blessings for happiness, renewed vision, and success in new missions for the entire DAV family.

Participants chanted Vedic mantras around the sacred fire, creating an atmosphere of spirituality that was deeply appreciated, setting an auspicious tone for the year ahead.

IIT Ropar inaugurates groundbreaking of Dr. Ishan Avdhoot Shivanand Centre for Yogic Sciences and Holistic Development



BAHADURJEET SINGH
RUPNAGAR, JAN 6

In a transformative step toward prioritizing student and faculty wellbeing, the Indian Institute of Technology Ropar today held the groundbreaking ceremony for the Dr. Ishan Avdhoot Shivanand Center for Yogic Sciences and Holistic Development, a comprehensive facility dedicated to holistic health, mental wellness, and spiritual growth. The ceremony, presided over by Prof. Rajeev Ahuja, Director, IIT Ropar and was graced by internationally acclaimed mental health researcher, Yoga of Immortals founder and Adjunct Faculty, CoE for Holistic Wellbeing, Dr. IshanShivanand, Dr. Atharva Poundarik, Head, Department of Biomedical Engg. and distinguished cardiologist Dr. Bindukumar Kansupada, Adjunct Faculty, Dept. of Biomedical Engg. The new centre represents a paradigm shift in how premier educational institutions approach student wellbeing, integrating ancient Indian wisdom with modern scientific approaches to mental and physical health.

Demand for strict action against those who sell China dor

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, JAN 6



Many shops in Kharar and many other areas are openly trading in China dor. Ever since this China dor came into the market, many people have suffered physical harm because when this dor gets stuck in someone's hand, foot or neck, then while removing that dor, big cuts occur and many stitches are applied on that cut. Sometimes the eye, ear or the person's face itself gets damaged due to the stitches. In the last few years, people have even lost their lives due to China dor.

Issuing a statement in this regard, former BJP Kharar president and social activist Subhash Agarwal and former District Governor Lion Preet Kanwal Singh Advocate said that the name of China dor is China dor but it is made in Ludhiana, Delhi and Ghaziabad.

If the intention of the administration is right, then why should this deadly rope be allowed to be made? This dor is a business worth Rs 3600 crore in the whole of India.

Therefore, all those who make, sell and allow this dor to be sold are guilty. A bundle is made for Rs 20-25 and is sold in the market for Rs 750 to 1500. How can something that has so much profit be closed? They said that this dor becomes the decoration of the market 6-7 months before the arrival of spring.

Those who are associated with making and selling this dor forget that their children also roam on the streets.

MCM students gain experiential exposure to forensic science



CHANDIGARH: Students of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women gained enriching exposure to the world of forensic science during an educational visit to the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), Chandigarh, organised on the occasion of the laboratory's Raising Day. The visit was facilitated by the NSS Units and the VADA Club of the college with the objective of familiarising students with the crucial role of forensic science in the dissemination of justice.

During the visit, students gained firsthand insight into how forensic science supports law enforcement and the justice system, particularly in areas concerning women's safety, national security projects, cybercrime investigation and terrorism prevention. The CFSL experts guided the students through various specialised sections of the laboratory, showcasing exhibits such as cartridges, rifles and sophisticated tools used in cyber and criminal investigations. The scientists shared thought-provoking and real-life case studies, offering an in-depth understanding of forensic methodologies, including signature forgery and the techniques employed to detect and resolve such crimes. These interactions provided the students with a deeper appreciation of the precision, expertise and ethical responsibility involved in forensic investigations.

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Ashwani Sharma visits Harchowal to mourn Vijay Kumar Chauhan



GURDASPUR (VERMA): Following the demise of Vijay Kumar Chauhan—brother-in-law of former Punjab OBC Morcha President Rajinder Bitta—acting Punjab BJP President Ashwani Sharma visited the family's residence in Harchowal on Tuesday.

During the visit, Rajinder Bitta introduced Sharma to the grieving family members. Offering his deepest sympathies to the deceased's son, Rajan, and brother, Ashok Kumar, Sharma assured them of the party's unwavering support during this difficult time. Other notable attendees included Shivbir Singh Rajan, Baghel Singh, Baljinder Singh Dakoha, and Umeshwar Mahajan.

NEWS BRIEF

Gurdaspur schools to undergo mental health and anti-drug training



BUREAU
GURDASPUR : As part of the 'War Against Drugs' campaign, district schools are set to participate in a specialized capacity-building program focused on student mental health and drug prevention. Parminder Singh Saini, the campaign's Nodal Officer, announced that the training is mandatory for the heads of all government, aided, and meritorious high and senior secondary schools across the district.The workshops will be led by experts from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, specifically through their School Initiative for Mental Health Advocacy.The Schedule of training will be 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Jan 7 at Government College, Gurdaspur on Jan 8 at Government Senior Secondary School (Boys), Dera Baba Nanak and on Jan 9 at St. Warrior's School, Qadian.

Sarpanch Jarmal Singh's murder in broad daylight raises serious questions on law and order: Dr. Daljit Chauhan

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL: The shooting death of Sarpanch Jarmal Singh of Valtoha Sandhwan village of Khemkaran constituency in broad daylight during a wedding function on Verka Bypass in Amritsar is a very sad and worrying incident for Punjab. National Labor Party strongly condemns this brutal murder. National Labor Party National Leader Dr. Daljit Singh Chauhan said that this incident presents a clear picture of the law and order situation in the state that is getting out of control. When people are not safe at crowded places like weddings, what will be the safety of common citizens? The police are claiming to arrest the culprits on the basis of CCTV footage. Dr. Chauhan said that Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann should take personal interest in this matter and arrest the culprits as soon as possible, give them strict punishments.



DBU students bring laurels in federation cup Wushu National Championships



AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB: Desh Bhagat University (DBU) proudly announces the commendable achievements of its BPES students at the 9th Federation Cup Wushu National Championships, held at Sanskar City International School, Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh. Mr. Himanshu, a student of BPES (Batch 2025–26), 1st Semester, displayed exceptional skill, discipline and determination by winning a Bronze Medal at the national-level championship. His achievement is a testament to his rigorous training and dedication to the sport of Wushu. Adding to the university's pride, Ms. Ziya, a student of BPES, 5th Semester, also secured a Bronze Medal in the Federation Cup Wushu Championship. Her strong performance and competitive spirit brought further recognition to Desh Bhagat University on the national sporting.
Dr Zora Singh Chancellor, Dr Tajinder Kaur Pro-Chancellor, Dr Harsh Sadawarti Vice Chancellor, faculty members and students have congratulated both achievers for their outstanding performances and extended best wishes for their future sporting endeavors.

COPL makes no compromise with quality, farmers' trust is our real asset: Sanjeev Bansal



RAJESHWAR PINTU
DHURI: Bansal's Group Sular Gharat's renowned agricultural product and pesticide manufacturing company 'Copl' organized its 15th annual distributor conference in Sangrur with great fanfare. In this event, hundreds of distributors from every corner of Punjab participated and expressed their loyalty and trust towards the company. SP (D) Sh. Davinder Attri attended the event as the chief guest and Assistant Tax Commissioner (GST) Sh. Rohit Garg as the special guest.
Addressing the conference, MD of Copl company, Sh. Sanjeev Bansal, emotionally stated that Bansal's Group has been serving the 'Annadata' (farmers) with honesty for the last 50 years. He said, "Our main objective is not to compete with big multi-national companies, but to manufacture high-quality products at a lower cost, so that farmers' expenses decrease and profits increase." He emphasized that Kopal has never compromised on quality and farmers' trust is our biggest earning.
SP (D) Sh. Davinder Attri praised Sanjeev Bansal's success, stating that the position he has reached today through hard work and honesty is a source of inspiration for young entrepreneurs. Assistant Tax Commissioner Sh. Rohit Garg addressed the dealers and urged them to move their business forward with honesty by paying their taxes to the government sincerely.

Dr Balbir Singh invites private hospitals to join Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, JAN 6



In a major push to expand the reach of Punjab's forthcoming Rs 10 lakh cashless health insurance initiative, as envisioned by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Balbir Singh on Tuesday invited leading private hospitals to get empanelled under the Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna (MMSY) and partner with the state government in delivering universal health coverage to the people of Punjab.

The Health Minister, accompanied by Principal Secretary Health and Family Welfare Kumar Rahul and Chief Executive Officer of the State Health Agency (SHA) Sanyam Aggarwal, was chairing a high-level meeting with representatives of prominent private hospitals at the office of the State Health Agency here. Addressing the gathering, Health Minister Dr Balbir Singh reiterated the Punjab Government's firm commitment to ensuring that every family in the state has access to quality, cashless healthcare.

"Under the Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna, a comprehensive health insurance cover of ?10 lakh per family is being provided to eliminate the financial burden of medical treatment on ordinary citizens," he said.

The Health Minister further added, "Our objective is to create a robust healthcare ecosystem where no resident is deprived of treatment due to lack of funds.

The Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna is a transformative step in this direction, and the active participation of private hospitals is crucial to its success."

Emphasising that private hospitals are vital partners in the successful implementation of MMSY, the Health Minister said the encouraging response from leading healthcare institutions would significantly strengthen the scheme's outreach across Punjab.

"The scheme has been designed to be transparent and efficient, ensuring that its benefits reach the grassroots," he added.

Urging hospitals to complete the empanelment formalities at the earliest, Minister Dr Balbir Singh said this would enable citizens of Punjab to begin availing medical services at these facilities without any out-of-pocket expenditure.

Targeted killing averted in Bathinda; three linked to Arsh Dalla gang held

ANI L VERMA
BATHINDA, JAN 6



Amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Counter Intelligence (CI) Bathinda in coordination with Bathinda Police has averted a targeted killing with the arrest of three accused linked to the Arsh Dalla gang and recovered four illegal pistols along with four magazines and 26 live cartridges, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Tuesday.

Those arrested have been identified as Kuldeep Singh, a resident of Gill Patti in Bathinda and currently residing in Canada; Gurwinder Singh, a resident of Kotshamir in Bathinda; and Gagandeep Singh, a resident of village Bhokhra in Bathinda. The recovered pistols include one Glock, one Zigana, one .30 bore pistol and one .32 bore pistol. Apart from recovering four pistols, police teams have also impounded a Hyundai Verna car without registration number. DGP Gaurav Yadav said that preliminary investigation has revealed that the arrested accused were planning to execute a targeted killing. One of the arrested accused identified as Kuldeep Singh had recently arrived from Canada to Bathinda specifically to execute the planned shooting, he said.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Bathinda Amneet Kondal said that during interrogation, the accused disclosed about their involvement in an ongoing inter-gang rivalry. An FIR has been registered at Police Station Thermal in Bathinda, she said, while adding that further investigation is underway to uncover forward and backward linkages. Sharing operational details, AIG CI Bathinda Avneet Kaur Sidhu said that CI Bathinda had received specific information from reliable sources that shooters associated with the Arsh Dalla gang are in possession of illegal weapons and have hatched a conspiracy to execute a targeted killing.

Acting swiftly on the information, a team of CI Bathinda along with District Police Bathinda laid Naka at Near Sucha Singh Nagar at Goniana road and arrested accused persons, she added. In this regard, a case FIR no 3 dated 05.01.2026 has been registered under sections 25 and 27 of the Arms Act Police Station Thermal in Bathinda.

DC encourages 6 years gold medal winner, runner

SUMER GARG
SANGRUR, JAN 6

Jasraj Singh, a sprinter, won a gold medal in the 10-year-old children's games organized by the famous sports promoter, Pinka Jarg in village Gharachon recently. Jasraj Singh is a player from Mangwal village of Sangrur district. Deputy Commissioner (DC), Sangrur, Mr. Rahul Chaba today called the runner Jasraj Singh to his office and gave him special encouragement.



Jasraj Singh's father Jagpal Singh, who is an agriculturist told the DC, Mr. Rahul Chaba that currently, Jasraj Singh's age is just 6 and a half years old and he reads in first class in a local school. He has been very enthusiastic about sports since birth. Given his passion for sports, he was sent for coaching at the war heroes stadium in Sangrur, where his talent continued to improve.

At present he is receiving training from Mr. Sanjay Kumar, coach, who is a general secretary district athletic association. He further said that he wished to see Jasraj Singh, play in the Olympics for the country. He added that he is also a leading member of his school's long jump team.

Mr. Rahul Chaba while congratulating the runner, Jasraj Singh for his achievement and assured all possible support to him in future. He said that budding players should take advantage of government schemes.

Punjab govt is giving major push to sports culture in state : Bains

SUMER GARG
CHANDIGARH, JAN 6



Punjab education minister, Harjot Singh Bains today formally inaugurated the 69th National School Games at Guru Nanak Stadium in Ludhiana, marking the start of a major national sporting event that has drawn young athletes from across the country. Players from all states and Union Territories, along with teams from Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas and Vidya Bharati schools, are participating in the Games being held from January 6 to January 11.

While addressing the gathering, the minister, Harjot Singh Bains said, "During the 69th National School Games, competitions will be organised in Judo Under-14 for boys and girls, Taekwondo Under-14 for girls, Gatka Under-19 for boys and girls."

He added that the matches would be conducted at multiple venues across the city, saying, "These competitions will be held at BCM Arya model senior secondary school, Shastri Nagar, Government senior secondary school, PAU Ludhiana and the open air theatre at PAU, Ludhiana."

Calling the event a matter of pride for Punjab and the host city, Mr. Bains said, "It is a matter of great pride for Punjab and for Ludhiana that the 69th National School Games are being organised here. Around 1,000 sportspersons and more than 350 coaches have arrived from different parts of the country, including Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Andhra Pradesh and the North East". He said that the district administration had made elaborate arrangements for the participants, stating, "Despite the cold weather, adequate arrangements have been ensured for accommodation, food and transportation. PCR teams have been deployed for security and CCTV cameras have been installed at the playgrounds." While highlighting the state government's focus on sports infrastructure, the minister said, "The Punjab government led by Chief Minister, Bhagwant Singh Mann is continuously striving to expand sports infrastructure in the state. Construction work of 3,100 playgrounds in villages and cities is underway at a war footing in the first phase, with the vision of ensuring that every village in Punjab will have its own sports ground."

Youngster shot dead in broad daylight in village Manuke





SUKH NAHAR
JAGRAON, JAN 6

A terrifying incident of murder has been reported from village Manuke of Jagraon where a young man was shot dead in broad daylight.

The prime motive behind murder is said to be rivalry as the deceased used to assist a kabaddi player, due to which, the accused opened fire on him near the grain market of village Manuke. He was immediately rushed to the hospital, where doctors declared him dead during treatment. The deceased has been identified as 32-year-old Gagandeep Singh, who worked as a bouncer and was the father of three children (two daughters and one son). DIG Ludhiana Range Satinder Singh accompanied by SSP Dr. Ankur Gupta and huge police force reached the spot to assess the situation. According to available information, Gagandeep Singh used to help a young kabaddi player from the same village, due to which he had a dispute with some other youths. On Monday afternoon, when Gagandeep Singh arrived at the grain market along with 10-12 companions, another group of four youths was already present there. Seeing the large crowd, the accused took out their weapons and started firing. One bullet hit Gagandeep Singh in the middle of his abdomen, causing him to collapse, soaked in blood. It is reported that Gagandeep Singh had earlier played kabaddi but was currently working as a bouncer. According to sources, the deceased's wife has named several people, including village residents Gursevak Singh and Gurdeep Singh.

14 employees of Railways awarded safety awards for dedication and promptness during duty



RAGHU NANDAN PRASHAR
MUKTSAR, JAN 6

A press release issued by the Firozpur Railway Division of Northern Railway on Tuesday stated that 14 railway employees who contributed to safe train operations during the months of November 2025, December 2025, and January 2026 in the Firozpur division were appreciated for their outstanding work and awarded safety awards for ensuring railway safety through their vigilance and promptness. This award reflects the alertness, vigilance, and dedication to safety of employees from various departments of the division. Gurmeet Singh Junior Engineer, Vikash Kumar Technician-I, Surya Kumar Kesari Senior Section Engineer, Sachin Kumar Pointsman, Avdhesh Kumar Yadav Technician-I, Bhawani Singh Station Master, Yashodanand Kushwaha Train Manager, Sandeep Kumar Gateman, Rakesh Saini Technician-I, Gurmeet Singh Pointsman, Amar Rawat Pointsman,Buta Singh Pointsman etc.

Khatri youth organization makes new appointments



SHARANJEET
PATHANKOT, JAN 6

New appointments were made by the Khatri Youth Organization under the chairmanship of Vijay Pasi and Youth President Anmol Puri. On this occasion Patrons Anil Trehan, Rampal Bhandari and Adesh Sial were present as the chief guests. Under the leadership of Khatri Sabha Patron Satish Mahindru, President Romi Wadehra and Chairman Rajesh Puri, Gurnoorpreet Singh Sahni, Pranav Oberoi, Chaitanya Handa and Rahul Arora were inducted into the Khatri Youth Organization. The newly appointed members were honored with garlands. Patron Satish Mahindru and President Romi Wadehra said that the main objective of the Khatri Sabha is to actively participate in social work and provide relief to the needy. They said that the Khatri Sabha is running many social projects for this purpose. On this occasion, Pankaj Sarna, Pankaj Tuli, Ajay Chopra, Sanjeev Trehan, Gurnoorpreet Singh, Rahul Arora, Chaitanya Handa, Pranav Oberoi, Vishal Arora, AK Trehan, Chandan Mahindra, Atul Nayyar, PR Passi, Jagdish Kohli, Rajkumar Wadehra etc.

Punjab State Aptitude Test and NMMS examination conducted through 20 centers of Bathinda district

KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA
RAMPURA PHUL, JAN 6



State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) Punjab to motivate students towards education conducted Punjab State Aptitude Test (PSTSE) and National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship (NMMS) Examination at the examination centers of 20 different schools of Bathinda district.

Students of class VIII and X of the session 2025-26 participated in the examination conducted under the guidance of District Education Officer Secondary Education Mamta Khurana Sethi and Deputy District Education Officer Chamkaur Singh Sidhu. District Education Officer (S.E.), Bathinda Mamta Khurana Sethi said that 20 examination centers were set up in Bathinda district for the above examination conducted in the district on January 4, 2026.

After the students reached the examination centers, proper arrangements were made for information and assistance related to the examination. Deputy District Education Officer (S.E.), Bathinda Chamkaur Singh 'Sidhu' said that 2798 students out of a total of 3374 appeared in the P.S.T.S.E. examination of class X and 3010 students out of 3432 appeared in the N.M.M.S. examination. He said that while the purpose of these scholarship exams is to instill a spirit of research and competition among the students, it is also to provide financial assistance to the students. He said that the students studying in class VIII after passing the NMMS and PSTSE exams will be eligible for scholarships for the next four years and the students of class X for the next two years.

Dr. Ravjot Singh expresses grief over demise of Mayor Vineet Dhir's father



PARAMJIT SINGH
JALANDHAR, JAN 6

Punjab Local Government Minister Dr. Ravjot Singh today expressed deep grief over the demise of Mayor Vineet Dhir's father Vinod Kumar Dhir.

Arriving at the Mayor's residence in Jalandhar Kunj here, the Cabinet Minister expressed his heartfelt condolences to the family members in this hour of grief and prayed to God to grant eternal rest to the departed soul and give the family the strength to bear the loss. Senior AAP leader Nitin Kohli was also present on the occasion.

Dr. Ravjot Singh said that the family has suffered an irreparable loss due to the demise of Vinod Kumar Dhir ji. He said that a father is the head of the family, whose absence can never be filled. The Cabinet Minister, remembering the services of Late Vinod Kumar Dhir ji towards the society, said that his passing away has caused a loss not only to the family but also to the society. He said that the Punjab Government stands with the family in this hour of grief.

MLA Bram Shankar Jimpa inaugurates tubewell construction in Jahan Khelan village

DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, JAN 6



MLA Bram Shankar Jimpa today formally inaugurated the construction of a tubewell worth ?10 lakh in Jahan Khelan village. The event sparked great enthusiasm among the villagers.

The new tubewell is expected to provide a permanent solution to the village's drinking water woes.MLA Jimba stated that the state government's aim is to extend basic facilities to every village, ensuring clean drinking water and adequate irrigation for farmers. He added that the tubewell will relieve residents from chronic water shortages.The MLA noted that this initiative fulfills a long-standing demand of the villagers and will give fresh momentum to the village's development. He assured that the government is continuously working on regional progress and more development projects will soon be undertaken in Jahan Khelan.

Jimba directed officials to complete the construction within the stipulated timeframe and to the highest quality standards, so residents can benefit at the earliest.

On the occasion, Block Committee Member Mukesh Kumar, Youth Sarpanch Pritpal, Jugal Kishore, Amandeep Kaur, Ramit Deol, Ravi Kumar, and village Sarpanch Parveen Kumari were prominently present. All expressed gratitude to the MLA, hailing the tubewell as a major boon for the village.

Harbans Lal honours renowned social reformer Dr. N.S. Bawa for exceptional service to humanity

FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): Punjab's legacy of compassion and community upliftment shone even brighter when senior BJP leader and patron of 'Haa Da Naara Chetna Manch', former minister Dr. Harbans Lal, conferred a special honour upon eminent social activist Dr. N.S. Bawa. The honour was bestowed by presenting a portrait of the family of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the 10th Guru, along with a traditional 'Siropa.



While acknowledging Dr. Bawa's decades-long commitment to public service, Dr. Harbans Lal said that his life represents the true spirit of selfless service. From organizing continuous awareness exhibitions to promote women's dignity, to leading powerful campaigns against drug abuse among youth, Dr. Bawa has emerged as a beacon of hope and guidance in the community. His tireless efforts to protect and rehabilitate the young generation falling prey to drugs have inspired thousands across the state. Raising awareness about rising pollution levels and the alarming decline in oxygen, Dr. Bawa has consistently advocated tree plantation as a lifeline for humanity. Every year, he motivates people through exhibitions, urging them to plant and conserve trees on a large scale. Alongside this, he also continues to serve the community through 'Bawa Nursing Home' in Bassi Pathana.

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Asian Tiger Surjit Singh Rana promoted as Second-in-Command in BSF, region celebrates



JOGINDER DEV ARYA
BANGANA: It is a moment of immense pride and honour for Hattli village in Bangana subdivision of Una district, Himachal Pradesh, as Maharana Ranjit Singh Awardee and renowned volleyball player known as the 'Asian Tiger', Surjit Singh Rana, has been promoted to the post of Second-in-Command (2IC) in the Border Security Force. Currently serving as an Assistant Commandant, Rana's elevation has sparked celebrations not only within his family but across the region.

NEWS BRIEF

Young man dies after falling into deep gorge during paragliding

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA: A young man died at the Indrunag paragliding site in Dharamshala. Raman Kumar, a 28-year-old resident of Bankotu, fell into a deep gorge three days ago while pushing a paraglider. He died last night during treatment at Tanda Medical College. Following Raman's death, a major discrepancy has emerged regarding the accident. The Tourism Department's marshals were unaware of the incident, while the hospital records state the cause of death as "falling from a tree." Following this discrepancy, District Tourism Development Officer Vinay Dhiman has directed the Dharamshala Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) to conduct a thorough investigation into the matter. According to eyewitnesses and local sources, Raman Kumar was pushing a paraglider pilot from behind to help him take off at the site.

CM flags-off 'Children of the State Tour' under Mukhyamantri Sukh-Aashray Yojana

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JAN 6



With a vision to ensure holistic development of the children residing in Child Care Institutions, the State Government has organized a special educational and exposure programme titled "Children of the State Tour" for them. The tour was flagged-off today by Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, reflecting the State Government's commitment towards nurturing and empowering vulnerable children. Interacting warmly with the children, the Chief Minister encouraged them to make earn experiences this unique journey. He urged them to explore, learn and enjoy the exposure, stating that the tour would provide valuable opportunities to gain knowledge, understand diverse cultures and develop a broader perspective of the country. A total of 52 children from various Child Care Institutions (CCIs) across the State are participating in the tour, which will continue till 15th January 2026. During this period, the children will visit several major cities and important historical, cultural and educational places across the country. The Chief Minister said that under the Mukhyamantri Sukh-Aashray Yojana, the State Government was committed not only to providing care and protection to these children, but also to creating opportunities that help them build a secure and dignified future. The objective of the tour is to acquaint the children with national integration, India's rich cultural heritage, modern infrastructure and exposure visits to leading educational institutions, thereby ensuring their overall development. As per the itinerary, the children will travel to Chandigarh, Delhi, Agra and Goa, and return to Shimla using various modes of transport including Volvo buses, air and rail travel, as well as hop-on hop-off tourist buses. The children will be taken to prominent landmarks in Delhi as the Red Fort, Qutub Minar, India Gate, Raj Ghat, Shakti Sthal, Veer Bhoomi, Humayun's Tomb, the National Zoological Park, National Science Museum, North Block, South Block, Indian Council of World Affairs, Triveni Kala Sangam and the National Museum of Natural History. In Agra, they will visit the iconic Taj Mahal. During the Goa leg of the tour, the children will visit famous beaches, churches and temples, enjoy a pleasure cruise and also be taken to the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services to enhance their scientific and environmental awareness. The Chief Minister highlighted that such educational and exposure tours play a crucial role in building self-confidence, curiosity, national awareness and social consciousness among children. He directed the concerned officers to ensure that there is no lapse in the safety, comfort and well-being of the children throughout the tour.

Dy CM listens to public grievances in Gondpur

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Himachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri on Monday evening listened to public grievances during a public interaction programme held at the Business Promotion Centre in Gondpur. He issued necessary directions to the officers of the relevant departments for the prompt and effective resolution of the complaints received. The Deputy Chief Minister said the state government is working with the spirit of public welfare, development, and service, adding that the timely resolution of people's problems remains one of the government's top priorities. He directed officials to avoid any negligence in addressing grievances and to ensure that all cases are handled with sensitivity and accountability. He further stated that the focus of the state government's policies is on serving villages, the poor, and the common people. Ensuring effective implementation of welfare schemes at the grassroots level and reaching benefits to the last person is a firm commitment of the government. Agnihotri instructed officers to take every complaint raised during the public interaction seriously and ensure its timely resolution, thereby further strengthening development and basic amenities in rural areas.

Hamirpur's Atiksh Thakur shines at international chess tournament

ANIL KUMAR
KANGRA: Fourteen-year-old chess prodigy Atiksh Thakur from Hamirpur district delivered an impressive performance by securing second position at the first International Open FIDE Rated Rapid Chess Tournament held at Kangra on January 3 and 4. The two-day international tournament, organised under the aegis of the Kangra Chess Club, witnessed participation from 325 players from India and abroad. Displaying remarkable strategic skill, composure and consistency, Atiksh outperformed several seasoned players in a series of intense and closely contested matches, bringing laurels to both Hamirpur district and Himachal Pradesh. For finishing second, Atiksh Thakur was awarded a trophy along with a cash prize of Rs 18,000. A native of the Bhoranj area of Hamirpur district, Atiksh currently resides in Hamirpur. His father has served as a veterinary doctor at the Bherari veterinary hospital. Backed by strong family support and rigorous practice, Atiksh has achieved significant milestones in chess at a young age. Notably, Atiksh Thakur is among Himachal Pradesh's highest FIDE-rated players and has twice emerged as the state champion in the senior open category. His achievement at the international tournament has become a source of inspiration for emerging chess players across the state.



Students informed about banking schemes



AVINASH CHAUHAN
AMB: The third day of the seven-day special camp of the National Service Scheme unit at the Government Excellence College, Una, began with a prayer meeting and various exercises. Akash Bhardwaj, District Coordinator of PNB RSETI, attended as the special guest. The program began with the lighting of a lamp in front of Goddess Saraswati, the goddess of learning. Volunteers presented a variety of cultural performances. Addressing the volunteers, the special guest explained that the primary objective of PNB RSETI (Rural Self Employment Training Institute) is to empower rural youth, especially the unemployed, to become self-employed by providing them free training in various trades, enabling them to start their own enterprises and generate income, thereby strengthening the rural economy and reducing poverty. This is part of the bank's social responsibility, which focuses on financial inclusion and skill development.

State integrates Artificial Intelligence with Him Parivar Portal: CM Sukhu

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA, JAN 6



Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu stated that Himachal Pradesh has emerged as the number one state in the country in the effective use of information technology to make public services accessible, transparent and time-bound. He said that even in the remotest and tribal areas of the state, most government services are now available to citizens at the click of a mouse, marking a historic achievement in the direction of good governance.

The Chief Minister was addressing the General House meeting of the Society for Promotion of IT and e-Governance in Himachal Pradesh (SITEG) on Monday evening. He conducted a detailed review of various IT-based applications and software developed by the department and directed officers to make these systems more citizen-friendly, secure and effective. Reviewing the 'Him Upasthiti' application, developed to ensure attendance of employees working in various departments of the state government, the Chief Minister directed to further enhance its efficiency, transparency and reliability. He also directed that registration of all state government employees on the 'Him Access Portal' be made mandatory and instructed that all employees must complete their registration within one month. Launching the Asset Mapping Application, the Chief Minister said that this initiative would provide comprehensive and updated information related to citizens' properties, which would significantly support infrastructure development, effective policy formulation and improved resource management. Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu further informed that an Artificial Intelligence-based document verification and validation system is being integrated into the Him Seva Portal to ensure faster and more efficient delivery of revenue services. This system will function as a first-level scrutiny mechanism, empowering revenue officers while simultaneously offering citizens smoother and more transparent services.

HPSEBL digital reforms to save state exchequer Rs.16.83cr: CM

DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Reaffirming the government's commitment to a complete systemic overhaul, Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today stated that the recent digital and administrative reforms in the Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited (HPSEBL) are testament to the ongoing "Vyavastha Parivartan" in the state. By prioritizing transparent procurement and technological self-reliance, the state is not only enhancing consumer services but also heading towards financial prudence. "State government's motive is clear, it is to change the system, not just to run it" he reiterated. By breaking the old patterns of high-cost outsourcing and introducing competitive transparent bidding, the annual support costs for electricity billing and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) has been slashed by nearly 46 percent. He said that the annual cost for support services now stands at Rs. 6.68 crore, down from the previous Rs.12.29 crore, said the Chief Minister.

This initiative will result in a direct saving of approximately Rs. 5.61 crore annually, totaling Rs.16.83 crore over three years. These are public resources that will now be redirected toward the welfare of the people of Himachal, rather than being drained by inefficient legacy contracts, the CM remarked. Emphasizing the importance of Ease of Living, the Chief Minister noted that the digitization of HPSEBL was designed to empower the nearly 29 lakh domestic and industrial consumers across the state. "The Government was committed to bring governance to the doorsteps of the citizens. From online applications for new connections to smart billing and prepaid services, it is being ensured that the common man no longer has to navigate bureaucratic hurdles for basic utilities," he added.

Automatic testing station to become new hub of employment: Kewal Singh Pathania

SANJAY AGGARWAL
DHARAMSHALA, JAN 6



Deputy Chief Whip and MLA of Shahpur Assembly constituency, Kewal Singh Pathania, inspected the under-construction Automatic Testing Station (ATS) in Gahliyan, Kangra Assembly constituency, on Tuesday. The station is being built at a cost of approximately Rs. 9 crore on about 40 kanals of land. He said that Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu will formally inaugurate the Automatic Testing Station soon. Kewal Singh Pathania stated that this is the first Automatic Testing Station in Himachal Pradesh. He said that the Transport Department has provided unprecedented cooperation in the establishment of this project. During the inspection, he reviewed the progress of the construction work and instructed the concerned officials to maintain the quality of work and complete it within the stipulated time. He said that the construction of the Automatic Testing Station will facilitate vehicle fitness testing for the people of the area and ensure transparency in the entire process. This station will be equipped with state-of-the-art technology, making the vehicle inspection process safe, fast, and reliable. Kewal Singh Pathania said that with the establishment of the ATS, there will be no need to wait for a specific day for fitness testing of LMV and HMV vehicles, ensuring that vehicle owners' businesses continue uninterrupted. The entire process, from reporting the vehicle to completing the inspection and exiting the station, will be completed in less than 20 minutes. A well-equipped waiting lounge will also be available for vehicle owners and operators. The vehicle's fitness certificate will be uploaded to the online vehicle portal. He said that the establishment of the Automatic Testing Station will also provide new employment opportunities for the youth in the surrounding areas.

Dharmani hits back at BJP, calls allegations on HIMUDA baseless and misleading

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, JAN 6



Himachal Pradesh Technical Education and Housing Minister Rajesh Dharmani launched a sharp counterattack on Leader of the Opposition Jairam Thakur and former minister Rajendra Garg, accusing them of deliberately misleading the public through baseless allegations to hide the realities of their own tenure. Addressing a press conference in Bilaspur, Dharmani said that the BJP's statements on HIMUDA and land issues are nothing but political propaganda aimed at confusing the people. Clarifying the government's position, the minister stated that no land has been registered in the name of HIMUDA so far and that only proposals are under consideration. Around 10,000 bighas of land are being explored across potential locations in the state, including Bilaspur, but no land has been sold and no final decision has been taken. He asserted that spreading panic over imaginary land deals reflects the BJP's desperation. Dharmani alleged that the real "loot" of Himachal Pradesh took place during the BJP regime, when nearly 6,250 bighas of government land were allotted to builders at a throwaway price of Rs 750 per bigha.

HIMUDA begins groundwork for planned residential township in Bilaspur

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR: In a significant step towards planned urban development, a joint team of the Himachal Pradesh Urban Development Authority (HIMUDA) conducted a detailed site inspection in Bilaspur to explore the feasibility of developing a modern residential township. Acting on the directions of Town and Country Planning and Housing Minister Rajesh Dharmani, the team surveyed potential sites at Kothipura, Oyal and Auhr areas near AIIMS Bilaspur. The inspection team, led by HIMUDA Vice Chairman Yashwant Chhachhta and including Board of Directors member Jitendra Chandel, Chief Engineer Surendra Vashisht and senior officials, examined land suitability, geographical features, connectivity and availability of essential infrastructure such as roads, electricity and drinking water.

Bhoranj region gets major boost as 35-metre footbridge inaugurated over Chaith Khad

ANIL KUMAR
HAMIRPUR, JAN 6



The Bhoranj Assembly constituency received a significant infrastructure boost with the inauguration of a 35-metre-long footbridge over Chaith Khad by Congress MLA Suresh Kumar. Constructed at a cost of around Rs 90 lakh, the footbridge fulfils a long-pending demand of the region. With the bridge becoming operational, more than 1,500 residents of Nihar, Bindla, Bajdauh, Jahu and Dadu panchayats have gained safe and reliable connectivity. The footbridge will particularly benefit schoolchildren of Badhani School and local villagers, who earlier had to risk their lives while crossing the swollen khad during the monsoon season. The bridge has been built with the support of the Public Works Department and its Mechanical Wing, strengthening overall connectivity in the area. Addressing the gathering, MLA Suresh Kumar said resolving public issues and ensuring safe and convenient access to every village remained his priority. He added that quality and transparency would be ensured in all development works so that people receive tangible benefits. On the occasion, the MLA also laid the foundation stone for a park to be constructed in Badhani panchayat at an estimated cost of Rs 40 lakh, aimed at providing recreational and health-related facilities to residents.

Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Prakash Parv celebreated with devotion in Una

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA, JAN 6



The Prakash Parv of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the Sarbansdani Tenth Sikh Guru, was observed with deep devotion across Una district on Tuesday. Religious programmes, including Akhand Path and Shabad Kirtan, were organised at various gurudwaras, while langars were arranged at several places. As part of the district-level celebrations, a grand Nagar Kirtan was taken out from village Kuriala to Kila Baba Sahib Singh Bedi under the guidance of Baba Sarabjot Singh Bedi. The procession was carried under the canopy of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib and led by the Panj Pyare, passing through Dangeda, Barnoh, Dangoli, Ajnoli, Kotla Kalan, Arniyala, Galuan and Sehat town before concluding at Kila Baba Sahib Singh Bedi.

The Nagar Kirtan was accorded a warm welcome with a shower of flower petals by Baba Sarabjot Singh Bedi, a descendant of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The palki of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib was beautifully decorated, and hundreds of devotees accompanied the procession while reciting Shabad Kirtan. Warriors from the Guru Nanak Mission Gatka Akhara presented an impressive display of traditional martial arts, adding to the spiritual fervour of the occasion.

Cabinet decision speeds up shifting of SDRF office

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: The process of shifting the office of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) to the Skill Development Institute building in Palakwah Khas, under the Haroli sub-division of Una district of Himachal Pradesh, has gained momentum. The move follows the decision taken earlier in a meeting of the Himachal Pradesh Cabinet. It is noteworthy that in a recent meeting of the state cabinet, the decision was taken to shift the SDRF to the Skill Development Institute building in Palakwah Khas, Haroli assembly constituency. In this regard, formal correspondence has now been initiated to ensure coordination between the concerned departments.

In compliance with the Cabinet decision, the Department of Labour, Employment and Overseas Placement has issued letters to the Disaster Management Department, General Administration Department, Labour Commissioner, and Deputy Commissioner Una, granting approval for the use of the said building. The letter instructs the district administration to ensure the necessary preparations in coordination with each other. According to the government order, the SDRF is proposed to be shifted to the Skill Development Institute complex in Palakwah Khas by February 15, 2026. In this regard, Deputy Chief Minister and MLA of Haroli, Mukesh Agnihotri, said that the decision to establish the SDRF office in the Skill Development Institute building in Palakwah was taken in a recent cabinet meeting. Action is now being taken at the departmental level.

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Gurnam Singh takes charge of Ladwa police station

KARAMBIR

LADWA: The Ladwa police station in-charge was transferred on Tuesday as part of a reshuffle within the police department. Gurnam Singh has now be the in-charge of the Ladwa police station. Previously, Inspector Jagdish Tamak held the post. After



assuming charge on Tuesday afternoon, station in-charge Gurnam Singh told reporters that any kind of hooliganism and encroachment by shopkeepers in the city will not be tolerated. He said that strict action will be taken against those who put black films on vehicles and black grills on windows. Both consumers and sellers of drugs are criminals. Drug trade will not be allowed in Ladwa area at any cost. He said that two-wheeler and four-wheeler drivers should keep their documents complete and get the correct number plate display, otherwise they will be challaned.

NEWS BRIEF

Release of Marathi novel 'Nar Wanar' by writer Limbale translated by Buta Chauhan



KULDEEP SOOD

BARNALA: Sahit Sarwar Barnala released the novel 'Nar Wanar' by famous Marathi novelist Sharan Kumar Limbale at the local Chintu Park. This ceremony was conducted by Dr. Bhupinder Singh Bedi and Dr. Rampal Shahpuri jointly performed. On this occasion, Dr. Bedi said that Buta Singh Chauhan has previously translated fourteen novels and books of essays by famous Marathi novelists Laxman Gaikwad and Sharan Kumar Limbale. Dr. Shahpuri said that Chauhan is a versatile writer who keeps inspiring new writers to write quality literature. Buta Singh Chauhan said that this novel by Limbale is the first part of a three-part series of novels. The next part is 'Hindu and Bahujan'.

Mini Bus Operators Union organises religious function



KULJIT SINGH DHINGRA

RAMPURA PHUL: Like every year, this year too, the Mini Bus Operators Union Rampura Phul, keeping in mind the progress of the area, happiness and peace and the birth anniversary of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, inaugurated Sri Akhand Path Sahib Ji at the main office of the local bus stand, the Bhog of which was held on Friday. On this occasion, Shabad Kirtan and religious thoughts will be shared by the Pathi Singhs of the local Gurdwara Sri Kalgidhar Sahib. Giving information in this regard, the President of Mini Bus Operators Union Rampura Phul, Paramjit Singh Mann, said that every year the union organizes religious functions for the welfare of all and on this occasion, langar was served to the sangat present.

Umar Khalid verdict: JNU students raise controversial slogans against PM, Shah

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NEW DELHI, JAN 6



A group of JNU students raised controversial slogans against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah inside the university campus after the Supreme Court denied bail to Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam in the 2020 riots conspiracy case. According to a purported video of the protest, which was held on Monday night, slogans condemning Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah were raised.

Aditi Mishra, Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union president, said that every year, students hold a protest to condemn the violence which occurred on the campus on January 5, 2020.

"All of the slogans raised in the protest were ideological and do not attack anyone personally. They were not directed towards anyone," Mishra told. A senior police officer said no complaint has been received so far in this matter. Delhi ministers Ashish Sood and Manjinder Singh Sirsa, however, condemned the incident and blamed the Opposition for supporting those who indulge in such acts. "Sharjeel Imam spoke about separating Northeast India. Umar Khalid raised slogans of 'India will be broken into pieces,' and his involvement was found in the 2020 riots. Such people are shown sympathy because there are people in this Assembly who shared a stage with Sharjeel Imam," Sood told reporters, ahead of the second day of the Winter Session of the Delhi Assembly. He said when such people are given patronage, such things are bound to happen. "What has happened in JNU, where Sharjeel Imam and Umar Khalid have been supported..., is condemnable and against the nation. You can fight over policy matters, but there is no place for violence in democracy," Sood added. Echoing similar sentiments, Sirsa alleged that those who raised slogans have no regard for the Constitution or law.

"These are separatist people. Raising such slogans against prime minister and home minister is extremely shameful. The AAP and Congress have always supported such people," he told reporters. Violence erupted on the campus on January 5, 2020, when a mob of masked men stormed the campus and targeted students in three hostels, unleashing mayhem with sticks, stones and iron rods, hitting inmates and breaking windows, furniture and personal belongings.

Power Minister Manohar Lal reviews CVPPPL projects in J&K, sets commissioning deadlines



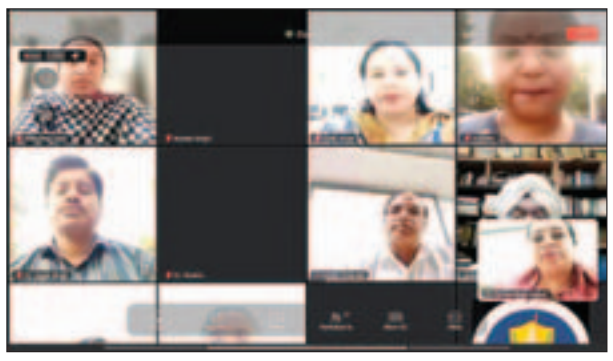
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JAMMU, JAN 6

During his two-day visit to Jammu & Kashmir, Manohar Lal, Union Minister for Power, Housing & Urban Affairs; Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary (Power), Ministry of Power, Government of India and Bhupender Gupta, Chairman & Managing Director (CMD), NHPC, arrived at NHPC's Dulhasti Power Station, Kishtwar in the evening of 04.01.2026. On arrival at the power station, both dignitaries i.e. Minister and Secretary (Power) were welcomed by Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Director (Projects), NHPC and Ramesh Mukhia, Managing Director, Chenab Valley Power Projects Ltd. (CVPPPL) in the presence of senior officers from NHPC and CVPPPL.

On Tuesday, a Guard of Honour was presented by the CISF unit to the Minister. Thereafter, the Minister along with all distinguished guests planted saplings at the Dulhasti project area, reaffirming NHPC's strong commitment to environmental protection.

Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Yamunanagar organises guest lecture on "Poetry – The Play of Language"

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, JAN 6



The academic Society CRITIQUE of Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Yamunanagar organised a guest lecture on "Poetry – The Play of Language". The lecture was delivered by Dr. Gurupdesh Singh, Former Professor, Department of English, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, who served as the resource person.Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Arvinder Singh Bhalla, Principal, remarked that such academic interactions play a vital role in broadening students' perspectives and nurturing critical and creative thinking.

In his address, Dr. Gurupdesh Singh spoke at length about poetry as a creative and linguistic art form, emphasizing the playful, symbolic, and transformative power of language in poetic expression. He encouraged students to read poetry with sensitivity to sound, structure, and meaning, making the session intellectually stimulating and enriching. Sardar Randeep Singh Jauhar, President, Governing Body and Managing Committee, applauded the initiative taken by the college and stated that academic programmes like guest lectures significantly contribute to the holistic development of students and strengthen the institution's commitment to quality education.The event was organised under the guidance of the Principal, with Dr. Vinay Chandel as Coordinator, Dr. Ramandeep Mahal as Convener, and Mr. Amritpal Singh as Co-convener.

CBSE capacity building programme organised at New Happy Public School, Yamunanagar

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, JAN 6



New Happy Public School, Yamunanagar successfully organized a Capacity Building Programme (CBP) under the aegis of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). The training programme was centered on the theme "Theory of Knowledge", with the objective of familiarizing teachers with the nature of knowledge, thinking processes, and modern approaches to teaching and learning. This one-day training programme was conducted by two experienced and renowned CBSE-appointed resource persons, Ms. Chhavi Goel and Ms. Nisha Sinha, who served as the key facilitators. Both experts guided the teachers in depth on concepts such as the nature of knowledge, reasoning, critical thinking, the art of questioning, and interdisciplinary teaching strategies. Teachers from New Happy Public School, Yamunanagar, along with educators from other CBSE-affiliated schools, participated enthusiastically in the programme. Through group discussions, activity-based sessions, case studies, and practical examples, the concept of Theory of Knowledge was presented in a highly engaging and effective manner. The participating teachers described the programme as extremely informative, inspiring, and practically useful.The Principal of the school, Dr. Bindu Sharma, expressed her views on the occasion and said, "In today's education system, teaching the syllabus alone is not sufficient. It is equally important to develop students' abilities to think, understand, and reason. This Capacity Building Programme based on 'Theory of Knowledge' empowers teachers with a fresh perspective and innovative teaching methodologies. We are proud that New Happy Public School had the opportunity to host such an important programme." She further added that such training programmes play a vital role in the professional development of teachers and ultimately benefit students by promoting their holistic growth.

At the conclusion of the programme, all participants appreciated the expertise and guidance of the resource persons and expressed gratitude to CBSE and the school management. The Capacity Building Programme proved to be a positive, enriching, and motivating learning experience for all the teachers involved.

Commendation letter distribution ceremony held on occasion of conclusion of youth against drugs campaign

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, JAN 6



Punjab State Legal Services Authority, SAS Nagar On the occasion of the conclusion of the Youth Angst Drugs campaign being run by the Punjab State Legal Services Authority, SAS Nagar, a commendation letter distribution ceremony was organized today at the District Court under the able leadership of Miss Anshul Beri, Honorable District and Sessions Judge -cum- Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Barnala. On this occasion, the students who participated in various activities during the said one-month campaign and who performed well were distributed commendation letters by Miss Anshul Beri, Honorable District and Sessions Judge -cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Barnala. On this occasion, the Honorable Judge informed that a total of 342 awareness camps were organized in 175 villages during the said campaign. During this campaign, poster making, slogan making, painting and essay writing competitions were organized in the schools of Barnala district so that the students could be made aware of the ill effects of drugs. During this, about 450 awareness sessions were organized in the schools of Barnala district. Apart from this, anti-drug awareness rallies were taken out in Barnala city to make the general public aware and street plays were organized in villages and cities. During this campaign, para-legal volunteers of the District Legal Services Authority, Barnala made the villagers aware about the harm caused by the use of drugs during a youth march in the villages. During this campaign, seminars were organized at the Rehabilitation Center, Sohal Patti, District Barnala and Civil Hospital Barnala and during this campaign, a volleyball match was also organized between the people present at the Rehabilitation Center, Sohal Patti, District Barnala and the youth of the village.

Police arrest thief along with stolen jewellery

KULDEEP SOOD
BARNALA, JAN 6



Police outpost Handiaya has achieved a major success by arresting a thief along with the stolen goods. Giving information, DSP Satbir Singh Bains and outpost in-charge Tarsem Singh jointly informed that recently, an unknown thief had stolen about 4 Tolas of gold, 500 grams of silver and a camera along with about 55000 in cash from the house of Rakesh Kumar alias Vicky Bawa son of Madan Saroop in the main market Handiaya. During the investigation, outpost in-charge Tarsem Singh named Parvinder Singh alias Navi son of Buta Singh resident of Harnam Singh Wala police station, Phul district, Bathinda, Hal Abad Shiv Vatika Colony, Sanghera Road, Barnala as the accused. The accused was arrested and gold and silver jewellery was recovered from him. The scooter used by the accused during the incident was also stolen from the clock tower of Ludhiana. During the investigation in the case, it has come to light that the remaining gold ornaments were mortgaged by the accused Parvinder Singh along with his sister-in-law Manjinder Kaur, wife of Gobind Singh, resident of Kewal (Keol), district Sirsa, in the name of the said Manjinder Kaur in IIFL Finance Bank, Kalianwali, district Sirsa and a loan of Rs. 2,89,492 was taken against these ornaments. This gold is in the bank. During the investigation in the case, Manjinder Kaur, wife of Gobind Singh, resident of Kewal, Keol, district Sirsa, has been named as an accused.

The holy prophet's devotion to Allah and call for global peace



VERMA

GURDASPUR: The Essence of Divine Love: In his recent Friday Sermon, His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba) detailed the unparalleled devotion of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (sa) toward God. He emphasized that the Prophet's (sa) entire existence was defined by his love for the Almighty, serving as the ultimate foundation for his character. His Holiness provided a profound interpretation of Surah ad-Duha (93:8): "And He found thee wandering in search for Him and guided thee unto Himself." Redefining "Wandering": While the word dhaal often implies being lost, His Holiness explained that in this context, it signifies the Prophet's (sa) complete immersion and "absorption" in the search for his Creator. The Recipient of the Qur'an: Because the Holy Qur'an is a perfect, universal book for all time, it required a recipient of the highest spiritual caliber. The Holy Prophet (sa) was that perfect human, embodying the Qur'an's teachings in every action. The Path to God's Affection: His Holiness highlighted that the way to earn Allah's love is through the emulation of the Holy Prophet (sa).

UCO RSETI marks UCO Bank's 84th Foundation Day with launch of free mushroom production training

AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY
BILASPUR, JAN 6



UCO Rural Self-Employment Training Institute (RSETI), Bilaspur celebrated the 84th Foundation Day of UCO Bank with a strong focus on promoting self-reliance and rural entrepreneurship. On this occasion, a 10-day free training programme on mushroom production was formally launched, providing new livelihood opportunities to rural youth. The programme was inaugurated by Lead District Manager Chandra Shekhar Yadav, who encouraged participants to take up self-employment as a sustainable source of income. Addressing the trainees, Chandra Shekhar Yadav said that skill-based training programmes like mushroom production empower individuals to become self-reliant and economically independent. He urged more people to benefit from the various vocational training initiatives regularly organised by UCO RSETI to strengthen rural livelihoods. Director of UCO RSETI Bilaspur, Ajay Kumar Sharma, informed that the institute operates under the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, with the objective of providing free skill training to unemployed rural youth. He said that the institute has already helped many young people in the district build successful self-employment ventures. Training is offered to rural youth between 18 and 50 years of age in diverse fields such as mushroom cultivation, dairy farming, sericulture, dress designing, beauty parlour, bag and toy making, basic computer skills, and motor driving.

Education Minister Dhanda to inaugurate exhibition at KU

DALBIR MALIK



KURUKSHETRA: Department of Youth & Cultural Affairs, Kurukshetra University, will organize a special exhibition on the occasion of the university's 69th Foundation Day, showcasing achievements in academics, culture, research, sports, and other fields. During a conversation, Vice Chancellor, KUK, Prof Som Nath Sachdeva said that this exhibition will be inaugurated by Haryana's Education Minister, Mahipal Dhanda, during the Foundation Day ceremony scheduled for January 9, 2026. "The Foundation Day is an occasion to remember the historic moment when Dr. Rajendra Prasad laid the foundation of Kurukshetra University in 1956, marking the establishment of the oldest university in Haryana, renowned for its academic excellence," said Prof. Sachdeva. Director, Youth & Cultural Affairs, Prof. Vivek Chawla said that this exhibition will trace the university's journey since its establishment and showcase distinguished alumni, and will be held in the Crush Hall of the University Auditorium. Deputy Director, Public Relations, Dr Jimmy Sharma informed that as part of the 69th Foundation Day celebration, a havan yajna will be organized in the morning and the exhibition will also feature eminent alumni who are recipients of prestigious honours such as the Padma Shri, Arjuna, and Dronacharya Awards, along with a special section highlighting the contributions of former Vice-Chancellors.

Shri Hindu Takht holds grand meeting, organisation's footprint strengthens in India and abroad

SHANTI GAUTAM
BADDI, JAN 6



A grand and historic meeting was organised under the banner of Shri Hindu Takht, chaired by Mahant Praveen Kumar, President of the organisation. Saints and office-bearers from Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir attended the meeting, reflecting the organisation's expanding reach. The proceedings began with Vedic chants and traditional rituals, creating a spiritually charged atmosphere. During the meeting, extensive discussions were held on the expansion of Shri Hindu Takht, its social responsibilities and ways to further strengthen the organisation. Senior office-bearers from Jammu and Kashmir shared details about the growing activities and public support for the organisation in the region, stating that its influence there is increasing rapidly.

The organisation's initiatives in the field of social service were also reviewed. Special mention was made of Shri Hindu Takht's efforts to support the marriages of daughters from economically weaker families, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir, with the cooperation of local office-bearers. The initiative received wide appreciation from the assembled saints and representatives. Under the leadership of Mahant Praveen Kumar, youth in Jammu and Kashmir have been actively associated with the organisation and entrusted with various responsibilities, encouraging them towards service to the nation, religion and society.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Encroachments and drug menace will be eradicated from city: Gurnam

KARAMBIR

LADWA: As part of a reshuffle in police department, Ladwa police station in-charge was transferred. Responsibility of Ladwa police station has now been handed over to Gurnam Singh.



Previously, Inspector Jagdish Tamak was posted as Ladwa police station in-charge. After assuming charge today afternoon, Station House Officer Gurnam Singh while speaking to reporters said that no kind of hooliganism or encroachments by shopkeepers in city would be tolerated. He said that strict action would be taken against those who use black film on their vehicles and black mesh on their windows. Both drug use and drug dealing are crimes.Drug trade will not be allowed in Ladwa area at any cost. He said that two-wheeler and four-wheeler drivers should keep their documents complete and have proper number plates, otherwise, they will be fined. He said that police work with cooperation of public and safety and cooperation of public is primary responsibility of police.

Healthy citizens are foundation of a strong society and self-reliant nation: CM

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 6



Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that a healthy individual contributes not only to the progress of his family but also to the development of society. Healthy citizens form the foundation of a strong society, a robust economy, and a self-reliant nation. With this vision, the Haryana Government has made modern diagnostic and treatment facilities accessible to the common people. Under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, advanced services such as CT Scan, MRI, haemodialysis, and Cath Lab facilities are being provided across the State.

The Chief Minister was speaking as the Chief Guest at the inauguration ceremony of Sovaka Lab in Gurugram on Tuesday. On the occasion, Chairman of Dr. Lal Path Labs, Padma Shri Brigadier Dr. Arvind Lal, welcomed and felicitated the Chief Minister.

On this occasion, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said the Haryana Government is continuously working to improve the healthcare sector. At present, free dialysis facilities are being provided to kidney patients by the State Government. Apart from this, several other healthcare services are also being made available. He said that diagnostic laboratories play an important role in a person's life, and timely health check-ups can help prevent many serious diseases.

The Chief Minister said Gurugram is moving rapidly on the path of development. The city is establishing a distinct identity as a Medical and Health Hub, and with the establishment of this laboratory, another milestone has been added towards strengthening health security. He said this lab will further enhance the quality of healthcare services. He also called upon the laboratory management to provide special facilities for the poor and needy.

On the occasion, Industry and Commerce Minister Rao Narbir Singh, Gurugram MLA Sh. Mukesh Sharma, Pataudi MLA Smt. Bimla Chaudhary, and others were present.

New law a conspiracy to dismantle MGNREGA: Rajesh Vaidh Valmiki

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL, JAN 6

Congress district rural president Dr Rajesh Vaidh Valmiki on Tuesday strongly criticised the Modi government, alleging that the newly introduced VB-Gram-G law is a calculated attempt to dismantle the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. He announced that a nationwide 'MGNREGA Bachao Sangram' would be launched from January 10 to February 25, with the programme commencing from Karnal on January 10.



Valmiki reiterated the demand for withdrawal of the VB-Gram-G law and restoration of MGNREGA as a rights-based legislation, along with the reinstatement of the right to work and the powers of panchayats. Describing MGNREGA as the most successful and historic poverty alleviation programme, he said the new law was designed to weaken it systematically.

He said MGNREGA was a demand-driven scheme that provided a safety net to five to six crore rural families every year during times of distress. Under the new law, employment would no longer be a right but subject to the discretion of the central government. Earlier, gram sabhas and panchayats planned works based on local needs, but decision-making would now be centralised in Delhi, reducing panchayats to mere clerical units. Employment would be provided only in panchayats notified by the Centre, while many others would be denied funds, disrupting local planning and violating the spirit of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment.

Valmiki said the new framework imposed pre-determined budget caps and standard allocations, which would halt work once funds were exhausted. He added that the guaranteed, inflation-linked wages under MGNREGA had been diluted, and the assurance of 60 days of work during the agricultural peak season had been removed. At times of maximum distress in villages, the government could now legally deny employment. He also alleged that biometric requirements were being used as tools of exclusion rather than transparency, depriving poor and less-educated workers of work opportunities.

According to him, under the VB-Gram-G law, panchayats would be reduced to labour suppliers for central contractors, leading to the return of contractors through the back door and an increase in corruption. He further alleged that the Centre had reduced its share in wage payments from 100 per cent to 60 per cent, shifting a heavier financial burden onto states. Despite claims of increasing workdays, reduced central allocations would actually lead to fewer employment days, he said. Valmiki also condemned the removal of Mahatma Gandhi's name from the law.

Detailing the agitation programme, Valmiki said preparatory meetings would be held at Pradesh Congress headquarters on January 8. District-level press conferences would be organised on January 10, followed by a one-day fast on January 11 at district headquarters in front of statues of Mahatma Gandhi or B. R. Ambedkar, with participation of MGNREGA workers.

In the second phase, from January 12 to 29, panchayat-level meetings, extensive public outreach programmes, street-corner meetings and pamphlet distribution would be organised. Letters from Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and leader Rahul Gandhi would be circulated among village heads, former sarpanches, employment assistants and MGNREGA workers.

Overload and speeding vehicles should not be allowed ply: ADC

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Overloading and speeding in vehicles are a recipe for disaster. Therefore, no vehicle driver should overload their vehicles or drive at excessive speeds. Giving this information, Yamunanagar Additional Deputy Commissioner Naveen Ahuja said that the Motor Vehicles Act is a law in India that governs all aspects related to road transport vehicles, regulating driver's licenses, vehicle registration, permits, traffic rules, insurance, offenses, and penalties. He said that millions of road accidents occur in the country every year. Most of these road accidents are caused by speeding and overloading, which claim the lives of a large number of people and ruin entire families. He said that driving a vehicle at a speed exceeding the prescribed limit is not only a punishable offense but can also be fatal. Driving a vehicle at a speed exceeding the prescribed limit is a punishable offense under Section 183 of the Motor Vehicles Act. If caught committing this offense, drivers are fined by the police and officials of the concerned



departments under the Motor Vehicles Act, and their vehicles are also seized.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner said that the government has prescribed speed limits for vehicles. He appealed to the drivers to drive their vehicles according to the speed limits prescribed by the government so that road accidents do not occur and everyone can travel on the roads safely. He said that if any driver is found driving at excessive speed, they will not be spared and action will be taken according to the law. He further added that to prevent road accidents, it is necessary that vehicles are driven at the prescribed speed and that drivers exercise complete caution on the road. However, if a road accident does occur, information can be given to the 24-hour emergency service on phone numbers 112 and 1073. He said that two-wheeler riders should always wear helmets. It is also essential to get the pollution levels of their vehicles checked within the prescribed period and to maintain their engines properly. He further advised against driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs and against overloading vehicles. He also emphasised the importance of drivers .

District Council Chairman congratulates Devansh Grewal on his selection in Junior volleyball team

PRITI SAINI
SADHAURA, JANUARY 6



Devansh Grewal, a volleyball player from Naushera village in the Sadhaura area, was welcomed and congratulated at a function held in his village after his selection for the Junior Team India camp. District Council Chairman Ramesh Thaska attended the event and congratulated Devansh and his family. According to the information received, Devansh Grewal, the 17-year-old son of Rakesh Kumar, a Haryana Police officer residing in Naushera village, has been selected for the Junior Team India camp. Devansh informed that he has previously played at the national level four times. Trials were held in Jaipur where 20 players were selected out of 300 from across India, and his name was among them. Expressing his happiness, Devansh said that he is fortunate to get the opportunity to represent Team India and will contribute his best to bring glory to the country. Currently, Devansh is practicing at the Sports Authority of India, Kurukshetra, under the guidance of coach Rahul Sangwan. Devansh's uncle, Rajesh Kumar, also expressed his happiness at this achievement, saying that Devansh has been a very hardworking boy from the beginning, and it is the result of his hard work that he has reached this stage. He added that sports have always been an important part of their family. A small programme was also organised in the village to celebrate Devansh's achievement. District Council Chairman Ramesh Thaska attended as the chief guest and congratulated Devansh and his family on this achievement, saying that it is a matter of pride not only for them but also for their region that a young man from their area has reached this level. Now Devansh will hoist India's flag in India and abroad. During the event, the villagers requested Ramesh Thaska for a tin shed at the program venue, the Kashyap Dharamshala premises, and he immediately announced a grant of Rs. 5 lakh from the District Council quota.

Panchayat launches e-rickshaws to improve sanitation

NIRMAL SAINI
RADAUR: Gram Panchayat of Gumthala village has launched e-rickshaws for door-to-door waste collection. This will improve sanitation system in village. Villagers have praised panchayat for this initiative. Chairman of village's sanitation committee Dr Shubham said that village has a large population which was causing difficulties in maintaining cleanliness. Panchayat has now introduced e-rickshaws. E-rickshaws will collect garbage from door to door which will improve sanitation system. Garbage will be collected daily with help of e-rickshaws. He appealed to villagers to cooperate in keeping village clean. Sarpanch Praveen Kumar, Arjun Pandit, Panch Ajay Rana, Sushil Mehta, Chamkaur and Balwinder Singh were present.



Yoga is not just exercise but a means to make life balanced and healthy: Kamal



KARAMBIR
LADWA: Under 'Yoga-infused, Drug-free Haryana' campaign, yoga instructors Kamal Kishore and Devendra Sharma undertook a commendable initiative to raise awareness about yoga in Muradnagar village. Yoga instructor Kamal Kishore said that yoga is not just exercise, but a means to make life balanced and healthy. If society adopts yoga, it will automatically distance itself from evils like drug addiction.He said that objective of "Yoga-infused, Drug-free Haryana" campaign is to spread awareness of yoga to every village and guide youth in a positive direction. He said that spreading awareness about yoga at village level will provide coming generation with a healthy and drug-free environment.Under campaign, villagers were informed about the physical, mental, and social benefits of yoga and were encouraged to adopt a healthy lifestyle by staying away from drugs. Villagers welcomed this initiative and also pledged to practice yoga regularly. Sarpanch Rekha Rani, Devendra Sharma and other villagers were present.

Courtesy meeting with Minister of Youth Empowerment and Entrepreneurship, Gaurav Gautam



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Last Saturday, at the Panchjanya programme held at Kalpana Chawla Auditorium, Karnal, the Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, and the Minister of Youth Empowerment and Entrepreneurship, Government of Haryana, Gaurav Gautam, participated as chief guests. On this occasion, Shri Rakesh Bhatia, Principal of Babu Mool Chand Jain Government Industrial Training Institute, Karnal, welcomed the minister by presenting a bouquet. After the programme, the principals of all the ITIs in Karnal district paid a courtesy visit to Gaurav Gautam. The minister inquired in detail about the various activities of Babu Mool Chand Jain Government Industrial Training Institute, Karnal, and assured that he would visit the Karnal ITI in the near future.
On this occasion, Rajbala, Meenakshi Sharma, Rakesh Kumar, Sube Singh, Harsh Girdhar, and other dignitaries were present.

First batch of hair and beauty artistry course launched at International Skill Center

HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA, JAN 6



First batch of Hair and Beauty Artistry Certificate Course launched on initiative of MP Naveen Jindal to empower young women and make them self-reliant, was formally inaugurated today.This two-month special training program conducted by Naveen Jindal Foundation in collaboration with VLCC, is being run at Kurukshetra International Skill Center where 100 girls will receive vocational skills. Objective of this course is to enable young women to secure employment and self-employment so that they can become economically empowered through their skills. Regular classes of two hours each will be conducted daily during training period, including Sundays. Experienced and professional trainers are providing practical and theoretical knowledge of modern techniques related to hair, skin and makeup. Giving details in this regard, Dr. Manish Mishra from the Naveen Jindal Foundation said that 65 percent of the total course fee is being covered by foundation as a scholarship. Aim is to ensure that no deserving girl from economically weaker sections is deprived of this training due to lack of resources. He also informed that transportation facilities are being provided by Naveen Jindal Foundation for students coming from remote rural areas to ensure regular attendance at training.Dr Mishra further added that upon completion of course, all participants will be provided with a specially designed professional hair and beauty artistry kit.This will enable the students to immediately utilize their skills and start employment or self-employment after completing the training. He said that this initiative by MP Naveen Jindal is not only a concrete effort towards skill development but is also giving a new direction to the confidence, respect and bright future of daughters of the region. This initiative by Member of Parliament Naveen Jindal is proof that if opportunities and resources are provided, daughters can make their mark in every field and play a vital role in development of society.

Various Programs organized on 4th day of NSS Camp at Indira Gandhi Women's College

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL: Fourth day of ongoing 7-day NSS special camp organized by Indira Gandhi PG Women's College began with prayers. Students participated in yoga, physical activities and discussion programs, aimed at promoting their physical and mental development. President of college's management committee, Ram Bahadur Khurania, flagged off a rally to Chandana village secretariat and praised NSS volunteers, saying that NSS instills a sense of service, discipline, and social responsibility in students.He stated that girls' education is foundation of social progress and that an educated girl can build a strong nation. College Principal Dr. Aarti Garg and Evening Session Principal In-charge Shweta Tanwar were also present. NSS volunteers were taken to Chandana village secretariat where a program was organized on the theme of Save the Girl Child, Educate Girl Child. Village Sarpanch, Virendra Ji, addressed the students and had them recite inspirational slogans. In address, he highlighted importance of girls' education and called for raising awareness in society. An awareness rally was also organized as part of program. Students presented plays, poems and songs based on theme of "Save the Girl Child, Educate Girl Child," conveying a positive message to society. This program was held at Government Senior Secondary School, Chandana, where school's NSS unit and college's Units 036 and 037 volunteers created awareness among Panchayat Samiti through various activities related to Hindi language. School's Principal, Kumari Pinky advised students to earn a value-based education while maintaining their parents' trust. Present on this occasion were Sarpanch of Chandana village secretariat, Virendra and SMC. The commendable support of all the organizations, including Pradhan Satish Sharma, Shri Shyam Samiti, Yuva Jagriti Samiti, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Seva Samiti, and Chandana, was invaluable.



Haryana Government to honour senior citizens and institutions with state awards

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Additional Deputy Commissioner Yogesh Mehta informed that the Haryana government is continuously taking concrete steps to honor senior citizens and utilize their experience in nation-building. In this regard, the Haryana government has invited applications under the Senior Citizen Honor Award Scheme for the year 2025-26 to recognize and promote the welfare of senior citizens. Interested individuals or institutions can apply online on the department's portal https://award.socialjusticehry-gov.in/ by 11:59 PM on January 12, 2026. He stated that this scheme will provide new recognition and encouragement to senior citizens who have excelled in fields such as social service, art, sports, and bravery. Under the scheme, various categories such as Centenarian Award, Best Mother, Valor and Bravery, Lifetime Achievement, as well as senior painters, sculptors, musicians, and sportspersons will be honoured. In addition, the Best Panchayat Award, Best Voluntary Organization Award, Best Old Age Home, and Best Day Care Center will also be awarded. The awards for art and sports categories are Rs. 50,000 for the first prize, Rs. 30,000 for the second prize, and Rs. 20,000 for the third prize.



Agarwal community expresses gratitude to Naveen Jindal for the Rs.11 lakh assistance on Maharaja Agrasen Jayanti

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL, JANUARY 6



A wave of joy and enthusiasm has swept through the entire Agarwal community following the announcement of a 11,00,000/- (eleven lakh rupees) assistance grant by Kurukshetra Lok Sabha MP Naveen Jindal to the Agarwal Yuva Sabha, Kaithal, for social service activities on the occasion of Maharaja Agrasen Jayanti celebrations. Rampratap Gupta, President of Agarwal Yuva Sabha, Kaithal, expressed his gratitude to MP Naveen Jindal, stating that this assistance will further strengthen social service activities. He said that the sensitivity shown by the MP towards the community is inspiring. Rampratap Gupta specifically praised Ravinder Dhiman, the Kaithal Jindal House In-charge, for his active role in the successful organization of the Maharaja Agrasen Jayanti celebrations and in making the announcement of the assistance a reality. His continuous support, coordination, and positive efforts have further strengthened the dialogue between the community and its representatives. He informed that the Agarwal Yuva Sabha, Kaithal, has been continuously working for the welfare of the community for many years. Currently, the Sabha is running several welfare schemes, including monthly pensions for approximately 160 poor and widowed women, free medical camps, financial assistance for the education of underprivileged students, and distribution of blankets durig winters. This assistance will further expand all these activities. Finally, he said that the Agarwal community and the Agarwal Yuva Sabha, Kaithal, express their gratitude to MP Naveen Jindal and his team and look forward to similar cooperation in the future.

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

John C. Maxwell

EDITORIAL

Address farmers' concerns

At a time when the farming community is grappling with multiple problems that make agriculture a challenging endeavour, the draft Seeds Bill proposed by the Union Agriculture Ministry has raised fresh concerns. The Centre must address these apprehensions before moving ahead with the legislation aimed at overhauling the regulations governing the seeds sector and replacing the Seeds Act, 1966, and the Seed Control Order, 1983. The proposed legislation gives the government powers to regulate seed prices in specific cases and imposes penalties on those selling fake or substandard seeds. While the government maintains that the proposed law will help improve the supply of quality seeds, curb counterfeits and offer greater protection to farmers, there are growing fears that it will increase the control of private and multinational companies over the seed market. The registration requirements could restrict farmers' traditional practice of saving and exchanging seeds. The compensation provisions are difficult to enforce and still favour private companies. There is also concern that the proposed regulation may indirectly increase seed prices, making farmers more dependent on commercial suppliers rather than their own seed systems. The seed market has, over the years, become increasingly complex, leading to financial losses caused by substandard products. The porposed legislation has introduced several regulatory changes: All seed varieties will require registration; they must undergo Value for Cultivation and Use (VCU) testing across multiple locations; seed dealers and distributors must obtain a state-issued registration certificate to sell, import or export seeds; every seed container must carry a QR code generated through the central government's Seed Traceability Portal to enable end-to-end tracking. A proposed Central Accreditation System would allow companies accredited at the national level to receive automatic recognition across all States — a measure critics say overwhelmingly benefits big corporations. A resounding feedback from the farming community is that the proposed law is better suited to seed companies and agribusinesses than to ordinary cultivators, particularly those relying on traditional, chemical-free farming. The VCU trials, critics say, favour uniform hybrid seeds typically produced by larger companies. Indigenous, diverse and climate-resilient varieties may struggle to meet the standardised criteria and could gradually disappear from formal markets. Similarly, QR codes, online submissions and continuous tracking pose challenges for small rural seed keepers with limited internet access or digital literacy. There are also fears over genetically modified or patented seeds entering India. No wonder the farmer organisations are up in arms. By enabling corporate dominance and predatory pricing of seeds, the proposed law will squeeze small and marginal farmers, increasing their cost of cultivation and making them more vulnerable. Farmers' bodies contend that the new law introduces a highly centralised and corporatised regulatory framework that risks weakening farmer-centred protections and diluting India's legal architecture for biodiversity conservation and farmers' rights.

Budget 2026–27: Fiscal math points to higher borrowings even as deficit glide path stays intact



As Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman prepares to present the union Budget for 2026–27 on February 1, early fiscal indicators suggest that while the government is likely to stay committed to its medium-term fiscal consolidation roadmap, higher market borrowings may be unavoidable amid front-loaded spending pressures and a renewed push on capital expenditure.

The Centre's fiscal deficit stood at 62.3 per cent of the full-year budget estimate during April–November 2025–26, significantly higher than the 52.5 per cent recorded in the same period last year. More strikingly, the primary deficit — which excludes interest payments — has already reached 78.9 per cent of the annual target, nearly double the 41.8 per cent utilisation seen a year earlier. Economists interpret this as a signal of heavier early-year spending, particularly on infrastructure and welfare-linked outlays.

Despite the sharper pace of deficit accumulation in the current year, the government is expected to announce a fiscal deficit target of around 4.3 per cent of GDP for FY 2026–27, in line with its stated glide path towards 3 per cent by 2030–31. Officials and analysts argue that this calibrated approach balances the need for fiscal credibility with the demands of growth support.

"The glide path allows the government to consolidate without choking off investment at a time when global growth remains uneven," said a senior economist at a public-sector bank, adding that India's macro fundamentals provide room for a gradual rather than aggressive correction.

Budget expectations remain broadly positive, underpinned by strong GDP growth, robust industrial output as reflected in recent IIP data, sustained structural reforms and improvements in the ease of doing business. The government's explicit focus on job creation, particularly through manufacturing, infrastructure and green transition projects, is also expected to shape expenditure priorities.

Higher nominal GDP growth is likely to help contain the deficit ratio even if absolute borrowing rises, offering the finance minister some flexibility on the fiscal arithmetic.

However, a continued emphasis on capital expenditure, which has been the backbone of the government's growth strategy, is expected to translate into higher gross market borrowings in FY 2026–27.

While official borrowing numbers will be known only on Budget day, analysts estimate that gross market borrowings could rise modestly from the current year, reflecting higher capex allocations, rollover of existing debt and limited scope for large non-debt capital receipts. Net market borrowings, too, are expected to remain elevated, even as the government seeks to smooth maturities and extend the duration of its debt.

Bond market participants are watching closely for signals on the borrowing calendar and the Centre's reliance on short- versus long-tenure securities. A higher-than-expected borrowing programme could exert upward pressure on yields, though this may be partially offset by strong demand from domestic institutions and the Reserve Bank of India's liquidity management.

The key challenge for the Budget will be to reconcile fiscal discipline with growth imperatives. With revenue buoyancy expected from stable tax collections and improved compliance, the government may aim to protect capex even if it means tolerating slightly higher borrowing in the near term.

As one former finance ministry official put it, "The test of Budget 2026–27 will not be the headline deficit number alone, but whether the quality of spending continues to improve while keeping the consolidation story credible."

Nicolas Maduro's visits from Sai Baba 'darshan' to fiery JNU address

As Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro faces trial in the United States following his dramatic capture in Operation Absolute Resolve on January 3, a lesser-known chapter of his connections emerges from India's capital.



Long before his downfall, Maduro and his predecessor Hugo Chávez were warmly welcomed in Delhi, sharing stages with enthusiastic crowds and forging cultural ties that included a road named after Latin America's iconic liberator, Simón Bolívar.

The Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), known for its vibrant political discourse, played host to both leaders. In 2005, Chávez addressed thousands despite rainy weather, promoting socialist ideals and stronger bilateral relations.

A decade later, in November 2015, Maduro delivered a fiery speech attacking US imperialism while praising shared values between Venezuela and India, met with chants of revolutionary slogans.

These visits underscored a period of close affinity, further symbolized by Simón Bolívar Marg in Chanakyapuri—named in 2005 during Chávez's trip—located near diplomatic enclaves and ironically close to the American Embassy.

Maduro's personal links extended beyond politics: in 2005, as Foreign Minister, he and his wife Cilia Flores made a spiritual pilgrimage to Puttaparthi to meet Sathya Sai Baba, whom he later called his guru.

Today, as Maduro sits in US custody on serious charges, these echoes of camaraderie between Delhi and Caracas highlight the shifting tides of international relations.

Meanwhile, during his last India visit, Nicolás Maduro met Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The two leaders discussed further strengthening bilateral relations. Additionally, Maduro met Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj and other senior Indian leaders.

Earlier, Nicolás Maduro visited India in 2005 and 2012 as Foreign Minister. He first came to India with his wife Cilia Flores. It is said that the main purpose of that visit was spiritual. They went directly from the capital to Puttaparthi in Andhra Pradesh to meet Sathya Sai Baba.

Photos of him with Sathya Sai Baba can be seen by searching on Google.

Jamaat alleges unfair election conditions in Bangladesh

Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami on Monday said that the conditions for a free, fair, and impartial election have "not yet been established in the country," and accused the government of showing bias toward a particular political party, Dhaka Tribune reported.The remarks were made during a meeting of the party's Central Executive



Council at its Moghbazar headquarters in Dhaka held on Monday, which was chaired by party Ameer Dr Shafiqur Rahman. Other senior leaders, including the Nayeb-e-meer and the secretary general, attended the session, according to Dhaka Tribune.

The council reviewed the political environment ahead of the upcoming referendum and the 13th National Parliamentary Election. The party claimed that reports from various areas indicate government officials are allegedly working in favour of a specific political party. It also noted that political leaders and activists continue to face attacks and killings in broad daylight across several regions.The council highlighted that fascism had been removed after a 16-year struggle and warned that the new Bangladesh--won through the sacrifices of about 1,500 martyrs and over 30,000 people injured or permanently disabled--must not fall prey to any conspiracy or political plot.

Jamaat-e-Islami called on the Election Commission, election officials, and law enforcement authorities to act with full neutrality. The party also urged the government to maintain law and order to ensure a genuinely free, fair, and impartial election, Dhaka Tribune reported. Meanwhile, Bangladesh on Monday noted with concern the recent developments in Venezuela, as the situation in the South American country continues to draw international attention.These remarks come amid dramatic developments in Venezuela following a US military operation that resulted in the capture of deposed dictator Nicolas Maduro on Saturday.In a press release, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh stated, "Bangladesh notes with concern the recent developments in Venezuela."

POEMS

Zora in Beaufort, 1940

Zora Neal Hurston spent time
in the low country
interviewing & filming
kids on corners & folk at work,
but she actually took the stage
when she went to church.
Around town she heard
of ancestors who escaped
into the swamps living for decades
on raccoon, snakeroot & turtle soup,
all of which Zora recorded,
but in church she sang a song
about a mule on a mountain,
pausing from time to time
to pass along tales & details
about other diasporic Black folk
she encountered in her travels.
From the start the minds
of the listeners wandered over her
church bird attire of snow white
feather dress & delicate eggshell-
shaped bonnet atop a nest of afro
plaits popping like knuckles—
the hair plopped like knotty bowls
of black cotton around the bulbous
trembling egg-like hat
as she sang what sounded like
a fully made-up song a capella
because the organist was unsure
where to touch the keys & petals
between her notes & tales.
"You can start with any verse
& give it any name," Zora told

By Terrance Hayes

China flexes its military muscles around Taiwan

China's military coercion of Taiwan has become routine. Few blink twice at the scale of People's Liberation Army (PLA) activity targeting Taiwan nowadays, a norm China has been deliberately striving to achieve.In 2025 the PLA conducted 5,317 sorties - a daily average of 15 - around Taiwan. Of these, Chinese military aircraft crossed the Taiwan Strait median line 3,867 times andentered Taiwan's self-declared air defense identification zone (ADIZ).Indeed, last year saw a 22.4% annual increase in the number of PLA aircraft entering Taiwan's ADIZ. The number of such provocative flights mushroomed from 972 in 2021, equating to a 287% increase in just four years.

This is all part of Chairman Xi Jinping's strategy of browbeating Taiwan and routinizing the threat of force.China upped the ante further when it conducted the massive Justice Mission 2025 exercise on 29-30 December. Lin Jian, the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson, said the "drills around China's Taiwan region is a severe punishment for Taiwan secessionists who seek 'Taiwan independence' through military buildup, and a necessary action to safeguard national sovereignty and territorial integrity".

China's reference to Taiwan independence is a ruse. As Taiwanese President Lai Ching-te says, Taiwan does not need to declare independence, because it is already independent and a self-governing nation.

A lack of recognition from the United Nations and Beijing's arrogant claims of ownership do not alter that. Therefore, China continually voicing fears over Taiwanese independence is a completely manufactured strawman.As Grant Newsham, Research Fellow at the Japan Forum for Strategic Studies, pointed out, "If China starts a war over Taiwan, it won't be because of 'fear of Taiwan declaring independence' or 'by accident' or 'by miscalculation'.



It will start because China (Xi Jinping) wants a war."As Admiral Samuel Paparo, commander of the US Indo-Pacific Command, testified last year, "These are not just exercises - they are dress rehearsals for forced unification."Alarmingly, the world is standing by as China acts like this. A few concerned nations issued statements following the exercise - including Australia, the European Union, France, Germany, Japan, New Zealand and the UK.

Understandably, Beijing is content with such a limited response for there is little force behind their words of condemnation.The USA belatedly issued a statement too, saying, "China's military activities and rhetoric toward Taiwan and others in the region increase tensions unnecessarily. We urge Beijing to exercise restraint, cease its military pressure against Taiwan, and instead engage in meaningful dialog. The United States supports peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and opposes unilateral changes to the status quo, including by force or coercion."On the other hand, China claimed "several dozen" countries had expressed support for its actions, mentioning Russia, Cuba, Serbia, Venezuela, Zimbabwe and Pakistan by name.

Lin Jian said, "They noted in particular: Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory, the Taiwan question is China's internal affair, and 'Taiwan independence' in whatever form must be rejected."Lin added, "We reaffirm once again that China will never waver in its resolve to safeguard national sovereignty, security and territorial integrity. China will never waver in its resolve to defend the nation's reunification and vital interests. China will never waver in its resolve to deter 'Taiwan independence' separatist forces from colluding with external forces and destabilizing the Taiwan Strait."The two-day Justice Mission 2025 exercise delineated seven training area blocks ringing Taiwan, each close to the island state's contiguous zone (an area 12-24nm from a nation's coastline) and also impinging on parts of Taiwan's ADIZ.

Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense recorded 130 PLA aircraft sorties on the first day, 29 December, plus it listed 14 PLA Navy (PLAN) vessels (eleven of which entered Taiwan's contiguous zone), 14 China Coast Guard (CCG) vessels and four amphibious ships taking part in the exercise. China also fired 27 rockets from PCH191 multiple rocket launchers (MRL) from Fujian Province in China.Aircraft included J-20 and J-16 fighters, H-6K bombers, KJ-500 early warning aircraft and drones that conducted coordinated missions. The number of aircraft and vessels did not reach historical highs, as those records belong to Joint Sword 2024 exercises.Of interest, no ballistic missiles were fired. Instead, PCH191 rockets pose a low-cost, high-quantity threat to Taiwanese infrastructure and military bases.

Rick Joe, an independent analyst of the PLA, said these 370mm rockets have a range exceeding 300km, carry a 180kg warhead payload and are as accurate as equivalent GPS-guided systems.

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Legal assistance to be given to arrested persons in police stations: Batra

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Chief Legal Aid Counsel of Legal Aid Defence Counsel Ashwani Kumar Batra said that advocates have been appointed by Legal Aid Defence Counsel to provide legal aid in district for January 2026, both before and during arrest.These advocates will provide legal assistance to accused before and at time of arrest. He further informed that Sub-Legal Aid Counsel Sabar Ali Chauhan has been appointed for Police Station Sector-17 HUDA, Budia; Sub-Legal Aid Counsel Virender Kumar for Police Station Chhapar; Assistant Legal Aid Counsel Deepak Kumar for Police Station GRP/RPF, Sadar Yamunanagar, Jathlana, Sadar Jagadhri; Assistant LADC Muktesh Salwan for Police Station Gandhi Nagar, Farkpur and Radour; and Assistant LADC Nikhil Sharma for Police Station City Yamunanagar, Women's Police Station, Cyber Police Station and City Jagadhri. He added that the LADCs deployed at police stations to provide legal assistance and legal aid to arrested persons before and during arrest can provide legal assistance by visiting police station in person or over telephone, depending on seriousness of case.

NEWS BRIEF

Panchayat land homes: get your title! apply by January 16



RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL: DC Aparajita stated that the deadline for applications to regularize residential occupations built before March 31, 2004, on non-agricultural Panchayat land in the district will be January 16, 2026. Applications can be submitted to the respective Block Panchayat and Development Officer offices. Regularization procedures for these applications will be completed in accordance with government policy. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. She stated that the District Development and Panchayat Officer should ensure that all Panchayats through all Block Development and Panchayat Officers, take this initiative seriously. Additionally, all Gram Panchayats should ensure that such villagers in their villages are well informed so that eligible individuals can receive the benefits of the scheme in a timely manner and the Panchayat can avoid unnecessary court cases.

From loom to connectivity: How Him MSME fest is set to transform future of Himachal's weavers





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When thousands of handcrafted shawls came together at the historic Ridge in Shimla, it was far more than a visually striking exhibition. The Him MSME Fest 2026 emerged as a powerful signal of change for Himachal Pradesh's weaving community, raising an important question: can such an event truly alter the lives of weavers in the years to come? The answer, increasingly, appears to be yes. For decades, weavers in Himachal Pradesh remained on the margins of policy and mainstream markets. Their craft found space in exhibitions, but their voices were rarely heard in decision-making or market integration. The Him MSME Fest reversed this narrative. At the festival, weavers were not just sellers of products but storytellers of a living heritage. Buyers and investors engaged directly with the people behind the looms, learning where the wool comes from, how designs are conceptualised and which remote hill villages still wake up to the rhythmic sound of the loom each morning.

The most immediate impact of the festival is expected to be on income, recognition and dignity. Direct interaction with bulk buyers, fashion houses and exporters has opened new possibilities, reducing dependence on middlemen. With the growing global demand for handmade and slow-fashion products, Himachali shawls are now being viewed not merely as winter wear but as premium lifestyle products commanding better value. Equally significant is the shift in direction from folk craft to branding. The festival helped weavers understand that survival of tradition depends on its evolution into a brand. District-specific identities of shawls from Kullu, Kinnaur, Mandi and Kangra are likely to gain further strength. Greater emphasis on packaging, tagging and storytelling, along with awareness of GI certification and authenticity, is gradually transforming artisans into entrepreneurs.

Women, who have long formed the backbone of the handloom sector but received limited recognition, are expected to benefit substantially. Post-festival momentum is likely to see women weavers organising themselves through self-help groups, while younger generations may find renewed economic incentive to remain connected to traditional looms. The Him MSME Fest also highlighted that technology need not be an adversary of tradition. Digital marketing, e-commerce platforms, online orders and custom designs demonstrated that while the loom may remain rooted in the village, the market can extend across the globe.

Time-bound resolution of public complaints, accountability is key: MC Commissioner



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, JAN 6

Municipal Corporation Commissioner Mahabir Prasad held a meeting of corporation officers and employees on Tuesday to resolve the pending complaints submitted at CM Window, Jan Samvad, Samadhan Shivir, SMGT, CPGRAMS. In the meeting, he took the report of each officer and employee regarding the pending complaints of CM window, Jan Samvad, SMGT, Samadhan Shivir and other public related complaints. He directed the officers who had pending public complaints to settle all those pending complaints soon. He said that action would be taken against any officer or employee who kept the public complaint pending for a long time. During the meeting, Municipal Corporation Commissioner Mahabir Prasad reviewed the pending complaints from the officers and employees of all branches. The officers informed that complaints related to construction of streets and drains, removal of illegal encroachments and other problems are coming in at the Samadhan Camp and CM Window. Action is being taken after investigating illegal encroachments and other pending complaints. Estimates are being prepared after conducting on-the-spot inspections on complaints related to development works. Action is also being taken on cleaning, patchwork and other repair works.

Man arrested in Karnal for sexual exploitation and blackmail under false identity



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: A case of sexual exploitation and blackmail under a false identity has come to light in Karnal, where a man allegedly trapped a Hindu woman by posing under a fake name, promised marriage, exploited her physically and later blackmailed her using videos of private moments. Acting on the woman's complaint, police have registered a case and arrested the accused.According to the 34-year-old complainant, the accused had created a social media account under the name Monu Rana and introduced himself as a Hindu. After gaining her trust, he began living with her. During this period, he secretly recorded videos and photographs of private moments. The woman later discovered that the accused's real identity was Gaffar.The complainant, who is divorced and the mother of a 14-year-old daughter, alleged that the accused lured her with the promise of marriage and assured her that he would take responsibility for her child. She said that after gaining her confidence, his behaviour changed and he started subjecting her to physical and mental harassment. She further alleged that CCTV cameras were installed inside rooms, through which her private moments were recorded and saved on the accused's mobile phone and pen drive, and used to blackmail her.The woman stated that she was already going through personal difficulties, which the accused exploited. He offered her space in the rear portion of his salon to work as a beautician on a profit-sharing basis.

DC holds meeting with officials regarding preparations for upcoming census and gives necessary guidelines



RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL: Administrative activities have intensified regarding the national census. A detailed strategy was prepared for the successful and accurate conduct of the census at a meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner Aparajita in the auditorium of the Mini Secretariat on Tuesday. The DC stated that this year the census will be entirely online and app-based. Officials have been instructed to ensure the success of this national task by following prescribed guidelines. Data confidentiality must be ensured. DC Aparajita said that this process has been divided into two main phases. The first phase, proposed in April 2026, will primarily involve listing houses and updating the citizen register. The second phase will begin in February-March 2027. This primary phase will include a population count. Significantly, this time, the option of self-enumeration will also be available, meaning citizens will be able to enter their information themselves through an app or portal. It was told in the meeting that the use of technology will make this process more transparent, efficient and quick. This will significantly reduce the time taken in data processing. All the employees involved in the census work will be given intensive training in the use of mobile apps and digital portals. The concerned officers should start preparations for this.

Geeta Manishi Swami Gyananandji Maharaj sheds light on importance of Gyan



HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA: Geeta Manishi Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj, while addressing the five-day Geeta Chintan Shivir organized at Geeta Gyan Sansthanam, shed light on the importance of Gyan Yoga and said that one should not be proud of knowledge. But there must be knowledge of pride. Only when a man recognizes the ego arising within him does he move towards real knowledge. Geeta Manishi, while describing the experience of elemental knowledge and its symptoms, said that true knowledge made a person humble, easy-going and compassionate. Cautioning against ego, he said that when ego arose a person must visit two places, one is a hospital and the other is a cremation ground. This makes one realize the impermanence of life. Describing the feeling of witness as essential in the practice of Gyan Yoga, Swami Gyan Anand Ji Maharaj said that man should have the feeling that he was not the doer, everything happened by the grace of God. This vision frees man from bondage and leads him to spiritual peace. Along with this, Geeta Manishi, while discussing Sadogun, Rajogun and Tamogun, said that Sadogun led to knowledge and a person developed a feeling of doing good to others. Rajogun increased greed and Tamogun increased ignorance. Mentioning the three Gunas in detail, he said that when the living being was separated from the three Gunas, he enjoyed supreme bliss.

Patriotic fervour: SDM Anubhav Mehta discusses R-Day logistics



KARAMBIR
LADWA: SDM Anubhav Mehta said that the sub-division level Republic Day celebrations would be held with great enthusiasm and zeal in Ladwa, the constituency of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini. The parade and cultural programs will be the main attractions on January 26. SDM Anubhav Mehta was addressing a meeting of officials on Tuesday at the PWD Rest House regarding preparations for January 26. He said that like every year, this year too, Republic Day, the national festival, would be celebrated traditionally. Therefore, all departments should begin preparations for the celebrations at their respective levels so that all preparations can be completed in time. Police, Home Guard, NSS, and NCC personnel should begin parade rehearsals for this national festival so that a better parade can be presented. SDM Anubhav Mehta said that officials from the Education Department, in collaboration with related departments, should prepare cultural programs of approximately 30 minutes. These cultural programs should include topics related to patriotism. These students should begin preparations and select good cultural programs. He said that officials from the relevant departments will ensure that security arrangements, cleanliness, drinking water and other arrangements are completed in a timely manner.

Himachal CM reviews Sahara and Himcare Schemes



DINESH AGARWAL
SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today conducted a comprehensive review of the Chief Minister Sahara Scheme and the Himcare Scheme here. During the review, the Chief Minister directed that a local audit of the Sahara Scheme be carried out to ensure that its benefits reach only eligible beneficiaries. He stated that a three-member committee would be constituted in the districts to verify the eligibility of the beneficiaries under the scheme. Sukhu said that the health sector remains a top priority of the State Government, and continuous efforts are being made to streamline systems and strengthen service delivery.

DC says strict action will be taken for spreading fabricated content



SUMER GARG
SANGRUR: Deputy Commissioner (DC), Sangrur, Rahul Chaba informed that the repair work on the road passing in front of his residence would be commenced within the next 15 days and the tenders in this regard were opened on January 1. The allotment process is about to be completed. He said that a 640-metre stretch of this road was dug up by the water supply and sewerage division, Sangrur, to lay necessary pipes, and it is now being reconstructed after completing the required procedure. The required amount of Rs 1 crore 6 lakh 74 thousand 673 has already been deposited by the water supply and sewerage division, Sangrur, for constructing the road. In addition, he said that a photograph has come to the notice of the Sangrur district administration which has been created using AI (artificial intelligence) and is circulating on social media platforms. The district administration has taken this photograph very seriously. In this regard, a complaint has been sent to Senior Superintendent of Police, Sartaj Singh Chahal, directing strict legal action against the guilty person or party.

Tribute to immortal martyrs: 36th Martyrdom anniversary to be observed on Jan 11 in Village Mustafabad



AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB: The 36th martyrdom anniversary of the brave Sikh warriors—Shaheed Bhai Kehar Singh, Bhai Beant Singh, and Bhai Satwant Singh—will be observed with deep reverence on January 11 in the village of Mustafabad. The event is dedicated to honouring the supreme sacrifice of these martyrs, who upheld the dignity of the Sikh community while avenging the military attack on Sri Darbar Sahib. Sharing details of the programme, former Vice Chairman of Block Samiti, Bassi Pathana and social worker Swarn Singh Mustafabad said that the sacrifices of these martyrs continue to inspire the Sikh community to stand firmly on the path of courage, truth, and righteousness. He stated that the identity of a community remains strong only when its youth possess the spirit to embrace martyrdom for noble causes. Swarn Singh informed that the event will begin with the conclusion of the recitation of 'Sukhmani Sahib'. This will be followed by Raagi, Dhadi, and Kavishri (Poet) groups presenting Gurbani and poetry dedicated to the martyrs' valour and sacrifice. Devotees will pay floral tributes before the portraits of the martyrs as a mark of respect.

IEC activities continue in city regarding Swachh Survekshan 2025-26



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: The Swachh Bharat Mission Urban team of Karnal Municipal Corporation is continuously conducting Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities to create awareness among the city residents regarding Swachh Survekshan 2025-26. Under this, the team visits various areas and schools daily to educate students about the 5 types of dustbins and the waste to be put in them, separating wet and dry waste, cleanliness, the harmful effects of single-use plastic, environmental pollution, and water conservation. This information was given by Municipal Commissioner Dr. Vaishali Sharma.She said that the Municipal Corporation's mascot Sheru also visits schools to create awareness among children about cleanliness, so that the children can go home and create awareness among their families and neighbors.

7-day NSS camp at Shri Sanatan Dharma Sr Sec School, Jagadhri concludes on positive note



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: The seven-day NSS camp held at Shri Sanatan Dharma Senior Secondary School, Jagadhri, concluded with a grand and dignified ceremony. The closing ceremony began with the NSS "Lakshya Geet," which instilled a sense of discipline, service and patriotism throughout the atmosphere. Various cultural programs were presented by NSS volunteers on this occasion. The captivating performances of patriotic songs, patriotic dances, devotional songs and devotional dances moved everyone. Volunteers shared their learning during the NSS camp, including discipline, social service and public awareness, and demonstrated some practical tasks. Spreading the message of environmental protection, volunteers performed a beautiful Haryanvi dance on the theme "There will be greenery all around," which was well-received by the audience. The volunteers' enthusiasm, confidence and social consciousness were clearly evident throughout the program. At the end of the program, the school's Principal, Mr. Satish Kumar Garg, congratulated all the volunteers on the success of the seven-day camp, wished them a bright future, and encouraged them to continue their journey of social service.

Abhishek and Havan performed at Jairam Vidyapeeth on first Monday of year



HANS RAJ YADAV
KURUKSHETRA: Inspired by Brahm Swaroop Brahmachari, the head of the Shri Jairam institutions operating across the country, a large number of devotees gathered at the Shri Rameshwar Mahadev Temple located in the Shri Jairam Vidyapeeth complex on the banks of Brahma Sarovar on the first Monday of the year to offer prayers and seek blessings. On this occasion, Acharya Pt. Prateek Sharma performed the Abhishek ceremony with proper chanting of mantras for peace, happiness, and the welfare of the world, and also conducted the puja. A havan (fire ritual) was also performed. The havan was conducted by Pt. Pankaj Pujari. Paramadhyaksha Brahm Swaroop Brahmachari, wishing for the welfare of all, said that all auspicious wishes are fulfilled by taking refuge in Lord Shiva on the first Monday of the year. On this occasion, a large number of devotees also visited the Char Dham and Mata Vaishno Devi cave located within the Vidyapeeth premises.

8th Lohri festival in name of daughters and 9th national session of aware women's honour ceremony to be held



JAIBEER RANA THAMBER
BARARA: The Rashtriya Jagran Manch Trust, Bharatiya Janata Party Barara Mandal, and the local residents, in collaboration, will celebrate the 8th Lohri Festival in the name of daughters and the 9th National Session of the Aware Women's Honour Ceremony on the occasion of the Atal Smriti Centenary Year. This information was given by the National President of Rashtriya Jagran Manch Trust, Rohtas Rana. He informed that Haryana Government Cabinet Minister Shri Krishan Bedi and former MLA Aseem Goyal will be the chief guests, and District President Mandeep Rana, Smt. Banto Kataria, Sunil Bhardwaj Ji (Media Advisor to the Union Minister of Coal and Mines, Government of India), former MLA and Mullana Assembly Constituency Convener Smt. Santosh Chauhan Sarwan, Chairman of the Livestock Board Dharamveer Mirzapur, and Chairman of the Market Committee Kulraj Sharma will be the special guests. Amritinder Singh Barara, the founder of Rashtriya Jagran Manch Trust, and Dr. Kuldeep Sharma, the Mandal Convener of the Atal Smriti Centenary Year, informed that on January 10, 2026, Saturday, at 1 PM, the 9th Lohri festival in the name of daughters.

Attempt to burn man alive after making him drunk in Karnal



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: A shocking case of attempted murder and robbery has been reported from the Kunjpura police station area of Karnal, where a youth was allegedly made to drink liquor and then set on fire inside his own house in village Kharajpur. The accused also allegedly looted cash and a mobile phone before fleeing the scene.According to the complaint, the victim, Vicky alias Vikas, suffered severe burn injuries and was taken by his family to different cities for treatment. Police registered a case late on Monday night after receiving the complaint and have initiated an investigation.Prem, son of Balwan Singh and a resident of Kharajpur, told police that on December 13 at around 3 pm, he was informed by his cousin Sunil that his brother Vicky had been set on fire. On reaching home, he found his brother in a critically burnt condition.The victim later told his family that Ravi and Sachin alias Bhindi, both residents of Kharajpur, had come to his house with prior knowledge that he was carrying cash.

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"DMK has consistently berated, derided and attacked Sanatan Dharma": Piyush Goyal

NEW DELHI : Expressing satisfaction over the Madras High Court's verdict, which upheld Justice GR Swaminathan's order regarding the lighting of lamps on the "Deepathoon" in Tirupparankundram temple, Union Minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday accused the Tamil Nadu government of berating, deriding and attacking Sanatan Dharma. Addressing a press conference in the national capital, Goyal stated that Tamil Nadu deputy CM Udhayanidhi Stalin made an audacious and reprehensible demand to eradicate Sanatana Dharma itself in September 2023. He added that a few months later, the lighting of the lamp on the Thiruparankundram Hill associated with Lord Kartikeya and Bhagwan Murgan was prohibited. "It is not a mere coincidence that the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, M.K. Stalin, his son Udhayanidhi Stalin and other senior leaders of the DMK have consistently berated, derided and attacked Sanatan Dharma. On 2nd September 2023, Udhayanidhi Stalin made an audacious and reprehensible demand for the eradication of Sanatana Dharma itself and for the first time, a few months after that the lighting of the lamp on the Thiruparankundram Hill associated with Lord Kartikeya, Bhagwan Murgan, was prevented," he said.

NEWS BRIEF

Amazon Pay Launches Fixed Deposits, Expanding Financial Services Portfolio in India

SHIMLA: Amazon Pay today announced the launch of Fixed Deposits, marking a significant expansion of its financial services ecosystem in India. Through strategic partnerships with two prominent NBFCs, Shriram Finance and Bajaj Finance and five banks—Shivalik Small Finance Bank, Suryoday Small Finance Bank, South Indian Bank, Slice, and Utkarsh Small Finance Bank, Amazon Pay is fixed deposit options to millions of customers across the country. Customers can now open fixed deposits starting from INR 1,000 on Amazon Pay, with access to multiple partner institutions without opening separate savings accounts with each. Partner institutions offer interest rates up to 8% per annum, with all partners providing an additional 0.5% interest for senior citizens. Shriram Finance extends up to 0.5% additional interest for women investors. "Fixed income instruments remain hugely popular in India given their simple construct, guaranteed returns, and low risk profile," said Vikas Bansal, CEO, Amazon Pay.

HDFC Bank SmartGateway payment platform integrates CBDC (Digital Rupee)

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: HDFC Bank today announced the integration of the Reserve Bank of India's Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), the Digital Rupee (₹), into its online merchant payment platform, SmartGateway. This integration enables merchants to offer customers a secure, zero-cost, and sovereign-backed digital payment option within the HDFC Bank checkout ecosystem. With this enhancement, SmartGateway merchants can now accept payments via the Digital Rupee at zero transaction cost, alongside existing payment modes such as UPI, cards and net banking. Customers benefit from a seamless digital payment experience that is both instant and secure. As of December 2025, HDFC Bank is one of the pilot banks servicing ~ 8.45 lakh registered CBDC wallets, with 13,000–15,000 new wallets getting added every month.

AU Small Finance Bank Releases Sustainability Report 2024–25: Banking for People, Planet and Progress

CHANDIGARH: AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB), India's largest small finance bank and the first to receive in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for its transition to a Universal Bank, has released its fourth Sustainability Report. The report underscores AU SFB's commitment to transparency and accountability, showcasing progress across four key pillars: Sustainable Finance, Operations, Communities, and Reporting. The report has been prepared in alignment with the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards and the Securities and Exchange Board of India's Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting (SEBI BRSR) framework, the report has been independently assured by Intertek India. It captures the Bank's performance for the financial year 2024–25.

Samsung Unveils World's First 130-Inch Micro RGB TV

CHANDIGARH: Samsung Electronics today unveiled the world's first 130-inch Micro RGB TV (R95H model) at CES 2026, marking the debut of its largest Micro RGB display and a bold new design direction for ultra-premium displays. "Micro RGB represents the peak of our picture quality innovation, and the new 130-inch model takes that vision even further," said Hun Lee, Executive Vice President of the Visual Display (VD) Business at Samsung Electronics. "We're reviving the spirit of our original design philosophy introduced more than a decade ago to deliver an unmistakably premium display, engineered with technology for a new generation."

A saucy start to 2026 with KFC India's all-new dunked range



CHANDIGARH : 2026 gets a lot saucier as KFC India introduces the all-new Dunked range – bringing a bold, fiery, sauce-loaded twist to KFC favourites. The awesome saucesome range takes KFC's iconic finger lickin' good chicken & dunks it in bold, indulgent flavours. Featuring an all-new Fiery Texas BBQ sauce, the Dunked range is designed to make every bite saucy. The Dunked range takes the classic Chicken Zinger loaded with juicy chicken fillets, droolworthy Chicken Wings, crispy Chicken Leg Pieces, and Boneless Chicken Strips and generously dunks them in the Fiery Texas BBQ sauce. The all-new Dunked Range is available across all 1300+ KFC restaurants in India for dine-in & takeaway, as well as via the KFC app, website (https://online.kfc.co.in/) or via leading food delivery apps. KFC fans can pre-order via the KFC app while dining in, skip the queues and get dunked in flavour with the all-new Dunked range, starting at just ₹89/-.

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Launches Foreign Exchange Services and EEFC Accounts for Seamless Global Transactions

AMRITSAR : Ujjivan Small Finance Bank today announced the launch of comprehensive Foreign Exchange (Fx) Services and Exchange Earners' Foreign Currency (EEFC) Accounts, marking a significant milestone in expanding its international banking portfolio. This strategic initiative reinforces the Bank's commitment to providing modern, secure, and globally accessible banking solutions tailored to meet the diverse needs of individuals and businesses engaged in cross-border transactions. The newly launched Fx Services enable customers to access a wide range of international banking solutions, including inward remittances for receiving funds from abroad, outward remittances for sending money globally, and foreign currency deposits for holding multi-currency accounts. Customers will benefit from competitive exchange rates, faster processing timelines, and dedicated assistance from trained forex professionals, ensuring every international transaction is efficient and transparent.
Complementing the Fx Services, the EEFC Account offers exporters and professionals earning in foreign currency a convenient way to hold and manage their foreign exchange earnings without immediate conversion to Indian Rupees.

Recovery of Rs 14.85 crore dues from ARHC flats: CS directs strict action against defaulters



CHANDIGARH: A meeting of the Inter-Departmental State Level Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee was held today under the chairmanship of Shri H. Rajesh Prasad, Chief Secretary, UT Chandigarh Administration.

Mayor Smt. Harpreet Kaur Babla was also present during the meeting.

During the deliberations, the Secretary, Chandigarh Housing Board (CHB) informed the committee that 1,707 flats at Maloya were allotted in 2020 for a tenure of 25 years under the Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (ARHC) scheme of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY). Additionally, 285 flats were allotted to beneficiaries in 2022 for a tenure of five years.

The committee was further apprised that an amount of Rs 14.85 crore is currently outstanding from the allottees of these flats. Expressing concern over the pending dues, the Chief Secretary directed CHB officials to expedite recovery proceedings and initiate cancellation and eviction action against defaulting allottees. He also instructed the authorities to submit action-taken reports detailing steps taken towards cancellation and eviction.

The meeting was attended by Shri Diprava Lakra, Finance Secretary; Shri Pardeep Kumar, CEO, CHB; Shri Akhil Kumar, Secretary, CHB; Shri C.B. Ojha, Chief Engineer, along with other senior officers of the Administration.

"Ready to have all kinds of investigations once audio is verified": Uttarakhand CM Dhami



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DEHRADUN : Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Tuesday addressed the recent controversy surrounding a purported audio clip linked to the 2022 Ankita Bhandari murder case, asserting that the matter is being handled with utmost seriousness and no guilty person would be spared, while stressing that the viral audio clip linked to the case must first be verified.

The Chief Minister added that a Special Investigation Team (SIT) has been constituted, and investigations will begin once the authorities verify the authenticity of the purported viral audio clip. Addressing a press conference, CM Dhami said, "This is a very sensitive matter...As soon as I learned of the incident, I informed the police and other departments to arrest the accused at the earliest opportunity and that no one should be allowed to evade arrest. All three accused were immediately arrested. The body was recovered...All three accused were convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment."

The Chief Minister stated that there should not be any confusion on this matter, adding that the government's track record shows that anyone found guilty would not be spared, irrespective of who they are. However, he emphasised that verifying the audio was essential. "Now, an audio has surfaced where the names of several people have been taken. We said that the audio should be examined, and an SIT has been constituted. The police are trying to speak to the people in the audio. It would be helpful if the audio could be verified. Once it is verified, we are ready to conduct any type of investigation. There should not be any confusion. Our track record is such that if someone does something wrong and is found guilty, they will not be spared, regardless of who they are. However, the audio must be verified. All examinations and FSL testing have to be done, and we will not spare the guilty," he said. "We have said that we are examining it (audio), we are getting an FSL examination. We are looking for them (the people purportedly in the audio). This will all be cleared up, and the truth will come out," he added.

Commenting further on the purported audio, the Chief Minister raised questions about the timing and pattern of such clips surfacing, noting that one name was mentioned in the audio and pointing out that a similar audio had earlier emerged in the paper leak matter. He asserted, "One name was mentioned through an audio. A similar audio recording had surfaced in the paper leak matter as well. Why is a similar audio floated in the paper leak matter and chaos follows after? Is someone trying to vitiate the atmosphere in the state and looking for political ground here? There are other ways to do politics."

MC removes encroachment from Basant Vihar Road

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: The Karnal Municipal Corporation's anti-encroachment drive continues. To keep the city clean and maintain traffic flow, the Municipal Corporation's enforcement team removed encroachments from Basant Vihar Road in Zone Number 1 on Tuesday. During this drive, the team seized about three to four empty stalls illegally placed on the road and had the goods kept outside by shopkeepers moved inside.Municipal Commissioner Dr. Vaishali Sharma said that the Municipal Corporation is continuously working to free the city from encroachments. In this regard, an anti-encroachment drive was conducted in the Basant Vihar Road area, and shopkeepers who had kept their goods and signboards outside their premises were instructed to move them inside. She said that before the action, announcements were made in the area for three to four days to make all shopkeepers and street vendors aware of keeping their goods within their limits. During the drive, the goods of many shopkeepers were found inside, and those whose goods were kept outside were instructed to move them inside.



She warned the shopkeepers that currently only the goods are being moved inside, but next time, the goods kept on the road will be confiscated, and a fine will also be imposed. The Municipal Commissioner said that such campaigns not only make the city clean but also facilitate traffic flow and provide a safe environment for the people. She said that shopkeepers and street vendors should be self-aware and give up the habit of encroachment. She said that the Municipal Corporation has issued instructions to keep shop goods within their limits, and shopkeepers should follow them. She clarified that the Municipal Corporation's campaign to make roads and markets encroachment-free will continue. The enforcement team included Municipal Corporation sanitation inspectors Mandeep Singh and Sandeep Kumar, and motivators Deepmala and Mahendra Kumar.

Manjeet Sharma targets Centre and Punjab govt over MGNREGA, media freedom

AJAY MALHOTRA

FATEHGARH SAHIB: Senior Congress leader Manjeet Sharma on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on both the Central Government and the Punjab Government, accusing the Centre of systematically weakening the MGNREGA scheme while alleging that the Bhagwant Mann-led state government is suppressing press freedom. Sharma demanded the immediate release of journalist Mukesh Mallaud, terming his arrest a direct assault on democracy. Addressing mediapersons in Sirhind, Sharma described the recent amendments to MGNREGA as a "planned conspiracy to snatch the livelihood of the poor." He alleged that the introduction of the V.G. Ram Bill was aimed at diluting the rights of underprivileged and marginalised communities.



Sharma further claimed that the Centre intends to withdraw its 100 percent funding for MGNREGA, shifting the financial burden entirely onto state governments, which, he said, would ultimately lead to the shutdown of this pro-poor scheme.
Turning his criticism towards the Punjab Government, Sharma alleged that the state has failed to implement MGNREGA effectively. He said Punjab has provided only 38 days of employment under the scheme, compared to the national average of 42 days, and accused the state government of not contributing its mandatory 10 percent share. He added that the employment guarantee, originally fixed at 100 days, has now been reduced to nearly 45 days, converting a legal right into what he described as "mere charity."

AI, Innovation and Global Learning Forge the Next Generation of Leaders at Chitkara Business School

CHANDIGAH: In an era defined by rapid technological shifts, evolving business models, and heightened global interconnectedness, management education is being reshaped by the demands of relevance and readiness. Chitkara Business School (CBS), a constituent of Chitkara University, has steadily emerged as an institution that recognises this shift and responds to it with clarity and purpose. Established in 2010 under the Chitkara Educational Trust, CBS has developed a learning environment where academic rigour is aligned with practical understanding, enabling students to engage meaningfully with contemporary business challenges.
CBS has earned recognition among the top five percent of higher education institutions, reflecting a sustained commitment to quality, consistency, and outcomes. This standing is not the result of isolated achievements but of carefully designed academic systems, robust institutional processes, and a continuous focus on improving teaching and learning practices. The school's academic philosophy emphasises structured pedagogy, outcome-oriented learning, and regular curriculum review to ensure alignment with changing industry expectations and economic realities.
The program portfolio at CBS spans undergraduate, postgraduate, and executive education, including BBA, MBA, and Executive MBA offerings. These programs are designed to provide strong conceptual foundations while encouraging analytical thinking, ethical awareness, and leadership readiness. An important dimension of this academic framework is the integration of a Minor in Artificial Intelligence in Business across programs, enabling students to understand the application of data-driven tools, automation, and intelligent systems within managerial contexts. This integration supports informed decision-making and prepares students to operate effectively in technology-enabled business environments.
Industry engagement remains a central element of the CBS learning experience. Through case-based instruction, live projects, internships, and sustained interaction with corporate professionals, students gain exposure to real-world organisational practices. Faculty members bring academic expertise and professional insight into the classroom, guiding students through applied learning experiences that bridge theory and practice. This approach has contributed to strong graduate outcomes.

Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India Records Strong Momentum with 4.46 Lakh Unit Sales in December 2025

KARNAL : Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India (HMSI) reported total sales of 4,46,048 units in December 2025, reflecting strong demand and the company's ongoing efforts to make mobility safer, cleaner, and more accessible for millions of customers. This includes 3,92,306 units in domestic sales and 53,742 units in exports.
HMSI registered a 45% year-on-year (YOY) growth compared to December 2024. This performance reflects strong demand across domestic and international markets for HMSI's product portfolio.
For the Year-to-Date (YTD) period of FY26 (April–December 2025), HMSI recorded total sales of 46,78,814 units. This includes 42,04,420 units sold domestically and 4,74,394 units exported, recording a 3% YOY growth compared to December 2024.

Arjun Azad stars in Chandigarh win as UT boys register convincing win over Assam

CHANDIGARH: UT boys produced a commanding all-round performance to register a comprehensive seven-wicket victory over Assam in their Vijay Hazare Trophy Elite Group match at Rajkot, on Tuesday. The highlight of the contest was a sensational innings by Arjun Azad followed by skipper Manan Vohra to anchor Chandigarh's successful chase.
After winning the toss, Assam elected to bat first and posted a competitive total of 284 for 7 in their stipulated 50 overs. Sibsankar Roy emerged as the backbone of Assam's innings who scored unbeaten 106 off 94 deliveries. He received useful support from Saurav Mousum Dihingia (61) and skipper S C Ghadigaonkar who contributed 51. For Chandigarh, the bowling unit displayed discipline and control with Nishunk Birla (3/37) who claimed three wickets while Rohit Dhanda chipped in with two crucial wickets. In reply, Chandigarh's chase was confident as Openers Arjun Azad and skipper Manan Vohra



stitched together a 244-run partnership for the first wicket and effectively taking the game away from Assam. Azad scored a magnificent 140 off just 116 balls laced with 18 fours and three sixes and was later judged as Man of the Match. Captain Manan Vohra complemented Azad perfectly by compiling a composed 102 off 120 deliveries with11 boundaries. After their departures, Shivam Bhambri remained unbeaten on 25 to bring Chandigarh home as the team reached 286 for 3 in 47.2 overs.

M3M Foundation Marks the Year with Measurable Impact Across Communities Nationwide



GURUGRAM, : M3M Foundation concluded the year by expanding its social footprint to 4.9 million lives across 22 states, 90 districts, and 1,349 villages, through integrated interventions spanning environment, education, health, livelihoods, and sports. Implemented in partnership with 50+ organisations, the Foundation's work continues to focus on scale, equity, and long-term community resilience across rural, urban, and underserved regions.
During the year, the Foundation delivered large-scale outcomes across thematic areas, including environmental benefits to over 31 lakh people, educational support to 7.8 lakh children, healthcare services to 6.2 lakh individuals, and livelihood upliftment for 2.5 lakh people. These interventions addressed critical needs across water conservation, plantation, natural farming, education access, healthcare delivery, nutrition, skilling, entrepreneurship, and community-led sustainability initiatives.
In 2025, focused interventions.

Sanjay Tandon joins India's cricketing legends at 'United in Triumph' organised by Reliance Foundation

CHANDIGARH, Sanjay Tandon, Founder President, UT Cricket Association (UTCA) and Member of the Governing Council (WPL), BCCI attended the second edition of "United in Triumph", a prestigious celebration organised by Reliance Foundation to honour India's world champion cricket teams held in Mumbai on Monday evening.
The evening brought together icons of Indian cricket and sport to celebrate its excellence. The event felicitated three world champion teams for their outstanding achievements including Indian Blind Women's Cricket Team captain Deepika TC, Indian men's cricket team skipper Rohit Sharma and Indian women's team captain Harmanpreet Kaur. The champions were honoured in the gracious presence of Nita Ambani, Founder Chairperson, Reliance Foundation whose continued support has played a pivotal role in promoting inclusive and grassroots sports across the country.

MG Windsor – India's No. 1 Selling EV of 2025

CHANDIGARH JSW MG Motor India today announced that the MG Windsor has achieved a remarkable milestone by becoming India's No. 1 selling EV of 2025. The MG Windsor has disrupted the automotive industry with its strong value proposition and established itself as a market leader. With 46,735 units sold in 2025 alone, the MG Windsor has set an unprecedented benchmark that no other OEM has ever achieved in India's 4W EV market. The MG Windsor became India's No. 1 selling EV through its strong appeal among families. It excelled in offering generous space, superior comfort and a feature-rich cabin, while delivering an exceptional driving experience. Today, it stands as India's most loved and most awarded EV. Speaking on the occasion, Anurag Mehrotra, Managing Director, JSW MG Motor India said, "The Windsor epitomises a contemporary automotive marvel that has redefined the EV segment with its practicality, technology, and futuristic design. It has successfully enabled the acceleration of EV adoption by converting fence-sitters to proud EV owners and is certainly a trendsetter within India's EV revolution. With Windsor, we have seen customers become brand advocates, encouraging their peers to join the EV movement. I am absolutely delighted that it has become India's No. 1 selling EV of 2025, and we look forward to making 2026 even more memorable." The carmaker ended CY2025 with 19% overall growth and recorded a remarkable 111% surge in its EV sales compared to CY2024. The consistent demand for MG EVs is evident not only in Tier I cities but also in non-metros and emerging markets.



IDFC FIRST Bank Launches Zero-Forex Diamond Reserve Credit Card

Chandigarh: IDFC FIRST Bank on Tuesday announced the launch of its Zero-Forex Diamond Reserve Credit Card, a premium travel and lifestyle card designed for affluent global travellers seeking zero foreign exchange markup along with enhanced rewards and exclusive privileges. The Diamond Reserve Credit Card offers 0% forex markup on all international spends, making overseas transactions significantly more cost-effective for frequent travellers. The card also provides accelerated rewards on travel bookings, lounge access, lifestyle benefits, and comprehensive insurance coverage.



Cardholders can earn up to 60 Reward Points for every Rs 150 spent on hotel bookings made through the IDFC FIRST Bank app, translating into an effective 10% value back. On flight bookings via the app, users can earn up to 40 Reward Points per Rs 150, offering a 6.6% value back. Additionally, regular monthly spends earn up to 10 Reward Points per Rs 150, equivalent to a 1.66% return. Among the premium travel benefits, the card offers two domestic and two international airport lounge visits per quarter, up to two complimentary golf rounds or lessons per month, and one complimentary Meet & Greet airport service on annual international spends of USD 1,000. Lifestyle perks include a Buy-One-Get-One movie ticket offer every month and an exclusive ITC Hotels offer—book two nights and get the third night free.

Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL) Signs MoU with Indian Army to Support Personnel and Their Families



AMBALA : Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), the national leader in test preparatory services, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Army to support the welfare of Army personnel and their families, including serving members, retirees, gallantry awardees, personnel with disabilities, and families of those who have died in service. Under this MoU, AESL will provide benefits to Indian Army students who wish to enroll in its courses across its PAN India centres and branches. The agreement was signed by Colonel, Ceremonial & Welfare, Indian Army, and Dr Yash Pal, Chief Academic & Business Head, Delhi-NCR, AESL. The MoU focuses on promoting the welfare of Indian Army personnel and their families, including offering scholarships for courses at AESL centres nationwide: Registration Fee only is payable, 100% waiver on all other fee components for the wards of personnel who died while in harness. 100% tuition fee waiver for the wards of personnel with more than 20% disability and gallantry awardees. 20% tuition fee waiver for the wards of serving and retired personnel, applicable after other scholarships are deducted. These scholarships are in addition to AESL's existing scholarship programs, which are available to all students seeking admission.

Airbnb Insights Reveals How Music-Led Experiences are Shaping India's Gen Z Travel Culture

CHANDIGARH : Music has quietly become one of the most powerful forces shaping travel choices among young Indians. Airbnb's new Experience-Led Travel Insights1 reveal that Gen Z are increasingly planning trips around live concerts and festivals, turning gigs into gateways for discovering new cities, extending stays and spending time exploring local neighborhoods well beyond the main event. For this generation, travel decisions are being driven less by calendars and more by culture. Live events and IRL experiences influence where they go, who they travel with and how deeply they engage with the destination. Music is defining the way young India travels - and discovers In 2026, music is set to play an even bigger role in shaping travel behavior, with 62% of Gen Z planning trips around concerts and music festivals. This intent is already reflected in their current behavior: more than one in three (36%) start planning their trip as soon as they hear of an event. Unlike traditional travel patterns driven by seasonality, holidays or long weekends, young travelers are prioritizing experiences. Their top motivations include the chance to explore a new destination and the excitement of being part of a once-in-a-lifetime cultural moment.

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INFORMATION NOTICE

The below mentioned Borrowers & Co-Borrowers are informed to remove their movable assets from the mortgaged property (mentioned in the below table) which is going to be sold by **AU Small Finance Bank Ltd. (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)** through auction proceeding under **SARFAESI Act. 2002**, otherwise the movable assets would be transferred to any rented location at their own cost and they will also be liable for any damage caused during the shifting, if it is not removed within 15 days. For other queries contact the concerning person as mentioned below.

Loan A/c No. & Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor/Guarantor	Detail of Mortgaged Property	Contact Person
(A/c No.) L9001060125491371 **Monu Kariyana Store (Borrower),** Rajesh Kumar S/O SOMA RAM (Co - Borrower), Diwan Singh S/O MANI RAM (Co -Borrower), Smt.Babita Rani W/O RAJESH (Co-Borrower)	A Property measuring 2 Marla Comprised in Khasra No 247//11,12,19, 20, 248//15 Khatoni 1132, Khewat No 893, Owned by Rajesh Kumar vide Sale deed no. 1916 dated 20-07-2018 Mutation 10675 dated 1-08-2018 ragistered in the office of Sub-registrar Ratia, Distt- Fatehabad, Haryana	VIKAS PANWAR 9812642052
(A/c No.) L9001060131550851 **Harshita Wash (Borrower),** Man Singh (Co-Borrower), Smt.Sonam Devi (Co-Borrower)	Property Situated At- Mu No 14 Killa No 3 7-13,Khewat No 30/28,Khatoni No 35,Mu No 14 Killa No 8 7-13 And Mu No 19 Killa No 2 7-13,9/1 6-13,Khewat No 193/175, Khatoni No 230, Khewat No 192-174 Khatoni No 229 Killa No 22-2 6-8, Khewat No 194/176 Khatoni No 231, Plot No 10, Baselwa Colony Village Baselwa, Dist- Faridabad, Haryana	Lalit Gaur 8130304225

Date : 06-01-2026
Place : Haryana

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NEWS BRIEF

BCCI wishes 1983 World Cup-winning captain Kapil Dev on his 67th birthday

New Delhi : The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Tuesday wished former Indian cricketer and 1983 World Cup-winning captain Kapil Dev on his 67th birthday.
https://x.com/BCCI/status/2008372956020568088?s=20
Kapil Dev, regarded as one of India's greatest fast-bowling all-rounders, achieved his most remarkable feat when he led India to the 1983 World Cup title, defeating the mighty West Indies at Lord's. He became the first-ever Indian captain to lift an ICC trophy, etching his name permanently in cricket history.
The legendary cricketer made his Test debut for India against arch-rivals Pakistan at Faisalabad in October 1978. In his illustrious Test career, Dev played 131 matches and 227 innings, taking 434 wickets at an average of 29.64.
The former cricketer took 17 four-wicket hauls, 23 fifers and two 10-wicket hauls in Test cricket. Kapil is the third-highest wicket-taker for India in Test cricket. He is also the leading wicket-taker as a pacer for his country.
The Indian legend made his ODI debut against Pakistan at Quetta in October 1978. In his remarkable career, Kapil played 225 matches and 221 innings, taking 253 wickets at an average of 27.45. The right-arm pacer scalped three four-wicket hauls and one fifer in the ODIs.
Dev is also the sixth-highest wicket-taker for India in ODI cricket.

Ashraful says Mustafizur is 'completely chill' about 'off-field talk' amid IPL row

Sylhet : Former Bangladesh captain Mohammad Ashraful revealed that pacer Mustafizur Rahman is unfazed by the recent developments surrounding his release from the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) franchise in the Indian Premier League (IPL). The fast bowler was released from KKR's squad following a directive from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) due to the tense situation between the two nations.
Now, Ashraful, who is the assistant coach of Rangpur Riders in the ongoing Bangladesh Premier League (BPL), said that Mustafizur isn't much bothered by the IPL's decision to release him, and is currently focused on his BPL assignment with the Riders.
"He (Mustafizur) is completely chill. He is not worried at all about all the off-field talk - whether it's BCB, India, BPL or ICC," Ashraful told reporters after the Riders' game against Chattogram Royals.
Ashraful, the current batting coach of Bangladesh, added, "Right now he is focused on playing for Rangpur Riders, and after this, whatever assignment comes next, he will focus on that. He is a person of a different level. If you talk about Mustafizur in the first two matches.

Vijay Hazare Trophy: Shreyas Iyer, Mohd Siraj shine as Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad gain big wins



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JAIPUR: Stand-in captain Shreyas Iyer smashed 82 off just 53 balls as Shivam Dubey claimed three wickets to help Mumbai beat Himachal Pradesh by seven runs in a shortened 33-over match of the Vijay Hazare Trophy at the Jaipuria Vidyalaya Ground in Jaipur on Tuesday.

Tasked to defend 10 runs in the last over, all-rounder Shivam Dubey claimed the last two wickets as Himachal Pradesh were bowled out for 292 with just two balls to spare as Mumbai won by seven runs.

Captaining the side in an important match after Shardul Thakur was ruled out of the remainder of the competition due to injury, Iyer came to the crease at a challenging moment, with Mumbai reduced to 55 for 2 following the dismissals of Yashasvi Jaiswal and Sarfaraz Khan.

Shreyas and Musheer Khan then added 82 runs off 54 balls to keep the scoreboard moving. After Musheer fell for a 51-ball 73, Shreyas forged a 65-run partnership off 39 balls with Suryakumar Yadav, which helped Mumbai cross the 200-run mark in the 33-over match. The game was shortened due to a delayed start caused by dense fog.

Iyer fell in the 26th over, missing a well-deserved hundred by just 18 runs. He struck 10 fours and three sixes against Himachal Pradesh's bowling attack. With the skipper's fighting knock, Mumbai finished at 299/9 in 33 overs.

With a target of 300 runs set by Mumbai, Himachal Pradesh kicked off their chase with an aggressive approach, only to finish up getting bowled out for 292 after 32.4 overs. The top two openers were both dismissed without a single run on the scoreboard. Pukhraj Mann emerged as a strong stabilising factor for the innings, scoring 64 from 41 balls with good form and flow, along with the season wicket-keeper, Ankush Bains, who contributed with 53 off 39 balls.

The middle-order provided strong contributions as Mayank Dagar scored 64, including 11 boundaries, as Amanpreet Singh came out swinging hard for a quick strike rate of 200 for 42 scored off 21 balls.

Amit Kumar's (28) and contributions from lower-order batters kept Himachal Pradesh in the game. For Mumbai, the star performer with the ball was Shivam Dube, who took 4 wickets for 68 runs, with Sairaj Patil taking 2 wickets, and Tushar Deshpande, Musheer Khan, and Shams Mulani each getting a wicket.

Hyderabad claimed their first victory of the season with a comprehensive 107-run triumph over Bengal, thanks to Aman Rao's double century and Mohammed Siraj's four wickets, despite a brave century from Shahbaz Ahmed.

Meanwhile, Punjab, despite Shubman Gill's poor string of form, successfully chased down 212 runs against Goa with a significant effort, highlighted by Harnoor Singh's 94 not out (along with Naman Dhir's 68) as they registered a brilliant 131-run stand after coming in at No. 5.

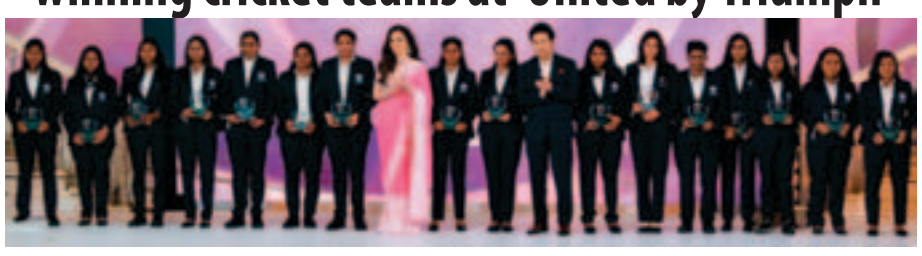
Shrachi Bengal Tigers beat SG Pipers in sudden death to secure a bonus point, reach final



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RANCHI: Shrachi Bengal Tigers once again held their nerve to edge past SG Pipers 0-0 (7-6 SO) in a gripping Women's Hockey India League (HIL) 2025-26 encounter, prevailing in a sudden-death shootout after a goalless draw in regulation time and securing a place in the final of the league.
In a remarkable repeat of their previous meeting, the contest followed an identical script, with the match once again going down to sudden death and the Tigers emerging victorious to secure a crucial bonus point and confirm their place in the summit clash.
It was a dead rubber for the Pipers, who had qualified for the Women's HIL 2025-26 final even before coming into this match courtesy of their notable lead at the top of the points tally.
The opening quarter of the match witnessed an end-to-end contest as both SG Pipers and Shrachi Bengal Tigers went head-to-head with early attacking exchanges.
The Tigers earned a penalty corner inside the opening three minutes but were unable to make the opportunity count. SG Pipers then took control of possession, moving the ball swiftly and creating multiple circle entries to test the Tigers' defence. Despite the early momentum and chances at both ends, neither side could break the deadlock, as the first quarter ended goalless at 0-0.

Nita Ambani lauds India's three World Cup-winning cricket teams at 'United by Triumph'



MUMBAI: Reliance Foundation founder-chairperson Nita Ambani lauded the Indian Blind Women's Cricket Team, select members of the ICC World T20 World Cup 2024-winning Indian men's team and the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025-winning Indian women's cricket team a the second edition of 'United in Triumph' event in Mumbai on Monday.
The Indian men's, women's, and blind women's cricket teams members were honoured in the presence of mega star Amitabh Bachchan, Indian cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar and the International Cricket Council (ICC) chairman Jay Shah.
The event was organised to honour the efforts of the men's T20 World Cup-winning 2024 team led by Rohit Sharma, which beat South Africa by seven runs at Barbados last year on the back of a fine bowling effort by India in death overs and a fine half-century by Virat Kohli (76); the ICC Women's World Cup-winning team, which beat South Africa by 52 runs courtesy of all-round shows by Shafali Verma (87 and two wickets) and Deepti Sharma (58 and 5/39) at Mumbai's DY Patil Stadium; and the blind women's team, which won the inaugural Women's T20 World Cup for the Blind by beating Nepal by seven wickets in Sri Lanka last year, chasing down an easy total of 115 runs.

Ashes: Head, Smith carry Aus to 518/7 at stumps on Day 3 in Sydney

SYDNEY: Travis Head (163) and Steven Smith (129 not out) guided Australia to take control of the fifth Ashes Test as the hosts reached 518/7 at stumps on Day 3, taking a 134-run lead over England here at the Sydney Cricket Ground. In response to England's 384 first-innings score, Head proved imperious at the top of the order once more, bringing up his 12th Test century at a rate of close to a run a ball. Head resumed on 91 at the beginning of day three alongside Michael Neser, who survived the final session of day two in protection of Smith.
Neser survived a reviewed English appeal for caught behind before Head brought up three figures soon after with a push out to the off-side for four. The breakthrough for England came after 90 minutes when Brydon Carse had Neser caught off for 24.
Smith then joined Head, who reached 162 when lunch was called. England had two more opportunities in the last two overs of the session, but both difficult chances were missed. As a result, Australia added 115 runs for the loss of just a lone wicket in the first session. After lunch, Head added just one when he was dismissed by England's spin-bowling all-rounder Jacob Bethell in just the third over after lunch. The opener departed to a standing ovation, having reached 600 runs for the series.

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(A/c No.) L9001060125959896 **Sandhu Resorts Through Its Proprietor Baljit Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Harjinder Kaur W/O Hazoora Singh (Co-Borrower), Smt.Gurwinder Kaur W/O Baljit Singh (Co-Borrower), Harjeet Singh S/O Hazoora Singh (Co-Borrower), Baljit Singh S/O Hazoora Singh (Co-Borrower)	Property Situated At Khewat No. 1438, Khatoni No. 1748, Rect No. 66, Killa No. 2/2(0-9), 3(7-18), 4/1(4-0), Reg. No. 2021-22/117/1/1900 Dt. 15-11-2021 Area Of Zira, Te.- Zira, Dist.- Ferozepur, Punjab	INDERJEET SINGH 8288872030
(A/c No.) L9001060131414362 **Sukhwant Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Santosh Rani (Co - Borrower)	Property situated property measuring 00k-05M, Size 30 x 45 i.e. Residential Plot Khewat/ Khatauni No.	MANPREET SINGH DHALIWAL 8146258327
899/1898 Khasra No. 85//14(8-0), 15(8-0), 16(8-0), 17/1(4-0) 24/2 (3-0) kite 5 Total land 31K-00M out of its having 1/124 share vide Sale Deed No. 2021-22/83/1/1371 dated 20/07/2021		
(A/c No.) L9001060734630585 **Pali Advertisers (Borrower),** Kawaljeet Singh (Co - Borrower), Simranjeet Singh (Co -Borrower)	Property Situated At Muncipal No B-1 -933/4 , G/4-A , Khata No 364/406-407,Khasra No 45,Jamabandi Year 2009-2010,H.B No 167,Abaddi Known As New Deep Nagar , Vill - Mahal Baghat ,Teh & Distt- Ludhiana , Punjab	ATUL GILL 8288053061
(A/c No.) L9001060140117313 **Jaswinder Singh (Borrower),** Smt.Manjit Kaur (Co-Borrower) , Kulwant Singh (Co-Borrower)	Propoerty Situated At- Khasra No 85/25/2 105/1 Khatta No 1966/3334 Jamabandi Year 2015-16 Present Khatta No 2128/3403, Near Bus Stand Rampura Phul Maur, Tehsil- Rampura,Dist- Bathinda, Punjab	RAJINDER SINGH 8288001837

Date : 06-01-2026 Authorised Officer
Place : Punjab AU Small Finance Bank Limited

COURT NOTICE
(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)
IN THE COURT OF Salil Goel
Civil Judge (Junior Division), Sangrur
JAGTAR SINGH
Vs.
GURVINDER SINGH
CNR No. PBSG02-000342-2024
Next Date:- 12-02-2026
PUBLICATION ISSUED TO:
12. Sally Goel son of Subhash Chand son of Karam Chand
13. Pavitar Kaur Dillon wife of Sh. Gurdeep Singh
14. Harpreet Singh son of SH. Amarjit Singh
15. Gurdeep Singh son of Amarjit Singh
all resident village Phaggawala, Tehsil Bhawanigarh, District Sangrur.
17. Jasanpreet Astha son of Gurpreet Singh c/o Bhawanigarh, Tehsil, Distt Sangrur
In above titled case, the accused could not be served. It is ordered that accused should appear in person or through counsel on **12-02-2026** at **10.00 a.m.**
FOR DETAILS LOGIN TO https://highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=**Sangrur**
Civil Judge (Junior Division) Sangrur
Dated, this day of 24-12-2025

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No: EDN-BLS(A)-G(2)-

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT) (RE-TENDERING)

Sealed tenders/bids under two bid system (i.e. Technical Bid & Financial/Price Bid) are hereby invited from interested and eligible Book Publishers/Book sellers/Authorized Firms/Dealers on Open Tender Basis by the undersigned, for the **Supply of Various Library Books (284)** (As per List enclosed as **Annexure-A**) in the 25 selected Govt. Schools of District Bilaspur Himachal Pradesh (List of Schools enclosed as **Annexure-B**).
The tender document can be purchased from the Office of the Dy. Director of School Education (Secondary) District Bilaspur HP on all working days (between 10AM to 3PM) or the complete tender document along with its terms & conditions can be viewed and downloaded from the official website of this office **https://ddhebilaspurhp.edu.in/** subject to deposit of prescribed tender fee. The cost of Tender Form will be Rs. 2000/- only to be deposited in the shape of demand draft drawn in favour of DDSE(S) District Bilaspur (HP) payable at Bilaspur (HP).
The last date for receipt of duly filled tender in this Office, in prescribed format and in conformity to all the requirements enshrined in the tender document shall be **24.01.2026 till 03:00 PM**, which shall be opened on the scheduled date/time as given in the tender document, in presence of the interested bidders/their authorized representatives or agents, if any, who choose to remain present for witnessing the tender opening process.
Any corrigendum/addendum etc. to tender/bidding documents shall be available on website only and bidders are advised to visit the official website of this Office i.e. **https://ddhebilaspurhp.edu.in/** regularly, till the deadline for submission of tender is over.
-SD-
Dy. Director of School Education(Sec.)
District Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh.
DPR-HP-5479/2025-2026

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त्वरित कॉर्पोरेट समाधान प्रवंनकरण केंद्र (सी-पेस),
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प्लाट P-6,7,8, से.-5, आई.एम.टी. मानेसर, गुरुगांव,
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Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit (C-PACE)
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FORM No. STK –6
PUBLIC NOTICE
[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016]

Public Notice: ROC/C-PACE/STK-2/248(2)/2025-26/1676 Date: -31/12/2025

Reference:

In the matter of striking off or removal of names of (4) companies in the state of **Punjab** under section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of:

S No	Work Item	CIN	Company Name
1	AC0153024	U40108PB2015PTC039943	RUMI POWER PRIVATE LIMITED
2	AC0126085	U36100PB2021PTC053889	M J HARDWARE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
3	A89517089	U61200PB2018PTC047717	SAMUNDRA COASTAL AND EXPORT CONSULTANTS PRIVATE LIMITED
4	A89377310	U27105PB2007PTC031410	FAME TECH ROLLS PRIVATE LIMITED

2. Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies had received applications from the above-mentioned companies under section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of its/their name (s) from the register of companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation or on the ground that the company(ies) is/are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two immediately preceding financial years and has/have not made any application (s) within such period for obtaining the status of a dormant company under section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013 or the company(ies) have obtained the status of dormant company/subscribers to the memorandum have not paid the subscription which they had undertaken to pay at the time of incorporation of a company and a declaration to this effect has not been filed within one hundred and eighty days of its incorporation under subsection (1) of section 10A/ have not been carrying on any business or operations, as revealed after the physical verification carried out under sub-section (9) of section 12, but it/they do not wish to continue its/their registration as companies and have, therefore, requested for removal/strike off of its/their names from the register of companies.
3. Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies proposes to remove or strike off the names of the above-mentioned companies from the Register of Companies.
4. Any person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off name of the companies from the register of companies may send his or her objection to the office address mentioned here above within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

Irkan Tirkey
Deputy Registrar
CBC 07123/11/0575/2526
Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit

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(ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ)



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ਅਸੀਂ ਕਿ: ਐਸ ਅਤੇ ਐਸ 1423/3, ਸੈਕਟਰ-65 ਐਸ. ਏ. ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਅਸਲੀ Sh. Naranjan Singh S/o Rur Singh ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਮਿਤੀ 16-04-2016 ਨੂੰ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਯੂਕਤ ਅਸਲ ਸਵੀਹੀ ਅਸਲੀ Sh. Naranjan Singh S/o Rur Singh ਵਲੋਂ ਅਪਣੀ ਮੌਤ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਮਿਤੀ Smt. Dalbir Kaur W/o Didar Singh ਦੇ ਹਕ ਬੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਵਸੀਅਤ ਨੰ: 649, ਬਹੀ ਨੰ: 3, ਮਿਤੀ 31-12-2009 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸਬ-ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ, ਮੋਹਾਲੀ ਵਿਖੇ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਹੈ।
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ਨਿਸਚ ਅਫਸਰ (ਹ)
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RELIANCE Asset Reconstruction
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POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable properties)

Notice is hereby given under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 the Authorized officer of Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Limited issued demand notices on the date mentioned below in the table and calling upon the borrowers and guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice.
Indian Bank vide Assignment Agreement dated 29.12.2017 assigned the financial assets of following borrowers along with all its right, title and interest together with all underlying security interests in favor of **Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Limited** trustee of RARC 040 (IB SME) Trust.
The borrowers and guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned Authorized Officer of Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with rule 8 of Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned below in the table.
The borrower and guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of **Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Limited** for the amount and interest thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-Section 8 of Section13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sl.No.	Borrowers / Guarantors	Description of the property mortgaged	Date of Demand Notice / Date of Possession	Acting as Trustee of / Agreement Date	Amount O/s
1.	1. M/s Madhur Feed Corporation 2. Mr. Ashish Gupta S/o Shri mohan Lal – (Partner & Guarantor) 3. Mr. Varun Gupta S/o Shri Mohan Lal – (Partner & Guarantor) 4. Mr. Munish Guta S/o Shri Mohan Lal – (Partner & Guarantor)	All that part and parcel of Land measuring 2K-0M i.e. 1/2 share of the land measuring 4K-0M comprised in khata no. 44/100 rect. No: 19, Kila No.:3/(0-12), 4/(3-8), registered deed no.804 dated 28.07.1997 situated in the revenue estate of village Kahanpura, (Near Triveni Marriage Palace), Tehsil Amloh, Dist. Fatehgarh Sahib standing in the name of Mr. Mohan Lal S/o Sh. Sham Lal. **Bounded: On the North by** - Passage **On the South by** - Property of Bhagat **On the East by** – Road **On the West by** - Property of Mohan Lal	28.10.2024 / 02.01.2026	RARC 040 Trust / 29.12.2017	**Rs. 2,80,14,982.06/-** (Rupees Two crore Eighty lakh Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Two and six Paisa Only) **as on 30.09.2024** with a further interest outstanding **as on 30.09.2024** thereon till the date of realization.

Place:- FATEHGARH SAHIB
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‘Bebe, Main Badmash Banuga’ set for theatrical release on February 6, 2026

A New-Age Punjabi Film Exploring Youth, Identity, and Inner Conflict



The Punjabi film industry is set to welcome a refreshing and thought-provoking cinematic experience with Bebe, Main Badmash Banuga, scheduled for release in theaters on February 6, 2026. The film presents a distinctive narrative that steps away from conventional action-driven storytelling to explore the emotional and psychological layers of modern Punjabi youth.

A Story Rooted in Introspection, Not Circumstance

Unlike typical tales where protagonists are pushed into rebellion by external forces, Bebe, Main Badmash Banuga focuses on a young man who consciously questions and considers adopting a “tough” persona. Central to this journey is his conversation with his mother, making the story deeply personal and reflective. The film examines how identity, rebellion, and self-image are often shaped by internal struggles rather than unavoidable situations.

Direction, Cast, and Production

The film is directed by Sukhminder Dhanjal, who brings a satirical and grounded approach to the narrative. The cast features some notable names from Punjabi cinema, including Jagjeet Sandhu, celebrated for his strong comic timing and theatrical performances, and Ashish Duggal in a pivotal role.

The female lead is played by Aveera Singh Masson, who transitions from successful music video appearances to a significant role on the big screen. The film is jointly produced by Rupali Gupta and Jagjeet Sandhu, marking a creative collaboration that blends performance with production vision.

A Balanced Blend of Comedy, Romance, and Action

Bebe, Main Badmash Banuga seamlessly weaves together comedy, romance, and action to reflect the realities of youth life. Humor is used as a tool to convey deeper truths, romance is portrayed as emotional strength, and action emerges as a conscious choice rather than an impulsive reaction. This balanced treatment gives the film both entertainment value and emotional depth.



Veteran Tamil film director Bharathiraja's health condition stable, says hospital

The health condition of veteran Tamil film director and actor Bharathiraja, who has been hospitalised after he complained of breathlessness, is stable, the hospital announced today.

In a medical bulletin, MGM Healthcare, the hospital where the veteran director is currently receiving treatment, said, "Mr Bharthiraja was admitted with severe lung infection and is currently being treated in the Critical Care Unit. He is on all appropriate treatment for organ impairments and is being closely cared for by our team of medical experts."

The hospital further added, "His condition is stable and he will continue to require treatment in the Critical Care Unit."

Meanwhile, senior professionals from the film industry including directors R K Selvamani, director and actor Seeman, producer and actor Chitra Laxmanan, directors Lingusamy, Ameer, A R Murugadoss and Seenu Ramasamy chose to call on the veteran director at the hospital on Monday.

In a video clip, director R K Selvamani, soon after calling on the family of the veteran director in the hospital, said, "We came down to meet director Bharathiraja. For the last few days, there have been wrong reports on social media and in a section of the media regarding his health. We wanted to clarify the status and therefore called on him today.

"We met the doctor providing treatment to the director. The doctor informed us that director Bharathiraja is in the Intensive Care Unit. All his body organs are functioning well. He has had a bout of Pneumonia and he is in a stable condition," the director explained.

Selvamani further said, "When we requested the doctor if we could see director Bharathiraja, he said that yesterday, a lot of visitors had called on the director and as a result, his infection had increased. Therefore, he clarified that they were not allowing anyone to reduce the infection. At present, director Bharathiraja is stable."

Rasha Thadani celebrates one year of 'Uyi Amma' from debut film 'Azaad'

Rasha Thadani, the daughter of Bollywood actress Raveena Tandon, made her acting debut last year with Abhishek Kapoor's 'Azaad'. While the film performed decently at the box office, debutants Rasha and Aaman Devgan received praise for their performances. Rasha's peppy track 'Uyi Amma' from the film also became a viral favourite, earning her much love and attention across social media.As the song clocks a year of its release, Rasha took to her Instagram and expressed immense gratitude. https://www.instagram.com/p/DTFFrpFjHPo/"1 year of Uyi Amma. It found its way to you, and yall poured so much love into it. Holding all that love so close, thanku to everyone that made this happen. Ever grateful," she wrote in the caption, alongside a BTS video from the making of 'Uyi Amma'.



One of the key highlights from the film 'Uyi Amma' showcased Rasha Thadani taking centrestage, impressing audiences with her energetic dance moves and playful expressions. Madhubanti Bagchi lent her vocals to the song, which is composed by Amit Trivedi. Lyrics were penned by Amitabh Bhattacharya. Set in pre-independence India, 'Azaad' features Ajay Devgn as a skilled horse rider who has a deep connection with his horse. In a dramatic turn of events, Ajay faces off against the harsh English armies and, during the chaos, his beloved horse goes missing. The responsibility of finding the lost horse falls on Aaman Devgn's character.Aaman is Ajay Devgn's nephew.Directed by Abhishek Kapoor, the film received widespread praise for its powerful performances and engaging storyline. Ajay Devgn's strategic backing with a cameo helped propel 'Azaad' to the top. It earned Rs 1.5 crore nett box office collection on day one.

Allu Arjun, his wife Sneha Reddy mobbed by fans in Hyderabad

A casual outing in the evening turned into a chaotic situation for Telugu star Allu Arjun and his wife, Sneha Reddy, after the couple was mobbed in Hyderabad. In visuals going viral on social media, Allu Arjun and Sneha could be seen stepping out of a venue, surrounded by a packed crowd of fans. Visibly struggling with the sudden commotion, the 'Pushpa' star held onto his wife's hand as he tried to safely lead her to the car. Even though the couple was guarded by security, fans began gathering in large numbers, prompting the actor to ask them to move back. Another video shows a worried Allu Arjun helping his wife step inside the car, following which he took a moment to greet the fans with folded hands and wave at them. The incident occurred days after a similar situation involving actors Samantha Ruth Prabhu and Nidhhi Agerwal.



Nidhhi, who was present at the 'Raja Saab' song release event at the Lulu Mall in Kukatpally, was mobbed and pushed by the fans while exiting the venue.In connection with the same, the Cyberabad Police registered a suo motu case against the organisers. Videos that surfaced online show Nidhhi struggling to reach her car as a large crowd closed in around her. Despite the presence of people escorting her, the actor appeared uncomfortable and terrified as she tried to move through the tightly packed group. Before long, clips from the event began spreading on social media, drawing strong reactions from users who raised concerns over safety at public events.Shortly afterwards, Samantha also faced a chaotic crowd at an event. For Allu Arjun, the incident came on the heels of the actor being named among the accused in the stampede during the pre-release of 'Pushpa 2 - The Rule'.The stampede took place on December 4, 2024, at Sandhya 70mm Theatre in RTC X Roads. The incident led to the death of a woman, later identified as Revathi. Apart from Allu Arjun, the chargesheet names theatre partners, managers, event organisers, personal security guards, bouncers, and members linked to the actor's team and fan association.

Saba Pataudi wishes birthday to 'the hero of my universe' dad Mansoor Ali Khan

Sister of Bollywood actor Saif Ali Khan, Saba Pataudi, wished a happy birthday to 'the hero of my universe', dad Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi.

She decided to commemorate the special day by treating her InstaFam to some rare pictures of the former captain of the Indian cricket team and penned a heartfelt note saying, "To Abba .....The hero of my universe (red heart emoji) miss you today. And everyday. To the lives you've touched,- To the captain of our home and that of the Indian cricket team...You donned many caps , and excelled in each. (sic)"

Saba shared that she celebrates her father's birth anniversary each year by doing Quran Khawani and Sadqa.

"To Many random pictures shared by some , taken by others....and to my tribute to you, as I do the Qu'ran khwani and sadqa each year. Both in Bhopal and Pataudi where you belong," added Saba.

Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi's other daughter, actress Soha Ali Khan, decided to honor her father's legacy by visiting the Eden Gardens stadium in Kolkata.

Uploading glimpses of her visit on social media, Soha penned on Insta, "On your birthday, Abba, I wanted to stand where the game remembers you. Eden Gardens may be empty today, but it is never silent for you."

The 'Rang De Basanti' actress recalled the iconic Test when her father ended up playing for the country despite a fractured cheekbone.

"A ground you loved to play on, and one where you captained India many times — perhaps most memorable being the December 1974 Test against the indomitable West Indies. A ball from Andy Roberts struck you on the face, fracturing your cheekbone. You retired bleeding and hurt but returned to lead the side to an unbelievable victory by 85 runs. That Test at Eden went down as one of Indian cricket’s most iconic victories — a timeless example of grit and lion-hearted (or perhaps tiger-hearted) captaincy," remembered Soha.



Marathi film 'Dashavatar' enters Oscars 2026 contention list



Ahead of the 96th Academy Awards, filmmaker Subodh Khanolkar's Marathi film 'Dashavatar' has entered the Oscars contention list, the makers confirmed on Sunday.In an official social media announcement, Zee Studios Official shared the film's latest milestone. "First Marathi Film to Enter the Oscar Contention List. Born of red soil. Carried by tradition. Now global. Dashavatar is heading towards the Oscars!," the caption read.

With this, 'Dashavatar' has also become the first-ever Marathi film to make it to the prestigious list, thus officially joining the race for the Oscar. The film's production house, Ocean Film Company, added, "A milestone moment for us and for Marathi cinema. Dashavatar, Ocean Film Company's debut film, in Oscars is a testament to passion, belief, and relentless effort of our entire Team! Honoured and grateful to see Marathi storytelling shine on a global platform."

Director Subodh Khanolkar initially confirmed the selection on Instagram along with a screenshot of the mail that he received from the Academy. "I received an email that 'Dashavatar' has been selected in the main competition of the Academy Awards (Main open film category - contention list). I was satisfied with the hard work we all have put in for the past several years. This satisfaction is not only because 'Dashavatar' has been selected, but because our Marathi film can stand up globally... Dashavtar is probably the first Marathi film selected in the main competition category. This is the only Marathi film among the 150+ films selected from thousands of films. And this is the first Marathi movie to be shown in the Academy Screening Room!" he wrote.

Written and directed by Subodh Khanolkar, 'Dashavatar' features Dilip Prabhavalkar in the lead role alongside actors like Mahesh Manjrekar, Bharat Jadhav, Siddharth Menon, Priyadarshini Indalkar, Vijay Kenkare, Ravi Kale, Abhinay Berde, Sunil Tawade, Aarti Wadagbalkar, and Lokesh Mittal.Made under the banner of Zee Studios, Ocean Film Company, and Ocean Art House Production, the film is produced by Sujay Hande, Onkar Kate, Subodh Khanolkar, Ashok Hande, Aditya Joshi, Nitin Sahasrabudhe, Mrunal Sahasrabudhe, Sanjay Dubey, and Vinayak Joshi.'Dashavatar' opened in theatres on September 12, 2025. According to The Hollywood Reporter, nominations across all categories will be decided from January 12-16, 2026, and announced on January 22, 2026.The 98th Academy Awards will be held on March 15, 2026, at the Dolby Theatre at Ovation Hollywood.

Ayesha Khan reacts to "overwhelming" response to her 'Dhurandhar' song



Ranveer Singh starrer 'Dhurandhar' has marked a notable success at the box office, drawing a strong response from the audience. While fans have been high in praise for the film's narrative and powerful performances from the actors, 'Dhurandhar' songs have equally stirred a buzz. One of them, 'Shararat', featuring Ayesha Khan and Krystle D'Souza, has also emerged as one of the standout musical highlights of the year, leaving the Bigg Boss 17 diva "overwhelmed" with gratitude. Taking to her Instagram handle, Ayeha shared a long note along with a clip from the theatre, where she appeared to be watching 'Dhurandhar' with the audience.

In her note, Ayesha extended a loud shoutout to director Aditya Dhar and casting director Mukesh Chhabra. "100 million views!!! Watching myself on the big screen in a theatre fully packed with audience was a surreal experience indeed. The amount of love I have received for Shararat has been overwhelming. Thank you @castingchhabra for giving me shararat!! Keep changing lives!! You are GOD SENT! And thank you @adityadharfilms for trusting me!! What a visionary man," she wrote. Ayesha also penned down her thoughts and emotions on receiving much support. "I promise my audience I am here to rule, and nothing can stop me, and this doesn't come out of arrogance but purely out of the hardwork I put into things I love. I have so much trust in my craft and in the almighty that I know one day I'll have everything I have prayed for. Blessed to have a family that's just there to support me no matter what! My spine. My strength," she added. The Bigg Boss 17 fame concluded with a brief New Year greeting, "May 2026 bring amazing things and hard-learnt lessons in our lives. Cause what is AYESHA KHAN without a little bit of drama."A fiery dance number, 'Shararat' from the Aditya Dhar film has been composed by Shashwat Sachdev, with vocals from Madhubanti Bagchi and Jasmine Sandlas. Directed by Aditya Dhar, Dhurandhar has emerged as one of the biggest Hindi films of 2025, offering a strong close to the year for Bollywood.

A R Rahman celebrates birthday with 'Moonwalk' team; cuts cake at audio launch

The unit of director Manoj N S's upcoming film 'Moonwalk', featuring actor Prabhu Deva in the lead, chose to celebrate Oscar winner A R Rahman's birthday at the grand audio launch event of the film by getting the ace musician to cut a cake on stage.

For the unaware, the Mozart of Madras, who has sung all five tracks in the film, is also making his acting debut in this feature film.

The much-awaited grand audio launch event of the feature film 'Moonwalk' turned into a musical night to remember on Sunday as the evening featured electrifying live performances by A R Rahman and Prabhu Deva. Director Manoj NS thanked the entire cast and crew for making the film truly memorable and expressed his confidence that 'Moonwalk' would bring immense joy and happiness to audiences in theatres.

Excitement at the event peaked when A R Rahman made his first appearance on stage and immediately went on to perform all five 'Moonwalk' songs live. The live performance sent fans into a frenzy, transforming the evening into a true celebration of music.

Actor Prabhu Deva, hailed as India’s Michael Jackson, delivered a 10-minute dance tribute to A R Rahman, performing to all five 'Moonwalk' songs.