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NEWS BRIEFS

Punjab storm into VHT semifinals

BENGALURU: Punjab's batters fired in unison to set up a strong base for the bowlers to complete a crushing 183-run win over Madhya Pradesh and storm into the semifinals of the Vijay Hazare Trophy here on Tuesday.
Asked to bat first, Punjab were well served by skipper Prabhsimran Singh's 86-ball 88, Anmolpreet Singh's 62-ball 70, Nehal Wadhera's 56 off 38 deliveries, and Harnoor Singh's 51 off 71 balls as the side posted an imposing 345 for six in the quarterfinal.
Earlier, Ramandeep Singh blazed away to a 24 off 15 balls toward the end as Punjab closed in on the 350-mark.

HC issues stern warning to Punjab govt over Majithia's security

CHANDIGARH: The Punjab and Haryana High Court has issued strict directions to the Punjab government about the security of senior Shiromani Akali Dal leader and former minister Bikram Singh Majithia, underscoring that ensuring his safety is a constitutional obligation of the state.
During a hearing, the High Court made it clear that any lapse in Majithia's security arrangements would not be tolerated. The court warned that if a breach is found, the responsibility would rest squarely on the Additional Director General of Police (Prisons) and the Superintendent of Nabha Jail. It further observed that in such a scenario, action could be initiated against the officers concerned.
The court noted that the safety of a person lodged in judicial custody is not a routine administrative formality but a core component of the rule of law. It cautioned that negligence in providing adequate security would be viewed not only as an administrative failure, but could also amount to disobedience of court orders.

1963 China–Pakistan pact on Shaksgam Valley 'Illegal': Army Chief

NEW DELHI: A day after China rejected India's claim to the Shaksgam Valley in Jammu and Kashmir, General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of Army Staff, called the 1963 agreement between Pakistan and China "illegal."
The Indian Army chief stated that India does not approve of any activities in the Valley.
China on Monday dismissed India's assertion over the Shaksgam Valley in Jammu and Kashmir, maintaining that the region falls within Chinese territory. Responding to questions on border matters and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said Beijing has every right to carry out development work in areas it considers its own.

Nearly 2,000 killed in Iran protests, confirms official



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DUBAI: About 2,000 people including security personnel have been killed in protests in Iran, an Iranian official said on Tuesday, the first time authorities have acknowledged the high death toll from an intense crackdown on two weeks of nationwide unrest.
The Iranian official, speaking toa news agency, said that what he called terrorists were behind the deaths of both protesters and security personnel. The official did not give a breakdown of who had been killed.
The unrest, sparked by dire economic conditions, has been the biggest internal challenge to Iranian authorities for at least three years and comes amid intensifying international pressure after Israeli and US strikes last year.

Warning issued to American politicians

NEW DELHI: Iran issued a warning to the US and said that Iran is aware of its enemies and is strong.The Iranian Embassy in India said that pro government gatherings in the country have foiled the enemies of foreign plans.In a post on X, the embassy said, "In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful. Great Nation of Iran! Today, you have accomplished a great deed and created a historic day.

Iran to evacuate its diplomatic mission personnel in UK

TEHRAN: Iran will be forced to consider evacuating its diplomatic mission personnel in London if the United Kingdom fails to ensure their safety, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said.
"In a phone conversation with the UK Foreign Secretary this evening, I made clear that the UK is, by international legal obligations, duty-bound to ensure the safety and security of Iran's London Consulate and Embassy. If the UK cannot uphold its duty to protect diplomatic missions, Iran would be left with no choice but to consider evacuating our personnel," Araghchi said on X on Monday.
"I also urged the UK to avoid interfering in Iran's internal affairs, including by continuing to refrain from taking action against Israeli-backed terrorists posing as news organizations. Ofcom has clear rules and regulations about the incitement of violence and glorification of terrorism. The UK Government must take action to ensure that its own domestic laws are upheld," he added.

Chd records season's coldest night, schools to remain closed till 17th



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CHANDIGARH: Punjab and Haryana reeled under intense cold conditions on Tuesday, with their common capital Chandigarh recording a minimum of 2.8 degrees Celsius, the lowest in nine years. In view of the prevailing cold and foggy weather conditions, the District Education Office of the Union Territory of Chandigarh has extended the revised school timings and winter vacation for all government, government-aided and recognised private schools across the UT till January 17, 2026, an official order said.
A weather department official told that Chandigarh had recorded a minimum temperature of 2.4 degrees Celsius on January 11, 2017 and 2.1 degrees Celsius on January 24, 2016.
Freezing cold swept many places in Punjab, where Ballowal Saunkhri in SBS Nagar recorded 0 degrees Celsius. Bathinda recorded 1.6 degrees, while Ludhiana, Patiala and Amritsar recorded respective minimums of 2.6 degrees, 3 degrees and 4.1 degrees Celsius.

Punjab introduces landmark reforms to secure property rights in cooperative housing societies



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In a landmark decision aimed at strengthening property rights and easing long-pending legal uncertainties, the Punjab Government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has introduced major citizen-centric reforms to benefit residents living in Cooperative Housing Societies. Acting on the directions of the Chief Minister, who also holds the Cooperation Department portfolio, the Government has approved a comprehensive framework to make registration of cooperative housing properties affordable, secure, and legally robust, while ensuring legitimate recovery of stamp duty for the State.
Sharing details of the decision, the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said that the Punjab Government has taken far-reaching steps to formalise property transactions in cooperative housing societies, many of which have remained unregistered for decades. "The Chief Minister has approved a set of reforms to ensure that property transactions in cooperative housing societies are formally registered, legally secure, and financially affordable for citizens, while also safeguarding the State's revenue interests," the statement said.

Beant Singh murder : SC defers hearing on Hawara's plea for transfer to Pb jail



NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday deferred by two weeks hearing on Beant Singh murder convict Jagtar Singh Hawara's plea seeking his transfer from Delhi's Tihar jail to any prison in Punjab.
The Babbar Khalsa terrorist is serving life term in the case related to the killing of former Punjab chief minister in 1995. A bench comprising Justices M M Sundresh and N Kotiswar Singh adjourned the matter as Solicitor General Tushar Mehta was not available.
On September 27 last year, the apex court issued notices to the Centre, Chandigarh administration and the Delhi and Punjab governments on Hawara's plea. Hawara is serving imprisonment for the rest of his life in the case related to the blast at the entrance of the civil secretariat at Chandigarh on August 31, 1995 in which Beant Singh and 16 more people were killed. The plea filed in the apex court said Hawara's conduct in prison has been without blemish except for an alleged jail break on January 22, 2004 when he had escaped and was later arrested. It said he should be transferred from Tihar Jail in Delhi to any other prison in Punjab as there is no case pending against him in the national capital. "Petitioner (Hawara) is currently serving his life imprisonment till the rest of his life in a case registered in the state of Punjab... He is a native of state of Punjab, Fatehgarh Sahib district, and ought to be confined in a prison in Punjab," it said.
According to the plea, the petitioner had 36 false cases foisted on him after the murder of Beant Singh and he has been acquitted in all except one. One person convicted in the same case and also part of the jail break has been shifted from Tihar to a jail in Chandigarh, it said.

No more 10-minute delivery promise: Labour Ministry to Blinkit, Swiggy



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Eternal-owned quick-commerce firm Blinkit has dropped its '10-minute' delivery claim from all platforms amid growing concerns over delivery workers' welfare. It has revised the tag-line from "10,000+ products delivered in 10 minutes" to "30,000+ products delivered at your doorstep".
Other quick commerce platforms, such as Swiggy and Zepto, may also follow suit after the intervention by the Union Ministry of Labour, which was concerned about the welfare of the delivery workers trying to meet such tight deadlines. The move follows discussions the labour ministry held with the quick commerce platforms to ensure greater safety, security and improved working conditions for gig workers. The promise of 10-minute delivery led to gig workers holding a nationwide strike on New Year's Eve in 2025, drawing attention to workers' health, safety and income.
To be sure, while the 10-minute delivery branding was still visible on the Google Play Store and iOS App store for Zepto, Instamart and BigBasket, there was no such branding for Blinkit. In a recent post on X, Eternal Group CEO Deepinder Goyal had claimed that the 10-minute delivery promise does not pressure riders or lead to unsafe driving, as they are not shown the 10-minute timer on the app. "Quick commerce's 10-minute promise DOES NOT put pressure on gig workers, and it DOESN'T lead to unsafe driving. Why? The most common concern is that faster delivery promises translate into pressure on delivery partners to drive unsafely. That isn't how the system operates. "Firstly, delivery partners are not shown customer-facing time promises. There is no '10-minute timer' or countdown in the delivery app. 10-minute or faster deliveries are primarily due to our stores being closer to customers and not by higher speeds .

Hry discontinues usage of terms 'Harijan' and 'Girijan' in official communications

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CHANDIGARH: The Haryana Government has issued directions to all Administrative Secretaries, Heads of Departments,Boards,Corporations, Public Sector Undertakings, Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, Sub-Divisional Officers (Civil), and Registrars of Universities in the State to strictly avoid the use of terms such as 'Harijan' and 'Girijan' in all official matters and correspondence. A letter in this regard has been issued by the Chief Secretary's Office.
It has been reiterated in the letter that the Constitution of India does not use these terms for denoting Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The State Government has referred to the instructions of the Government of India which clearly mandate the discontinuation of these expressions in official dealings.
The matter was reviewed by the State Government, during which it came to notice that certain departments had not been strictly adhering to the said instructions. Consequently, all departments and authorities have been directed to ensure full compliance with the Central Government's guidelines and to discontinue the usage of the terms 'Harijan' and 'Girijan' in all official records, correspondence, and communications.

J-K: LG Manoj Sinha terminates services of 5 govt employees over alleged terror links



SRINAGAR: In a major action against the terror ecosystem and Infrastructure within government machinery, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday terminated five government employees over alleged terror links, according to officials.Sources said these active associates were planted into the government machinery by terror outfits and the Pakistan ISI. They infiltrated the administration over the last several decades to weaken the government machinery and to jeopardise national security.The five employees were terminated under Article 311 (2) (c) of the Constitution.The terminated employees include a teacher who, according to the investigators, was working for Pakistan-based terror outfit Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT). As per the sources, he was arrested in April 2022 by the Jammu and Kashmir Police before he could execute a plan against the police.The other employees include a lab technician allegedly linked to Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM), an assistant lineman connected to LeT, a field worker in the Forest Department allegedly linked to HM, and a driver in the Health and Medical Education Department.

Gold prices set to hit USD 5,000 amid global uncertainty, says Muthoot Microfin CEO

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Gold prices are expected to continue their upward trajectory toward USD 5,000 per ounce as global uncertainty persists, according to Sadaf Sayeed, CEO of Muthoot Microfin, one of India's leading microfinance institutions.In an interview with ANI, the CEO of Muthoot Microfin spoke on market developments and emphasized that gold remains a natural hedge against volatility. "Globally, people use it to hedge any sort of volatility and uncertainty. As the volatility in the global market is continuing, and every day there is a new development happening, people's natural hedge is gold," he said. The CEO noted that various banks have estimated gold prices could touch approximately USD 5,000, driven by sustained demand amid ongoing global uncertainties.Addressing silver price movements, Sayeed explained that commodity prices are driven by both demand and scarcity. "Certain countries have taken steps to restrict the export of precious metals and certain other commodities. As the scarcity of the commodity is there and the demand will be there, the prices will go up," he said. While acknowledging that silver has already seen significant gains, Sayeed indicated that further increases depend on supply dynamics.On the microfinance front, Sayeed said that Muthoot Microfin has reported positive momentum after a challenging previous year. While the industry overall experienced degrowth, Muthoot Microfin is projecting 15 per cent growth for the current financial year."Quarter on quarter, disbursements are picking up. Our disbursements will touch around Rs 10,000 crores for this financial year, and they are improving quarter on quarter at 10 per cent to 15 per cent," Sayeed revealed.Looking ahead to the upcoming budget, the Muthoot Microfin CEO highlighted liquidity as the sector's most critical requirement. The microfinance industry has been advocating for a credit guarantee scheme to enable banks to fund NBFC-MFIs more freely."We expect that in this budget, the honorable finance minister will definitely offer some sort of credit guarantee scheme, which will enable the banks to fund NBFC-MFIs freely, and that will really help the sector to grow," Sayeed said.



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DC celebrated Lohri festival with elderly

JALANDHAR (PARAMJIT SINGH): Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Agarwal today reached the Old Age Home run by the District Red Cross Society and celebrated Lohri festival with the elderly living there. On this occasion, the Deputy Commissioner interacted with the elderly and got to know their condition and distributed blankets, peanuts, rice cakes etc. to them. Dr. Agarwal said that the elderly are a valuable asset of our society and their experience is a guide for the new generation. He said that the district administration is committed to the welfare of all its citizens and is especially ready to take care of and support the elderly at all times. He assured the elderly that if they need any kind of administrative help, they can contact the administration without hesitation. Earlier, District Red Cross Society Secretary Surjit Lal welcomed Deputy Commissioner Dr. Himanshu Agarwal on his arrival at the Old Age Home. He expressed gratitude for the cooperation being received from the district administration.



Advocate Brijesh Kumar Sharma of Punjab and Haryana High Court donates blood on his son Yug Sharma's birthday



J.K. BATTA

CHANDIGARH: For every parent, their son is the dearest. They are ready to sacrifice everything to fulfil his wishes, and when their son's birthday comes around, they are eager to give him the best possible gift. Advocate Brijesh Kumar Sharma, a resident of Nayagaon, and to fulfil his wishes, and when their son's birthday arrivescticing at the Punjab and Haryana High Court, gave a unique gift to his son, Yug Sharma, on his birthday. Advocate Brijesh Kumar Sharma donated blood as a gift on his son's birthday, thereby contributing to the lifesaving service. Advocate Brijesh Kumar Sharma said that although he donates blood every year, this time he had resolved to donate blood on his son's birthday as a special gift. He felt that saving the lives of at least two people through this act of service would be the best gift for his son. He said that there is no greater donation than blood donation. Blood donation gives a new lease of life to a person struggling between life and death. We must donate blood to save the lives of such people. This is true humanity. Advocate Brijesh Kumar Sharma of Nayagaon, practising at the Punjab and Haryana High Court, donated blood today at the Sector 16 Red Cross building on his son Yug Sharma's 16th birthday. He said that he has been donating blood on the birthdays of both his sons. Advocate Brijesh Kumar Sharma of the Punjab and Haryana High Court also appealed to people to donate blood instead of cutting a cake on their children's birthdays, whether it's a son or a daughter, and to plant a tree and take complete care of it.

DC Patiala directs strict action to curb sale and use of banned chinese manjha

RAKESH JINDAL
PATIALA, JAN 13



Deputy Commissioner Patiala, Dr. Preeti Yadav, today convened a high-level meeting to ensure strict enforcement of the ban on storage, sale and use of banned Chinese Manjha (China Dori) used for kite flying, in view of the serious threat it poses to human lives, animals and birds.

Chairing the meeting attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Simarpreet Kaur, SDMs, DSPs and other concerned officers, the Deputy Commissioner categorically warned that any violation found in any part of the district would invite strict action. She made it clear that responsibility would be fixed on the concerned officers for any lapse or inaction. Dr. Preeti Yadav emphasized that the use of banned Chinese Manjha has led to several serious accidents, causing grievous injuries and even loss of life to pedestrians, cyclists, two-wheeler riders, Birds and animals. She stated that there is zero tolerance for the storage, sale or use of this banned thread under any circumstances.

The Deputy Commissioner informed that a district-level control room has already been set up, which will function during office hours. Citizens can report incidents related to the sale or use of banned Chinese Manjha, hanging of Manjha on trees, or accidents caused by it, on Control Room Number 0175-2358550. She further directed all SDMs and DSPs to conduct regular and surprise inspections across the district and submit daily reports regarding enforcement drives and action taken against violators.

Congress Party State Vice President Sukhjit Kaur Sukhi joins Aam Aadmi Party

BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA, JAN 13



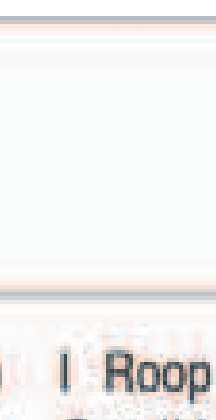
The Congress party got a big blow when the state vice-president of the Congress party Sukhjit Kaur Sukhi joined the Aam Aadmi Party in the presence of Member of Parliament Gurmeet Singh Meethair along with her colleagues. On the other hand, Gurmeet Singh Meet Hare congratulated him on joining the party.

Speaking on this occasion, Sukhjit Kaur Sukhi accused and said that those working in the party are neglected. He said that earlier he served in the Akali Dal and now he was serving in the Congress party for a long time, but despite this he was kept away from the activities of the party due to which he was forced to leave the party. He said that now he will work for the Aam Aadmi Party with full dedication and will play an important role in delivering every program of the party at the ground level.

Speaking on this occasion, M.P. Meet Hare said that Aam Aadmi Party is a party in which everyone from workers to office bearers is given equal respect. Therefore, Sukhjit Kaur Sukhi will be given the honor of being complete in the party. On this occasion, apart from others, his OSD. Husan Bhardwaj, Parminder Singh Bhangu Chairman District Planning Board, Member SC. Commission Rupinder Singh Sheetal, Chairman of Urban Improvement Trust Barnala Ram Tirth Manna, former president of Municipal Council Barnala Gurjit Ramnavasia and other senior leaders and workers of Aam Aadmi Party were present.

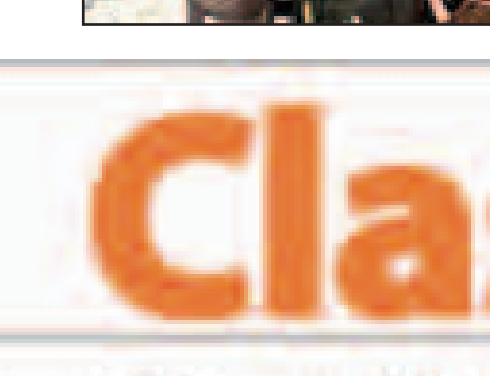
Nominee acquitted in cheque bounce case

BARNALA (BALWINDER AZAD): The court of Judicial Magistrate First Class Barnala Mr. Sudhir Kumar Barnala while pronouncing the verdict in a cheque bounce case, acquitted Jagjit Singh son of Jasvir Singh resident of Longowal (Sangrur) with honor, agreeing with the arguments of the defense lawyer Kulvijay Singh Tapa. According to the information of the case, Jagjit Singh had borrowed Rs. 6 lakh from Parminder Singh son of Babu Singh resident of Dangarh, in return for which he gave a cheque of Rs. 6 lakh to Parminder Singh, when Parminder Singh deposited the cheque in the bank to withdraw the money, the cheque bounced due to lack of money in the account.



Congress leaders celebrate Lohri with enthusiasm in Nayagaon

CHANDIGARH (J.K. BATTA): In Nayagaon, in wards number 4 and 5, the Congress party, led by Advocate Kamaljit Singh Sidhu, General Secretary of the Mohali District Congress Legal Cell, Senior Congress leader N.P. Singh and Senior Congress leader Chiranjeev Raju Verma organised a Lohri celebration. They specially invited Senior Congress leader and former Vice Chairman of the Punjab Gau Sewa Commission, Shri Kamaljit Singh Chawla. Around 6 PM, upon the arrival of Shri Kamaljit Singh Chawla, he was welcomed with drum beats by Advocate Kamaljit Singh Sidhu, Senior Congress leader N.P. Singh, Senior Congress leader Chiranjeev Raju Verma, other Congress leaders, and the residents of wards 4 and 5.



They garlanded him and presented him with a bouquet. Shri Kamaljit Singh Chawla accepted the greetings from all the Congressmen and thanked them. Then, Shri Kamaljit Singh Chawla lit the large pile of wood for the Lohri bonfire and performed the puja (worship).

Hoshiarpur DC mandates Punjabi for all official work in district offices

HOSHIARPUR (DALJEET AJNOHA): Under the provisions of the Punjab State Language Act 1967 and the State Language (Amendment) Act 2008, all official work in the Punjab secretariat, government/semi-government departments, boards, corporations, and educational institutions must be conducted entirely in Punjabi. The Punjab government periodically issues directives to enforce the use of Punjabi in office proceedings.In a detailed discussion on the matter, Deputy Commissioner Ashika Jain directed employees and officers in all government/semi-government departments, boards, corporations, and educational institutions across the district to make Punjabi—the state's official language—mandatory for all office work.

Classified

I, Jaspreet Singh S/o Kulwant Singh R/o Vpo Majatri,Distt Sas Nagar (Mohali) Have Changed My Name To Jaspreet (Singh) As A Surname
666554

I Gurpreet Kaur Dhillon w/o Roop Singh Dhillon r/o Village Giana Tehsil Talwandi sabo Distt Bathinda have changed my name Gurpreet Kaur Dhillon to Gurpreet Kaur. Please note.
60018

PUBLIC NOTICES

I, Mohinder Singh, S/O Shri Hajara Singh, R/O of VPO. Ladana Baba, Kaithal, hereby declare that Jaspinder Singh is my son, who is unmarried and is no longer under my control or guidance. I have disowned my son from my movable and immovable properties. I hereby state that I and my family shall not be responsible in any manner for any good or bad acts, dealings, transactions, or liabilities undertaken by him. Any person who enters into any kind of transaction or financial dealing with my son shall do so at their own risk and responsibility.
100046

I, Smt. Baljinder Kaur widow of Army No. 3397684K Ex Hav Late: Jaspreet Singh R/o Vpo. Jandan Wala Teh & Distt. Bathinda declare that in my husband army record his father name wrongly entered Balbir Singh and wrongly entered DOB 02-04-1957. But his father correct name is Balvir Singh and correct DOB is 01-01-1953. So amended his father name & DOB in my husband army record.
63372

I, Army No. 14428445M Ex-Hav Sukhwant Singh R/o Vill: Chak Bhag Singh Wala Po. Dhilwan Kalan Teh-Kotkapura Distt. Faridkot declare that in my army record my mother name wrongly entered Boljeet Kaur and DOB mention as per discharge book 42 years. But my mother correct name is Baljit Kaur and correct DOB is 01-01-1951. So amended my mother name & DOB in my army record.
63372

I Roop Singh Dhillon s/o Gandhi Singh r/o Village Giana Tehsil Talwandi sabo Distt Bathinda have changed my name Roop Singh Dhillon to Roop Singh. Please note.
60018

"I am Rupinder Kaur Lehri, daughter of Rashpal Singh Lehri, residing at #651, Giani Zail Singh Nagar, Ropar.I have officially changed my name to Rupinder Kaur."
60018

I , Savita Dhull W/o Rakesh Nain R/o HNo. 921 , Sector 19 , Part 2, Huda , Kaithal (Haryana) Have Changed My Name From Savita Dhull To Savita. Concerned Please Note.
84451

PUBLIC NOTICES

We ,Surendra Nagar and Anita Singh r/o #224,Gillco Valley ,sector 115 ,Kharar ,S A S Nagar Punjab I declare that we disown/debarred our Daughter Yashvi Singh from Our moveable / immoveable property because she is out of our control if anybody deal with her he / she will be responsible himself / herself
60013

I, Army No. 3395138Y Ex-Hony Nb/Sub Gurmit Singh R/o Vpo. Kot Shamir Teh & Distt. Bathinda declare that in my army record my wife name wrongly entered Sarabjit Kaur. But my wife correct name is Sarbjeet Kaur. So amended my wife name from Sarabjit Kaur to Sarbjeet Kaur in my army record.
63372

I, Army No. 2485080X Ex-Hav Sukhvir Singh R/o Vpo. Rai Ke Kalan Teh & Distt. Bathinda declare that in my army record my wife name wrongly entered Pavandeep Kaur and wrongly entered DOB 06-04-1982. But my wife correct name is Pawandeep Kaur and correct DOB is 15-05-1982. So amended my wife name & DOB in my army record.
63372

I, Satish Kumar son of No. 2667081F Hav Kamaljit Lal (Retd) R/o Vpo. Kitna Teh-Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur, Pb-144531 have changed my name from Satish Kumar to Satish Kapoor. My DOB is 01-02-1990 as per Aadhar Card, PAN Card, Birth Certificate and Matriculation Certificate.
63372

I, Arshdeep Singh S/o Jaspal Singh R/o VPO chak Padla District Kaithal (Haryana) India have changed my name from Arshdeep Singh to Arshdeep (Given Name) Singh (Surname). Concerned Please Note
84451

I, Mousumi Barik is legally wife of JC 733823M Rank-Sub Name-Amalendu Pramanik presently residing at Village Durga Pally Near Durga Mandir Post Maliha PS English Bazar, District Malda (WB), Pin Code - 732102 have changed my name from Mousami Barik to Mousumi Barik Pramanik Vide Affidavit No. IN-PB06468348032O407X, Dated 29-12-2026 Before District Court Jalandhar.
600022

I, Gian Chand Goyal S/o Ramji Das R/o Near Durga Mandir Goniana Mandi Bathinda have changed my name to Gian Chand.
63372

PUBLIC NOTICE

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I, Mohammad Wakeel S/O Mohammed Suleman R/O #629, W.No-16, Mohala Bhumsi, Malerkotla ,Distt. Malerkotla have changed my name to Mohammad Vakil.
63372

I Amit S/o Bagga Singh R/o H.No.123 W.No.29 St.No.09 Angadpura Mohalla, Jamiat Singh Road, Moga-142001 (Pb) have changed my name from Amit to Amit Singh.
63372

I, Jaswinder Kaur Rangpuri W/o Rajinder Singh R/o H.No. 678 Sunny Enclave W.No. 3 Kharar Distt. SAS Nagar, Mohali have changed my name from Jaswinder Kaur Rangpuri to Jaswinder Kaur. all concerned note please.
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I, Yadwinder Singh S/o Lashkari Ram R/o Vill: Gehal Mazari Po. Mukandpur Teh-Banga Distt. SBS Nagar, Punjab-144507 changed my name to Yadwinder as given name and Singh as surname.
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I Amarjit S/o Mela Ram R/o Vpo Kariha Teh-Nawanshahr Distt SBS Nagar-144508 Pb have changed my name Amarjit to Amarjit Jassal.
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I, Dalvinder Singh S/o Satnam Singh Resident of VPO Dayalpur Tehsil Phillaur District Jalandhar, Punjab, India. declare that my given name is "Dalvinder". and my surname is "Singh". Please note.
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I, Karamjeet Kaur W/o Jagsir Singh R/o Dasaundha Singh Wala Dist Malerkotla have changed my name to Karamjit Kaur.
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I, Balvinder Kumar S/o Lahori Ram R/o Vill-Bhadiar Po. Kot Maira Teh-Garhshankar Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab India, I have change my name spelling from Balvinder Kumar to Balwinder Kumar, Please all concern note.
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I Satwant Singh Grewal S/o Harmeet Singh R/o Vpo Sidhwan Kalan tehsil Jagraon Distt Ludhiana have changed my name to Satwant Singh.
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I Shivam S/o Bankesh Kumar R/o 1636 Leuitland Dr. Bellingham WA 98226 have changed my name to Shivam Kumar Verma. Hence forth, I shall be known as Shivam Kumar Verma for all Purposes.
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I Ankur Negi s/o Raman Negi r/o H.NO 103 GTB Nagar Jalandhar have changed the name of my minor daughter from Aastha Negi To Astha Negi.
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I, Dalvir Singh S/o Swaran Singh R/o Village Dholowal, PO. Garhdiwala, Tehsil Dasuya, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab, India declare that I have my name Dalvir Singh changed to my first name Dalvir and surname as Singh.
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I Amritpal Singh Alias Amartipal Singh S/O Hakam Singh R/O Balianwali Distt Bathinda Have Two Name Of One Person.
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I, Didar Singh Sran S/o Gurcharan Singh R/o Vill-Khosa Pando, Po. Khosa Pando Teh-Moga (Moga) Have Changed My Name Didar Singh.
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I Gagandeep Dahuja S/o Omkar Nath R/o Dharamkot (Moga) announced that I have change my minor daughter name from Samaira to Samaira Dahuja.
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I, Harwinder Singh S/o Prem Singh R/o 124, Mauli Jagran, Chandigarh-160102, I want to notify you that I have changed my name from Harvinder Singh to Harwinder Singh for all future purposes.
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I, Kanta Goyal W/o Som Nath R/o H.No. 588 Old Grain Market Jagraon (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Kanta Rani.
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I, Som Nath Goyal S/o Chandu Lal R/o H.No. 588 Old Grain Market Jagraon (Ludhiana) have changed my name to Som Nath.
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Before Sh. Naveen, Danics
Asstt. Estate Officer,
U.T. Chandigarh.

Sub:-Transfer of Ownership in respect of Residential Site No. 749 Sector 22- A Chandigarh (RP 3958) to the extent of 7.14% share on the basis of Intestate Death of Late Sh. Subhash Chander Sharma.

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office Sh. Subhash Chander Sharma is the owner/lessee of Residential Site No. 749 Sector 22-A, Chandigarh to the extent of 7.14 % Share.

It has been informed by Rajesh Sharma, Santosh Sharma, Rakesh Kumar Sharma, Yash Pal Sharma that Sh. Subhash Chander Sharma expired on 30/04/2021 and he/she/they has/have also intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner/ lessee:-

Sr	Name of Legal Heir	Relation with deceased
1	Yash Pal Sharma	Son
2	Rakesh Kumar Sharma	Son
3	Santosh Sharma	Wife
4	Rajesh Sharma	Son

Now, Rajesh Sharma, Santosh Sharma, Rakesh Kumar Sharma, Yash Pal Sharma has/have applied for the Transfer of Ownership in respect of Residential Site No. 749 Sector 22-A, Chandigarh, to the extent of 7.14 % Share held by Late Sh. Subhash Chander Sharma in his/her/their favour, on the basis of Intestate Death. If anybody has any information about any other legal heir(s) of the deceased other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh, immediately.

If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said share in the said property in favour of the above named applicants, he/she/they may furnish the same in writing (supported with affidavit duly attested by Magistrate/Notary)in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly in the name of above said beneficiary/ies and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.

Naveen, DANICS, Assistant Estate Officer,
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Police launch awareness drive against hazardous Chinese dor

JAGRAON (SUKH NAHAR): Under the supervision of Varinder Singh Khosa, DSP (Sub-Division), special arrangements were made by the DSP office at the main chowk of Mandi Mullanpur to protect two-wheeler riders from injuries caused by Chinese kite string. Iron wire safety frames were installed for this purpose. Giving more information about this, DSP Khosa informed that if a person gets entangled in Chinese kite string, these safety frames can help prevent serious injuries. "Meetings were held with kite sellers operating in the areas of Police Station Dakha, Police Station Jodhan, and Police Station Sudhar, and they were strictly instructed not to sell Chinese kite string. Regular surprise checking is being conducted at kite shops to ensure that Chinese kite string is not being sold," he added. DSP further mentioned that officials also visited villages and towns in the area, where children were gathered in the presence of sarpanches, panches, and respected members of society. Children were made aware of the dangers of Chinese kite string.



NEWS BRIEF

Only brother of 3 women dies, Garg expresses deep sorrow



SUMER GARG

HISAR: Provincial president of Haryana state trade board and former chairman of Haryana CONFED, Bajrang Garg expressed deep grief over the death of Chaudhary Jewellers owner, Kapil Soni due to a bullet injury. Teen Murti Market and Sarafa Market remained closed to mourn the death of Kapil Soni.
Mr. Garg said that there is great anger and sorrow among the businessmen of the entire Haryana due to the death of Kapil Soni. He was the only brother of three sisters and usually actively participated in every social and religious work. Garg has demanded from the Police administration to investigate the death, of how Kapil Soni died due to a bullet injury.

Tek Chand Sood charitable trust celebrates Lohri festival



DALJEET AJNOHA

HOSHIARPUR: The Tek Chand Sood Charitable Trust in Hoshiarpur marked the auspicious occasion of Lohri with great enthusiasm and zeal. Children from the ashram, along with staff members, lit a bonfire, offered peanuts and rewri to the fire deity, and savored rewri, gachak, and peanuts amid celebrations.On this festive day, children, staff, and attendees enjoyed songs and dances for entertainment.Trust chairman Sh. Navdeep Sood, also associated with Bhagwan Das Sood Charitable Trust in Hoshiarpur, extended Lohri greetings, expressing hope that the festival would bring happiness and prosperity to all lives.

PSK eminent mall to be merged with saffron tower: RPO

PARAMJIT SINGH

JALANDHAR: Regional Passport Officer (RPO) Shri Yashpal informed the general public that the Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) located at Eminent Mall, Guru Nanak Mission Chowk, Lajpat Nagar, Jalandhar is being shifted and merged with the already functioning PSK at Saffron Tower located at GT Road, Paragpur, Jalandhar. He said that this step has been taken by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India to streamline passport services. The RPO advised that all applicants who have booked passport appointments at PSK Eminent Mall on or after January 14, 2026, should reach PSK Saffron Tower on their scheduled date and time.

Punjab Lok Bhawan wears traditional Punjabi look on Lohri celebrations

SHASHI PAL JAIN
CHANDIGARH, JAN 13



Punjab Lok Bhawan celebrated Lohri in a traditional Punjabi manner here this evening reflecting the cultural ethos of the festival.

The function was hosted by the Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh, Gulab Chand Kataria.

Those present included Haryana Governor Prof. Ashim Kumar Ghosh, Punjab Chief Minister Sh. Bhagwant Singh Mann, Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini, Haryana Vidhan Sabha Speaker Sh. Harvinder Kalyan, Punjab Cabinet Minister Sh. Aman Arora, Sh. Harjot Singh Bains and Sh. Sanjeev Arora, Rajyasabha Member Dr. Ashok Mittal and S. Satnam Singh Sandhu, Chandigarh Mayor Harpreet Kaur Babla, Chandigarh Chief Secretary Sh. H. Rajesh Prasad, and senior officials of the Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh Administrations.

Extending Lohri greetings, the Governor highlighted the festival's cultural and social significance, saying that such celebrations promote harmony, strengthen community bonds and help preserve civilisational values. The legend of Punjabi folk hero Dulla Bhatti (Rai Abdullah Khan Bhatti) was also remembered with awe during the festivities.

A cultural programme presented by the North Zone Cultural Centre (NZCC) featured folk dances and songs associated with Lohri. The lawns of Punjab Lok Bhawan were decorated to resemble a traditional heritage village, adding to the festive ambience. A dinner was hosted for the dignitaries and guests. The Governor conveyed his best wishes for peace, prosperity and well-being to the people of Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh on the occasion.

Bharat Vikas Parishad and Arya Samaj Kharar distribute warm clothes to needy under "Har Tan Kapda" campaign

SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, JAN 13



Bharat Vikas Parishad Kharar and Arya Samaj Kharar jointly distributed warm clothes to the needy at the Grain Market, Kharar, under the "Har Tan Kapda" campaign. In this regard, the Press Secretary of the Parishad and Arya Samaj, Rohit Mishra, shared the information with the press.

Mishra stated that the programme was successfully conducted under the able guidance and leadership of Arvind Kanthwal, President of Bharat Vikas Parishad Kharar, and Vishav Bandhu Arya, Patron of Arya Samaj Kharar.

The organising team included Mrs. Sapna Sharma, Mandeep Chaudhary, Jatinder Gupta and Sahil Garg, who made significant contributions. Arvind Kanthwal, President of the Parishad, said that like every year, the Parishad is making efforts this year as well to extend help to the section of society that struggles even for two meals a day and often risks their lives during winters due to the lack of warm clothing. Clothes collected from the well-off sections of society were distributed among the needy. Along with this, a warm milk langar was also organised for everyone.

Members of Bharat Vikas Parishad and Arya Samaj Kharar, including Vijay Dhawan, Amit Kalia, Rajinder Arora, Prem Goyal, Vikas Singla, Aman Garg, Arun Jindal, Sandeep, Kiran Garg, Poonam Singla, Saroj Bala, Pooja Garg and Rakesh Aggarwal, were present during this service activity.

Daughters honoured by Health Minister during state-level "Lohri of daughters" event

RAKESH JINDAL
PATIALA, JAN 13



Under the "Lohri of Daughters" celebrated every year by the Punjab Government, a state-level function was organised at Sushil Palace, Patiala, under the leadership of Health and Family Welfare, Medical Education and Research Minister Dr. Balbir Singh. He said that only when daughters in homes are happy, safe and healthy will Punjab truly become Rangla Punjab. On this occasion, along with honouring daughters, a strong message of gender equality, daughters' health and a drug-free Punjab was conveyed.

On this occasion, 51 newborn daughters, 6 ANMs, 10 ASHA workers and students including 8 national-level sportspersons were honoured. In addition, 160 ASHA workers were also distributed warm stoles for protection against the cold.

Addressing the gathering, Health Minister Dr. Balbir Singh said that the current sex ratio in Punjab is 920 girls per 1000 boys, and a target has been set to bring it at par with boys within the next few years. He said that providing equal opportunities to move ahead, good education and a healthy life to daughters is extremely important.

Talking about the de-addiction campaign during his address, Dr. Balbir Singh said that the Punjab Government is following a zero-tolerance policy against drugs. He said that drugs destroy not only an individual but the entire family and society. Therefore, along with the government, social cooperation is also very necessary to eliminate drugs. He informed that de-addiction centres in government hospitals are being further strengthened so that youth can receive free and quality treatment. Emphasising the health of daughters, the Health Minister said that every girl should have at least 14 grams of haemoglobin and awareness towards good nutrition is very essential.

On this occasion, Mayor Kundan Gogia said that the state's Health Department is in the safe hands of Dr. Balbir Singh and the dream of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to make Punjab a Rangla Punjab will surely be fulfilled.

Lohri celebrated with harmony and high spirits at Bibi Rehmete Christian College of Nursing

VERMA
GURDASPUR, JAN 13



The sacred festival of Lohri was celebrated with great enthusiasm, unity and high spirits at Bibi Rehmate Christian College of Nursing today.

The festival, which holds special cultural significance for the Punjabi community, is celebrated not only across Punjab but also by Punjabis living abroad. Lohri traditionally symbolizes happiness, prosperity and new beginnings. On this occasion, students and staff of the college shared the joy of the festival by distributing puffed grains, jaggery, revri, peanuts and gachak. The entire campus resonated with festive cheer as everyone came together to remember and honor Punjabi heritage. Speakers highlighted the cultural importance of Lohri and emphasized that in today's era, the festival is not limited to celebrating the birth of sons, but has evolved into a symbol of equality, respect and happiness for daughters as well.

The program was graced by the presence of former Chairman of the Minority Commission, Mr. Munawar Masih, along with Secretary Prince Sahotra and MD Priya Sahotra.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Munawar Masih stated that people should never forget their cultural roots and traditional festivals, as these are an integral part of their identity.

Three snatchers arrested, stolen mobile and documents recovered



CHANDIGARH, JAN 13

A team of Chandigarh Police from Police Station Sector-31 has achieved a major breakthrough by arresting three snatchers involved in a robbery case registered in the city. Acting on the directions of Ms Kanwardeep Kaur, IPS, W/SSP, UT Chandigarh, under the close guidance of Ms K.M. Priyanka, W/SP (City) and the supervision of Ms Gurjeet Kaur, SDPO (South), the police team led by Inspector Rajiv Kumar, SHO, PS-31 arrested the accused in FIR No. 03 dated January 13, 2026, registered under Sections 309(4), 3(5) and 317(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). The arrested accused have been identified as Jaskaran Singh alias Kala (29), Sandeep Kumar alias Chuha (19) and Gaurav alias Billa (18), all residents of Dhanas, Chandigarh.

According to the police, the case was registered on the complaint of Shiva, a resident of Village Faidan Nizampur, who works at a readymade garments shop in Sector-19 Market. On January 11, while returning home on his bicycle after duty, he was intercepted near the Kali Bari light point by three youths riding a motorcycle without helmets. The accused allegedly assaulted him, snatched his purse containing Aadhaar card, PAN card, ATM card, cash and shop visiting cards, and also robbed him of his Realme Narzo ML 3 Pro mobile phone, before fleeing on a motorcycle bearing registration number CH-01-AX-6008.

Lohri celebrations Illuminate Bal Bhawan, Gurdaspur with cultural fervour and joy



VERMA
GURDASPUR, JAN 13

The festival of Lohri was celebrated today with great joy and enthusiasm by the students of the Computer and Beautician Centres functioning under Bal Bhawan, Gurdaspur, an institution run by the District Child Welfare Council. The vibrant celebrations showcased the rich cultural heritage of Punjab, as children presented captivating folk dances and colorful cultural performances.

The event was graced by Romesh Mahajan (National Awardee), Honorable Honorary Secretary, District Child Welfare Council, Gurdaspur, who attended the function as the Chief Guest. Parminder Singh saini , District Guidance Counselor, participated as the Special Guest. Addressing the students, Romesh Mahajan highlighted the significance of the Lohri festival and emphasized that such traditional celebrations foster mutual brotherhood, cultural harmony, and social unity among children.

Shri Mahajan lauded the education and skill development initiatives being successfully run by Bal Bhawan and expressed his appreciation for the dedicated efforts of the staff.

Khush Rana appointed President of BJP Kharar rural mandal-3



SHASHI PAL JAIN
KHARAR, JAN 13

The Bharatiya Janata Party has appointed Mr. Khush Rana as the President of Rural Mandal No. 3. He belongs to the nearby village of Machhli Kalan. Today, senior BJP leader Amrik Singh Happy honored him by presenting a Siropa and congratulated him.

On this occasion, among others, Sunny Brar, Sonu Kuljinder Singh Gola, and several other associates were present. Expressing his gratitude to everyone, Khush Rana assured that he would work with full dedication to take the policies of the BJP to every household.

PUNSUP employees' Union elects Satinderpal Singh Brar as new state president, marks new chapter in workers' unity



FATEHGARH SAHIB (AJAY MALHOTRA): In a significant development aimed at strengthening organisational unity and employee welfare, the PUNSUP Employees' Union (Regd.), Punjab, has announced a major restructuring of its state body. During an important state-level meeting held at Sector 34-D, Chandigarh, representatives from all districts participated in large numbers and unanimously elected Satinderpal Singh Brar as the new State President of the Union.

The gathering also witnessed the appointment of Deepak Kumar as the State Advisor, a decision welcomed with loud applause by all attending members. The meeting included an in-depth discussion on the current situation of the Union, the challenges faced by government employees, ongoing service-related issues, and the strategic steps required to safeguard employee rights. Members emphasized the need for stronger coordination and a more proactive approach in dealing with administrative and policy-level concerns.

Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University celebrates Lohri and Maghi with cultural fervour and community spirit



AJAY MALHOTRA
FATEHGARH SAHIB, JAN 13

Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib, echoed with festive joy as the University community came together to celebrate the vibrant Punjabi festivals of Lohri and Maghi. The event showcased the region's rich cultural traditions while strengthening the bonds of unity among students, faculty, and staff. The celebration commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Sikander Singh, Dean Students' Welfare, who highlighted the significance of cultural festivities in academic institutions. He remarked that such events nurture social harmony, emotional well-being, and a sense of belonging among students while keeping them connected to their cultural roots. A key moment of the programme was the ceremonial lighting of the Lohri bonfire by Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Prit Pal Singh, who extended heartfelt festive greetings.

MCM celebrates Lohri festival



CHANDIGARH, JAN 13

Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, celebrated the festival of Lohri with traditional fervour and zeal. Exuding festive spirit in its true sense, Officiating Principal Ms. Neena Sharma and staff members gathered around the traditional bonfire to mark the festival. Ms. Sharma lit the auspicious fire and wished the staff members on this occasion.

She prayed for everyone's good health, happiness and prosperity in the coming year. Everyone present offered prayers to the holy fire and rejoiced in its warmth.

Political tug-of-war over Dhuri ROB leaves residents in Lurch



RAJESHWAR PINTU
DHURI, JAN 13

Dhuri, the home constituency of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, has increasingly turned into a political battleground over the long-pending Railway Overbridge (ROB), an infrastructure project that has remained stuck for years amid political one-upmanship and administrative inertia. While the town continues to occupy centre stage in Punjab's political discourse, residents remain trapped in daily traffic chaos at the railway crossing. The controversy dates back several years. During the tenure of former Union Minister Vijay Inder Singla, the ROB had received approval but was subsequently shelved following protests by local traders. Later, former Dhuri MLA Dalvir Singh 'Goldy' Khangura proposed an alternative underpass project estimated at Rs 10 crore. However, neither proposal has translated into relief on the ground. Soon after coming to power, the Mann-led AAP government dismantled the Ladda toll plaza, removing a major political flashpoint and earning public goodwill. Yet, the railway crossing — a persistent bottleneck — continues to haunt commuters and traders alike. The issue escalated recently when Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann accused Union Minister of State for Railways Ravneet Singh Bittu of indulging in "political vendetta" by allegedly withholding the required No Objection Certificates (NOCs) for the Dhuri ROB.

MC Commissioner reviews infrastructure and security issues of transport area, Sector-26



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CHANDIGARH, JAN 13

Amit Kumar, IAS, Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Chandigarh, today reviewed long-pending infrastructure, safety and civic issues of the Transport Area, Sector-26 alongwith the office bearers of Transport Association. During the review, members of the Transport Association highlighted that road recarpeting in the Transport Area was last undertaken in 2018 and 2021, and the condition of roads has since deteriorated considerably. The Commissioner was informed about the urgent need for recarpeting and strengthening of internal roads to ensure smooth vehicular movement.

The President of the Association, Shri J. S. Gill, drew attention to the poor and dilapidated condition of the night shelter at the Idle Truck Parking area. He emphasized that the shelter requires immediate repair and renovation so that it can be made fully functional. He suggested provision of basic facilities such as proper bedding, adequate ventilation, open sitting space, kitchen arrangements, fans and coolers for the benefit of truck drivers and helpers.

Issues related to parking charges were also discussed. Members informed that the existing 24-hour parking rate structure, coupled with an annual 10 percent increase.

HM says Punjab's MMSBY will commence on Jan 22 across the state



SANGRUR (SUMER GARG): Punjab health minister (HM), Dr. Balbir Singh stated that the formal launch of the Chief Minister, health insurance scheme. Mukh Mantri Sehat Bima Yojana (MMSBY) will commence on January 22 across the state, with all necessary arrangements being finalized. Under this scheme, every family in Punjab will be provided cashless medical treatment up to ?10 lakh per year.

While addressing a review meeting on the registration process held at the meeting hall of the district administrative complex with the district administration and health department, the minister informed that all residents of Punjab possessing an Aadhaar card and Voter card will be eligible as beneficiaries under the scheme. Dr. Balbir Singh further stated that around 650 private hospitals, along with all medical colleges and universities in the state, have already been empanelled under the scheme. He mentioned that in Sangrur district, 207 registration locations have been designated, including common service centres (CSCs). The minister added that sehat mitras from the youth development board will personally visit each household for registration. Every family will be given a registration slip indicating the date, time, and location for completing the process. Beneficiaries can then visit the designated common service centre at the scheduled time to complete registration. Upon successful registration, a receipt will be issued, confirming eligibility for treatment.

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Month-long celebrations dedicated to Martyrdom days concludes

JAITU (JAGDEEP SINGH GILL): At the local Barnala Road Bajakhana, a milk, biscuit and mathies market dedicated to the martyrdom days was being run every year in memory of village Malla, which concluded today on the day of Lohri. On this occasion, the concluding prayer was offered by Jathedar Mall Singh Malla and all the servicemen were honored by wearing a siropas.



On this occasion, Mana Singh, Manak Singh, Bagar Singh, Jasmel Singh, Bhala Singh, Krishna Singh Member Council, Jagdeep Singh Member Council, Gagandeep Singh, Udham Singh, Baldev Singh Nabardar, Garpreet Singh, Garjit Singh Dhaliwal JE, Bhapidar Singh Former Sarpach, Jasvidar Kar Sarpach Kathe Hari Singh Malla, Gara Singh, Baba Garcharan Singh, Sarjit Singh Member, Sadhu Singh Former Council, Sewak Singh Wada Bhai Ka, Pyara Singh, Kalvidar Singh, Mother Singh and a large number of friends of the deceased were present.

NEWS BRIEF

Lohri celebrated at Shri L.B.S. Arya Mahila College Barnala



BALWINDER AZAD
BARNALA: Youth Day and Lohri festival were celebrated with pomp by the NSS Department Red Ribbon Club at Shri L.B.S. Arya Mahila College Barnala. Giving information in this regard, Principal Dr. Sushil Bala said that on this occasion, Management Member Shri Pradeep Goyal Vice President Management, Shri Ram Kumar Sobhati Vice President and Shri Pradeep Goyal Finance Secretary were present in a dignified manner. On this occasion, Principal Madam Dr. Sushil Bala said that we need to follow the teachings of Swami Vivekananda Ji. She said, wake up and do not stop until you reach your destination. She wished everyone on this auspicious occasion. All the management members and staff paid their tributes by offering flowers on the photo of Swami Vivekananda Ji and remembered him. Because Swami Vivekananda Ji was an example for the youth.

Police Station Jaijon Doaba In-Charge appeals to avoid China Manja



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR : In a special campaign, ASI Manna Singh, in-charge of Police Station Jaijon Doaba, along with his team, met local shopkeepers and urged them not to sell China manja (string) in their stores.With children across the area excitedly flying kites these days, ASI Manna Singh emphasized that kite-flying is appropriate during festivals but must be done with utmost caution. Since China manja entered the market, it has caused numerous injuries every year, leading to frequent accidents. Despite repeated awareness campaigns by the police and civil administration, such incidents continue to occur.Addressing residents, the officer appealed to parents to prevent their children from using China manja. He warned that strict legal action will be taken against any shopkeeper or individual found selling or using it.

Lohri celebrated with great enthusiasm at " Apna Ghar"



BAHADURJEET SINGH
RUPNAGAR: The holy festival of Lohri was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the old age home " Apna Ghar" Haveli Kalan .The function, organized in collaboration with Inner Wheel Club Rupnagar, was attended by a large number of people who expressed their respect for the elderly. After reciting the Gyatri Mantra, Chairman of the Improvement Trust Rupnagar Shiv Kumar Lalpura, Chairman of the Market Committee, Bhag Singh Madan and eminent social worker Dr. R. S. Parmar lit Lohri bonfire. The three guests congratulated everyone on the occasion of Lohri and appreciated the efforts being made by the management of the "Apna Gha" for the betterment of the elderly. On this occasion, the children of Guru Grammar Academy, the deaf and dumb children of Prakash Memorial School presented a cultural program. The ladies and dignitaries present at the event danced to the songs and shared the joy of Lohri. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food prepared by the organizers during the event. made coffee and Kulcha Saule were beautifully arranged by the Innerville Club.

Lohri celebrated at Bharat Vikas Parishad's sewing training centre



SURINDER DAMDAMI
KOTKAPURA: The festival of Lohri was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Sewing Training Center run by Bharat Vikas Parishad at the Government Primary School located on Jalaleana Road. This program was organized under the leadership of the teacher in-charge of the center, Mamta Sharma, and the students associated with the center participated enthusiastically. On the occasion of Lohri, the students lit a fire in the traditional manner, performed rituals and wished each other on Lohri. Folk songs and traditional atmosphere added to the joy of the event. The students celebrated this festival as a symbol of mutual brotherhood and cultural values.

On this occasion, the speakers shed light on the importance of Lohri and said that such events not only keep our cultural traditions alive but also increase self-confidence and social inclusion among the students. Bharat Vikas Parishad Sewing Training Center is making commendable efforts to empower women and young girls with self-reliance. At the end of the program, peanuts and rice cakes were distributed to all the students, and they were wished for a bright future.

FM Cheema announces strict action against corrupt employees

GAURAV GOEL
CHANDIGARH, JAN 13

Reaffirming the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann-led Punjab Government's zero-tolerance policy against corruption, Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema on Tuesday said strict and exemplary action was being taken against corrupt officials in the Finance Department, underlining that no one would be spared, irrespective of rank or position.

Sharing details of the ongoing crackdown, Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said complaints of corruption were received in mid-2022 against four employees posted in the Treasury and Accounts Branch (Head Office) and various District Treasury Offices.

"The moment complaints were received, the department acted without delay. All four officials were immediately suspended and the matter was handed over to the Vigilance Bureau for a thorough and independent investigation," he said. Explaining the outcome of the departmental inquiry, the Finance Minister stated that after an exhaustive probe, decisive action was taken in December 2025.

"One official holding the rank of Superintendent Grade-2 was dismissed from service, while the remaining three



employees were awarded major punishments as per the service rules. This itself reflects the Punjab Government's zero tolerance towards corruption," he said. Minister Harpal Singh Cheema further informed that legal proceedings were also taken to their logical conclusion. "During the course of investigation, FIR No. 1/2026 was registered by the Vigilance Bureau, Amritsar Range, against the dismissed Superintendent Grade-2.

The accused was arrested on January 11, 2026, and after completion of his initial custody period, he was produced before the Court of the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Gurdaspur, on January 12, 2026. The Court has granted one-day police remand for further interrogation," he said. Taking the anti-corruption drive a step further, Minister Harpal Singh Cheema revealed that scrutiny of the bank accounts of the four accused employees uncovered suspicious financial transactions involving 22 other officers and employees.

"To ensure complete fairness and transparency, the investigation into these transactions was conducted by a retired judge. Based on the findings of this impartial inquiry, departmental action has now been initiated against all 22 officials strictly as per rules," he said. Reiterating the government's resolve, the Finance Minister said, "The Punjab Government is committed to providing a transparent, responsible, and clean administration to the people of the state. Wherever corruption comes to light, immediate and strict action will be taken, regardless of the official's position." Minister Harpal Singh Cheema asserted that these actions send out a clear message that illegal practices and misconduct would not be tolerated under any circumstances, and that the Bhagwant Mann Government's priority remained building an honest and trustworthy administrative system for the people of Punjab.

Defaulting plot allottees get fresh relief window: Mundian

CHANDIGARH, JAN 13



Punjab Housing and Urban Development Minister S. Hardeep Singh Mundian on Tuesday said that the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab Government has taken a major pro-people step by approving the extension of Amnesty Policy 2025, bringing substantial relief to defaulting plot allottees across Punjab.

The Cabinet Minister said the Cabinet has approved the extension of Amnesty Policy 2025 for allotted and auctioned plots under various schemes of the Housing and Urban Development Department. With this decision, defaulting allottees of Development Authorities will get a fresh opportunity to apply under the policy up to March 31, 2026. The eligible applicants will have to deposit the due amount within three months from the date of approval by the concerned Development Authority and applications must be submitted on or before the revised cutoff date. Explaining the public oriented intent behind the decision, the Cabinet Minister said, "Mann Government is focused on resolving long pending housing related issues of common people. Several families and institutions were facing hardship due to accumulated dues and procedural delays and the policy extension provides them a practical chance to regularize their properties and move forward."

"This is a people friendly decision taken under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann", said the Cabinet Minister, adding that allottees who could not deposit instalments on time or complete construction within the stipulated period have been given a fair opportunity to settle their dues and secure additional time. He urged all affected persons to avail the benefit of this scheme within the extended period. Hardeep Singh Mundian further said that under Amnesty Policy 2025, defaulting allottees can deposit outstanding dues in lump sum along with scheme interest without penalty while non construction charges will be waived by 50 percent. In case of Institutional Sites, Hospital Sites and Industrial Plots allotted in IT City SAS Nagar or other schemes of Development Authorities, extension fee will be charged at 2.5 percent of the allotment or auction price and a three year period will be allowed to fulfil allotment conditions including construction. The scheme is applicable to those who defaulted on instalments due after December 31, 2013 or failed to complete construction within the prescribed time.

Punjab govt gives gift of Rs 10 lakh health insurance on festival: MLA

FATEHGARH SAHIB (BIKRAMJEET SAHOTA): The Lohri festival was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the office of MLA Lakhbir Singh Rai by volunteers of the Aam Aadmi Party. The youth sang traditional Lohri songs, lit a bonfire, warmed themselves, and shared moments of joy. Even the biting cold faded in the face of the youngsters' enthusiasm.On this occasion, while interacting with the media, MLA Lakhbir Singh Rai extended Lohri greetings to people in India and abroad. He said that volunteers of the Aam Aadmi Party, Zila Parishad members, Block Samiti members,



sarpanches, panches, women from the party's women wing, and party workers collectively celebrated the festival at his office.

He added that such joyous occasions are meaningful only when everyone comes together in unity and shares happiness. He prayed that this Lohri festival brings happiness to every family.MLA Rai further said that they are grateful to Hon'ble Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann for providing the benefit of a health insurance scheme of up to ?10 lakh on the occasion of Lohri. Under this scheme, every family will be entitled to annual medical treatment worth up to ?10 lakh. Apart from government hospitals, many private hospitals will also provide treatment under this scheme so that no patient faces any inconvenience.He added that the Punjab government has taken several revolutionary steps in the fields of education and health to provide relief to the people of the state who have been struggling with problems for a long time.

Free anti-rabies vaccination available at 881 Aam Aadmi Clinics : Dr Balbir Singh

CHANDIGARH, JAN 13

For years, a dog bite in Punjab carried consequences far beyond the wound itself. With nearly three lakh dog bite cases reported annually, the risk of rabies, a disease that is 100 percent fatal if untreated yet fully preventable with timely vaccination, loomed large over thousands of families.

Access to Anti-Rabies Vaccination (ARV) was limited to just 48 Primary Health Centres, forcing victims, often children, the elderly and daily wage workers, to travel long distances, wait for hours, lose wages and, in many cases, abandon the crucial five dose vaccination schedule midway. The gaps were systemic, and the human cost was severe.

That reality has now been decisively altered under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann. Leveraging the expansive network of 881 Aam Aadmi Clinics established over the last three years, the Punjab Government has delivered one of its most consequential public health reforms by universalising ARV services at the primary care level.



On this, Punjab Health Minister Dr Balbir Singh stated, "Under the visionary leadership of CM Bhagwant Singh Mann, Punjab is committed to protecting every life through accessible and affordable healthcare. With nearly 3 lakh dog bite cases annually, expanding Anti-Rabies Vaccination services to 881 Aam Aadmi Clinics is a critical public health milestone. By ensuring timely, complete treatment close to people's homes, we are building a safer, healthier Punjab." The Aam Aadmi Clinics, which together have already recorded over 4.6 crore OPD visits and treat nearly 70,000 patients every day, have emerged as the backbone of Punjab's primary healthcare system. By integrating ARV services across all these clinics, the Mann Government has ensured that a dog bite no longer translates into panic, expense or delay. Immediate treatment is now available close to home, without queues, without travel and without any financial burden, with the full five dose vaccination course provided free of cost at the nearest clinic.

The impact has been swift and measurable. Over the last four months alone, an average of 1,500 dog bite patients have been reporting to Aam Aadmi Clinics every month. Crucially, patients are now able to start treatment within minutes of arrival, dramatically reducing the risk of rabies fatalities.

Thousands are completing the full vaccination schedule, something that was far from guaranteed under the earlier, hospital centric model.

Sri Akal Takht Sahib is highest holy place of the Sikh community, no one has right to question it: Pargat Gaga

GURMAIL SINGH SANGATPURA
LEHRAGAGA, JAN 13



Jathedar Pargat Singh Gaga, in charge of Shiromani Akali Dal Amritsar from Lehragaga Constituency, issued a statement and said that no one has the right to question Sri Akal Takht Sahib, the questioner should be strongly opposed by every Sikh of every village, every street.Regarding the comments made by the Chief Minister of Punjab, Bhagwant Mann about Sikh Rehit Mariyada, Daswand and Guru Ki Golak, he said that Sri Akal Takht Sahib is the highest religious institution of Sikhs. To ask this question is to bow the head of the entire Sikh community.He said that it is from here that sectarian norms and orders are issued for the entire Sikh community.

Whoever insults it, be it the Prime Minister, the Chief Minister or anyone else, should be opposed by everyone who invokes Nanak's name. Jathedar Gaga said that on January 5, 2026, the acting Jathedar of Akal Takht Giani Kuldeep Singh Gargaj has issued summons to Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann to appear at the Secretariat of Sri Akal Takht Sahib on January 15, 2026 at 10 am. These statements relate to alleged objectionable comments about Sikh Rehit Meryada, comments about Guru Ki Golak and Daswand and some videos that hurt Sikh sentiments. The Jathedar said these statements reflect an "anti-Sikh mentality".

Lohri festival celebrates at Lamrin Tech Skills University Punjab



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, JAN 13

One of North India's most vibrant and culturally rich winter festivals Lohri is celebrated at Lamrin Tech Skills University Punjab with great enthusiasm and traditional fervor. Vice Chancellor Dr. A.S. Chawla in his remarks to the audience said Lohri marks the end of winter and the beginning of longer days, symbolizing warmth, renewal and gratitude. It is traditionally observed one day before Makar Sankranti, the festival that celebrates the Sun's northward transition (Uttarayan).

Students of the university performed traditional dances such as Bhangra and Giddha, and offered seasonal produce like sesame (til), jaggery (gur), peanuts, popcorn and sweets into the fire "We are proud to celebrate Lohri — a festival that brings people together across generations to honor our traditions, our farmers, and the spirit of unity," said Sh N S Rayat Chancellor "As we light the Lohri fire, we renew our hope for prosperity, harmony and wellbeing for all."

SLIET organises marathon run to celebrate Swami Vivekanand 's birthday



RAVI GARG
LONGOWAL, JAN 13

Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology (SLIET) organized a marathon run to celebrate Swami Vivekananda's birthday, fostering a vibrant atmosphere of national pride and youth inspiration. Director Manikant Paswan led the event, joined by faculty members, the Dean of Students, and numerous participants including students. Discussions on Swami Vivekananda's life values emphasized self-reliance, service, and nation-building, creating an uplifting environment at SLIET.Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary, observed as National Youth Day, inspires such initiatives to promote fitness, discipline, and patriotism among the youth. This marathon at SLIET exemplified his ideals, uniting the community in constructive activities for Rashtr Nirman (nation-building).

Govt announces winners of international Punjabi language Olympiad

CHANDIGARH, JAN 13



The results of the highly successful Third International Punjabi Language Olympiad-2025, organised by the Punjab School Education Board (PSEB), were declared today.

In the Class 3rd-5th international category, Niamat Kaur Brar topped, followed by Ahil Singh and Harseerat Kaur, all from Oslo, Norway. Simrit Kaur secured the top spot in the Class 6th-8th international category, with Amrit Kaur Virdi and Navjot Singh Matharu finishing second and third, respectively trio from Nairobi, Kenya. Parmeet Singh Gurm from Oslo topped the Class 9th-12th international category. In the Punjab category, Reenat Mahal from Amritsar topped Class 3rd-5th, followed by Avneet Kaur from Moga and Sangampreet Kaur from Faridkot. Karajneet Kaur from Patiala won Class 6th-8th, with Jasmine Roopra from Faridkot and Anisha Kumari from Roopnagar securing second and third spot, respectively. Inderjeet Singh from Moga topped Class 9th-12th, followed by Simranjot Kaur from Fatehgarh Sahib and Navroop Kaur from Gurdaspur. In the other states category, Parneet Kaur Ahuja from Delhi topped Class 3rd-5th, followed by Khushnoor Kaur from Rajasthan and Jasmeen Kaur from Uttar Pradesh. Daksha from Haryana won Class 6th-8th, with Gurnoor Singh and Navneet Uniyal from Chandigarh securing second and third spot, respectively. Mantej Singh Virk from Chandigarh topped Class 9th-12th, followed by Vanshdeep Singh from Haryana and Ekansh Singh from Chandigarh. Congratulating the winners and participants of the Olympiad, Punjab Education Minister S. Harjot Singh Bains lauded the PSEB for making the 3rd Olympiad a huge success with participation jumping many fold from mere 8000 to over 2.25 lakh students this year as compared to previous Olympiad.

Health dept organises district-level 'Betiyon Ki Lohri' event



DALJEET AJNOHA
HOSHIARPUR, JAN 13

To maintain gender balance between boys and girls and promote equality in society, a district-level "Betiyon Ki Lohri" programme was organised at the Civil Surgeon's office in Hoshiarpur today, in line with guidelines issued by the Director of Health Services (Family Welfare) under the PC-PNDT Act. The event was presided over by Civil Surgeon Dr Balvir Kumar and led by District Family Welfare Officer Dr Ranjit Singh.During the programme, Lohri was celebrated for 11 newborn girls, and the infants along with their parents were honoured with gifts. Students from the ANM Training School presented colourful performances to raise awareness about health schemes. Lohri sweets were also distributed to all attendees.Addressing the gathering, Civil Surgeon Dr Balvir Kumar highlighted the significance of Lohri, stating that initiatives like "Betiyon Ki Lohri" help curb female foeticide while fostering a positive and healthy mindset towards girls in society. He emphasised that daughters are the strong foundation of society and deserve equal rights and opportunities.

PHDCCI's IBC pulse conference highlights need to strengthen NCLT for faster insolvency resolution

CHANDIGARH, JAN 13

The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) organised the IBC Pulse Conference at Hyatt Regency, Chandigarh, with the key speakers emphasized emerging trends, challenges, and reforms under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016. Delivering his keynote address, Justice (Retd.) M.M. Kumar, Founder President of the NCLT and former Chief Justice of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court said that the Union Government established the NCLTs to address long-pending issues faced by industry and to provide an effective dispute resolution mechanism. Since its inception, the NCLTs have played a crucial role in resolving complex industrial and corporate



matters. He noted that the IBC, 2016, has significantly simplified and expedited the bankruptcy resolution process, aligning legal mechanisms with economic realities.Justice Kumar further explained that the establishment of the NCLTs reflects a synthesis of constitutional values, legislative intent, and judicial experience. "It represents a thoughtful effort by the State and Parliament to harmonise the law with the evolving economy and real market conditions", he added. In his address Harnam Singh Thakur, former Judicial Member of the NCLT, supported the call for increasing the number of benches and members, along with upgrading basic infrastructure, to reduce pendency and industrial disputes.

Civil Hospital Pathankot celebrates Lohri of newborn girls



PATHANKOT (SHARANJEET): Civil Hospital Pathankot was celebrated Lohri for newborn daughters under the leadership of Civil Surgeon Dr. Sunita Sharma and Dr. Sunil Chand SMO Pathankot. In which Cabinet Minister Punjab Lal Chand Kataruchak attended as the chief guest. On this occasion, Lal Chand Kataruchak Cabinet Minister Punjab extended his best wishes to the people of district Pathankot and Punjab on the occasion of Lohri. He said that the festival of Lohri holds a very important place in our culture, apart from this, it also conveys the message of the arrival of a new season and the departure of the old season. On this occasion, Bhupinder Singh Munna Zilla Parishad Member, Pawan Kumar Fauji Block Samiti Member, Sarpanch Ravi Singh, Vijay Kumar Kataruchak, Civil Surgeon Dr. Sunita Sharma, Dr. Sunil Chand SMO Pathankot, Dr. Munis Jamwal DHO, Dr. Gagandeep Assistant Civil Surgeon, Dr. Shayla DDHO, Dr. Madhur Mattu and other Aam Aadmi Party office bearers were present. He said that a separate initiative has been taken by celebrating Lohri for daughters inside the Civil Hospital Pathankot.

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Applications invited for Doctoral (PhD) and PhD (Executive) programmes at IIM, Sirmaur

DINESH AGARWAL

SIRMAUR: The Indian Institute of Management Sirmaur has commenced the application process for admission to its PhD and PhD (Executive) programmes. Interested and eligible candidates can apply online through the Institute's official website. The PhD programme at IIM Sirmaur is designed to promote high-quality research across various areas of management. The PhD (Executive) programme, on the other hand, is specially tailored for working professionals, enabling them to pursue advanced academic research alongside their professional experience. Through these programmes, participants will have the opportunity to conduct research under the guidance of experienced faculty members, gain access to state-of-the-art academic resources, and become part of a strong academic and industry network.

NEWS BRIEF

Police register FIR after government officer threatened with 'weapon' on social media

ANIL KUMAR

HAMIRPUR: A case has been registered in Hamirpur after a government officer complained of being threatened on social media by a person who allegedly displayed a "weapon" while issuing intimidating messages. According to the complaint, the matter was first reported to the Superintendent of Police's office, following which it was forwarded to Bhoranj police station for investigation. The police have since identified the accused and registered an FIR against him. The officer stated that in December last year, the accused had been posting threatening and objectionable content against him on Facebook. It is alleged that the person also showed a weapon-like object in a bid to intimidate the officer, prompting him to approach the police.



CM directs linking data of farmers practicing natural farming with Him Parivar Portal

DINESH AGARWAL
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Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu directed the Agriculture Department to link detailed data of farmers, practicing natural farming, with the Him Parivar Portal by 20 January 2026 so that a block-level database of such farmers could be prepared and mapped accordingly. He was presiding over the meeting of Agriculture Department here today. The Chief Minister said that youth would be encouraged to adopt natural farming to strengthen the rural economy. He said that by promoting this method of farming across the state would boost and strengthen the economy of the farmers. He said that the state government was working to bring revolutionary changes in the natural farming-based system, adding that he will interact with farmers associated with natural farming at a conference to be held this month in Hamirpur. Sukhu reviewed various issues of the farmers related to wheat, maize and raw turmeric produced through natural farming. He said that wheat flour produced through natural farming was being marketed under the brand 'Him Chakki Atta', maize flour as 'Him Bhog Makki Atta' and raw turmeric as 'Him Haldi'. He directed that expiry date and nutritional present in these products should be clearly displayed on the flour packets and also instructed for the formation of a special unit to assess nutritional content.

Assures to raise the concern of apple orchardists with Union Government



DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu while chairing a meeting with representatives of progressive orchardists of the State attended their concern over reduction of import duty on apples imported from New Zealand which have adversely affected the interests of local orchardists. He assured them that the issue would be raised with the Central Government to find a way out to address their concerns. "I will meet the Union Finance and the Commerce Minister and urge them to take necessary measures to protect the interests of the orchardists of the state" he said, adding that apple production was a major pillar of the state's economy and its protection and promotion was a top priority of the state government. Other important issues were also discussed in the meeting. Horticulture Minister Jagat Singh Negi, Principal Advisor to the Chief Minister Ram Subhag Singh, Secretary C. Palrasu, Director of Horticulture Vinay Singh, State Committee President of Himachal Apple Growers Association Sanjay Chauhan, State Secretary of Himachal Kisan Sabha Rakesh Singha, President of Stone Fruit Growers Association Deepak Singha, Vice President of Progressive Growers Association Ashutosh Chauhan and other progressive orchardists were present in the meeting.

Anti-Chitta Gram Sabhas to be held in Gram Panchayats on 21 and 22 January: CM



DINESH AGARWAL
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Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu while presiding over a meeting of senior officers held here last evening said that Anti-Chitta Gram Sabhas would be organised in all Gram Panchayats of the state on 21 and 22 January 2026. He said these sabhas would review information related to chitta and focus on important issues, including the rehabilitation of local youth addicted to chitta. Officers from various departments would also attend these Gram Sabhas as observers. Each Panchayat would also carry out a detailed mapping of chitta-related activities during the meetings. The Chief Minister said that statewide awareness campaigns were already underway to educate people about the harmful effects of chitta and other psychotropic drugs. As part of this effort, Anti-Chitta Awareness Sports Tournaments would also be organised across the state on the lines of the Premier League. He said that these tournaments would feature kabaddi, cricket and volleyball matches and would be held at the block, district and state levels. Winning teams would receive cash prizes from the Chief Minister.

Himachal HC records nearly 90 Pc productivity despite vacancies

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Himachal Pradesh High Court achieved a productivity rate of nearly 90 per cent in 2025 despite functioning with five judges short of its sanctioned strength, reflecting a sustained push for faster and more effective justice delivery. Official data shows that the High Court had a pendency of 93,942 cases as of January 1, 2025. During the year, 81,092 fresh cases were instituted, while 72,981 matters were disposed of. Pendency consequently rose to 1,02,053 cases by the end of the year, but the clearance rate stood at a notable 89.99 per cent. The court functioned with 12 judges against a sanctioned strength of 17, including the Chief Justice. During the year, the High Court prioritised cases involving jailed convicts, undertrials, crimes against women, sexual harassment, juveniles, and senior citizens. Proceedings stayed in subordinate courts were treated as expedited cases to prevent trial stagnation.

In a bid to address long-pending matters, the High Court has declared 12 Saturdays in 2026 as working days, on which only the oldest cases will be listed. Beyond disposal figures, 2025 witnessed the High Court's intervention in a wide range of sensitive administrative and political matters. The court examined allegations of arbitrary transfer orders passed by the executive on political considerations and reiterated that administrative discretion must conform to fairness and established norms. A large number of petitions filed by government employees brought issues of politically motivated postings and transfers under judicial scrutiny. The High Court also dealt extensively with cases relating to the exploitation of daily wagers and contractual employees, many of whom alleged denial of legitimate service benefits despite long years of service. The court repeatedly underlined the obligation of the state to act as a model employer and to safeguard the rights of its workforce.

PWD introduces new technologies to improve road durability and reduce repairs

DINESH AGARWAL
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Public Works Minister Vikramaditya Singh here today stated that two proven technologies, Cement Grouted Bituminous Macadam (CGBM) and Stabilized Base Layer Technology has been selected for trial for repairing damaged roads, with initially experimenting the same on Shoghi- Mehli road. Disclosing that PWD maintains around 35,000 km of roads across the State and is continuously working to improve road quality and ensure safe and all-weather connectivity by adopting new techniques of repair and maintenance. Due to harsh weather conditions, water-logging and weak ground conditions, about 20 percent of the road network gets damaged repeatedly leading to frequent repairs with high maintenance costs. To address the issue, new and durable road construction technologies would be adopted as a long term measure for maintenance of roads, said Vikramaditya. After discussions with the Central Road Research Institute (CRRI), a pilot project using these technologies is currently underway on damaged sections of Shoghi-Mehli Road. These methods are expected to make roads stronger, able to carry heavy traffic and more resistant to water damage vis-a-vis reducing the need for repeated repairs, he remarked. With the use of these technologies roads are expected to last up to 10 years, lowering overall maintenance costs and providing a smoother and safer driving experience for road users, he said. The Minister stated that these technologies were already being used successfully by several States under PMGSY and other government schemes and by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). A presentation on the new technologies and the progress of work on the Shoghi-Mehli Road was also made.

Anuj Sharma steals show at Bhoranj Lohri festival as MLA promises to expand celebrations



ANIL KUMAR

HAMIRPUR: The cultural evening of the Lohri festival held at the Bhoranj subdivisional headquarters on Monday night turned into a memorable musical spectacle with Himachal Pradesh's star singer and Indian Idol fame Anuj Sharma taking centre stage. Local MLA Suresh Kumar attended the programme as the chief guest and formally inaugurated the cultural evening by lighting the ceremonial lamp after traditional prayers. Speaking on the occasion, he said that the Lohri festival of Bhoranj would be expanded in the coming years, giving the area a distinct cultural identity. He also released the souvenir of the festival. Anuj Sharma enthralled the audience with a lively mix of Hindi, Punjabi and Pahari songs, keeping the crowd on its feet despite the biting cold. His performance kept people dancing and cheering late into the night. Before Anuj Sharma's performance, renowned folk artistes Mansa Pandit, Sapna, Shivdayal Singh, Nikhil Ranaut, Kusum Jassi, Bablu, Rajesh Kumar, Aanchal Thakur, Shagun Ranaut, Ahaan, Rishu Thakur, Shivangi Rangra, Akshita Sharma, Riddhima and several other performers added colour to the Lohri celebrations.

Two KVKs of UHF Nauni win awards at ICAR–ATARI Foundation Day



DINESH AGARWAL

SHIMLA: Two Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) administered by Dr Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry (UHF), Nauni, were honoured with prestigious awards during the Foundation Day celebrations of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research–Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ICAR–ATARI), Zone-I, Ludhiana. Dr R.S. Sephia, Head, KVK Lahaul & Spiti-II, Tabo, was conferred the Performance Excellence Award in recognition of his effective leadership, exceptional commitment, and innovative strategies in implementing frontline extension programmes and strengthening agricultural research and knowledge management. Serving at the KVK for over three years, Dr Sephia has made significant contributions towards improving the marketing of Spiti's unique produce such as apples and peas, while simultaneously promoting natural farming practices in the eco-fragile cold desert region. Under his leadership, the KVK orchard successfully demonstrated superior quality parameters of Spiti apples, resulting in auctions worth nearly Rs. 40 lakh on two occasions. His dedication to natural farming was further highlighted when 120 apple plants raised under natural farming practices were auctioned for Rs. 9 lakh and also earning a CETARA certification from the State Government.

Corruption and administrative anarchy at its peak in Himachal, Cong govt fully exposed: Suresh Kashyap

DINESH AGARWAL
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Senior BJP leader and former state president & Member of Parliament Suresh Kashyap, along with BJP Vice President and MP Dr. Rajeev Bhardwaj, launched a scathing attack on the Congress government over rampant corruption, administrative collapse, and growing lawlessness in Himachal Pradesh, stating that the state is witnessing one of the worst phases of misgovernance in its history.

Suresh Kashyap said that corruption and administrative disorder have reached alarming levels under the Congress regime, where neither public funds are safe nor constitutional discipline is being upheld. He pointed to the shocking irregularities in the Rs. 36.77 crore GI pipe procurement scam in the Jal Shakti Department during 2024–25 as clear evidence of systemic corruption under political patronage.

According to official screening committee reports, 4,770 metric tonnes of GI pipes were procured in gross violation of tender norms. Mandatory procedures—such as weighing, dispatch, and transshipment in the presence of Civil Supplies Corporation representatives—were completely ignored. No videography, no official presence, and no statutory compliance were recorded. Documents further reveal fake e-way bills, suspicious transshipment records, and manipulation involving 12.550 MT and 13.150 MT of material, pointing towards possible collusion, document tampering, and a large-scale scam. Kashyap questioned why, despite such serious findings being officially recorded, no concrete action has been taken against the responsible officers or political protectors. He stated that merely withholding around Rs. 22 crore in payments is an eyewash, not accountability. "Had BJP not persistently raised this issue, this scam too would have been buried in files," he said, accusing the Congress government of indulging in cover-ups instead of enforcing accountability.

Hundreds of families in Dharamshala removed from BPL list, system collapses: Sudhir Sharma

SANJAY AGGARWAL
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Sudhir Sharma said that due to the Chief Minister's short-sightedness and the advice of petty leaders, the entire Himachal Pradesh, especially Dharamshala, is being pushed towards ruin. Sudhir Sharma openly challenged the Chief Minister, saying, "The Chief Minister can play politics with me to his heart's content, but he should spare the people of Himachal and Dharamshala." Sudhir Sharma alleged that the Chief Minister's animosity towards Dharamshala is well-known. The Rs. 30 crore for the Central University has not been deposited to date, Smart City projects are stalled, while Rs. 120 crore has been given to lawyers from outside the state. No new development work is underway in the city. Contractors in the PWD and Jal Shakti departments are not being paid, bringing development to a complete standstill. He said that employees in schools and panchayats are being intimidated. Earlier, allegations of extortion from officers during the Kangra Carnival surfaced, which the entire state witnessed. Officers are now forced to work in an atmosphere of fear.BJP leader and MLA from Dharamshala, Mr. Sudhir Sharma, launched a scathing attack on the Congress government and Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, stating that hundreds of poor families in the Dharamshala assembly constituency have been removed from the Below Poverty Line (BPL) list. He called this a completely anti-poor decision that clearly reflects the collapse of the government's system.

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APPENDIX-IV-A- [See proviso to rule 8(6)] Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s)/ Co-Borrower (s)/Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)**,the same shall be referred herein after as **AUSFB**. The Secured Assets will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"**, and **"Whatever there is"** basis through E-Auction for recovery of amount mentioned in the table below along with further interest, cost, charges and expenses being due to **AUSFB** viz. Secured Creditor.

It is hereby informed you that we are going to conduct public E-Auction through website **https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net**

Loan A/c No./ Name of Borrowers/Co Borrowers/ Mortgagors/Guarantor	Date & Amount of 13(2) Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of Property	Reserve Price For Property	Earnest Money for Property	Date & Time of Auction	Date of Bid Submission	E-Auction Place of Tender Submission	Contact Person & Property Visit Date
(Loan A/C No.) L9001060130487670, Prem Singh (Borrower), Anu Kumar (Co-Borrower)	13-Dec-24 Rs. 4,12,062/- Rs. Four Lac Twelve Thousand Eighty-Two Only As On 11-Dec-24	30-Sep-25	Property Situated At - Khewat No.99 Min Khatauni No.135 Khasra Kitta 77 Area Measuring 01-27-14 Hectre To The Extent Of 165/12714 Share Working Out To Be An Area Measuring 00-01-65 Hectres (Along With House/Structure Built) Hadbast No. 898 Mohal And Patwar Circle Darug Up Tehsil Chadir District Kangra Hp As Per Computerized Jamabandi For The Year 2019-20 Issued By Halka Patwari Verified/Updated/Signed By Patwari Of Patwar Circle Darug And Up Tehsil Chadir District Kangra Hp Area Measuring 01-27-14 Hectre To The Extent Of 165/12714 Share Working Out To Be An Area Measuring 00-01-65 Hectres	Rs. 3,75,000/- Rs. Three Lakh Seventy-Five Thousand Only.	Rs. 37,500/- Rs. Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only.	**19-Feb-26** 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM with unlimited extension of 5 minutes	On or Before **17-Feb-26**	**Au Small Finance Bank Ltd, Branch Office :** 1st Floor, SS Tower, Dharamshala Road, near Petrol Pump, Adarsh Colony, Birta, Kangra, Himachal Pradesh 176001	Gurpreet Singh, 8288008784 9773358234, **auctions@aubank.in 13-Feb-26**

The terms and conditions of e-auction sale:-

(1). The E-Auction sale of Secured Asset is on "as is where is" , "as is what is" , "whatever there is" and "no recourse" basis for and on behalf of the Secured Creditor viz. AUSFB and there is no known encumbrance which exists on the said property.

(2). For participating in online e-auction sale, Bid document, copies of PAN Card, Board Resolution in case of Company and photo ID, address proof are required to be submitted along with EMD, which is payable by way of RTGS/NEFT/DD in the name of MSME AUCTION POOL ACCOUNT OF AU Small Finance Bank Limited, Current account No.1921201121711599 AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED Fifth and Sixth Floor Sunny Big Junction STC Khasra No. 64 to 67, Gram Sukhaipura New Atish Market Jaipur 302020, IFSC Code: AUBL0002011, Once an Online Bid is submitted, same cannot be withdrawn. Further any EMD submitted by bidder will be required to send the UTR/Ref no./DD no. of the RTGS/NEFT/DD with a copy of cancelled cheque on the following email IDs i.e. **auctions@aubank.in**

(3). All Interested participants / bidders are requested to visit the website **https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net & https://www.aubank.in/bank-auction** for further details including Terms & Conditions, to take part in e-auction sale proceeding and are also advised to contact e-mail of **auctions@aubank.in**

Please Note: This is also a 30 days notice Under Rule 8(6) read with Rule 9(1) to the Borrowers/Co Borrowers/Mortgagors of the above said loan account about sale through tender / inter se bidding on the above-mentioned date. The property will be sold, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full by the borrower in the given notice period.

Date : 13/01/2026 **Place : Himachal** **Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited**

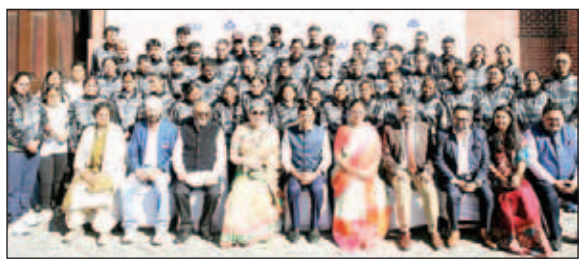
Lohri and Saja Magh celebrations in full swing in Devbhoomi Kullu

ASHISH SHARMA



KULLU: Devbhoomi Kullu is witnessing vibrant celebrations of Lohri and Saja Magh these days. While Lohri is being traditionally celebrated in urban areas with ritual bonfires and prayers, the Phagli festival has commenced in the Seraj Valley. With the onset of Phagli, the entire valley has come alive with the resonating sounds of traditional musical instruments and captivating performances of the Mask (Mukhotta) Dance. Dhanesh Gautam, the main priest of Dev Shri Bada Chhamahu (esteemed deity of Saraj region) explaining about the festival said, "The mask dance which is known as 'Mukhotta dance' has emerged as the main attraction of the Phagli festival. During this much awaited celebration at several places, performers wearing traditional masks are seen dancing fearlessly over burning embers, showcasing their mystical and spiritual prowess. According to local beliefs, the Mukhotta dance symbolically represents the union of deities and demons and is also associated with the mythical battles between them. Folklore suggests that during the Posh and Magh months, deities release demons onto the earth, that's why demons in the form of masks are worshipped during this period. In several villages of the Seraj Valley, including Kotla, Fagwana, Kandhi, Chakurtha, Paldi, and Padharni, the Mukhotta dance is being performed with great enthusiasm.

Himachal's special athletes create history at special olympics, bag Rs 1.60 crore national honour



AJAY KUMAR UPADHYAY

BILASPUR: Himachal Pradesh's specially-abled athletes have scripted a golden chapter in the state's sporting history with their stellar performance at the Special Olympics World Winter Games 2025 held in Turin, Italy, from March 7 to 16. Displaying extraordinary determination and talent on the global stage, these athletes won a remarkable haul of 5 gold, 10 silver and 5 bronze medals, bringing immense pride to Himachal Pradesh and the nation. In recognition of this historic achievement, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, has awarded a total cash incentive of Rs1.60 crore to 13 medal-winning athletes from Himachal Pradesh. The incentive was granted as per medal category, with gold medalists receiving up to Rs 20 lakh, silver medalists between Rs 7 lakh and Rs 14 lakh, and bronze medalists between Rs 3 lakh and Rs 8 lakh.

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Savita Jangra social activist extends best wishes on Makar Sankranti



KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI: On the auspicious occasion of Makar Sankranti, social activist and teacher Savita Jangra extended her best wishes to everyone, saying that this festival symbolizes women's empowerment, family and social progress. She said that just as the sun gave new energy through its northern movement, women gave society a new direction through their values, sacrifice and leadership. Savita Jangra stated that the strength of every home begins with an educated, aware, and self-reliant woman. Women play a vital role not only in the development of families but also in society and the nation. Through festivals, we should pledge to respect, protect and empower women. She said that Makar Sankranti's message was to maintain harmony, cooperation and equality in society. Only when women receive education, opportunities and respect then the society truly prosper and develop. She urged women to understand their rights as well as their duties to give daughters opportunities to progress and to lead positive change in society.

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Festivals are identity of our Indian cultural heritage: Pradeep Gupta



KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI: Pradeep Gupta, CMD of Hans Rice and General Mills, Taraori, stated that Makar Sankranti is a sacred and inspiring festival in Indian culture, symbolizing the sun's northward movement and bringing new energy, new beginnings and positivity to life. Industrialist Pradeep Gupta extended his heartfelt greetings to the people of the region on the auspicious occasion of Makar Sankranti. He said that this festival inspired them to move from darkness to light, from negativity to positivity and from despair to hope. Makar Sankranti conveys the message of social harmony, brotherhood and mutual love. On this day, people exchange sesame seeds and jaggery to each other and pledge to live a life of sweetness and harmony. He said that festivals were a hallmark of our cultural heritage, uniting society. Such festivals remind us of our duties to family, society and nation.

Pandoga MSME technology centre to boost industrial growth in Una

KISHORI LAL BAINS
UNA: In a major boost to industrial development in Una district, the Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has approved the establishment of an MSME Technology Centre in the Pandoga Industrial Area of Haroli Assembly segment. The centre will be set up at the Community Centre building in Pandoga at an estimated cost of Rs. 10 crore. A similar technology centre has also been approved for Parwanoo. Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri said the sanction of MSME Technology Centres is a significant step towards strengthening the industrial ecosystem of Himachal Pradesh. He informed that the Union MSME Ministry has issued an office memorandum for setting up 13 new Technology Centre–Extension Centres across the country, including those at Pandoga and Parwanoo.

Cold wave grips Kashmir; tourists enjoy winter charm at Dal Lake

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SRINAGAR, JAN 13



A cold wave continued to grip Kashmir on Tuesday as temperatures dipped below freezing across several parts of the Valley, with Srinagar recording a minimum temperature of minus 4 degrees Celsius, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD).As per the IMD forecast, Srinagar city is expected to record a maximum temperature of 12 degrees Celsius and a minimum of minus 4 degrees Celsius on Tuesday. In Jammu city, the maximum temperature is likely to be around 10 degrees Celsius, while the minimum is expected to settle at 4 degrees Celsius. The forecast says "a partly cloudy sky becoming generally cloudy towards afternoon or evening or night" in the region.Despite the biting cold, tourists were seen enjoying the chilly morning at Dal Lake in Srinagar, wrapped in warm layers of clothing to protect themselves from the cold wave. Many visitors described the winter season as having its own unique charm.Tourist Ankit Chhabra, who is visiting from Faridabad, Delhi, shared his experience of the cold weather in Kashmir."It's very cold in the morning; it must be below zero. We came expecting to see a frozen lake, based on the reels from last time. Even without that, we're so bundled up, and it's so cold. You can imagine what it would be like with a frozen lake. We would request everyone to definitely come here to Dal Lake and enjoy the weather. It's very nice. We came once before in the summer, and now everyone said to come in the winter, so we've come here to Dal Lake," he said to ANI.Highlighting the appeal of the season, he added, "The cold has its own charm. Everyone should come, there are no issues, no security issues, everyone is nice, you will definitely feel the Kashmiri vibe."Popular tourist destinations across Jammu and Kashmir also continued to experience low temperatures. Gulmarg is expected to record a maximum temperature of 7 degrees Celsius and a minimum of minus 5 degrees Celsius. Pahalgam is likely to see a maximum of 11 degrees Celsius and a minimum of minus 7 degrees Celsius. In the Jammu region, Kathua is expected to record a maximum temperature of 18 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 7 degrees Celsius, while Katra may see temperatures ranging between 15 degrees Celsius and 6 degrees Celsius.The cold wave conditions have persisted across the Valley over the past few days, even as tourist footfall remains steady, with visitors keen to experience Kashmir's winter landscape and snowfall-dependent destinations.

Libraries in 10 villages being constructed by the Panchayati Raj Department: DC Preeti

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, JAN 13



Deputy Commissioner Preeti informed that libraries were being constructed by the Panchayati Raj Department in 10 different villages of rural areas for education and knowledge enhancement. She informed that women cultural centers were constructed in 12 villages for social, cultural and economic up-liftment of rural women. The Deputy Commissioner informed that modern indoor gyms were constructed in 12 villages to promote healthy lifestyle. Under Amrit Sarovar Yojana, beautification of ponds was done in 44 villages of Yamunanagar district for environmental protection. She informed that under Shivdham renovation scheme, development of graveyards is being done in 356 villages. She informed that under the Gobardhan Yojana, the Zila Parishad has undertaken a pilot project of 180 cum capacity at a cost of Rs. 85 lakh in village Sadhura, Block Radaur, where animal dung, waste material, straw, leaves are being converted into compost biogas and for use of which connections have been given to 40 houses. She informed that the Haryana Large Scale Mapping Project is an important initiative of the state government, under which, with the aim of reducing land disputes and encroachment by accurately identifying every plot of land in rural and urban areas of Haryana, preparing digital and transparent land records, Tatima cutting work has been done in 653 out of 655 villages of Yamunanagar district.

Guest lecture on 'Swami Vivekananda: Life and Legacy' organised at Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Yamunanagar

RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR, JAN 13



The Department of Social Work, in collaboration with the Department of Physical Education and the NCC & NSS Units of Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Yamunanagar, organized a guest lecture on Swami Vivekananda: Life and Legacy to celebrate the 163rd Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda Ji. The programme was formally inaugurated with a welcome address by Dr. Sahib Singh, Head, Department of Social Work, who highlighted the relevance of Swami Vivekananda's ideas in contemporary society, particularly in the fields of social work, education, and national development. The keynote speaker for the occasion was Prof. (Dr.) Vinay Kumar, Principal, D.A.V. College, Hoshiarpur (Punjab). He delivered an enlightening lecture on the life, philosophy, and timeless teachings of Swami Vivekananda, emphasizing youth empowerment, character building, self-discipline, and national progress. He inspired students to imbibe values of service, confidence, and moral integrity in their personal and professional lives. In his message, Dr. Arvinder Singh Bhalla, Principal, Guru Nanak Khalsa College, Yamunanagar, appreciated the collective efforts of the organizing departments and stated that such academic and value-based programmes play a crucial role in shaping students' moral values, leadership qualities, and social responsibility. Dr. Sanjay Vij, Head, Department of Physical Education, emphasized the importance of physical, mental, and spiritual development as envisioned by Swami Vivekananda, while Dr. Hemant Mishra, Associate Professor of Social Work, spoke about the significant role of youth in social transformation and active citizenship.

BKU to hold protest on January 16 against paddy procurement scam



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Bharatiya Kisan Union is protesting at every district headquarters regarding the paddy scam that happened recently in Haryana state for which the farmers of Yamunanagar district will protest against the government in Yamunanagar on January 16 under the chairmanship of Bharatiya Kisan Union's national president Sardar Gurnam Singh Chaduni. All the farmers will gather at PWD Rest House Jagadhri and from there they will reach the DC office while protesting and after that a memorandum will be handed over to the DC in the name of the Chief Minister and the Prime Minister. A scam of thousands of crores of rupees happened in the paddy procurement recently on which the government is keeping mum. A cover-up is being done in the name of action. CBI inquiry should be conducted in the paddy scam and a memorandum will be given regarding other demands. To make the protest successful, meetings are being held by visiting from village to village. District President Sanju Gundiyana, Youth President Sandeep Topra, District Secretary Vikrant Sasoli, Kurukshetra District In charge Pappal Nawab Singh.

Old-age pension being stopped considering pensioner's income



RAHUL KOHLI
YAMUNANAGAR: Elders are making rounds of offices for old-age pensions. Considering the money deposited into the farmer's account as income, the old-age pensions of many farmers have been cut. Farmers are making rounds of offices to get their pensions. Raghuveer Singh Kashyap, a farmer from the village of Gundiyana, cultivates 10 acres of land. His paddy crop money has been deposited into his account and considering this money as his income, his old-age pension was stopped. The money included in the crop production expenses, including medicine, labor and land contracts. If all of this is deducted then the farmer is incurring losses, let alone income. By showing this money as income, his old-age pension has been stopped. This move of the government is strongly opposed by the farmers' union. Chaudhary Devi Lal instituted pensions in honor of the elderly without considering their economic status. Pensions were given to everyone. Similarly, Seva Singh's pension has been cut. Prem Singh's pension has been cut because of his income. On the one hand, government ministers are increasing their salaries and pensions while the pension of the common man is being stopped.

Panipat Police crack Samalkha Sweet Shop firing & extortion case, three arrested with illegal arms

RAKESH BHAYANA
PANIPAT, JAN 13



Under the leadership of Superintendent of Police Bhupender Singh, Panipat Police on Monday successfully solved the case of firing and extortion at a sweet shop in Samalkha's Gudd Mandi and arrested three accused along with illegal weapons. The arrested accused have been identified as Nikhil alias Lakhan of Biholi village, Prince of Dahar village, and Vansh of Narayana village. Police recovered three country-made pistols and two live cartridges from their possession. Addressing a press conference at the Police Department auditorium in the District Secretariat, Additional Superintendent of Police Harshit Goyal said that considering the seriousness of the incident, SP Bhupender Singh had entrusted CIA In-charge Inspector Vijay and his team with the responsibility of identifying and arresting the accused. ASP Goyal informed that the CIA team thoroughly examined footage from over 50 CCTV cameras installed in and around the crime scene and activated their intelligence sources. On Monday evening, CIA-3 team received a secret tip-off about the accused standing near the Budsham canal bridge. Acting swiftly, the police team conducted a raid and apprehended all three accused along with illegal weapons. During interrogation, the accused confessed to committing the crime. During preliminary investigation, it was revealed that accused Nikhil had a long-standing friendship with Sunil alias Sheelu, a resident of Dahar village. Nikhil disclosed that he planned the firing incident to establish his and Sunil's dominance in the area. He lured co-accused Prince and Vansh by offering Rs. 50,000 each and convinced them to execute the crime.

Jan Kalyan Manch Kurukshetra organises voluntary blood donation camp

DALBIR MALIK
KURUKSHETRA, JAN 13



The Jan Kalyan Manch Kurukshetra , a social service organization, organized a voluntary blood donation camp at the Parth Blood Center of Kurukshetra Nursing Home on Tuesday. Dr. Krishna Shyokand, President of the International Jat Sabha and Jat Dharamshala, inaugurated the blood donation camp by pinning a badge on the donor. Addressing voters and other organization officials at the blood donation camp, Chief Guest Dr Krishna Shyokand said that all donations became irrelevant while compared to blood donation which was why it was said that blood donation was the greatest donation. Blood donation is the greatest donation and therefore, every person should strive to save the life of a needy person by donating blood. Dalbir Malik, President of the organization, stated that there was no substitute for blood; it cannot be manufactured in a factory or purchased from a store. Only a person can save the life of a needy person by donating blood. He congratulated all the blood donors for their donations. Sardar Baldev Singh Saini, General Secretary of the organization, stated that donating blood did not cause any deficiency in the body but rather it improves health. Jan Kalyan Manch Kurukshetra social service organization also expressed gratitude to Dr. Sanjeev Verma's team for collecting blood. The blood donors donated blood with full enthusiasm in the blood donation camp. The organization's advisor Rampal Saroha felt proud by donating blood for the 28th time and lecturer Praveen Kumar for the 15th time. Senior Vice President of the organization Ramesh Dutt Sharma, Advisor Rajkumar Walia, Advisor Rampal Saroha, Patron Deshraj Bhatnagar, Vice President Jagmohan Bansal, Spokesperson Gulshan Grover, Treasurer Dharam Singh Jogna Kheda, Press Secretary Shiv Kirmach, Project Coordinator Anil Kapoor.

Lohri celebrated at Haryana Lok Bhavan, Governor Prof Ashim Kumar Ghosh extends greetings



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CHANDIGARH: Lohri was celebrated with traditional fervour and cultural warmth at Haryana Lok Bhavan on Tuesday, reflecting the rich heritage and spirit of togetherness associated with the harvest festival. On the occasion, Governor of Haryana Prof Ashim Kumar Ghosh conveyed his heartfelt greetings and best wishes to the people. The Governor said: "Lohri marks the celebration of harvest, warmth and togetherness, symbolizing gratitude to nature and the spirit of community." Lady Governor Smt Mitra Ghosh, Secretary to Governor Shri DK Behera, ADC to Governor Sqn Ldr Mohan Krishna P and other senior officers were also present on the occasion. Governor Prof Ashim Kumar Ghosh highlighted that Lohri is not only a festival marking the harvest season but also an expression of India's deep-rooted cultural values, where people come together to celebrate prosperity, harmony and mutual respect.

Teams of youth will be prepared in every sub-division to assist administration in times of disaster: DC

KARAMBIR
LADWA, JAN 13



Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena said that the district administration was preparing youth teams at the sub-division level to assist in disaster management. Teams of youth from various villages in Ladwa, the constituency of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, have already been formed. The Red Cross Society has trained these youth to assist in disaster response work. This training was organized to train the youth in disaster management, first aid, home nursing, CPR and rescue operations. The objective of this Red Cross initiative is to enable the youth to assist in disaster response and save lives. Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena said that the district administration would now prepare a team for each subdivision. This training will teach youth about various aspects of disaster management, such as first aid, rescue operations and disaster response. This effort by the Red Cross will train youth to quick respond to disasters and save lives. He added that the Haryana Red Cross is also organizing a camp to teach youth disaster management skills, training youth from across the country. He said that the team formed in the Ladwa Assembly constituency included youth from various villages. All the youth will visit villages and talk to the villagers about road safety, keeping in mind the current weather. They will make the villagers aware of traffic rules so that caution can be taken during foggy and cold weather while driving.

Patanjali Yoga Samiti celebrates Lohri festival with great pomp

KARAMBIR
LADWA: The festival of Lohri was celebrated with enthusiasm, joy and traditional pomp at the Arya Samaj Temple by Patanjali Yoga Samiti, Ladwa on Tuesday. The committee's press spokesperson, Ajay Popli, stated that the festival of Lohri symbolized our rich cultural traditions. It conveys a message of renewed energy, positivity and mutual harmony. He added that the Patanjali family has been continuously promoting yoga, Ayurveda and Indian culture, as well as connecting society to its roots. He added that such cultural events strengthen unity and brotherhood in society and play an important role in introducing the new generation to our traditions. A large number of devotees, women, and youth participated in the program. Everyone lit the Lohri fire, circumambulated it and as per folk tradition, offered sesame seeds, peanuts, rewari, and popcorn, praying for happiness and prosperity.



Taraori MLA discusses development works with dignitaries, resolves problems

KAMAL SHARMA
TARAORI, JAN 13



MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi gathered information about development projects from prominent residents of Taraori town and discussed the overall development of the Nilokheri Assembly constituency in detail. On this occasion, MLA Bhagwandas Kabirpanthi stated that continuous work is being done at the policy and ground levels to ensure holistic and balanced development in every ward and village. He added that under the strong leadership of Chief Minister Nayab Saini, Haryana is steadily progressing on the path of development. Due to the Chief Minister's visionary approach and plans, the general public is benefiting from improved public amenities, infrastructure and quality of life. He stated that the Nilokheri Assembly constituency has the Chief Minister's special blessings. Important schemes and development works are being monitored on priority in every village and Nagar Panchayat in this area. Development plans are being implemented on the ground fully considering the public's well-being, demands and needs for basic amenities. He stated that positive changes are clearly visible at the local level through government schemes in various sectors such as education, health, roads, water supply, sanitation, industrial and agricultural welfare. There is no shortage of government funds or resources for development work and the BJP government is giving top priority to overall development.

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Old Age Home opens in Sector-32, Karnal

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: District Social Welfare Officer Japan Hooda announced that the Haryana Government's Social Justice and Empowerment Department has opened an old age home in Sector-32, Karnal. The objective of this old age home is to provide support and a safe environment to senior citizens who require accommodation and care. He stated that interested senior citizens can apply to reside in this old age home. Applicants must be permanent residents of Haryana and be 60 years of age or older. Their annual family income, as recorded in their Family ID card, must be less than ₹1,80,000.
He further added that interested senior citizens who meet these criteria can contact the District Social Welfare Officer's office in person to avail of this facility. Detailed information regarding the application process and required documents will be provided at the office.

Directions issued to ensure speedy disposal of criminal cases

BUREAU
CHANDIGARH, JAN 13

Additional Chief Secretary, Home Secretary, Dr. Sumita Misra, has issued comprehensive directions to the Haryana Police & Prosecution Department to ensure effective and purposeful utilisation of the Plea Bargaining provisions contained in Chapter XXIII of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023. The objective is to expedite the disposal of criminal cases and further strengthen the justice delivery system across the State.



Dr. Misra emphasized that Plea Bargaining is a pro-justice statutory mechanism intended to facilitate early resolution of criminal cases where the offence is punishable with imprisonment of seven years or less. As per the law, an accused may apply for Plea Bargaining within 30 days from the date of framing of charges, enabling a faster and more efficient resolution process.

Dr. Sumita Misra stated that the provisions empower courts to allow the prosecution and the accused to arrive at a mutually satisfactory disposition under judicial supervision, after which the court may pronounce judgment in accordance with law. She observed that such measures are essential to reduce pendency, address excessive caseloads and optimise the use of judicial and administrative resources, which are currently under significant pressure due to the mounting backlog of cases.

The Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department has specifically directed that structured training and capacity-building programmes be organised for investigating officers, supervisory police officers and prosecution staff across all districts of Haryana. These training modules will focus on the legal framework, procedural requirements and ethical safeguards associated with Plea Bargaining to ensure its correct, uniform and lawful application in eligible cases. She stressed that proper training is crucial for identifying suitable cases at the appropriate stage and for guiding the process without compromising fairness or due process.

Dr Misra further emphasised the need for close and continuous coordination between police and prosecution agencies to ensure seamless implementation of the provisions. She called for periodic reviews and assessment meetings to monitor progress and address challenges, reiterating that timely adjudication is fundamental to justice delivery. Effective use of Plea Bargaining, she noted, can significantly enhance public confidence in the criminal justice system while upholding the constitutional guarantee of speedy trial.

Council of Lawyers to uphold the vision of CJI Justice Surya Kant and serve the poor to earn blessings: Advocate Shandilya



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
PANCHKULA, JAN 13

The visit of the Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant, to his ancestral village Petwar (Hisar) witnessed an atmosphere of pride, emotion, and inspiration across the region. On this historic occasion, Advocate Vasu Ranjan Shandilya, Chairman of the Council of Lawyers and Advocate at the Supreme Court of India and Punjab & Haryana High Court, honoured the Chief Justice by presenting him with a magnificent painted portrait and extended warm greetings on the occasion of the New Year and Lohri.

The event was further dignified by the gracious presence of Justice Sheel Nagu, Chief Justice of the Punjab & Haryana High Court, and Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Saini, whose attendance added to the stature and significance of the programme.

Several eminent personalities from the judiciary, administration and legal fraternity were present, including Pradeep Boora, President, Hisar Bar Association; Vikas Poonia, Vice President; Sameer Bhatia, Secretary; former Deputy Advocate General of Haryana Ashish Godara; Additional Advocate General Himanshu Raj, along with senior advocates and distinguished citizens.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant said that whatever he has achieved in life is the result of the blessings of his elders, teachers, and the values imbibed from the soil of his native village. His emotional words deeply resonated with the audience and inspired everyone present.

Speaking on the occasion, Advocate Vasu Ranjan Shandilya said that the thoughts and values expressed by Justice Surya Kant are not only a guiding light for the judiciary but also for society at large. He emphasized that the Council of Lawyers, while safeguarding the vision of the Chief Justice of India, is firmly committed to delivering justice to the poorest, weakest and last citizen standing in the queue of society. Advocate Shandilya further stated that the Council of Lawyers will continue to work towards providing free legal aid, spreading legal awareness, and protecting the rights of the underprivileged, thereby strengthening society and reinforcing public faith in the Indian judicial system. He added that serving the poor and needy is itself a way of earning blessings and upholding constitutional values. He concluded by saying that when the Chief Justice of India bows to the soil of his ancestral village, it sends a powerful message that values, culture, and blessings are the true strength behind success.

Food India Expo 2026 to be held in Karnal from January 16 to 18

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
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The New Grain Market in Karnal will once again host the *Food India Expo 2026* from January 16 to 18, bringing together leading players of the rice and food processing industry from across India and abroad. The announcement was made during a joint press conference by the expo organisers Tilak Raj Arora, Sardar Gurbaksh Singh Manchanda and Makhanlal.



They said the Karnal–Taraori belt has earned a global reputation for its fine aromatic rice, which is widely exported to international markets and provides large-scale employment to local youth. The Food India Expo has been playing an important role in strengthening this industry by introducing new technologies, modern machinery and innovative processing methods to traders and mill owners.

The organisers said that for the third consecutive year, the expo will be held at the New Grain Market, Karnal, where exhibitors from different parts of the country and overseas will showcase advanced rice milling, grading, packaging and processing technologies. The three-day exhibition will be open daily from 10 am to 8 pm, during which industry experts will interact with visitors and share insights on the latest developments in the sector. They added that the expo has also emerged as a strong platform for youth interested in starting their own ventures, as it provides exposure to new business models, modern equipment and emerging opportunities in the rice and food processing industry. The organisers appealed to dealers' associations and rice industry stakeholders from across the country to participate in large numbers and benefit from the latest technological advancements on display. Haryana's traders were also urged to make the most of the exhibition, which, they said, would further enhance the national and international profile of Karnal–Taraori aromatic rice.

Severe cold grips north Haryana, life hit as health risks rise

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North Haryana is currently in the grip of an intense cold wave, bringing daily life almost to a standstill and posing serious risks to public health. In Gurugram, the temperature has dropped to around zero degrees Celsius, while in Karnal it has hovered close to two degrees. Dense fog and biting cold have forced people to remain indoors till late morning, with roads, markets and workplaces witnessing thin attendance.



While many enjoy the chill of January, doctors warn that this extreme cold carries significant health hazards, especially for people suffering from high blood pressure and heart ailments. According to Dr Netrapal, in-charge of Rawal Hospital, cold weather causes blood vessels to contract, a condition known as vasoconstriction. This restricts blood flow and can suddenly raise blood pressure, increasing the risk of heart attacks and strokes.

He said hospitals are seeing a rise in patients whose blood pressure was earlier under control but has spiked sharply with the onset of severe cold. Symptoms such as breathlessness while walking, heaviness in the chest and angina are becoming more common. Dr Netrapal cautioned that during winters, even regular medication may not always be sufficient to keep blood pressure in check, making extra care and monitoring essential.

Doctors advise that people, especially the elderly and those with hypertension or heart disease, should remain particularly vigilant during this season. Regular monitoring of blood pressure, a balanced and warm diet, adequate water intake and timely medical consultation are key to staying safe during the cold wave.

Sudesh Kataria arrives in Indri for state-level Ravidas Jayanti, assigns responsibilities to party workers

MAINPAL KASHYAP
INDRI : Sudesh Kataria, Chief Media Advisor to Karnal MP Manohar Lal Khattar and a senior leader associated with Government of India, arrived in Indri constituency. He was welcomed by Manu Kamboj, IT head of Indri assembly constituency. Sudesh Kataria extended an invitation to state-level Sant Ravidas Jayanti program to be held in Umri, Kurukshetra on January 31st, and held a meeting with party workers regarding program's preparations. He assigned responsibilities to all workers to ensure program's success. Sudesh Kataria said that Sant Ravidas was a great saint who gave the message of equality and brotherhood to society. The Haryana government has decided to celebrate his birth anniversary at the state level, which reflects the government's commitment to society. He informed that a grand building dedicated to Sant Ravidas will soon be completed in Umri, Kurukshetra.He further informed that Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini will be chief guests at this state-level program.



SDM appointed as Revising Authority for by-election in Ward Number 8 of Taraori Municipality: DC

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
KARNAL: Deputy Commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena has announced that in compliance with directions of Haryana State Election Commission, SDM Ashok Kumar of Nilokheri has been appointed as Revising Authority to ensure transparent and error-free preparation of electoral roll for by-election in Ward Number 8 of Taraori Municipality. He appealed to citizens of concerned area to cooperate in updating of voter list. If name of any eligible citizen is not included in list or if there is any error in details, they can present their case before Revising Authority within stipulated time frame.

Lohri festival celebrated with enthusiasm

NIRMAL SAINI
RADOUR: A program was organized at Jyotiba Phule Government College, Radour, on the auspicious occasion of Lohri. Event was held under chairmanship of Principal Dr S K Singh. Principal extended his heartfelt greetings to everyone on Lohri and said that this festival is celebrated as a symbol of happiness and mutual love. Festivals like Lohri play a significant role in maintaining Indian unity and integrity. This festival should be celebrated with great enthusiasm. Principal wished everyone a happy and prosperous life through this festival. In celebration of this festival, all the assembled staff members and students offered sesame seeds, rewari, and peanuts to fire, circumambulated it and prayed for everyone's well-being and happiness. The students shared the joy of Lohri by singing songs like "Dulha Bhatti." All staff members and students were present on this occasion.



National Integrated Medical Association celebrates Lohri festival with great enthusiasm



HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: National Integrated Medical Association (NIMA) of Kurukshetra celebrated Lohri festival with great enthusiasm. All doctors of the National Integrated Medical Association celebrated Lohri festival with joy at a program organized in a private hotel.Dr Ashok Bansal, President of NIMA 26, said that like every year, this year too, NIMA celebrated Lohri festival with great enthusiasm and extended Lohri greetings to everyone. Dr Ajay Agarwal of Agarwal Nursing Home was Guest of Honor at event. Program was conducted by Dr. Praveen Sharma and Dr Vandana Kataria.Dr Manish Goyal, Dr. Vimal Sharma, Dr Dinesh Chandra, Dr Pawan Vashisht, Dr. Suresh Sharma, Dr Nikhil, Dr Tulsi Sardana, Dr Madan Khanna, Dr Satyendra Saini, Dr Menka Goyal, Dr Meena Saini, Dr Jaspreet and others were present.

Workshop on National Education Policy 2020 successfully organised at Jat B.Ed. College

SANJAY SHARMA
KAITHAL, JANUARY 13

A one-day workshop on the National Education Policy 2020, focusing on holistic and multidisciplinary education, was organised at the local Jat B.Ed. College, Kaithal. Dr. Digvijay Singh and Dr. Angrez Singh from the Institute of Teacher Training, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, participated as resource persons.Rajkumar Beniwal, President of the Jat High School Society, graced the workshop as the chief guest, along with the entire management committee. Upon their arrival at the college for the workshop, College Principal Dr. Dinesh Singh and the staff members welcomed Dr. Digvijay Singh, Dr. Angrez Singh, the chief guest, and the entire management committee with bouquets.



Addressing the students at the workshop, Dr. Digvijay Singh said that the National Education Policy 2020 will be implemented throughout India in the future. Currently, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, is the first university to implement it. The new education policy emphasizes providing skills along with education. Dr. Angrez Singh explained the National Education Policy in the workshop, stating that it gives students the freedom to choose any subject. A science student can enhance their knowledge by studying a subject from the arts faculty, or even a subject from the commerce faculty. This increases the students' overall knowledge. Chief Guest Rajkumar Beniwal said about the workshop that such events, when organized periodically, provide students with new information, thereby increasing their knowledge.

Principal Dr. Dinesh Dhillon expressed his gratitude to Dr. Digvijay and Dr. Angrez Singh for visiting the college and guiding the students. In the final session of the workshop, the resource persons also addressed the students' subject-related problems. At the end of the program, participating students, staff members, and teaching staff members from other colleges were honoured with certificates. The programme was skillfully conducted by College Professor Chandra Prakash. Present on this occasion were Baljinder Banwala, Vice President of the Jat High School Society, General Secretary Advocate Rashmi Dhull, Treasurer Balkar Nain, and executive committee members Dr. Satyawan Majra, Dalbir Kairo, Mahavir Ravish, Mahavir Kundu, Kuldeep Singh, Vikram Songal, Rajat Rapadiya, Jasvir Manas, Rajpal Guhana, Sunny Chausala, Swatantra Pal Singh, and from SDM College of Education, Rajound, the college principal Dr. Radheshyam, college staff members Rajesh Dhull etc.

Three Gurukul students selected for NDA, Governor extends congratulations



HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: A special atmosphere of excitement prevailed today in Gurukul Kurukshetra campus including school building and NDA block as 3 Gurukul students celebrated their success in challenging SSB interview. From director to students, a distinct joy was visible on everyone's faces and they congratulated each other on students' success. Three students from Gurukul have enhanced institution's reputation by successfully clearing special SSB interview for NDA, fulfilling their own and their families' dreams of becoming high-ranking officers in armed forces. When Director Brigadier Praveen Kumar conveyed this good news of Gurukul students' success in NDA to Governor Acharya Devvrat, he expressed great pleasure and congratulated entire Gurukul family. Director Brigadier Dr. Praveen Kumar informed that Pradyuman Thakur, Jitendra Kumar and Navdeep Kundu, students of Class 12 in NDA block of Gurukul Kurukshetra have successfully cleared SSB interview and will now join NDA to become high-ranking officers in Indian armed forces. He added that these students still have their Class 12 annual examinations remaining, but their selection in NDA even before that is like a dream come true. Principal Subedar Pratap, NDA block's Physical Instructor Balwan Singh, and Ashok Chauhan also congratulated students and their parents on this great achievement. Director Praveen Kumar stated that the noble vision with which NDA block was established in Gurukul Kurukshetra campus under guidance of Honorable Governor Acharya Shri Devvrat is now bearing fruit, with a large number of Gurukul students achieving success in NDA every year.There is even discussion within the NDA about what makes Gurukul students consistently successful in NDA. In last few years, 74 students from Gurukul have joined NDA/TES which is a great achievement for both Gurukul and state.

National Youth Day celebrated at Jairam Sainik School



HANS RAJ
KURUKSHETRA: Inspired by Brahm Swaroop Brahmachari, head of Shri Jairam Institutions operating across country and Chairman of Shri Jairam Educational Institute, National Youth Day was celebrated at Shrimati Kesari Devi Lohia Jairam Sainik School on occasion of Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary. Students and cadets of Sainik School participated enthusiastically in program. Program began with a yoga session which emphasized enhancing physical and mental capabilities. Students presented inspirational speeches and short plays, shedding light on life of Swami Vivekananda.At end of program, Principal Anju Agarwal urged students and cadets to follow in footsteps of Swami Vivekananda, work hard and adopt self-discipline and dedication so that they can achieve their goals. Program concluded with cadets taking a pledge to incorporate Swami Vivekananda's values and teachings into their daily lives. Administrative Officer Suresh Kumar and other staff members were also present.

DC holds review meeting of NIPUN District level steering committee: DC

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL, JAN 13

Under the NIPUN Haryana Mission, which aims to strengthen children's class-wise proficiency in government schools, DC Aparajita held a review meeting of district-level steering committee members at Model Sanskriti School, Pundri today. She instructed that serious efforts should be made to improve children's proficiency under the campaign. All departmental officers who are members of district-level steering committee should visit schools within the stipulated time as per rules. They should interact with the children, verify ground reality of work done under campaign, and submit a report. DMC Kapil Sharma, District Education Officer Subhash and other members of steering committee participated in the meeting. Naresh Kumar, working under NIPUN, gave a detailed presentation on work done in district through a Power Point presentation. He shared the necessary progress report since the last meeting. He also provided essential information through facts regarding the improvement in the proficiency of primary school children, in addition to the visits made by District Education Officer and other officers. He also highlighted the areas where children need improvement. District Science Specialist Chatrapal gave a presentation on the International Math Olympiad and informed that experts in district are preparing a curriculum for this competition and a book is being written on it, which is happening for the first time. Due to work done so far in this competition, children have shown great interest. Children have joined this campaign, which was started under guidance of Deepak Babu Lal Karwa, former ADC of Kaithal and a large number of children participated in International Math Olympiad competition last time.



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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

Nobel laureate Malala points at decimating freedom of Iranian women amid protests

Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai on Tuesday highlighted the decimating freedom of women and girls in Iran, saying that they have long been restricted from all aspects of public life.Yousafzai further said that the restrictions have spanned across several spectrums and go way beyond the classroom.In a post on X, she said, "The protests in Iran cannot be separated from the long-standing, state-imposed restrictions on girls' and women's autonomy, in all aspects of public life including education. Iranian girls, like girls everywhere, demand a life with dignity.""The people of Iran have long warned about this repression, at great personal risk, and their voices have been silenced for decades. These restrictions exist within a wider system of gendered control shaped by segregation, surveillance, and punishment -- one that limits freedom, choice, and safety far beyond the classroom," she added.Yousafzai said that the Iranian women have the right to determine their political future, and that must be free from external forces."They demand their voices be heard and the right to determine their political future. That future must be driven by the Iranian people, and include the leadership of Iranian women and girls -- not external forces or oppressive regimes. I stand with the people and girls of Iran in their call for freedom and dignity. They deserve to determine their own future," she stated.Iranian journalist and activist Masih Alinejad also highlighted the reported crackdown by the regime on the protestsors, "Thousands have been killed and injured , but see how, Iranians, flooding the streets of different cities in Iran and chanting against the dictator.

This is what real bravery looks like."Large demonstrations were reported across provinces, including Azerbaijan province and the central city of Arak, with crowds waving flags and chanting slogans in support of Iran, Press TV reported. The protests and counter-demonstrations follow days of unrest amid soaring inflation, economic hardship and public anger over governance.At least 544 people have been killed, and more than 10,681 individuals have been arrested and transferred to prisons, according to a report by the Human Rights News Agency on Monday.White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt on Monday (local time) said that US President Donald Trump continues to keep "all options on the table" in dealing with Iran, including military action, while emphasising that diplomacy remains his preferred first step.

US Tariffs against India can fast-track Swadeshi, Atmnirbhar Bharat campaigns



The threat of imposing a 500 per cent Tariff on India by the US, aimed at paralysing the growing Indian economy, can spur the Swadeshi and Atmnirbhar (self reliant) Bharat campaigns and, in an inter-dependent world, have a retaliatory impact on the US market as well.

The potential 500 per cent tariff on India, part of a proposed US bill, can be interpreted as a virtual trade embargo, making Indian goods commercially unviable in the US market and could lead to job losses in India. For the US, it would result in higher prices and supply chain disruptions for businesses that rely on Indian imports.

India has already been subject to a cumulative 50 per cent tariff on most goods since August 2025 because of its Russian oil purchases. But a 500 per cent tariff would represent a punitive measure rather than a standard trade policy tool.

A 500 per cent tariff would effectively halt Indian exports to the US, impacting key sectors like textiles, gems and jewellery, leather, and auto parts. Labour-intensive industries, particularly small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) will also be impacted. Weaker exports could affect manufacturing output. Geo-politically, the move would strain the broader India-US strategic partnership, pushing India to further diversify its trade partners and reinforce ties with other groupings.

The US move should be a trigger for India to strengthen BRICS and the Russia-India-China (RIC) forum.

However, India seems to have taken the announcement of 500 per cent tariff with a pinch of salt and has given a measured response. This is because of many factors, including India's domestic market strength. India's domestic demand provides a significant cushion against external shocks. Strengthening the local and rural economy can effectively mitigate the impact of such tariffs. India has consistently defended the oil trade with Russia in its national interest.

Following the imposition of 50 per cent tariffs, India has been actively pursuing trade deals with other partners, such as the EU and Mercosur bloc, and promoting 'Atmnirbharta' (self-reliance) to reduce dependence on the US.

The US, too, would face a negative impact. US consumers would face substantial price hikes on everyday products imported from India. US importers would be forced to seek alternative sourcing partners, disrupting existing supply chains and increasing operational costs. US businesses relying on Indian imports would face higher costs, and exporters from other countries like Vietnam and Bangladesh would benefit.

There is also a possibility of the imposition of retaliatory measures by India, which has the potential to damage the long-term diplomatic and strategic relationship. The India-US strategic relationship is vital for countering China's influence in the Indo-Pacific. Overall, the unilateral use of high tariffs undermines multilateral trade arrangements.

This is not the first time that the US has tried to pressure India on several issues, including geopolitical alignments, trade and nuclear tests. There have been several instances of pressure, and sanctions by the United States against India between 1965 and the recent tariff warnings.

During the Bangladesh Liberation War in 1971, the U.S. under President Richard Nixon supported Pakistan and sent the nuclear-armed Seventh Fleet to the Bay of Bengal. The US action was seen as a warning to India. In 1974, the U.S. imposed sanctions, including export controls and the suspension of nuclear cooperation, after India's first nuclear test, 'Smiling Buddha' at Pokhran.

In 1998, following India's Pokhran-II nuclear tests, President Bill Clinton imposed extensive economic and military sanctions under the Glenn Amendment. These sanctions, which included cutting off most aid and blocking defence technology exports, were the most severe.

Even before the recent 500 per cent tariff warnings, trade tensions were going on between the two countries.

India's purchase of the Russian S-400 missile system in 2018 raised the possibility of U.S. sanctions under the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA), though an India-specific waiver was eventually approved by the US House in 2022.

In 1965, India faced a severe food crisis because of droughts and wars with China in 1962 and Pakistan in 1965. India was highly dependent on food imports then, particularly wheat from the U.S. under the infamous PL-480 Food for Peace programme. The PL-480 was the then-US President Lyndon Johnson's use of food aid as a geopolitical bargaining chip.

Johnson was not happy with India's non-aligned stance and criticism of the US bombing in Vietnam. He delayed PL-480 shipments, creating a food shortage in India and exacerbating the crisis. The US made the food aid conditional on India implementing specific agricultural reforms. The quality of some imported grain was very poor, which, combined with political pressure, was widely perceived as an 'insult' to the nation.

This 'insult' reinforced India's determination to achieve food security and start the Green Revolution. This humiliation served as a major catalyst for India to aggressively pursue the Green Revolution under the then Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri and later Indira Gandhi. Noted agricultural scientist Dr M.S. Swaminathan was given the responsibility for ushering in the Green Revolution, which is bearing fruit even today and turned India into a food-surplus State within a few decades.

China reiterates claim on Shaksgam Valley in POK

China on Monday reiterated its claim on the Shaksgam valley in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK), saying the territory belongs to China and China is fully justified to conduct infrastructure construction on its own territory.

Chinese Foreign Ministry



spokesperson Mao Ning said China and Pakistan had in 1960s signed a boundary agreement and delimited the boundary between the two countries, which is the right of China and Pakistan as sovereign countries.

The China-Pakistan boundary agreement and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) do not affect Beijing's position on Kashmir, which remains unchanged, she said.

The Shaksgam Valley, or Trans Karakoram Tract, is part of the Hunza-Gilgit region of POK and is Indian territory controlled by Pakistan. It borders China's Xinjiang Province to the north, the Northern Areas of POK to the south and west, and the Siachen Glacier region to the east. It was ceded to China by Pakistan in 1963 when both countries signed a boundary agreement. The agreement laid the foundation of the Karakoram highway, which was built jointly by Chinese and Pakistani engineers in the 1970s.

China is reportedly constructing a road in the Shaksgam Valley. Reports say that the 75 km road has already been constructed. India had on January 10 strongly objected to the road construction activity, saying the strategically sensitive region is Indian territory. External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said on Friday that India has never recognised the 1963 so-called China–Pakistan "Boundary Agreement," under which Pakistan illegally ceded the Shaksgam Valley to China.

"Shaksgam Valley is Indian territory. We have never recognised the so-called China–Pakistan 'Boundary Agreement' signed in 1963. We have consistently maintained that the agreement is illegal and invalid," Jaiswal said.

The Chinese spokesperson was commenting on India's objections to the construction of the road. "The territory belongs to China. It's fully justified for China to conduct infrastructure construction on its own territory," Mao Ning said.

The CPEC, as an economic cooperation initiative, aims at promoting local socio-economic development and improving people's livelihood. The China-Pakistan boundary agreement and CPEC do not affect China's position on the Kashmir issue, and the position remains unchanged, she said.

From dialogues to dance hooks: New book tracks shift in film marketing

Marketing films today is no longer limited to their storylines or lead actors, with dialogues, songs, and dance hook steps often released well ahead of a movie's theatrical debut to build a brand and generate buzz.

These shifts in film promotion form the focus of 'When Branding Met the Movies', a new book published by the



National Book Trust (NBT) and released on Monday at the New Delhi World Book Fair 2026.

Chaitanya K Prasad authored the book along with Vaishnavie Shrinivasan and Zoya Ahmad.

According to the authors, the book goes beyond the movies, exploring the aspects that happen around them, including marketing strategies, star personas, production houses and social media ecosystems, that often shape a film's reception and longevity.

This book sets out to unpack that alchemy across the vast film ecosystem: Bollywood and Hollywood, regional powerhouses and indie outliers. It moves from the personal branding of stars and filmmakers to the legacy-building strategies of production houses; from fashion, film festivals, and awards to the marketing machines and social media ecosystems that keep films alive long after the credits roll. What makes a film linger in our collective consciousness and quietly become part of who we are? That is the question at hand.

The book examines what branding is, really. How did it evolve from simple trademarks into layered narratives that now surround almost everything we consume? Cinema branding, in particular, is a peculiar creature. It operates simultaneously at multiple levels, the film, the star, the director, the studio, each constructing identities that often outlast the films themselves.

The release was followed by a panel discussion attended by senior officials and film professionals, including Senthil Rajan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting; Ajay Nagbhushan, Joint Secretary (Films); filmmaker and advertising professional Anand Kumar, Vice Chancellor of the Film and Television Institute of India; filmmaker Dhiraj Singh; and Utpal Borpujari.

POEMS

Between Autumn Equinox and Winter Solstice, Today

I read a Korean poem
with the line "Today you are the youngest
you will ever be." Today I am the oldest
I have been. Today we drink
buckwheat tea. Today I have heat
in my apartment. Today I think
about the word chada in Korean.
It means cold. It means to be filled with.
It means to kick. To wear. Today we're worn.
Today you wear the cold. Your chilled skin.
My heart kicks on my skin. Someone said
winter has broken his windows. The heat inside
and the cold outside sent lightning across glass.
Today my heart wears you like curtains. Today
it fills with you. The window in my room
is full of leaves ready to fall. Chada, you say. It's tea.
We drink. It is cold outside.

By Emily Jungmin Yoon

From the edge of the map to the centre of decision: PRAGATI and Rail infrastructure in Mizoram



Mr. Varun Adhikari

When I joined the Bairabi-Sairang railway project in 2015, it felt like stepping into a part of the country that rarely entered national focus. The journey itself told the story. National Highway-154, now NH-06, the only access route, was badly damaged and unreliable. Heavy trucks were often stranded for days, and bumpy travel became a routine part of site visits. The surrounding hills were young, deeply weathered, and unstable, shaped by intense rainfall and constant slope movement. On paper, the project was historic, Mizoram's first railway connection to the national network cutting through mountains, steep gradients and deep gorges.

On the ground, however, progress was painfully slow. Site idling was common due to material unavailability, labour shortages, delayed transportation, local disturbances, and endlessly deferred decisions. As a tunnel design consultant and geologist, the geology was challenging but understandable. What proved far more difficult was institutional inertia. The project lay at the extreme periphery of the country. Reviews were sporadic. Decision-making authority was scattered across ministries, state departments, and agencies. Gradually, an unsettling realization took shape: it appeared as though no one truly expected the project to be completed in the foreseeable future.

Then, quietly and without announcement, urgency entered the system. There was a noticeable sense of urgency in the project offices. Phones rang more frequently. Senior officers began visiting sites with unusual regularity. Files pending for extended periods were promptly retrieved, reviewed, and circulated. Meetings were scheduled in rapid succession, often involving agencies that previously worked in isolation.

As a private consultant, I was not part of the administrative core, and no one explained the reason for this sudden activity. But long experience on large infrastructure projects had taught me to recognize the signs. This was not routine pressure. It was preparation for scrutiny at the highest level.

Soon, the reason became clear. Soon, the reason became clear: the Bairabi-Sairang railway project was scheduled for review under PRAGATI, the Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation platform chaired by the Prime Minister. For a project long on the margins, this brought authority, accountability, and real-time scrutiny to every pending issue and inter agency bottleneck. After this meeting decisions aligned, and progress followed showing how governance often determines outcomes.

The PRAGATI review meeting of March 2016 fundamentally altered the project's trajectory. Under this framework, problems could no longer be examined in isolation or deferred indefinitely. The severely deteriorated condition of NH-06 was no longer considered external to the railway's mandate. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways was directed to undertake repair and improvement works, with clear timelines and continuous monitoring. Land acquisition delays were no longer treated as routine administrative hurdles, the Government of Mizoram was instructed to expedite resolutions, and progress was tracked. Law and order related issues were formally recognized as critical risks to execution and placed under close observation.

What stood out was not individual decisions, but their synchronization. Under PRAGATI, agencies could no longer work in isolation. Responsibilities were fixed, coordination became mandatory, and follow-up was constant. The effect was immediate, the Katakhal-Bairabi section was commissioned in March 2016, enabling freight movement and improving access, logistics, and planning.

As months passed, it became clear that PRAGATI was changing institutional behaviour in a measurable way. Reviews shifted from explaining delays to resolving them, with photographs, timelines, and site status data replacing narrative reports. Digital monitoring ensured that issues raised once returned to the table until they were closed. This discipline altered responses across the system. Engineers became more decisive, contractors more accountable, and state and central agencies coordinated more closely because fragmentation was no longer tolerated. On the ground, the effect was visible. Tunnel excavation, once sporadic, began advancing steadily despite complex geology, fractured rock mass, shear zones, water ingress, and weak strata. Approvals for support systems and design modifications moved in weeks instead of months. Bridges started rising across deep gorges, some over seventy metres high, translating decisions taken hundreds of kilometres away into concrete and steel on site. Even during the COVID-19 period, the same framework ensured continuity; labour shortages, contractual disputes, and execution challenges were closely monitored, and the project slowed but did not drift. Over time, the scale of achievement became evident: forty-five tunnels covering nearly one-third of the alignment, over 150 bridges, ballast less track through tunnel sections, and a design speed of up to 100 kmph through one of the most demanding terrains in the country. Four new stations Hortoki, Kawnpui, Mualkhang, and Sairang prepared to serve long isolated communities. Beyond engineering, the project underscored a deeper truth. Fragile geology can be managed, monsoons planned for, and logistics strengthened. What ultimately determines outcomes is governance the ability of institutions to align, decide, and act together.

Beyond its impact on projects in the Northeast, the PRAGATI portal has had a measurable influence on nationwide growth, as accelerated decision-making and improved coordination have supported the steady expansion of infrastructure across the country. In a recent press conference, Cabinet Secretary highlighted the impact and effectiveness of the PRAGATI mechanism. He stated that by December 2025, 382 major projects had been reviewed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi under the PRAGATI framework. The PRAGATI ecosystem has significantly accelerated the implementation of infrastructure projects valued at over ₹85 lakh crore (approximately USD 850 billion). As per government sources, this period has also seen a sharp rise in infrastructure spending, with capital expenditure increasing from Rs. 1.97 lakh crore in 2014-15 to a budget estimate Rs. 11.21 lakh crore in 2025-26 more than a five-fold jump. As a share of the Union Budget, infrastructure capital expenditure doubled from nearly 12 percent to about 22 percent. As per Cabinet Secretary - PRAGATI functions as part of a broader, integrated digital ecosystem that includes PM Gati Shakti, PARIVESH, and the Project Monitoring Group (PMG).

Viewed in totality, on-ground observations, spatial outcomes, and financial indicators together suggest that infrastructure spending in India has been systematically scaled and effectively managed, reinforcing its role as a stable contributor to national growth.

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Swadeshi is not just an idea, but foundation of self-reliant India: Kailasho

NIRMAL SAINI

RADAUR: Swami Vivekananda Jayanti was celebrated under chairmanship of Prof Kailasho Saini, Chairperson of Bharat Group of Institutes and former Member of Parliament. During program, Kailasho Saini offered flowers to portrait of



Swami Vivekananda and paid her respects, saying that Swami Vivekananda's life is an inspiration for youth, instilling confidence, discipline and a spirit of national service. She said that Swadesi is not just an idea, but the foundation of a self-reliant India. Today's youth should contribute to economic and social strength of country by adopting Swadeshi. Prof. Kailasho Saini urged the youth to prioritize Swadeshi, self-reliance, and national interest in their lives.

NEWS BRIEF

Two arrested after Police encounter in Barnala firing case

KULDEEP SOOD

BARNALA: Sarfaraz Alam, IPS SSP Barnala while informing the press that on the late night of 11-01-2026, a report was received about a firing incident, on which case number 17 dated 12-01-2026 under sections 331 (6), 191 (3), 190, 109 BNS and 25/54/59 Arms Act was registered at Police Station City Barnala. During the preliminary investigation, Akram Khan alias Ank and Pradeep Singh alias Deepu residents of Barnala were found to be the main accused in the said case. Their previous criminal background has also been found. Preliminary investigation has found that this is a clash between two groups and such an incident has been carried out to create fear/courage among the people and to spread terror. Under the guidance of Sarfaraz Alam, Ashok Kumar PPS (SPD) Barnala and Satvir Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police Sub Division Barnala, under the able leadership of Inspector Baljit Singh Incharge CIA Staff Barnala and Inspector Lakhwinder Singh Chief Officer Police Station City-. Barnala, different teams were formed and raids were conducted on the suspected locations of the accused and their associates.

Swachh Lohri celebrated in MC giving message of cleanliness: Additional MC Commissioner



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL, JAN 13

A Swachh Lohri programme was organised on the Municipal Corporation office premises on the instructions of the Central Ministry of Urban Development and Housing. On this occasion, the importance of cleanliness was emphasized, and everyone was made aware of the need for cleanliness. The programme was presided over by Additional Municipal Commissioner Ashok Kumar. Senior Accounts Officer Balwinder Kumar Jaggi was also present at the programme. The Additional Municipal Commissioner said that under the Swachh Bharat Mission, the Municipal Corporation organizes various activities to bring Karnal city to number 1 in the cleanliness ranking in Swachh Survekshan 2025-26. The Swachh Lohri programme was celebrated on Tuesday. Employees and students pledged to make Karnal the cleanest city.

General public can also use the library and workshop facilities of the Govt ITI: Anil Kumar Doon

YAGYADUTT SHASTRI



PEHOWA: Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) Anil Kumar Doon informed that now the general public can also use the library and workshop facilities of the Government ITI. For this, the state government has launched a special online portal for the general public. Through this portal, common citizens will now be able to avail these facilities. SDM Anil Kumar Doon said that the state government had made this announcement in the budget year 2025-26. The government has now fulfilled the announcement, and the Directorate of Skill Development and Industrial Training, Haryana, has launched an online portal for the general public. He said that through the portal launched by the Directorate of Skill Development and Industrial Training, common citizens will be able to use the library of the government ITI and use workshop equipment and tools. They will also be able to make advance bookings for the facilities through online registration. He said that this portal will serve as a historic initiative to provide a new direction to skill development by the state government. The Directorate of Skill Development and Industrial Training has officially made this portal available to the general public.

He said that cleanliness is not just about hygiene, but a lifestyle that the city dwellers should adopt. Citizens should not litter around their homes. Plastic, paper, and organic waste should be put in separate dustbins. Keep public places clean. Use dustbins instead of throwing garbage on roads and in parks. Save water and electricity and stop their unnecessary use. He said that citizens will have to take collective responsibility to maintain cleanliness. Citizens should run neighborhood cleanliness campaigns together with their neighbors. These small steps will make the city healthy and beautiful, and our city will be able to become the cleanest city in the country. He said that cleanliness is service.

Chief Minister Health Scheme to be officially launched from Jan 22: Dr. Balbir Singh



KULDEEP SOOD

BARNALA, JAN 13

In line with the directions of Chief Minister S. Bhagwant Singh Mann, while the War Against Drugs 2.0 campaign has been launched for complete eradication of drugs across the state. The Chief Minister Health Scheme will officially commence from January 22 to provide health facilities to the people. Punjab's Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Balbir Singh stated today during a press conference in the meeting hall of the district administrative complex. Prior to this, he held an important meeting with administrative officers, health department and police department regarding the War Against Drugs campaign and the Chief Minister Health Scheme. He stated that the Chief Minister Health Scheme will officially launch from January 22, under which every family will receive cashless treatment facilities worth Rs. 10 lakh annually. Under this scheme, government hospitals, medical colleges, and around 650 private hospitals have been enlisted. In Barnala district, camps will be set up at 247 locations as per the schedule, covering all 162 villages and 85 wards. He said that every family will be given a registration slip. Responding to media query he said that continuous recruitment is underway to address the shortage of doctors. He stated that 1400 general duty medical officers have been recruited, and 170 more doctors will join.

Illegal narcotics destroyed under chairmanship of ADGP Karnal Range

SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: Under the chairmanship of Additional Director General of Police, Karnal Range, Dr. M. Ravi Kiran, Superintendent of Police Karnal Narendra Bijarnia, SP Kaithal Upasana, and Superintendent of Police Panipat Bhupendra Singh conducted the destruction of narcotics.In compliance with the orders issued by the Court for the disposal of seized goods related to registered cases of illegal narcotics in the districts of Karnal, Kaithal, and Panipat in the Karnal range, a committee was formed to oversee the destruction of narcotics, psychotropic substances, and controlled substances. On Tuesday, a total of 54.420 kg 980 mg of prohibited narcotics (including 41.544 kg of poppy husk, 11.182 kg of cannabis, 524 grams of charas, 324.400 grams of sulfa, 322.580 grams of smack, 1352 capsules, 1028 tablets, 826 grams of opium plants, and 20 grams of bhang) from a total of 257 cases in Karnal district, 1058.511 kg 849 mg of prohibited narcotics (including 231.268 kg of poppy husk, 774.206 kg of doda poppy, 49.312 kg of cannabis leaves, 3.660 kg 300 mg of charas, 65 grams 549 mg of heroin, 58462 tablets, 500 empty strips, and 160 injections) from a total of 66 cases in Kaithal district, and 294.107 kg 004 mg of prohibited narcotics from a total of 31 cases in Panipat district were destroyed. (23.065 kg of cannabis, 1.296 kg of hashish, 40 grams of heroin, 21.4 grams of smack/heroin, and 269.685 kg of poppy husk) were destroyed as per standard procedure through an incinerator at the Biomedical Waste Disposal Agency located in Bajida Jattan village, within the jurisdiction of Karnal district.



Jindal Foundation team conducts free health camps



YAGYADUTT SHASTRI

PEHOWA: The medical van run by MP Naveen Jindal with the objective of providing free health services to the people reached Bilochpura village and Ward 3 Dera Bajigar. In both these villages, a team led by Dr. Puran Mal checked the villagers and provided them with free medicines. In Bilochpura village, 18 people were given medicines and two patients underwent lab tests. While in Dera Bajigar, 14 patients received OPD services and 2 underwent lab tests. A total of 36 people benefited from free health services. Dharamveer Singh, in-charge of the MP's office, said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is working towards the resolution of making India a developed nation by 2047. MP Naveen Jindal has taken the responsibility of achieving the target by 2035. MP Naveen Jindal's effort is that by 2035, the Kurukshetra parliamentary constituency should be at the forefront in education, healthcare, development and employment, thus contributing to Prime Minister Modi's vision.

VB-G RAM G programme: Strong guarantee of public welfare: Krishan Bedi



DINKAR GAWRI

HANSI: A press conference was organised at the Bharatiya Janata Party office. BJP State General Secretary and Cabinet Minister Krishan Bedi was the main speaker at the press conference, which was presided over by BJP District President Ashok Saini. The main topic of the press conference was the central government's (Viksit Bharat Rozgar Guarantee Ajeevika Mission (Rural) VB GRAM Yojana), which Cabinet Minister Krishan Bedi described as a powerful and welfare-oriented scheme. Addressing the press conference, Cabinet Minister Krishan Bedi said that the VB- G RAM G Yojana is providing economic security to the poor, laborers, and needy sections of society. He informed that earlier, 100 days of employment were provided under this scheme, but now, making it even more effective, a legal guarantee of 125 days of wages has been given, providing beneficiaries with more employment and stability. BJP State General Secretary Krishan Bedi said that the government is also completely serious about wage payments. If, for any reason, there is a delay in wage payment, a provision has also been made to provide the beneficiary with the wage amount along with interest. This has protected the rights of the workers and brought transparency to the system. The honorarium of the personnel at the level of Mate or above in this scheme has also been increased by 3 per cent.

Indira Gandhi (PG) College for Women Kaithal celebrates Lohri festival with pomp



SANJAY SHARMA

KAITHAL: The traditional festival of Lohri was celebrated with great enthusiasm and cultural grandeur on Tuesday at Indira Gandhi (PG) College for Women, Kaithal. The college campus showcased the colorful spirit of folk culture. Students and staff members graced the event by participating in the festivities in traditional Punjabi attire. The program began with the lighting of the sacred Lohri fire. Ram Bahadur Khurania, President of the College Managing Committee, offered sesame seeds, peanuts, rewari and jaggery praying for happiness and prosperity. The students mesmerized everyone with their Bhangra and Giddha performances on Punjabi folk songs. The occasion conveyed a beautiful message of folk culture, mutual brotherhood and social harmony. College Principal Dr. Aarti Garg and evening session Principal in-charge Shweta Tanwar addressed the students, saying that Lohri is not just a festival but a symbol of our cultural heritage connecting us to nature, hard work and the importance of collectivism. Such events foster respect for cultural values and a sense of social unity among students.

Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer's new office located on Arunay Road: Dr. Manish Kumar

YAGYADUTT SHASTRI

PEHOWA: Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer Dr. Manish Kumar Vats informed that the Sub-Divisional Agriculture Officer, Pehowa office, which was previously located in Anaj Mandi, Pehowa, and the Block Agriculture Officer, Pehowa office, which was previously located in Model Town, Pehowa, have both been shifted. The new address for both offices is Kisan Seva Sadan, near ITI, Arunay Road, Pehowa. All farmers, the general public, and concerned institutions are informed that for all future agricultural work, correspondence, and office procedures, they should contact the new address.



Govt's regularisation scheme brings relief to thousands of families

ASHOK CHUGH

PANIPAT: The Haryana government has implemented an important scheme for the regularisation of illegal houses built on village common land on or before March 31, 2004. According to the government notification dated January 17, 2025, eligible occupants have been given the opportunity to purchase the said land under this scheme. A period of twelve months has been stipulated from the date of publication of the notification, during which occupants can apply by January 16. Deputy Commissioner Virender Kumar Dahiya informed that the government's objective is to provide legal security to poor and middle-class families who have been residing on common land for a long time. This scheme is a great relief for those who have been living in uncertainty about their houses for years. The government is going to grant them ownership rights through a transparent process. Deputy Commissioner Dahiya said that eligible applicants will have to pay 1.5 times the collector rate of 2004. It will be mandatory to attach the land record (Jamabandi), land survey record (Khasra Girdawari), site plan of the house, photograph, and a certificate of possession for at least 20 years with the application form. Only those houses will be regularized under this scheme where the occupied land (including built-up and open area) does not exceed 500 square yards.

Lohri celebrated with great enthusiasm at Hartron Advanced Skill Centre



JAIBEER RANA THAMBER

BARARA: The Lohri festival was celebrated with great joy and traditional fervor at the Hartron Advanced Skill Center. All the students and staff members of the Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Crime, Data Analysis, and Web Development courses offered at the centre participated enthusiastically in the celebrations. During the programme, a bonfire was lit, and everyone exchanged Lohri greetings amidst traditional songs and a joyful atmosphere. On this occasion, speakers highlighted the cultural and social significance of the Lohri festival, describing it as a symbol of brotherhood and renewed energy. Raj Chopra, Sandeep Goyal, Jaswinder, Diksha, Sunita, and other staff members and students were present on the occasion.

Lohri festival celebrated with great enthusiasm at Bharat Group of Institutions



KARAMBIR

LADWA: The traditional Lohri festival was celebrated with great enthusiasm and joy at Bharat Group of Institutions in Ladwa. A festive atmosphere prevailed throughout the entire campus, where students and staff together conveyed message of cultural unity and mutual harmony. Chief guest, Prof Kailash Saini, said in his address that Lohri is not just a festival, but a symbol of hard work, hope and new beginnings. He inspired students to move forward in life with a positive attitude, discipline and continuous hard work. Vice Chairman Bharat Saini extended Lohri greetings to everyone and said that such cultural events strengthen mutual brotherhood in institution and increase respect for Indian traditions among the youth. He also urged students to become responsible citizens of society.

Rural development roads to be brought under PWD in phased manner: Assembly Speaker



SUBHASH MAHAJAN

CHAMBA: Himachal Pradesh Assembly Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania on Tuesday said that link roads constructed by the Rural Development Department will be brought under the Public Works Department (PWD) in a phased manner to ensure better maintenance and all-weather connectivity. He was addressing a public gathering after laying the foundation stone of the Samleta–Khaddi link road under Gram Panchayat Baili, which will be constructed at a cost of about Rs 90 lakh. Pathania said that in view of the damage caused to rural link and ambulance roads during the monsoon season due to natural disasters, it has been decided to place these roads under the PWD so that their maintenance and quality can be improved and people are provided reliable all-weather connectivity. Highlighting the effective implementation of various development projects under the leadership of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, the Assembly Speaker said the State Government has taken several historic decisions in public interest, including necessary amendments to the disaster relief manual.

Meeting held in Gharaunda to prepare for Intellectuals' conference, under instructions of Speaker



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA

KARNAL: A conference will be organised on January 18 to discuss the development and beautification of Gharaunda city with prominent citizens and representatives of all organizations. A meeting was held at the Gharaunda Municipal Council office to discuss the upcoming conference on January 18th, with the aim of making Gharaunda city excellent in every aspect, including cleanliness. Social workers Pawan Jain, Anil Java, Satish Jangra, Om Prajapat, and Ishwar Gupta said that the meeting was organised under instructions of Assembly Speaker Harvinder Kalyan to prepare a plan for further improving the cleanliness of the city. Municipal Council Chairman Happy Gupta, Market Committee Chairman Rajkumar Paliwal, Surendra Jain, and Rohit Bhandari said that there is great enthusiasm among the city residents regarding the intellectuals' conference to be held at Agarwal Bhawan on January 18th at 11 AM, as such efforts to increase mutual coordination in society and make the city better have never been made before.

Checking campaign against child begging in Barnala district, one child rescued



KULDEEP SOOD

BARNALA: As per the instructions issued by the Punjab Government, under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Barnala T. Benith and under Project Jeevan Jyot 2.0, District Child Protection Officer Gurjit Kaur informed that during the checking campaign against child begging in Barnala district, raids were conducted to stop child begging. The main objective of checking during this campaign is to stop the gangs that make minor children beg, protect the rights of children and motivate them towards education and a safe future. Under this campaign, raids were conducted at the main market, railway station, around temples and other crowded places. During this, a minor child was rescued while begging. After the rescue, keeping in mind the safety and welfare of the child, he was presented before the Child Welfare Committee for further legal action and rehabilitation. The purpose of this action is to protect children from illegal and immoral practices like begging. The District Child Protection Officer appealed that children should not be asked to beg.

Daulatpura celebrates daughters' Lohri with joy and social commitment



JAGRAJ SINGH SANGHA

MOGA: Like last year, Baba Mehnagan Singh Park Committee, village Daulatpura, a leading social service organization of Moga district, took a unique initiative and celebrated the daughters' Lohri with great enthusiasm. Special guests on this occasion included Beant Kaur Gill, Veerpal Kaur, Bhavana, Dr. Avneet Kaur Brar, Parminder Kaur Gill, Paramjit Kaur, Gurpreet Kaur, Baljinder Kaur, Social Worker, Rajinder Singh Dalla, Angrez Singh, Member, Canada, Sukh Taggar, Australia, Advocate, Karan Veer, Jhandeana, Gurdarshan Singh Dhillon, Professor, Balwinder Singh, NRI, Balwinder Singh, Canada, Baba Ajmer Singh, Jagroop Singh, Bath, USA, Master, Balkaran Singh, Joginder Singh, Brar, NRI, Mani Puri, Buta Singh, Daulatpura, Master, Balkaran Singh, Brar, Dr. Balraj Singh, Raj, Amarjit Singh, President, Sadhu Singh, Jagroop Singh, Bath, Farmer Leader, Gurjant Singh, Ramuwala, Gurjant Singh, Mann, Jassa, Cement Store, Chhabra, Cloth House, Bittu, Karamjit Singh, Virk, USA, Bakhtaur Singh, Brar, Ludhiana, Kuldeep Chhawra, Sonu Chhawra.

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Bank of Baroda Receives Five Awards at IBA's 21st Annual Banking Technology Awards 2025

MUMBAI: Bank of Baroda (Bank), one of India's leading public sector banks, has been recognised for its leadership in technology and innovation at the prestigious Indian Banks' Association's (IBA) 21st Annual Banking Technology Awards 2024-25, winning honours across five award categories among Large Banks, including four wins and one Special Mention. Bank of Baroda was adjudged the Winner in four categories - Best AI & ML Adoption, Best Fintech & DPI Adoption, Best IT Risk Management and Best Tech Talent. In addition, the Bank received a Special Mention in the Best Technology Bank category. Speaking on the achievement, Dr Debadatta Chand, Managing Director & CEO, Bank of Baroda said, "Bank of Baroda is honoured to receive these coveted awards from the IBA, which reflect our continued focus on innovation, robust risk management, and building a strong tech team. We will continue investing in advanced future-ready capabilities to deliver a seamless and secure banking experience for our customers and create lasting stakeholder value." These recognitions reinforce Bank of Baroda's focus on technology-led innovation and customer-centric banking.

NEWS BRIEF

Samsung India Launches 'Super Big Republic, Super Big TV' Offers on Vision AI Big-Screen Tvs

CHANDIGARH: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, announced the launch of Republic Day offers 'Super Big Republic, Super Big TV' running from January 8 to January 31, 2026. The campaign brings limited-period offers on Samsung's Vision AI-powered big-screen TVs, encouraging consumers to begin the year by upgrading to smarter and more immersive home entertainment. During Samsung's 'Super Big Republic, Super Big TV' campaign, buyers of select big screen Samsung TV models will receive a complimentary Samsung Soundbar worth up to INR 92990, creating a complete cinematic experience at home. Customers can also opt for Samsung Care+ protection plans starting at INR 599.

EV Ownership in Himachal Is Moving from Caution to Confidence

SHIMLA: Electric vehicle (EV) ownership in India is entering a more confident phase. What once felt like an early-adopter experiment is increasingly becoming a considered mobility choice, even in hill states like Himachal Pradesh, where terrain, weather, and access add layers of complexity to everyday driving. India crossed over 2 million electric vehicle registrations in 2025, with EVs now accounting for more than 7% of new vehicle registrations nationwide. Passenger electric cars, while still a smaller base, are among the fastest-growing segments. As adoption rises, the conversation around EVs is shifting from novelty to normalcy—and from technology to preparedness.

Samsung Innovation Campus Certifies 1,750 Youth in Future-Tech Skills in Uttar Pradesh

CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, on the occasion of National Youth Day, announced the certification of 1,750 students in Uttar Pradesh under its flagship Samsung Innovation Campus (SIC) programme, marking a significant milestone in the company's youth-skilling efforts in the state. The certification ceremony was held at the City Group of Institutions in Lucknow, in the presence of Smt. Rajni Tiwari, Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh, along with academic leaders and programme partners.

NBSL and Canara Bank partner to power UPI payments

SHIMLA: NPCI BHIM Services Limited (NBSL), has partnered with Canara Bank to enable UPI-based digital payments on the bank's payment application, Canara ai1Pe, strengthening secure and scalable payment access for Canara Bank customers and non-customers. The partnership uses BHIM's bank plugin capabilities to support UPI services on Canara Bank's app, enabling faster adoption of new UPI features while ensuring compliance, reliability, and system scalability. Through this collaboration, Canara Bank will gain access to the latest UPI functionalities and feature upgrades adopted by the BHIM Payments App as part of ongoing UPI launches. The integration supports improved security, operational resilience, and scalability, while helping the bank reduce the cost and resources involved in developing, maintaining, and regularly upgrading an independent UPI interface. It also ensures continued adherence to regulatory and ecosystem requirements.



Lalitha Nataraj, MD and CEO, NBSL said, "This collaboration reflects a shared effort to strengthen the delivery of UPI services through reliable and scalable technology. It aims to ensure customers have consistent access to UPI functionalities while supporting the bank's operational and compliance requirements as the UPI ecosystem continues to evolve. Canara's trust and NBSL's technology backend go hand in hand to power this app.

Habuild Achieves 8th World Record for Global Yoga Viewership, Announces Construction of A School Initiative

CHANDIGARH : Habuild, India's first habit building platform, has officially made a world record for the Most Yoga Viewership in a Day, as validated by the World Records Union. The record was achieved through six live online yoga sessions conducted throughout the day, with participation counted cumulatively across all sessions. The initiative witnessed global participation, with 9.3Lakh people joining in. Marking the milestone, the platform also announced the construction of a school, with every new participant's presence contributing a brick towards the building of the school. The record was created as a part of Habuild's Har Ghar Yoga initiative. The theme for this year is designed around promises for new beginnings. Every New Year begins with promises like better health, more movement, calmer minds. Yet by mid-January, most resolutions fade away. In fact, the second Friday of January is often referred to as Quitter's Day, when motivation dips and people are most likely to give up. This World Record is Habuild's response to this moment. Instead of pushing people to do more, the initiative invited them to start softer. Instead of chasing perfection, it celebrated showing up. And instead of framing quitting as failure, it reminded people that beginning again is always allowed. The day symbolised renewal, self-belief, and conscious action making it a meaningful day.

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Una to host district-level Republic Day function with Health Minister as chief guest



KISHORI LAL BAINS

UNA: District-level Republic Day celebrations in Una will be held with State Health and Family Welfare, Social Justice and Empowerment and Soldiers' Welfare Minister Dr (Col) Dhani Ram Shandil as the chief guest. He will unfurl the national flag on January 26 at the Government Senior Secondary Boys' School, Una. This year, special arrangements are being made to give the celebrations a more grand and memorable character, with parades, tableaux, stalls and cultural performances forming key highlights.

Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal on Tuesday reviewed the preparations with officers of various departments and issued necessary directions to ensure a well-organised and dignified event. He said that Dr Shandil will pay tributes at the Shaheed Memorial at MC Park at 10.45 am on January 26, following which he will unfurl the national flag at 11 am at the school premises. After the flag hoisting, the chief guest will inspect the parade, take the salute of the marching contingents and address the gathering. The parade will feature contingents from the police and Home Guards along with NCC and NSS students. Students from different educational institutions and theatre groups will present cultural programmes based on patriotism and folk traditions. In case of adverse weather conditions, the Town Hall has been kept ready as a backup venue. The Deputy Commissioner said that attractive tableaux based on various welfare and development schemes of the State Government will also be presented. These will include the Chief Minister Sukh Aashray Yojana, Indira Gandhi Sukh Shiksha Yojana, Dr Yashwant Singh Parmar Student Loan Scheme, Rajiv Gandhi Government Model Day Boarding School scheme, besides exhibits from the Health, Ayush, Agriculture, Horticulture, Red Cross, Samarthya, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries departments. All departments have been directed to ensure that their tableaux are both meaningful and visually appealing.

Outstanding officers and employees from different departments will be honoured during the function, while special prizes will be awarded for the best tableau, best stall and best cultural performance. Freedom fighters from the district and soldiers decorated with gallantry awards will also be specially felicitated. To promote a healthy lifestyle, stalls serving nutritious food will be set up at the venue on the lines of the Eat Right Mela, with participation from government departments and self-help groups. Various departments will also put up stalls showcasing their schemes and products. Jatin Lal has appealed to residents of the district to participate in large numbers and celebrate the national festival with collective enthusiasm, dignity and pride. Additional Superintendent of Police Sanjeev Bhatia, Assistant Commissioner Varindra Sharma and officers from various departments were present at the review meeting.

Indira IVF Expands Its Presence in West Bengal with the Inauguration of a New Fertility Clinic in Barasat



BARASAT: Indira IVF Hospital Limited announced the inauguration of its new fertility clinic in Barasat, further strengthening its presence in West Bengal and expanding access to fertility and reproductive healthcare in North Kolkata and adjoining districts.

Located at 2nd Floor, P. M. Tower, Jessore Road, Opposite P C Chandra jewellery, Dackbanglow More, Barasat, North24 Parganas, the centre will offer a comprehensive range of fertility and IVF services supported by Indira IVF's standardised clinical protocols and technology-enabled systems.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Shri Sunil Mukherjee, Chairman, Barasat Municipality, and Shri Avijit Nag Chowdhury, Chairman-in-Council (Health and Poverty Alleviation Department), Barasat Municipality, as Chief Guests.

The event also saw the presence of Dr Akanksha Jangid, Zonal Business Director and Centre Head, Indira IVF Kolkata; Dr Sukanta Das, MBBS, MS (Gynaecology), FMAS, DMAS; Dr Priyam Biswas, MBBS, MS (Obstetrics & Gynaecology), FMAS, DMAS, MTLGS, Fellowship in Assisted Reproductive Technology (Infertility); and Mr Pranab Ghosh, Director, Kidney Suraksha Hospital, Barasat, as Guests of Honour.

Dr Rumpa Majumdar, Consultant Gynaecologist and IVF Specialist and Centre Head, Indira IVF Barasat, was also present at the ceremony.

Speaking at the inauguration, Shri Sunil Mukherjee, Chairman, Barasat Municipality, said, "Strengthening healthcare infrastructure is essential for community wellbeing. The launch of Indira IVF in Barasat brings organised fertility care closer to families and reflects the importance of timely medical support for reproductive health."

Shri Avijit Nag Chowdhury, Chairman-in-Council (Health and Poverty Alleviation Department), Barasat Municipality, added, "Awareness and access are critical in addressing fertility challenges.

The presence of a centre like Indira IVF will help encourage early consultation and informed healthcare choices."

Commenting on the expansion, Mr Nitiz Murdia, Managing Director, Indira IVF Hospital Limited, said, "Our goal has always been to make fertility care accessible, reliable and consistent. The Barasat centre reflects this commitment and allows us to support more families with evidence-based treatment and patient-centric care."

Ludhiana Gets its First Science-Backed Advance Wellness Clinic by The Wellness Co

LUDHIANA : Ludhiana, long recognised for its industrial strength and entrepreneurial spirit, is witnessing a noticeable shift in how health and wellness are being approached in 2026. What was once considered a metro-driven lifestyle trend is now finding strong acceptance in the city. Residents are increasingly prioritising preventive healthcare, recovery, and long-term well-being over reactive treatments. How often do we pause to prioritise our health? Are fatigue, body discomfort, or restless sleep part of our everyday routine? And shouldn't advanced wellness solutions be accessible to everyone, beyond just metro cities?



Increasing Health Concern :This shift in mindset is supported by emerging health trends in the city. Many adults in Ludhiana are becoming increasingly conscious of factors like blood sugar, blood pressure, and metabolic wellness, highlighting the value of preventive care and structured recovery solutions. Among women, particularly homemakers, there is a rising focus on managing weight and overall health, underscoring the growing importance of accessible, lifestyle-led wellness programs before health concerns escalate.

Ludhiana' First Wellness Clinic - The Wellness Co. :This changing awareness is now translating into action. Ludhiana is seeing growing demand for structured, science-backed wellness solutions that focus on prevention, recovery, and long-term outcomes rather than temporary fixes. Reflecting this shift, The Wellness Co., a preventive health and wellness brand, launched its Ludhiana clinic in Sarabha Nagar in March 2025, introducing globally benchmarked recovery and wellness therapies to the city.

Experts Urge Public to Treat Obesity as a Serious Disease, Not a Cosmetic Issue

LUDHIANA : RG Hospitals Ludhiana has successfully performed a high-risk bariatric (weight loss) surgery on a 170-kilogram morbidly obese patient suffering from multiple life-threatening conditions. The complex laparoscopic procedure was led by Dr. Rohtash Luthra using advanced minimally invasive techniques. The patient was affected by uncontrolled diabetes, severe hypertension, obstructive sleep apnea, chronic back pain, and depression—conditions that could not be managed through medicines or lifestyle changes alone. After detailed evaluation, doctors performed a Mini Gastric Bypass surgery to address the underlying metabolic disorder rather than focusing only on weight reduction. Despite the high surgical risk, the patient showed smooth recovery, was mobilised on the same day, and discharged in stable condition the following day. Doctors highlighted that morbid obesity is now globally recognised as a chronic and progressive disease, not merely a cosmetic concern. It significantly increases the risk of heart disease, stroke, sleep apnea, joint problems, fatty liver disease, infertility, PCOD, and mental health disorders.



In severe cases, bariatric or metabolic surgery becomes a medically necessary treatment. Dr. Rohtash Luthra said that weight loss surgery works by correcting metabolic imbalances responsible for diabetes, high blood pressure, and other obesity-related illnesses. With proper patient selection and modern laparoscopic techniques, these surgeries are safe and can dramatically improve long-term health and quality of life. Medical experts emphasise that timely intervention can lead to sustained weight loss, better diabetes control, reduced cardiovascular risk, relief from joint pain, and improved physical and mental well-being. RG Hospitals Ludhiana also runs a dedicated Saturday Special Obesity Clinic to raise awareness and provide personalised care, encouraging people to seek early treatment for obesity before serious complications develop.

Sonalika Tractors: 30 Years of 'Jeetne Ka Dum - A Legacy Forged in Vision, Courage and Commitment



CHANDIGARH: Sonalika Tractors's remarkable 3 decade journey is an exceptional and inspiring Indian success story - one that started in a small town of Hoshiarpur and rose into a globally renowned USD 1.1 billion tractor business. It has also been recognised among Fortune 500 list of India's largest companies. Today, Sonalika stands as India's No.1 tractor export brand, 3rd largest tractor manufacturer in India - the world's largest tractor market and the 5th largest tractor brand globally.

Sonalika's story is a family's vision led by its founder and Chairman, Shri LD Mittal who rooted in a simple yet powerful belief in Indian soil - Indian farmers deserve 'Jeetne Ka Dum' - more power, more reliability, more dignity, and technology designed specifically for Indian conditions. After retiring from LIC, when most choose to slow down, Shri Mittal chose to rise. His strong belief in India's agricultural potential was also echoed in his sons, Dr. A. S. Mittal and Dr. Deepak Mittal. Together, they laid the foundation of Sonalika - rooted beyond the boardrooms, in the realities of farms, workshops and farmers. The journey began with agricultural implements, where Sonalika's threshers redefined reliability and performance. Farmers responded with trust and soon demanded tractors built with the same uncompromising strength.

CT Group Campuses and CT Public School Celebrate Lohri

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JALANDHAR : CT Group of Institutions at Shahpur and Maqsudan campuses, along with CT Public School, celebrated the festival of Lohri with great enthusiasm, cultural vibrance, and a spirit of togetherness. Teaching and non-teaching staff, students, and school faculty actively participated, reflecting the institution's commitment to preserving Punjabi traditions and promoting unity.

The campuses were beautifully decorated with traditional Sada Pind themes highlighting Punjab's rich rural heritage. The celebrations revolved around the sacred Lohri bonfire, symbolising prosperity, happiness, and new beginnings, where participants offered peanuts, popcorn, and revri while praying for peace and success. Punjabi folk music, energetic bhangra, and graceful gidda performances added colour and warmth to the celebrations, creating a joyful atmosphere across campuses.

Chairman Sardar Charanjit Singh Channi extended Lohri greetings, stressing the importance of celebrating cultural festivals in educational institutions to foster harmony and positivity.

CASE Construction Equipment introduces CEV Stage V Machines in Gurgaon

GURGAON :CASE Construction Equipment, a brand of CNH, announced the launch of its BS CEV Stage V-compliant construction equipment range in Gurgaon, reinforcing its commitment to delivering sustainable, future-ready solutions for the Indian construction industry. The equipment was unveiled at CASE NCR Store, a pre-existing dealership catering to customers across Gurgaon and the wider NCR region, in the presence of Mr. Puneet Vidyarthi, Head of Brand Marketing, CASE Construction Equipment, APAC & India. The event witnessed participation from over 150+ customers. Speaking at the launch, Mr. Puneet Vidyarthi, Head of Brand Marketing, CASE Construction Equipment, APAC & India, said, "Gurgaon sits at the heart of one of India's fastest-growing infrastructure and industrial corridors, making it a natural choice for introducing our BS CEV Stage V range. At CASE, we design machines that deliver performance, reliability, and sustainability where it matters most on high-intensity job sites. This new line-up enables customers to meet the latest emission norms while benefiting from higher productivity, improved safety, and superior operator comfort, reinforcing the trust they place in CASE every day." The BS CEV Stage V range introduced at the event included the 450NX Mini Tandem Vibratory Compactor, 952NX Tandem Vibratory Compactor, 1107NX Soil Compactor, 770NX Backhoe Loader, and the CX220C LC Hydraulic Excavator. These machines feature upgraded technology and advanced engineering designed to meet stringent emission standards without compromising on performance. Designed to perform enhanced safety features and ergonomic design elements further improve ease of operation.



Godrej Enterprises Reimagines India's First Refrigerator for Today's Design-Forward Homes

CHANDIGARH : Indian homes are increasingly becoming expressions of personal style and consumers are choosing home appliances that strike a perfect balance between design, innovation and convenience. Pioneering this shift towards building stylish yet highly functional appliances that are shaping modern living spaces, the Appliances business of Godrej Enterprises Group has introduced Eon Inspire and Edge Impress range of frost free and direct cool refrigerators. Rooted in timeless design philosophy and power packed with advanced technologies, this range with seamless fluid curved door is designed to hold the gaze and is a subtle nod to the first refrigerator made in India back in 1958 by the brand. Part of this range is also India's first direct cool refrigerator with touch control on the door handle. With this new range, the brand is reimagining the refrigerator from an essential appliance to a design element in the home that makes a statement about its owner's personality and taste. Moving away from straight lines and standard shapes, the minimalist yet seamless fluid curved door design of these refrigerators accentuate their unique personality. Furthermore, the floral designs borrow from nature to bring in visual freshness. And each color is chosen to express character to a wide spectrum of home décors, allowing consumers to choose a refrigerator that enhances the visual harmony of their space. Available from 194L capacity going up to 330L capacities, this range combines modern aesthetics with advanced tech features.



Govt and HPSC bent on eliminating reservation for SC and BC categories: Tanwar

Bhiwani: An important meeting of the OBC Brigade's core committee was held in Bhiwani. Discussions were held to strengthen the OBC Brigade organization and formulate a strategy for the upcoming struggle. Addressing the meeting, Rajendra Tanwar, State President of OBC Brigade Haryana, said that first and foremost, the OBC Brigade supports the protest being held by candidates in Sector-5, Panchkula, against the anti-reservation and anti-Haryana stance of the HPSC and its attempt to eliminate the 35 percent reservation quota. The OBC Brigade will hold demonstrations at every district headquarters in support of this. A team from the OBC Brigade will also visit Panchkula to extend its support to the protesting candidates. He said that the statement made by HPSC Chairman Alok Verma was utterly shameful. The way he criticized the state's universities and colleges is reprehensible, and this entire exercise is a conspiracy to eliminate reservation for the SC and BC categories. Just as the central government has given opportunities to RSS volunteers for 45 Assistant Secretaries, Directors, and Assistant Directors through direct recruitment, without any interview, examination, or recommendation, similarly, the HPSC in Haryana is conspiring to eliminate reservation for SC and BC categories. The OBC Brigade is ready to wage a major struggle against this. Tanwar further stated that yesterday in Gurugram, on the arrival of BJP National Working President Nitin Naveen, self-proclaimed leaders of the backward class like Ramchandra Jangra, Ranbir Gangwa, Ramkumar Kashyap and Madan Chauhan gathered at a guesthouse.

They had come to meet Nitin Naveen, but after gathering there, they issued a statement claiming that they had assembled to discuss the interests of the backward class. The OBC Brigade wants to ask these leaders that thay have been MLAs and MPs in the BJP for the last 11 years, can you name even one thing you have done in the interest of the backward classes? When the central government increased the creamy layer limit from Rs. 6 lakh to Rs. 8 lakh, and the then Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said that he would keep it at Rs. 6 lakh, which of you spoke up and demanded that it be increased to Rs. 8 lakh? On June 23, 2024, in Gurugram, the Chief Minister announced in your presence that as soon as his government is formed, he would implement full reservation for Class-1 and Class-2 posts with his first official act. Tell us, what have you, who get tickets in the name of the backward classes, discussed with the Chief Minister regarding the implementation of reservation for Class-1 and Class-2 posts? Tanwar said that when the seat reserved for Backward Class-A in the Gurugram mayoral election was given to a person from the Punjabi community using a fake certificate, all of you remained silent. No one said anything, and today you have gathered to talk about the interests of the backward classes. Don't fool the backward classes.

Sampark Foundation Invests ₹25 Crore to Expand Smart Schools and AI-Led Governance

PANCHKULA : Sampark Foundation has unveiled a significant expansion of its efforts to transform learning and improve educational outcomes in government schools across Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, and Chhattisgarh, through an investment of ₹25 crore. The announcement comes as the Foundation completes 20 years of driving innovation and impact in public education.

As part of this expansion, the Foundation will support the creation of 20,000 additional smart schools across the eight states, aligned with the National Education Policy's vision of digitally empowered classrooms. Under this initiative, Sampark TV will be installed free of cost in government schools where smart televisions or smart boards already exist or are planned, alongside structured teacher training to enable effective classroom integration. Letters of intent have been formally shared with all eight state governments, marking the next phase of collaboration to scale technology-enabled, student-centric learning across public.

TallyPrime 7.0 Strengthens Connected and Simplifies Digitisation for MSMEs

FARIDABAD: Tally Solutions Pvt Ltd, India's leading business automation software provider, today announced the launch of TallyPrime Release 7.0, marking five years of the TallyPrime platform. Since its inception, TallyPrime has been designed around one clear promise- make digitisation simple, reliable, and truly useful for MSMEs. This milestone release strengthens that mission by bringing together deeper integrations, smarter automation, and meaningful data-protection enhancements into a more cohesive, connected experience.



Over the years, TallyPrime has helped businesses navigate India's fast-evolving digital landscape, from e-invoicing and e-way bills to connected GST compliance and everyday financial operations. With features like Connected Banking and TallyPrime Cloud Access, businesses have enjoyed the flexibility to work from anywhere, transact securely, and engage with external systems effortlessly.

Release 7.0 sharpens this customer-centric vision even further by strengthening the core pillars MSMEs rely on every day: continuity, clarity, and control. Stronger SBI and Axis Bank integrations now enable MSMEs to manage payments, fetch balances and statements in real time, and reconcile instantly, all without leaving TallyPrime. These enhancements turn routine financial operations into quicker, more transparent, and more reliable experiences.

Tally's partnership-driven approach also continues with Bharat Connect for Business, built with NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd. With automated invoice exchange and payment linkage between buyers and sellers, MSMEs can reduce manual effort and improve accuracy across their receivables and payables cycles.

Term Insurance: The Foundation of Financial Security for Indian Families

CHANDIGARH : In a fast-developing economy like India, term life insurance can provide critical financial security. In the wake of the breadwinner's unfortunate and untimely demise, their dependents can have a secure life when their financial requirements are taken care of.

Why Term Insurance?

Term insurance offers high life cover at relatively low premiums, making it an ideal instrument for securing the financial future of your loved ones in your absence. A 30-year-old healthy male without any pre-existing conditions and who is a non-smoker, for instance, can be eligible to secure a ₹1 crore cover for a 30-year term by paying a monthly premium of close to ₹1,000. In the unfortunate event of the policyholder's demise, the proceeds of the policy can help the family meet immediate expenses, pay off debts, fund children's education, or maintain their standard of living.

How to Determine the Right Coverage & Tenure?

Choosing the right term insurance cover involves evaluating current expenses, liabilities, and future obligations. A common rule of thumb is to opt for a cover that is 10–15 times your annual income. But an ideal approach would be to consider following:

Outstanding and potential liabilities: Home loans, education loans, personal debt

Dependents' needs: Education, marriage, healthcare, and lifestyle expenses

Sabse Pehle Life Insurance

Inflation: Factor in rising costs over the policy term. Even if you don't have a family today, whenever you plan to start a family, medical and educational expenses will rise and your loved ones will need adequate financial protection.

The tenure should ideally cover your working years—till around age 60–65. If you are fit and plan on working longer, you may consider a higher tenure. Buying a 30-40-year plan in your 30s is an optimal mix—ensuring maximum protection at reasonable premiums.

Return-of-Premium vs. Pure Term Plan: What to Choose?

People often complain that term plans don't reward policyholders if they survive the policy term. However, it is essential to understand that term plans cover the risk of unfortunate events and expecting returns on the policy defeats the primary purpose of protection. Nevertheless, if you opt for a Return of Premium (ROP) term plan, you are eligible, subject to conditions, to receive the premium back on survival of the term.

A member of Insurance Awareness Committee (IAC-Life), said, "With increasing responsibilities, term insurance is a necessity that can secure the financial well-being of dependents and allow you to forge ahead, unhindered. With the family's future secure, you have the peace of mind to focus on fulfilling your potential and aspirations. If you have been waiting for the 'right time' to buy term insurance, it is today. I urge every household to lay the foundation of their financial planning by insuring the lives of their earning members today."

IndiGo announces New Year sale – 'Sail Into 2026', with special fares across domestic and international routes



CHANDIGARH/LUDHIANA: IndiGo, India's preferred airline, today announced the launch of its New Year sale 'Sail into 2026', offering customers attractive all-inclusive one-way fares across select domestic and international sectors, along with exclusive discounts on popular ancillary services. The sale will be open for bookings from 13 January 2026 to 16 January 2026, for travel between 20 January 2026 and 30 April 2026. The offer is valid on bookings made at least seven days prior to departure and is available across all booking channels.

Under the 'Sail into 2026' sale, customers can avail all-inclusive one-way domestic fares starting from ₹1,499 and international fares from ₹4,499 and IndiGoStretch fares on select domestic routes starting from ₹9,999*.

In addition to special fares, IndiGo is offering attractive discounts on select ancillary services during the sale period. Customers can enjoy up to 70% off on select 6E Add-ons, including Fast Forward services, up to 50% off on pre-paid excess baggage, and up to 15% off on standard seat selection for select domestic and international sectors.

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Community feast marks lohri celebrations in Chakk Village

AVINASH CHAUHAN

AMB : A grand community feast was organised on the occasion of the Lohri festival in Chakk village under Panchayat Behad Jaswan of the Amb subdivision. The traditional celebration, held with great enthusiasm, reflected a strong message of brotherhood, cultural unity, and social harmony. MLA from Chintpurni Assembly constituency, Sudarshan Singh Bablu, attended the event as the chief guest. He shared a meal with the villagers and appreciated their collective efforts in organising the feast. Addressing the gathering, the MLA said that such traditional events help preserve cultural heritage and strengthen mutual harmony in society. Villagers informed that the Lohri feast is organised every year with contributions from all hamlets of the village. In keeping with Lohri traditions, rewari and peanuts were distributed among attendees. A variety of delicious dishes were served, which were enjoyed by everyone. The celebration witnessed participation not only from residents of Chakk village but also from people of nearby panchayats and passersby. The festivities continued till late evening, spreading the joy of Lohri across the region. The villagers expressed happiness over the MLA's presence, stating that participation of public representatives adds enthusiasm and significance to rural cultural events. The collective Lohri celebration once again highlighted the unity and rich traditions of Chakk village.



CM directs to issue Himcare Cards, e-KYC for all registered construction workers



SHIMLA: Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu while chairing a review meeting of Himachal Pradesh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board here today directed that all the workers registered under the board should be issued Himcare cards to enable them to avail benefits of the scheme and their e-KYC be completed at the earliest through the Him Parivar Portal.

He also said that financial assistance provided to the children of registered workers for higher education such as PhD, MBBS, engineering, etc. should be given at the same rate as the fee charged by government institutions for those courses. The Chief Minister further directed that children with disabilities of registered workers should also be linked with the Mukhyamantri Sahara Yojana.

He emphasized upon holding awareness camps about the harmful effects of drug abuse under the anti-chitta campaign by the Board. He said that steps should be taken to ensure that workers receive benefits under various welfare schemes, said Sh. Sukhu.

It was informed in the meeting that the Board has spent Rs 20.70 crore on various welfare schemes in the financial year 2023–24, Rs 33.27 crore in 2024–25 and Rs 26.23 crore in 2025-26 so far. During the financial year 2025–26, pensions amounting to Rs 31.06 lakh were provided to 1,606 beneficiaries under the Board's pension scheme.

Board Chairman Nardev Singh Kanwar said that the Board provides financial assistance of Rs 51,000 for the marriage of a registered worker and Rs 51,000 each for the marriage of up to two children of the worker.



Bhatyat set to emerge as major tourism hub with stronger road network: Assembly Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania



ANIL KUMAR

HAMIRPUR: Himachal Pradesh Assembly Speaker Kuldeep Singh Pathania on Tuesday said that the special priority being given to road construction works in the Bhatyat Assembly constituency of Chamba district will yield visible and positive results in the coming years. He said improved road connectivity will make travel easier and give a new impetus to tourism activities in the region.

Addressing a public meeting at the Rupena Panchayat Bhawan complex under Gram Panchayat Parsiyara, Pathania also performed the foundation stone laying of the Rupiyana–Ghatuna link road, to be built at a cost of Rs 70 lakh.

Reaffirming his commitment to the all-round development of the Bhatyat constituency, the Assembly Speaker said that with the strengthening of the road network, Bhatyat will emerge as a rich tourism destination for trekking, adventure tourism and religious tourism. He said this will not only increase tourist footfall but will also create new opportunities for employment and self-employment for local residents.

Referring to the progress of various schemes and projects implemented in the constituency over the past three years, Pathania said that a target has been set to connect all villages of Bhatyat with road facilities by June 2027. In line with this objective, around 80 kilometres of link roads have already been completed.

He said that the policy of setting clear development targets and working in a focused, targeted manner is now showing positive results. At present, construction of the Samot Community Health Centre building is underway at a cost of Rs 21 crore.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr.DME/C&W/UMB acting on the behalf of President of India invites bids against tender no. 116S-WC-09-MC-4-2025-26 closing date and time **02-02-2026** up to 10:45 hrs, and will be opened at 10:50 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Information regarding this tender is available on website **www.ireps.gov.in** on internet and can be seen/downloaded.

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE NIT NO. 116S-WC-09-MC-4-2025-26

S. N.	Name of work	Appro. cost	Earnest Money	Period of completion	Date of opening
1	Provision and installation of underground Horizontal Diesel Tank for Mechanized Laundry at C&W Depot, Chandigarh	Rs 46,91,321.28	Rs 293,800	90 Days	02-02-2026

Note :-
1. Tenderer(s) are required to furnish all related documents with Tender documents.
2. For detail Tender Notice/Tender Document, please log on Rly. website www.ireps.gov.in

No: 116S-WC-08-MC-4-2025-26 Dated: 12-01-2026 131/2026

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

Sr.DME/C&W/UMB acting on the behalf of President of India invites bids against tender no. 116S-WC-08-MC-4-2025-26 closing date and time **28.01.2026** up to **17:00** hrs, and will be opened at 17:05 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Information regarding this tender is available on website www.ireps.gov.in on internet and can be seen/downloaded.

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE NIT NO. 116S-WC-08-MC-4-2025-26

S. N.	Name of work	Appro. cost	Earnest Money	Period of completion	Date of opening
1	Provision of F-type bracket for clamping S-trap and Cage in commode chute of in Biotoilets of coahces at C&W depot CDG	Rs. 12,62,232.43	Rs. 25,300	90 Days	28.01.2026

Note:
1. Tenderer(s) are required to furnish all related documents with Tender document.
2. For detail Tender Notice/Tender Document, Please log on Rly. website www.ireps.gov.in

No:- 116S-WC-08-MC-4-2025-26 Dated: 07.01.2026 130/2026

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer/Const., Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt for and on behalf of the President of India **invites open e-tender** of the under noted work :-

1.	Name of work	Repair and maintenance of staff quarters, offices & rest house at Ambala Cantt & Bathinda under Dy. CE/C/UMB.
2.	Approx. Cost of works	Rs. 162.38 lacs
3.	Completion period of the works	12 (Twelve) Months
4.	Earnest Money to be deposited	Rs. 2,31,200.00
5.	Sale / availability of tender document on Rly. Website	Tender documents will be available on IREPS web site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in** from **15.01.2026** to **05.02.2026** upto **11.30 hrs.**
6	Last date/Time of upload of tenders	**05.02.2026** upto **11.30 hrs**. Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS web site w.e.f. **21.01.2026** to **05.02.2026.**
7	Date and time of opening of tender	**05.02.2026** at **11.30 hrs.** The detailed tender notice can also be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

Tender Notice No.:- 125-W/Dy. CE/C/UMB/2025-26, Dated:- 12.01.2026 122/2026

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Kogta Financial (India) Limited

CIN No. U67120RJ1996PLC011406, **Corporate Office:** S-1 Gopalbari, Near Ajmer Pulia, Opp. Metro Pillar No. 143, Jaipur - 302001, Rajasthan, India. **Tel.:** +91 141 6767067, **Registered Office:** Kogta House, Azad Mohalla, Bijainagar – 305624, Rajasthan, India | **Email:** info@kogta.in | **www.kogta.in**

APPENDIX IV [See Rule 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Kogta Financial (India) Limited,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **22.09.2025** calling upon the Borrowers/Guarantor/Mortgagor **MR. KASHMIR SINGH S/O MR. PRITAM SINGH (Applicant), MRS. HARMESH KAUR W/O MR. KASHMIR SINGH (Co-Applicant/ Mortgagor), MR. SARABJIT SINGH S/O MR. KASHMIR SINGH (Co-Applicant) Loan Account No. 0000351552** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **RS.2497607/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seven Only) as on 19/09/2025** payable **with further interest and other legal charges** until payment in full within 60 days from the date of notice/date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower/ mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **10th of January** of the **year 2026.** The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The borrower/ mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Kogta Financial (India) Limited for an amount of being **RS.2497607/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seven Only) as on 19/09/2025** payable **with further interest and other legal charges** and interest & expenses thereon until full payment.

Description of Immovable Property

All that Piece and Parcel of Property bearing Khewat/Khatauni No. 453/713, Khasra No. 236(0-7) 381(3-1), 415(0-5), total area 3 Kanal 13 Marla out which 1067/3565 share i.e. 1 Kanal 1.17/20 Marla situated at Sangatpura, Tehsil Lehra, District Sangrur in the name of Harmesh Kaur W/o Kashmir Singh vide Sale Deed No. 1990 dated 08.03.2018 Mutation No. 6385 as per revenue record for the year 2016-17.

Admeasuring 1 Kanal 1.17/20 Marla. Bounded as Under:- East : Street, West : Street, North : R/O Surjeet Singh, South : R/O Surjeet Singh.

Date : 10.01.2026 **Authorised Officer,**
Place : Lehragaga, Sangrur, Punjab **Kogta Financial (India) Limited**

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Sub: To Market 100% Water Soluble Mixture of Fertilizers in Liquid and Powder Form in the State of Haryana.
Ref:- Notification No. S.O-2900 (E) 24/10/2015 in pursuance of clause 13 and clause 21 of Fertilizer Control Order 1985.
Following grades of WaterSoluble Mixture fertilizers in Liquid and Powder are to be manufactured by ADASCA INDIA PRIVATE LIMITEDand marketed by ADASCA INDIA PRIVATE LIMITEDwith reference to above notification.

1	NPK 28:28:00	31	NPK 13:40:13
2	NPK 14:46:00+4.85	32	NPK 05:00:46.5
3	NPK 10:60:10	33	NPK 05:00:50
4	NPK 05:55:15	34	NPK 06:00:38
5	NPK 05:10:43	35	NPK 00:60:40
6	NPK 05:00:55	36	NPK 11:00:42
7	NPK 00:18:48	37	NPK 00:12:18
8	NPK 00:48:47	38	NPK 30:10:10
9	NPK 00:26:24	39	NPK 21:21:21
10	NPK 00:00:39	40	NPK 27:27:00
11	NPK 05:40:28	41	NPK 15:45:15
12	NPK 12:05:27	42	NPK 20:50:00
13	NPK 14:07:14	43	NPK 10:26:26
14	NPK 10.6:9.3:16.3	44	NPK 12:61:00
15	NPK 07:14:35	45	NPK 10:9:16
16	NPK 10:30:30	46	NPK 05:45:05+8% Zn
17	NPK 00:60:20	47	NPK 00:40:40+6Zn
18	NPK 00:42:47	48	NPK 00:00:46+15% S
19	NPK 10:05:40	49	NPK 00:42:47+2.8Fe
20	NPK 10:20:30	50	NPK 00:00:28
21	NPK 13:00:45	51	NPK 00:09:46
22	NPK 06:12:36	52	NPK 00:00:48+2%CAO+0.3%B
23	NPK 17:14:09	53	NPK 10:60:10+1%ZnO
24	NPK 05:40:30	54	NPK 00:60:20+2.5% So3
25	NPK 22:06:16	55	NPK 12:11:18+15%S+2%MgO
26	NPK 23:00:23	56	NPK 13:11:20+10%S+3%MgO
27	NPK 13:05:26	57	NPK 10:9:16+13%CaO+2%MgO+2%S
28	NPK 13:65:00	58	NPK 00:35:30+3%Mgo+10%S+1%Zn+0.7B
29	NPK 16:16:12	59	NPK 12-11-18+15% S+2%MgO
30	NPK 08:00:25	60	Foliar Spray Liq./Powder, Fe-8%, Mn-0.5%, Zn-9%, Cu-0.5%, B-0.25%

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NOTICE OF SALE THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002. (SARFAESI ACT)

The undersigned as Authorized Officer of RBL Bank Ltd has taken over Physical Possession of the schedule property under the SARFAESI Act.
The Authorized Officer of M/s. RBL Bank Ltd, had already conducted public auction for selling the property, but they turned out to be unsuccessful as no bids were received. Hence please be informed that if the total outstanding dues in the aforesaid loan account are not paid within **Fifteen (15) Days** from the date of this publication of this notice, then the Authorized officer will proceed for sale via private treaty of the property as stated below.
Public at large is informed that the secured property as mentioned in the Schedule are available for sale through Private Treaty, as per the terms agreeable to the Bank for realization of Bank's dues on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".

Standard terms & conditions for sale of property through Private Treaty are as under:
1. Sale through Private Treaty will be on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**
2. The purchaser will be required to deposit 25% of the sale consideration on the next working day of receipt of Bank's acceptance of offer for purchase of property and the remaining amount within 15 days thereafter.
3. The purchaser has to deposit 10% of the offered amount along with application which will be adjusted against 25% of the deposit to be made as per clause (2) above.
4. Failure to remit the amount as required under clause (2) above, will cause forfeiture of amount already paid including 10% of the amount paid along with application.
5. In case of non-acceptance of offer of purchase by the Bank, the amount of 10% paid along with the application will be refunded without any interest.
6. The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property (under sale through private treaty) to his satisfaction. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorized Officer / Secured Creditor in this regard at a later date.
7. The Bank reserves the right to reject any offer of purchase without assigning any reason.
8. In case of more than one offer, the Bank will accept the highest offer.
9. The interested parties may contact the Authorized Officer for further details / clarifications and for submitting their application.
10. The purchaser has to bear all stamp duty, registration fee, and other expenses, taxes, duties, society dues in respect of purchase of the property.
11. Sale shall be in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI Act / Rules

SCHEDULE

Loan Account No., Name and Address of Borrower/Co-borrowers	Amount as per 13(2) Demand Notice under SARFAESI Act.	Description of Secured Assets/Immovable Properties
Loan Account No. 809003084105 RAJ PRASAD (Borrower), SIKHA GOSWAMI (Co-Borrower)	**Rs. 13,80,939/-**	Property No 14/b Portion Measuring 2 Marla 60 Sq. Ft. (out Of 4 Marla 72 Sq. Ft.) At Reru **Bounded As:-** East: Plot No. 13/53, West: No.15/52, North: Others, South:- Road In The Khasra Nos. 8//19/2, 27, 29, 7//6/1, 14/1, 7//14/3, 15/2/1, 16/1, 8//22/1, 22/2, 30, 8//20, 21/1/1 Jalandhar Tehsil And District Jalandhar

The aforesaid Borrower's/Co-borrower's attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of SARFAESI Act for redemption of secured assets mentioned hereinabove by tendering the aforementioned outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the bank before the sale of secured assets

Date: 14.01.2026 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Jalandhar **RBL Bank Ltd.**

AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED

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

Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of Securitisation Act of 2002

As the loan account became NPA therefore the Authorized officer under section 13(2) of "The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002" had issued 60 days demand notice to the borrowers/co-borrowers/ Mortgagers/Guarantors (collectively referred as "Borrowers") as given in the table. According to the notice if the borrowers do not deposit the entire amount within 60 days, the amount will be recovered from auction of the mortgage properties/secured assets as given below. Therefore you the borrowers are informed to deposit the entire loan amount along with future interest and expenses within 60 days from the date of demand notice, otherwise under the provisions of 13(4)and 14 of the said Act, the Authorized officer is free to take possession for sale of the mortgage properties/Secured assets as given below,
Borrowers to note that after receipt of this notice, in terms of Section 13(13) of the Act, 2002, you are prohibited and restrained from transferring any of the secured assets by way of sale, lease or otherwise, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.
Borrowers attention are attracted towards Section 13(8) r/w Rule 3(5) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Act that the borrowers shall be entitled to redeem their secured asset upon the payment of the complete outstanding dues as mentioned below before the publication of auction notice, which thereafter shall cease to exist.

Loan A/c No./ Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor/ Guarantor	Date and Amount of Demand Notice Under Sec. 13(2)	Description of Mortgaged Property
A/c No. 2221227045398835 **M/S. SHUBHAM TEA ESTATE THROUGHT ITS PROPERITOR MR. CHHELU SINGH RAJPUT (Borrower)** MR. CHHELU SINGH RAJPUT S/O MR. HIR SINGH RAJPUT (Mortgagor) MR. LALU SINGH S/O MR. HIR SINGH (Guarantor) MRS. VINITA KANWAR W/O MR. CHHELU SINGH RAJPUT W/O MR. CHHELU SINGH RAJPUT (Guarantor/Mortgagor)	05-01-26 Rs. 27,59,189/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand One Hundred Eighty Nine Only) **As on 03-01-26**	**SCHEDULE OF HYPOTHECATION** First and exclusive charges by way of hypothecation on book debt & inventory for present and future. **SCHEDULE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES MORTGAGED: -** 1. All That Part and Parcel Along with Present and Future Structure of Non-Agriculture Property, Residential Property of Land Measuring 111.52 Sq. Yards, Situated at Village Mainsar, Tehsil Nokha, District Bikaner, Rajasthan. Owned by Mr. Chhelu Singh Rajput. Vide Patta No. 47 & Book No. 53 Dated 20-11-2021 Issued by Gram Panchyat Mainsar, Panchyat Samiti Nokha, District Bikaner, Rajasthan. Boundaries as Follows: - East: Karni Singh/Bhanwar Singh West: Chhelu Singh/Heer Singh North: Ashu Singh/Chhagan Singh South: Lalu Singh/Heer Singh 2. All That Part and Parcel Along with Present and Future Structure of Non-Agriculture Property, Residential Property of Land Measuring 281.25 Sq. Yards, Situated at Village Mainsar, Tehsil Nokha, District Bikaner, Rajasthan. Owned by Mr. Chhelu Singh Rajput. Vide Patta No. 81 & Book No. 47, Dated 05-04-2013 Issued by Gram Panchyat Mainsar, Panchyat Samiti Nokha, District Bikaner, Rajasthan. Boundaries as Follows: - East: Heer Singh West: Vinita Kanwar North: Ashu Singh South: Gali 3. All That Part and Parcel Along with Present and Future Structure of Non-Agriculture Property, Residential Property of Land Measuring 194.44 Sq. Yards, Situated at Village Mainsar, Tehsil Nokha, District Bikaner, Rajasthan. Owned by Mrs. Vinita Kanwar. Vide Patta No. 82 & Book No. 47, Dated 05-04-2013 Issued by Gram Panchyat Mainsar, Panchyat Samiti Nokha, District Bikaner, Rajasthan. Boundaries as Follows: - East: Chhelu Singh West: Road North: Ashu Singh South: Gali

Date : 13-01-2026 **Place: HISAR, HARYANA** **Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited**

Government of Himachal Pradesh.
Rural Development &Panchayati Raj Department.

e-Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1.The Executive Engineer (HQ) Rural Development &Panchayati Raj Department SDA Complex Block No- 27 Kasumpti Shimla-9 (H.P.) on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the online bids on **Item Rate,** in electronic tendering system, in 2 cover for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD Department.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender form	Time	Class
1	C/o Panchayat Community Centre/ Panchayat Ghar GP Dummi at Dev. Block Mashobra Distt. Shimla H.P.	4863278.00	97000.00	2000	18 Months	D
2	C/o Check Dam with crate work to hold the glacier at Tem Tem Chee (Glacier Barier) (Sh:- gabion stretching) H.P.	1960511.00	39000.00	2000	6 Months	D

2. **Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:** The Bid Document is available online and Bid should be submitted in online mode on website **https//hptenders.gov.in**
3. **Key dates:**

1	Document Download Start and End date	14-01-2026 (11.00Hrs) 21-01-2026 (17.00 Hrs.)	
2	Physical Submission of document i/c cost of tender and earnest money in EE RD&PR Shimla	22-01-2026 (11.30 Hrs)	
3	Date of opening of tender		
4	Cover 1-Elegibility Criteria	22.01.2026	At 11:30 AM
5	Cover-2 Financial Bid	Shall be initiated after scrutiny of eligibility criteria, preferably on 22-01-2026	

2 TENDER DETAILS: The Tender Document shall be uploaded online in 2 Covers.
1. Cover-I shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/Eligibility information.
2. Cover-2 shall contained "BOQ Financial Bid", where contractor will quoted his offer for each item
3. **Note:- if the Bid price offered by lowest contractor will found to be lesser between 10% to 30% on amount put to tender then additional performance security shall be required before award of work.**
4. **SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS:-**
The bidders are required to o submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in the shape of FDR duly pledged in favour of Executive Engineer RD & PR (H.Q) Shimla-9 and other Technical Document in the O/O the Executive Engineer RDD & PR Block No 27 Kasumpti Shimla-9 as specified in **Key dates Sr. No -2** on tender opening date, otherwise no bids will be accepted after 11:30 AM on date 22.01.2026 the bidder will be declared **Non responsive**
5. **BID OPENING DETAILS:-** The Bids shall be open on 22.01.2026 at 11:30 Hrs in the O/O Executive Engineer (HQ) Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Department Block! No 27 SDA Complex Kasumpti Shimla-9 and by the authorized officer. In their interest the tenderers are advised to present along with original Documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working Day. The work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period of 75 days after the deadline date for Bid submission.
6. The Executive Engineer (HQ) reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons there of.
7. Other details can be seen in t the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (RD & PR),
Block No. 27 SDA Complex,
Kasumpti, Shimla-9

DPR-HP-5655/2025-2026

ਗਰੇਟਰ ਮੋਹਾਲੀ ਏਰੀਆ ਡਵੈਲਪਮੈਂਟ ਅਥਾਰਿਟੀ

ਪੁੱਡਾ ਭਵਨ, ਸੈਕਟਰ 62, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ

(ਜਨਤਕ ਸੂਚਨਾ)

ਸਿੰਗਲ ਵਿੰਡੋ ਫਾਇਲੀ ਨੰਬਰ 439496 ਮਿਤੀ 04.04.2025 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਬਿਨੈਕਾਰ ਦੀਵੇਂ ਸੁਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਕਮਰਸ਼ੀਅਲ ਸ਼ਾਪ ਐਸ.ਓ.ਆਈ. ਨੰ. 1285 (ਰੈਫਰੈਂਸ ਨੰ ਐਸ.ਪੀ./1154), ਮਿਤੀ 20.01.2025, ਸਾਈਜ 60 ਵਰਗ ਗਜ, ਸੈਕਟਰ 101-ਇੰਡਸਟ੍ਰੀਅਲ ਪਾਰਕ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਅਲਾਟੀ ਸ੍ਰੀਮਤੀ ਤੇਜ ਕੌਰ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਮਰਾ ਪੁੱਤਰੀ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਨਿਰਮਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਬਰਾਲੀ ਅੰਬਾ ਸਿੰਘ, ਫਤਿਹਗੜ੍ਹ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਨੇ ਪ੍ਰਿਵਤ ਐਸ.ਓ.ਆਈ. ਦਾ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਬਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਚਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਿੰਡ ਰੁੜਕੀ, ਅਮਲੋਹ, ਫਤਹਿਗੜ੍ਹ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਅਤੇ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਧਰਵਾਟ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਚਾਉ ਮਾਜਰਾ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣਾ ਮੁਖਤਿਆਰੇ ਆਮ ਲਿਖ਼ਕਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਸਬ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਾਰ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਦੇ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੇ ਵਹੀਖਾ ਨੰ 2022-23/3/4/462, ਬਹੀ ਨੰ-4, ਜਿਲਦ ਨੰ-, ਸਫਾ ਨੰ-, ਮਿਤੀ 06.05.2022 ਰਾਹੀ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ।

ਹੁਣ ਇਸ ਮੁਖਤਿਆਰੇ ਆਮ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ ਤੇ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਬਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਚਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਿੰਡ ਰੁੜਕੀ, ਅਮਲੋਹ, ਫਤਹਿਗੜ੍ਹ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਅਤੇ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਧਰਵਾਟ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਸੀ ਪਿੰਡ ਚਾਉ ਮਾਜਰਾ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਮੁਖਤਿਆਰੇ ਆਮ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ ਤੇ ਕਮਰਸ਼ੀਅਲ ਸ਼ਾਪ ਐਸ.ਓ.ਆਈ. ਨੰ: 1285 (ਰੈਫਰੈਂਸ ਨੰ ਐਸ.ਪੀ./1154), ਮਿਤੀ 20.01.2025, ਸਾਈਜ 60 ਵਰਗ ਗਜ, ਸੈਕਟਰ 101-ਇੰਡਸਟ੍ਰੀਅਲ ਪਾਰਕ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਦੀ ਐਸ.ਓ.ਆਈ. ਨੂੰ ਵੇਚਣ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਗੀ ਮੰਗੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਐਸ.ਓ.ਆਈ. ਨੂੰ ਵੇਚਣ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਗੀ ਦੇਣ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਸਭ ਆਮ ਅਤੇ ਖਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੁਚਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਮੁਖਤਿਆਰ ਨਾਮਾ ਆਮ ਅਤੇ ਖਾਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾ ਇਸ ਇਤਿਰਾਜ਼ਪਤਰ ਦੀ ਮਿਤੀ ਤੋ 15 ਦਿਨਾ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਅੰਦਰ ਆਪਣਾ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਮਿਲਖ ਅਫਸਰ (ਪ), ਗਮਾਡਾ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਪਾਸ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿਚ ਦੇ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਨਿਸਚਿਤ ਮਿਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਮੇ ਤੋ ਬਾਅਦ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਏ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ਾ ਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਿਵਤ ਮੁਖਤਿਆਰੇ ਆਮ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ ਤੇ ਕਮਰਸ਼ੀਅਲ ਸ਼ਾਪ ਐਸ.ਓ.ਆਈ. ਨੰ: 1285 (ਰੈਫਰੈਂਸ ਨੰ ਐਸ.ਪੀ./1154), ਮਿਤੀ 20.01.2025, ਸਾਈਜ 60 ਵਰਗ ਗਜ, ਸੈਕਟਰ 101-ਇੰਡਸਟ੍ਰੀਅਲ ਪਾਰਕ, ਐਸ.ਏ.ਐਸ. ਨਗਰ ਦੀ ਐਸ.ਓ.ਆਈ. ਨੂੰ ਵੇਚਣ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨਗੀ ਬਿਨੈਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਨਾ ਤੇ ਜਾਰੀ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

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'Mardaani 3' trailer: Rani Mukerji returns as Shivani Shivaji Roy to fight child traffickers in gritty showdown



The much-awaited trailer for Rani Mukerji starrer 'Mardaani 3' has been finally unveiled, taking audiences into the chilling disappearance of young girls. The 3-minute-16-second trailer opens with the return of Rani Mukerji as the bold and fearless cop Shivani Shivaji Roy, who is set to "race against time" to rescue the missing girls from the trap of child trafficking. It drops viewers straight into the grim narrative when Shivani confronts a sinister crime network responsible for kidnapping multiple girls, pushing her to the edge in a quest for justice.

As Shivani continues to find clues, she comes across the merciless, evil and powerful 'Amma' responsible for handling a beggar mafia, mostly targeting child victims. Driven by the unshakable will to rescue the girls, Shivani Shivaji Roy is seen diving deeper into the criminal world, risking it all to protect the innocent lives. The trailer features nail-biting acting, intense confrontations and moments of emotional turmoil. While Rani Mukerji looks promising in her iconic role, returning with a renewed intensity, actor Mallika Prasad steps in as the lead antagonist 'Amma'. Janaki Bodiwala, who also appeared in 'Shaitaan', plays a key role in the film.Written by Aayush Gupta and directed by Abhiraj Minwala, 'Mardaani 3' is produced by Aditya Chopra under the banner of Yash Raj Films. The makers recently announced the film's new premiere date, releasing it earlier than planned on January 30, 2026.

According to a release, 'Mardaani 3' will focus on a fast-paced story where time is running out as a police officer searches for missing girls.Speaking about the film's tone, Rani had earlier teased that Mardaani 3 is an "edge-of-the-seat thriller" that is "dark, deadly, and brutal."According to the makers, the film will feature a bloody, violent clash between Shivani's goodness and sinister evil forces.The film's release coincides with Rani Mukerji's 30 years in the film industry.

Shikhar Dhawan gets engaged to his girlfriend Sophie Shine



Former Indian cricketer Shikhar Dhawan got engaged to his girlfriend Sophie Shine. On Monday, the couple shared the news on Instagram with a dreamy picture, by writing a heartfelt caption that read, "From shared smiles to shared dreams. Grateful for the love, the blessings and every good wish for our engagement as we choose togetherness forever. -Shikhar & Sophie"https://www.instagram.com/p/DTaLmUbDJSl/Netizens congratulated and showered blessings on the newly-engaged couple in the comment section. A user wrote, "Congratulation guys" while another dropped heart emojis in the comment section.

As per reports, Shikhar Dhawan and Sophie Shine have been dating for a while. They also confirmed their relationship by sharing a post captioned, "My love," with a red heart emoji.https://www.instagram.com/p/DJHGrhyoZQa/?hl=enSince then, they often share adorable pictures and reels with each other on social media.Earlier, Shikhar was married to Ayesha Mukherje and had a son named Zoravar. In October 2023, they parted ways after eight years of marriage. During the separation, the Delhi family court granted Dhawan a divorce decree on the grounds of cruelty. He has not been able to meet his son Zoravar in person for two years since the end of the marriage. He also opened up on his relationship with his son, Zoravar, in an exclusive interview with ANI.Dhawan revealed that it has been one year since the 39-year-old talked to his little one. He said that it had been two years since he had seen his son Zoravar.

Unstoppable High-Performance Drive: BMW Group India Achieves Record-Breaking Sales in 2025



CHANDIGARH : BMW Group India has recorded its highest-ever annual car sales, underlining strong growth momentum and sustained customer trust in a dynamic luxury automobile market. In calendar year 2025, the company sold 18,001 cars, marking an impressive 14 per cent year-on-year growth, significantly outperforming the average luxury segment in India. Of the total, BMW delivered 17,271 units, while MINI contributed 730 units. BMW Motorrad also posted robust performance with 5,841 motorcycles sold during the year. Reinforcing its strong fundamentals, BMW Group India has now achieved double-digit growth and record sales for four consecutive years. Every month and quarter of 2025 set new benchmarks, with the fourth quarter (October–December) emerging as the strongest ever at 6,023 car deliveries, reflecting a 17 per cent YoY growth. Commenting on the milestone, Hardeep Singh Brar, President and CEO, BMW Group India said that, “Crossing the 18,000-unit mark demonstrates the deep aspiration and confidence Indian customers place in BMW, MINI and BMW Motorrad. He added that growth has been broad-based across powertrains and segments, including internal combustion, electric vehicles, SAVs, sedans and long wheelbase models.” Electric mobility remained a key growth driver, with BMW Group India retaining its position as the number one luxury EV brand.

Ravjeet Singh joins Sharad Kelkar and Niharika Chouksey starrer Tumm Se Tumm Tak as Dr. Mohit



CHANDIGARH: Zee TV’s popular show Tumm Se Tumm Tak starring Sharad Kelkar and Niharika Chouksey has been performing strongly on the TRP charts and continues to remain among the top five shows, striking a chord with viewers through its emotionally rich narrative and powerful performances. Currently, the show’s storyline has taken an emotional turn with Anu discovering that Aryavardhan was once married, and that his wife Rajnandini is no more. While this revelation brings Anu closer to understanding Aryavardhan’s past, it also fuels Meera’s growing jealousy as she notices the increasing closeness between Anu and Aryavardhan adding tension to the narrative. Amidst this, the show is all set to introduce a new character that promises to add fresh layers and compelling twists to the storyline. Actor Ravjeet Singh has joined the cast as Dr. Mohit, a compassionate and highly skilled heart surgeon.

Speaking about his role, Ravjeet Singh shares, “I am playing the role of Dr. Mohit, who is a heart surgeon. He meets Anu and her family for the first time when they visit the hospital. The character will bring in a lot of twists in Anu and Aryavardhan’s life. To know what those twists will be, the audience will have to watch the show. In terms of character, Mohit is a person who loves doing what he does, i.e. saving lives. He is a man of tremendous patience, he will go to any length to serve his patient. Many times he cuts down his own fees if a patient can’t afford it. Though highly educated he is deeply rooted in Indian culture, traditions and family values. Relationships mean the world to him. He lost his father at a very early age, so he is brought up by his mother who is the centre of his universe.” Expressing his excitement about joining the show, Ravjeet says, “I’m very happy to be a part of Tumm Se Tumm Tak because it’s a great show. It has been doing very well .

“Srinivas Is Every Middle-Class Man’s Story”: Rajendra Chawla on Lakshmi Niwas



CHANDIGARH: Srinivas represents every middle-class man who quietly carries his family’s dreams on his shoulders,” says veteran actor Rajendra Chawla, who plays the role of Srinivas in Zee TV’s Lakshmi Niwas. Known for its realistic portrayal of everyday aspirations, the show captures the journey of a couple that has spent decades in a rented home and now dares to dream of building one of their own. As the head of the family, Srinivas is a man of few words but deep emotions, whose life revolves around his wife, children, and the values he holds dear. In this interview, Rajendra Chawla shares insights into stepping into Srinivas’s world, building the emotional bond of a long-married couple on screen, and why this story mirrors the lived experiences of millions of Indian families.

Q1. Tell us about the story of Lakshmi Niwas and what makes it special?

A. Lakshmi Niwas is a heartfelt story about a middle-class couple, Lakshmi and Srinivas, who have spent 35 years in a rented home and now, with retirement approaching, begin pursuing their lifelong dream of owning a house. It’s a story every Indian family will relate to, where financial challenges, family expectations, and love for one another intertwine. Beyond that aspiration, it also beautifully captures the enduring companionship between a husband and wife who have stood by each other through every phase of life.

Q2. The show focuses on middle-class aspirations. Why did you feel such a story was important to tell today?

A. In today’s fast-paced world, we often forget that dreams like buying a home or seeing our family happy are still the truest measures of success for many. Lakshmi Niwas reflects the heart of middle-class India, where people may not have abundance but live with gratitude, integrity, and togetherness. It’s a story that celebrates real people, real struggles, and real emotions. For Zee TV, a brand that has always believed in being Aapka Apna Zee, this story naturally fits into its legacy of bringing relatable, value-driven narratives to life.

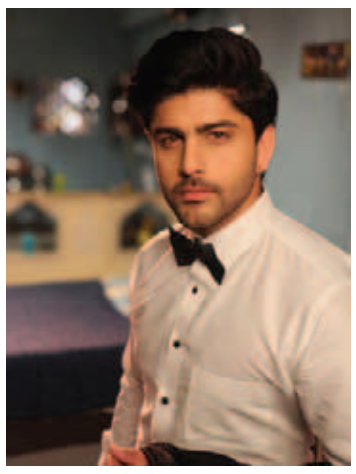
Q3. What makes Lakshmi Niwas different from other family dramas on television?

A. Most family dramas focus on conflict or glamour; Lakshmi Niwas stands out for its realism. It captures the everyday emotions of people trying to achieve one of life’s biggest milestones, buying a home. The emotional bond between Lakshmi and Srinivas adds warmth, reminding viewers that companionship and shared dreams never go out of style. Lakshmi Niwas reminds viewers that dreams may take time, but with patience, faith, and family support, they do come true. It’s also a gentle reminder that love and togetherness grow stronger when faced with life’s everyday challenges.

Q4. What can the audience expect from Lakshmi Niwas?

A. Viewers can expect a story that feels like home, relatable, emotional, and full of heart. Lakshmi Niwas isn’t just about a couple chasing their dream of a house; it’s about family values, emotional bonds, and the spirit of never giving up.

Makar Sankranti 2026: Zee TV Actors celebrate nostalgia, kites, and new beginnings









CHANDIGARH: Zee TV artists are all set to welcome Makar Sankranti with warmth, nostalgia, and festive cheer. Fondly recalling childhood memories of kite flying, family gatherings, and enjoying traditional delicacies like til-gud laddoos and chikki, the actors share how the festival has always been about togetherness and joy. While busy shooting schedules may keep them on set this year, the spirit of Makar Sankranti remains unchanged, symbolising new beginnings, positivity, and hope.

Actors like Sonakshi Batra aka Jagadhatri from Jagadhatri, Abhishek Sharrma aka Dev from Vasudha, Shubhangi Latkar aka Ganga Mai from from Ganga Mai Ki Betiyan, Jayati Bhatia aka Sharda from Jaane Anjaane Hum Mile, Mohak Matkar aka Saru from Saru, Niharika Chouksey aka Anu from Tumm Se Tumm Tak, Akshita Mudgal aka Radhika from Lakshmi Niwas recall special Makar Sankranti memories and extends wishes of peace, abundance, love, and happiness.

Abhishek Sharrma, who essays the character of Dev in Vasudha said, “In childhood, it was all about relishing peanuts, chikki, and til–gud ke laddoos. From morning till evening, we would be on the terrace flying kites, laughing and celebrating without a care in the world. Makar Sankranti reminds us that every new beginning brings hope and positivity. As the sun changes its course, it inspires us to move forward with renewed energy, gratitude, and faith. The festival beautifully brings families together, revives cherished traditions, and fills the air with celebration and laughter. It encourages us to let go of the past and welcome brighter days ahead. I wish everyone happiness, success, and warmth in their lives, may this festival fill your homes with joy and your hearts with optimism.”

Mohar Matkar, who essays the titular role in Saru said, “I still fondly remember my childhood Makar Sankranti mornings, waking up to popular Bollywood kite-flying songs playing loudly on the speakers, creating an atmosphere that felt truly magical. Flying kites and having tilgul ladoos were the past part of the celebration. I loved watching my friends and family flying kites, cheering the loudest whenever a kite soared the highest or won a friendly battle in the sky. Those moments, filled with laughter, music, and togetherness, are memories I continue to cherish. Makar Sankranti has always been about warmth, celebration, and shared happiness, bringing loved ones closer and marking the arrival of brighter days ahead. While it’s a working Makar Sankranti for me this year, the festive spirit remains close to my heart. I wish everyone lots of love, good health, and happiness, and hope this joyous festival fills your homes with warmth, positivity, and endless smiles.”

Shubhangi Latkar who essays the role of Ganga Mai in Ganga Mai Ki Betiyan said, “There’s no doubt that the way festivals were celebrated in the early 2000s had a completely different charm. Unfortunately, today people have much less time for festivals, as everyone’s plate is filled with work and responsibilities. I vividly remember Makar Sankranti celebrations at my home, when the entire family would be together cheering for people flying kites and enjoying all the delicious delicacies prepared. It was a time when families and friends simply came together to have fun and create memories. Wishing everyone peace and abundance, as the spirit of this festival truly reflects togetherness and joy.”

Sonakshi Batra, who essays the titular role in Jagdhatri said, ‘‘Makar Sankranti takes me back to my childhood in Delhi, terraces alive with shared laughter of family and friends, people battling colourful kites against a winter-blue sky, people shouting “Kai Po Che!” In triumph & plates filled with homemade til-gud sweets. Today, living in Mumbai, the essence remains the same. The festival is a quiet reminder of togetherness, gratitude, and the beauty of new beginnings, to turn towards light, hope, and positivity. This Makar Sankranti I wish all my viewers happiness, peace, good health, and dreams that soar high.’’

Producer Rass teams up with Randev for swagger-driven new single ‘She Knows’



CHANDIGARH: In a culture obsessed with shouting confidence, Producer Rass and vocalist Randev step into a lane defined by composure, control, and undeniable presence with their latest release, ‘She Knows’. Stylish, smooth, and locked-in, ‘She Knows’ captures the energy of late nights where presence speaks louder than words and swagger moves effortlessly between flex culture and restraint, delivering a sound that feels polished, addictive, and in complete control.

In a scene often driven by excess and volume, ‘She Knows’ trades chaos for clarity with a reminder that real confidence doesn’t chase attention. Written and voiced by Randev, produced by Rass, and performed by the duo - Randev and Rass, Randev brings clean, composed vocals gliding through the beat. His songwriting keeps things sharp and intentional, moving effortlessly between club-ready hooks and street-smart lyricism. Holding it all together is Rass, whose production leans upbeat yet minimal, giving the track its addictive pulse and letting the swagger unfold naturally.

Lyrically, ‘She Knows’ lives in the tension between independence and attraction. It leans into moments where chemistry is understood, not explained. There’s a cool arrogance in the writing, but it’s controlled, letting the track breathe and be playful. Built for big systems, late-night drives, and repeat listens, the track lands effortlessly and stays with you.

Producer Rass explains, “For me, the song is about the kind of chemistry you don’t need to explain. It’s that quiet self-assurance and living in the moment without overthinking it. We kept the writing and vocals lean and controlled so they could ride the production’s effortless pulse and let the feeling do the talking.”

Listen to ‘She Knows’ by Rass&Randevhere: SMI.lnk.to/sheknows

Ganga Mai Ki Betiyan’s Amandeep Sidhu recalls her unique Makar Sankranti proposal: “He wrote his number on a kite”



CHANDIGARH: Zee TV’s Ganga Mai Ki Betiyan is all set to showcase a unique Makar Sankranti celebration with an exciting twist. Lead actors Amandeep Sidhu (Sneha) and Sheizaan Khan (Siddhu) will be seen indulging in an intense yet playful kite-flying competition during the festivities. Amid the cheerful chaos, Siddhu finally decides to confess his love for Sneha in a heartfelt and unconventional way, by expressing his feelings on a kite. Adding a delightful real-life parallel to the on-screen moment, Amandeep Sidhu, much like her reel character, has also received a sweet and memorable Makar Sankranti proposal off screen.

Sharing her childhood Makar Sankranti proposal, Amandeep playfully said, “The kite proposal scene that I shot for Ganga Mai Ki Betiyan was actually very special and a little crazy for me because it brought back a personal memory. When I was living in Delhi and was probably in the seventh or eighth standard, there was a boy who lived in my lane. It was a typical galli-mohalle wala childhood love. We never really spoke, no hi or hello, but we used to see each other from our windows at a fixed time. In Delhi, we usually fly kites on 15th August, and on that day, when we were flying kites, he wrote his phone number on one of them. I still remember it clearly, and yes, I did call him later!”

Catch all the intense action, gripping drama, and emotional twists of Ganga Mai Ki Betiyan every day at 9 PM, only on Zee TV!

A Defining Moment in India’s Journey, Told on JioHotstar: Space Gen: Chandrayaan



CHANDIGARH : A billion dreams fell silent the night Chandrayaan-2 lost contact just 2.1 km from the moon’s surface. As the world watched, India was written off in an instant. The failure was public. The blame was loud. Today, JioHotstar launches the trailer of Space Gen: Chandrayaan, a powerful, deeply human series inspired by real events that tells the untold story behind one of India’s greatest scientific comebacks where failure became fuel, and resilience rewrote history. The five-episode series will release on JioHotstar on January 23, 2026. The trailer takes viewers inside that moment of reckoning, rooms filled with silence, careers hanging in the balance, and belief tested under the harshest spotlight. When the newly appointed ISRO chief makes the bold decision to trust the same team once again, the journey toward redemption begins. What follows is not just a return to the launchpad, but a deeply emotional, scientific, and national comeback that leads India to a historic first landing on the lunar South Pole.Produced by The Viral Fever (TVF) and directed by Anant Singh, Space Gen: Chandrayaan is a restrained, character-driven drama that shifts the lens from spectacle to the people behind the mission, their relentless passion, personal sacrifices, and unwavering belief in starting again. The series stars Nakuul Mehta, Shriya Saran, Danish Sait, Prakash Belawadi, and Gopal Datt, bringing authenticity and emotional depth to a story that celebrates second chances and the courage to rise when the world doubts you.

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CHANDIGARH: SOCIAL invites you to a wedding celebration that skips the rituals and goes straight to the party. This Fake Shaadi brings together all the best bits of a big fat Indian wedding - music, dancing, style, and endless photo moments - without the pressure of being related to anyone there. Guests are encouraged to dress in their finest wedding-ready looks and immerse themselves in an evening filled with live music, mehendi experiences, interactive games, exciting giveaways, and a high-energy dance floor that truly captures the spirit of a wedding after-party. The space will come alive with thoughtfully curated experiences, Instagram-worthy photo zones, and special cocktails created exclusively for the night, offering plenty of moments to sip, pose, click, and celebrate. Dress Code: Western Formals. Mood: Wedding glamour meets SOCIAL's signature party energy. Location: Sector 7 SOCIAL, Chandigarh. When: 17th January 2026 | Saturday. Time: 8:00PM

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